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TRASH OR TREASURE?

By Candice Grizzell
Panther Staff

Student Government Association President Hendrik Maison has expressed concern with the university's decision to demolish certain buildings on campus.

He said, "If we tear down almost every building all of our history will be gone."

Maison is asking the institution to review the programs it is trying to change and said, "The decision was made during President [Charles] Hines' era." He noted, "There was very little input, and faculty, students and alumni weren't consulted."

The SGA president said this decision was made by certain administrators and he believes the university is

dying due to a lack of leadership.

"At an institution like this shared government is very important, meaning that the institution is democratic," said Maison. "To be a great institution you need to get input from certain people."

Maison realizes that some of the buildings have to go down but feels that certain buildings can be renovated and kept as historical monuments.

Buildings on the demolition list include the dormitories Suarez-Collins, L.O. Evans Hall, Banks Hall, Fuller Hall, Drew Hall, the fire station and Alumni Hall.

Maison believes Drew Hall should be preserved because "it's a very strong

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Photo by Candace Simpson

Construction crews have been working hard to move broken furniture out of the old dorms by Delco Building. SGA president Hendrik Maison wants those buildings preserved as historical landmarks.

IT'S TIME FOR THE FINAL THREE

Search committee invites presidential finalists for interviews, meetings

By Barbara Ramirez
Panther Staff

The committee established to advise on the selection of the seventh president of Prairie View A&M University has named three finalists who will visit the campus separately beginning today, April 30, and on May 5, and May 6.

The finalists are Dr. Earl G. Yarbrough Sr. of Virginia State University, Dr. William W. Harmon of the University of Virginia and Dr. Mary Evans Sias of the University of Texas-Dallas.

Yarbrough will visit the campus today. Harmon is scheduled to visit on May 5, and Sias on May 6.

According to the

deputy chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, Dr. Jerry Gaston, who serves as the search committee chair, "Each visitor will spend an entire day on campus meeting with the Student Government Association, non-faculty administrative and support staff, the university's executive leadership team,

Interim President Tempton, the faculty senate and the search advisory committee."

Gaston has invited the entire campus and community to attend an open forum that will be scheduled for each visitor at 3 p.m., followed by a reception. This, Gaston said, "will give everyone an opportunity to meet the visitors."

Candidate Yarbrough has been provost/vice president of academic affairs at Virginia State University since 1998. Prior to that appointment he was dean of the School of Technology and tenured full professor at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State

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PV's Seven Day Forecast

University breaks ground on new building

SARS ruled out after autopsy on Italian man

REXBURG, Idaho (AP) Construction has begun on the 56,200-square-foot tribute to Thomas E. Ricks on the Brigham Young University - Idaho campus.

NAPLES, Italy (AP) An autopsy performed on a 56-year-old man who died in Italy following a trip to Thailand showed that he was not infected with the deadly SARS virus. Instead, the man died of bronchopneumonia, a common form of pneumonia.

The Thomas E. Ricks Building will be home to the university's math, history, geography and political science, psychology and sociology and social work departments.

The victim died April 14, after suffering breathing problems and a high fever. Preliminary tests had suggested that the cause of the death was pneumonia, and not severe acute respiratory syndrome. Further tests, which came in Monday, conclusively ruled out SARS.

The two-story, L-shaped building will wrap around the BYU-Idaho Landscape Horticulture Demonstration Gardens, which also will be renamed in Ricks' honor. The building will have 23 classrooms, 58 offices, four reception areas and an animal-science laboratory. A student area at the building's center will overlook the gardens.

SARS has killed at least 330 people so far.

Work on the project is expected to be completed by spring 2005.

Students sentenced to three years in jail for burning portraits of president

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) Two students were sentenced to three years in prison Monday for burning portraits of Indonesia's president and deputy president.

Four U of A scholars named new regents professors

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) The Arizona Board of Regents has confirmed the appointments of four new regents professors.

Vicki Chandler, professor of plant sciences, is a molecular biologist and geneticist. Muiel Saville-Troike is a professor of English and a distinguished senior scholar. David Alberts is a professor of medicine, pharmacology and public health. Lynn Nadel, a professor of psychology, is a pioneer in the linking of neuroanatomy and physiology of the brain to behavior.

A district court found Ignatius Mahendra Kusuma Wardana, 23, and Yoyok Eko Widodok, 20, guilty of torching photos of President Megawati Sukarnoputri and Vice President Hamzah Haz during a January demonstration protesting government hikes in fuel and electricity prices.

They said they would not appeal and would begin serving their jail terms immediately.

"All My Love..."



Photo courtesy google.com R & B legend Luther Vandross suffered a stroke on April 16 and has been in the intensive care unit at Weill Cornell Medical college in New York. Vandross has had many hits on the charts including "So Amazing" and "If This World Were Mine."

Eight people hospitalized from bad odor at underground mall

TOKYO (AP) Eight people were hospitalized Monday after falling ill when a foul odor spread through an underground shopping mall in western Japan.

None of the victims appeared to be in serious condition. It was not clear what caused the odor late Monday night at the underground shopping area servicing a nearby subway station. Authorities were investigating the incident.

Japan has been particularly nervous about foul-smelling gases since 1995, when members of the Aum Shinri Kyo doomsday cult released nerve gas on the Tokyo subway, killing 12 people and sickening thousands.

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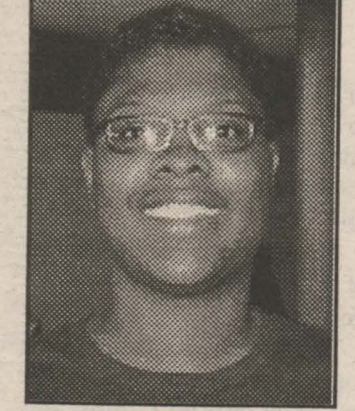
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Good Times, Good Friends, Goodbye



Tenesia S. Mathews, Old Editor in Chief

Yelling... Frustration... Laughing... Crying... Working... On any given night in the Panther office these are the emotions that can be expressed at any given time. But the one thing that never changes in the camaraderie that was felt between all of us when we entered and when we left the Panther office. I have to say that what looks like crazy on an ordinary day in the Newspaper Office can be quite stressful, but those crazy, ordinary days were some of the best that I've experienced here at Prairie View A&M University.

There are so many people who have given me so much while I've been here at

this university of the first class. To begin, God has brought me a mighty long way. Sometimes I wonder where would I be if I didn't know Jesus for myself. Sometimes I even wonder how many fights I would have gotten into if I did not know how to pray.

