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Bands return to dome for showdown

By Ryan McGinty
Sports Editor

In a weekend normally reserved for football, the marching bands of Prairie View and Southern will take center stage.

For the first time since the 1998 band fight, the Southern University "Human Jukebox" marching band, under the direction of Dr. Isaac Greggs will return to Houston to meet the "Marching Storm" of Prairie View A&M which is directed by Professor George Edwards.

The fight, which gained national exposure, caused thousands of dollars in instrument damage for both bands and embarrassment to both schools. SWAC Commissioner Rudy Washington issued two game suspensions for each band.

Southern University complied for both games while Prairie View sat out one weekend but performed the following weekend due to contractual agreements with the annual Al Libscomb State Fair Classic.

When told the band ful-



Prairie View's Storm will face Southern's Jukebox Saturday.

filled its contractual obligation, Washington suspended the entire athletic program at Prairie View on a temporary basis and the school was fined thousands of dollars. During that period, there were rampant rumors that the university was going to leave the conference due to the fine, but it was paid and Prairie View remained in the SWAC.

The 1998 football game, which was held in Beau-

mont, will be a far cry from the 2000 edition.

In Beaumont, the fans exceeded the stadium capacity, which forced many fans to watch the game on a hill surrounding the stadium.

The playing field was below collegiate standards due to inaccurate yard markings and size. There was also a large contingent of mosquitoes

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Student government reaches new heights

By Sheleah Hughes
Editor-in-Chief

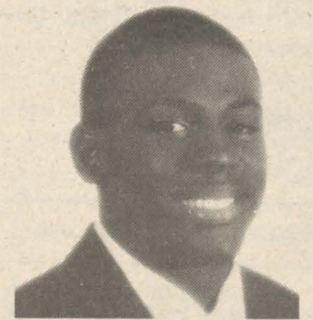
The semester is only 4-weeks-old and the Student Government Association is busy preparing for PVAMU's next 80 years.

"Prairie View needs to be a political powerhouse," said Desmond Thomas, SGA President for the 2000-2001 school year.

"We have to recreate the image that the public has of us and that will take all of our students getting involved, Thomas said."

That is exactly what he and other members of the organization are doing.

"Speakout", a freshmen forum, allows new Panthers the opportunity to voice their opinions on subjects that affect them from social activities to housing.



Desmond Thomas,
2000-2001 SGA President

The administration is also emphasizing political awareness during this voting year.

The theme for the voter registration is "Get 'Crunk' and Vote." In collaboration with other organizations, the SGA will hold townhall meetings where candidates from each political party can answer questions from students.

"More and more people are interested

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Regulations decrease driving, enforce walking

By Christy Thornton
Panther Staff

Getting to class in the morning can seem quite frustrating for those students who drive to class.

Traffic backs up and streets get very congested, and many people ignore the fact that Prairie View is a walking campus especially when the temperature rises to the 100-degree mark.

Prairie View has been a walking campus since 1986 when the area between Drew Hall and Suarez-Collins was closed off.

Because University Village did not exist then and most classes were literally right outside the front door, driving to class was pointless.

Now that campus housing has moved a few feet farther from most classes, students feel it is necessary to

drive to class.

The University designates certain parking areas for certain drivers. The lots on campus are for faculty and staff, commuters and visitors who have parking stickers.

Beginning Sept. 13, cars parked on campus that did not have stickers or whose stickers did not match the lot number in which they were parked

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photo by Lacey Green-Burks

Automobiles that are not registered with the University will be towed at the owner's expense.

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•World•

Record flood after a century

Nagoya, Japan

Deadly rains in Nagoya, Japan brought many problems for residents. The storm consisted of flooding and mudslides, killing seven people and causing major carmakers to stop production.

Forty-one people were reported injured and two were missing due to the rains.

Toyota and Mitsubishi were forced to pause production due to the severe weather.

Leoneans no longer refugees

Freetown, Sierra Leone

Three boats were scheduled to leave Freetown to allow hundreds of Sierra Leoneans to return home.

They were taken as refugees in the embassy of Guinea. Two thousand refugees have been released and have gone back home.

