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# THE PANTHER

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## Cheerleaders head to nationals PV cheering squad on the road to making history

By Kory J. Briggs  
Panther Staff

For two and a half hours, six days a week, the cheerleaders of Prairie View A & M University can be heard practicing and chanting cheers for various sports events.

All of their hard work has finally been rewarded. The cheerleaders were recently selected to participate in the Black College National Championships, which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Georgia World Congress Center, February 21-23. This is Prairie View's first selection to the HBCU national event.

Under the direction of Ms. Janetta Gilliam and Mr. Jim Price, a graduating senior social major and former cheerleader, the cheerleading squad members push themselves to the limit and are more determined and ambitious than ever to succeed.

"I've been around cheerleading for 17 years, I've taught over 2500 cheerleaders and I could see the potential that this squad had- they just needed somebody to bring it out of them," said Price.

"This year's team is filled with great enthusiasm, motivation, and excitement," said Ms. Gilliam.

The cheerleaders also expressed their enthusiasm about going to Atlanta. "I think it's a great

opportunity for all of us because we're the first squad to go to nationals and we really deserve to go," said S. Preston, a freshman communications major. "When we go, we're going to work hard and make our school proud."

The PVAMU cheerleading squad expects fierce competition from the

other HBCU schools. Other participating HBCU powerhouses include Southern, Grambling, Clark Atlanta, Dillard, and Morris Brown, the defending champion from last year.

Although they are new to the competition, PVAMU's cheerleaders bring

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Panther cheerleader A. Alfred performs a stunt routine during the game against Tennessee State.

## Students to vote on athletics fee Jan. 30

By Nikki Easter  
Panther Staff

Due to a \$10 billion state budget deficit and an anticipated five to ten percent cut in Prairie View A & M University's expenditures, there will be an inevitable increase in student tuition fees in the 2003 - 2004 school year.

Interim President Willie Tempton and Student Government Association President Hendrik Maison have formulated a plan to make this increase work in favor of the student body.

Maison says he and Tempton have proposed to

add an athletics fee of \$10 per semester hour not to exceed \$150 for each enrolled student. This fee will help expand the athletics department and give the university recognition. Students have the opportunity to vote for or against the athletic fee on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

According to Tempton, if students vote in favor of the athletic fee, it will go to the legislature for approval before it is enforced. However, if students See Athletics page 5

## When duty calls in time of war Students, institutions must follow guidelines

By Barbara Ramirez  
Panther Staff

Tough times call for drastic measures and as the nation prepares for the possibility of war, troops remain on call. A sudden deployment of servicemen and women could affect some students of Prairie View A&M University.

A notice dated Sept. 20 was sent to the university by the Texas Education Service Center of the department of Veteran Affairs describing important steps students and the university must take in case of deployment.

The notice said that three provisions created for the Gulf War still exist and

were applied to "hot spots" like Kosovo.

According to Chapter 54 - Tuition and Fees, Subchapter A - General Provisions, Section 54.006-Refund of Tuition and Fees, if a student withdraws from an institution of higher education because of being called to active military service, the institution, at the student's option shall: "1.) refund the tuition and fees paid by the student for the semester in which the student withdraws; 2.) Grant a student, who is eligible under the institution's guidelines, an

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Group of young people hospitalized after overdosing on cold

ALOHA, Ore. (AP) — Five youngsters ranging in age from 12 to 16 were hospitalized Sunday night after apparently overdosing on over-the-counter cold medicine.

A 12 year-old boy, discovered unconscious by paramedics, was in critical condition at Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Three other boys were in serious condition at OHSU Hospital.

A 13-year-old girl was also hospitalized at St. Vincent's Hospital for an unknown condition.

Cornell University board approves tuition increase

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — The Cornell University board of trustees approved a 5 percent tuition increase that would affect most of its students.

The rise would help the Ivy League school maintain its standards in a competitive academic environment, said Provost Biddy Martin.

Trustees voted Friday to raise tuition to \$28,630 from \$27,270 a year for undergraduate and graduate students at its private divisions.

Other approved increases included 5.5 percent for students entering Cornell Law School and 1 percent in the housing rate for most undergraduates.

The university's student financial aid allocations would increase proportionately to help families in need, said Henrik Dullea, a Cornell Spokesman.

Trustees will discuss tuition increases for its state contracted colleges in March.

•World•

Teacher in China stabs six children, a teacher, killing four

BEIJING (AP) — A teacher with a history of mental illness went on a rampage at a middle school in southern China, slashing four students to death with a vegetable knife and wounding three others, including a teacher.

Chen Peiquan was arrested Saturday at Yang Gan Middle School. It was not immediately clear what triggered the attacks, he said.

Three students were killed immediately and the fourth died in surgery.

Chen, 35, has lived in hospitals for months on end since his mental illness began six years ago, Cheng said. The school did not pay for the stays and Chen, who makes less than \$100 a month, could no longer afford medical care and medication.

The case was still under investigation.

Teenager arrested for hostage taking at school

FRANKFURT, (AP) — German prosecutors on Monday charged a 16-year-old boy who took a school hostage at a last year with kidnapping and hostage-taking at gunpoint.

The teenager, whose identity has not been released, demanded a ransom of 1 million euros (US\$1.8 million) during the six-hour standoff Oct. 1.

Police believe the boy had long planned the incident, although his motives were unclear.

" Ain't Misbehavin..."



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Singer and actress Nell Carter, who played the sassy housekeeper in the hit sitcom "Gimme A Break!" and won a Tony Award in 1978 for the Broadway musical "Ain't Misbehavin," died Thursday at the age of 54. At the time of her death, she was working on the musical "Raisin," an adaption of Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin In The Sun."