To my Mom, I guess this is the end of a long awaited journey. The results are positive obviously, but I know that you've given your all to get me through this, and I appreciated so much. There are very few words that can describe the depth of appreciation and admiration that I have for you. Trust me when I say that it won't be long before you won't have to worry about me or Teleighsia.

To my kid sister, Teleighsia, you are my air. Everything, every accomplishment is for you and your future. There is nothing that I would not do to make sure that you have a promising and fulfilling future. To Aunt Delice, Uncle Harold, and Tiffany and (Flipper), you are

my support group. I have grown so much because of the love you guys give to me relentlessly. Thanks. To my grandparents, thanks for all the funds and jokes. To Aunt Rhonda, Uncle Keith, Aunt Pam, Opris, you are a constant reminders that I am not in this fight alone, and thanks for keeping my mom from being so mean.

Now to the crew, L'Rhonda Shanae Boyd, thank you so much for "having my back" and believing in me as an editor when others continuously doubted my ability. You are truly a great person, and you kept me out of a lot of trouble. Thanks.

Christina: Welcome to my world! With you at the helm, from this day forward I have no apprehension or doubt. I know that you will take student publications into a new and greater direction. Remember, when people start telling you that you have big shoes to fill, don't listen to them because you don't have to wear my shoes but you have to be comfortable in your own. You don't have to live up to me or anyone that has preceded you. You have to live up to your own goals and

aspirations that you have to set for yourself. Denise, you are great. The paper will be in line and right because of you. With you, I know that no one will be able to take advantage of Christina or any of the other editors on the staff. I won't have to worry because they think that I am gone, but my ghost lives on in you. Leona, you "moved up the corporate ladder" finally, I am really proud of you and the way you've matured is astounding. NiRoshia, welcome to the trenches. Mr. Smith, thank you for being my savior. Without you as an advisor The Panther would never have grown as much as it has. I wish I could have had you from the beginning. You are the greatest. Ms. Nigh, (PG), thanks for your commitment to The Panther for the last 19 years. Mr. Dickens, thanks for the unsolicited but appreciated advice.

To the phenomenal women of The Panther...



By Christina M. Johnson, New Editor in Chief

I am a woman Phenomenally, Phenomenal woman That's me. -Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou's "Phenomenal Woman" embodies the spirit and soul of women everywhere. As a member of The Panther staff, I have been blessed to be in the presence of some phenomenal women who have

made an impact on this paper and left an imprint on my heart.

Tenesia Mathews - What can I say? You are truly one of a kind. Even though we didn't see eye to eye on everything, our infatuation with Zora and Cookies n' Cream made us bond. You saw something in me that I didn't and I appreciate you for pushing me to the limit to be the best I can be. I know I have some big shoes to fill, but I know I'm capable of handling it because I received training from one of the best. You truly know this paper. Thanks for everything. P.S. Thanks for my Tom Collins!

L'Rhonda Boyd-Carter (Vince or Sean?) - To the infomercial junkie from V-town: You kept this staff together. When we would get frustrated on those long

Tuesday nights, your humor brightened the mood. Thanks for all your advice and keeping me posted on the latest news, big sis. I know you'll succeed in whatever you do. Don't forget about us little people when you get to the big leagues with your PR firm and I want an invitation to that wedding in Toronto (haha!)

Yolanda Hadnot-GARBAGE! Although you didn't finish the year out with us, you helped me a lot when I first started on this paper. At times when I thought I was losing my sanity working in this office, you were always there to calm my nerves and to tell me everything would be o.k. From you, I learned that you can't worry about what people think of you, just be yourself and do your best. I wish you the best. Don't be a stranger; call or visit us some time.

P.S. Thanks for keeping me on my p's and q's in Mississippi.

Tiffany Jones- Hey Ms. Gamma Sig. You and Boyd together are an amazing duo. There was never a dull moment with you in the office. Although you are very soft spoken, we know not to get on your bad side (haha!). I know you'll be here for graduate school next year, so stop by and visit us. Congratulations.

To the phenomenal women I will be working with in the fall- Denise (Colorado), NiRoshia (TXK), and Leona (Corporate Ladder): It's time for the TAKEOVER! I'm so proud of you guys. You guys are like sisters to me and I am so happy to be working with you all. Let's make The Panther even better next year. Congratulations to you all and have a great summer. Much Love- THE ROOK.

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Farewell, dear Prairie View



L'Rhonda Boyd
Former news editor

To every beginning there is an end, and May 10, 2003, will mark the end of my life on the campus of Prairie View A&M University.

One thing is certain: If it had not been for the Lord on my side I would not be a graduating senior at this wonderful institution. I remember praying before I arrived here (4 1/2 years ago) for my family, classes, roommates and friends and I have been blessed in each and every category.

To my family, I thank you for being there with and for me through my trials and

tribulations here.

To Granny, you are everything and more to me. Sometimes when I did not feel like going to class I would go for you and for the look that you will have on your face on May 10th. I am so lucky to inherit your giving and forgiving heart and your nosey eyes. (SMILE) THANK YOU for being you.

To my wonderful mother, you are more important to me than the air I breathe. You do not know your true value in my life, maybe because it is far greater than you can imagine. Through my brothers and myself you have given this world three wonderful God fearing people and I am proud to be one of them.

My aunts Regina, Jean, Gail and all of my cousins, thank you just because you are you. Corey, thank you for fighting me when we were little, it made me tough. Thank you for letting me think that I was in charge of everything even

though you are the oldest. I wouldn't change anything and you are a great father and proof of what a wonderful mother we have. Thanks to you and Letecia for Keon, Kobe and Mercedes.

Kenneth Gregory (Man) thank you for letting me pretend that I am your mother. Thank you for letting me shower you with my attention and love and not running away from me when I hug and kiss you 20 times a day (literally).

To my Mt. Nebo Baptist Church family, you have raised this child up and I didn't stray. Thank you for your encouraging prayers and thoughts.

My girlfriends Monique, Kim, Adrian, GeNae, UPN doesn't have anything on us. Thank you for being there for me, we have had fun and I can't wait for the future.

To the lovely ladies of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority, words can not express my

gratitude towards you. You are truly wonderful people. Also to my favorite APO's, love ya and I'm gonna miss ya!

To my special group of friends that I met in 1816. You are the best.

Laurice, thank you for your friendship and sharing your family. Tiffany, my soror, you are a jazzy somebody and a great friend, never let any man or playa hating women tell you otherwise. Jay, I'm so glad that you were our 5th roommate.

