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Cultural awareness vital for university Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 - Oct. 15



PVAMU students Cynthia Rodriguez, Janeth Carranza and Elsy Pacheco help other students become aware of the Hispanic American culture.

By Candice Grizzell
Panther Staff

Dr. Antonio Gonzales, former coordinator of Multicultural Services and former director of Special Student Population, has said that Hispanic Heritage Month, as well as other multicultural events should be acknowledged on campus.

"I'd like to see the university become more culturally aware of other nationalities," said Dr. Gonzales. "That would bring some union to the campus."

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated every year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. It used to be a week-long celebration, but in 1989 was changed to a full month by the U.S. Congress to recognize the many contributions of Latinos in the United States. The celebration includes Sept. 15, which marks Independence

Day for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Sept. 16 is Mexican Independence Day, and El Dia de la Raza is on Oct. 12.

Gonzales said that attending the university is a learning process and, simultaneously, gives students the opportunity to work well with others by accepting one another.

"I feel [former] President Charles Hines hired me to help increase student diversity and to work with student activities to extend the multicultural aspect of student life," Gonzales said.

Gonzales noted that in recent years there were many student organizations on campus, such as the African Student Organization, the

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Depression screening comes to campus

By Yolanda Hadnot
Panther Writer

Many college students feel sad, trapped by inertia, hopeless, and not "up to the challenge" of college. If you feel this way and can't shake yourself out of it no matter what you do, you might be suffering from clinical depression.

Depression is more than just a bad day, it is the result of bad grades or anxiety about the future, and it is a treatable disorder.

Left untreated, depression can leave you feeling so bad that you forget how it feels to feel good.

Oct. 10 is National Depression Screening Day worldwide and the Juvenile Forensic Psychology program in conjunction with the Houston chapter of the Association of Black Psychologists will be holding a screening at Prairie View A&M University.

The screening will be held in the athletic dining room in the west wing of Alumni. All screenings are confidential and

the test includes a quick self-test and a talk with your counselor about your situation.

Some signs of depression are persistent, sad, anxious or "empty" mood, feelings of hopelessness, pessimism, guilt, helplessness, and worthlessness, and thoughts of death and suicide.

"Depression in African-American young adults has been linked to binge drinking, marijuana use, risky

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Maison commends students to TAMU Board of Regents

By Dawn Simmons
Special to the Panther

SGA president Hendrik Maison has praised the student body for being a driving force for change at the university.

In a speech to the Texas A & M Board of Regents, Maison said membership in the SGA has tripled from 40 students last year to 140. Also 100 students applied for class election positions. "Leaders are emerging and

those who think that students matriculating into Prairie View will leave having sat on their leadership skills are in for a rude awakening."

Maison said that students are working diligently with alumni, faculty, and staff as well as with people in the community and are dedicated to making change. He said there should be no more talking about dilemmas without

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•State•

PV professor selected to be Juried Poet

PRAIRIE VIEW, TX- English professor Robert Kirschten of the Department of Communications and Languages has been selected to be a Juried Poet in Houston Poetry Fest 2002, which will be held at the University of Houston- Downtown October 11 through 13.

Dr. Kirschten's poem, "Piece of My Heart", will appear in the anthology published by the Houston Poetry Fest.

The Houston Poetry Fest is sponsored by the Cultural Enrichment Center and the Department of English of the University of Houston - Downtown.

•National•

Two University of Hartford students arrested on drug charges

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - Two University of Hartford students were arrested Friday after police said they found a large amount of drugs in a university dorm room.

Police said they found opium, marijuana and ketamine, also known as "Special K" in the dormitory.

The two students were charged with possession of narcotics with intent to sell.

Police did not release the names of the students.

A spokesman for the university declined to comment Saturday on the arrests.

•World•

Landslide rumbles through village in southwestern China

BELJING (AP) - Fifteen people were killed when a landslide roared through their mountain village in southwestern China's Yunnan province. The landslide struck on Thursday after heavy rain in the area, about 1,400 miles southwest of Beijing.

The landslide completely buried 14 homes in the village of Yichikou, cutting off road and telephone links, said a spokesman for the provincial government, who gave just his surname, Zhang.

Tents, blankets, food and other emergency supplies have been sent to the village while rescuers continue to dig through the rubble, Zhang said.

Legislators agree to allow Filipinos to vote

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Legislators have agreed in principle to approve bills later this month allowing large numbers of Filipinos to vote overseas, Foreign Secretary Blas Ople said Sunday.

More than 1 million Filipinos work overseas and many more live permanently abroad. Their votes would be crucial in a closely contested race.

Leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives recently met and agreed on the major provisions of their respective absentee-voting bills which likely would allow voting in Philippine embassies and consulates, Ople wrote in his Manila Bulletin newspaper column Sunday.

Teacher gives birth to student's baby

NEW YORK (AP) - A 29-year-old high school teacher became pregnant by one of her students and gave birth last summer, according to a published report.

