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Graves dies at 64

Associated Press

Howard Graves, who retired as Texas A&M University System chancellor in late August as he battled cancer, died Saturday. He was 64.

Graves, who became chancellor in 1999, was diagnosed in 2001 with sarcoma, a rare form of cancer that began in his abdomen and spread to his lungs. He died at his home in College Station, surrounded by his family, according to a university news release.

Graves kept up a grueling schedule over the past 2 1/2 years despite chemotherapy and radiation treatments at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston and its affiliate in Bryan-College Station. He announced early last month that he was discontinuing his treatment after being told further chemotherapy would have little effect.

"I don't want to picture this as a crisis or a failure. The fact is we won the battle for two-and-a-half years," Graves said. Graves wanted to stay on the job as long as possible, but decided less than three weeks later that it was time to quit. Graves stepped down as chancellor on Aug. 31.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two children and five grandchildren.

Thrill of victory comes to Pantherland

45-31 triumph over Paul Quinn is first of the season

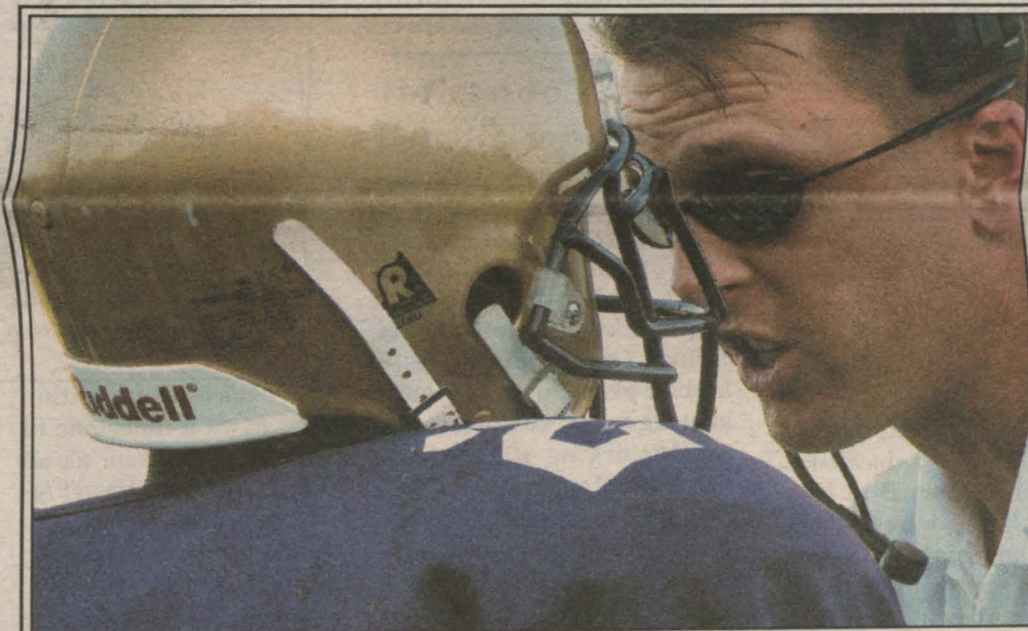


Photo by Shakira Martin
Offensive Coordinator Donald Hollas consults a player on the sidelines at the Prairie View/Paul Quinn football game.

By Steven Kennedy
Panther Staff

All the pieces came through last Saturday at Blackshear Field, as the Prairie View A&M football team defeated the Paul Quinn Tigers in top fashion with a score of 45-31. Although the Panthers came into the game on a two-game losing streak, they were eager to get things turned in the right direction. They did just that in front of the home crowd of approximately 4,064, against a team that they have defeated in each of the last two seasons.

The Tigers of Paul Quinn came into the game look-

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Campus career fair attracts 76 companies

By Miondria Clay
Panther Staff

As of Tuesday afternoon 76 companies were registered to participate in this year's 33rd Annual Career Festival which will be held Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Baby Dome.

Well-known businesses such as AmeriCorps, Chevron Phillips Chemical

Company, Dell Inc., NASA Johnson Space Center, and the Aerospace Corporation will be in attendance.

This year officials of the Career Placement Center expect a higher attendance due to the large number of businesses participating. On average, about fifty people come out to the festival; that number is expected to double.