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# Service academics defend use of race in their admissions policies

By Adam Clymer  
New York Times

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 — Even as the Bush administration sides with opponents of affirmative action at the University of Michigan, officials of the nation's service academies say their own minority admissions programs are necessary to maintain both integrated student bodies and officer corps.

By defending policies that are not "race neutral," the admissions officers appear to contradict their commander in chief. On Jan. 15, President Bush criticized Michigan's policies, which he said gave preference to some applicants "not because of any academic achievement or life experience, but solely because they are African-American, Hispanic or Native American."

While the academy officials would not discuss the Michigan case, several outside legal experts argue that the administration's legal theories in briefs it filed with the Supreme Court in the case raise serious questions about the procedures at the elite training grounds for future military leaders at West Point, Annapolis and Colorado Springs. Expressing similar concerns, a group of retired senior officers is planning to file a friend-of-the-court brief next month warning against any Supreme Court ruling that could imperil the academies' contribution to the integrated officer corps.

The Army, Navy and Air Force academies make strenuous efforts to achieve freshman classes with significant minority representation, though only West Point says it has specific percentage goals. Each recruits extensively, gives minorities an edge on admissions and bolsters their ranks by sending promising candidates who fall just short of their standards to one-year preparatory schools. Some enlisted personnel and athletes also attend those schools.

At each academy,

which the federal government operates, admissions officers cited two main reasons for racial diversity in admissions, one singular to the military and one widely heard in higher education. The familiar argument, as expressed by Col. Michael L. Jones, dean of admissions at West Point, is: "We like to represent the society we come from in terms of the student body's undergraduate experiences. So having a diverse student body allows personal growth in areas where people may not have gotten it otherwise. We want people to understand the society they will defend."

The military argument is that with racial minorities making up from 28 percent of the enlisted personnel in the Air Force to 44 percent in the Army, almost all-white ranks of officers would hurt morale. "We want to build an officer corps," said Dave Vetter, the Naval Academy dean of admissions, that "reflects the military services of which we are a part." Colonel Jones said, "Officers of color are important as role models in the Army."

The Bush administration briefs in the Michigan case argued this month that the extra points given to minority undergraduate applicants and the less specific preferences given to minority law school

applicants violated the constitutional guarantees of equal protection of the law. While the briefs said diversity in higher education was important, they suggested only one specific "race-neutral" way to achieve it, a system of admitting a specific percentage of students from every high school in a state that would not be applicable to national institutions like the academies.

Eric Schnapper, a law professor at the University of Washington, called the administration's insistence on race-neutral methods "a dagger in the heart of what the service academies are doing." According to the administration's theory, said Walter E. Dellinger, a former acting solicitor general, "a program that is designed to increase minority enrollment is itself race based."

"What the academies apparently do would not withstand the application of the standards in these briefs," Mr. Dellinger said.

Asked to comment on these concerns, the Justice Department neither agreed nor disagreed. Monica Goodling, a spokeswoman for the department, said: "The administration believes that racial diversity can and should be encouraged in higher education, without falling back on unconstitutional quotas. However, the

only admission system the Justice Department has reviewed is the one at issue in Michigan, and the conclusions in our briefs were written to address their specific admissions systems. Absent litigation, the department would not comment on other systems, other than to note that the president has committed this administration to actively promote diversity and opportunity in every way that the law permits."

One particular argument that might be made for the service academies' efforts is that the national defense need for an integrated officer corps would outweigh equal protection concerns. Lee C. Bollinger, the legal scholar who is president of Columbia University (and the named defendant in the Michigan case, because he was president of that university when the suits were filed) said: "You could argue national defense is different from education. I find it difficult to believe it would succeed. There is no question that it would be a very hard case to make." Advertisement

The retired officers who intend to file a brief have not settled on their arguments in the 30 pages permitted by the Supreme Court, but they began their efforts well before the administration took a stand.

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# For or against?



By L'Rhonda Boyd

News Editor

Jan. 22 marked the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade.

In short this decision judicially created abortion on demand in the United States.

Through the years abortion has been one of the most controversial issues in America.

Maybe the reason abortion is considered extremely controversial by most Americans is because, as a nation, we are strongly divided on this issue.

There have been marches and demonstrations both for and against abortion.

These people are sometimes referred to as being "pro-choice" or "anti-abortionist".

You even have what I like to call "extremists".

These are the people who will do anything including taking the life of another individual just to make a statement for whichever side they believe in.

A few months ago I was watching a special on TV that followed the lives of these abortion rights activists.

In my opinion some of these people were "extremists."

One man admitted in planning and carrying out several bombings of abortion clinics.

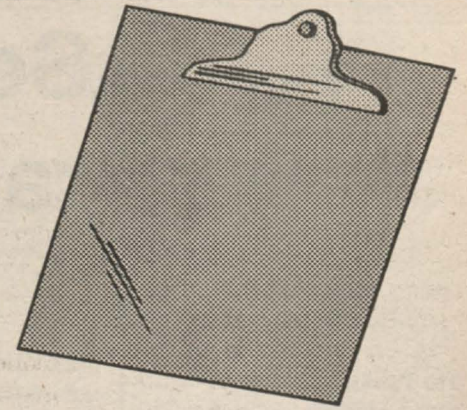
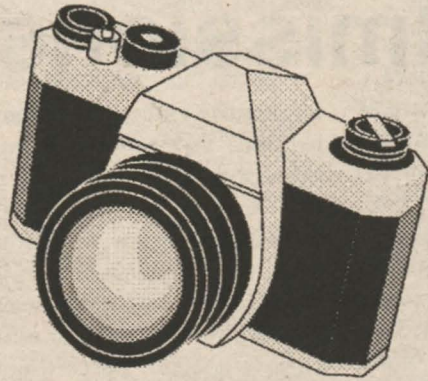
There have been other reported cases such as these, that are constant reminders of where we stand on this issue 30 years later.

