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Graduate models in Ebony Fashion Fair

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# THE PANTHER

February 25, 2000

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The Official Student Newspaper of Prairie View A & M University

## Panther television showcases students' talents

By JoCarolyn Goode  
Panther Staff

Move over channels 2, 11, and 13 and make way for the new kid on the block—Channel 35—a closed circuit television station located on the campus of Prairie View A & M University and made possible through funding by an outside grant. The student-run station is organized for and by the communications department.

Normal programming on Channel 35 can be viewed Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. starting Feb. 14. The program line up is as follows:

10 a.m.—Let's Talk About It (a talk show style program that addresses the current issues concerning PVAMU students); 10:30 a.m.—Student Spotlight (showcases the tal-

ents and/or accomplishments of PVAMU students); 11 a.m.—Entertainment Hour (a little something for everyone's enjoyment); 12 p.m.—Student News (the news that touches

the PVAMU family); 12:30 p.m.—Organization Spotlight (focuses on the many organizations on campuses and their accomplishments); 1 p.m.—Black Heritage Movie; 3 p.m.—

Entertainment Hour; 4 p.m. Student News; 4:30 p.m.—Let's Talk About It; 5 p.m.—Power Point (a daily announcement bulletin).

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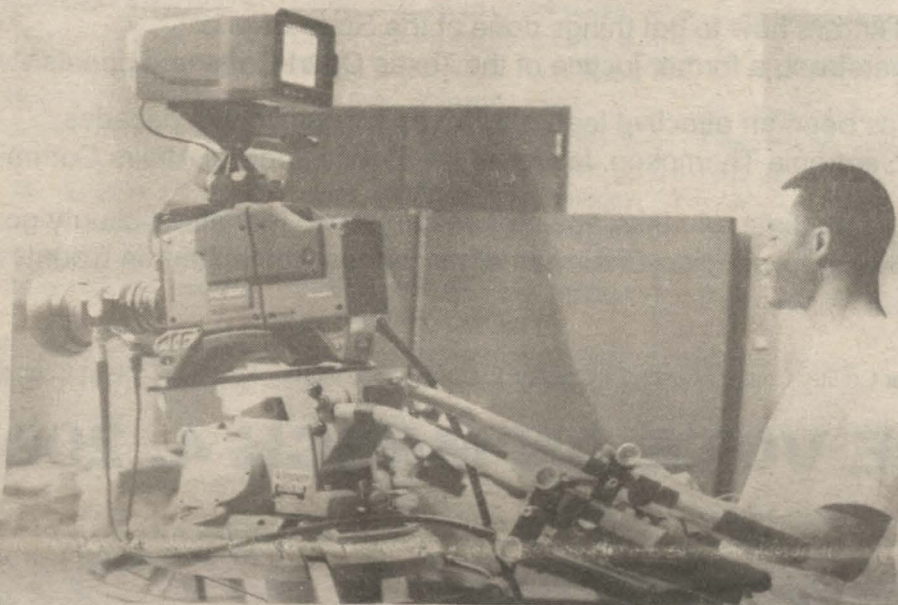
encourages both businesses and organizations to advertise through the station.

Time may be purchased on an annual schedule or on a spot-by-spot basis, and paid advertisers can select their days and rotation schedules.

PVTV Channel 35 has an excellent executive board of staffers.

They include Kimberly Pierson, station manager; Vanessa Pears, program director; Kervin Finley, production manager; LeTrice Dickerson, sales and marketing manager; Johanna Redmond, sales and marketing manager as well as field production manager; Kandyace Mayberry and Angela Barrett, public relations managers; Kendria Moore, kids programming manager;

photo by Audra D. Ross



PVAMU student Robert Griffie serves as cameraman for PVTV.

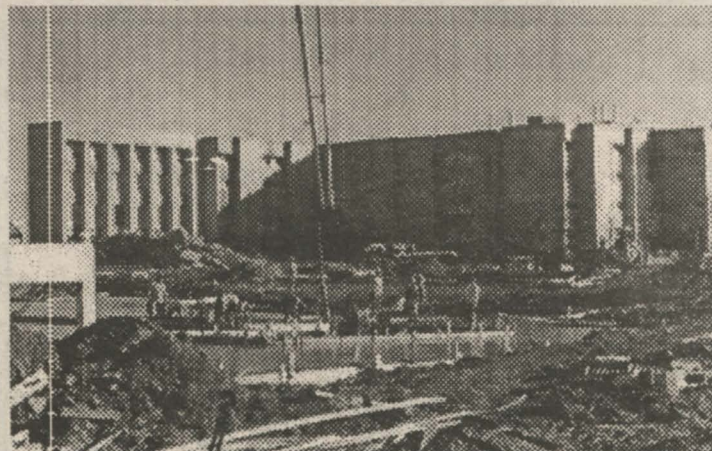
## Alexander, Holley represent signs of change

photos by Gitonga M'Mbijewe



Left: Alexander stood the test of time as it lasted for 48 years. Originally built in 1951, the dorm represented a part of University history until 1999 when it was demolished.

Right: Holley Hall, named after Thomas L. Holley, was built in 1972. Holley Hall was completely razed Feb. 18, 2000.



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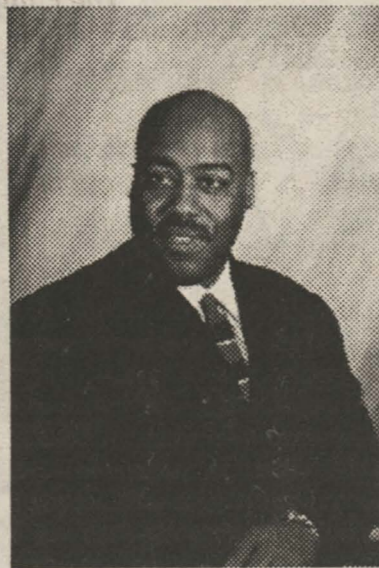
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## BLACK HISTORY

### Book Drop

## Omar Tyree tells another story, finds another hit

Ayana Crichlow  
Panther Staff

This man is good. His books have plenty of things to read about. He is none other than Omar Tyree.

*Single Mom* is a motivating book not only to women, but men as well. The book is about a young woman, Denise Stewart, who has two sons named Jay and Walter III by two different men who didn't want to help raise them.

As her sons get older, the fathers suddenly want to play "daddy" for a little while and, Denise did not object. She was glad that the men wanted to be involved in their sons' lives.

Throughout the course of the book, Denise and the two fathers have their own personal problems aside from the children. Jay's father, J.D., wished he never messed up his life with Denise by going to jail and not being a good father. He tried to get his life together by getting a job and settling down with his girlfriend Kim. Kim also has a son and J.D. takes on the father role in the home.

Walter, father of Walter III, finally realizes that he really is selfish when a tragedy occurs in his life. He also tries to turn his life around.

He finally sees that Denise doesn't care that his family is rich and that he

needs to concentrate on his pregnant wife.

Denise, although very independent, sometimes wonders what it would be like to have a man beside her once again. Eventually, she gives a guy the chance.

*Single Mom* gives young women an understanding of how hard it is to be a single mother on your own. However, it inspires those in that position, letting them know that it is possible to make it. This book describes a strong, independent Black woman who stands with a big shield protecting her and her family from any hurt.

I recommend this book to everyone. A lesson will be learned.