James Hotch,

of the Office of Career and Outreach Services, said a lot of students are expected to come to the job fair because of the many companies participating.

Research Coordinator for Exxon Mobil Exploration Company Jiles Daniels, Jr. said his company is coming to Prairie View A&M University to recruit the outstanding computer science

and engineering students the university has to offer. Exxon Mobile has been hiring PVAMU students for over 40 years.

Career fairs are intended to help students learn about specific career fields, the type of education and training needed for those fields, and general information about

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PV's Seven Day Forecast

Wed. Sept. 17	Partly Cloudy	88°/65°
Thu. Sept. 18	Partly Cloudy	88°/65°
Fri. Sept. 19	Partly Cloudy	86°/61°
Sat. Sept. 20	Partly Cloudy	84°/60°
Sun. Sept. 21	Isolated T-Storms	87°/60°
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Man dies after shooting at sorority party

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — A 21-year-old man was shot and killed at a sorority party Saturday morning, police said.

Antwan Spivey was shot in the chest, according to the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. Spivey was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Deputies say the party was being thrown by Delta Sigma Theta, which has members at the University of Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology and SUNY Brockport.

Divorced parents to pay children's college fees

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Alexander Duran was delighted when his daughter earned admission to two of New England's top private colleges. He was furious when a judge ordered him to help pay tuition at the school offering far less financial aid.

A married parent would never be subjected to such an order. But New Hampshire, where both Duran and his ex-wife live, is one of a growing minority of states allowing courts to force divorced parents to pay for their children's college costs.

Anti-gay group protests target churches

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — First Baptist was one of five churches here that a Kansas group targeted for protests this past weekend.

About 12 members of the group from Topeka brought signs saying, "Thank God for Sept. 11," and indicating that God was responsible for the space shuttle Columbia accident.

Members of the group believe God is adamantly against divorce, homosexual-ity and same-sex marriages.

•World•

Teacher sues, alleges dismissal over 'disrespectful' poetry

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A former Rio Rancho High School humanities teacher sued the school district Monday, alleging his contract was not renewed because of student poetry that administrators felt was "disrespectful" of the education establishment and the U.S. military.

The lawsuit, filed in state District Court, alleges Bill Nevins' First Amendment rights to free speech were violated and seeks his reinstatement as coach of the school's poetry group, said Eric Sirotkin, Nevins' attorney.

Lady Lobo left UNM after alleged assault

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — The University of New Mexico has settled a sexual assault allegation by a former Lobo women's basketball player who said her attacker was an assistant coach working within another UNM program.

The university never found proof that the assault happened but settled anyway, UNM vice president Judy Jones said. The player never pressed charges, and the assistant has been exonerated, his lawyer said.

The Albuquerque Journal identified the alleged victim as Brittany Wolfgang, a 5-foot-7-inch point guard from Dallas who left UNM last spring.

OPEC might invite Iraq to attend oil meeting

LONDON (AP) — OPEC might invite Iraq's newly installed oil minister to next week's meeting of the cartel even without prior U.N. recognition of the new interim government in Baghdad, the cartel's president said Monday.

Home of The Brave



Photo by Nikki Easter

The Prairie View community, including firefighters and policemen, took a break to attend a memorial service remembering those who died during the Sept. 11 tragedy.

Such an invitation would mark a milestone in Iraq's rehabilitation as an oil producer. Iraq hasn't attended meetings of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries since the U.S.-led invasion this spring, and it hasn't participated in the group's output agreements since the Gulf War of 1991.

It also would signify a modest warming in the often chilly relations between OPEC, which pumps a third of the world's oil, and the United States, the world's biggest crude importer.

Russia reports rise in HIV cases

MOSCOW (AP) — The number of Russians registered as having contracted HIV has reached 250,000 and efforts to slow the rapid spread of AIDS in the country have failed, officials said Wednesday.

The proportion of

HIV patients who contracted the disease through sexual contact doubled from 6 percent in 2001 to 12 percent last year, said Russia's chief epidemiologist, Gennady Onishchenko.

Officials have also seen a dramatic jump in the number of children born to infected mothers.

U.S. troops arrest suspected Saddam loyalists

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — Guerrillas killed a U.S. soldier in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in central Baghdad on Monday, and American forces arrested five men suspected of helping finance insurgents during raids on homes in Saddam Hussein's home town of Tikrit.