The teacher will not be charged with a crime because the student was 17, the legal age of consent, when their sexual relationship began, the New York Post reported Sunday.

The teacher and the school where she taught were not identified, the Post said.

The teacher has been reassigned, and sources who spoke on condition of anonymity told the Post that Condon would recommend firing her.

Kevin Ortiz, a spokesman for the Department of Education, said Condon's report had not yet been forwarded to Schools Chancellor Joel Klein and he could not comment on it.

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Sanaa Lathan (above) costars with Taye Diggs in the upcoming movie, *Brown Sugar*, which opens in theaters Friday.

Powder sent to Hong Kong official is "harmless"

HONG KONG (AP) - Police confirmed Sunday that the office of Hong Kong's justice chief Elsie Leung received an envelope containing a suspicious white powder that turned out to be harmless.

Bomb disposal officers were sent to the Secretary for Justice's office after a staff member there discovered the envelope Saturday morning and called police, said police spokeswoman Amy Tam.

Officers inspected the envelope, which contained no letter, and found the powder inside was "not harmful," Tam said.

Tam declined to say whether officers have found out who the mailer was, citing continuing investigations.

A government

spokeswoman did not immediately comment on the case.

Last month, an unemployed man was ordered to spend three months in a psychiatric center after mailing two death threats, including an anthrax hoax, to Hong Kong's political leader.

Local media reported that Wan Wai-kwong, 41, had threatened to kill Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa in two letters sent in April, one containing a white powder that was eventually identified as corn starch.

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Nobody's Girl



By **Tenesia S. Mathews** Editor-in-Chief

Last Wednesday night, I was approached by a gentleman who had a complaint with an article that was written in *The Panther*.

And being the type of woman that I am I like to take all complaints into consideration. Out of all the conversations that I've had about this newspaper this one had to top them all.

The gentleman, Mr. Hershel Smith, said that the reporter did not write the article but that some unknown higher power wrote it to plot against him and Dwayne Charleston.

To end, Smith drove away while shouting "I know who you work for. You're Frank Jackson's girl."

Well, I'd be lying if I said that I wasn't offended by these statements especially the last one. But I'll set the record straight.

First of all, I am no one's "girl." And certainly not Mr. Frank Jackson's whom I've met once since my matriculation here on the campus of PVAMU. So, next time, if there is a next time I won't be so cordial to Mr. Smith.

Secondly, how is it that someone who isn't even a graduate of Prairie View A&M University knows what's best for the current students?

My response to the constant protests that have absolutely nothing to do with you, Mr. Smith, is to mind your own business.

If you have any concern for our well being there is a proper way to handle any concern.

I am just asking ques-

tions that are probably on the mind of any student that has had the pleasure of being graced with your presence.

Personally, I feel that you are just one big ball of contradiction and directed hostility to anyone who has the gall to confront you in your own manner.

Meaning that it's okay for you to shout racist slurs but if the shoe was on the other foot it's a travesty for you to be treated in such a manner.

Of all the protests that you have organized on campus, how many of them have been supported by the student body? I'd guess that the answer is none although you'd probably never admit it.

The reason why I'm even wasting my time and space on this matter is because of the way in which you handled the situation. Thinking that someone else wrote the article other than Barbara Ramirez was totally childish.

Ms. Knebel felt that her civil rights were infringed upon and if I were her I would have reacted the same way. My concern is whether you considered the wishes of the student body before undertaking your protest.

And when you complain that your tax dollars help pay for Prairie View A&M University's existence do you know that the more diverse our university becomes the more the State of Texas is willing to give to PVU? Which means you could stop paying your taxes and no one would even notice it besides you. Prairie View A&M University wouldn't even be affected.

To close, remember that all that anger that you have should be taken to prayer and on another note I am nobody's "girl." So next time know to whom you are speaking before you speak. Remember that "Silence is golden."

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Poem by Robert Kirschten

Respect your campus



By L'Rhonda Boyd
News Editor

Despite what problems we might have with our administration and their policies, Prairie View A&M University is still our school. This is the place that we have chosen to receive a higher education from. This is also the place that our tuition and fees payment go to. I say all of that to say this: Why are there still PVU students who disrespect our campus?

By disrespect, I mean the littering, violence and lack of pride.

If someone was to take the same individuals who litter, fight and openly disrespect our campus, put them on that college campus in College Station, there would be a change in their behavior.

I honestly do not believe that the people who commit these acts against our school, would commit them if they were students at A&M or UT.

The point is, if we don't take care of our school then who will?

This week we will have many guests on our campus, some for the first time and it should be important that we represent our school in a good way.

One thing that we all can agree on is if we had half as much pride in our university as we still have for the high schools we attended, our school pride would be a lot higher.

It's not hard, just take care of what you pay for so that we as PV students are not throwing away our money.

Do you think that the campus police are doing their job?

