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The Official Student Newspaper of Prairie View A&M University

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BLACK History Hotlist

The office of special programs in the Division for Student and Enrollment Services has issued the following advisory for celebrating Black History:

Wednesdays: African Attire Day
Show your proud heritage each Wednesday by wearing African attire.
Wednesday, Feb. 12: Black History Movie Marathon

"The Ghosts of Mississippi" @ 5:30 p.m. The story and murder of civil rights activist Medger Evers featuring Whoopi Goldberg and Alec Baldwin.

"Rosewood" @ 7 p.m. The setting takes place in Florida in a predominantly black environment in 1936. A white woman in a neighboring town was beaten by her lover and falsely claimed that a black man assaulted her. This film features Ving Rhames, Don Cheadle, and Estelle Rolle.

"School Dayz" @ 8:35 p.m. This film depicts the stereotypes that are attached to African American fraternities and sororities. It also deals with the color bias that African Americans deal with in their own communities.

Thursday, Feb. 13:

Dr. Floyd Coleman, Lecturer, Art History, John B. Coleman Library, 2 p.m., Room 108/109.

In the fight against campus crime

Police department seeks help from students

By Kareem Howell
News Writer



Photo by Tenesia S. Mathews

Students Dwight Williams, La Porsche Morrison, Lorna Deterville, Chelsey Griffin, T. Lockheart, and Tiffani Marks pay close attention as Prairie View A & M University Police Sgt. Frank Wallace explains the need for the student body and campus police to work together on crime prevention.

We all know that robberies, thefts, and burglaries are something you just can't escape. The Prairie View A&M University Police Department is mindful of this and is preparing to take a stand against crime.

Sgt. Frank Wallace, the crime prevention coordinator, discussed the police department's plans to prevent crime on campus. "We plan to be out there more and interact with the community," said Wallace.

Wallace stresses getting the community involved in this project, because without the community's help the police will be "fighting a war they can't win." Crime prevention is a community effort. If students do not get involved, we will never find a solution to this problem. It is impossible for the police to be everywhere here on this campus. "Students should report anything that they see suspi-

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TAMU leaders find 'ghetto party' troubling

Officials, others say event is offensive and disgraceful

By Candice Grizzell
Panther Staff

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is remembered for his contributions to society and is nationally honored annually, but at Texas A&M University some students have turned the federal holiday in his honor into a "ghetto-themed party."

According to a news re-

lease issued by *The Battalion*, the Texas A&M campus newspaper, Texas A&M University officials expressed outrage over a reported event that was being planned off campus by students of a residence hall to portray negative stereotypes of African-Americans.

The event, which was advertised at Walton Hall, was brought to the attention of Ron Sasse, director of the

Department of Residence Life at Texas A&M, through a note from an anonymous source. The note indicated that similar activities had been staged for the past several years, all unknown to university officials.

Sasse was quoted in the news release as saying that planning of the event displays "a total lack of respect for others, is destructive to the resi-

dence hall community and is an embarrassment to Texas A&M University. Sasse noted, "Such an event could only serve to disgrace, divide and deteriorate the campus environment that Texas A&M is working diligently to build."

Prairie View A&M University's director of student activities and leadership, Brian K. Dickens, said, "It

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PV's Seven Day Forecast

Wed Feb 12 Mostly Cloudy 66°/48°

Thu Feb 13 Cloudy 62°/52°

Fri Feb 14 Showers 68°/53°

Sat Feb 15 Rain 66°/48°

Sun Feb 16 Mostly Cloudy 63°/43°

Mon Feb 17 Cloudy 52°/37°

Tue Feb 18 Partly Cloudy 58°/39°

courtesy of weather.com

School districts pool resources to lure minority teachers

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — School districts in fast-growing suburban towns in Mercer and Somerset counties have begun pooling their resources to recruit minority teachers.

A job fair in Hillsborough staged last month by the districts' organization, Central Jersey Program for the Recruitment of Diverse Educators, attracted nearly 700 candidates.

Hillsborough and the other districts - Franklin, Montgomery, Ewing, West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional, Princeton Regional, Lawrenceville and East Windsor - are sharing resumes and forwarding the names of good applicants for which they might not have openings.

They're also working with the state Department of Education, which helped advertise last month's job fair.

Two Las Cruces schools opt for year-round schedule

LAS CRUCES (AP) — Two Las Cruces elementary schools will switch to a year-round schedule beginning in July, school officials said.

The school district will have to make several changes to implement the change, including finding substitute teachers willing to work during summer months they have previously had off.

Parents at Booker T. Washington and MacArthur elementary schools voted for the calendar change in December.

The students join six schools in the nearby Gadsden school district who are already on the year-round schedule.

Norway closing embassy in Iraq

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Norway is closing its embassy in Baghdad and bringing its staffers home, but the decision was not based on the possibility of U.S.-led military action against Iraq.

The closure was decided after Norway, a Nordic country of 4.5 million, ended its two-year term on the U.N. Security Council in 2002.

Norway opened the Baghdad embassy in part to fulfill its obligations to the Security Council when it became a member in 2000.

Four other Norwegian missions are also being closed, including Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Miami, Florida; Hong Kong; and Hamburg, Germany. It was not immediately known when the offices would be closed.

Norway is the only Nordic country with an embassy in Baghdad. Neighboring Sweden and Finland never reopened theirs after the 1991 Gulf War.