Your mother deserves an award for raising such a wonderful man. Hadnot, sorry you are not leaving but your time is coming. Stop making fun of people in public. I can not forget the most popular Sigma in the world, Levy. You are a 10, thank you for being you and letting me be your friend. To Lorna and Herbert, I am so glad I met you.

I have also been blessed to work with the best newspaper staff. I know that

I am not always the easiest person to work with and sometimes I would rather talk than work but you guys kept me and accepted me and my big mouth. To Denise, I'm so glad that you are filling my shoes, I wouldn't want it any other way. Your attitude almost mirrors mine, you are strong willed and determined. Stay that way because Rookie will need you.

Rookie, I want you to yell at a couple of people for me. You are great at what you do and I can't wait to see what you do with The Panther, I know it will be great. Leona, continue moving up the "corporate ladder," lil sis!! You have great will and determination and the paper will need it. To NiRoshia and the rest of the ladies on the staff, good luck!!!!

To anyone that I have forgotten, charge it to my mind and not my heart. Lastly, please remember to take care of this school because there is no view like Prairie View.

Juvenile justice school ponders future of higher education, crime policy

By Kory J. Briggs
Panther Staff

"Future of Higher Education and Crime Policy" was the topic of the School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology forum Wednesday in the Pantherland Room at University College.

The meeting, held from 5 to 7 p.m. was interesting and attracted by a nice sized crowd looking on.

The speaker was Dr. Frank Williams III. He is a man with 27 years of experience in four different institutions.

Williams is an author of more than 100 publications, including several in foreign languages.

With his stature in his field he was chosen to be the first coordinator of the criminal justice program at PVAMU.

Among his many points, he posed the

question, "When is the essence of our education threatened?" He answered his question by saying, "When our citizens are lacking education." Dr. Williams stated that, "If it were up to me, I'd have nothing in school besides education."

The moderator of the evening, Charles Bailey, had several questions for Williams.

Several people asked questions on the current state of education and people. Williams said, "An educated person is able to process information, determine if it is good info or bad info and how to use it."

Other topics covered were the overwhelming rate of ignorant people in our nation and a need for new social policies.

Williams encouraged all people who are graduating to think about going into education. The task is, "to make sure

we have educated citizens and I believe this generation may be the most important generation," stated Williams.

At the end of Williams' speech, Dr. Everette Penn of the criminal justice department presented him with a plaque.

The plaque commemorated his achievements and his unwavering generosity.

Williams is leaving PVAMU to pursue other endeavors.

Assistant Dean Dr. Richard Tachia, who was also awarded a plaque for outstanding service, assured everyone there are great things to come in the future of PVAMU's Criminal Justice program.

health hints

Lower Back Pain

What is it?

Low back pain strikes in many ways. Low back pain can come on quickly, or it can get worse. Slowly over many days or weeks it can be so severe that it turns daily life into a painful chore.

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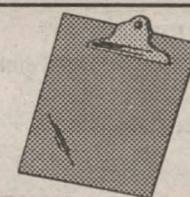
- * Dull or sharp pain that may be severe.
- * Stiffness.
- * Numbness, tingling, or shooting pains in your legs or buttocks, often on one side only.
- * Pain sometimes intense, that's worse when you cough, sneeze, twist, or sit for long periods..

What Causes It?

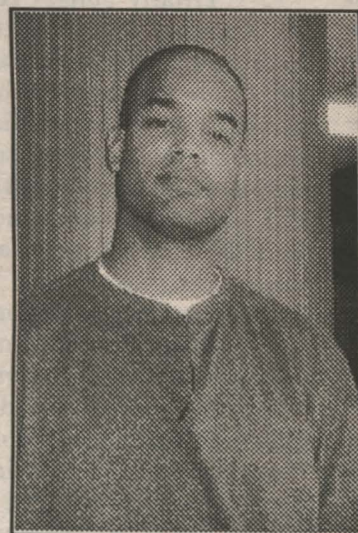
- * Health problems
- * Injury
- * Stress or anger
- * How you move
- * The wrong exercise
- * Sleep habits
- * Bad posture
- * Too much weight



PURPLE & GOLD POLL



What are your plans for the summer?



Chris Broussard

Senior/Industrial Technology

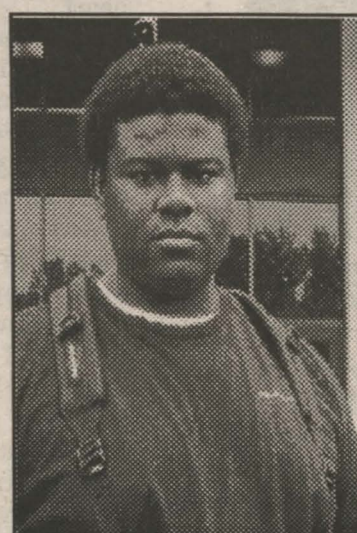
"Work hard to make a grip before the fall and attend summer school to leave in the spring."



Dicia Thomas

Sophomore/Criminal Justice & Psychology

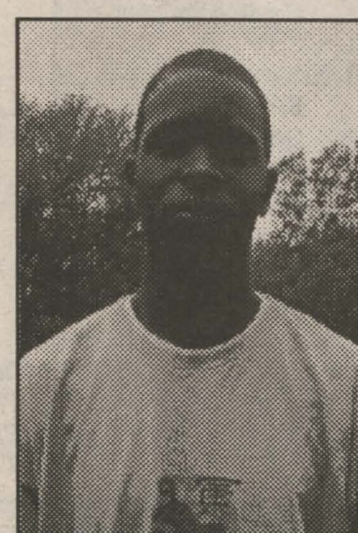
"I plan on attending summer school and working."



Tyson Vinson

Sophomore/Business Marketing

"A summer internship in Austin."



Adriyel D. Mask

Freshman/Information Systems

"Summer school."

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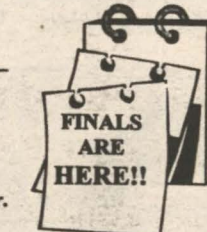


The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FINAL EXAMS!!!

- o You must take the TASP at least once every academic year.
- o Note: Sophomores, juniors and seniors must provide TASP scores for the year 2002 to be able to pre-register for spring 2003. Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick TASP testing schedule or call 936/857-2747.



THANK YOU TO THE TAKS VOLUNTEERS!!

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FINALS!!!!

WE WISH THE 2002 UC CLASS A GREAT SUMMER AND A SUCCESSFUL SOPHOMORE YEAR!!