Also Monday, three masked gunmen assassinated the police chief of the Sunni Triangle town Khaldiya, his driver said. Col. Khedeir Mekhalef Ali, 48, was shot at least 25 times.

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Founder of business schools at HBCUs dies
Houstonian Milton Wilson, 88, was widely respected

By **Melanie R. Holmes**
Black College Wire

Dr. Milton Wilson, founder of both Howard University's and Texas Southern University's schools of business, died Sept. 2 in his hometown of Houston. He was 88.

Howard University said it did not know the cause of death of the man that its current business dean, Barron H. Harvey, described as a "widely respected professional."

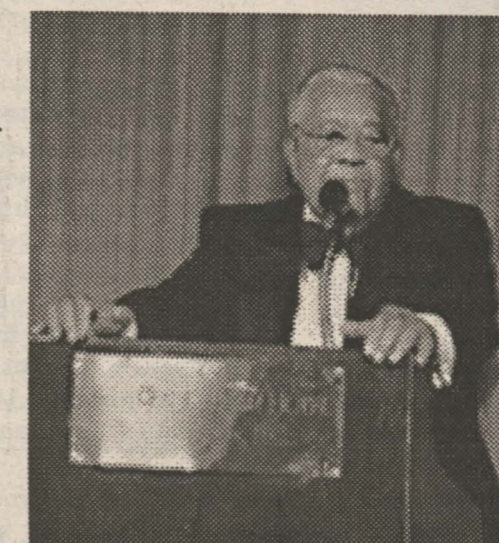
Wilson was born July 20, 1915, in Paducah, Ky. "His father was a Pullman car porter, and his mother and grandmother, Elizabeth Day, were public school teachers," according to the Houston Chronicle.

"After graduating from Lincoln High School in Paducah, Wilson earned a bachelor's degree from West Virginia State College. He later received a master's degree and two doctorates from Indiana University at Bloomington," the newspaper said.

Wilson's first job was as head of the accounting department at Hampton Institute in Virginia, followed by the same job at

Dillard University in New Orleans.

In 1949, he came to Texas Southern University in Houston to start a business program, where he established a department of business, which became the school of business, the newspaper said.



"During his time at TSU, Wilson also was a visiting professor at the University of Chicago and Harvard University. In 1952, he became a certified public accountant, one of the first blacks in Texas to do so. He left TSU in 1970 to teach at his alma mater, Indiana University at Bloomington, but was there for only a year when he was invited by Howard University President James Cheek to es-

tablish a school of business there. "In 1990, he retired from Howard and in 1993 he returned to live in Houston," according to the newspaper.

Harvey recalled that when Wilson arrived at Howard, the university had a department of business located on Stadium Avenue, but Dr. Wilson

converted it into a School of Business and Public Administration."

Public administration is no longer a part of the business school; Wilson moved it to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences," Harvey said. "He felt it would be more beneficial there."

According to Harvey, Wilson represented a number of firsts. "He was one of the

first blacks to earn a Ph.D in accounting and CPA certification," he said. "You have to pass a very difficult exam (to become a CPA). It was a monumental achievement."

Howard's business school began with around eight or nine faculty members and about 200 students, and grew to almost 80 full-time faculty members, with about 1,800 students under his leadership. Harvey said. The School of Business is now the second largest on Howard's campus.

Dr. Wilson was named dean emeritus upon his retirement in 1990. A memorial service is being planned on Howard's campus.

Melanie R. Holmes is a student at Howard University who writes for The Hilltop.

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companies and internship opportunities.

Activities begin on Sept. 22 with classroom visits by employers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sept. 23, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., there will be a career fair reception. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Student Recognition Banquet will take place in the New Student Center Ball Room. On Sept. 24 there will be the Career Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be on-campus interviews from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Every one seeking full-time employment is asked to be in attendance. Co-op positions, internships, and research assistant opportunities will also be available. For more information, contact the Career Center in Anderson Hall, room

201 at X2055 or by email at careers@pvamu.edu.