Thousands of teachers strike to demand new salary agreement

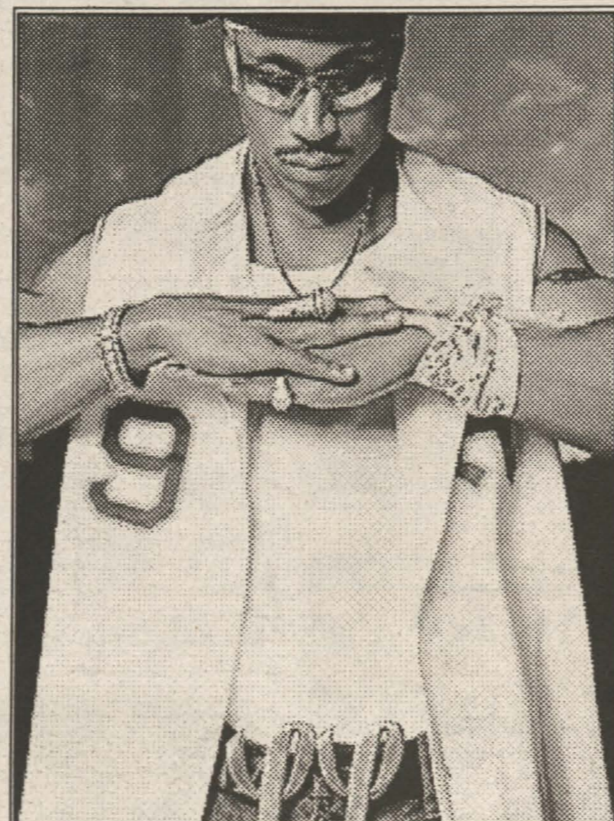
KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Thousands of teachers went on strike Monday in Jamaica because they failed to reach a new salary agreement with the government, union officials said.

More than 20,000 teachers were absent from hundreds of public schools throughout the Caribbean island nation, leaving some 540,000 students without classes.

The strike is expected to last until Wednesday, said Sadie Comrie, director of the Jamaica Teachers' Association. "We haven't reached a point where we can settle," she said.

The teachers' contract expired last March, but the two sides have been formally negoti-

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Hip hop icon LL Cool J shows that he is still on top in his new movie, *Deliver Us From Eva*, with Gabrielle Union, which came to theaters Friday. Go out and pick his new album, *10*, which is in stores now.

ating for about eight months. Teachers had been demanding a 60 percent pay raise over two years, but later said they would settle for about 9 percent.

The government has offered 6 percent over two years.

Four Algerians arrested for possessing false identity documents

LONDON (AP) — Four Algerian men arrested during anti-terrorism raids last month were jailed Monday for possessing false identity papers.

Krimou Azzouz, 35, Abdul Hamid Maskine-Djubar, 30, Mourad Khif, 33, and Kamel

Mouzoug, 32, all appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court in London for sentencing separately.

Azzouz was jailed for six months for possessing a false passport, which belonged to a French citizen. He used the passport to open a savings account, in which he deposited \$6,500 earned by working as a baker.

Khif was jailed for eight months after pleading guilty to three charges, including having a driver's license under a French name and opening a bank account and possessing a credit card under a false name.

Mouzoug was sentenced to six months after pleading guilty to four charges, including possessing false French identity documents and obtaining a credit card under a false name.

The British government indicated Azzouz, Maskine-Djubar, and Khif would be deported after serving their sentences. Mouzoug will be allowed to remain in Britain after he is released from prison.

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Much has changed, much has not
Race relations in 21st century American society



Tenesia S. Mathews
Editor in Chief

Almost two generations after the end of legal, clamorous political debates. The wider public discussion of race relations seems subdued by the fact that minorities have some kind of equality in the areas of employment and education.

The subject of race relations is discussed but muted by a full time employment economy and by a sense, particularly among many whites, that the time of large social remedies is past. Race relations are being explained less by political culture and action than by daily experience, in education, sports, popular culture and religion and especially in the workplace. The whole point is that in this century America has to still deal with race relations.

For instance, Prairie View A&M University, in some instances is still regarded by some as inferior to Texas A&M University or the University of Texas. On the front page of this edition, there is an article about how some students at Texas A&M University entertained themselves with what they call "ghetto parties."

The funny thing is that in our world this is seen as comedy or described as a form of entertainment. Although this is totally ignorant and we, as African Americans, can in no way stop these people from having these types of events, just the thought of such things can be

very unnerving.

The main point is that Slavery was America's original sin and until this country accepts that fact we'll continue have problems with race. When people start to realize that race did and still does matter then America can eliminate many of its problems.

Despite enormous progress, however, the promise of fair and equal treatment for people of color remains frustratingly elusive. And this becomes extremely frightening when a black child in Beaumont nearly dies because some white children wanted to see if his insides looked liked their insides. We have come a long way since Jim Crow ruled the South, but deeply entrenched discrimination, subjugation, subordination, and racial violence are still with us and affect not only African-Americans, but Latinos, Asian Americans, American Indians, and Arab Americans as well.



Malcolm X, one of the leading freedom fighters for Civil Rights Movement in the 20th century.

So, the question becomes what are we going to do about these racial issues?

How are we going to change the African American experience in America for our children?

The answer is simple education over ignorance. Let's educate ourselves as well as those around us. Because although much has changed for minorities much has not.

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Against it all



Rhonda Boyd
News Editor

About a week ago the Oprah Winfrey show aired a program on how people felt about our country possibly going to war.

Opinions on this issue went from those who support an all-out war because they want Saddam Hussein gone to those who don't want any war or fighting at all.

Personally, I'm "straddling the fence" on this issue because I agree with those who feel that something has to be done about Saddam.

It is my opinion that if we leave him alone, we might pay for it later.

Then on the other hand, when there is war there is a lot of innocence lost.

By innocence I mean that the casualties usually include women and children, not government officials.

There are many times when I think that people don't realize how much war doesn't affect those it's intended to.