It's so hard to say goodbye



By Leona Aaron
New Sports Editor

*How do I say goodbye to what we had
The good times that made us laugh
Outweighed the bad I thought we'd get to see forever
But forever's gone away
It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday*

These are the inspirational lyrics from Boyz II Men song "It's so Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday." This song is representing our graduating seniors on The Panther staff and campus.

It's been a long year and as we come to the last paper of the year it is a time to reflect who helped us get here.

Tenesia Matthews a.k.a T.C. you are the glue that always held us together. Even though we sometimes bumped heads you were always there to keep us going.

You pushed and pushed until I finally got it right. That's what it takes to be a leader and I certainly want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I guess you can finally say I moved up that "Corporate Ladder," with your help of course. You will truly be missed and please don't be a stranger.

L'Rhonda Boyd, a.k.a. "Boyd," what is there to say about all the laughter & leadership you brought into our lives?

There was never a dull day if you were around. Jokingly I would

always say "Big Sister Boyd" making you think I had an alternative motivate. Sorry to tell you but when I say "Big Sister Boyd" I meant just that. You are truly like a big sister. Even though I only know you for a year, your imprint will last forever.

"Goodbye Big Sister Boyd," oh don't be pulling any "Shenanigans."

Yolanda Hadnot a.k.a. "Garbage" who could ever forget you? Boyd and you put together meant double laughs. You were never afraid to speak your mind at any time and always could make anyone laugh on a cloudy day!

You were very straightforward and made sure you got your point across. You were the person who inspired me the most. You took me under your wings and I have been climbing that "Corporate Ladder" ever since.

Just like with Boyd I felt I have gained another

big sister. Continue being the crazy loveable person you are and don't let anything stop you from achieving your goals.

Tiffany Jones you don't really have a nickname except for "Tiff" but your name speaks for itself.

There were some Tuesday nights when Boyd, Hadnot, and you were working together and the laughter was uncontrollable.

Tiff, you always seem to care about others and always provided a smile to those who needed one. Tiff, wherever life takes you grab hold to it with both hands because the "sky is the limit."

Tiff, keep showing that big smile you always have and I hope you succeed at whatever you do. Goodbye, "Big Sis Tiff."

For all seniors on campus good luck at achieving your goals. You guys have come too far for anything or anyone to stop

you from reaching your goals.

So when that Prairie View alma mater is sung and you raise your finger in the air, for the very last time on campus, reflect back to the good times, sleepless nights, and crazy teachers because through all adversity you have made it! "It's So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday."

To my friends on staff, let's take what these young ladies have given us and let's go even further. Rook, NiRosh, and Denise we have big shoes to fill but we are capable of anything as long as we stick together.

Let's do big and better things next year to keep The Panther going strong. To all those friends who don't see me but on Fridays thanks for being there.

Golf team advances to another level of play

By Andrew Roberts
Panther Staff

In the world of sports much emphasis goes into football, basketball, and baseball. At times we tend to overlook the other sporting events that PVAMU has proudly represented.

The Prairie View A&M golf team is one of those sporting divisions that has not gotten the attention they deserve. Whether the reason for this has been a minor oversight or not, these gentlemen's accomplishments are worth mentioning.

Reagan Rothe became the first member of the PVAMU golf family to win a tournament title in a little over two years. Rothe accomplished this feat March 10-12 at the Texas Invitational Tournament hosted in Dallas, Texas.

Cedar Crest is par 71 course with numerous challenging holes. Rothe

was able to find a groove early in round one that he was able to keep throughout tournament play.

"I usually tend to start off slow and finish strong," said Rothe when asked about his golf game.

Rothe started off strong early on his way to shooting a 75 (+4). Rothe got into a bit of a slump going into the last round of play. He soon found himself out of first place but still with a chance to come from behind and claim victory.

A crucial moment in the tournament came on the 15th hole.

On the 18th hole Rothe needed to save par in order to win. Things got off to a shaky start as Rothe missed the green. Rothe would win the tournament in dramatic fashion hitting a twenty yard chip shot to seal the deal.

When asked how he felt about his first collegiate victory Rothe said "It feels like having a huge burden

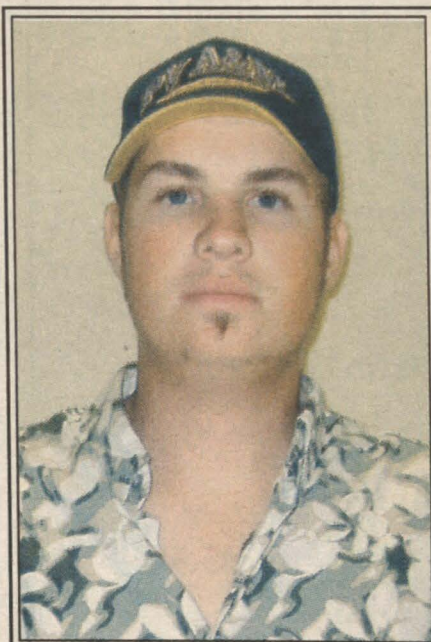


Photo by Leona Aaron

Reagan Rothe, the extreme golfer

taken off your back, now I know how to win and what I

have to do to stay on top of my game."

The Panthers golf team participated in the SWAC April 15-17. The Panthers finished seventh overall out of a field of ten. Rothe finished tied for the eleventh spot with Glen Wilson of Texas Southern. Fifty-three golfers from 10 SWAC schools participated in the tournament that was hosted at the Lake Windcrest golf course in Magnolia, Texas.

The course which is a par 72 created difficulties for many golfers on the last couple of holes. In the final round of play Rothe shot a 76. Charlie Brown finished tied at 21 while fellow teammate Jerry Gregerek was a few places down at 27. Glyn Bateman of Alcorn State

dominated tournament play shooting 5 under par. Bateman was the only player

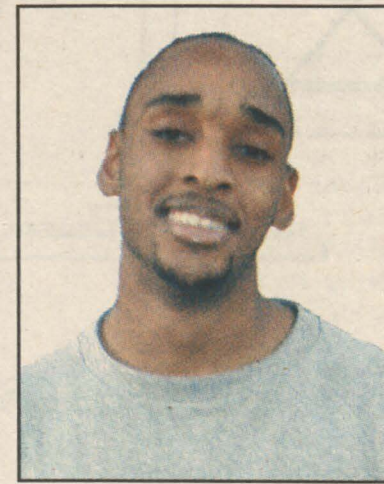
to finish under par on the 7,040, par 72 course.

The Panthers team will return next year with the majority of their line-up. Prairie View will look to Ryon Smith and Keith Sager to give them the edge they need to reach the next level of play.