Tips for students attending the career fair:

- Students should bring multiple copies of their resume and note-taking materials to the career fair.
- Attire should be business casual (no jeans or shorts).
- Demonstrate ability to connect skills with the company's interest by asking appropriate questions and providing clear and concise answers.
- Show confidence, concern, and interest.
- Arrive early.
- Be prepared and organized.

CORRECTION:

In last week's article *A day in the life: Freshmen begin their transitions from cubs to panthers*, it was mistakenly reported that the Panther Orientation Camp was sponsored by the Panther Advisor Leaders (PALs). The camp was hosted by the Orientation Executive Committee with assistance from the Panther Advisor Leaders. The error is regretted.

With strength, determination, Tracey Andrus defies odds, reaches new milestone in life

By Kory Briggs
Panther Staff

At 40 years of age, with years of prison time under his belt, and with a newly found "grace of God", Tracey Andrus has achieved yet another milestone.

In his busy schedule as pastor at a Baptist church, research assistant, and Ph.D student in juvenile justice, Andrus still has time to attain another achievement. Last July, in St. Louis, Mo., Andrus was given the Medgar Evers Award by the National Society of Blacks in Criminal

Justice president, Matthew B. Humidullah. The yearly award is given in honor of the late 1960s civil rights activist Medgar Evers. Andrus was presented the award for his dedication to unselfish ideals of fairness, equality and justice.

The ordained minister and now model for many young people believes that prison was a rescue. His new found grace has led him to be an outstanding individual. During his last eight years of being a pastor, he has also been chairman of Prairie View A&M University's doctoral

Student Council. His book, titled Beneath the Skin of Black Folks, released in April 2003, has become the number one seller in the Waller County area, according to Andrus.

Now in the beginning stages of opening a Christian center in Hempstead, he manages to meet and talk to youths of all walks of life. In his last four semesters at the university, he has been given the high evaluation. Andrus says that in the next 10 years, "I want to be a college president who actually teaches

undergraduates as well. I truly believe that we must equip the younger generation for tomorrow."

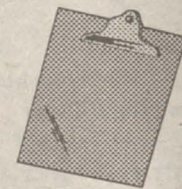
If there are any more unanswered questions for Andrus, one can look on his door for a powerful quote that embodies his life. It states, "When I was Innocent! Look at the tears in my Eyes. I have been crying for Humanity since I was a kido. No Justice, No Peace. Know Justice, Know Peace." Andrus is strengthened because he stands strong for his realistic beliefs of race in

America. Andrus is determination because with the weight of his prison experiences he gives young people reasons to still attain dreams. Andrus is education because his awards and his achievements speak loud and clear.

Lastly, Andrus is realism because he shows no pretentious image of the world. Andrus is a man with a humble spirit and an astonishing wit, giving PVAMU a proud name.



PURPLE & GOLD POLL



What do you think of the new campus security measures?



Shunte' Jones

Sophomore/ Agricultural Economics

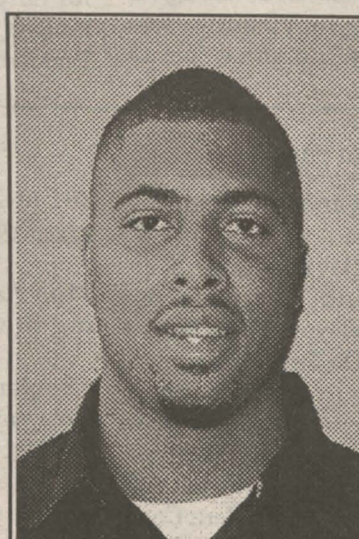
"I am pleased with security in Phases I and II. However, students still don't feel a sense of security throughout the rest of the campus. We need more lighting for the parking lots surrounding the library and science buildings. This is a very dangerous area at night, and needs to be addressed immediately."



Quinn Gibson

Junior/Marketing

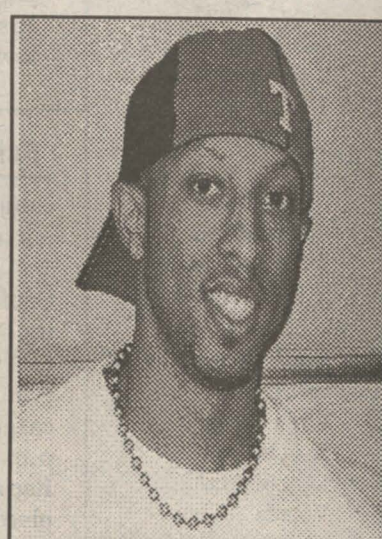
"If you are going to turn people away with no decals in Phase I and II, do it in Phase III also. The troublemakers are still allowed to walk in and not drive in so it's not really stopping anything."