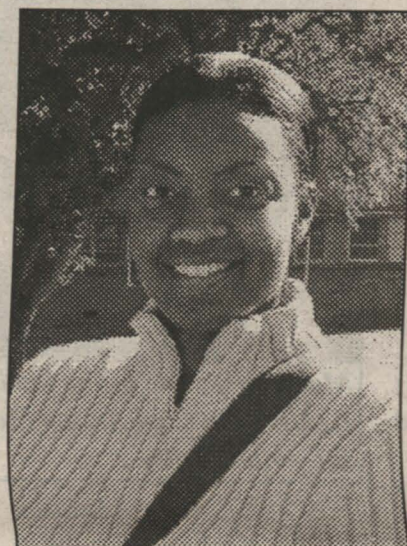
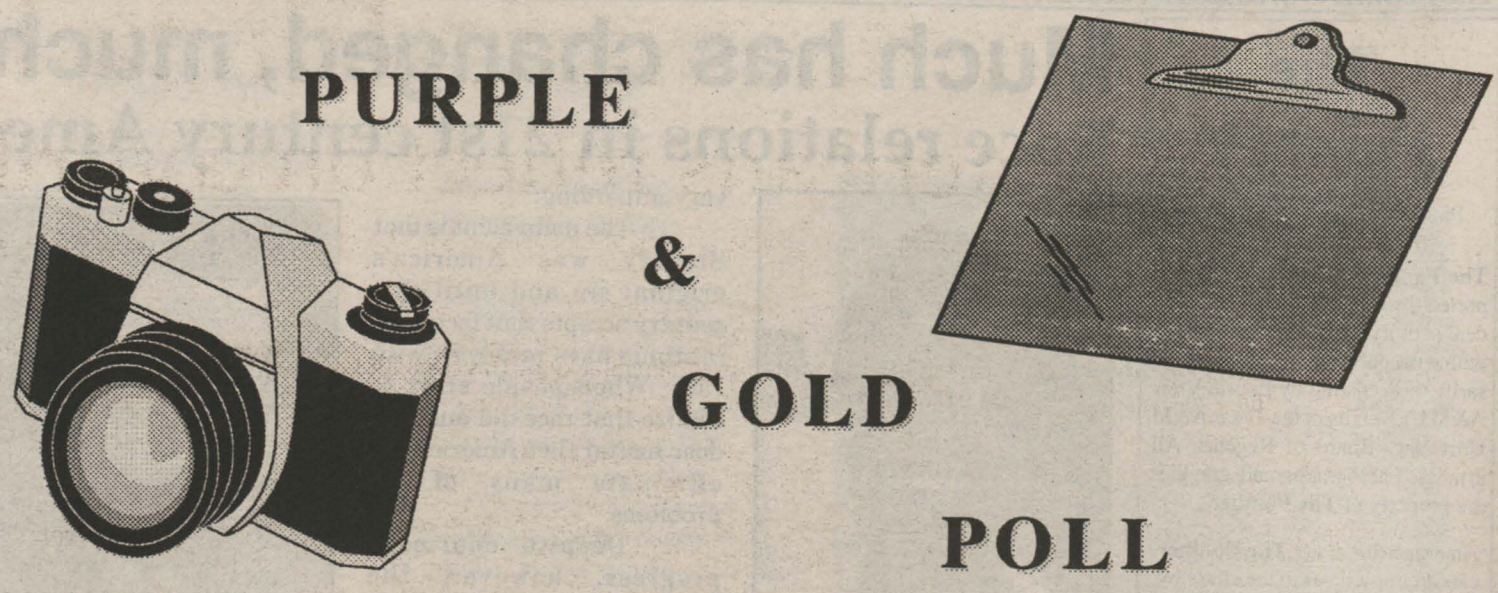
By this I mean that when our government takes military action against another country, the first people that it affects are the innocent ones.

For this reason alone, I am not for war. I value the lives of the soldiers more than I value doing away with a dictator.

Also, I remember the way I, together with millions of others Americans, felt when the terrorist acts of 9/11 claimed thousands of innocent lives. Our war isn't terrorism, but there are innocent lives at stake. Those who lost their lives on 9/11 were innocent.

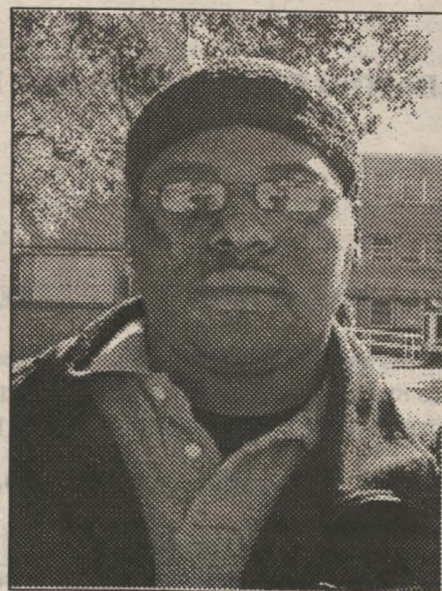
I am not trying to persuade anyone reading this, to be against war, rather I'm just giving my opinion on the issue.

Maybe for some war is the only possible answer and maybe this wouldn't be a bad thing if all options were looked at closely.



Rosalyn Lecoq
Senior/ Electrical engineering

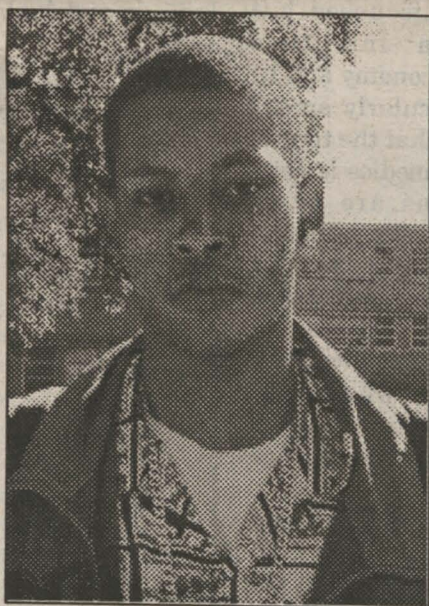
"I am proud of their success and I'm hoping for another SWAC championship win."



Ken Daniels
Sophomore/ Marketing

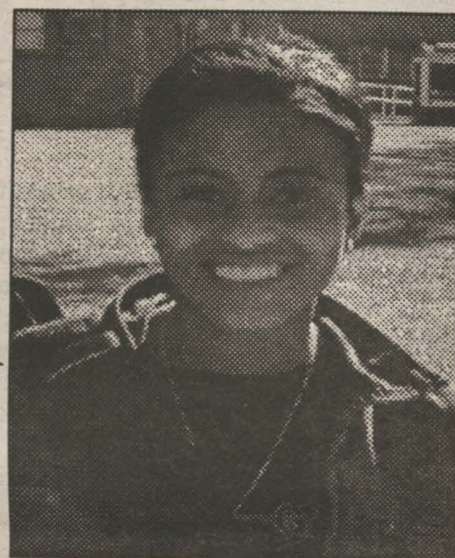
"I think that they are doing very well and holding up the school's name with pride."

How do you feel about the recent success of our men's basketball team?



Aaron Pete
Freshman/Business Management

"I feel they are doing good and it will set it off if we win SWAC."



Tan Crawford
Sophomore/ Social Work

"I am very proud of them."