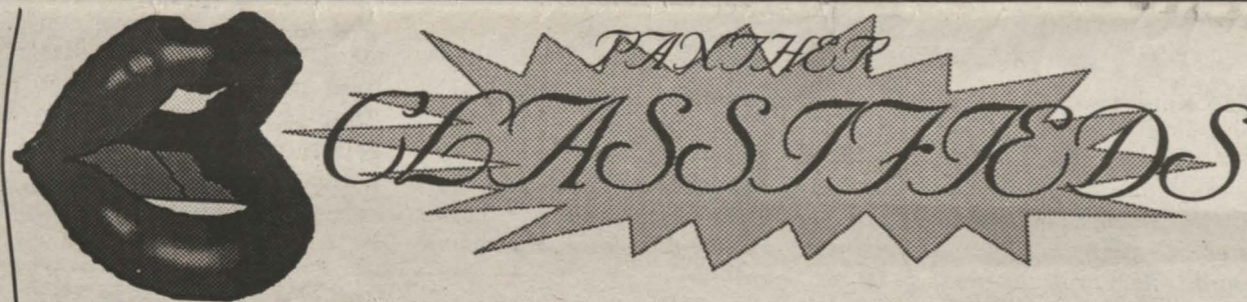
## INVENTION CONVENTION

The Panther asks, "Do you know who invented every day things like a folding chair or the door stop?"

If not, you may not know that many things that you use everyday and take for granted were invented by African-Americans.

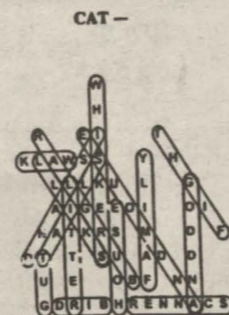
Check out this week's *Invention Convention*.

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| automatic gear shift<br>Richard Spikes<br>February 28, 1932 | door knob<br>O. Dorsey<br>August 4, 1878             |
| bicycle frame<br>L. R. Johnson<br>October 10, 1899          | elevator<br>Alexander Miles<br>October 11, 1867      |
| blood plasma bag<br>Charles Drew<br>approx. 1945            | fire escape ladder<br>J. W. Winters<br>May 7, 1878   |
| cellular phone<br>Henry T. Sampson<br>July 6, 1971          | fire extinguisher<br>T. Marshall<br>October 26, 1872 |
| clothes dryer<br>G. T. Sampson<br>June 6, 1862              | folding chair<br>Brody and Surgwar<br>June 11, 1889  |



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CAMPUS NEWS

# Incoming freshmen receive mini-village

By Felicia Walker  
Panther Staff

The opening of the University College is scheduled for the Fall 2000 semester.

First time college freshman and participates of the ACCESS program will be residing in the college.

Currently under construction, located near the demolished Holly Hall, University College is a collaboration with the University Village and on campus housing to create adequate living facilities for incoming freshmen.

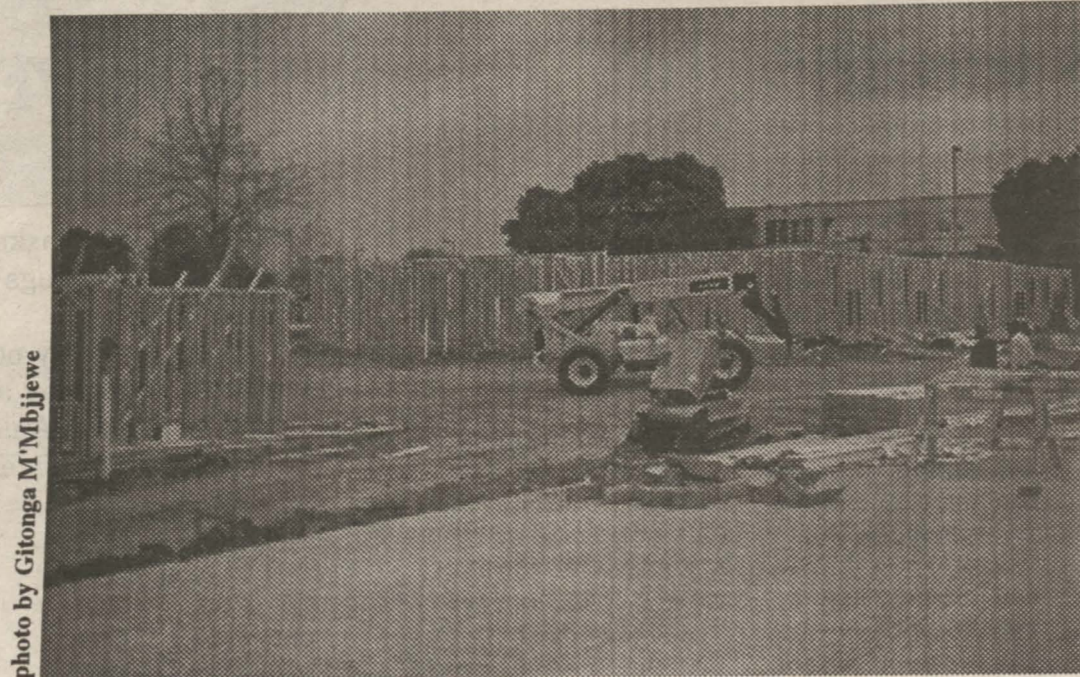


photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe

Construction underway on the University College.

University College will also be the new location for the ACCESS/The P.L.A.C.E. program, which provides students with a strong support system of counselors, tutors, mentors, and an academic study environment. ACCESS is currently being held in Drew Hall.

The new freshman housing will consist of 12, three-story apartment-style buildings, each having four bedrooms and two bathrooms. Remaining separate from University Village Phase I, II and

University Village North housing, the new buildings will not contain full kitchens or kitchenettes.

The University College will also be the first of its kind to have a theater con-

structed for academic purposes and lectures.

The cost of living is currently priced at \$2,880 for the year, and a \$150 security deposit due at time of submitting an application.

Eight of the twelve buildings are scheduled to be completed as soon as August, and the remainder to be finished in September/October in the upcoming semester.

Applications and deposits for the University College housing will be available after final approval in early March.

University Village will announce applications ready for pick up at each University Village clubhouse and also through the University Village website.

General manager, Rocque Williams, of the University Village expects the new housing to ease some of the anxieties of first time freshman.

"University College will provide freshmen with the comfort of living in either of the phases on campus, but it will also create a more secure and controlled environment than other housing," said Williams.

# University holds candlelight vigil

## Hundreds remember deceased track members

By Joyce Dixon and Yuana Estes

Panther Staff and

Dr. Kimetris Baltrip

Panther Advisor

Passersby driving along the main entrance to the university yielded patiently as solemn base drum beats, in unison and riddled with the tapping of snares, opened a long processional.

The PVAMU Marching Storm band led about 400 observers who gathered for a candlelight vigil and march to the university's track to remember the four Prairie View athletes who lost their lives two weeks ago in crash which also injured their coach and five other team members.

As police escorts positioned their vehicles to mark and block the path for the processional, vigil observers marched in tennis shoes, sandals, high heels and hard soles, many of them sacrificing the comfort of their feet to remember the athletes who died en route to an indoor track and field competition.

In the beginning, few tears were shed for this occasion; however, as the march progressed, the signs of loss began to appear.