Joshua Johnson

Freshman/Communications

"I think security measures that have been taken are fine."



James W. Johnson III

Senior/Architecture

"I honestly believe that all of new security measures that the school is taking will eliminate many of the problems we have had in the past."

Photos By: Erin Vernon

Fall enrollment at UT drops slightly

Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Fall enrollment at the University of Texas dropped 1.6 percent to 51,438 from last year's all-time high of 52,273.

Despite the decline, UT remains the largest single-campus institution in the nation based on enrollment.

This fall's enrollment includes 38,392 undergraduate, 11,553 graduate and 1,493 law students. The number of entering freshmen is 6,544, a decrease from last year's record high of 7,935. Undergraduate transfers and new graduate students also have decreased.

More than a decade ago, UT officials declared 48,000 as its optimal enrollment. Despite efforts to shrink enrollment, admissions have continued to rise. "A concerted effort has been made to reduce the

number of incoming freshmen and transfer students to maintain a high quality undergraduate experience in light of budget constraints," said Larry R. Faulkner, president of The University of Texas at Austin. "We are pleased that we have been able to attract and enroll a more diverse freshman class, and we continue to make progress in retaining undergraduate students at increasing rates."

The percentage of graduates from Texas high schools who entered UT as part of the top 10 percent law was 70.5 percent this fall, significantly higher than last year's figure of 54.3 percent.

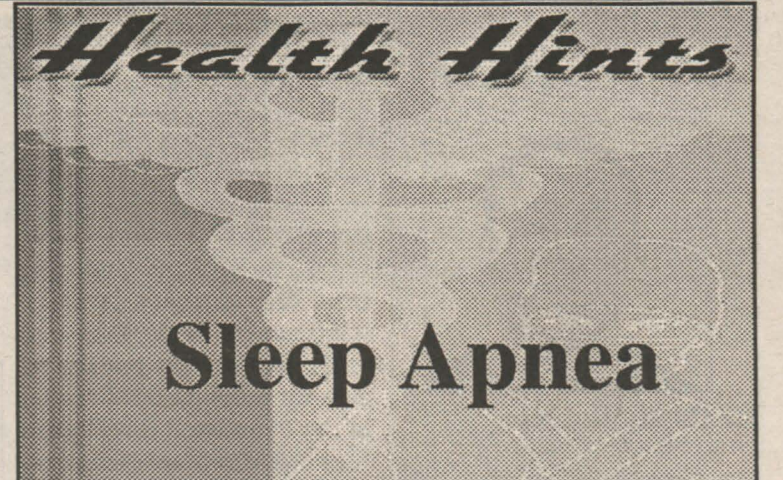
HBCU Week

President George W. Bush has issued a proclamation honoring America's historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), designating the week of Sept. 14-20, 2003 as National HBCU Week.

A statement issued by the White House Initiative on HBCUs said traditionally Congress also issues a Joint Resolution commemorating the significant contributions made to our nation's growth by these institutions.

"Our nation's historically black colleges and universities have opened the door to knowledge when other doors were barred. And today they offer exciting opportunities to young people to contribute to their country," the President said.

A four day conference in celebration of the week was scheduled for Sept. 14-17 in Arlington, Va.



Sleep Apnea

What is it?

Sleep apnea is a serious, potentially life-threatening condition that is far more common than generally understood. Sleep apnea is a breathing disorder characterized by brief interruptions of breathing during sleep. There are two types of sleep apnea: central and obstructive.

In a given night, the number of involuntary breathing pauses or "apneic events" may be as high as 20 or 30 or more per hour. Sleep apnea can also be characterized by choking sensations.

Early recognition and treatment of sleep apnea is important because it may be associated with irregular heartbeat, high blood pressure, heart attack and stroke.

Who Gets It?