Sunithia Butts
Sophomore/ Business Marketing

"I am glad they are winning. It is good to see them doing better this year."

Whites who made Black History African Americans reflect on contributions

By Andrea Brown
Black College Wire

Eighty-year-old Philip Walker sat solemnly, sipping his coffee at a coffee stand at Union Station in Washington, D.C.

He appeared to be looking back in time as he reflected on whites who had contributed to black history. "Roosevelt," he said.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's name struck a special chord with Walker. Growing up in the 1930s, Walker witnessed the nation's fall into near-poverty as unemployment rose. Roosevelt sought to turn around the weakening economy and became a hero to many Americans.

"He put on a lot of programs to help the poor and get them back to work," Walker said.

Others have similar memories of fellowship that crossed racial lines.

Computer systems programmer Gregory Owens, also of Washington, admired President Lyndon B. Johnson for his contributions to blacks' struggle for equality.

"He had to make some tough decisions," said Owens. He recalled two of Johnson's main policy goals, the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1964, which, once passed, gave blacks equality at the polls, at the lunch counters and at all other public accommodations.

Some remember not a person, but a group. "The authors and approvers of the Bill of Rights," recalled Clarence Williams. As a standard by which to determine injustice, Williams, of Washington, considered the white framers who crafted this document to be concerned with the rights of all men. He speculated that later in history, upholding the provisions of the Bill of

Rights helped verify blacks' inalienable rights as Americans.

"To start a university for blacks at the time like that, following slavery, was a great contribution," said Howard University graduate student Lakresha Graham as she explained her admiration for Gen. Oliver Otis Howard, a founder of Howard and its third president.

Howard was appointed by President Lincoln as commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands. Men like Howard helped blacks advance through education. Other institutions spearheaded by whites include Fisk University and St. Augustine College.

President Bill Clinton stands out with D.C. guidance counselor Shirley Shannon. She smiled as she recalled the abundance of black advisers and officials

who were part of his administration and how openly Clinton reached out to the black community. He hired African American colleagues as consultants and cabinet members. "He pulled from some of our brightest blacks," Shannon said.

A Democrat, Clinton represented black people, who are overwhelmingly Democrats, and unlike many white politicians, did not shy away from combating racial issues, she said. Michelle Lewis, a professor of psychology at Villa Junior College in Stevenson, Md., expressed reservations about the Clinton administration's effectiveness in helping black progress, but said that his finding a political home in

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cious," said Wallace.

Many students believe there is no point in filing a police report because they believe that it won't do any good. According to Wallace, it is very important to file a report, so that if the police find the suspect you will get most of your belongings back. "This problem is not just going to go away. This is a situation that can be controlled if everyone gets involved," said Wallace. "It is just a matter of a little prevention on both parts to make this work."

The Police Department has already made its presence known by patrolling through the Villages and University

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seems A&M President [Dr. Robert M.] Gates is attentive to the issue that minorities do not feel welcome there, and if this type of attitude is perpetuated through the campus, I don't know how they'll change that in the coming years."

Dickens noted, "Walton Hall staff and RAs need to be replaced or put in a situation where they have to give an account for that type of party. They view it as non-offensive and that's be-

New York's Harlem was a testament to his connection with African Americans.

Nonetheless, many remember the bad with the good. D.C. resident Shariffa Wilson recalls a long list of hindrances to black progress for which whites were responsible.

"The whole institution of slavery demolished our whole family structure," Wilson said. "Now we're still feeling the repercussions from 150 years ago."

Wilson also resented what she considered the poor chronicling of black history today. "They try to downplay the struggle in the history books," she said. "We don't hear about what blacks really stood for."

cause they've never had to endure the hardship or plight that African-Americans have dealt with."

Dickens said strong measures will have to be taken at the university level to deal with the Walton Hall mentality and that the event was unfortunate.

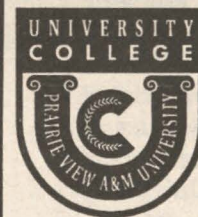
PV sophomore Jay Phillips felt Texas A&M disrespected a prominent leader and should have honored King more respectfully.

"Texas A&M could have planned a banquet uniting all races," said Phillips. "It was also unjust to classify African-Americans as being ghetto."

Junior Antoinette White found the event to be "appalling and offensive."

White said, "We're always boasting of technological advancements, but we have yet to advance in our morals and respect for each other."

According to The Battalion news release, "Two investigations have been initiated by the university to determine possible violation of university rules and/or residence hall policies and steps are being taken to provide training sessions to make them more aware of the adverse effects of their actions."



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

University College thanks all of our residence hall staff for the superb job they do 24/7!!



- You must take the TASP at least once every academic year.
- Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick TASP testing schedule or call 936/857-2747.
- If you had less than a 'C' or 'S' in a developmental class at midterm, you may not early register!!

UC Activities:

- 2/8 UC students participated in the Texas Legislative Black Caucus 6th Annual Legislative Conference in Austin.
- 2/10 HBO at UC: "Unchained Memories: Readings from the Slave Narratives," sponsored by the UC Professional Advisors.
- 2/10 - 2/11 Career Services Seminars in all UC residence halls!!
- 2/14 Second fee payment due!!
Valentines' Day!
- Month of Feb. Bldg 35 is hosting a UC African American Heritage Quiz Bowl for info contact Mr. Bland at 4449.
- Month of Feb. UC is sponsoring a Black History Month Talent Show (watch this space for details!!)

**TSU 104
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in double OT**



Andrew Roberts
Sports Editor

Prairie View vs. Texas Southern was one of the most entertaining sports functions that I have had the chance to attend this year. The two teams went at each other non-stop for two halves of play followed by two overtime periods.

The standing-room-only crowd of 8,100 fans got their money's worth on Saturday. What more could you ask for as a sports fan? Here you have two teams tied for first place in the SWAC going down to the wire in an attempt to be the SWAC's only number one ranked team.

Despite the fact that PV lost, I was very impressed with the heart and desire that our ball club displayed. At any point in the final couple of minutes in regulation play PVU could have given up.

But as they have shown all season the Panthers have a die hard attitude. With what was one of the most superbly executed game plans in college basketball, Coach Jerry Francis brought his ball club from being down six points with under a minute to being tied with TSU at 83 points apiece.