Prison closes after protests

Tehran, Iran

The Tohid prison in Iran was closed down due to the fact noone was being kept there.

Many former detainees complained about the behavior of the prison interrogators, which has caused parliament to investigate.

The detainees wrote letters about how they were tortured with repeated beatings and lashings to get confessions.

•National•

Man freed after 9 months

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wen Ho Lee, a nuclear scientist, was freed after being in jail for nine months. Lee was accused of allegedly stealing national security information that would possibly harm the United States.

Lee admitted to using an unsecured computer to record information on a tape relating to the national defense.

Poison affects students

Jacksonville, Florida

Thirty-four middle school students ingested rat poison while at school. The rat poison had allegedly been sprinkled on salsa.

Fifteen students were taken to the hospital but immediately released. Two seventh graders are being questioned about the incident.

Packets of rat poison had been placed around Paxson Middle School to help control its rodent problem.

Missouri executes killer

Potosi, Missouri

George "Baby" Harris was executed for the death of Stanley "Hank" Willoughby.

Harris shot Willoughby at a crack house because he thought he was trying to steal his guns.

Harris immediately reacted and shot Willoughby in the face with a .41 caliber revolver.

Harris' execution was the fourth in the state of Missouri.

•Regional•

Big oil discovery

Houston, Texas

BP Amoco discovered Crazy Horse with an estimate of at least one billion barrels of oil, making it the largest discovery in the Gulf of Mexico.

Amoco is currently working on building pipelines that will transport one million barrels of oil per day from Crazy Horse and other deepwater fields in the Gulf of Mexico. This project should be complete by late 2003.

Credit card fraud

Prairie View, Texas

The PVAMU Department of Public Safety assisted in an investigation of fraud.

Under the investigation a person collected various names and identification numbers of persons including some PV students, and used this information to open credit card accounts.

DPS is asking if this has happened to you or anyone you know, please call at 936-857-4823.

DNA test points to suspect

Houston, Texas

After 15 years, with the aid of DNA tests, Martin Tonn Jr. was arrested and charged with the 1985 murder of Cathy Keith.

Tonn was arrested in Alabama last week and brought to Rosenberg where he was charged with first-degree murder.

He has not yet been charged with the death of her mother, Peggie Keith, but is still a suspect.

Calendar of events

15 Friday
Pick up your copy of The Panther

16-17 Sat./Sun.
Panthers vs. Southern., AstroDome - Houston, 7pm
Cross Country, Rice Invitational- Houston

18 Monday

19 Tuesday
Panther Meeting - 5:30pm
Non-Technical Career Fair & Job Expo, Baby Dome, 9am
Lady Panthers vs. Wiley College, Baby Dome, 5pm

20 Wednesday
General Career Fair & Job Expo, Baby Dome, 9 am
Ragland Scholars Memorial Lecture featuring Dr. Barbara White, Hobart Taylor Recital Hall, 10 am

21 Thursday
Lady Panthers vs. Arkansas- Pine Bluff, Baby Dome, 7pm


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On Internships

Free lunch enriches summer vacation



By Sheleah Hughes
Editor-in-Chief

Although I am through with high school and it is near the fourth week of my junior year of college, I feel like I need to tell someone just how I spent my summer vacation.

My summer vacation was fun. Just kidding. It really was, I had a chance to be an adult without all the responsibilities.

I could still call home and ask for money, I only had to pay rent twice and I knew that I was coming back home. Although it wasn't really the real world, I learned some valuable 'real world' lessons.

1. How to eat lunch free
Have the waiter drop a plate of enchiladas, beans, rice, queso and all the fixings in your lap. It really works, believe me. On top of getting your clothes dry-cleaned for

free and lunch on the restaurant (well it was all over me), everyone you work with will remember you.

If you tell your supervisor that you are having trouble or you need to talk, you could go out to lunch at least twice a week - of course on the company.

2. Budgets and naps are a good thing
College can really spoil you. I thought having a work-study job was hard. Who could go to class, go to work and get in a nap? I haven't had a nap since my freshmen year and this summer was no

exception. Eight o'clock comes early.

Is a student employment, once a month check hard to keep the whole month? To be honest getting paid once a week wasn't easier. By Wednesday of every week, I was broke and calling home for more money. I think maybe those pit stops at the mall near my house was not such a good idea.

