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# THE PANTHER

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## Local artists shine in talent show

By Glenn Russell  
Photo Editor

### Girl group wins over band ensemble to take first place

Students at Prairie View were able to showcase their talent at the Springfest talent show, Tuesday.

The contestants showed their talent for singing and rapping in front of a crowd of approximately 1,500 students and various judges from Rap-a-lot and Electra records.

The winners were a group of four girls, Bege't, means a new crea-

tion, who earned the rights to be the opening act for the Mystical concert tonight.

Crystal Tamia, Nicole, Jade, and Natalie Jewel began their singing careers at different times.

Crystal Dawson and Nicole Williams sang together at school events, and in the church choir as youngsters in La Marque, Texas. The two merged with Natalie Williams in 1999 while on the cheerleading squad.

When Nicole left for Dillard University and last fall the three assumed they would continue as a threesome. Unknowingly Nicole would meet the next member in her dorm.

"She (Nicole) called us on the phone and let us hear Jade sing the "Star Spangled Banner." She sounded like angel and we knew she had to be

a part of the group," said Crystal Dawson, who was the only member at Prairie View last fall.

Their manager flew Jade Johnson down and the group was created on the spot. At the beginning of this semester the remaining girls joined Dawson to continue pursuing the group.

Bege't performed a show that included a song written by former manager Derrick Foreman, that could be compared chart-topping Destiny's Child and En Vogue said by several students.

Bege't has already been featured on DAL records' compilation 2001 album which was released Friday, April 27 and will be performing with the Temptations Sunday, April 29 at the

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Members of Bege't performed an original song to win the Springfest 2001 talent show. As winners they earned the opportunity to open for Mystikal Friday night in the William "Billy" J. Nicks fieldhouse.



Jade, member of girl group Bege't, sang to the audience Tuesday night. At the Springfest 2001 talent show.

## Annual beach party sees low attendance

By Ryan McGinty  
Sports Editor

According to Galveston city officials, the 2001 Beach Party Weekend was a financial failure due to the lack of vehicles and attendance.

The loss of money can be attributed to one thing in 2001: the state imposed cruising fee.

Galveston, along with the Texas General Land Office, approved fees ranging from \$20-\$100 for motorists wanting to drive along the seawall.

The fee, which was implemented to help city officials cover clean up and security costs, did not fare well with visitors at this year's party.

People who attended the event found other ways to enjoy it without their cars.

"The \$20 to drive down the seawall was ridiculous," said partygoer Timberly Gilford. "Instead of paying, I just parked at the local grocery store and walked to the

seawall."

Other partygoers apparently had the same idea as Gilford.

Officials said the parking lots at retail centers were jammed pack with vehicles looking to avoid the fee. Galveston residents were fenced in their homes due to the lack of accessibility.

As a result of the shortfall, City Manager Steve Le Blanc said the city will have to cutback in several of its departments.

The police department, which was responsible for securing the event, will enact a hiring freeze for now and divert money to officers who worked the event.

In addition, the department will forego the purchase of new patrol cars.

The beach party, which started off as a small gathering between members of the Greek fraternity Kappa Alpha Psi, has exploded into an event that has attracted crowds in excess of 100,000 annually.

## Rice hosts third annual black leadership conference

By Yauna Estes  
Panther Staff

The Third Annual Enhancing Black Leadership Conference will be held Friday, April 27, at Rice University in Houston.

The conference is sponsored by the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management, The National Black MBA Association Houston Chapter, and the Association of Rice University Black Alumni.

The Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management is one of seven academic units at Rice University. It was named in honor of the late Jesse Holman Jones, and

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**•World•**  
**First black to play**  
**ontaly's national team**

**Perugia, Italy**  
 AP-A black player is to play for Italy's national soccer team for the first time. Fabio Liverani, a midfielder, was born in Rome, the son of a Somali mother and Italian father. Racism in Italian soccer has become increasingly evident in recent years. Fans at several stadiums boo everytime a black on the opposing team touches the ball.

**French want to drill**  
**pyramid for secrets**  
**Cairo, Egypt**

AP-Egyptian authorities are considering a request by two French researchers to drill into Egypt's Great Pyramid to test their theory that it contains hidden chambers and tunnels, the archeologist in charge of the pyramid complex said.