Whether we are for or against abortion, we must keep in mind that this is America and that we, as Americans, must learn to value the opinions of others.

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## What do you think about the new Shell station not hoisting the PV flag?



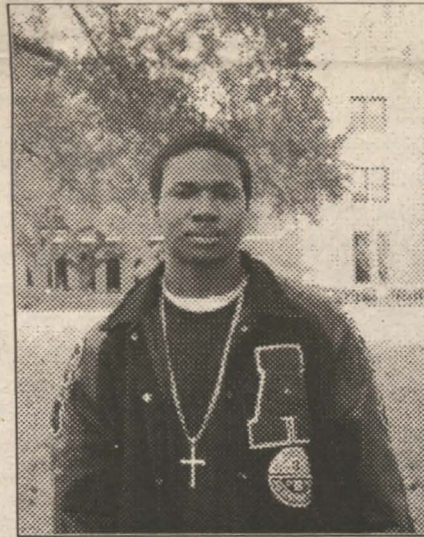
Latreece Washington  
Senior/Chemical Engineering

" Personally I feel as though we are looked over all the time and never get publicized for all of our positive attributes. To not initially have our flag posted on the Shell is an insult."



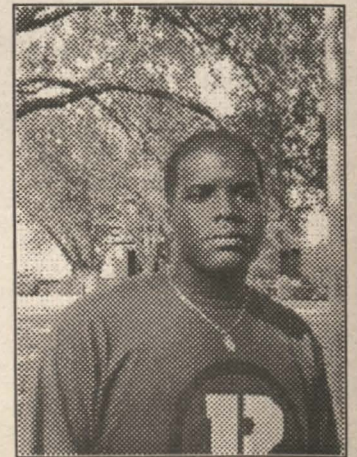
Lori Brooks  
Sophomore/Education

"I think the Shell station should support Prairie View A&M University if they think they want to continue to have business with Prairie View students."



Justin Douglas  
Freshman/Music Education

"It's not right that our flag isn't up because we are the closest school and give them the most business."



Redel Williams Jr.  
Freshman  
Electrical Engineering

"I feel that they should have a P.V. flag flying on their flag poles, Personally I don't care for A&M or the Longhorns."



Joaquinn Arch  
Graduate Student  
Community Development

"They may not have known that there was a PV flag I'm giving them the benefit of the doubt."

**Athletics from page 1**

vote against the fee increase, the designated tuition will increase by \$4 per semester credit hour.

Athletic Director Charles McClelland says he aims to change the quality of athletics at PVAMU because "people look at the university through the eyes of the athletics department. This fee will allow athletes to receive additional funding to assist in rebuilding our university's image through athletic competition. A good athletic program will bring more revenue and increase enrollment of the university."

The funds generated from the fee will be used to issue scholarships for all athletes, allow coaches to devote all their time to athletics, and renovate and replace various athletic facilities and equipment, says McClelland.

The extra money

accumulated from the athletics fee will be used to build a 21-22,000-seat stadium fully loaded with state of the art locker rooms, and concession stands that will be in use by fall 2004, says Maison.

"Athletics is the money maker of all great institutions. The new stadium will allow PVAMU to host classic games for teams here, therefore making more money for the university," said Maison.

As of now, out of 312 Division I institutions surveyed in 2002, PVAMU ranked last on total athletic budgets, according to McClelland.

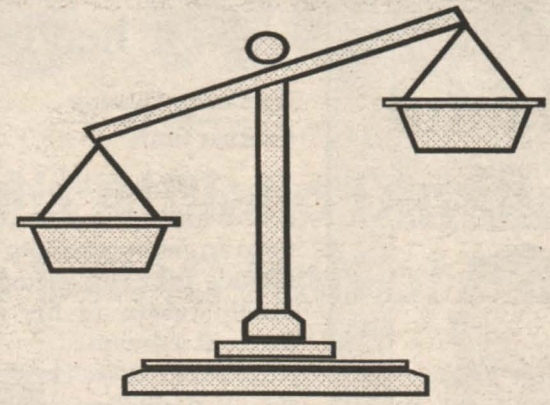
Tempton said the athletic department currently receives \$484,000 from student services, and \$270,000 for scholarships.

This is \$1,500,000 behind SWAC average of \$2.5 million. "The lack of financial support make it

almost impossible to compete in all sports with other schools in our conference," says McClelland.

"I spoke with Tempton and he says if students vote in favor of the athletic fee, the designated tuition fee will not increase, and the money from the student services fee will be put back in to other programs such as the Charles Gilpin Players, Campus Activity Board, Marching Band, and Symphonic Band," said Maison.

"We have to start looking into the future of this university. If PVAMU had done this ten years ago, we would not be in this predicament. Alumni associate themselves with athletics and athletics recruit students. The more students who enroll, the less fees we have to pay," Maison added.



## SGA Speaks Out

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Harrington Science,  
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**Tampa Bay**  
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By Andrew Roberts  
Sports Editor

The Oakland Raiders were looking to recapture the glory of the days past. The days when John Madden led the Raiders to Super Bowl triumph.

On Sunday, the Raiders ran into one of the toughest defensive performances ever exhibited, in professional sports.

To put it simply, the Raiders got dominated on the offensive side of the ball. To add insult to injury the Raiders' Rich Gannon, who was named league MVP, was the primary factor in their failure.

Gannon threw five interceptions, three of which were returned for touchdowns. Tampa Bay had two players with two interceptions each.

A Derrick Brooks interception late in the fourth quarter put the nail in the coffin.