3. When the club closes go home
When people arrive in a new city, they must take time to check-out the night life. But beware because you

never know how the city is when the lights go out.

Once upon a long, time ago I would have thought about hanging out in the Houston club Jamaica, Jamaica's parking lot. This summer my roommate and I decided to see just how Shreveporters' were and stayed after the club closed. That night three people got shot in the parking lot.

4. Accept responsibility
Although it was hard for me to actually give up calling home and complaining, I had to learn that it was time for me to suck it up and accept all my responsibilities.

Snooping can be rewarding



By Kalyn Bullock
Managing Editor

rather some important issues that many students face daily.

When I came to PV in Fall 1998, I didn't have a single scholarship.

But by being the nosy person that I am, I ran across a scholarship that offered great rewards.

Scholarships don't just jump out at you. I have learned you have to find things on your own.

My recipe for success has come to be nosiness plus persistence with a lot of perseverance.

I was in the Engineering office one day and saw a scholarship announcement that read "NACME Corporate Scholars Program." This was a scholarship that I had never noticed before.

I read over the scholarship to see what was required.

I thought to myself "three essays and two recommendations, piece of

cake.....NOT!"

The problem at hand was that the deadline was Friday, and it was already Tuesday.

Because I needed and wanted money, I immediately started the application process.

To show how determined I was to receive this scholarship, I had the entire package ready the day before it was due.

The remaining of the spring semester passed, summer, and half of the fall semester, then in November I received an e-mail telling me that I was a recipient for the NACME Scholarship.

Excited? You may ask. Yes I was.

Immediately, the benefits started rolling in.

NACME sent me to Atlanta, GA for leadership training, gave me \$4000 and an internship at DuPont this past summer.



The best part about this scholarship is that it is continuous until the day I walk across the stage to receive my diploma, as long as I maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

So the next time some-

one tells you to stop being so nosy, remember my success story and how nosiness helped me, and ask yourself "Am I really being nosy or just looking out for the best of my well being?"

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ALERT!

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CAREER FOCUS

Aluma Awarded Plant Manager of Dupont

Barbara Tompkins-Brown, PVAMU alumna was rewarded the position of Plant Manager at the DuPont Bayport Plant.

Tompkins-Brown graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

She has since been working in the engineering field.

Tompkins-Brown worked one year with ARCO Oil & Gas, and left to work for DuPont.

While at DuPont she has worked in various fields, including project engineering, maintenance engineering and technical marketing.

Tompkins-Brown has also served as the Operations Manager of the Crop Protection Products at the LaPorte Plant, where she lead 250 staff members and had an operating budget of \$40 million.

Latin American Volunteer & Internship Program

AmeriSpan is offering opportunities for students to do international volunteerism and internships in Bolivia.

Positions are offered in the following fields: Business, Education, Social Work, Environmental & Zoological Work, Healthcare and Humanities.

The program's purpose is to get participants familiar with new cultures and language before entering the work force.

LAVIP volunteers will be required to pay for airfare, housing, classes, and a \$350 application and placement fee but there will not be any extra administrative costs or mandatory contributions to the organization as a whole.

For more information contact 1-800-879-6640 or visit website: <http://www.amerispan.com>

Area developments benefit students

By Dwaina Brooks
Panther Staff

You may have noticed, whether you were entering into the city of Prairie View or departing from it, that there are new business and property developments popping up everywhere.

With the opening of the Jack in the Box restaurant almost a year ago, a new trend in commerce has exploded and it is blazing a trail right down the new U.S. Highway 290.

Many people say that they knew it would not take long before commercialization moved this direction, especially with the highway finally being opened a few years ago.

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in student government and that is just what we need," Thomas said.

Jamie Jean, SGA Vice President agrees.

She said this SGA administration is student-oriented and faster-paced.

According to Jean, the SGA is truly striving to be representative of the needs of all PVAMU stu-

The highway has been a major catalyst for these developments, and expands the possibility for future developments.

Long over due is an understatement for the city of Prairie View, but the good news is that Prairie View and the rest of Waller County is open and ready for business.

