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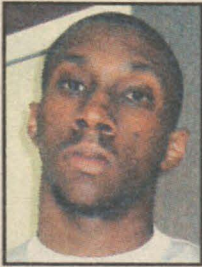
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Photo by Leona Aaron
President Emeritus Dr. A. I. Thomas spoke after the ribbon cutting of the administration building which was named in his honor. Thomas led the university from 1966 to 1982.

President Emeritus gets honored with building dedication

By Leona Aaron
Panther Staff

Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, the third president and president emeritus of Prairie View A&M University, was honored with the dedication of the administration building at a ceremony on Thursday, April 17.

The administration building will now be known as the Alvin I. Thomas building.

For 16 years, Dr. Thomas led the university with the same motto for every incoming student, faculty, and staff- "strive for excellence."

Thomas helped get the name of the university changed from Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College to Prairie View A&M University. He formed Pan Hellenic Council for all

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A new queen reigns in Pantherland

Lorie Freeman triumphs in Miss Prairie View pageant

By Stephanie Fantop
Panther Staff

Junior communications major Lorie Freeman was crowned Miss Prairie View A&M University last Wednesday at the 34th annual Miss Prairie View Scholarship Pageant.

Sophomore electrical engineering major Reginald Bacchus was also crowned Mr. Prairie View in the 7th annual Mr. Prairie View pageant. Bacchus was the only male participant in the pageant, which automatically qualified him

for the title.

Trailing Freeman was the first runner-up, junior math education major Elan Wilson. Junior animal science major Lindsey Leverett was second runner-up.

Other participants in the Miss Prairie View contestant were junior political science major Chelsea Glenn, sophomore business major Miracle Mitchell, and senior education major Kamell Webster.

The pageant was held in the Billy Nicks Fieldhouse. Each contestant participated in an interview, swimsuit,

talent, and impromptu competition.

Judges for the event included Polly Chevalier, Cleophus Sharp, Tanish Cosby, George Smith, and Shari Harris, all alumni of the university.

Miss Prairie View will receive \$3,000 in scholarship funds. The first runner-up for Miss Prairie View will receive a \$700 scholarship award and the second runner-up will get \$500.

Freeman expressed her feelings about winning the

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Junior communications major and Dallas native Lorie Freeman (left) won this year's Miss Prairie View A & M University Pageant. 1st runner up was junior mathematics education major Elan Wilson and 2nd runner up was Lindsey Leverett, a junior animal science major. Sophomore Reginald Bacchus was crowned Mr. Prairie View.

Photo courtesy of the Department of Student Activities

•State•

PV's Seven Day Forecast

Wed
Apr 23 PM T-
Storms
75°/67°

Thu
Apr 24 Isolated T-
Storms
79°/61°

Fri
Apr 25 Partly
Cloudy
81°/59°

Sat
Apr 26 Partly
Cloudy
83°/61°

Sun
Apr 27 Partly
Cloudy
84°/64°

Mon
Apr 28 Isolated T-
Storms
83°/68°

Tue
Apr 29 Scattered
T-Storms
84°/65°

courtesy of weather.com

•National•

Colorado Supreme Court refuses to consider defamation case

DENVER (AP) _ The Colorado Supreme Court on Monday rejected a request by the Rocky Mountain News to consider another court's ruling that will allow a trial on a defamation claim against the newspaper.

The Colorado Court of Appeals ruled in December that Manuel "Eddie" Bueno's defamation claim, stemming from an article that portrayed him as a member of a crime family, should be heard by a jury.

Without comment, the Supreme Court announced Monday that it would not review the Court of Appeals' decision.

Parents to start local private school

BEND, Ore. (AP) _ A local group says it will start a private school called the Cascades Academy of Central Oregon for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Parents decided to form a new private school when the Sunriver Preparatory School announced it will close this May.

The school will remain independent from the Bend-La Pine School District. Planners hope to initially enroll about 100 students and hope to expand the student body to 250 or 300 students within a few years.

The group is looking at the site of the current Seven Peaks Elementary in northeast Bend to house the new school. Seven Peaks is moving into a new building.

•World•

Bob Marley, Louise Bennet to be honored at literary festival

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) _ Reggae singer Bob Marley and folklorist Louise Bennet will be honored next month at the third annual Calabash International Literary Festival.

The May 23-25 festival will take place in the fishing village of Treasure Beach on Jamaica's south coast.

Bennet, 82, now lives in Toronto. In the 1940s and 1950s when Jamaica was still under British rule, she championed the use of indigenous dialect in local theater and recorded several cultural albums.

Marley, who died from cancer in 1981 at age 36, helped bring reggae to an international audience during the 1970s.

Leading up to the festival, six independent films will be shown at the Bob Marley Theater at the Bob Marley Museum in Kingston. This is the first year films are being included as part of the festivities.

Gladiators march in Rome for city's anniversary

ROME (AP) _ Hundreds of gladiators sporting chain-mail, wolf-skins, and swinging grappling nets marched by the ruins of ancient Rome on Monday in a birthday celebration for the city, which legend says was founded 2,756 years ago.

The make-believe gladiators - some from as far away as France and Hungary - poured off buses, sporting steel helmets and daggers swinging from scabbards.

"I Put Spell On You..."



courtesy of google.com

Jazz great Nina Simone died Monday at her home in France. She was 70. Simone became a voice of the Civil Rights Movement with her songs, Mississippi Goddam and To Be Young, Gifted, and Black. Read more about her life in her biography, I Put A Spell On You.

"We're all here today because it's the birthday of Rome, so we celebrate the foundation of the city like good Romans," said Giorgio Franchetti, the spokesman of the Roman Historic Group, who himself was geared up for battle.