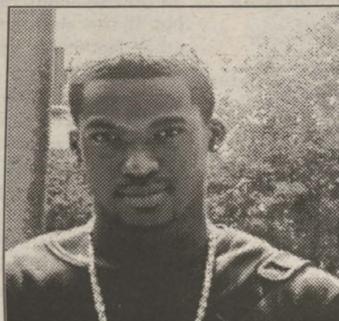


Demetra Henry, Junior

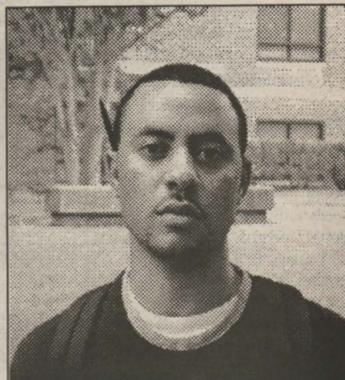
"No, because a lot of things can be prevented on campus."

Photos by Yolanda Hadnot

"No, because my car has been broken into. They should be watching the parking lots."



Kendall Gill, Sophomore



Paul Adams, Senior

"No, too many things happen and they're not there to help or prevent the things from happening."

Panthers urged to participate PVU students promote diabetes awareness

Special to the Panther

Right now there is a dire need for the African-American community to receive proper knowledge about the number of diseases that affect them. Perhaps the most important disease is diabetes.

Statistically, almost 2.3 million African-Americans are suffering from this disease, and many of them are unaware of it.

However, it is not only controllable but preventable as well.

All it requires is a moderate change in diet, an increase in physical activity, and an acute awareness of some of the warning signs that are associated with this disease.

The purpose of the annual "Walk for Diabetes" is to raise the level of awareness about diabetes on the campus

of Prairie View A&M University.

Our goals are to raise money for the American Diabetes Association, provide all participants with the opportunity to undergo free diabetes screening, and pass out vital information that can disseminate throughout the campus.

Hopefully, by informing these students, we can be a part of the initiative to prevent the rise of diabetes in the African-American community.

This event will take place on the campus of Prairie View A&M University, the weekend of Oct. 19, 2002.

It is our sincere hope that you will take this opportunity to assist us in promoting the awareness, prevention, and control of this deadly disease by contributing towards the purchase of 200 T-shirts that will be sold to in-

crease our total contribution to the ADA.

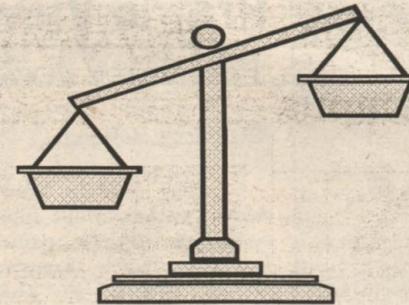
Any amount given toward this effort will be greatly appreciated.

Also, your immediate response is necessary to facilitate the purchase and sale of these shirts.

With your help, we believe we can reach more than the average amount of students that attend this great university.

Your support as well as your assistance will be greatly appreciated. For further information, please contact Anthony J. Hawkins, Chairperson or Lindsey L. Keys, Co-Chairperson, at (832) 515-3327.

Once again, we are looking forward to your support and we thank you in advance.



SGA Speaks Out

Class Kings and Queens

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Junior: Jeffery Walker; Alla Sheena Boyer

Senior: David Arterberry; DeAundrea (Dee-Dee) Hines

Bonfire/Pep Rally: Friday, October 11, 2002, 5:30p.m. Blackshear Stadium

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New York Knicks off to a rocky start

By Andrew Roberts
Sports Writer

The New York Knicks 2002-2003 season has already begun on a rocky note. Two key players for the Knicks have found themselves in the hot seat earlier than usual.

Knicks power forward Kurt Thomas was arrested in Greenwich, Connecticut, on a charge of assaulting his wife. Police were called to Thomas' home at about 8:30 last Monday morning.

Thomas was not present at the time but was later taken into custody after returning at approximately 2:45 p.m. Thomas was charged with 3rd degree assault and risking injury to a minor.

He posted \$1,000 bail and was subsequently released. Latrell Sprewell was fined \$250,000 for not reporting a broken bone in his right hand. Sprewell arrived at the team's practice facility where the team's physician first observed the injury.

Sprewell will undergo surgery this week at Manhattan Hospital to repair the broken bone. Neither Thomas nor Sprewell made the trip with the team to Charleston, South Carolina, for the starting of training camp.

Now coach Don Chaney is without two-fifths of his starting line-up as he begins his first full camp.

Although the Knicks have been struggling for the last couple of years, some were still hopeful that they would have a chance. But now it seems they are out for the count.

Prairie View starts off strong, falters in the end Panthers' loss of momentum costs them the game

By Andrew Roberts
Sports Writer

The Prairie View A&M Panthers went into Saturday night's game looking to end a 16 game losing streak to the Grambling Tigers. Prairie View came out executing their game plan to enact perfection.

Behind the efforts of Bankston, Prairie View enjoyed success on the ground. Moving the ball downfield and most importantly, controlling the clock. On their opening possession, P.V. converted a key third down and eleven to keep the drive going.