Just off 290 is D&D Western Wear and gifts which is about the equivalent of a

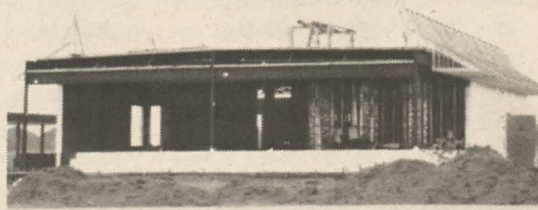


Photo by Glenn Russell

Developments around campus give students more housing and food options.

mall for cowboys and ranchers.

A mile down the road from D&D, a new Texaco gas station is almost complete. It is equipped with a foodmart, and a restaurant that is ru-

more to be Burger King. Moving further down 290 traveling westward, sites are available for development to the right of the university exit.

Site owners were not able to say what exactly would be built, but that groundbreaking would begin very soon.

Down the road are several new developments located to the left and right side of the Hempstead exit.

On the right side is a new Exxon, and on the left, there will be another Texaco with an A & W rootbeer restaurant.

Located directly across the street from Texaco, construction is almost complete on new apartments.

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were towed. This includes cars parked in University Village. University College parking lots are 14 and 15.

Parking lots next to University College are not labeled but are for faculty and staff only. All students parked in those areas will be towed.

The cost of towing is \$60 plus a \$50 minimum parking ticket. All-Star Towing tows

cars around campus. It is located on old 290 approximately one-half mile west of University drive.

It is more economical to register your car at the University police station than to pay a minimum of \$110 to claim your vehicle.

Parking with a sticker does not guarantee that cars will not be towed.

PVAMU 30th Annual Fall Career Festival assists students

Special to the Panther

For the past thirty years, Prairie View A&M University has been a bridge linking academic excellence with employment through the Annual Fall Career Festival.

The PVAMU Career Services offices announces the 30th Annual Fall Career Fest to be held Sept. 18-22.

The career fair & job

expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19 and Wednesday Sept. 20 in the Billy Nicks FieldHouse.

The two-day career fair & job expo provides the opportunity for students to network with representatives from 125 corporations across the United States.

One major highlight of the Festival will be the Student Recognition Banquet.

The non-technical

portion of the fair will be on Sept. 19.

It will feature employers seeking students majoring in agriculture, business, education, juvenile justice, liberal arts and nursing.

Students are required to dress professionally and provide copies of their resumes as hand-outs for both events.

For more information, contact Career Services at (936)857-2055 or visit Anderson Hall, Room 201.

Students involved in Million Family March

Jesse Muhammad
Special to the Panther

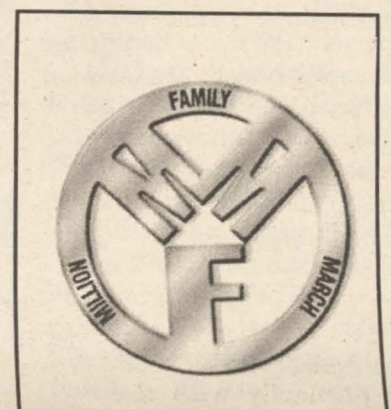
Prairie View A&M University is being challenged by other colleges to see who will have the strongest representation at the Million Family March.

Two 50-seat buses are being provided, by the Houston-MFM Organizing Committee, for PV and

surrounding areas. The trip on Oct. 14 will cost \$185.00 and the other will cost \$155.

The MFM, which is two weeks before the next national election, offers and unprecedented opportunity to transform the social, political, economic, and spiritual landscape of America.

For more information on buses, call Bro. Jesse at (936) 826-2497.



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Football schedule needs more cupcakes



By Ryan McGinty
Sports Editor

The critics were right all summer, why is the football team playing such a hard schedule?

After witnessing the defeat to McNeese State last weekend, the athletic administration needs to find our old pals Langston, Howard Payne and Panhandle State to pad the win column.

After McNeese suffered an embarrassing loss to Miami two weeks ago, they handed the Panthers the same treatment they suffered a week before.

A 1997 1-AA finalist, McNeese proved to be too strong for the Panthers. The Cowboys rolled up close to 600 yards of total offense while the Panthers could only muster 50 yards.