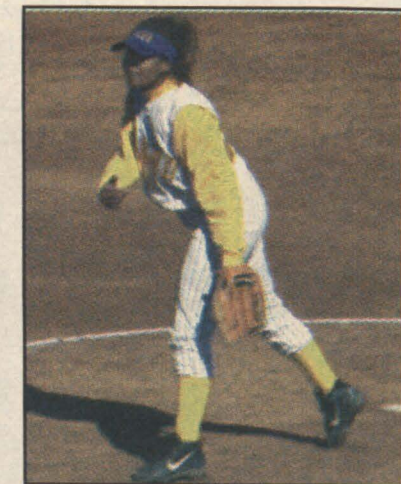
The Panthers are led by Coach Vernon Perry. Charlie Brown, Donovan Bryant, Jerry Gregerek, and Reagan Rothe will all be back next season. "Our team can only get better, next season will be our year, this season was more of a learning experience" said Rothe.

The Panthers will be working hard during the entire off season. Hopefully that will make the difference they need in order to bring the 2004 SWAC golf title to Prairie View, Texas.

Coaches & Players of the Year



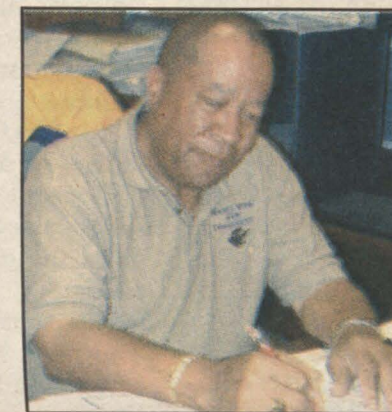
Malachi Thurston
Sport: Basketball



Kelly Duerson
Sport: Softball



Jerome Francis
Sport: Basketball



A.D. James
Sport: Softball

Intramural games get more exciting

By Steven M. Kennedy
Panther Staff

With the intramural basketball season past the midway point, several teams in the league are playing beyond their ability to stay alive in the tournament. That's just what team Squad-Up did last Thursday evening in the Baby Dome, by defeating the Dynasty 46-32.

Squad-Up, led by coach Phil Gosserand, started the game like they had something to prove to everybody by jumping off to an amazing 16-0 run the first ten minutes of the game.

With only 6:30 left in the first half the Dynasty found themselves down 16-0, but the scoring drought

was quickly ended when Dominique Johnson of the Dynasty was fouled and sent to the free throw line.

Johnson hit both free throws to cut the lead to 14 points.

But Squad-Up didn't slow down at all, upping their lead to 20-8 with 5:30 left in the first half. Squad-Up's scoring attack was led by point guard Wallace Ellison of LaMarque, TX.,

He hit many clutch free throws throughout the game and ended up with a game high of 18 points to lead all scorers.

Sherman Martin of Squad-Up was the second leading scorer on the team turning in 9

points. Martin hit a couple of three-pointers down the stretch to increase their lead.

Although they were down most of the game, the Dynasty showed that they were not just going to roll over and die.

They kept showing determination throughout the game, coming up with steals and at some point in the game found themselves within 10 points of the lead.

Costly turnovers by the Dynasty seemed to put Squad-Up in good shape to win the game.

The loss eliminated the Dynasty from tournament competition, while Squad-

Up moves on to the next round to face their next challenger.

Once again team Dynasty provided Intramural Basketball with another season of great hoops action.

There were many teams that entered the tournament this year, some for the first time, while other teams were returning from last season.

The intramural basketball season championship games for men and women are coming up next week.

At this point it's pretty much win or go home, with many teams having been eliminated

in the past two weeks of competition.

The tournament not only provides the fans with extended basketball action following the Prairie View A&M basketball season, but gives the coaches an opportunity to see the talent that they haven't discovered yet right here on campus.

The tournament can also be used as a scouting ground for the Prairie View A&M basketball coaches.

PV debate team excels

By Ozzie Banicki
Special to the Panther

schools participating in the tournament included Lamar University, St. Marys of San



Photo Courtesy of: Tiffany Turner
Tiffany Turner is representing PV by being one of the top debaters in the country

The Pv Debate Team finished the season with success at the International Public Debate Association on the weekend of April 10-14, 2003. The tournament was hosted by Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, La.

Tiffany Turner, an English major from San Antonio, Texas, finished 13th in the Public Debate Nationals in the Novice Division for speaker points. The top ten in the Novice Division received trophy awards.

Other members of the team, Trey Johnson, Tanesha Dillard and Mathew Jackson, had some success in the tournament. In other tournaments during the season, Crystal Chatman and Brandon Kirby successfully participated.

Louisiana State University at Shreveport was crowned the national champion in Public Debate. Some of the other

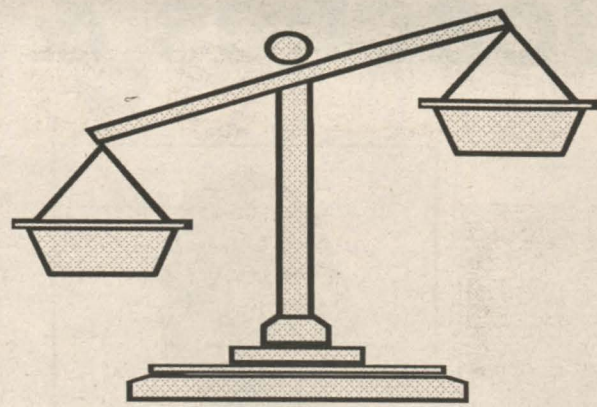
Antonio, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, University of Arkansas at Montecello, Stephen F. Austin University, Mississippi College,

Louisiana Tech, Mississippi Community College, Ouachita Baptist and the University of Texas at Tyler.

The tournament was dominated by regional teams this year. Next year, Stephen F. Austin University will host the Pubic Debate Nationals.

Interviews for the 2003-2004 season commence immediately. Those interested in being members of the team for next year should indicate their interest to Prof. Ozzie Banicki in Room 203 Hilliard Hall (Communications Building).

The team expects its budget to accommodate a full schedule for next season and greater opportunities to participate in other post season national tournaments.



SGA Speaks Out

Waller ISD School Board of Trustees

Where: Schultz Middle School
When: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., April 30

**Please remember to vote for the school board on May 3.*

Town Hall Meeting

Where: A.I. Thomas Building auditorium
When: 3 p.m., today, April 30

**There will be a town hall meeting for all of those interested students who want to know more about the PV presidential candidate visiting the campus today.*

**If you would like to join SGA, please call ext. 2220. Leave a message and we will get back to you.*

**The members of Student Government Association would like to wish every student a safe summer and good luck with finals!*

And to all, a goodnight



By Denise Cohen
New Managing Editor

"T'was the night of publication and all through the house every creature was stirring even the eMAC mouse."