Legend has it that Rome was founded by Romulus and Remus on April 21, 753 B.C., after the twin brothers built a settlement in what is now Italy's capital.

Queen Elizabeth II marks 77th birthday

LONDON (AP) _ Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 77th birthday quietly Monday, riding on the grounds of Windsor Castle and spending time with her

family. The monarch waved to her granddaughter Zara Phillips - Princess Anne's daughter - as she set off on her horse, accompanied by a groom.

At noon, gunners in London's Hyde Park and at Stirling Castle and Edinburgh, Scotland, fired 21-gun salutes to honor the queen.

A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said the queen spent the day privately with her husband, Prince Philip, and other relatives and friends.

She attended Easter services at St. George's Chapel in Windsor with her family on Sunday.

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Supreme Court agrees to hear Texas death row inmate's appeal

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) _ The Supreme Court said Monday it will hear an appeal from a Texas death row inmate who claims an inept defense lawyer and underhanded prosecutors denied him a fair trial 23 years ago.

Delma Banks has been on Texas' death row longer than any other inmate, and has seen more than 300 fellow inmates taken to their execution. He was minutes away from his own execution when the Supreme Court gave him a reprieve last month. That reprieve will now be extended at least until next fall, when the high court will hear Banks' case.

His new lawyers claim Banks was poorly represented at trial, prosecutors improperly withheld information and testimony from two prosecution witnesses was shaky.

Banks was convicted in 1980 of killing a 16-year-old former co-worker at a fast food restaurant. Witnesses reported seeing Banks with the victim the night he was shot, and driving the victim's car afterward.

Banks had no prior criminal record and maintains his innocence. Prosecutors say the case against Banks is solid, and that time already has run out for Banks to make any more appeals.

Banks' new lawyers asked the high court to examine the tangled history of Banks' appeals, and a lower court ruling that Banks could not show the lawyer's performance affected the outcome of the trial.

The Supreme Court declined Monday to include in its review claims that prosecutors wrongly kept blacks off the jury. Banks is black, his victim was white and the jury was all white.

During jury selection in Banks' case, prosecutors disqualified the only four black potential jurors, and Banks' lawyer did not object. His new lawyers have compiled statistics they say show

that in the months surrounding Banks' trial in Bowie County, Texas, prosecutors excluded 94 percent of blacks eligible to sit on juries.

In 2000, a federal judge heard evidence that was

Sessions and the others filed a friend of the court brief that cites "uncured constitutional errors" in Banks case.

"The paramount importance of adequate defense

counsel in capital cases cannot be overstated," the Sessions filing said. "When a criminal defendant is forced to pay with his life for his lawyer's errors, the effectiveness of the criminal justice system as a whole is undermined."



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April 14, 2003

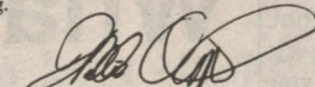
TO: PVAMU Students

RE: Designated Tuition

As you are aware, the State of Texas is going through some difficult budget challenges. As of this point, we are not totally certain of the funding level that will be provided by the State of Texas. Thus, it is very likely that an increase in tuition (Designated Tuition) may be required to sustain the University operations for the next fiscal year and beyond.

For example:	Fees/Tuition	Increase per SCH	Amount of Increase
Student taking 12 hrs:	Athletic	\$10.00	\$120.00
	Designated Tuition	\$ 6.00	72.00
Total Increase for Fall and Spring Semesters			\$192.00

We have been and will continue to identify cost saving measures so that the impact to the students is as minimal as possible. During the April early registration, students will be able to select their courses for Fall 2003; however, no fee statements will be printed during this time. For students who go through early registration, we anticipate that bills will be mailed during late June 2003. Thus, please ensure that your billing address is current. If it needs to be updated, please contact Accounts Receivable on the first floor of the W. R. Banks Building.


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Time's up Some teens making argument for sex



By Charlene Carter
Black College Wire

When is someone who has had sex still considered a virgin? What is sex? If you have oral or anal sex, but never engaged in vaginal penetration, are you still a virgin?

If you answered no to the last question, you're probably an absolutist. If you answered yes, you've stumbled upon a concept to which some teens have been subscribing for years "technical virginity."

Technical virginity refers to the status of people who have participated in sexual activities other than penile-vaginal penetration. According to Washington, D.C., sex therapist Dr. Hani Miletski, author of a recent book about bestiality, the broad interpretation of the term has provided teens with a loophole for defining their sexual status. However, she says it amounts to little more than a technicality.

"Sex is sex. There are all kinds of things you can do besides intercourse and still be considered sexually active. I just don't buy the notion of technical virginity," Miletski said.

Kia Cooke, a 17-year-old senior at Mount Vernon High School in Fairfax County, Va., pondered the concept of technical virginity and disputed the term's validity.

Cooke defined a virgin as a person who has not had any sexual experiences. "You shouldn't be considered a virgin if you've participated in oral sex, because you're participating in sexual activities. That's why they call it oral sex," Cooke said.

According to statistics from the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a non-profit organization focused on sexual and reproductive health research, the majority of young women become sexually active as teenagers.

Seventy-five percent have their first sexual experience by age 20.

Teens say the possibilities of unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases are always on their minds, so that subscribing to the "technical virginity" theory allows them to experience sex without worry.

This is the view that the technicalvirgin.com Web site aims to discourage. At first glance, the site seems to promote the practice, but it actually parodies the way some teens view abstinence.

Using fictional testimonials, TV commercials and creative date ideas, the Web site pokes fun at how technical virginity influences the way teens view abstinence.