For the second straight week, the Panthers have yet to have positive rushing yardage. The Cowboys could have had more yards, but they elected to take their first string players out of the game during the second half. That proved to be a good thing because the Panther defense could not stop Jessie Burton, the Cowboy's tailback who had 189 rushing yards in the first half.

What made this game interesting was the fact that President Hines was on the sideline for a brief moment. I wonder what was going on in his head when he looked up at the scoreboard?

If the team continues with less than 30 scholarships, it needs to play teams they can overpower. A win over our old friends Langston and Panhandle is a win. Forget what others think.

Good luck to the Panthers against Southern (0-2) this weekend.

Dorsey brings 'hard hat' philosophy

By Will Joiner
Panther Staff

Chances are that if you are a Prairie View sports fan you have noticed the new golden dome on campus.

No, it's not a new chapel or a new athletic facility for those of you who do not pay attention to sports. It is our university's 20th head coach, Larry Dorsey, wearing his golden hard hat.

The words "Do Your Job First" are painted across the front of Dorsey's hat, a motto which means that everyone's job must be done in the game of football for things to work out completely.

"It's very important that everyone studies and does their job. If everyone does that then we won't have any problems," said Dorsey.

A Mississippi native, Dorsey graduated from Tennessee State University.

While playing football there under the legendary John Merritt, he earned All-American status in 1974 and 1975 as a receiver.

As a result of these accomplishments, Dorsey was drafted in the third round by the San Diego Chargers.

Dorsey began his coaching career in 1982.

He has coached at Delta State University (where he earned his master's degree), Mississippi Valley



photo by Gioungna M. Mshwewe

Coach Dorsey expects to lead the Panthers back to prominence.

State, Arkansas Pine Bluff, and the University of Mississippi. In 1996 his Mississippi Valley Delta Devils produced an overall season record of 7-4.

The Devils ran through the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) with a 5-2 record. These accomplishments led to Dorsey being named SWAC coach of the year.

"When I arrived at Mississippi Valley State in 1990, they had a long streak of losing seasons and in my second year we managed to turn things around. Hopefully we can do that here at Prairie View," Dorsey said.

"Offensively we're going to throw the ball a lot. When you have a quarterback like Jamaal Foster and receivers like Deontay Wilson and Marcus Ballard, you have to put the ball in their hands."

As seen in the first game versus Texas Southern University, this is true. The Prairie View quarterbacks threw the ball 29 times. Wilson and Ballard combined for six catches and 133 yards receiving.

In his debut season Coach Dorsey has been an early success. Look out for the golden dome and the Panthers' running behind it as they take on the SWAC.

Bands from Page 1
present.

The 2000 game will be held indoors at the Houston Astrodome. There will be enough seating for both the bands and the fans from each school. How each band will enter and exit the field will be determined as the game approaches.

This will be Southern's second trip to Houston since the 1998 incident. In 1999, they played Texas Southern in the Dome.

The "Storm" did not travel to Baton Rouge last season.

Both schools expect a large following this weekend due to interest in the bands.

Saturday's game will mark the third straight appearance for the "Storm" in the Dome while Southern performs in their second game.

No Longer 'On Our Own'... Patti LaBelle is back with a "New Attitude"

"The high priestess of good vibrations," as The New York Times calls her, will grace Prairie View with her presence.

Eight-time Grammy nominee Patti LaBelle has returned to music with a new

CD entitled "When a Woman Loves," and the first release from the album "Call Me Gone."

For over 30 years, LaBelle has been entertaining audiences with songs like "You Are My Friend," "When

You've Been Blessed," "Right Kinda Lover," and "Somebody Loves You Baby."

Not only is LaBelle a great singing sensation, she is a mother to Zuri, her 22-year-old son, two adopted sons, and the son and daughter of her late sister.

She also loves to 'burn' in her Philadelphia kitchen and is considering comprising a cookbook full of her secret recipes.

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and 50 miles west of Houston, Patti LaBelle will be appearing. That's right, "Lady Marmalade" will be in concert on Friday, Oct. 13, 2000 on campus. So "When You Talk About Love" talk about "Patti Patti" in the Baby Dome for Homecoming 2000.