Quarterback Deshaun Baker completed an 11-yard pass to Jason Ford. Two plays later, Prairie View grabbed control of the game taking the lead on an 18-yard touchdown pass from Baker to Charles Washington with 9:10 left in the first quarter.

The extra point was good putting Prairie View ahead 7-0. After kicking the ball off, Prairie View defense came out displaying sheer dominance over Grambling's offense. Grambling went three and out and then opted to punt the ball back to P.V.

Prairie View's offense came out with the same precise execution driving 61 yards on their next touchdown possession. Baker completed a 20-yard pass to Bertrum Jackson to move the ball down to Grambling's 10-yard line.

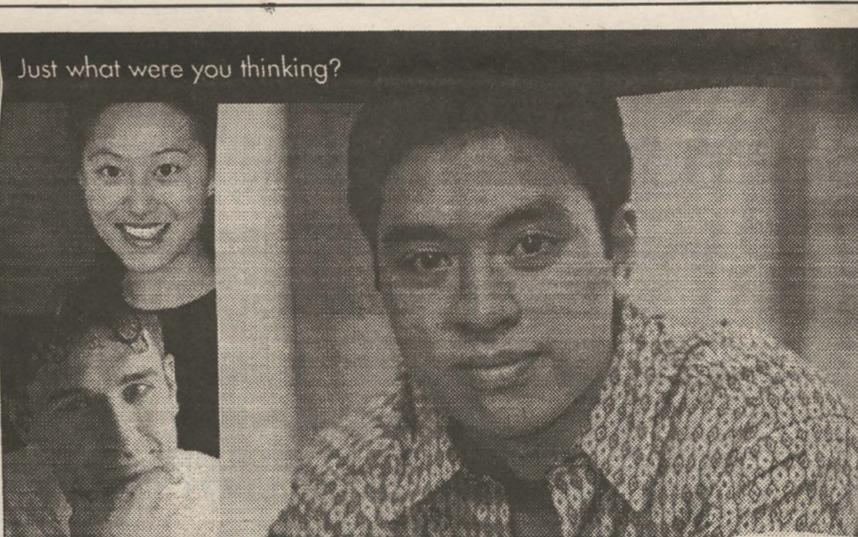
After a costly Grambling personal foul penalty the ball was then placed on the Grambling five. Prairie View capitalized on this drive with a 5-yard touchdown pass from Baker to Donald Brown. The extra point was blocked leaving Prairie View with a 13-0 lead with 3:33 in the first quarter. The first half came to a close with Prairie View leading 13-0.

Grambling took the opening kickoff and drove down the field 58 yards. The key play of the drive was a 38-yard pass completion that



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Panthers start the Classic with the look of sheer determination, but falter in the second half.



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PVAMU's Athletes of the Week

Jimmy R. O. Smith

Position Held: Head Drum Major

Classification: Senior

Hometown: Fort Worth, Texas

High School: O.D. Wyatt

Major: Education



Photo by Andrew Roberts

Head Drum Major Jimmy Smith leads the Marching Storm band into stands at last Saturday's Southwest State Fair Classic against GSU.

PVAMU CHEERLEADING SQUAD

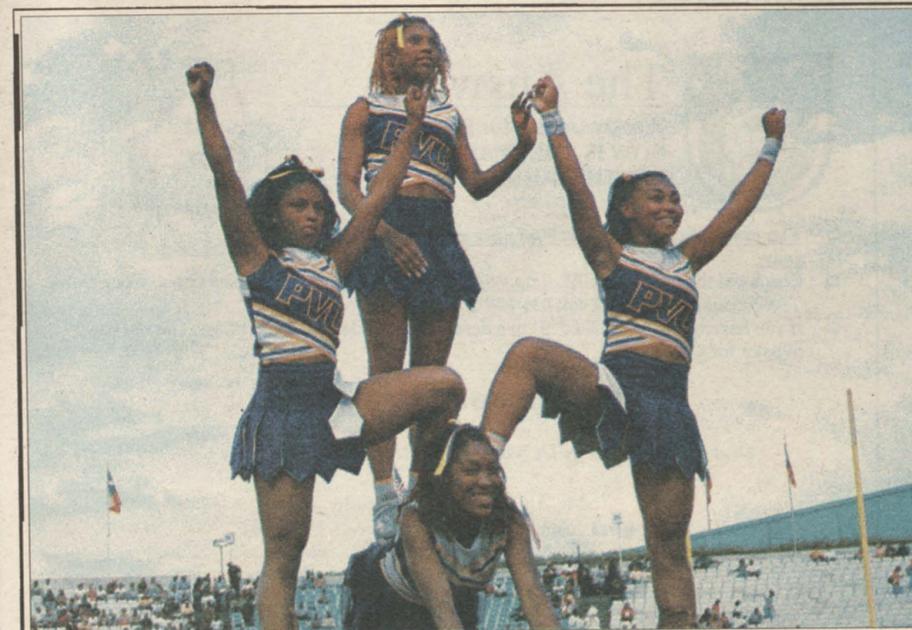


Photo by Andrew Roberts

Shown above: 2002 - 2003 PVAMU cheering squad doing one of their many stunts that only reveal how much athletic talent it really takes to become a cheerleader.