As I write this we are laying the last issue of *The Panther* to bed. It has been a

long and exciting year working for the paper and I have learned a lot from many people.

I could write a page on every person that has walked in and out of my life but I would take up too much of your time and there's not enough space.

To T.C., thank you for teaching everything the hard way. Too often things are taught in life the easy way and you have shown me that everything is not all "apples and oranges" and that we will face major bumps in the road next year. Goodluck on your road to the White House.

Boyd, keep texting...you're good at it. On the serious side, thank you

for being the best mentor ALIVE! I hope that I can hold it down and make you proud. When you marry into the Carter family (whichever one you chose), we'll be there laced up in our Air Force Ones.

Christina, man it's our time! I don't know if you realized it, but I choose "The Night Before Christmas" because of you. Everything in that story resembles you, the paper, and how important you are to it. Even when I write my final goodbye next year, you will still be here holding onto the reins and running things just like Santa

To the rest of the 2003-2004 Panther staff, it's now time to prove ourselves

to the campus, administration, and the HBCU family. NiRoshia and Leona we've worked hard to get here and I know we'll hold it down.

To Candace Simpson, you have been a tremendous help to me in so many ways and I thank you for that. Besides all that sappy stuff, man I'll be in the Atl. then, I'm heading up the east coast so holla at "us". Ask him 21 Questions and expect 23 answers, no excuses. No more staying up until 7 a.m....she wont be the death of us or they'll find us on No Doze and coffee. (7/5/03). To Candace Grizzell and Barbara Ramirez, thank you for being there even when things are falling on you at the last minute. You guys are

the best.

It wouldn't be me if I didn't include a few other names that have helped me make it this year. Jason, my friend to the end, only one year left and we're out of here! To the ladies of 923, I will never forget the memories that you guys have helped create this year. "Who ate the corn dogs and drank the champagne?" "What movie is that?" To my big brothers of 5-3-1, thank you for being there and listening, not to mention the get-togethers that no one can remember! To the Elite Eight Turtles O.L.O.B. already!

"Have a good summer to all, and to *The Panther* goodnight."

The 'final' countdown

By Denise Cohen
Managing Editor

It is that time again folks, finals are upon us. For the last time this year we will face the stresses of studying for final exams, the last hope, the point of no return.

Here at P.V. students are getting prepared for finals by studying different ways. Some prefer to study alone whether it is behind closed doors in their bedrooms or on the third floor of the library. Junior information systems major Jason Holmes, a solo studier, says, "I like to study alone because I can concentrate better. I don't like to be around loud and distracting noises especially if I'm studying for a class I really need to concentrate on."

If you are like Jason, and like to study alone make sure you pick a place that suits your study needs so you won't be distracted by unwanted guests or noise.

If you don't like to study by yourself and prefer a group setting, that's

okay too. many students can study better when they quiz one another from a study guide. Some like to

everyone is there studying together I feel there is no room to fail because all of the material the professor has handed out is there as well."

Whether you study alone or with friends it is important to just study. Getting sidetracked is the easiest way to fail. If you study alone and your mind wanders or you study with a group and start gossiping; the best thing to do, is get back on track. Otherwise, CRAM, that dirty four letter word will soon creep up on you.

The University of Texas Student Counseling Services offers these tips to study for finals:

1. Do not give into temptation to cut your sleep. Get at least 6 hours of sleep at night.
2. Prioritize.
3. Relax.
4. Do not get drunk, especially four to five days before finals begin.
5. Pray.

have people there just in case they have a question about the material. Stacey McClaskey, a junior accounting major and group learner, says, "i like to study with my classmates because you might have material that they need and didn't get. vice versa. When

At one point or another everyone has crammed. Packing all of the information that you learned in one semester, in one night is impossible. Studying is the best bet. Do it early and do it often.

Language honor societies install officers

The language honor societies of Prairie View A&M University held their induction ceremonies last Thursday.

Alpha Mu Gamma (Foreign Language Honor Society) installed the following officers for 2003-2004:

- Jo Simien—President
- Ashley Jernigan—Vice President
- Paul Bonham—Treasurer
- Tiffany Balkaran—Secretary.

Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish Honor Society) inducted the following officers for 2003-2004:

- President—Antoinette White
- Vice President— Marlen Beavides.

Goodbye from Page 3

To all my professors, Dr. Ewoh, Dr. Engadayheu, and all of you that have shared all of your knowledge with me. I shall be eternally grateful.

Last but certainly not least, my friends. There are only a few of you so this should not take long at all. Audra, you've been my best friend since we 14 years old. I don't know how I would have gotten through some rough times without you. You are my singing Angel. Knock 'em dead at Arizona State in the fall. Sunn'Dia, CALIFORNIA STYLE, although we did not finish together, we did begin together, and there is nothing

better than Sweet Beginnings. Dena, you're my girl, keep your head up. Don't let these immature kids get you upset and worried. Remember that you can only do so much, so do the best while you can.

Peaches, you have become one of my closest friends ever. I don't really know how I would have gotten through this last year without you. You are my Guardian Angel. Peaches, there are no words that could explain my gratitude for your friendship. Although technically we've only been friends for 3 months (SMILE). Thanks to all and to all a Good Night but not forever.

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End of the road



By NiRoshia Smith
New L&E Editor

It's that time of year again. I know that everyone's busy cramming, showing up to the classes you forgot about, looking for housing, and getting ready for summer. You've made it this far and you're in the final stretch. All you have to do is finish strong. But maybe you're going to summer school or already have an internship lined up. While traveling to your vacation spot or hoping that your grades disappear before they make it to the mailbox, you can listen to Da Entourage, 54th platoon, Lil' Mo, and Bonecrusher. They're all scheduled to appear on Billboard charts this summer.

What would entertainment be without shoutouts? L/Rhonda, from the food to telephone ringers you've always made me smile and laugh no matter what I was going through. By the way, thanks for the project idea. Tiffany, this really isn't goodbye, so we'll look forward to seeing you next year. We can't keep all of you here another semester, but we're grateful that we'll still have you. Tenesia, what could I possibly say about you?