But the archeologist, Zahi Hawass, said his initial reaction after meeting with researchers Gilles Dormion and Jean-Yves Verdhurt was skeptical. He said a final decision would be made in the coming weeks after further research.

**Congo liberalizes**  
**diamond exports**

**London, England**  
 AP-By halting an Israeli firm's contested monopoly on exports of Congolese diamonds, Congo's government should be able to boost the earnings it needs to help rebuild after years of civil war.

But traders still are waiting to see what Congo does to ensure that future shipments of its No. 1 export exclude so-called blood diamonds that are mined in conflict areas.

**Government for foiled**  
**assassination attempt**

**Harare, Zimbabwe**

AP-An outspoken critic of the government said he foiled an assassination attempt, and police confirmed assaults on two other businessmen by suspected ruling party militants.

Patrick Kombayi, a wealthy hotel owner in the central city of Gweru, said a police officer drew a pistol on him Thursday but was overpowered and disarmed. Police said they arrested the officer.

**•National•**  
**Disabled man arrested**  
**for robbing bank**

**Hastings, Nebraska**

AP-A man confined to a wheelchair was awaiting trial on charges of robbing a bank when he was arrested again on a similar charge. Ray Mason, 43, was arrested at about 9:15 a.m. on Sunday and charged with armed robbery and use of a weapon to commit a felony, Thayer County Sheriff Gary R. Young said.

Mason was out on bail awaiting trial on similar charges for a December bank robbery in Lincoln at the time of the arrest.

**Man charged in death**  
**at bachelor party**

**Gaylord, Michigan**

AP-The host of a bachelor party has been charged in the death of another partygoer who was killed when his skull was crushed beneath the wheel of a crane he tried to climb.

David Andrew Dubie, 23, was charged Monday with negligent homicide in the death of James Edmund Lucas. He faces up to two years in jail and a \$2,000 fine if convicted.

**Woman charged**  
**with luring teens**

**Davenport, Iowa**

AP-A May 17 arraignment is set for a Pennsylvania woman accused of using the Internet to lure two Davenport teen-age boys to a local motel.

Denise Derrick, 25, of Clearfield, Pa., was charged last week with one count of third-degree sexual abuse and two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

**Bolivian president**  
**meets with Powell**

**Washington D.C.**

AP-Bolivian President Hugo Banzer told Secretary of State Colin Powell Tuesday he believes that all significant amounts of cocaine will be eradicated from his country by the end of 2001.

Powell congratulated Banzer on his success in fighting illegal drugs and expressed appreciation for the sacrifices Bolivians have made in this effort.

An account of their 30-minute meeting was provided by State Department spokesman Philip Reeker.

Reeker said Powell encouraged Banzer to continue the anti-drug campaign.

**•Regional•**  
**Star forward will miss**  
**season due to injury**

**Houston, Texas**

AP-Sheryl Swoopes, who earned most valuable player and defensive player of the year honors while leading the Houston Comets to their fourth straight WNBA title, will miss the entire upcoming season after suffering a torn cruciate ligament in her left knee.

Team physician Dr. Walter Lowe said Swoopes also received damage to the lateral meniscus cartilage during a workout Monday night.

**Hate crime bill approved**

**Austin, Texas**

AP-The Texas House on Tuesday gave final approval to a bill that would increase penalties for crimes motivated by hate.

The measure was approved on third reading by a voice vote with no discussion.

The House gave the preliminary approval 87-60 on Monday after a two-hour debate during which one lawmaker tried to stop the vote and others tried to alter the bill.

The next hurdle for the bill is in the Senate where sponsor Sen. Rodney Ellis had been unable to gather support to bring it up for debate.

**Mother, child**  
**bodies returned**

**Houston, Texas**

AP-The bodies of an American missionary and her 7-month-old daughter were on a flight to Texas on Tuesday after Peru's air force shot down their single-engine Cessna.

Veronica Bowers and her adopted daughter, Charity, both died Friday. A spokeswoman for Texas-based Continental Airlines said in Lima that the bodies were on a flight scheduled to arrive in Houston on Tuesday.