Purpose:
To get the Panther Spirit into each and every student on the campus. The Cheerleaders have become a vital part of the foundation of the Panther Pride.

Voters in Trinidad and Tobago hope to break deadlock in balloting filled with racial tension

By: Michael Smith
Associated Press Writer

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad - Voting in the third general election in three years Monday, islanders hope to break a deadlock between Trinidad and Tobago's racially divided political parties.

The contest, expected to be close, pits the black-dominated party of Prime Minister Patrick Manning against an opposition led by Basdeo Panday, the Caribbean country's first prime minister of East Indian descent.

Some voters waited more than two hours for a chance to cast ballots. Security personnel watched for disturbances.

Shivam Maharaj, a 21-year-old political science student, voted for Panday's United National Congress in the southern Trinidad district of San Fernando and said he

doesn't expect people to stop voting according to race anytime soon.

"It is bad," he said. "But that's how it is for now."

In December elections the two parties won 18 seats each and President Arthur Robinson, whose position is largely ceremonial, stepped in and chose Manning over incumbent Panday.

But Manning had to call early elections because the tie paralyzed the 36-seat Parliament since the parties refused to agree on a speaker.

Panday voted in San Fernando and said that power-sharing will be necessary regardless of Monday's outcome.

Manning, who voted in Port-of-Spain, kept with his strategy of not discussing what he will do if another tie occurs.

"It will not be 18-18 again," Manningsaid, predicting victory. Many say there should be constitutional re-

form to prevent future deadlocks. Some fear the government could stop functioning if another tie prevents approval of a new budget this month.

The two-island nation gained independence 40 years ago from Britain, the colonizer that planted the seeds of today's conflict.

With slavery's abolition in 1834, blacks abandoned sugar plantations and the British brought indentured laborers from India.

Blacks dominated politics among the 1.3 million people until recent years, when the Indian-descended population grew to match that of blacks. Elections have been close since 1995, when Panday first became prime minister.

The race issue has overshadowed others in the country, whose supply of oil and natural gas has given it one of the strongest economies in the Caribbean.

But poverty persists, and more than 10 percent are

unemployed.

This year's election season has been bitter, with both parties accusing each other of corruption.

Panday is facing criminal charges for failing to disclose an alleged London bank account he held while prime minister, reported to hold hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In a last-minute campaign drama Sunday, a woman accused Manning of fathering her 2-year-old daughter and not paying child support. Manning's lawyer denied it and threatened to sue.

Panday's party has been running advertisements trying to link Manning to the black Muslim group Jamaat al-Muslimeen, which staged an unsuccessful 1990 coup that left 24 dead.

Its leader, Yasin Abu Bakr, has endorsed Manning, and the group remains feared by some though it now renounces violence.



Baylor researchers to test new gene as prostate cancer vaccine

Baylor Medicine

Houston, Texas (Oct. 3, 2002) Baylor College of Medicine researchers are examining the effects of a newly discovered gene found to kill prostate cancer cells and create a long-lasting resistance to related cancer outside the gland.

"This is exactly what we were looking for in a gene," said Dr. Timothy Thompson, a Baylor professor of urology, radiology and cell biology. "It is very unusual for a gene to create this type of therapeutic response, and this gene joins a very short list that has this kind of impact."

Within the next year, Thompson and the Baylor research team will start recruiting patients for a clinical study to test the gene RVTP-1. When injected into animals with prostate cancer, the gene has been found to kill tumors and promote a resistance to future cancers.

"Right now, there re-

ally is no effective treatment for prostate cancer once it moves outside the prostate," he said. "This gene seems to create a signal within the immune system that tells the body it needs to respond to the situation." Thompson pointed out that this is similar to the way the body's immune system acts in response to infections.

"We are, in essence, making the cancer appear as a germ to the body's immune system," he said. Additionally, the Baylor researchers have found that the potency of this treatment is intensified when used in tandem with radiation therapy. Thompson said he believes supplementing radiation therapy with this new gene will greatly enhance men's chances of survival.

The Baylor Department of Urology research is funded through a Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) grant from the National Cancer Institute.



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- The other candidates were: Carietha Johnson (Bldg #35), Russell Williams (Bldg. #36), Davida Willingham (Bldg #37), Elton Simmons III (Bldg. #38), Metoya Scott (Bldg. #41), April Johnson (Bldg. #42), Jovan King (Bldg. #45), Harold Franklin (Bldg #46.) These candidates each received a \$100.00 scholarship. All candidates received a watch.

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International Student Organization, the Bangladesh Organization, Club Bahamas, the Caribbean Club, the Asian Americans Student Organization and the Chispas Club.

"All of these organizations folded in '98, and to this day nothing has happened," said Dr. Gonzales. "Money might be an issue; however, most organizations depended on Student Government Association to fund some of the projects."