To the angels, aren't you glad you finally got to meet someone from Texarkana? I gained three additional friends. Well, when you think about all the nights we've spent in the matchbox together, we've actually become sisters. Denise, let's hope the computers work this summer! We'll have fun together this summer even if it's without snackems and strips. Don't you forget that the God we serve always makes a way out of no way! Leona, don't forget where you

came from just because you made it up the corporate ladder! I may need a job, so keep me in mind. Christina, good luck at your internships. I'm proud of you. You've been blessed with wonderful opportunities and I'm glad you're not wasting your talent. I want you to know that I appreciate your support and your way of handling things. To all the staff writers, without you there would be no paper.

To Jameka, thanks for laughing with me about the urban legends. I'm glad that I have a friend that's always there for me at the drop of a hat. You've become my mother away from home as well as my best friend. Plus, you're one of my most faithful readers. Ebony, thanks for completing the trio. You've both listened to me complain, and helped me out whenever you could. When I was criticized for the paper, you've both stood up for me. When I was tired, you still kept me laughing and pushed me through.

A special thanks goes out to those who wait for the paper in their mailbox every week. You know who you are. When I didn't think I could do it, you told me I could. When my nerves went into overdrive you calmed me down. And if I ever needed anything I knew that I could count on you. I love you all and thank you for everything you've done for me.

It's hard, but I won't break out into Boyz II Men's "End of the road." This is only the beginning. Stay safe, positive, and focused over the summer. I'll see you in line for fee receipts and financial aid in the fall.

Rap videos got a bad rap

By Brooks Newkirk
Black College Wire

A study published in the American Journal of Public Health stretches to find a link between rap videos and bad behavior in adolescent African American girls.

"Risky behavior and a heightened incidence of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) among African-American female adolescents may be linked to high exposure to rap music videos," said a Feb. 28 news release from the Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center at Emory University in Atlanta.

The study was originally conducted by researchers, doctors and scholars from Georgia and Alabama in an attempt to determine eligibility for participation in an HIV-prevention program.

The girls were eligible if they were African American, between ages 14 and 18, had been sexually active in the past six months and had the written consent of their parents. They participated from December 1996 through April 1999.

The study took a sudden turn when researchers realized that a large majority of the girls who participated were behaving badly and that the common factor was overexposure to rap videos.

The researchers

found that black teen girls between 14 and 18 who watched more than the average of 14 hours of rap videos per week were more likely to have problems with the law, to abuse drugs and to contract a sexually transmitted disease.

It also found that these girls were three times more likely to hit a teacher,

behaving badly, or this study being another case of rap getting a bad rap.

All 522 girls lived in rural, poor neighborhoods. Could it be that their bad behavior had less to do with the amount of rap videos they watched and more to do with their environment? Or with lack of parental guidance? Or even lack of education? And what about young black females who live in the middle of America, whose parents are car-pooling, PTA-attending lawyers and doctors? Are rap videos causing them to behave badly as well?

The researchers stand by their work and their theory that rap videos cause bad behavior in adolescent African American females.

Gina M. Wingood of Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health admitted that she didn't know whether overexposure to rap videos caused the girls studied to behave badly or whether the study only reflected interests they already had. But she made clear that there is definitely a connection.

But more research is needed in order for the study to be taken seriously. The idea that rap videos cause black teen girls to behave badly is a pretty big pill to swallow.

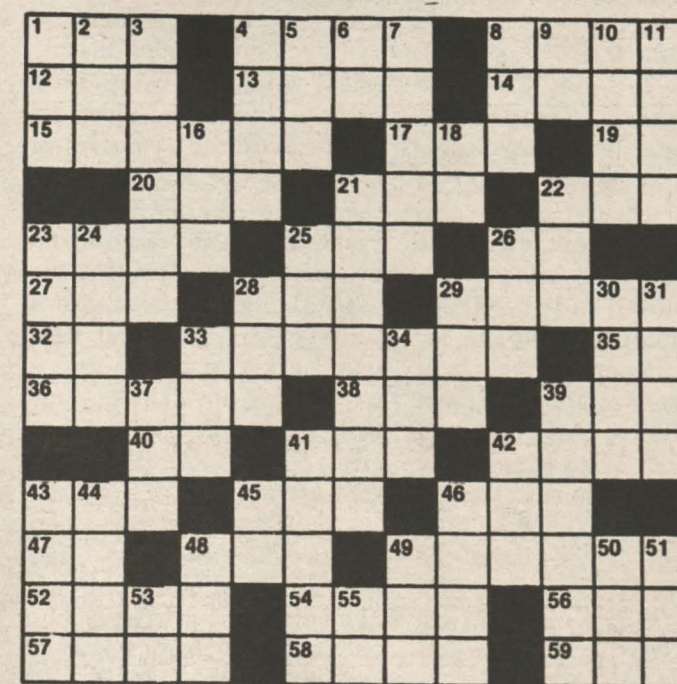
These are alarming findings, but a few flaws in the researchers' study could mean the difference between rap videos really being a major factor in black teen girls



Photo courtesy of rapindustry.com

The above model Vilayna, was the captain of her high school band, is a college graduate and has appeared on numerous television shows including VIP and Boston Public. But because she's been in various videos, studies say that she's not an adequate role model for young girls.

The Puzzler



ACROSS

1. Cinder
4. Go by
8. Stringed instrument
12. Interrogative pronoun
13. Afire
14. Not closed
15. Seed in pod
17. Cloth scrap
19. _____ Sullivan
20. Hearing organ
21. On the contrary
22. Answer (abbr.)
23. Assistant (abbr.)
25. Wheel on rotating shaft
26. Orig. gum (philately)
27. Camping bed
28. Small bread roll
29. Love
32. Mid-Wes. state (abbr.)
33. Small herring
35. Elevated railroad
36. Giver
38. Craft
39. Office-holders
40. Contrary to (pref.)
41. Time period
42. Mineral vein
43. Pet doctor (slang)
45. Monkey
46. Unhappy
47. Intravenous (abbr.)
48. Period of time
49. Next to
52. Farm building
54. Underground growth of plant
56. Born
57. Dash
58. Terrible (ref. to small kids)
59. Building wing

DOWN

1. Leather tool
2. Female pronoun
3. Above-board
4. Two
5. Total entity
6. Yes (Spanish)
7. Idly play the guitar
8. Trimmed lumber
9. To a higher position
10. Above twelve
11. Finishes
16. Make lace
18. Near
21. Cover cut
22. Gone by
23. Boric _____
24. Alone
25. Mongrel
26. Poem
28. Banish
29. Picnic pest
30. Tear
31. Other
33. Male offspring
34. Anger
37. Almond
39. Antiseptic
41. Separate
42. _____ Vegas
43. Clamp
44. Wicked
45. Southern state (abbr.)
46. Places
48. An age
49. Ghost's sound
50. 2nd smallest state (abbr.)
51. Slippery fish
53. 6th scale note
55. Exclamation of pain

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Kristi Prevot

Nameless is the one who lies behind humanity
Regain your strength to have everlasting sanity
Notice the abrasions of the effects on the people

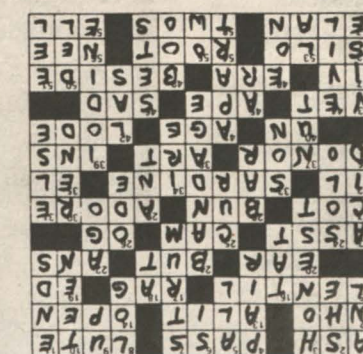
The world is forever changing, in time there is a wrinkle.