In response, the "frequently asked questions" section of the site establishes its purpose. "We feel that the entire abstinence approach to teen sexuality is unrealistic and misguided, and this site is our response to that. We believe that if the current abstinence movement continues to preach total abstinence, it will send the message that only heterosexual, vaginal intercourse is "real sex" and that other types of sexual behavior are not "really sex," the site states.

The site also features a "Technical Virgin Pledge" in which readers assert that vaginal, heterosexual intercourse should be abstained from until marriage. But it allows "sharing orgasms with others, via manual, oral, and anal sex between consenting partners, whether of my same sex or the opposite sex."

Miletski said that religion and morality are issues that have a significant impact on the way teens want to classify their sexuality.

"Catholicism translates sex to intercourse, so Catholic teens will do everything but sex before marriage, and it makes them feel good about the morality aspect," Miletski said.

By Denise Cohen
Panther Staff

As the school year comes to an end we as students are quickly becoming stressed out and ready for the summer.

The end of the year group projects that you have put off are beginning to build and the pressures of registering and getting financial aid are at an all time high. It's just not funny anymore, time is running out and let's face it, it can not be caught.

I was reading a magazine the other day and it asked a simple question, "If you had one more hour in the day what would you do?"

I'm sure the stress of school work would take up at least 45 minutes of that single hour.

Plagued with group study sessions in the new science building, fighting for a computer in the library, or telling that one teacher that your car really did break down every single time you were absent can take its toll. So to issues like that I say, "Relax."

At this point there is not much you can do besides study and pray. Finals are almost here so it's time to buckle down in this last week and get down to business.

In less than two-weeks we will be at the house, having fun with friends, and enjoying our family's company. Or you could be shuffling your belongings from U.C. and Phase 3 into Phase 1 for the start of summer school.

But forget all of that summer stuff for now. Unfortunately we do not have an extra hour in the day and we never will. Use your time wisely, take care of your business, and don't forget to relax.

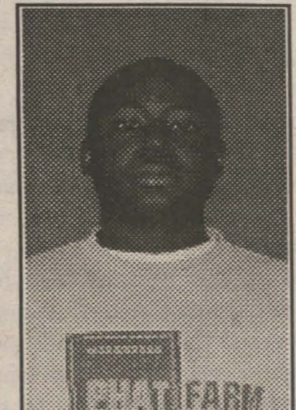
PURPLE & GOLD POLL

What changes would you like PV to make over the summer?



Tiffany Balkaran
Junior/History

"I would like the university's history department to hire an African-American specialist."



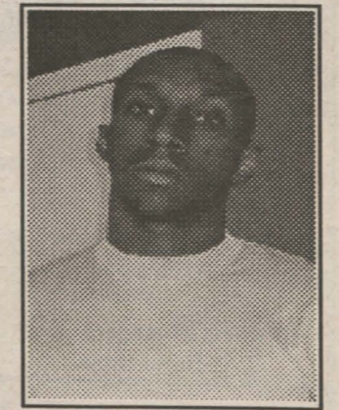
Jeremy Easley
Sophomore/Psychology

"I would like security to change for the better with more police officers and campus security."



Natalie Lott
Junior/Criminal Justice

"More parking spaces, less housing costs, and trees around the new MSC for Greek and non-Greek organizations."



Booker Hamilton
Junior/Criminal Justice

"Better admission standards, also better security."

Photos By: Candace Simpson

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fraternities and sororities. In 1969, Prairie View A&M University became the first African-American university to provide a Miss Texas Pageant entrant.

Many present at the event praised Thomas. Frederick V. Roberts of the Division of Student and Enrollment Services spoke of how Thomas always stressed "the importance of a good education." He also said Thomas always thought of Prairie View as a "diamond in the rough," meaning with a little dedication it will sparkle one day.

Prairie View mayor Frank D. Jackson gave a speech on how much gratitude and respect he has for Thomas. Jackson said, "Thomas created the Naval ROTC and helped produce more African-American Naval officers, like myself, than any other university." He added, "Thomas always demanded the best out of you because of the potential he knows you have."

Others stated how Thomas' vision led to significant achievements for the university and he was willing to do anything for this goal to take place. They said Thomas gave "blood, sweat, and tears" helping mold Prairie View into what it is today - one of the top-ranked HBCUs in the nation.

In response, Thomas said he did not work his faculty and staff that hard because he never saw them persevere that much. He noted that behind the name on the building are names of his family members who always gave the ultimate sacrifice and spent time with him.

He expressed appreciation to his faculty, because without their support he could not move forward. He also thanked the staff who kept the campus clean and well-maintained.

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pageant by stating, "It was really exciting. It was the first pageant I've entered- and to win it was very exciting!" Giving a preview of her plans, Freeman said, "My platform is to implement activities that

will encourage support and give motivation to the students." She also emphasized her acronym H. U. G. S., which is, Helping Us Grow Stronger.

Freeman maintained that student interaction and participation with Miss and Mr. Prairie View is vital. She said she hopes to bring the campus of Prairie View A&M together as a family.

OTHER PAGEANT WINNERS:

- Ms. Congenialty: Elan Wilson.
- Top Ad Winner: Kamell Webster.
- Private Interview: Lorie Freeman.
- Swimsuit: Tie- Lorie Freeman and Elan Wilson.
- Talent Winner: Lorie Freeman.
- Evening Gown: Lorie Freeman.
- Oral Expression: Lindsey Leverett.