Stay tuned to The Panther for more ticket information.

By Kandyace Mayberry
Advertising Manager



Photo courtesy of MCA

RCA recording artist and musical pioneer, Patti LaBelle.

George Benson slated to perform at jazz fest

Houston, TX

Enthusiasm is running high for the first Robert Mondavi Jazz Fest, starring eight-time Grammy Award-winning singer/guitarist, George Benson.

Sponsorships for the event, which benefits the Fort Bend County Women's Center, have sold out and there has been strong interest in preferred seating and general admission tickets.

"Everyone is very excited about gathering at our new outdoor amphitheater and we're delighted to showcase a performer of George Benson's stature," said Sienna Plantation general manager Doug Goff.

"He is an international superstar who has topped the music charts in categories ranging from classic jazz to R&B, pop and contemporary jazz."

The jazz festival, sponsored by Robert Mondavi, Sienna Plantation, Sunny 99.1 (KODA-FM) and Kroger, will kick off Saturday, Sept. 16 at 3 p.m. with the TSU Jazz Ensemble, followed by Commercial Art and Scott Gertner. The event will be in full swing from 2-11 p.m.

Benson will take the stage at 8 p.m., performing classic hits, acoustic-oriented jazz and elements of hip-hop and Caribbean rhythms. He is best known for "Breezin'," the first jazz record to attain platinum sales.



Photo courtesy of Tania Ohman Public Relations

Guitar-playing vocalist, George Benson will perform this weekend at the Robert Mondavi Jazz Fest.

The guitar-playing vocalist also has recorded such smash hits as "This Masquerade," the sultry "On Broadway," and "Give Me the Night."

The festival benefits the Fort Bend County Women's Center which assists survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and their children.

For ticket information, call (713) 629-3700 or go to www.ticketmaster.com.

20 Questions

1. Why is KFC so expensive?
2. And why did they run out of 2 and 3 piece meals but you could still order a 20 piece?
3. How many of you tried to use your points in the Farrell Hall store? (Ooops, I guess you can't...)
4. Why don't any of the dryers in the washateria work?
5. When you go to the library, do you spend more time reading your books or reading the tables?
6. Is it me or is that funny smell that used to be in MSC seeping into Alumni?
7. Are you sure your overpayment check is in the mail?
8. Shouldn't the girls who wear their 'bopper gear' to class just wear signs that say "FRESHMAN"?
9. Why does every office on campus close for lunch at the same time?
10. Why doesn't anyone know the Black Fox in Black Voices Quarterly magazine?
11. Who was the girl walking around Alumni in clear, high-heeled stilettos on Tuesday?
12. Why is everyone going to the game this weekend to see if the bands fight?
13. Why is Brian Dickens so crunk about Patti LaBelle?
14. Is the Panther Club going to be her security?
15. Who still goes to the pit?
16. Who is the guy selling pictures behind Alumni?
17. Why did the athletes just get their books?
18. Don't the boppers know that the parties start at 10 p.m., not 10 a.m.?
19. How long is "interim?" (i.e. Dean Kruegel, Mr. Redd, Dean Bernard...)
20. What do you think?

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Lessons for freshmen from the diary of a senior

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Well, here I am at Prairie View A&M University in my fourth year and the campus continues to evolve on a daily basis. As we all know, University College is

complete and houses nearly 1,300 freshmen. But, why did we have a reported 2,500 incoming freshmen?

What I witnessed next brought tears to my eyes and enraged me with anger as I paced the yard on terms of business. Freshmen were

walking around crying and panicking because they did not have a place of residency due to the housing shortage.

Banks and L.O. Evans had to be reopened to house these students.

Being that I am a senior, I have been through a

lot of hardships at PV and I am so grateful for the strength I have gained, but I would do anything to try to make the experience for the younger students easier than mine. They already have an advantage by living in dorm rooms that are similar to ones in hotels and

are well equipped with a movie theater and computer labs.

They do not have to live three to a room and six to a bathroom, which became a difficult situation for me when I had unsanitary roommates.