PVU would force the Tigers into overtime and almost pull off a victory, which at one time looked impossible. Many TSU fans had started to head for their vehicles in the closing seconds of the contest. Gregory Burks and the Panthers brought them back to their seats.

Burks scored 37 points and dished out 8 assists. Lopsided officiating and foul trouble proved to be costly. The Panthers split the season series with TSU 1-1.

PV students say "YES" to athletics

Prairie View students vote to approve student-imposed athletics fee

Andrew Roberts
Sports Editor

In the Nov. 13 edition of The Panther I wrote an article titled "Why are many black college athletic programs so far behind?" In the article I discussed the many problems that black college athletic programs face. I looked at Prairie View's program and compared several aspects of our athletic program with Texas and Texas A&M.

Prairie View A&M, Texas, and Texas A&M are all recognized as "universities of the first class." When comparing Prairie View's athletic facilities and assets with those of Texas and Texas A&M I noticed an extremely big difference.

Not only were Texas and Texas A&M's athletics better funded, they also had top notch facilities and equipment to use. The facilities that Prairie View has had to use the past couple of years have been to say the least, inadequate, outdated, and small. Everything from the weightroom at Blackshear stadium, to the stadium itself.

Prairie View has grown tremendously over the past few years. Student enrollment is at an all-time high with more students projected in the future.

With all this in mind, the time has come for PV to expand its athletics program. The main concern as with most new ventures was finances.

With budget cuts happening left and right Prairie View had to be creative in figuring out a plan to raise finances.



Athletic Director Charles McClelland

Athletic Director Charles McClelland has come up with such a plan. The plan involves financial contributions from alumni, and a student imposed athletics fee. The student athletics fee had to be voted on before any further action could be taken.

The students approved the fee with an overwhelming 803 to 24 vote. 803 being the students for the fee, and 24 being the students opposing the fee. The student athletics proposal will now go before the Board of Regents. The board will have the final decision on whether the proposal is to pass.

With approval looking pretty good as of now PV is very optimistic about the future. After an interview with Charles McClelland, I learned that designs for a 21,000 seat renovated Blackshear Stadium are already under way. The renovated stadium will also have new press facilities and a new and improved weight room for our athletes.

Prairie View has three new head coaches. Jerry Francis who coaches men's basketball, C.L. Whittington head of Panther football, and Micheal Robertson, coach of baseball. With qualified personnel now in all of these key positions PV athletics should be set for future success.

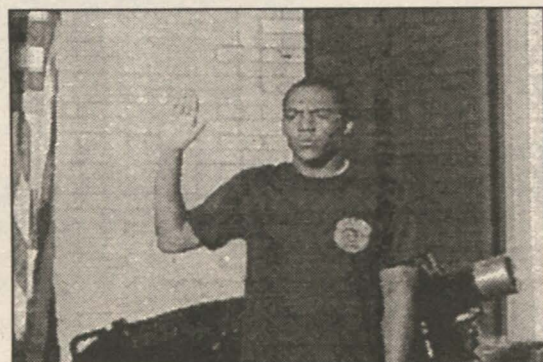
"We wanted to use basketball as the mold for our sports programs, we plan to get all areas of PV athletics to championship levels" said McClelland.

It's truly amazing what a strong athletic program and good coaches can do for a sports team. It can be the difference between winning a lot and losing a lot. Athletics is a way in which schools get representation on a daily basis. It is for this very reason, we must continue to support athletics in any way that we can. Whether that means allocation of more finances, more facilities, or more coaches, athletics has to be a priority.

For far too many years athletics has taken a back burner to everything else. When we do this we cheat our athletes and most of all ourselves.

To all of the students who made the decision to say "YES TO ATHLETICS", your support is greatly appreciated and needed. It is because of you the athletic traditions of Prairie View A&M University will continue to live on.

Prairie View A&M athletics will continue to grow and improve as long as positive productive people remain in charge. GO PANTHER ATHLETICS!!!!



Gregory Owens received a four-year scholarship in the Army ROTC program. He has sworn an oath to uphold the ideals of becoming an Army officer and is one step closer to representing the Army tradition "DUTY-HONOR-COUNTRY." If interested in the Army ROTC program, please contact CPT Penny at 936-857-4612.

Classification: Freshman
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Favorite Movie: Blade II
Favorite Food: Lasagna
Why Army ROTC: My father was in the Army and I plan on following in his footsteps as an officer, either in Field Artillery or Infantry.

Panther of the Week



Name: Stefann Robinson

Position: Assistant Athletic Director

Hometown: Greenville, MS

Achievements at PVU: 1985-1988 Athletic Business Manager, 1994-2001 Sports Information Director
2001- Present Assistant Athletic Director PVU

Coach Francis works hard on and off the court Players from PV's hoop team speak about their coach

by Chad Bowden
News writer

Prairie View A&M hired a new headcoach in April of 2002. Coach Jerry Francis immediately started to make changes. He demanded that anyone who was going to play on his basketball team must give him a 110% because that is what he would give his players. Workouts started one week after Francis received the job.

Francis believes in doing his work early. This is a phrase that he tells his players on a daily basis. He does not believe in waiting until later when he can start now. The results of starting early are beginning to show as the season starts to grow further on.

Everyone knew that the basketball team had talent, but everyone's eyes were opened once they beat The University of Houston. For once, people actually knew and cared about the basketball team. There were still those critics that said we were

the same team from last year. Senior guard Greg Burks said, "Coach Francis is one reason if not the main reason for our current success."

Coach did a lot of things differently that we were not used to but the team adjusted fine. Seeing the Panthers go on a losing streak really made people think that they were the team of old. Times would not stay bad for too long.

After playing a number of non-conference teams, SWAC play began. The Panthers jumped out to a good start by winning two conference games on the road against Alcorn and Southern. The Panthers would soon return home to play Texas Southern.

After beating TSU, the Panthers extended their record by beating Grambling and Jackson State as well. This put the team at a perfect 5 and 0 record in conference play. While everyone was patting the players on the back and telling them how good they were, Coach Francis

kept his players humble. He constantly yelled at them by saying "You haven't won enough games to think you are good."