The campus community and other supporters demonstrated unity as the crowd waved purple and gold balloons, carried candles, adorned ribbons and sang the PVAMU spirit

song "Something Inside So Strong."

As the line of marchers drew closer to the campus track at Blackshear Stadium, many people who stood by to watch the procession eventually joined it.

Before flowing unto the track field, playing by the band and talking among followers fell to a hush as a sign of respect for the now sacred ground on which the deceased athletes once showcased their talents.

Holding hands and locking arms, marchers walked completely around the track and then entered into stands to be seated.

Flags of band members soared and balloons swayed in the wind as observers waited for the final phase of the vigil to begin.

Whispers and whimpers could be heard in the still mood of the cool evening air.

There was a prayer and a moment of silence at the approximate time of death of those lost. Following the prayer, poems from three of the four victims' funerals were read then there was a release of purple and gold balloons that quickly flew toward the sky and disappeared. The ceremony ended with the band's playing of Prairie View's Alma Mater.

Various opinions were expressed when students were asked how they felt about the vigil service.

Some of them commented that this last official vigil

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CAMPUS NEWS

# A Walk of Beauty



courtesy of Ebony Fashion Fair

Katrice Offord, a graduate of Prairie View A&M University, takes a walk down the runway while in her third year of modeling with Ebony Fashion Fair.

# International summit draws world's students

By Donald Kegler  
Panther Staff

Spring break is a time for relaxation and fun. It is a week that is well anticipated by many college students who are given an opportunity to rest or spend quality time with family and friends.

Some students at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) will spend spring break a little differently.

During the week of March 15-19, students from various parts of the globe including PVAMU will spend Spring Break at the International African Youth Leadership Summit (IAYLS). This summit is designed to instill as well as promote positive world leadership.

The summit will be hosted by the National Association of Black Student Government, Inc. (NABSG), and will convene on the premises of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and Howard University which is located in Washington, DC.

In addition, this inaugural endeavor will be simultaneously held with the NABSG to bring Student Government Association (SGA) representatives together from around the world.

The leadership conference will consist of several workshops and convocations. The NABSG organization drafted authors, politicians, and influential public figures to set the stage for this conference.

Speakers participating in the summit are Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Louis Farrakhan, Nelson Mandela, and Maulana Karenga who is the father and founder of Kwanzaa. Other inspiring figures include Dr. Moleti Assante, Anthony Monteiro, and Amiri Baraka.

In addition to these guest speakers, NABSG invited Sister Souljah and the music star Lauryn Hill.

The IAYLS is open to any student who attends PVAMU, however due to many circumstances, this trip can only house up to 40 students. Any student who desires to go should make reservations with SGA.

Student government members Courtney Wilson and Arletta Saafir are the PVAMU trip coordinators. The deadline to make reservations is March 3, 2000. The fee to attend the summit is \$50 and includes traveling expenses and hotel accommodations.

The SGA encourages any student to consider this endeavor as it stands on the words of the late Marcus Garvey: "Up you mighty race, you accomplish what you will!"

# Engineering awareness sees success

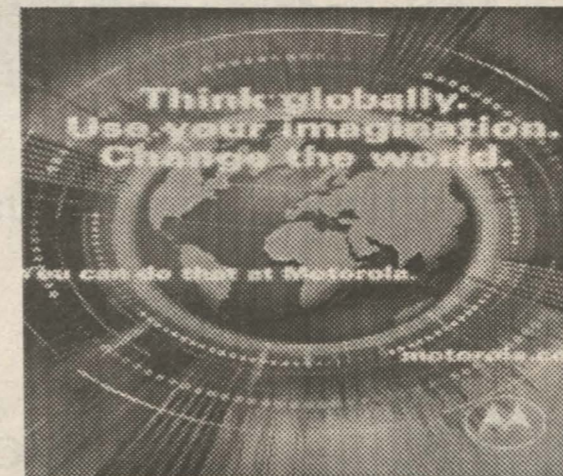
By Kalyn L. Bullock  
News Editor

February 21-25 was National Engineers Week 2000.

During this week many events were organized in conjunction with other local universities.

The goal of National Engineers week is to explain to the younger generations the important role engineers play in society. Also the aim for this week was to introduce a career that students may have never considered before.

During the week the College of Engineering held various activities. The activities included: Motorola Day, Awards Recognition Luncheon



courtesy of Motorola

and Ceremony in conjunction with the University of Houston.

On Motorola Day, students were provided valuable information and also received free food.

Former PV graduate Jaymar Davis, representing Motorola, answered questions

for students.

Davis said, "I am here to promote primarily what Motorola does. To clear up the misconceptions that all we do is create pagers and cellular phones. Also, to introduce students in all engineering fields to some co-op and internship opportunities."

The were various College of Engineering students recognized at the awards luncheon and ceremony. Kieron Loregnard, received the most outstanding Engineering student award. And at the awards ceremony, on the final day, Ms. Gloria Jeff enticed the students with a lecture.

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REGIONAL NEWS

# New area codes split local region

By Kandyace Mayberry  
Advertising Manager

Two new area codes have been added, 979 and 936.

The area codes have been added to break-up the area which is covered by 409. Affected in this change are the Prairie View, Waller and Hempstead areas.

The 409 area code will still exist but only for the east side of Houston and from Milam to Galveston. 936 will affect the northern part of 409 and 979 will affect the western part. This excludes Prairie View, Waller and Navasota.

There is a catch to the area code split. Prairie View and

Waller will now have the 936 area code. Hempstead, however will have the 979 code.

Many reasons explain why the 409 area code is being split. The new wave of technology, including cell phones and pagers, have used up all numbers available in 409. Fax machines have also added to the increase of numbers being used; therefore, new area codes were added.

The new area code went into effect on February 19, 2000. Callers can still dial

the 409 code until August 3, 2000. After that day, it will be mandatory for callers to dial all ten digits, including dialing to Hempstead. The call will not be considered long distance, except for Waller and Prairie



View. Dialing information and 911 will not change. Callers will still dial those numbers as they are.

All cellular phones and fax machines that are programmed to dial only seven digits will have to be reprogrammed to dial all ten digits.

Internet service providers for dialing up the internet will also have to be contacted.

Local businesses should be aware of the changes and act accordingly.

All advertising and other correspondence should also be updated.

For more information on the area code changes, check out the Southwestern Bell website at [www.swbell.com](http://www.swbell.com).

ing other cities affected by these two new codes, it will be necessary to dial long distance, except for Waller and Prairie

CAMPUS NEWS

# Eta Gamma Chapter takes charge Alpha's reign as chapter of the year for the 25th consecutive year

By Andre' Cain  
Special to the Panther

On the weekend of February 18-20, the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. competed in the 36th annual Texas Council of Alpha Chapters (TCAC) state competition.

Et a Gamma once again returned to Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) victoriously from the convention which was held in Lubbock, Texas.

The gentlemen won in five categories.

The categories in which awards were received include: chapter of the year, Caesar Barajas received



Executive board of Eta Gamma chapter.

year for the 25th consecutive year.

The representatives for the state Black and Gold Pageant were Bridgett Dew (Eta Gamma) and Jon'ville Small (Epsilon Tau Lambda).

Dew walked away with Ms. Congeniality, while Small was awarded with best talent.

The chapter would like to congratulate both contestants for their success.

The Eta Gamma chapter's next step is to win the regional convention in Houston.