Oh, yes I remember my mattress being too small for the bedframe and roaches getting comfortable in my bathroom cabinet like it was the hangout spot. With three different personalities in one room we were bound to have disagreements, but we respected each other's privacy and learned to adapt to our environment.

Nothing could have prepared me for the unforgettable memories I have made thus far, and I would like to encourage the freshmen to make beautiful memories while continuing to stay focused on the task at hand.

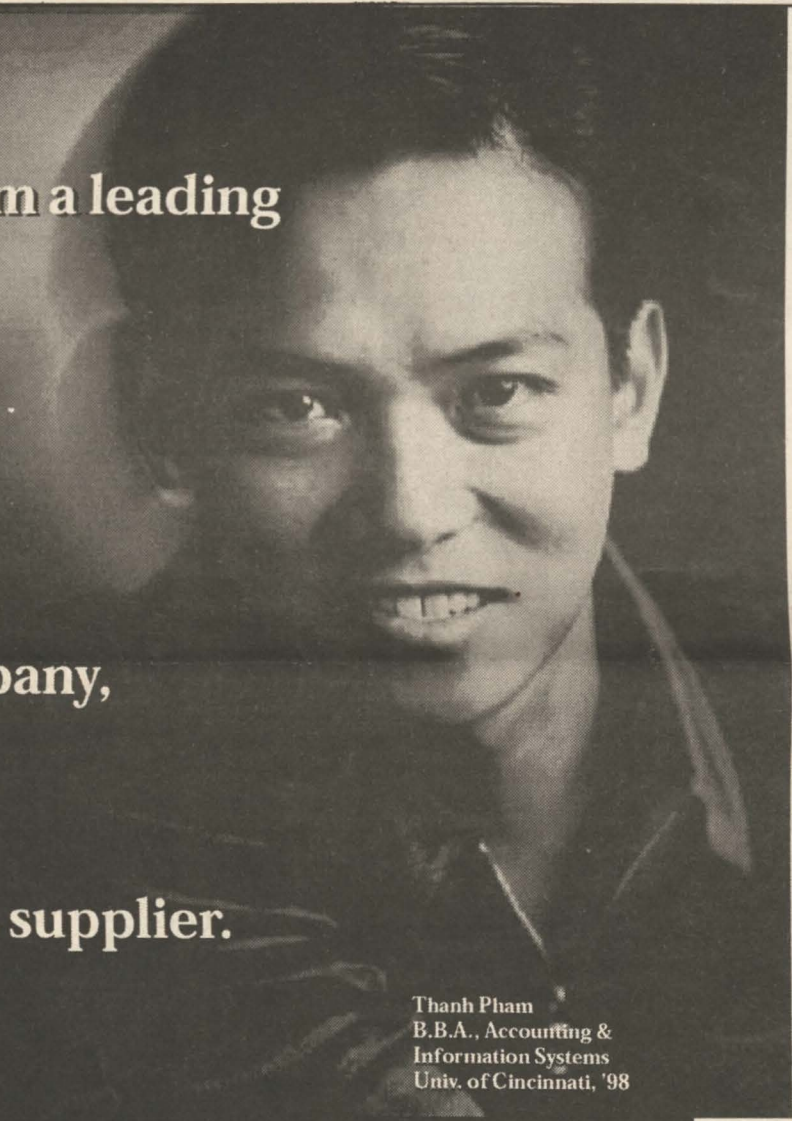
I have heard many complaints about the visitation policies and frankly, I feel it is not going to change until you make it change. If you are so grown-up and do not need any discipline then start acting like it. I work in one of the buildings and I observe the actions of the students on a daily basis.

The maturity level is at a low point, excluding a small number. This is not high school nor a playground, so if you all want to advance and be treated as adults, start conducting yourselves in an adult manner.

Including cleaning up after yourselves and not taking advantage of the housekeeper which I totally disagree with anyway. I mean, seriously, what are we teaching these freshmen? Just because something is given to you does not give you the right to abuse the gesture.

Welcome to the Real World people and guess what? It is going to become harder, but the learning experience is priceless. Cherish what you have today and prepare for the storm that lies ahead because it does exist. Freshmen, consider yourselves the lucky few who have surpassed the undying struggles of dorm life, but I hope you can survive the upcoming years.

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