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health hints

Heat Stroke

Symptoms

- *Weakness, dizziness
- *Rapid pulse
- *Reddish tinge to skin
- *Nausea and/or vomiting
- *Unconsciousness
- *High body temperature

Prevention

- *Spend as much time indoors as possible on any hot and humid days
- *Drink plenty of fluids
- *Wear lightweight clothing
- *Protect yourself from the sun
- *Take frequent drink breaks during outdoor activities
- *Schedule vigorous activities and sports for cooler times of the day

How heat stroke works:

When our bodies create extreme internal heat from either external heat, vigorous activity, or a combination of both, we control our internal body heat by sweating. Situations like extreme external heat, especially when combined with high humidity, can interfere with this cooling system and our internal body heat begins to rise. Body temperatures can rise to 106° Fahrenheit. At this point internal mechanisms begin a shutdown and death can occur.

Courtesy of: www.sakara.net/Heat

Truth or untruth?



By Leona Aaron
Panther Staff

Michael Jordan vows that this is officially his last season and he will not make a comeback. Mike the real question is are you telling the truth or just want to take another two years off? For a man who has set records and broke a few what does the NBA have to offer you for you to keep coming back? MVP for the year and play-offs, rookie of the year, scoring titles, winner of several titles and so many more rewards you have earned.

Jordan is now trying to get back into the head office of the Washington Wizards as president of basketball operations for the team. This will be the third time Jordan has retired within a ten-year span. Jordan came back once before but ended on top by taking the bulls to another three back-to-back championships.

The Washington Wizards have finished 37-45 for the second straight year despite the solid play from Jordan. This is not Jordan typical type of team but maybe it was a sign that he shouldn't have come back if he couldn't produce the same qualities.

Maybe this will be the Michael Jordan's last appearance because frankly you can't be on top all the time because someone always comes along who is younger, quicker, and better. Jordan, if you leave this time please doesn't come back because you are not giving everyone a chance to be on top. You will always be remembered as one of the greatest players ever to play the game so go out on top.

Softball team goes to SWAC again

Lady Panthers excel with 23-2 season record

By Andrew Roberts
Panther Staff

Lady Panthers won SWAC western division regular season title.

What do you get when you mix legendary Prairie View A&M softball coach A.D. James with a group of talented hard working young ladies?

The answer is a pretty good ball club with an outstanding conference record.

The Lady Panthers boast an overall 23-2 SWAC record. The record was good enough for Prairie View to secure the SWAC western division regular season title.

Prairie View now has the SWAC tournament on their its. Prairie View played host to the Lady Tigers of Grambling State (7-34) on Thursday.

Prairie View went into the double header hoping to keep their SWAC losts total at just two games and also hoping to go into the SWAC tourney on a high note.

The Lady Panthers were able to do just that.

They came out and literally dominated both games.

During game one Prairie View took an early two-point advantage in the first inning.

Rosaline Ash would score the Lady Panthers first run of the afternoon giving them a 1-0 lead.

Later on that inning, Kimberley Fernandez would be brought home on Kuksheina Woodson's single.

Natalie Adamson did a good on the mound pitching in the first inning retiring all three Grambling State batters.

In the second inning Adamson racked up two quick strike outs and the Lady Tigers were retired once again with no runs and only one base hit. Prairie View gave up two runs in the third

that brought the score to a Adamson sent Grambling to

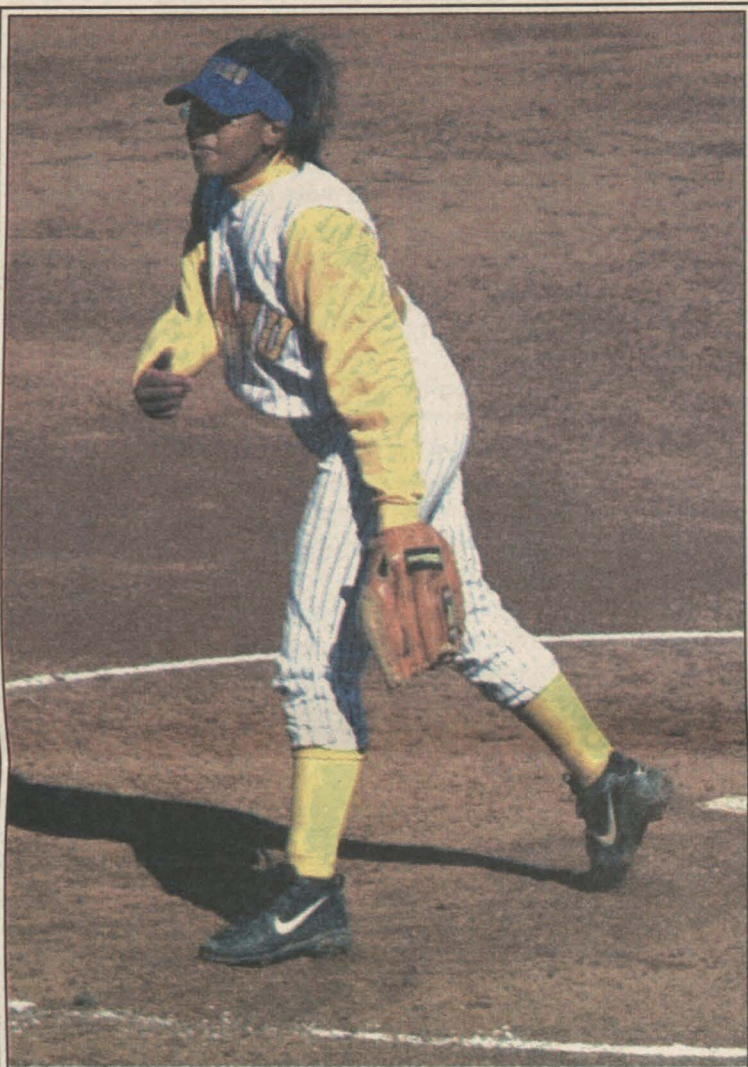


Photo: courtesy of softball team

Kelly Duerson is throwing heat on the mound during softball game

2-2 tie. That same inning Prairie View went three and out.