A wrinkle in time means a defect in the
process of life and the country slowly breaking
down is simply hard to digest.

Grasping on to that in which we believe.
There comes a time when we will all be relieved.
America's problems, beyond all human control.
Making our citizenship extremely hard to withhold.

Peace on earth is what we'll continue to yearn for
Anticipating the day when violence, corruption,
terrorism are no more.

ANSWERS



1. Which female computer engineering major is known as "Hollywooda"?
2. Why didn't she shine in the fight?
3. Shouldn't "one-night stand" beat up her "best friend" for putting her business in the street?
4. Should the KKKs be upset that there were so many Kappas on the list?
5. How many seniors are acting like they've already graduated?
6. Who's really expecting to get their deposit back after the year we've had?
7. How long will you hate T.C. after she's gone?
8. How many of you were scared when the drug dogs came?
9. Have you already sold your books back to the bookstore?
10. Are you really that broke?
11. Which cheerleader kept falling at tryouts?
12. Can they win a "real" competition with her on the squad?
13. Shouldn't CAB be preparing for Homecoming now so we can have some worthwhile performers?
14. Whose money are they going to use?
15. Will the scrolling marquee be working when we come back?
16. Who believes that we'll be eating in the new MSC in the fall?
17. If you're still upset about 20 Questions, we're still going to dog you next year?
18. Who just can't wait to leave their roommates?
19. Whose basketball roommate should be called "bloody mess"?
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

Final Three from page 1

University from 1986 to 1998.

Yarbrough holds a bachelor's degree in industrial education from Wichita State University, a master's in industrial studies from California State University at Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. in industrial education from Iowa State University.

Candidate Harmon has served as senior vice president of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. since July 2001. He previously held the position of vice president for student affairs at the same university from August 1994 to July 2001.

Harmon holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Johnson C. Smith University, a master's degree in educational counseling and guidance from Seton Hall University, and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Kansas State University.

Candidate Sias is currently senior vice president for student affairs and external relations at the University of Texas-Dallas, a position she has held since 1996. She served as associate provost for the same university from 1995 to 1996.

Sias holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Tougaloo College, a master's degree in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In addition, Sias holds a master of business

administration degree from Abilene Christian College at Dallas.

Search advisory committee chair Gaston explained what the Chancellor of Texas A&M University System required of the committee as far as candidates are concerned. "We have three visitors, but in the event that something happens along the way (someone drops out/takes another position, etc.) the committee will still be required to send forth 3-5 names," said Gaston.

Gaston said the schedule for both Harmon and Sias are not ready, however, they are most likely to follow the same schedule as Yarbrough who will visit campus today. The schedule planned for Yarbrough is as follows:

7:45 a.m. Breakfast with Host/Hostess (Alumni Hall upstairs)

8:30 a.m. Driving Tour of PVAMU with Host/Hostess

9:00 a.m. Executive Leadership Team (Deans and Vice Presidents) (President's Conference Room)

10:00 a.m. Meeting with Interim President Willie Tempton (President's office)

11:00 a.m. Non-Faculty Administrative and Support Staff Meeting (Sherylle Fuller will introduce candidate)

12:00 noon Student

Government Association (President's Conference Room)

(Hendrik Maison will introduce candidate)

1:00 p.m. Meeting with Faculty Senate (Dr. Henderson will introduce candidate)

2:00 p.m. General Faculty Meeting (Dr. Henderson will introduce candidate)

3:00 p.m. Campus and Community Open Forum (Administration Building Auditorium) (Dr. Booker will introduce candidate)

3:45 p.m. Campus and Community Reception (Administration Building Lobby)

4:30 p.m. Search Committee Meeting (5th Floor, Coleman Library)

5:30 p.m. Candidate departs PVAMU Campus with Chief Rayford Stephens and Host/Hostess. Overnight in Houston.

Dorms from page 1

building."

Maison concluded, "If we as an institution are going to strive, we have to strive on the leadership of a shared government. Faculty and students are a partnership on this campus and we need to treat them as such.

Vice President of University Operations Larry

L. Raab said none of the buildings can be preserved and that they will be demolished within the next 90 days.

According to Raab multiple buildings will replace the old. The new electrical engineering building will replace Fuller Hall. And in the center of Drew, Suarez-Collins and Banks the new Juvenile Justice building will be built.

Raab noted, "There then remains a footprint for two additional buildings if funds are available to expand either Delco, the College of Education, or to expand the Juvenile Justice building.

The V.P. of University Operations explained that the three locations, after the building is put up first, will make room for the two new academic buildings.

In addition, the fire station will turn into a "green-grassy area" and will provide expansion capabilities for the police station.

According to Raab, the university administration conferred with the Board of Regents and the Coordinating Board, so everybody in the state of Texas who has something to say about the plan has reviewed it and approved it.

Raab said it is important to proceed with the plan because the buildings are old.

He noted that the dorms are no longer functional and if the university tried to renovate them and save them, the students would end up paying

a lot more money than he or she currently pays over in the privatized housing.

Raab said, from a fiscal point of view, it made no sense to preserve them.

"Our campus master plan, which was approved three years ago, calls for a lot of academic building renovations." He said, "To save money, the new academic buildings will be placed on top of the base or footprint of the old building, because there is underground utility, transportation routes and a natural lay up of the campus would make it a nice fit in order to continue to build in that area."

This plan has been mapped out since 1998. Raab said the buildings are a part of Prairie View history but there are other ways to preserve them.

"One can take pictures or dedication plaques, but the history needs to build to the future and the future is an expanded campus under a master plan that puts the dormitories on the outside.

Interim President Willie A. Tempton said the decision was made five years ago. "It has been no secret to the alumni. In fact, I have told every alumnus over the last few years that we were in the process of demolishing the buildings.

He concluded that he understands the emotional standpoint but because the university was sinking money into the facilities "it's not good economics."

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