Mr. Frank D. Jackson, Special Assistant for Govern-

mental Affairs, believes that the organizations dwindled because of a lack of student guidance, and without some direction the organizations failed.

"Student leadership is important, because although there might be a number of individuals within an organization, there is a core group that you can always depend on," said Jackson. "Individual charisma is essential because history would be totally different if not for the act of a single man or woman. They make all the difference in the world."

Jackson noted that the League of United Latin American Citizens is one organiza-

tion active on campus, sponsored by Amparo Isaza-Navarrete, Program Coordinator for Special Populations.

According to Navarrete, the organization was recently recognized by the LULAC National President Hector Flores.

"We're in the process of recruiting members. LULAC is open to everyone and considered the "melting pot" organization," said Navarrete. "My goal is to open the door of opportunities to all races, because diversity is the key issue."

Navarrete noted that Jackson, along with other LULAC members were featured on the university radio station on Sept. 12 highlighting some Hispanic issues and discussing the history of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Gonzales hopes that the university will offer some programs to the student community and identify all periods of celebrations.

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sexual behavior, and suicide, according to Dr. Denise Lovett", (Professor of psychology). The screening is avail-

able to all students and the surrounding areas such as Hempstead, Waller, and Bellville. This is an important issue because identification of depression is important because the suicide rate doubled within 40 years in African-Americans and it may be because our priorities are misplaced according to Lovett. Along with the screening Houston based radio station 97.1 will be in the midst. Senior L/Rhonda Boyd thinks, "this is a wonderful idea to help students face the issues they're addressing". If you feel that you or a friend is suffering from depression call Ext. 4938.

Scoring on a 17-yard touchdown pass, and two rushing touchdowns. Their final touchdown was scored with 10:41 left in the game pushing their lead to 35-13. Although the game ended in a loss for Prairie View there were still some promising signs shown by the team.

Prairie View literally dominated the first half of play after scoring on their first two drives. During the second half the offense hit a roadblock. The defense played one of the most flawless halves of football seen in recent years. Grambling did not cross the 50-yard line until late in the first half.

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working toward a solution. "Students are striving to take back what years of fear and silence have stolen from us," he added.

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moved the ball to the 3-yard line of Prairie View. After holding Grambling on their initial three downs, Grambling's running back squeezed thru for a one-yard touchdown run.

On their first drive of the second half, Prairie

View's offense went three and out and on fourth down P.V. punted the ball back to Grambling. Grambling then took a 14-13 lead after a 22-yard pass touchdown pass. Grambling went on to score 21 more unanswered points.

Whatever adjustments Coach Doug Williams and staff made at halftime worked and that's what decided the game. Coach Larry Dorsey was quoted as saying, "We look at it as a positive thing. We got a little tired in the second half defensively and our offense lost its punch."

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Homecoming King & Queen's Ball
"Reflections of a True Light"
William "Billy" J. Nicks Fieldhouse
Wednesday, October 9, 2002
7:30 PM

attire: semi-formal/dressy

ATTENTION:

**Mandatory General
Membership Intake Program (MIP) Meeting**
Sunday, October 20, 2002
William "Billy" J. Nicks Fieldhouse
5:00 PM

Any individual not in attendance will forfeit his/her opportunity to participate in the Fall 2002 Membership Intake Process.

For more information, contact DSAL @ ext. 2018

Take part in college life



By Yolanda Hadnot
Lifestyles Editor

Homecoming is right around the corner and this will be the first time most of you have interacted with your peers and this university.

For most full time students, college is the center of your life. College is where most of us find out who we are and build long-lasting relationships, whether they are romantic or friendly.

You eat, sleep, and practice all of your social skills here. Yet why don't you participate in college life other than two times a year? Homecoming is here and all of a sudden C.A.B. has more applications than they can process but where will all of you be when homecoming is over?

Some of you are just joining C.A.B. to get in for free. Although campus enrollment in student activities has increased it's not where it should be.

College years are portrayed as some of the best times of your life, but how can you experience it when you're not participating in college life? With so many clubs and activities on campus, the only thing students are interested in is babydome parties, Greek, homecoming, and Spring Fest.

Where is our school spirit? This is our school we should take pride in it, uplift it, at least try to improve it. After homecoming I guess I won't see some of you panthers until Spring Fest.

Arie's new cd will take you for a ride

India Arie's sophomore album Voyage to India is a big hit

Nikki Easter
Panther Staff

"I was 18 years old when I purchased 'Stevie Wonder's Journey Through the Secret Lives of Plants.' A beautiful instrumental played from my speakers and I rushed to find the title of this song that made tears come to my eyes. It was 'Voyage to India.' So here is a musical chronicle of my spiritual journey written while on a physical journey to spread the joy of music across the planet. So far from where I've started out and the voyage continues."

This statement is at the end of the credits on the inside cover of India. Arie's follow-up album, "Voyage to India", explains the origin of her inspiration and the purpose of her new album that was released to stores September 24 on the Motown label.