In the fourth inning Woodson would reach home sweet home once again after Grambling's left fielder committed a field error.

Grambling would tie the game in the top of the fifth on unearned run.

In the bottom of the fifth Prairie View would start to run away with the game scoring four runs. The Lady Panther left no runners stranded on base.

The last two runs of the inning were scored by Fernandez on a wild pitch and Woodson who was brought home by Christina Reyes.

the dug out three and out in the top of the sixth inning.

Prairie View would reel off three more runs in the bottom of the inning.

The final score for game one was Prairie View A&M 10 Grambling State 3.

Adamson pitched all six innings of the contest and gave up only five hits three runs one of which was an earned run along with striking out five Grambling State batters.

Game two, which could be best described as a blowout, didn't make it past the fifth inning.

Grambling State hopped out to an early two-point advantage in the first. The Lady Panthers

would answer back scoring one run in the first and another in the second.

The bottom of the fourth brought the Panthers two more runs which moved the score to 4-2. In the bottom of the fifth Prairie View blew doors off the hinges scoring six runs.

The six run scoring rally was capped off by an in the park homerun by Trisha Anderson which cleared the bases.

The eight run rule kicked in, and just as fast as Grambling State got to the campus of Prairie View A&M they were soon making an even faster departure.

The Lady Panther played exceptionally well even though there was nothing riding on the line for them.

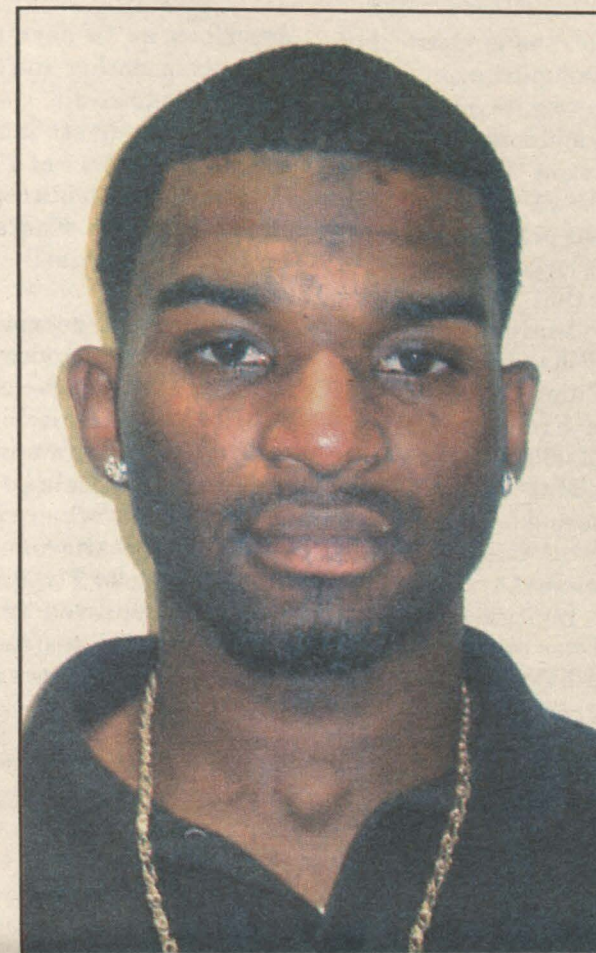
In an interview with Coach A.D. James he expressed delight with his team performances but noted that this is only the beginning of the road they have ahead.

"We wanted to go into the SWAC tournament on a winning streak and we did that," said Coach James.

When asked who he felt should receive team MVP honors, he said, "Carolyn Hutchings is the back bone of our ball club; the teams success is a group effort but as we all know every team must have a leader and she is ours."

Prairie View will be in action May 1-4 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the SWAC tournament.

Athlete of the Week



Name: Johnathan Calvin

Classification: Junior

Hometown: Houston, TX

Sport: Baseball

Position: Shortstop

Claim To Fame: Always creating the double play.

Basketball program is looking toward the future with new recruitments for men's team

By Ryan McGinty
Special To Panther

The Prairie View A&M University Panther basketball program has signed three high school prepsters to NCAA National Letters of Intent on the first day of the spring signing period.

The new Panthers are Phillip Hawthorne, Clyde Pride and Lonnie Wyche.

Hawthorne, a 6-4, 190-pound small forward from Alief Hastings High School in Houston, earned second team Class 5A All-State honors.

He was selected to the Region III-5A first team by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC).

He also earned a spot on the District 19-5A first team, averaging 13 points, 5.1 rebounds and 2.6 steals per game.

Hawthorne selected Prairie over Fresno State, North Texas, Southwest Texas and Stephen F. Austin.

A 6-7, 225-pound power forward from Kashmere High School in Houston, Wyche averaged 19 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks per game.

Wyche was named to the Class 4A Region III first team by the TABC and was the co-Most Valuable Player in District 22-4A.