To sum things up the Tampa Bay defense had the Oakland Raiders offense on lock down.

The Raiders' coaching staff opted to go for two points instead of one, three times in a row.

The Raiders were stopped on all three attempts. The game might have been a little more in reach late in the fourth quarter if the Raiders had kicked their extra-point field goals.

The Raiders fell to the Bucs 48-21. Jon Gruden becomes the youngest head coach ever to win a Super Bowl, at the age of 39 years old and Tampa Bay gets their first ring in franchise history.

# C.L. Whittington prepared for success

## New head coach is eager to turn around Prairie View's program

By Corey Donley  
Panther Staff

The time has come for C.L. Whittington to take the reins to an opportunity of a lifetime. Mr. Whittington will finally return to his alma mater at a dream job position. Ever since Whittington's collegiate and professional playing days he has dreamed of coming back as top dog of the Prairie View A & M University football program.

Whittington stated that throughout all of the coaching programs that he has been a part of in the past, ranging from the junior high level all the way to the pros, this position has and will always be a dream job that he was allowed to fill.

Whittington is a proud alumnus trying to bring up the spirit of the campus and its students and incorporate this pride into the moral of the football program. Whittington would like to see students and faculty attending practices, in order that playing for crowds and having

to account for every mistake made comes as second nature for the Panthers on game day.

Mr. Whittington comes to Prairie View expecting to turn this program into one of the best in the country.

and the community about why PV was unsuccessful in past years. Some said a tough schedule contributed to PV's losing streak. People believe that teams like Grambling

is not the only struggling program. It takes time to achieve greatness." Planning no regrets or concerns about replacing Dorsey as head football coach at PV allows Whittington to devote his entire attention and energy into bettering the football program. "This is my school, and this is where I want to be".

When discussing the amount of time it would take to turn this program around, Whittington used the phrase "a realistic amount of time. Not an extended amount of time but nonetheless, time".

Even recruiting plans are being altered to make PV a success. Years of coaching and playing football has allowed Whittington to make connections all over the country which he plans to use for recruiting.

Whittington promises to give back success for the product that these connections provide. As for the coaching staff, Whittington is currently evaluating new staff members. "I will have maybe some new staff and maybe some old." Whittington plans to use the best people to contribute to the success of PV's program. The future looks very promising for Whittington and the PV football team. Prairie View has found a coach that is ready to be a positive figure at Prairie View A&M University.

For all Prairie Views athletes who want an opportunity to play football Whittington says, "If you can play the game let me know." GO PANTHERS!!!!!!

**SWAC Basketball**  
**Prairie View vs Alabama State**  
**Saturday in the Baby Dome**  
**Girls 5:30**  
**Boys 7:30**



Interim President Willie Tempton along with Athletic director Charles McClelland at a press conference with C.L. Whittington, Prairie View's new head football coach.

He is not afraid to set his aspirations for this program higher than average. Despite all of the negative talk about PV's previous seasons of loss, Whittington comes in with a "the past does not matter" attitude.

There are speculations wander around campus

State and Texas Southern are just too difficult for PV. Others expressed dismay with the previous coaching staff.

Whittington explained that all of these factors contributed to the lack of wins for PV but none stood out more than the other. "People have to understand that Prai-



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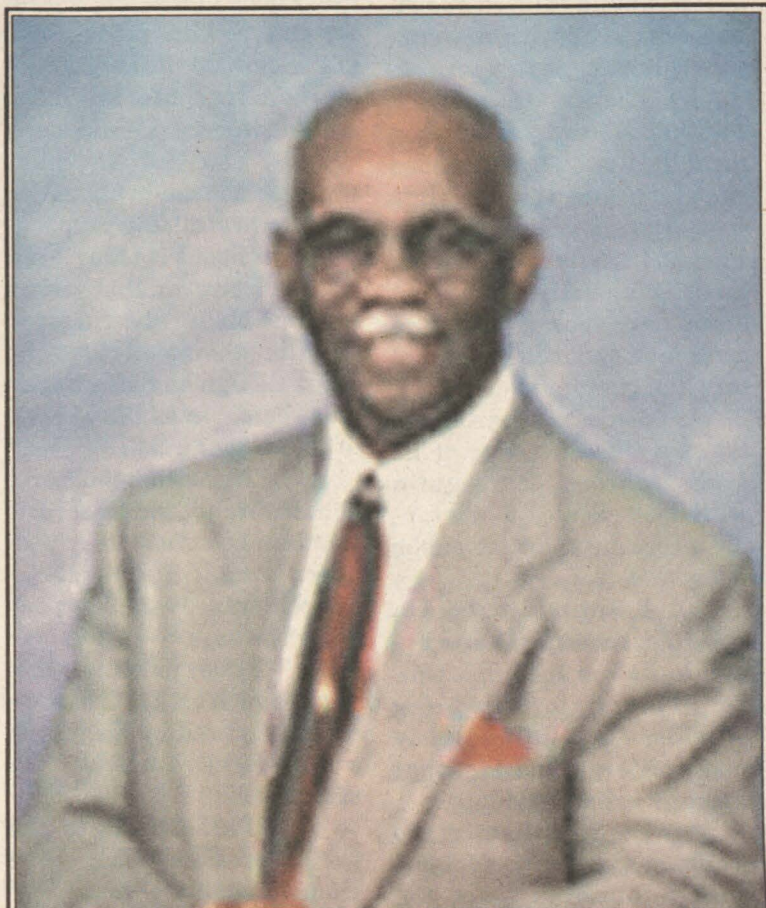
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# Panther of the Week



Hall of fame inductee Dr. Marion Henry is currently a professor in the College of Education

## Former PVAMU Athletic Director inducted into SWAC Hall of Fame

Ryan McGinty  
Special to Panther

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.— Dr. Marion Henry, former athletic director at Prairie View A&M University, was inducted into the Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame during enshrinement ceremonies on Thursday evening.