The organization also seeks to win the National Chapter in Atlanta, GA.

brother of the year, chapter with the highest grade point average (gpa), brother with the highest gpa was awarded to Derrick Williams, and the chapter also received an award for the best scrapbook.

This year the Eta Gamma Chapter celebrates winning the chapter of the

# Burglaries take toll on campus

By Steve Hall  
Panther Staff

Since January first, there have been a plethora of reports about car burglaries and thefts on Prairie View A&M University's (PVAMU) campus.

The University Police (UP) investigate auto thefts and burglaries thoroughly.

They have come to the conclusion that car burglars focus mostly on stereo equipment and compact discs.

These items, according to UP, are some of the most expensive things a car owner has inside of an automobile.

Thieves accomplish their job successfully because breaking into an automobile does not take rocket science.

Cars with unlocked doors attracts a thief, and unlocked doors are the easiest way to invite burglars inside a car.

Sometimes if a vehicle is secure, thieves will shatter windows to create a way inside.

Window breaking seems to be more common on the campus of PVAMU.

Most of the reported

burglaries happen in lot 10, the parking section on the side of S. R. Collins, and lot one next to Hobart Taylor.

They occur during the times between 12 a.m. and 3 a.m.

Campus and Waller County Police suggest ways of preventing burglary and theft.

First, make sure the automobile is secure.

All doors should be locked.

All windows should be completely rolled up.

Next, make sure no items such as purses, text books, compact discs, jewelry, and money are revealed.

Finally, park in well lit areas at night.

University Police urge persons that have an idea of possible burglars to report information immediately.

If there are rumors of suspects, they ask that that information be reported also.

They will proceed with a thorough investigation of the matter.

If you have any leading information on thefts or burglaries on campus, please call Prairie View's police at (409) 857-4823, or Waller County crime stoppers at (409) 826-8266.

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## One in a million

Assistant.

Many students might have seen Pierson use her communication talent as mistress of ceremony for various pageants on campus.

She is also the current station manager of Panther Television (channel 35).

During football season Pierson is the vivacious announcer for the "Marching Storm."

Though busy with work and school, Pierson still manages to maintain above a 3.0 grade point average.

She intends to be a television anchor and seeks to own an At-Risk Youth Center.

Pierson will be running for Miss Prairie View to represent the university.

Watch out Oprah Winfrey and Barbara Walters because Pierson is on her way to the top.

Kim's favorite Kool-Aid®: Kiwi-Strawberry

By Deondra Dockery and Ayana Crichlow  
Panther Staff

Kimberly Pierson is a junior Communications major from Texarkana, Texas who seems to barely have time for herself because of her hectic schedule.

Pierson is very well-known and has been active on campus since her freshman year.

During her time at PVAMU she has won Miss Drew Hall, joined the Zeta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., participated in ACCESS and served as a Peer

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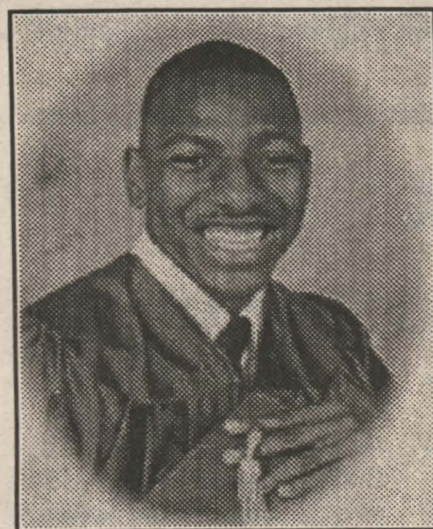
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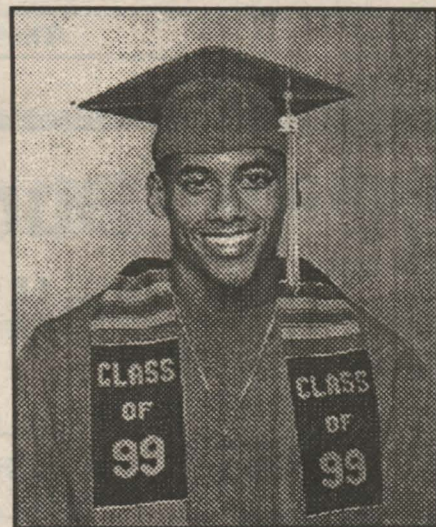
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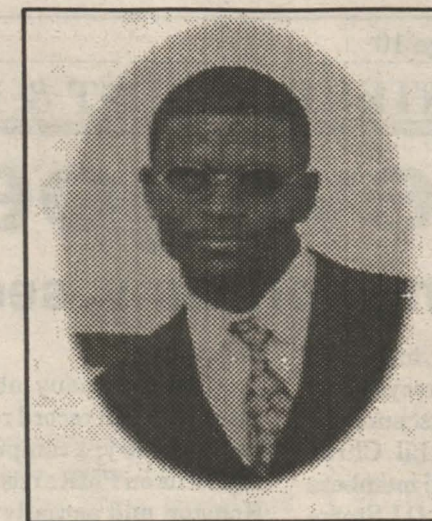
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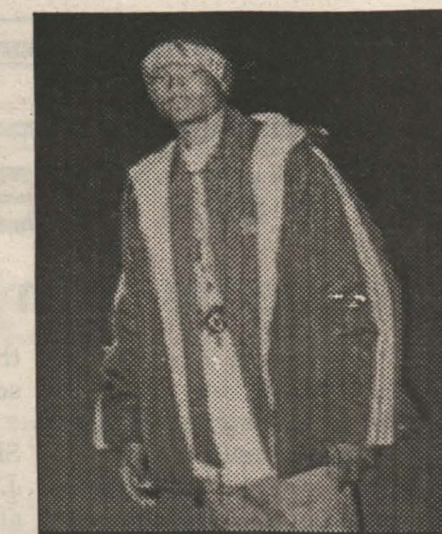
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### By our side

The ones we knew who passed away,  
Who made us laugh and love each day.

The friends we lost, but not forgot

Live deep inside our warmest spot

They'll never leave us, stay by our side

One day they'll dry the tears we've cried

And wash away the fears we hide

Run to the gates of heaven's love

One day we'll see you all above

-J.R.



The feelings that are deep inside me I have yet to touch. The pain of losing a loved one be it a friend or family, cut's deep.

As a student at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) I realize that we are a close knit family. The agony of and frustration are mere emotions in which we have yet to deal with.

As a family we will not only overcome this tragedy, this agony, this frustration, and the feeling of being betrayed and helplessness but, we will heal all wounds shallow and deep alike.

We will not be made weaker but rather stronger than ever before. I not only speak as a PVAMU residence, but as student and as a person who lost one of my dearest friends.

I know that there is a God who is standing there waiting for me to call on him. He is not there just for me but for each and every individual that wants him. There is no comforting way to say I love you in a time like this but there is a comforter who shows his love to us.

So to each and every person who grieves and has a moment of discomfort, remember that "there is something so strong inside, know that you can make it."

With all the love I have to give  
Keep your heads up,  
**Rev. James White**

*This was my wife Alva's last e-mail message to a group of her friends. Please read it carefully and understand what she was trying to say.*

"Some times people come into your life and you know right away that they were meant to be there to serve some sort of purpose, to teach you a lesson, or to help you figure out who you are or who you want to become. You never know who these people may be (possibly your roommate, neighbor, coworker, longest friend, lover, or even a complete stranger.)