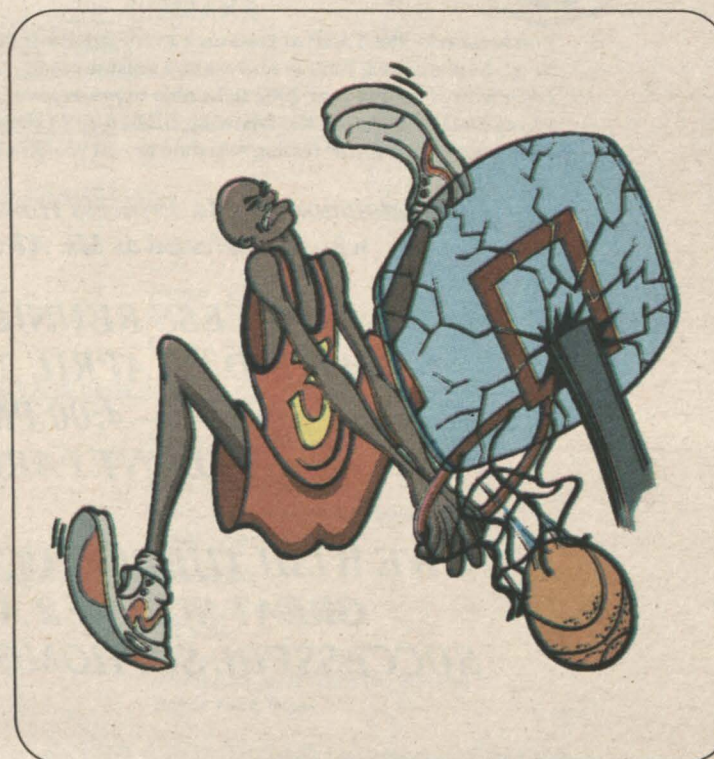
Prairie View beat out Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Texas Pan-American and Texas Southern for Wyche.

Pride, a 6-3, 180-pound point guard from Kashmere, earned District 22-4A first team honors after averaging 14 points, nine assists and 6.5 steals per game.

Pride chose the Panthers over Centenary College and Drake.

"We are very excited about our recruiting class because each player brings a special talent and work ethic to our basketball program," said head coach Jerome Francis.

"I think they will definitely gel with the guys we have returning next season." Prairie View, which captured the 2002-03 regular seasons SWAC championship, plans to sign additional prepsters in the coming days.



4 journalism students bring recognition to communications program, *The Panther*

By **Dustin Daniel**
Panther Staff

On a campus where biology and engineering majors are hailed as the breadwinners, the languages and communications department has not had that much recognition.

However, the department is slowly gravitating toward its moment of parity, thanks to the accomplishments of four students who are bringing credibility to Hilliard Hall, by winning highly competitive internships.

In a feat rarely achieved by sophomores anywhere, Christina Johnson has been selected by *The New York Times* for its 2003 Summer Journalism Institute in New Orleans, La.

A letter written by the director of the Institute, Don Hecker, to the head of the languages and communications department, Dr.

Dejun Liu, with copies to President Willie Tempton and communications coordinator Lewis Smith said, "The selection of this representative of Prairie View A&M University should serve as a source of considerable pride."

Hecker noted, "It reflects both the quality of students Prairie View A&M has attracted and the excellence of those who are teaching young journalists at the school."

In addition, Johnson has been named by the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Association as one of only two Buster Hass Scholars/Interns for 2003. The honor is conferred on journalism students of distinction in memory of the late editor of *The Dallas Morning News*.

Johnson will be given a paid summer internship with a Texas daily newspaper. Reacting to news of her awards, Johnson wished that the languages and com-

munications department would gain recognition as she does in her career path.

She said, "I hope this will bring positive attention and make people aware that we're doing something productive in the department."

Junior Nikki Easter has been offered an assignment with the *Houston Chronicle* as a freelance writer for the paper's This Week section. Easter also hoped that her triumphs would equate to success for her department.

Junior Barbara Ramirez will work this summer for the *Mobile Register* in Mobile, Ala. Ramirez's work caught the attention of reporter Lee Davidson and editor Dewey English who were thrilled when Ramirez chose their newspaper internship from three offers she received this spring.

Ramirez said, "This internship will allow me to establish a wide range of connections before I graduate."

She said she is elated that her accomplishment might bring recognition to the languages and communications department. "The university isn't known for its communications program; we're often overlooked, but I hope to change that."

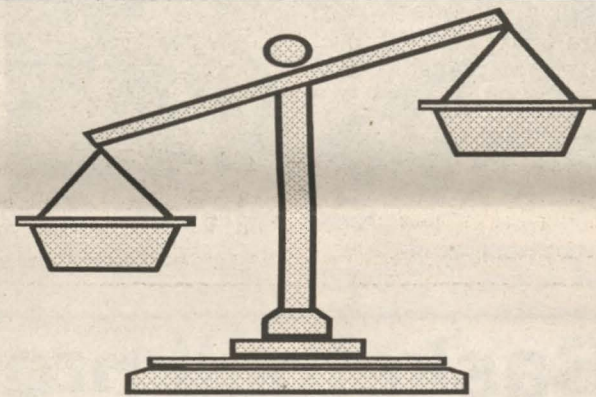
Junior Candice Grizzell has been named a 2003 Chips Quinn Scholar by the Freedom Forum. Grizzell will attend a seminar in May in Arlington, Virginia, and head to Louisiana to work this summer for the *Monroe (La) News Star*.

She praised the faculty of her department for their diligence, especially the coordinator, whom she

described as "a devoted journalism teacher and father figure to us all."

All four students are staff members of *The Panther*. Johnson is a copy editor while Easter, Ramirez and Grizzell are reporters.

They all acknowledged that their service to the campus newspaper enriched their experiences. Grizzell's comments summed up the feelings of her colleagues when she said, "I have learned a lot from working for *The Panther*. I've improved as a writer, and I've watched the newspaper improve as well."



SGA Speaks Out

SGA Banquet

Time: 7 p.m.

When: April 23

*Invitation only

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Marijuana stinks in more than one way

By **Jason E. Hutchins**
The FAMUAN

There's nothing like the smell of fresh marijuana in the morning. Well, if you live on campus, it may be the fresh smell of marijuana in the afternoon and evening, as well.

No matter if you decide to call it cannabis, marijuana, Mary Jane or weed, it's the same evil that's affecting men every year.