Henry, who has been affiliated with Prairie View A&M and its athletic department for over 46 years, served as athletic director from 1972-1983.

Some of Henry's most significant accomplishments during his tenure included the negotiation of the current State Fair Classic with Grambling State, the renovation of the Blackshear Field press box and concession stand and chairing the first NCAA college football doubleheader

at Rice Stadium, and the first college basketball doubleheader at the Houston Summit. He has also served on various NCAA and SWAC committees, including the SWAC's 75th Anniversary Planning Committee in 1995.

One of the highlights of his career came in 1981 when he was named SWAC athletic director of the year.

Henry was also instrumental during Prairie View's era of athletic prominence. The last Prairie View football team to produce a winning record of 7-5 was under his guidance in 1976.

In 1960, Henry served as the athletic motion picture photographer in the filming of the school's only NAIA title game appearance against St. John's in Sacramento, California. Henry had the honor of photographing

the school's first NAIA National mile relay team.

"It is an honor to be perceived by your peers on the selection committee," Henry said. "Being inducted shows that your contributions merits the privileges of being identified with other individuals who have received the honor of being an inductee. I am humbled to have been apart of Prairie View's history."



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tremendous respect for being number three in tumbling in Southwest Athletic Conference (SWAC) and outstanding in spirit to the competition. Everyone should expect a remarkable performance.

They have polished their tumbling, running, and pyramid building.

However, they intend to keep their new stunts a secret until performance.

Because of this great achievement by the cheerleading team, many positive comments have come from various people.

The Grambling coach was very impressed with the team's performance at this year's State Fair Classic at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Other outstanding performances include the game against TSU in the

Labor Day Classic and the contest with Southern at Reliant Stadium.

With this selection to nationals, the cheerleaders bring positive recognition to the university.

Going to nationals also helps the team become competitive with other schools and gets their name being talked about in Texas and other states.

Plans for the team after the nationals includes more hard work and determination.

Anyone interested in the cheerleading program may contact Janetta Gilliam in Evans Hall, second floor, room 220.

Practice Sessions for cheerleading tryouts will be held in William Nicks "Baby Dome" on April 25, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m. Tryout competition will be held on Saturday, April 26.  
**GO PANTHERS!!!!**

### Valley basketball, volleyball players wounded in nightclub

Associated Press

ITTA BENA, Miss. — Mississippi Valley State University starting basketball player Michael Archie was left paralyzed by a stray bullet fired during a nightclub shootout, his family said Monday.

"The doctors are saying he will not have the use of his legs — that he is essentially paralyzed from his waist down," Carol Archie said Monday afternoon from her son's room at the University Medical Center in Jackson.

The early Sunday shooting at Club Focus on U.S. 82 in Leflore County left one man dead. Archie and two others were wounded, including volleyball player Danielle France of Decatur Ga.

Archie, 20, was hit in the side as he tried to leave

the club about 1 a.m. Sunday, authorities said.

Archie averaged 11.2 points per game for the Southwestern Athletic Conference school. He had started 10 of the university's 15 games this season.

"If you're trying to win a championship, Michael Archie is the kind of player you need on the team," MVSU Coach Lafayette Stribling said in a statement. "It's going to be difficult to adjust to the loss of Michael because he does so many things well for us....It's hard enough for us all just coping with losing him."

Carol Archie said her son was resting and that family and friends were on hand to encourage him.

"We appreciate all the support we have received since this happened," she said. "It is a hard pill to swallow right now. We just don't hardly even

want to accept it but there's nothing we can do."

A volley of gunshots were fired inside the nightclub after a fight broke out, Leflore County Sheriff Ricky Banks said.

Banks said Alonzo Hemphill, 27, reportedly forced his way into the club at gunpoint.

Hemphill was hit by at least four bullets and died after allegedly firing gunshots toward the dance floor, Banks said. No gun has been recovered.

"We have witnesses who verified Hemphill did have a gun," Banks said.

The shooting occurred hours after Mississippi Valley State's 87-68 home win against Prairie View A&M University. Archie scored 11 points in that game.



# Black Panthers work to preserve legacy, appeal to new generation

**By: Deborah Kong**  
AP Minority Issues Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The sleek leather jacket, black beret and .45-caliber pistol Bobby Seale packed in the 1960s are gone now.

In their place, the former Black Panther Party chairman sports a denim shirt and, over his graying hair, a baseball cap emblazoned with "Bobbyqueseale.com" - the web address for his barbecue cookbook.

Now 66 and back in the city where the Panthers got their start, Seale still speaks passionately about the social revolution the group espoused.

And he's trying hard to influence how the Panthers - who captured the imagination of young blacks and scared many white Americans - are remembered by a new generation. But that's just one of his projects.

If young people "really take a close look" at the Panthers' record, Seale says, "they'll be able to understand how they have to stand against all forms of discrimination."

The Panthers, founded by Seale and Huey Newton amid the turmoil of the 1960s, were a dramatic counterpoint to nonviolent civil rights leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. The rifle-toting group sparked fear and controversy when it began monitoring police brutality in mostly black neighborhoods by "patrolling the pigs."

The Panthers are often remembered for their gun fights with police, resulting in casualties among both Panthers and officers.

Newton was convicted of manslaughter - a verdict later overturned - in the 1967 death of an officer who was shot when police stopped a car Newton was driving. Another officer and Newton also were wounded in that incident.

Seale and others were charged with conspiring to murder a party member who was believed to be a police informant; those charges were

later dropped.

Yet these days, Seale and former chief of staff David Hilliard want to keep the focus on the Panthers' social programs.