The first single "Little Things" introduces an album full of stories of spiritual and emotional awakenings. India Arie reminds her fans and herself to appreciate the "little things and the joy they bring."

Arie shares many important life lessons with lyrics like "Slow down baby you moving to fast, you got your hands in the air with your feet on the gas" and "Headed in the Right Direction," and "Get it Together." She sings these beautifully written songs of spiritual enlightenment that contain lyrics that grab the listener. "One shot

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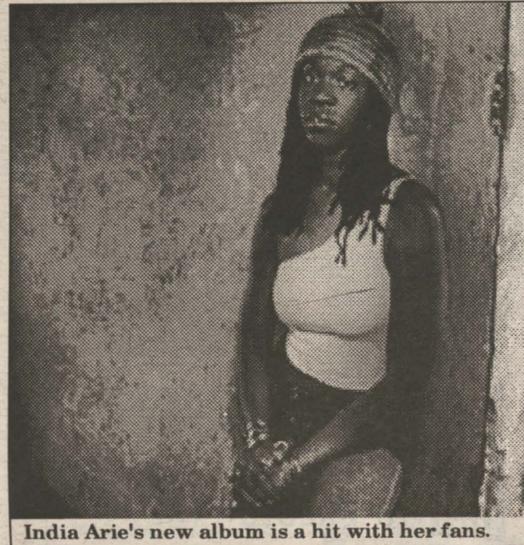
to your heart without breaking your skin, no one has the power to hurt you like your kin."

Arie imparts several spiritual tidbits into her audience with songs and interludes like "Growth" and "Healing" and "God is Real."

While different from "Acoustic Soul" in terms of arrangement and production, Arie definitely shows lyrical and musical growth. Acoustic Soul won Arie seven Grammy nominations and sold platinum in the US and Canada according to Billboard.com. Arie fans will definitely not be disappointed with "Voyage to India."

"I release all disappointment from my mental, physical, spiritual and emotional body. Cause I know

that spirit guides me and love lives inside me that way today I take life as it comes" -from Voyage to India



India Arie's new album is a hit with her fans.

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Belinda Few

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Caralotta Moore

Brown Sugar is a sweet movie for all audiences

A fairy tale love story of two friends

David German
AP Writer

Smarter than the average romantic comedy, "Brown Sugar" has all the ingredients for a worthy successor to the friends-versus-lovers territory of "When Harry Met Sally."

The movie's formulaic ending proves a disappointment after almost two hours of thoughtful meandering through the obstacle

course of platonic relations turning romantic. But the characters are engaging and full-blooded enough to compensate for the cliched conclusion, and the story unfolds with a natural wit and energy that's far more authentic than most big-screen love stories.

Taye Diggs and Sanaa Lathan, who previously co-starred in "The Wood" and "The Best Man," solidify their appeal as romantic leads, pairing for a charming match as old friends whose long-sim-

mering mutual passion heats up just as each tries to settle down with other lovers.

They get first-rate support from Nicole Ari Parker, Boris Kodjoe, Mos Def and Queen Latifah, the last two turning in delightful second-banana roles. Director Rick Famuyiwa, who co-wrote "Brown Sugar" with Michael Elliot, delivers a worthy follow-up to his 1999 hit "The Wood," slyly using his own love of hip-hop culture as a metaphor for modern love.

As Sidney, a respected

music critic, Lathan narrates "Brown Sugar," her musings on hip-hop serving as double-entendre observations on her relationship with Dre (Diggs), an executive at a Manhattan hip-hop record label.

Sidney and Dre mark the start of their friendship to a shared moment of bliss when they discovered hip-hop on a New York street corner as teenagers. Fifteen years later, Sidney is moving back to New York from Los Angeles to take over a hip-hop magazine, just as Dre is preparing to wed a career-minded lawyer (Parker).

Predictably, after all this time as platonic pals, Sidney and Dre dally with romance on the eve of the wedding. But they pull back, the nuptials go off as planned, and soon Sidney finds herself in a serious relationship with a basketball star (Kodjoe). Sidney and Dre are left to make eyes at each other while making love to someone

else. Fittingly, the scene-stealers of "Brown Sugar" are the real-life singers, Mos Def as an amiably cynical rapper that Dre pursues for a record deal and Queen Latifah as Sidney's smart and sassy cousin. Erik Weiner and Reggi Wyns provide goofy laughs as Ren and Ten, a talentless black and white duo who call themselves the "hip-hop Dalmatians."

"Brown Sugar" follows the romantic comedy formula to the letter, but does it so warmly and intelligently that it's easy to forgive the predictability of the movie, which could follow "Barbershop" as another crowd-pleaser that entices viewers beyond its core audience of urban blacks. "Brown Sugar" is sure to be a crowd pleaser a must see for anyone who enjoys a love story. While the movie a little predictable is still worthy of some acclaim. The movie gets three paws out of five.