The fact that 32 percent of Americans have admitted to using marijuana at some point doesn't make it any less illegal.

Even though the majority of people on campus don't get caught or reprimanded for their usage and ultimate enjoyment of marijuana, every time they light up they're still at risk of becoming another statistic of being a male locked away.

Though imprisonment may not frighten everyone, the prospect of being expelled from college for smoking weed should be rather embarrassing.

If the fact that over 700,000 people a year get arrested for possessing the substance doesn't get to you, maybe going straight to your manhood will.

According to Scientific America, high dosages

of AM-356 and THC, substances found in marijuana, impair sperm's ability to bind with the egg's protective coating.

In short, the more marijuana you take in the less likely you are to go half on a baby with anyone.

For some of the people walking around campus, I guess it's safe to say that sterility may be a service to humanity.

However, in general, the population doesn't really need to suffer from the dramatic losses that marijuana could cause, through voluntary sterilization or incarceration.

I've heard every argument in favor of the usage and legalization of marijuana, but the truth remains that it is still a drug and ultimately addictive.

Although most users don't see it or won't admit it, marijuana is addictive. If you say that you just do it to relax, well, you're either addicted or on the road to it.

Do you think most alcoholics or addicts of other drugs are able to admit with ease or even see the fact that they're addicted?

Ultimately, the men on this campus that love their "wacky weed" must realize that they're en route to become a statistic in one form or another.

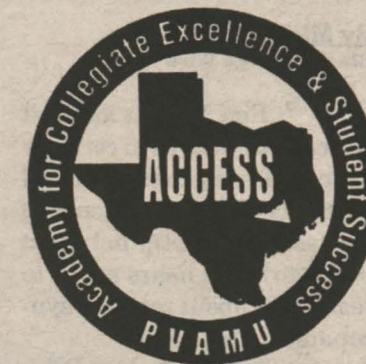
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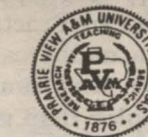
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FROM: *Marion Henry*
Marion Henry, Chairman
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RE: COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL AND COMMENCEMENT FOR MAY 10, 2003

REHEARSAL -ALL CANDIDATES

Date: Friday, May 9, 2003
Time: 8:30 A.M.
Location: William "Billy" Nicks, Sr.
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Date: Saturday, May 10, 2003
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Location: William "Billy" Nicks Sr.
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Prairie View, Texas

COMMENCEMENT FOR MASTER'S ONLY

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2003
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Location: William "Billy" Nicks Sr.
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-Candidates should report at 9:30 A.M. for the 10:30 A.M. Commencement Convocation.
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-Caps and Gowns may be purchased at the University Bookstore.



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

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Congratulations to Ms. Princess Howard, Building #42 who was selected as Ms. AROTC!!!!

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HBCU Fashion



By NiRoshia Smith
Panther Staff

Fashion has always been a way of life. As styles keep evolving, so do we. While we become successful, people in the fashion industry reap the benefits. Universities have become a place where it's acceptable for outside appearance to reflect your inner style. It doesn't hurt to be somewhat stylish while making the grades. What better way to reward young adults pursuing higher education than making college life a part of fashion?

Gerard and Carol Murray, founders of the School of Hard Knocks clothing line, are collaborating with Historically Black Colleges and Universities to create a new line of apparel. They'll feature the names and logos of these colleges and market them nationwide for the first time.

The Murrays say they want to have the same effects as Nike has for similar schools. The label as well as the universities will benefit from this. Six to eight percent of the profits will be given back to participating schools. Plans are also being made to establish scholarships at these places.

This new fashion advance is uplifting to students at HBCUs everywhere. When I walk into an athletic store, I see products from UNC, Duke and other mainstream schools. It would be nice to see more names of schools that I frequently interact with. Hopefully these fashions will influence young people in a positive way. The debut of this line could raise the profiles and awareness of HBCUs. This can also be looked at as an opportunity to increase enrollment.

Professor uses hair and Latin beats to create math lessons

By Michael Hill
Black College Wire

Ron Eglash looks at the careful weaves in cornrow hair and sees mathematical patterns. He sees evidence of Cartesian geometry in Indian beadwork and hears a way to teach kids about ratios in syn-copated Latin beats.

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute professor is a sort of mathematical detective - he finds evidence of mathematical design in places as different as African villages and American cities. He then helps translate mathematical concepts embedded in the likes of hairstyles and jewelry patterns into educational software. The result is lessons like "Black Hairstyle Mathematics," crafted with an eye toward attracting minority students to math with a sweetener of cultural pride.

"There's already mathematics there - in the graffiti, in cornrows in the beadwork," Eglash said. "And the problem is that the mathematics

isn't in a form that is the same as school math."

Starting in 1993, he traveled across Africa on a Fulbright scholarship to investigate evidence of fractals in windscreens, carvings and textiles. He explored villages

coined in the '80s usually used to describe the mathematical practices of smaller or indigenous cultural groups. While ethnomathematicians have studied things from Mayan calendars to boomerang mathematics, but are nothing

cornrow fractal patterns on a Cartesian grid (where the X and Y axes are plotted on a graph).

"It was something that immediately caught their attention because they could relate to it," said teacher Sylvia Turner.

Although the subject matter was the "grabber" for the all-black class, Turner said the value of the program was making the children more familiar with geometry and manipulating objects on a coordinate grid.

"Virtual Bead Loom" was developed with the help of students at the Shoshone-Bannock reservation in Idaho. He found American Indian beadwork based on fourfold symmetry follows the logic of a Cartesian grid.

For now, Eglash posts his creations on the Web, though he is considering selling versions of the software and sharing profits with the communities that helped in design.