The flight departed from Peru.

**Police rescue twins**  
**from overturned car**

**El Paso, Texas**

AP-Twin brothers rescued from a partially submerged car abandoned in a canal by their father were hospitalized Tuesday in far West Texas. Rescuers say the boys were under water for about a half-hour before they were freed.

Investigators say his blood-alcohol level was twice that of the state's intoxication level.

**Calendar of events**

**27 Friday**

Pick up your copy of the Panther for the semester Mystikal Concert, Babydome, Prairie View, TX, 7 p.m.

**28-29 Sat/Sun.**

Multicultural Festival, Delco, Prairie View, TX, 10:30 a.m. Stepshow/Party, Babydome, Prairie View, TX, 7 p.m.

**30 Monday**

Dead Week

**1 Tuesday**

Dead Week  
 Panther Meeting, Harrington Science Bldg. Rm 105, Prairie View, TX, 5:30 p.m.

**2 Wednesday**

Dead Week

**3 Thursday**

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**Victims earn right to view execution**  
 Ashcroft hopes to close chapters, others split on morals



By Sheleah Hughes  
 Editor-in-Chief

If you are a fan of the soaps don't expect to watch any of them come May 16. Instead you should be prepared to watch the press cover the execution of Timothy McVeigh, who was convicted for the 1995 bombing that killed 168 people and injured nearly 700.

Rest assured, there will be plenty "we interrupt this broadcast to bring you breaking news" announcements and even more polls and comments from local officials who have an opinion about the situation.

The U.S. Bureau of Prisons has already issued more than 1,400 press credentials to grant access to media that will be positioned on the prison grounds in Terre Haute.

Soon the bureau will announce the "lucky" 10 members of the media who will witness the execution via closed circuit television.

Much anticipation has surrounded this execution since many of the family members of victims and survivors

asked to witness the execution.

Due to the fact that there is limited space in the viewing room and over 2,300 people who are listed as either victims or survivors in a database at the US attorney general's office, Attorney General John Ashcroft will allow the execution to be shown via closed-circuit television to only ten lottery chosen persons.

Many of the victims are split on the decision. Some have denied any participation while others plan to participate whole-heartedly.

After a tragic event, such as losing a loved one to murder, it is natural to want to see the accused killer die or even any one else in general.

But as many family mem-

bers of people who died in Oklahoma have seen, that feeling of hate goes away with time.

Bud Welch is just one of them.

Welch lost his daughter in the bombing, but has been in contact with McVeigh's father recently. And who can actually blame him?

Both of the men will have lost their children by the end of May and the way that they mourn should be a personal thing.

If Welch can "close that chapter of his life without seeing someone else die" then he should be allowed to do it.

On the other hand if the

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**•Letter to the Editor•**

**Accident causes student to remember purpose**

Ernest Hemingway once wrote "The world is a beautiful place and worth dying for." I agree with the first part.

Most of us live our lives just trying to get to the next day. The majority of our days are forgettable.

Somewhere between elementary school and adolescence, the cruelties of this world cause us to lose our ability to dream.

When was the last time you looked at the clouds? Have you ever seen a sunset or a sunrise?

Have you ever looked at a member of the opposite sex not in lust but in amazement that the Creator could originate someone so beautiful?

We get so caught up in our problems that we fail to realize that the world is so much bigger than our situation. Sometimes we do need to "stop and smell the roses."

This is not to say that life is all peace and prosperity. I can't talk about beauty without talking about its counterpart.

The world is filled with liars, murderers, thieves and hate mongers. I'm not just talking about crooked politicians, policemen, and preachers. I'm talking about us.

If I dropped a hundred dollar bill on the ground and no one saw it fall but you, would you hand it back to me?

If you said "yes," you're probably lying. This is proof

that we aren't compassionate, but well-behaved. The world can be an ugly place but there is no darkness that can't be lit.

A few weeks ago I was at my parents home in Lindale, Texas.

When it was time for me to get back to P.V., my parents told me to be safe and I was off. Ten minutes later I'm calling my dad to tell him I just wrecked my car.

His first words weren't, "How could you be so stupid?"

Instead his first words were "Where are you?"