But when you lock eyes with them, you know at that very moment they will affect your life in some profound way.

And sometimes things happen to you that may seem horrible, painful, and unfair, at first, but in reflection you find that without overcoming those obstacles you would have never realized your potential, strength, willpower, or heart."

-Sincerely Adrian L. Sorrell

(Mr. Sorrell presented this message in memory of his late wife, Alva, who was employed at PVAMU and wrote these profound words shortly before her death.)

As a Prairie View A&M University alumnus, I wanted to express my sympathies and offer my assistance to the University in any way possible. One of the deceased young men was a relative and I am sure that the University is grieving for these four young men deeply. I will keep the University and families in my prayers. God Bless...

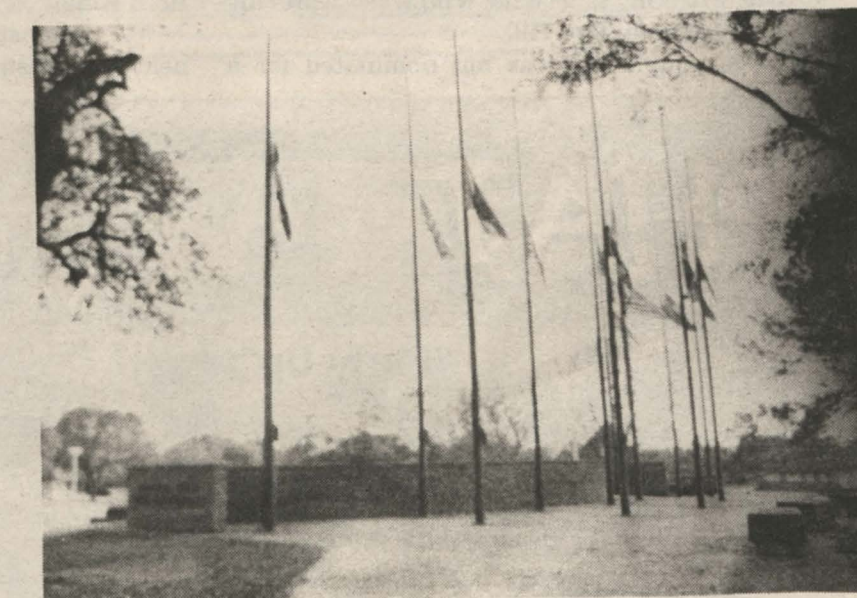
Sincerely,  
**Kenya Sturns**

"I am deeply saddened by the tragic accident involving a van carrying Prairie View A&M track athletes. Anita and I grieve for the families of the victims, and the entire Prairie View A&M family during this period of tremendous loss.

"It is profoundly sad when individuals representing the future of our state are unable to live out their hopes and dreams of a better tomorrow.

"My thoughts and prayers are with all those impacted by this tragedy. May they be sustained and strengthened during this time of loss."

- Rick Perry



Photos by Andre Randle



Jerek Banks consoles Tiffany Johnson following the memorial service.

Dear Students of  
Prairie View A&M University —

In light of your recent tragedy that claimed four of your students' lives, I felt compelled to write and offer my condolences.

As students at Texas A&M University, we know how it feels to experience a sudden and tragic loss and our hearts fill with sorrow and our eyes well with tears for yours. The pain that is felt when such young and promising people are snatched away without warning is a difficult one to endure.

Please know that the Texas A&M Aggie family is grieving with you and praying for you at this very sorrowful time.

Gig'em and God Bless—

**Donna E. Orr, Texas A&M University - Class of 2001**

### Last night

Last night, I said a prayer,  
and I shed a tear

for each of our Panthers  
who are no longer here.

Although, I don't know them  
personally,

I prayed for each one  
as I would for you or me;

because to be a Panther  
is to a part of my family.

This can be easily deemed  
a tragedy, but let's pray

that our angels have gone on to victory.

Not the type of victory on the  
playing field, but the type of victory that is  
surreal.

In Heaven with our Lord; where  
love is immense,

and worries are free,

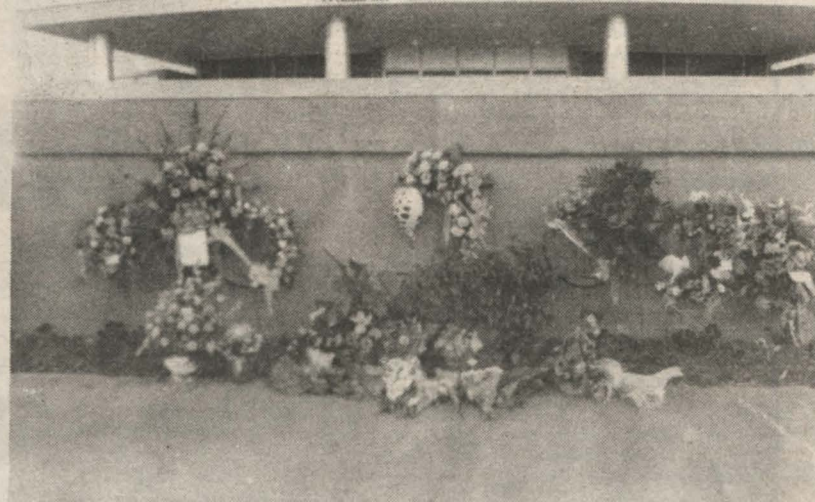
is where I'd want my fellow  
Panthers to spend eternity.

May God bless everyone who  
encounters this.

Much love always,

**Sharon N. Bragg, Alumna 98'**

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# Prairie View goes 'Platinum'

## Students form recording company, seek success

According to cousins Ira Williams III and Byron J. Whitley, "Prairie View just went Platinum."

Platinum Mic Records, created by both Williams and Whitley allow local talent to be showcased on the underground circuit.

According to the owners, mainstream music had become 'whack' and many songs were being sampled by artists who could not challenge projects that had already been released.

Their record company allows talent to be heard from areas such as Navasota, Washington, Prairie View, Houston and Brenham.

It also presents a chance for listeners to hear music that

they actually enjoy, instead of something that is recycled.

Novice artists such as Shag, Yella Boy, Lil Chris, J.T. and Milo are all members of the PMR camp. DJ Storm provides mixing talents for the growing company.

*Southern Explosion*, the latest project from the company has been released and is available for purchase at Jammin Records in Prairie View, TX. It will feature the 'playas' exploding over the instrumentals of two of the most popular songs. Storm will also lend his talent by offering his hands for a signature mix.

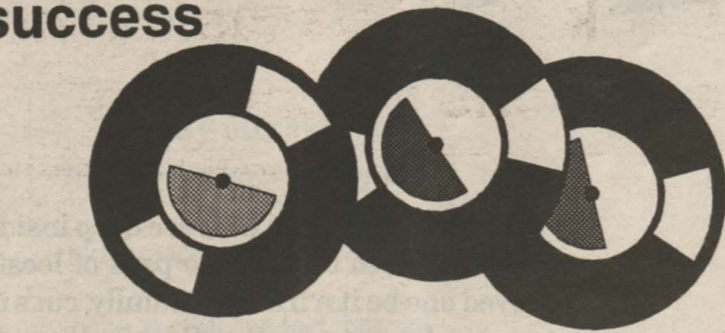
Coup de Grace, another edition to DJ Storm's mixed collection, will be released in

mid-March.