"I don't feel that I actually own the intellectual property to this stuff," he said. "It's been a collaboration all the way."



Photo courtesy of Google images.

Could this braiding technique be seen as a form of mathematics? Some say various lessons can be learned from the intricate shapes and designs.

- once leaning precariously out of a small airplane to take pictures of layout patterns. His resulting book, "African Fractals," argues for a mathematical intelligence in African design more complex than generally appreciated.

Eglash's research fits in squarely with "ethnomathematics," a term

more than standard exercises with "a third-world gloss."

Eglash's work, in contrast, starts with a cultural artifact and invites the user to explore its mathematical implications. For instance, eighth graders at Chicago's Foster Park Elementary School who used the "Black Hairstyle Mathematics" program last year manipulated

Plan B pills may be over the counter

Associated Press

The maker of a morning-after pill applied for government permission Monday to begin selling the emergency contraceptive without the doctor's prescription now required.

Dozens of medical and women's groups petitioned the FDA two years ago to allow the pills to be sold without a prescription as a way to help women prevent pregnancy following rape, contraceptive failure or just forgetting birth control.

The FDA typically won't move a drug from prescription to nonprescription

status unless the manufacturer makes the request.

The morning-after pill can prevent ovulation or fertilization when taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex.

The pills won't work if the woman already is pregnant.

Morning-after pills already are sold without a prescription in Britain and several European countries as well as in Alaska, California and Washington.

Two brands of morning-after pills, Plan B and Preven, have been sold in the United States by prescription since 1998.

Cancer deaths decline in blacks

Associated Press

Cancer deaths and new cases continue to decline for blacks, but blacks have higher cancer death rates than whites, according to the American Cancer Society. The Atlanta-based society estimated blacks in 2003 face 132,700 cancer diagnoses and 63,100 cancer deaths. Those rates continue a downward trend since 1992.

But the cancer rate for black men (695.3 per 100,000 people) is 20 percent higher than the rate of 560.1 per 100,000 for white men. The rates for black and

white women are similar at 412.9 per 100,000 and 433.5 per 100,000, respectively, the society said. The cancer death rate for black men - 359.2 per 100,000 - is 40 percent higher than the rate for white men (253 per 100,000 people). The death rate for black women is 20 percent higher than for white women, at 203.5 per 100,000 versus 169.8 per 100,000.

Society officials said higher poverty rates and reduced health care access are primary reasons for the disparities and public policy and educational efforts are needed.

Making the Band goes to Hampton

Special to the Panther

For the first time ever a Historically Black College & University hosted Making the Band.

Hosted by Charli Baltimore, the showcase featured two female R&B groups as well as a three-man rap team who performed for talent scouts and music producers from the nation's top-level record labels.

After three weeks of

grueling auditions, 15 people made the cut out of almost 1,000.

The final three groups were taken into a studio where they recorded three songs apiece, in addition to a video and a series of photo shoots.

On April 19, Hampton University presented these groups to star chasing executives from labels such as Poc-A-Fella, Murder Inc., and others.

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Panther Poetry Lounge

Questioning My Thoughts For You
Janett M. Nelson

For some reason, I don't know what to say, I don't know what to do, but most of all I don't know how to feel
I mean, I've never felt like this before, not so soon anyway.
It normally takes me a while to be as comfortable with someone as I am with you.
I've never felt so calm resting in someone's arms as I do when I'm with you.
I've never felt so helpless looking into someone's eyes, then falling weak in the knees as I do when I'm with you.
I've never been so satisfied by satisfying someone else as I do when I'm with you.
What is it about you that drives me so crazy?
What is it about your eyes that make me melt and forget about everything around me?
What is it about your touch that makes me warm all over?
What is it about your kiss that makes me wish I was yours and you were mine forever?
I promise, I've never fallen this hard, this fast.
Wondering that even though this is just supposed to be a friendship, how long this happiness and pleasure will last
I hate feeling this way, not knowing how you are going to react or what you are going to say.
I thought everything in my life was perfect.
But then you came along and made me feel a way I've never felt.
What is it about you that is so different from all of the others?
I can't help but think about you day and night,
Longing for the next moment that you can hold me tight.
In the little time we spend together, and the lot that we spend apart,
I wonder if I'm on your mind maybe just as HALF as much as you're in my heart.

Top Ten Ghetto Vacation Spots

1. Compton, CA
2. The Bronx-New York, NY
3. Oak Cliff-Dallas, TX
4. Hot Springs, AR
5. 5th Ward- Houston, TX
6. Shreveport, LA
7. Virginia Beach, VA
8. Decatur, GA
9. The Bayou- Houston, TX
10. Memphis, TN

1. Who can't wait to be a PAL? 2. Who made Neckbone Helper because they didn't have ground beef? 3. Which girl in the laundromat put Shout on her underwear? 4. What the hail was going on yesterday? 5. Who in the hail has that type of insurance on their car? 6. Why in the hail didn't the weather report let us know it was coming? 7. And if you knew, why in the hail didn't you tell somebody else? 8. How many girls still gel their edges to look like baby hair? 9. Don't they know that if you truly have good hair it will lay down by itself? 10. Why are boys with long hair wearing straw sets? 11. Why are people waiting to get old before they get braces? 12. Who's been here 4-6 years and still in undergrad? 13. Are you waiting for the new MSC to open? 14. If the Greek wars are within the Divine Nine, why do non-Greeks feel they're included? 15. Shouldn't it be called PV wars so everyone can play? 16. Who's mad because they have to walk around fences now? 17. Are the people who keep hating the Deltas the ones that didn't make the line? 18. Who can't register because they still owe the school? 19. Did you think anyone else was going to win the pageant? 20. What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 109 Delco or e-mail panther@pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther

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