The group provided free, hot breakfasts to thousands of schoolchildren, for instance.

It also conducted sickle cell anemia tests and advocated for more jobs and better housing for blacks.

"I never thought I'd live to talk about this," says the 64-year-old Hilliard who, like Seale, lives in Oakland. "We were being murdered and driven into exile and imprisoned. I spent no time thinking about history. We were too busy making it."

Seale recently moved back to his family home in this city after almost three decades away to be closer to his youngest daughter, a junior at San Francisco State University.

The home occupies an important place in Panther history: The group held some of its first meetings around the dining room table in 1966.

Hilliard and Seale say part of protecting that history now is fighting an unaffiliated group called the New Black Panther Party.

They're considering a lawsuit against the organization, which they said has hijacked the Panther name to lend credibility to racist and anti-Semitic views.

"The New Black Panther Party is totally antithetical to everything we stood for," Seale says. "There's a youthful generation of people who will be totally confused."

The New Black Panthers have been deemed a black-separatist hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, but their chairman, Malik Shabazz, disputes that description.

Shabazz says the New Black Panthers focus on black power, ending violence in black communities and working with youth. They plan a national meeting early this year, where members will consider changing the group's name, he says.

But Shabazz, an attorney in Washington, D.C., also is confident the organiza-

tion would win a legal fight over the name with the original Panthers.

Hilliard also works with the Dr. Huey P. Newton Foundation, which he runs with Newton's widow, Frederika. He's motivated by a sense that the Panthers' agenda remains unfinished.

"There's a generation of people that need to know this history, because it is more than about the Black Panthers."

It is about America," Hilliard says.

The Panthers' activism could be a kind of how-to guide to help this generation fight today's battles," he says.

After the Panthers dissolved in the late 1970s, Hilliard worked as a union representative.

He battled problems with drugs in the '80s and '90s.

Now, he gives \$20 bus tours of Oakland Panther landmarks, including the sidewalk where Newton was shot to death in 1989 and the church where the Panthers began serving free breakfasts.

The foundation's latest project, working with a software company, is digitizing and binding almost 13,000 pages of old Panther newspapers into volumes.

There's also a Black Panther Records label that includes a socially conscious rap group, and a clothing line with Panther slogans and images. In the last six months, Seale, Hilliard and the rap group have spoken on college campuses about Panther history and current events.

Seale has been working on a revised version of his 1988 cookbook, "Barbeque'n with Bobby Seale," and is taping a cooking show for public television.

Before moving back to Oakland, he worked as a community liaison at Temple University and for Bridging Worlds, a Philadelphia nonprofit organization that mentors urban students.

He feels that, on the whole, race relations have mostly improved since the 1960s.

"There was a time right here in this community,

and communities all across the country, a black person, a Native American person and, every once in a while, a poor, low-income white person could get viciously brutalized or murdered or shot or killed and nothing was done," Seale says.

"You did not hear about policemen being put on trial for brutalizing people as you hear about it today."

However, that doesn't mean blacks should stop guarding their civil rights, he says - though he recommends video cameras as the weapon of choice over guns.

"If you want to observe police brutality and grass roots criminal behavior - drug peddlers and pushers - camcorders are very, very powerful," he says.

Seale smiles as he advocates such action. He seems a little amused by his role as something of an activist elder statesman.

"I'm not trying to give the impression that we're leaned over with canes," he says. "They say we've got the most militant senior citizens around."



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incomplete grade in all courses by designating "withdrawn - military" on the student's transcript; or 3.) As determined by the instructor, assign an appropriate final grade or credit to a student who has satisfactorily completed a substantial amount of coursework and who has demonstrated sufficient mastery of the course material."

Explaining the process in an interview with *The Panther*, Ms. Nicole Woods, administrative assistant in the Office of Admissions said, "One thing that the student has to have when they do this is a copy of their orders. If they don't have any orders, we don't have any proof. So, when they are called to active duty, they need to bring with them a copy of their orders, and we will withdraw them as 'military' and all fees will not be held against them, even if they are collecting Veteran Affairs benefits."

Military students such as sophomore business management major Archie Nettles expressed his concerns about possibly being deployed.

"I've been in the military four years—three years active duty, and I'm in my first year in my reserve unit in Houston, TX. I don't too much care for the possibility of getting deployed but if it happens and if we do have to go, I'll have to leave college, but I will go."

Senior communications major Kory Briggs of the U.S. Marine Corps also shared his thoughts about sudden deployment. "The world is at a tough spot right now—with the situation in Iraq. Basically, I encourage everyone not to worry because we have the best military force in the world."

Briggs had a few worries. "If I get called, so be it. That's the life of a marine. It never really hits you until it happens. If I get a call, I'll pick up my rifle and defend my country."

**Man who sued school district charged for child porn**

**Associated Press**

OMAHA, Neb. — A man who sued the Omaha Public Schools over student fees has been charged with 52 counts of possessing child pornography.

Police said the home computer of Roger Roll, 44, held more than 100 pictures of child porn.

Roll sued OPS in September 2001 over various school fees required of his children at public schools, such as locker and laboratory fees. The lawsuit triggered state concern and led the district to stop charging the fees.

In November 2001, officers searched Roll's home for porn. Officers seized two computers and several floppy disks. Children ages 3 to 15 were depicted, the warrant states.

Roll faces up to six months in jail for each of the 52 misdemeanor counts.