"The season is far from being over and everyone wants to see the number one team lose" Francis said. Francis did not want his players to think that they were better than what they really were. He also reminded them of how it felt to lose and how that feeling could easily come back if they did not stay focused on what they set out to do.

The Panthers did suffer a loss against Mississippi Valley State. This game was a real eye opener for the team. The loss made the team realize that they were not as good as the thought they were.

Being in first place does not mean a thing to Francis. He still yells at his players just as much if not more. Francis always stays humble in his approach and he tries to make sure that his players do the same. When Francis was asked about his

team's success he said, "I am just trying to do my best as a head coach and I am glad that all of the hard work and dedication from my players and staff are paying off."

Roderick Riley said "Coach Francis is the heart of our program. He has gone out of his way numerous times for us for the smallest of things. All people see is the screaming and yelling that goes on during the game. They do not know what goes on within our basketball family. He shows us all love on a daily basis. That is the coach we know."

"Coach does whatever he can to help you on and off the court" said Malachi Thurston. The players have proven to be battle tested with all of the ups and downs they have faced throughout the season. It is now up to them if they will continue with their new foundation or go back to their old ways and habits from years past.

Coach Francis and staff have done an great job preparing and motivating the team. GO PANTHERS!!!!

Basketball scores

Sat, Feb. 8

Men's
TSU 104
PVU 100
2 OT

Women's
TSU 62
PVU 52

Mon, Feb. 11
Men's
PVU 80
Texas A&M
C.C. 76

Ministers raise \$27,000 for student scholarships

By Stephanie Fantop
Panther Staff

For the past 45 years Prairie View A&M University has hosted the Annual Ministers' Conference.

Every year, on the first Tuesday and Wednesday in February, ministers from throughout the country come together to raise money for student scholarships administered by the All-Faiths Chapel.

This year approxi-

mately 250 ministers attended the conference.

Within these two days the ministers and all others who participated, attended six sessions in which key speakers gave inspirational sermons.

These speakers included: Dr. E. Earl McCloud, Jr. of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Atlanta Georgia; Dr. Jerry W. Macklin of the Glad Tidings Church of God and Christ in Hayward, California; Dr. W. Edward

Lockett of the Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas; Dr. E. Thurman Walker of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas; Dr. Tyrone D. Gordon of the St. Luke Community United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas; and Elder Arthur F. Mosley of the Cathedral of Faith Church of God in Christ in Atlanta, Georgia.

On Feb. 4 four sessions were held, the opening session, luncheon

session, lecture session, and a second general session, held that night specifically for the students.

On Feb. 5 the ministers' convocation went underway followed by the banquet luncheon session at noon.

Rev. Charles H. Lewter IV, stated, "I would like to thank President Tempton and Rufus Kyles, conference chairman for their support; the conference was a huge success."

This year's confer-

ence raised \$27,000 and the chapel is still collecting donations.

Students interested in gaining more information are urged to stop by the All-Faiths Chapel.



Coach Clifton Gilliard earns Black History recognition

By Steven Kennedy
Panther Staff

Associate athletic director Clifton Gilliard is being recognized this month for his great accomplishments and dedication to Prairie View A&M University.

A native of Houston, Texas, Coach Clifton Gilliard has been a part of Prairie View A&M University for decades, going back to his earlier days as a student from 1956 to 1960. In his student days, Gilliard was part of the Panther football team.

He played halfback on the 1958 national championship team, under coach William "Billy" Nicks. That same year he was named to the All-SWAC football squad.

Gilliard was a three-year letterman in football, and went on to graduate in 1960 with a bachelor of science degree in health and physical education.

He received two master's degrees from Prairie View, one in 1974 in guidance

and counseling, and the other in 1993 in health and human performance.

Gilliard returned to Prairie View from 1974 to 1980 to serve as an assistant football coach.

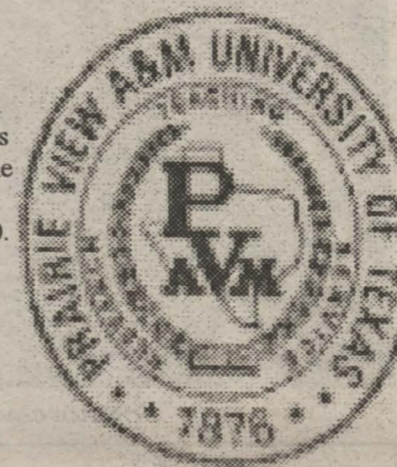
He has served as assistant men's track and field coach, assistant football coach, acting chair of the Health and Human Performance Department, and interim athletics director.

"I enjoy the interaction with students, and the closeness with co-workers," said Gilliard.

He said that one of his biggest accomplishments here at Prairie View was when the men's track and field team won both the indoor and outdoor SWAC track and field championships in 2000.

"For us to come back and win the indoor and outdoor championships was something very special."

Gilliard has been a big part of the Prairie View athletic program. He has brought a wealth of athletic knowledge and administrative experience to his



health hints

Glaucoma

Glaucoma is a disease that can lead to damage to the eye's optic nerve and result in blindness.

Open-angle glaucoma, the most common form of glaucoma, affects about 3 million Americans--half of whom don't know they have it. It has no symptoms at first. But over the years it can steal your sight.

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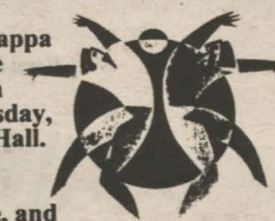
for more information, call ext. 2018

In Celebration of Black History Month...



- The Dept. of Student Activities & Leadership invites students, administration, faculty, and staff to support "African Attire Day" every Wednesday in February by wearing traditional African attire or Red, Green, and Black clothing.
- The Campus Activities Board presents a Black History Movie Marathon Wednesday, February 12, 2003. General Admission is Free. Location: Hobart Taylor Bldg., 1A110.

- The Dept. of Student Activities & Leadership, along with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Beta Chapter presents The Exclamation Dance Company of Houston performing a concert entitled "Celebration of the Disinherited" Thursday, February 20, 2003 @ 7:30 PM in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall. Admission is Free.