A lot of emotions hit me at that point-- anger, disappointment, worry, fear and then I became overwhelmed and almost cried. Not because of my fear but at the thought

as much as my parents do.

Sometimes we take things like love for granted but I never will again. In the midst of all my pain, nothing could overshadow the beauty of the love my parents have for me.

There is nothing worse than looking back on the last 10 years or so of your life and remembering nothing.

Don't forget that you were more than "born," you were created with a purpose.

I was told that once before and I forgot. But I promise to never forget again.

By Lee Tillman  
 Asst. Entertainment Editor

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# Drumming to the Beat



Photo courtesy of Steven Gowan

Kappa Kappa Psi fraternity members Roderick Allen, Elliot Kirk, Keith Ferguson, Vernon Huner, Cleveland Harris, Christopher Busby, Derek Bullock, Kervin Ferguson and Steve Gowans pose after recently winning the Spirit Drum Award at district convention in Lubbock, Texas. Prairie View's Delta Psi chapter represented one of the few black chapters of the national honorary band fraternity in the district. Until now, the last time the chapter received recognition for winning the Spirit Drum Award was in 1996.

# 'Mathematics in the Ocean'

Department celebrates math awareness week

By Marvin Anderson  
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M University mathematics department held its 3rd Annual Mathematics Awareness Celebration throughout April 22-28.

The month of April is National Mathematics Awareness Month and Prairie View annually celebrates with a week long conference.

The theme for this year's conference was "Mathematics in the Ocean" because mathematics is heavily used in oceanography.

The scheduled activities began with a workshop last Saturday, April 21, and will conclude tomorrow with secondary school mathematics competitions and mini-mathematics workshops.

"I think this is an important celebration because people don't understand how useful math can be," said Dr. Evelyn Thorton, head of the mathematics department.

On Monday, Dr. N'Ekwunife Ouoneke, associate professor of mathematics, gave the kick-off speech and compared the likeness between mathematics and the ocean.

Earlier this week there was a professional development workshop titled "Teaching in Context, A Standards Based Approach."

Today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be an open house for students to come and view student projects, portfolios and video lessons.

James Mackin, a former oceanographer, will speak to students about mathematics and oceanography.

The conference will conclude with the PVAMU secondary mathematics competition and Association of African American Educators meeting.

The competition will include high school students participating in games, testing skills, problem-solving workshops and projects.

# Traveling abroad carries safety issues

## Report urges students to take precautions

By Yauna Estes  
Panther Staff

As the time approaches for summer break, many college students will be taking trips, some in the United States and some abroad. Some will have a safe adventure, and some won't.

Many times travel becomes a problem when it involves drugs, alcohol and disorderly behavior.

According to the Bureau of Consular Affairs, more than 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad. Many of the cases involve narcotics charges including possession of very small amounts of illegal substances.

A drug that may be legal in one country may not be legal in a neighboring nation. Some young travelers, if they are not careful, are victimized because they may be unaware of the laws, customs, or standards of the country they are visiting.

Alcohol can also be a

problem and can get U. S. citizens into trouble.

According to the U.S. Department of State, students have been arrested for being intoxicated in public areas, for underage drinking and for drunk driving.

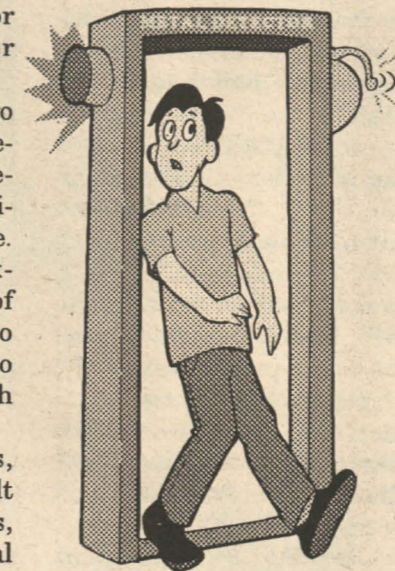
Many Americans go abroad thinking that their behavior will be overlooked because they are American citizens. This is just not the case.

Americans are expected to obey all the laws of foreign lands. Those who break the laws are subject to severe and sometimes harsh penalties.