The company also has plans for a fall record release. *Road to Glory*, a compilation, will focus on PMR artists from Houston and actually be the company's premiere performance record since PMR's primary focus had been 'screwed' and mixed CDs.

But with the help of Perry Hunter from P-Down Productions this attempt will be loaded with strong beats, dynamic lyrics and everything else it takes for a success. It will feature brand new music on each track.

*Road to Glory* will serve as a first for Hunter. It will be his first produced rap album, although he has served as a technician on both gos-



pel and R&B projects.

While waiting for the release of these albums, PMR has creative juices flowing in other areas.

Drippin Platinum Graphics has been created through the collaboration of PVAMU artists The Illustrator, Williams and Whitley.

While providing PVAMU school spirit, Williams will also be providing marketing for his company.

T-shirts boasting one of the company's slogans will be created for the university's campus exclusively.

Through sister company, B.I.M Entertainment local parties, concerts and DJ efforts will also allow the company continuous growth.

*By Sheleah Hughes*  
Managing Editor

# And the winner is...

## Grammy Awards surprise audiences, please artists

What are the main ingredients needed to make the most famous music awards show of the year? It's simple - three hours of lights and glimmer, a tablespoon of celebrities, a hilarious host like Rosie O'Donnell and "wa-la" the last Grammy award presentation of the millennium.

The 42nd Annual Grammy Awards aired on CBS on February 23, broadcasting live from Los Angeles, CA. All-star presenters included Christina Aguilera, Mary J. Blige, N'Sync, Macy Gray, Busta Rhymes, Lauryn Hill, and Jennifer Lopez. Award winning performances were hosted by TLC, Whitney Houston, Sting, and the receiver of the most awards and nominations, Carlos Santana.

Who else could have been picked to kick off the Grammys than Will Smith? Smith dazzled fans with a medley of the latest cut from his album entitled "Freakin'" and "Wild, Wild West" featuring Sisqo of the group Dru Hill.

Although she was not nominated for a

Grammy just yet, Jennifer Lopez shocked the audience with her barely-there dress while on stage with *X-Files* star David Duchovny to announce "Best R&B Album." Nominees included Mary J. Blige's *Mary*, Whitney Houston's *Your Love Is My Love*, R. Kelly's *R.*, Brian McKnight's *Back At One*, and TLC's *Fanmail*. Walking away with the Grammy was the female trio TLC. The writers for TLC's "Unpretty" also received a Grammy for "Song of the Year."

Hot pink stiletto boots, black leather and diamonds covered R&B vocalist Whitney Houston as she stepped on stage to accept her award for "Best Female R&B Vocalist." Houston not only performed her award-winning song "It's Not Right, But It's Okay" but dedicated the award to her husband Bobby Brown, citing him as the "original R&B King."

Competition for "Best New Artist" was heavy as Christina Aguilera, Brittany Spears, Macy

Gray, Kid Rock and Susan Tedeschi all vied for the number one spot. However, the suspense ended when 18-year-old Christina Aguilera stumbled on stage to accept her award.

With all the changes this year, the rap segment of the awards took an interesting twist. The nominees features artists Busta Rhymes, Eminem, Q-Tip, Will Smith, 2Pac, The Roots, Puff Daddy, and Dr. Dre. Coming out on top for "Best Rap Album" and "Best Rap Artist" was Aftermath/Interscope recording artist Eminem for his single "My Name Is" from his first release, *Slim Shady*. Other winners included The Roots featuring Erykah Badu taking "Best Rap Single" for the song "You Got Me."

B.B King won the best Blues album once again, while Chris Rock took home the Grammy for the best comedy album.

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**PHAT**

"Thank God I Found You"  
Mariah Carey f/ Joe & NAS

"That's What I'm Looking For"  
Da Brat

"Freakin'"  
Will Smith

"Party Up"  
DMX

"Whoa!"  
Black Rob

"Why You Wanna Keep Me From My Baby"  
Guy III

"What a Girl Wants"  
Christina Aguilera

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Mary J. Blige

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# Shake, Rattle & Roll

## Rock 'n' Roll musical holds auditions in Houston

Houston

Closed auditions for "Shake Rattle & Roll: A 50's Rock 'n' Roll Revue" will be held Saturday, March 4 at the Rhinehart Music Auditorium at Texas Southern University, 3100 Cleburne.

"Shake Rattle & Roll," sponsored by Community Music Center of Houston (CMCH), will be held June 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. at the Miller Outdoor Theater in Hermann Park.

This show is a musical tribute to the trend-setting genre of rock 'n' roll. A half-century-old in the millennium year, rock 'n' roll is a fusion of rhythm 'n' blues, pop and country and western elements.

Rock 'n' roll music has brought fame and fortune to many seeking careers in the field of entertainment. Its popularity is as prominent today as it was when it first emerged in the early 1950's.

"Shake Rattle & Roll" is a recreation of the ever-popular 1950's Rock 'n' Roll Revue

that traveled across the country featuring artists signed to record companies. The CMCH production will feature rock 'n' roll legendary group The Platters who have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and are still performing for national and international audiences.

Also, "Shake Rattle & Roll" will feature local acts that perform 1950's style music to fill out the bill of this high-energy production.

Auditions will be held for vocalists from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 4 at the Rhinehart Music Auditorium. All performers should bring a current resume, photo and tape. Callbacks are decided by the music director and vocalists are notified by phone.

CMCH, a non-profit performing arts and education center founded in 1979, has a long history in presenting shows to the general community of Houston.

The organization has

produced shows in all genres of music including classical, R&B, jazz, blues, gospel and big band. The larger more far-reaching shows have been presented at Miller Outdoor Theater, reaching large diverse crowds.

As a non-profit organization, CMCH has had to seek corporate, foundation and organizational sponsorship in order to present shows. In a time of shrinking grant funding and reduced corporate support, CMCH has found it imperative to upgrade and direct their shows toward specific targeted audiences.

This has been successfully done with *The Music of Motown Revue* which has been presented in several commercial arenas including Gulf Greyhound Park and the Compaq Center for the Houston Aeros. This same upgrading will be applied to all production. This approach has increased the visibility of the CMCH and has opened the door for other successful productions.

Chris Perez Band (Selenas widowed husband), Best traditional tropical Latin performance went to Tito Puente, Best Merengue went to Elvis Crespo for his hit "Suavemente," and best new artist went to Christina Aguilera, who beat Brittany Spears in this category.

However the speculation was quite true when it was felt that Carlos Santana would take home the Grammys in almost all of the categories. He was nominated for a total of 10 Grammys. He took home Grammys for song of the year, "Smooth" (by Santana and Rob Thomas from the group Matchbox 20) record of the year for "Smooth," and many more.

Santana gave thanks to all the artists who collaborated with him on his album including Lauryn Hill and Wyclef Jean.

Santana gave an explosive performance in the finale of the show, singing his winning hit "Smooth" with Rob Thomas. The sounds of his classic guitar soared through the audience, and he once again proved that great music can withstand the tests of time. He has reached a new generation with his songs for peace, love and harmony.

*By Felicia Walker & Yauna Estes*  
Panther Staff

# 20 Questions

1. How many of the sprinklers actually work correctly?
2. When will Phase I get cable 24 hours a day?
3. Will you buy anymore raffle tickets?
4. Who knew number 54 on the basketball team had so much game?
5. Why do we now refer to the New Gym as the Old Gym?
6. Who is the guy Primetime beat up?
7. Why are the guys who play basketball on the court in the Village the same people who wonder why their GPA is low?
8. Who hires the rude employees in MSC?
9. Who in the hell left the gate locked in MSC?
10. How many of you will be dropping classes at midterm?
11. How many of you actually leave your room when the fire alarm goes off?
12. Why did the Iotas bring their second place trophy to the basketball game this week?
13. And what was the purpose of the capoeira demonstration at half time?
14. Will the Sigmas win the Greek Olympiad Step Show again?
15. Why are they building Phase IV exclusively for freshmen when we've been here longer living in the same ole raggedy housing?
16. And why do next year's freshmen receive laptops and carrying bags when they enroll?
17. Does anyone else feel cheated out of a computer?
18. If Campus Activities Board is supposed to provide activities on campus, why don't we have any?
19. Why did only two people from CAB go to Boston?
20. What do you think?

*We want to know what you think. Please submit any questions you may have to The Panther, Rm. 114 in the MSC. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.*

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SPORTS NEWS

# PVU has to win back local athletes



By Ryan McGinty  
Sports Editor

"I believe the kids here in Texas know the history of Prairie View. They say they do not want to go there. That is the school with the losing streak. Our better kids are out-of-state kids," said former head football coach Greg Johnson in an interview last summer. Hearing that from our own coach made my blood boil for a few minutes. I began to think how could a coach label every football player in Texas as not interested in playing for Prairie View?

In order for Prairie View to regain that winning touch that was prevalent in the 1960s, the university has to reestablish itself with local athletes.

During the Billy Nicks era, which was before integration, PV had a consistent pipeline of athletes from the Houston area and the state of Texas. Using athletes from Houston, Dallas and surrounding areas, PV fielded an all-star team every time they took the field for an event.

These days, why are the athletes from traditional local powers such as Blinn Junior College, Waller, Navasota, Brookshire, Sealy, La Marque, A&M Consolidated, Cy-Fair, Forest Brook and Willowridge not attending Prairie View? That question should be the million-dollar question on ABC's Who Wants To Be a Millionaire. That question would stump the masses.

After the men's basketball game last Saturday, I asked several players who played high school basketball near campus why they chose to attend college in Alabama. One player, who

graduated from Klein Forest in Houston, told me it would have been too much of a distraction for him to play close to home. I went speechless for a few seconds and then proceeded to ask another player. The next guy, who has Prairie View ties, told me he was not looking at by Prairie View and instantly signed when Alabama A&M offered him a scholarship.

These are the kinds of athletes that Prairie View needs to follow up on. We should not let a school from Whereisit, Alabama come in and take our local talent with such ease.

If you glance at our men's basketball roster, it lists one player from the city of Houston. With the powerhouse basketball schools within 20 minutes from campus, we should have more than one NCAA tournament appearance.

Several other individuals and myself are constantly trying to find ways to persuade local athletes to look at Prairie View.

I have mentioned several names to the coaching staffs hoping that they will contact the athletes.

Sometimes the coaches follow up the requests, but some shy away from blue chip talent citing the athletes will have no interest due to our current financial situation.

The coaches are somewhat true, but it never hurts to try. These days, athletes will only show an interest if the coaches will show it in return.

If Prairie View aspires to become a perennial competitor, the attitudes will have to change.

# PVU basketball gets back to winning ways

## Both men's and women's teams close homestand with impressive wins

By Ryan McGinty and Lance Berry  
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M men's basketball team wrapped up their final homestand of the year with a split against Alabama teams.

In the first game last Saturday, the Bulldogs of Alabama A&M University defeated the Panthers 89-75 in a hard fought game.

The Bulldogs (13-10, 11-4 SWAC) jumped out to a 57-38 halftime lead and the Panthers (6-16, 5-9 SWAC) could never overcome the deficit.

Several times in the second half the Panthers managed to get within seven points but the Bulldogs refused to let the Panthers get any closer.

Sophomore guard Xavier Lee led the Panthers with 24 points and 11 rebounds.



Patrick Willyboro goes in for the rebound.

Despite injuring his knee earlier in the game, Greg Burks returned to chip in 14 points.

Terrance Vanlier led the Bulldogs with 26 points and nine rebounds.

Seldom used guard

Marquette Williams added 20 for the Bulldogs.

Monday night, the Panthers took the sting out of the Alabama State Hornets with a nailbiting

78-75 win.

The Panthers trailed

41-33 at the half, but outscored the Hornets 45-34 in the second half to secure the game.

Despite giving up several inches in the paint, the Panthers' post play led the way.

The surprise of the



photos by Gitonga M'Mbijewe

Shontae Greenwood slows the tempo down.

night was the play of 6-10 freshman Roderick Riley. Riley scored 15 points and inspired the crowd with his aggressive defense.

"We gave him a pep talk before the game and he played to his potential," said assistant coach Robert Vanderbilt.

Playing his final game in the Baby Dome, senior Aron Thompson had a final game to remember with 24 points, nine rebounds, and six block shots.

Riley and Thompson gave the Hornets trouble all night with their aggressive play.

Last night, the Panther men upped their win streak to two with a 80-71 win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Burks led the Panthers with 26 points.

The Lady Panthers (9-13, 6-7 SWAC) basketball team continued its winning ways with a sweep over both of the Alabama schools.

Leading the way for the Lady Panthers were Tenisha Lee, Pressy Elogado, Shontae Greenwood and Elisha Winters.

The Panthers play their final four games on the road before the SWAC tournament on March 10.

# Spring sports take center stage

By Ryan McGinty  
Sports Editor

As basketball season winds down, spring sports at Prairie View are now taking center stage.

Student athletes from the baseball, softball, track, golf and tennis teams are already in the midst of their respective seasons and all are looking forward to big things in 2000.

The ultimate goal for all of the teams is to represent the conference in the NCAA Tournament. Achieving the goal is within reach if all of the athletes stay on the same page.

"We plan on winning the SWAC title," said head tennis coach Robert Vanderbilt. "If all of the team members stay focused and practice hard, they can do it."

Team members Solemon Pendleton, ChiQuia Robinson and Maya Jackson will be counted on to help the tennis team achieve their goal.

The Lady Panther softball team hopes to continue its winning ways in 2000. With the nucleus of last year's team

returning to the field in 2000, the Lady Panthers expect nothing but success this season.

Losing to Southern University in the finals of the SWAC tournament has made the ladies hungry for a SWAC Championship in 2000.

In addition to the softball team, the men's and women's track teams are no strangers when it comes to winning championships.

After earning the men's outdoor track title in 1999, the track team is focused on capturing the indoor title and defending its outdoor title.

With the addition of several key newcomers and legendary coach John Tankersley, the Panther baseball team will continue to be in the hunt for the SWAC title.

Expect nothing but an all out effort from the spring athletic teams.

SPORTS NEWS

## Sports Spotlight

## Pressy Elogado



photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe

Age: 20

Hometown: Naples, Texas

Fantasy Dinner: Cory Bailey, Tyson Beckford, Morris Chestnut

Favorite Movie: Dumb & Dumber

Favorite Food: Chicken Adobo

Major: Psychology

"Put God first in all that you do, and your plans will succeed."  
- Pressy Elogado -

### This Weekend's PVU Sporting Events

Feb. 27 Prairie View vs Concordia

2:00 P.M.  
Softball

### SWAC Indoor Track & Field Championship

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Men's and Women's Track

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**In Brief**

**History department plans for annual food festival**

Prairie View, Texas

To conclude Black History Month, the History department of Prairie View A&M University will attempt to symbolically bring people closer.

This effort headed by Howard Jones, Ph.D will be held Monday, March 6 at noon in the Abner Davis

Square which is in front of the G.R. Woolfolk building.

All members of the PVAMU family are urged to help celebrate this occasion.

Participants are asked to bring various foods that represent the various experiences, heritages, and settings of the world.

Those who need more information may contact Dr. Jones at (936)857-4024.

**African American Author helps promote safe sex**

Prairie View, Texas

Lawrence Ross, journalist and author, is scheduled to appear on the Prairie View campus on March 1.

His visit which is sponsored by Ansell

Healthcare products, the makers of Lifestyle condoms will help him promote his book *The Divine Nine* and safe sex.

His book signing tour has led him to HBCU campuses across the nation including Howard, Prairie View and Texas Southern University.

**CAMPUS NEWS**

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

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| <b>MON</b>  | *Feb. 28 CAB "Black History Program" - front of MSC 5pm<br>ΓΦΔ "We all can be King" - All Faiths Chapel 7pm<br>*Feb. 28 Spirit Leader informational seminar - Ballroom 5pm                        |
| <b>TUES</b> | *Feb. 29 SGA general meeting - Administrative. Aud. 7pm<br>CAB Movie Night "The Wood" - Recital Hall 7pm<br>Panther meeting -MSC rm.114 5:30pm  |
| <b>WED</b>  | *Mar. 1 Journalism Workshop Pt. I - MSC rm. 114 5pm<br>*Mar. 22 Maafa Commemoration - Recital Hall 7pm<br>*Mar. 6-10 Midterms   |
| <b>THUR</b> | *Mar. 11-18 Spring Break<br>*Mar. 2 Journalism Workshop Pt. II - MSC rm. 114 5pm  |
| <b>FRI</b>  | *Feb. 25 AΦΩ Party - W. Wing Alumni 9pm<br>Reparations Awareness Day<br>ZΦB Bake-Off - Student Park 4pm<br>*Mar. 24 Reggae Explosion - Ballroom 9pm   |
| <b>SAT</b>  | *Feb. 26 Pantherland Day<br>Classice Dance Ensemble performance - La Marque HS<br>*Mar. 4 PV Basketball @ Texas Southern - 7pm<br>*Mar. 25 Last day of Maafa Week<br>Cultural Fest - Student Park |

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Applicants must be U.S. citizens who have taken

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Key phrases: Letters of Recommendations

\* Watch for these phrases in your letters of recommendation. They actually reveal more than they say.

Chronically absent employees: "A man like him is hard to find"

Stupid Employees: "There is nothing you can teach a man like him"

Dishonest Employees: "He is an unbelievable employee" "Her true ability was deceiving"

\* Provided by The Black Collegian

**PVTV from page 1**

Estelle Stewart, research; Ayaana Buchanan, secretary.

"I am happy to get the station up and running consistently. It is something upcoming communication students can be a part of," said Pierson. When asked about the future of PVTV, Pierson said "I want Channel 35 to be syndicated, but we must first crawl before we can walk."

If anyone has any announcements of events that they want run on Power Point you may do so by contacting Brandon Smith at x2229.

**Vigil from page 4**

should not have taken place because it brought back sad memories, but others disagreed.

"There could have been more student support for this event. I feel it is a wonderful thing that we are doing. We are remembering our friends," said PVAMU student Chauncey Sneed who is a member of the university's band.

Chris Busby who is also a Marching Storm band member made similar remarks.

**COMIC RELIEF**

"For those who think the event is a disgrace, it is not a disgrace. It is something that we are doing to try and heal, to remember those who were lost that were close to us," Busby said.

Other students stated their belief that the vigil would help mourners with recovery.

"This will continue to aid in the healing process of many of us. This event is sort of a final farewell, a good-bye, and a time to move on for all of us. Indeed the healing process has begun," said PVAMU student Cornesha Avington.

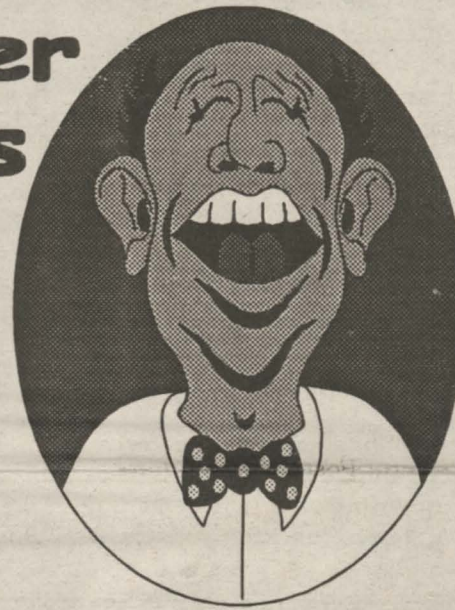
**Corrections**

In the February 11 issue of *The Panther Newspaper* on page 12, the byline read Marlon Reed; however, it should have read Marlon Bennet. Also the web address on page 5 should have read [www.webmaster.pvu.cjb.net](http://www.webmaster.pvu.cjb.net).

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**Panther Comics**



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**MAGIC MAZE CAT**

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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shirt is removed. 2. Hair is added. 3. Scale is shorter. 4. Table is different. 5. Locker is taller. 6. Color is different.

THE FINAL WORD

# Guest Commentary

## Memories of time passed make present seem dull

By Ketrick Williams  
Panther Staff

When I entered Prairie View A&M University, in 1998, there was nothing going on except an increase in

student fees. I attended organizations and peer clubs but others were always trying to put them down.

I often sat with 'old heads' and talked about the past and what is wrong with

the future. They usually started off talking about the Village and how it has separated the students and why that might be a reason we lack school spirit.

Then they spoke about

Holley, stating that it was 'off the hook'. It was like they had pride residing together in the dorm because they knew others going through similar things.

Now, it's like students can't wait until the weekend to go home because there's nothing to do but get into trouble.

I listened to them visit the past and bring up memories such as the tent parties, and when they asked me about them, I couldn't say much.

They laughed and carried on the conversation about "Club Drew" and how the boys got in those small windows. As they spat out memory after memory, I began to think of my personal memories of PVAMU and nothing came to mind.

All I could think about was that I didn't have a car to go to Houston. I sat back and thought about what I had seen on campus and all I could come up with was a lot of smoking and boys 'macking' to girls in-

stead of participating in their 1 o'clock English class.

Eventually, I listed the things that were different since I hit the "Hill." What happened to the DJ that plays at the basketball games? Why is MSC not opened on the weekend? When will we have student events during the week and the weekends? What happened to the tent parties?

I think as growing men and women we need to start something new. Even though the 98' class has done some crazy things on this campus like at midnight the dorms would go play hide-go-seek and it would all end when the cops arrested somebody, because he cracked a corny joke.

I also remember when the cops chased us on a four wheeler because we were having a water fight with the boys in Fuller. Now, it's violence instead of fun.

My "final word" is "I'm bored."

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