- The concert will be a rhythmical journey celebrating life, love, and liberty through the music of the African-American experience.
- The Campus Activities Board, along with the John B. Coleman Library, Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Science, the Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture, presents the Annual Black History Quiz Bowl, Friday, February 28, 2003 @ 11:00 AM in the Public Events Room, John B. Coleman Library.
- A test of black history knowledge in teams of four to six members competing for \$300.00 - 1st prize, \$200.00 - 2nd prize, and \$100.00 - 3rd prize. All entries must be received by Tuesday, February 18, 2003. For further information, please call Dr. Louis Williams @ ext. 3924.

Tyrese's third album brings back soulful R&B sounds

Hit song "I Wanna Go There" takes you where you want to be

By: NiRoshia Smith

Panther Staff

Remember that young, fresh singer on a bus that became the staple for Coca Cola commercials? Well, Tyrese is back again with his junior album entitled "I Wanna Go There."

Since recovering from his motorcycle accident last year, everyone has been anxiously waiting for the ballads we know he has in store for us.

Now that the wait is over it appears that it has been well worth it. This actor, model, and vocalist has teamed up with powerhouses, such as the Underdogs and Jermaine Dupri, to concoct a special blend of sultry soul as well as hip hop anthems.

His latest single "How You Gonna Act Like That" has gained major radio play, while the video has been seen on MTV and BET is at number 13 on the Billboard charts.

In the song, he explores giving his all to his ladylove. In the end he learns the heartfelt lesson that it's better to have loved and have lost, than to never have loved at all.

On the track "You Don't Give a D### About Me" his catchy beats ease the pain of heartache that many of us feel.

For die-hard Tupac fans, Tyrese pays homage to the rap legends in his cover of "How Do You Want It." In "Zodiac Freak", he seductively describes his Capricorn connection with all the other astrological signs.

So ladies, you never know you two might be compatible. Jermaine Dupri of So So Def, fame comes into play on "Girl I Can't Help It".

You can look forward to dancing in the mirror every time you hear this one. In "Kinda Right" he discovers that although he can't put his finger on it, he's found something special in someone.

After listening to this CD, when someone asks you if you've ever listened to "Ghetto Girl," you won't assume that they are referring to Lil Bow Wow's summer anthem.

This cut will take you back to the days of L.L. Cool J's "Around The Way Girl". So girls, if you're too high maintenance, you don't stand a chance of being his sweet lady.

As the CD plays on, Tyrese advertises that there's a vacancy in ecstasy. By the way, do not skip the title track "I Wanna Go There". It is well deserving of your repeat button.

If you still can't get enough after purchasing this album, check out his other two releases, Tyrese which featured "Sweet Lady", the ultimate love ballad that put Tyrese on the map and 2000 Watts which featured to hits, "What Am I Gonna Do" and "I Like Them Girls".

Although we're anxiously waiting for the Baby Boy sequel, you will see more of his acting in the "The Fast and Furious 2" this summer featuring other music super stars Ludacris and Kid Rock.

Whether you're on your way to class, need something to study, or just want to cuddle up with your significant other this CD will be money well spent.

Hottest Movie Rentals

****Brown Sugar**
Sanaa Lathan & Taye Diggs

****Pandora's Box**
Christoph St. John & Monica Calhoun

****Unfaithful**
Richard Gere

****Blood Work**
Clint Eastwood

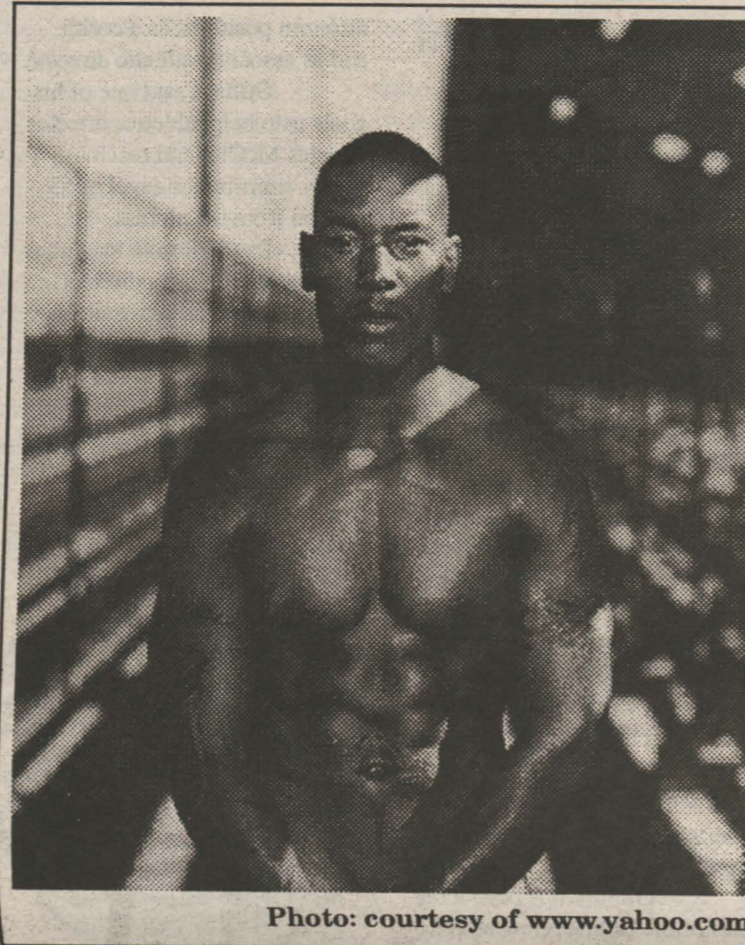
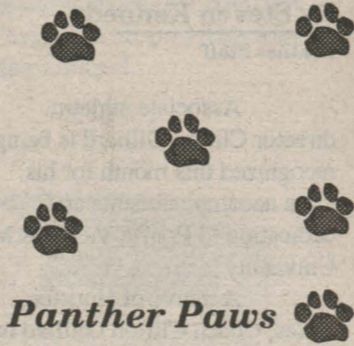