In many countries, conduct that would not result in arrest in the United States, constitutes a violation of local law.

Students should be aware of laws in the country they will be visiting and exercise precaution when leaving the United States.

Many Americans have suffered injury and even death in their travels.



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survivor or family members feels that he/she needs to be part of the execution then who should take that away from her?

The big picture points hands at the concepts of capitol punishment. A debate such as that will go on forever, but not allowing a person to mourn should have no discussion following it.

Many of us have not been placed in the unfortunate situation of losing a loved one so violently and we do not know how we would respond, so we can not judge anyone's reasoning.

The group of survivors, who has been labeled the most powerful group of survivors in American history, has already won the right to view the trial on closed circuit TV and built a \$29 million memorial.

Others have also lobbied a federal bill that restricts the appeals of death row inmates.

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Arena theater.

The second place winner was a group, Lyric which is comprise of members of the Marching Storm, Phi Mu Alpha, and Kappa Kappa Psi. It was started in December 2000. God Heard Friar and Under God's Command tied for third place.

The show featured a performance by new member of the Ghetto Boys from Rap-a-lot records, Duracell. Miss Prairie View 2001-20002 Erin Stevenson also gave a performance by singing Tamia's "You Put a Move on my Heart".

Manny Fresh, Cash Money Records CEO, was scheduled to attend but did not show due to an unfortunate mishap.

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it was established in 1974 through the Houston Endowment Inc., which was established by Jones and Mary Gibbs Jones, his wife.

The school offers the MBA degree, as well as joint degrees with the George R. Brown School of Engineering, and Baylor College of Medicine.

There are also courses offered in executive education and business and industry.

The participants goals are to learn about bettering the economy and the tools for developing economic and intellectual wealth.

The participants will also discuss strategies in "seizing opportunities in a fluid economy."

Black professionals and managers will be exposed to national and local business leaders, and will discuss the issues with speakers to explore the subjects that they feel are important to economic development.

The conference tradition is to bring together local and national experts who will address certain trends and

issues like personal finance, career management, entrepreneurship, and technology.

Since the conference launched in 1998, more than 600 MBAs, lawyers, accountants, engineers, healthcare professionals, educators, and entrepreneurs from across Texas have attended the conference.

Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown, Samuel Golden, Ombudsman, Comptroller of the Currency, U.S. Treasure, Steven L. Miller, Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer, Shell Oil Co., and Jaze, O'Leary, U.S. Secretary of Energy during the Clinton Administration, are expected to speak and attend the conference.

The conference has also brought together noted black business leaders, political figures, and community leaders such as Pastor Kirby, Jon Caldwell, Windsor Village United Methodist Church, Houston city council member Jew Don Boney, former U.S. ambassador Cynthia Shepard Perry, and Pervis Thomas Jr., chief information officer, Shell Oil Company.

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### Campus athletic facilities need immediate attention



By Ryan McGinty  
Sports Editor

This week I will turn my attention to the basketball, football and softball fields.

After touring various campuses in the SWAC conference, PVAMU's baseball and softball teams have facilities that rank among the conferences best. While the majority of the SWAC schools play their games at the local park, we have the luxury of playing our games at home on well-kept fields with lights. That is a far contrast from the football stadium.

The stadium, which has been around for years, is considered one of the worst in the conference. Since the stadium does not have adequate seating, Prairie View has lost out on thousands of dollars in revenue (parking, concessions, etc.) in moving some of its home games to Houston. The home side of the field is decent but the visitor's side leaves something to be desired.

Too many times I have seen folks sneak in on that side and enjoy games for free. In addition to the above problems, the stadium also needs a new public address system because fans cannot hear what the announcer is saying on the visitor's side.

This concludes my series on campus athletic facilities. I hope these articles bring about a change in the way facilities are maintained in the future.

### NFL draft proves deep with talent

By Maurice May  
Panther Staff

The two biggest days in the lives of 256 college athletes came to an end Sunday as the 2001 NFL draft closed.

Listed below are the teams that had a successful draft.