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1. Why do people fly down the street like this is not a walking campus?
2. How long does the salad dressing in alumni sit out?
3. Why are they keying freshman cars?
4. When did pink become the color for boys?
5. Which freshman bit half his tongue off?
6. Do Phases 1&2 look like New Jack City?
7. Did the maroon police car get towed?
8. Was he parked in the wrong spot?
9. Should P.V. have an intake process for Dallas natives?
10. Do P.A.L.S. get paid for all the work they do?
11. Why does the soccer team have a better record than the football team?
12. Can we get them to play for homecoming?
13. Can the football players cheer?
14. Will people actually attend homecoming festivities?
15. How many people have mold in their buildings?
16. Why does the village still have people living there?
17. Where is Thirsty Thursday?
18. Will it rain for homecoming?
19. Why is the Sigma treasurer always harassing the Panther office?
20. What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not necessarily the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 105 Harrington Science or email panther@pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

2002

PVU Homecoming Events

*Prairie View A&M University
Department of Student Activities and Leadership
Homecoming 2002
"Dawning of a New Era"
October 7-October 12, 2002*

*Monday, October 7 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Movie Night - Drive In (Hobart Taylor rear parking)*

*Tuesday, October 8
6:00 p.m.
Book Review
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Reggae Fest - Outside Alumni Hall*

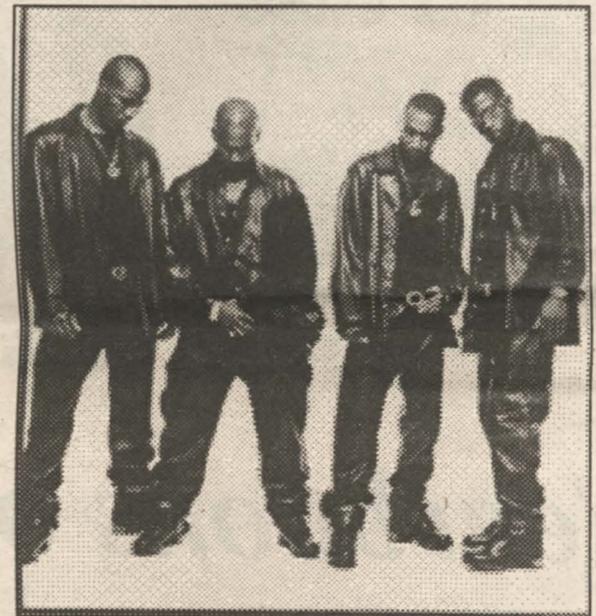
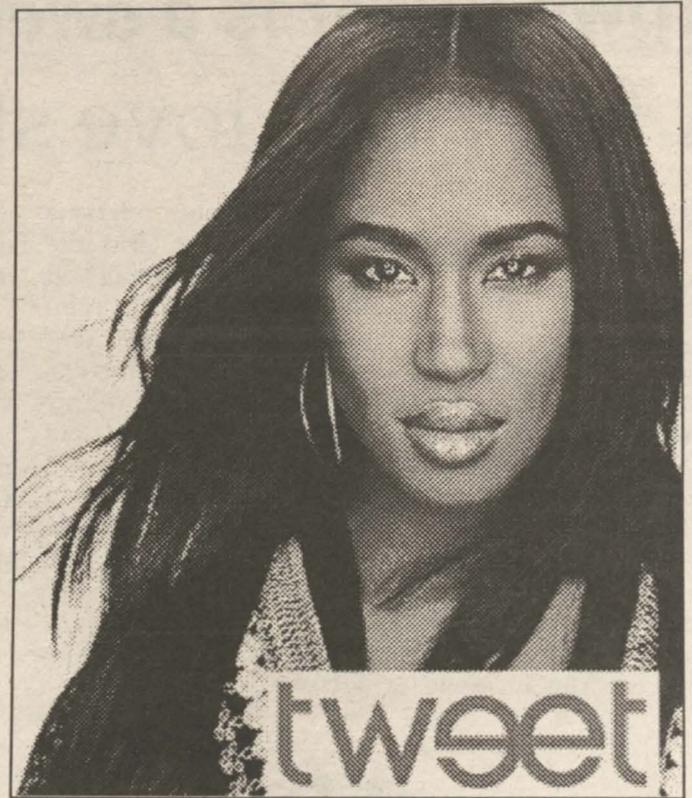
*Wednesday, October 9 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Kings and Queens Coronation Ball
"Reflections of a True Light"*

*Thursday, October 10 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
"Center Ring Excitement on the Hill"
Comedy Show featuring Earthquake, Hope Flood and J. Lamont
Floor/Ringside \$30 General \$10*

*Friday, October 11
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Mock Funeral/Bonfire/Pep Rally
8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Concert featuring... Tweet, 112 & Jeffrey Osborne
Student \$15 General \$20 Reserved \$25 Floor \$30*

*Saturday, October 12
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Homecoming Parade
2:00 p.m.
Football Game (PV vs. Alcorn)
8:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Stepshow Stomp Down
(\$10 General Admission)*

Jeffrey Osborne



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