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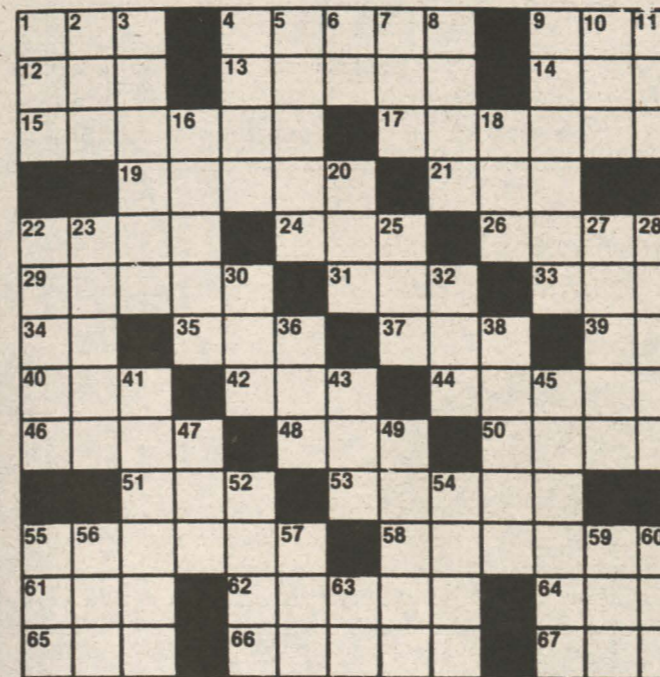


Pick up your Application: February 17th - 21st, 2003
In the Phase 3 Clubhouse between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

All Applications and Recommendations must be submitted by
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In the Phase 3 Clubhouse between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

All questions and concerns should be directed to Starvel Williams at Ext. 6000

Crossword Companion



ACROSS

1. Cushion
4. Mad dog
9. Source of corn
12. Gov. agency (abbr.)
13. Water in times
14. Plural verb
15. Fleet of warships
17. The Earth
19. Incline
21. Departure estimate (abbr.)
22. Red vegetable
24. "Perfect" number
26. Roof covering
29. Small islands
31. On fire
33. Beetle
34. Gross ton (abbr.)
35. _____ Rogers
37. Fall behind
39. Negative
40. Cloth border
42. Mist
43. Old
46. Saare
48. Ocean
50. Female horse
51. Negative word
53. Approximately
55. Servile work
58. Churned milk
61. Single

DOWN

1. Green vegetable
2. Spring month (abbr.)
3. Maiden
4. Do over
5. Adjust
6. Verb
7. Valley
8. NW state (abbr.)
9. Open
10. Wager
16. Change
18. Attached (abbr.)
20. Rope-like fish
22. Loop in a rope
23. Organic compound
25. Nothing
27. One who avoids people
28. Wear away
30. Scatter seed
32. Small amount (slang)
36. Affirmative
38. Complete range of anything
41. Containing men
43. Brewed drink
45. Cloth shred
47. Hawaiian food
49. Monastery superior
52. Spigots
54. Those not in office
56. Cow sound
56. Finish
57. Untruth
59. Age
60. Rapid eye movement (abbr.)
63. Southern state (abbr.)



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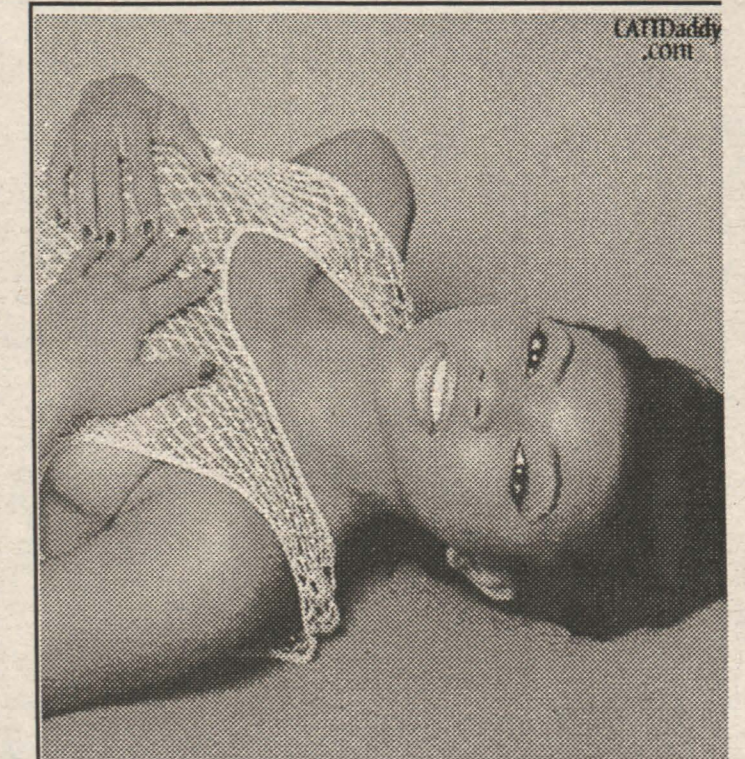
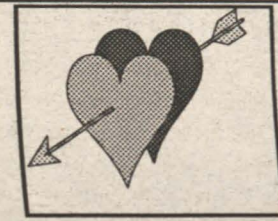


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Gabrielle Union is on the move. She stars in the movie "Deliver us from Eva" with co-star L.L. Cool J.

Editor's Valentine's Picks



D'Angelo "Untitled"

Tyrese "Sweet Lady"

Boyz to Men "I'll make Love to You"

Blackstreet "Before I Let You Go"

Jodeci "Forever My Lady"

1. Who broke up with his girlfriend so he won't have to buy a Valentine's Day gift? 2. Who's ready for spring break? 3. Will the yard show turn into a Greek fight? 4. Why was the Elimi-dat audience subjected to that Prince routine? 5. Who said Musiq's song could be sung as a duet? 6. How many people took those stupid shirts from the credit card people? 7. Who actually gave their real social security numbers? 8. Were there more people outside the T.S.U. game than inside? 9. Who was the boy who fell outside of Alumni? 10. Why is the Panther office so small? 11. Whose boyfriend sang that sweet song outside of the Village? 12. Could we all be so lucky? 13. Who is the boy who tore up his car at the gates in Phase II? 14. Why do you need a 3.0 to stay in Phase III? 15. Why do the CAs only need a 2.5? 16. How many people are still without a Valentine's Day date? 17. Why is the Sigmas' ball so expensive? 18. Is it because it's not in a closet (the Newman Center)? 19. Isn't the basketball ball team going all the way? 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 e-mail panther@pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther