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**What is Chlamydia?**

*Chlamydia is an infection that is spread through sex. It is very common among teens and young adults. If it is not treated, chlamydia can damage a woman's body so she can never have children.*

*The good news is that chlamydia is easy to treat. But most people with chlamydia do not know they have it. If you have had sex, you may need to be tested, even if you feel healthy.*

**Symptoms**

*Most people with chlamydia have no symptoms. They have no way of knowing they have an infection.*

*If symptoms do occur, they may be like the symptoms of other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Always go to a clinic or doctor at once if you feel burning when you pee, or you have a strange discharge from the penis or vagina.*

*Women may also have pain in the lower belly, pain during sex, or bleeding between periods*



**The Answers**

Weekly Update for Freshmen

**WELCOME BACK TO UC!!!!!!**

Are you in the correct class? Administrative changes have been made to schedules for students who have not satisfied TASP requirements to meet state law and local policy. Get a current copy of your schedule from your professional advisor. This is especially important if you pre-registered in November.

UC Financial Aid Drive (freshmen only) in each residential building on February 4th, from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.



**Wednesday, January 29, 2003**

- ◆ Drop Day (Registration Cancelled for Non-Payment)
- ◆ Last day to drop course(s) without record

- Watch this space next week for the UC Academic Superstars of Fall 2002!!
- UC will be hosting a special talent contest during Black History Month!! Details soon!!
- Tutoring in the UC Panther Room will begin on February 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.



## R. Kelly is at it again



By Yolanda Hadnot

Lifestyles Editor

"Let me stick my key in your ignition baby, see I'll be going about eighty on your freeway, Baby I won't stop until I drive you crazy, brace yourself while I'm hitting them corners baby." Everyone knows whom these explicit but unattached lyrics belong to—the infamous Robert Kelly (R&B singer).

Kelly, who's already facing child pornography charges in Illinois, was arrested again last Wednesday on twenty counts of child pornography concerning a 13 year-old girl. Kelly just can't seem to leave underage girls alone, but who cares anyway—it's not us.

I know it seems harsh but it's the truth we're still supporting him. When his new hit comes on everyone in the place is on their feet, but what's the real message behind it. I'm not judging anyone for liking a song but this man is getting rich by being a "porno king".

Kelly's new album "Chocolate Factory" is set to be released in February and I hear all of my peers saying "I want it." Do you really want to entertain yourself with the lyrics of a child pornographer—excuse me—alleged pornographer.

I know everyone is innocent until proven guilty but it's like this is a ring side circus in the public eye and there's no telling how much money was made off that booleg XXX tape that was floating around everywhere including this campus.

All I'm saying is be mindful of the things you expose yourself to for wrong is wrong whether it's a celebrity or not.

# Secrets hunt the sisters of Theta Phi Kappa

## Is there really sisterly love in sororities?

NiRosha Smith

Panther Staff

Secrets, lies, pranks, and alibis. Sound like a mystery story? It's actually a depiction of sorority life in Kayla Perrin's latest novel entitled "The Sisters of Theta Phi Kappa." This book follows the sisterhood of four friends at Howard University beginning at their pledging process.

Jessica "Quiet Tongue" Bedford is a beautiful TV personality who's dealing with the stress of working for her husband. In the limelight, they seem perfect, but at the end of the day, their home life tells a completely different story. More importantly, Jessica has been chosen to receive the Theta's coveted Emily Bretton award for her dedication and work in the black community.

Ellie "Wild Thang" Grant is a struggling actress that's coming to terms with the ups and downs of Hollywood as well as her weight problem. Lately the only acting she's been doing is pretending to be happy while being an extra. She's in love with being in love and has shamefully settled for playing second fiddle for a man that says he's unhappily married.

Shereen "Sweet Thang" Anderson checks the horoscopes daily and still can't find her perfect match. The only man she ever loved foolishly left without so much as a "Dear John" letter. She seems intent with her work at a graphics company, but her friends wish that she would finally find a man.

Yolanda "Ice Queen" Burke is the rock of the group. Rarely someone can get through the hard shell she uses to keep others from seeing her pain. Her parents are protecting her from a horrible secret. To add to that, it's only been ten years since she's graduated and she's already been divorced. Fi-

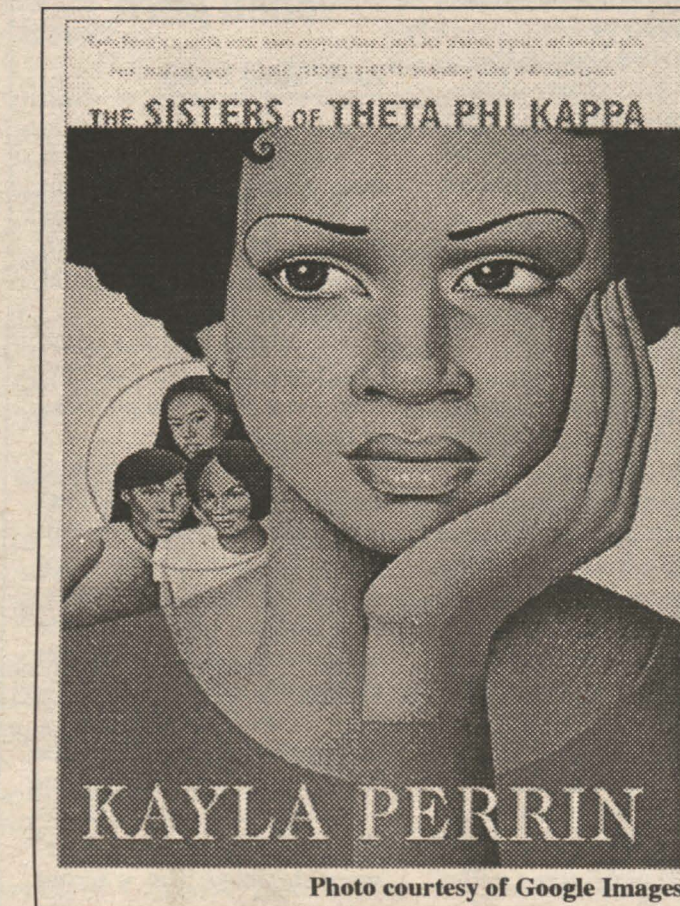


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nally finding true love may destroy her friendship with Shereen.

Jessica, Shereen, Ellie, and Yolanda (also known as the Fabulous Four) start out one night as regular college girls dressed as Playboy bunnies to carry out a mission for their big sisters. None of them are prepared for the tragedy that follows that night.

After a prank turns sour, the girls enlist the help of a professor at the school by the name of Andrew Bell. Jessica develops a school girl crush that goes too far. Then the drama snowballs and it's all downhill from there.

The girls do whatever it takes to up all the tracks of Jessica's mishaps. That's what sorority sisters are for, right? Suddenly from the depths of nowhere, the truth comes back to haunt them. Ten years later someone wants desperately to bring their secret to the light. Jessica begins to question everyone she knows as well as everything that she's done in the past.

Ellie can't seem to get enough of having her heart broken. Whenever she thinks Mr. Infidelity has

walked out of her life, he sends an expensive gift as well as nice flowers. He sees that she's getting antsy and tells her that they should look for a house together. He's filing for a divorce soon.

Yolanda, having been through a hurtful relationship, tells Ellie that she's just as naive as the day is long. She actually believes that one day Richard will leave his wife for her. Yolanda has man prob-

lems of her own. Is the love that she risked friendship for truly real? It seems as if she'll never find true happiness.

Jessica experiences inner turmoil from the constant lies to her husband as well as the paranoia from looking over her shoulder constantly. She just can't seem to figure out where these letters and packages are coming from.

At a time when they need each other the most, can they come together in true eternal sisterhood? They must all put their pride aside to ask for help as well as forgiveness if they ever want to move on with their lives.



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# Old and new celebrities on the move

By Chris Washington  
Atlantic Records

**Lil' Kim Jumps Back with "The Jump Off" - LA BELLA MAFIA Due March 4.**

Big news from Lil' Kim - her first album in almost three years, LA BELLA MAFIA moves into town March 4! First single - "The Jump Off" features former Lost Boyz frontman Mr. Cheeks. LA BELLA MAFIA also sees the Grammy-winning diva joined by: Missy Elliot,

Styles P, Governor, Twista, and Mashonda Tifere. And among the hot-list of producers: Timbaland, DJ Twinz (Mystikal, Redman), Swizz Beatz (Mary J. Blige, DMX) and many more. Watch for LA BELLA MA-



FIA to make power moves March 4. **Sean Paul's Gettin' Busy' on MTV - DFX Premiere Airs Jan. 27.**

The Sean Paul haps keep coming. He's lined up spots on Showtime in Harlem, Conan (recently), and MTV! The latest - Sean Paul will be premiering "Get Busy" on MTV's Direct Effect at 7p.m. on Jan. 27. Be sure to tune in, you can also catch the video on BET - Sean's bangin' follow-up to "Gimme the Light" has just been added into BET's rotation. Also, NYC-area

heads wanting to see Sean can catch his upcoming Showtime in Harlem performance. Info on attending at sean-paul.net, air date soon.



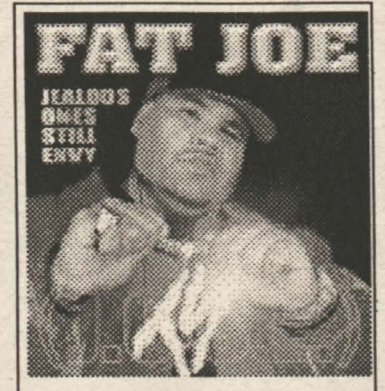
**Craig David Gold with SLICKER THAN YOUR AVERAGE - "Hidden Agenda" Revealed.**

Talk about slick, Craig David has already gone Gold with SLICKER THAN YOUR AVERAGE! The album follows the U.K.-based singer/songwriter's 2001 RIAA platinum-selling debut, BORN TO DO IT, which has now scanned over 1.5 million copies in



the U.S. alone. 'Hidden Agenda,' SLICKER's second single, was also recently the

#1 most-added song at CHR/pop radio. David is also in the running for a Grammy, and back home he's been honored with a pair of nominations for the Brit Awards.



**Fat Joe's "All I Need" Makes DFX Premiere on MTV January 28.**

See what Joe

'needs' January 28th! Tune in at 7p.m. and catch Fat Joe's newest clip, "All I Need," feat. Tony Sunshine and Armageddon, on MTV's "Direct Effect." The video is the newest to spin off LOYALTY, and it comes following the big news of Joe's recent Grammy nom! See if Joe takes home the prize for Best Rap/Sung Collaboration when the Grammys air live, Feb. 23 from Madison Square Garden in NYC at 8 PM ET/PT on CBS.

Photos: Courtesy of Atlantic records.

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4. Why do people wear shorts and coats?
5. Are you hot or cold?
6. Why do girls with a teaspoon of hair try to put their hair into ponytails?
7. Aren't they pigtailed instead of pony tails anyway?
8. Who actually takes these questions seriously?
9. Is it against the Omegas By-Laws to graduate?
10. Is it me or did Alumni fall off this semester?
11. What happened to thirsty Thursdays?
12. How hard is it to serve chicken in K.F.C.?
13. And do they recycle the chicken?
14. Who's not a Sigma?
15. Who only goes to Alumni for the burgers?
16. Why aren't the Kappas men enough to defend their own tree?
17. Who has a higher infestation rate: U.C. boys or roaches?
18. Where's Waldo?
19. Forget Waldo, where are the Sigma Gamma Rhos?
20. What do you think?

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