**FALCONS:** They got the man they wanted in superathlete Michael Vick, the All-American quarterback from Virginia Tech. While he is not ready to start in the NFL, he will learn from one of the better quarterbacks in the league through Chris Chandler, and head coach Dan Reeves, who coached John Elway for his first nine years in the NFL.

**RAMS:** The Rams really helped themselves on the side of the ball that has proven to matter the most. Their first six picks were for defense.

**SEAHAWKS:** Picking receiver Koren Robinson out of North Carolina State was a dream pick for the Seahawks. At only 20 years of



Photo courtesy of NFL.com

Athletic sophomore quarterback Michael Vick went to the Atlanta Falcons as the top pick.

age, he could vie for offensive rookie of the year with his blazing speed and good hands.

Four players from HBCUs were chosen on the draft's second day.

Receivers Damerien McCants of Delaware State and Scotty Anderson of Grambling State were selected in the fifth round by Washington and Detroit, respectively. Tight end Arthur Love from South Carolina State and Kentucky State cornerback Carey Scott were picked up in the sixth round by the Patriots and Vikings, respectively.

#### Baseball

Last Game  
St. Mary's  
Prairie View

#### Track

5/4 SWAC Outdoor  
Championships  
Shreveport, LA

#### Softball

Last Weekend  
Prairie View 9-11  
Arkansas-PB 1-0

Next Game  
SWAC Tournament  
Shreveport, LA

#### Tennis

Friday - Sunday  
SWAC Tennis Championships  
Shreveport, LA

## This is 'The Life'

Ginuwine's latest shows growth and depth

It would seem that Ginuwine has no reason to sing and dance any more. He's been through a lot in the last year.

While he was still grieving over the 1999 suicide of his father James Lumpkin, his mother was diagnosed with cancer.

In August of last year his mother, Sandra Lumpkin, died while Ginuwine was on the set of his new movie, *Juwanna Man*. He addresses the issue in the song "Two Reasons I Cry."

It seems young Elgin, who uses the last three letters of his first name to build his stage name, has bounced back and is even better than before.

*The Life* is Ginuwine's most complete album to date. His two previous albums, *Ginuwine... The Bachelor* and *100% Ginuwine* solidified his player status but did little more than that. Per-



haps the death of his parents and the birth of his relationship with rapper Sole have opened him up some more. He sings about everything from the uplifting of women to two-way papers.

It wouldn't be a Ginuwine album without his exposing his freaky side as he does on the self-explanatory "Role Play."

The best proof that Ginuwine has grown is the near absence of the Wonder Twins, Timbaland and Missy. Timbo produces only one of the fifteen tracks while Missy is no-

riding his "pony" and being "so anxious," Ginuwine has made a complete album worth listening to over and over and over again.



By Lee Tillman  
Asst. Entertainment Editor

## 20 Questions

- Who actually went to the football players' auction?
- Wasn't it just two strawberries and a can a whipped cream short of a strip tease?
- And who actually paid money for those guys when you could get two of them for free?
- Why were people chanting "Set Your Homecoming Out" during the talent show?
- What in the h#! was that furry concoction the hostess was wearing?
- And why did half of the Dome clear out before they could even announce the winners?
- Did someone really break into Mannie Fresh's house?
- What's up with the greek wars?
- Why are people with no cars stealing plates off of other people's cars?
- What are they gonna put them on, their bikes or their Nikes?
- How many people did you see today walking to the Village while talking on a cell phone?
- Can I get you to invest in a car, or atleast a moped?
- Who's ready for Mystikal?
- Honestly, who's excited about the step show?
- Who actually took the time to wait in line to ride the NASCAR simulator in front of Harrington Science?
- Have they named the New Science Building yet?
- So, have they run out of off-campus housing yet?
- Is it just us or was Rickey Smiley better than A.J. Johnson?
- Since the Kappas have fought almost everyone, will the Omegas be next?
- What do you think?

We want to know what you think. Please submit any questions you may have to The Panther, Rm. 105 Harrington Science. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

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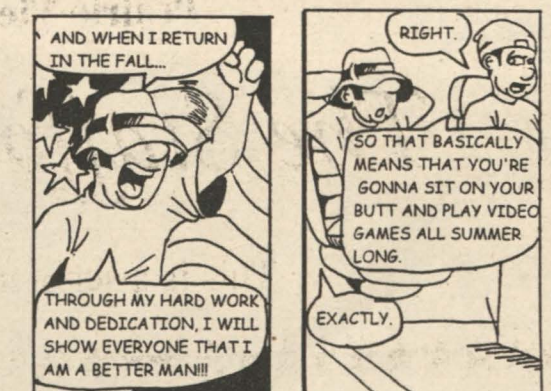
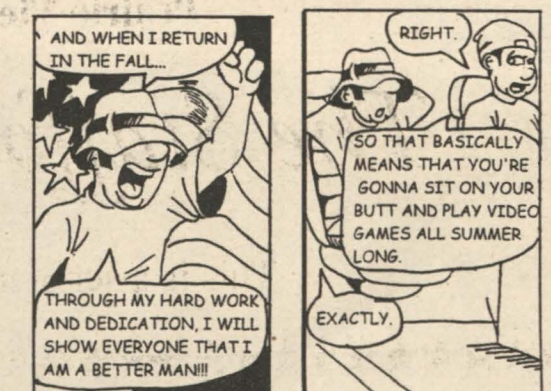
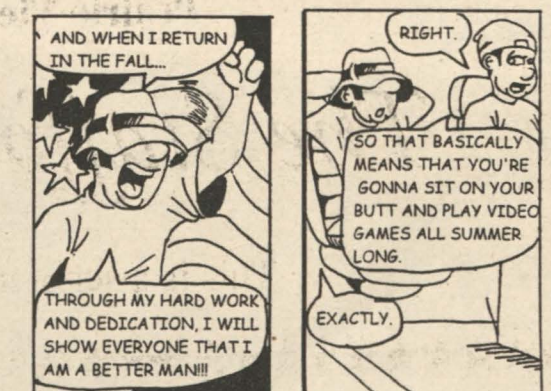
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# Student overcomes life tribulations Finds peace, appreciation, victory along way

**By Letrice Dickerson**  
Special to the Panther

**L**iving from day to day, we are constantly being faced various obstacles.

Though some may be larger than others, they're still trials and tribulations that seem incredibly difficult to overcome.

Before you holler and throw up your hands, re-evaluate the situation to gain a better understanding about your dilemma.

For the past month, I have been going through something that kept my spirit lower than it could ever be.

But I learned that this path was given to me to conquer and testify to others about overcoming adversity.

There is a specific reason why you, of all people, may be experiencing a given situation. Everyone may not have the strength to endure what you may be capable of.

Do not question why you may be going through something and your friend isn't. Instead, accept the situation as a challenge and realize that the given problem is made especially for YOU to conquer.

Understand that you won't be given any more than you can handle. So when times get rougher than rough, it is to make you stronger and make you ready for the next task in life.

tion only makes it last longer, and besides, the winner lives inside of you daily.

Celebrate your victory by preparing for the outcome. Whatever the problem is, act as if it is over and that the problem does not exist.

While the plot thickens and you think matters can not get any worse, begin to claim your victory.

Dwelling on a situa-

Live life as if it is no sweat, as if it can't get you down.

Never let the negative steal the joy you right-

me just to see if I would handle myself accordingly. I realized that my life is an example for others.

It is my job to show

"Never let the negative steal the joy you rightfully deserve."

*-Letrice Dickerson*

fully deserve.

Peace of mind is yours to have and hold.

The victory has begun when the problem was presented because you accepted the challenge.

Many have watched

them how it is done.

I can celebrate my victory today - not because it's over but because I have overcome situations.

I must endure the struggle to appreciate the progress.



## Do the 'Rights' Thing and Vote! Elect Sylvia Cedillo

### City Council - Position 1 City of Prairie View

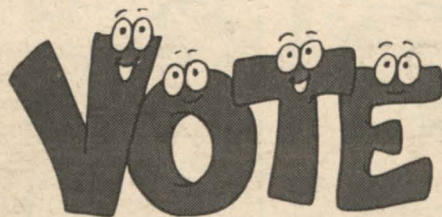
- Director, The PEACE Project at PVAMU
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As your council member, I will work for:

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- Affordable housing

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APRIL 27-MAY 1**

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