Sleep apnea occurs in all age groups and both sexes but is more common in men and possibly young African Americans. It has been estimated that as many as 18 million Americans have sleep apnea. People most likely to have or develop sleep apnea include those who snore loudly and also are overweight, or have high blood pressure, or have some physical abnormality in the nose, throat, or other parts of the upper airway.

www.health.yahoo.com

FALL 2003

The Department of Student Activities & Leadership will offer MIP Forum Sessions in the Memorial Student Center, RM 221C

Monday, Sept. 22
Thursday, Sept. 25

Monday, Sept. 29
Tuesday, Sept. 30

Thursday, Oct. 2

3:30 PM, 5:15 PM, 6:15 PM, 7:15 PM, 8:15 PM* (*added)

MIP Forum attendee space is limited to 20 participants per session. Participants must register with the DSAL in MSC, RM 221 on or before 12:00 PM Noon the day of the session offering.

Prospective members and chapter members must complete one (1) MIP Forum prior to the initiation of the respective organization's MIP process.

Failure of the requested individuals to attend the minimum one (1) MIP Forum will forfeit his/her opportunity to participate in the university's FALL 2003 Membership Intake Program.

Students needing special assistance, call ext. 2610.

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Age... just a number



By **Dustin Daniel**
Sports Correspondent

Nowadays, more and more prep phenoms are skipping college for the millions that await them in the National Basketball Association. League officials are implementing a policy that prohibits anyone less than 20 years of age from registering for the draft. This poses the question, "Is this a good idea?"

In my opinion, the answer is NO. Many jump to the NBA because college athletes are badly disrespected. All over the nation, college athletes rack up thousands of dollars for colleges. Coaches, alumni, boosters, and businesses in proximity to the university receive money. All receive money except the athletes. College athletes are essentially, "slaves" to their institutions. It's even worse for athletes coming from poor families, as NCAA rules prevent them from getting jobs. A jump to the NBA brings to fruition the joy of providing for themselves, as well as family, a significant change in lifestyle.

Where would the NBA be without the exploits of Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett, and Tracy McGrady? Had any of these athletes attended college and injured themselves, the league would be void of a marketable superstar in the post-Jordan era. These players have become major boosters for corporations and franchises such as Adidas, And One, Sprite, Mountain Dew, and McDonalds.

An age limit spells doom for everyone involved. If an 18-year old believes he's good enough to compete in the NBA, whose right is it to deny him? It is my steadfast belief that the same 18-year old whose eligible to be shipped across the world to kill someone he doesn't know, should be able to make an honest living in the "land of the free."

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upset the Panthers and break the current 2-game winning streak that Prairie View A&M holds against them. In the 1st quarter they were showing signs of accomplishing that goal by kicking off the game with an 18-yard from Quarterback Authur Robinson to Wide Receiver Jacory Rush. This put the tigers up 6-0 with 13:21 to go in the 1st quarter. But Prairie View A&M retaliated aggressively, scoring 14 unanswered points, with a 2-yard touchdown run by Runningback Tavari Holliday, and a 49-yard touchdown pass from Quarterback Michael Hill to Wide Receiver Courtney White. This put the Panthers up 14-6, with 9:22 to go in the 1st quarter.

Although Paul Quinn lost the lead, it didn't ruin their confidence, as they started airing it out to their go-to receiver Richard Morris. This 180-pound senior from Orange, Texas, had a career day receiving, with 10 catches for 263 yards and 3 touchdowns. Morris's Randy Moss type game, forced PV's Courtney White to step up his game. White grabbed 5 passes for 128 yards and 2 touchdowns. The game was an offensive display as both teams gained over 400 yards in total offenses, with Prairie View A&M (438 yards, 76 plays), and Paul Quinn (590 yards, 82 plays).

With both offenses clicking, defense became a key part of the game, especially for Prairie View A&M. Leading the way for the Panthers' defense were linebacker Chandre Ward (8 tackles, 7 solo), defense back Santana Lane (7 tackles, 7 solo, 1 interception for 46 yards), defensive tackle Sammie August (5 tackles, 4 solo), freshman cornerback Brady Robinson (5 tackles, 4 solo, 1 pass break up), and cornerback Carlan White (5 tackle, 4 solo, 1 interception for 6 yards).

This game was by far the best showing of the season for the Panthers' offense. Paving the way for Prairie View A&M's offensive success were quarterback Michael Hill of LaMarque, Texas (18 of 28, for 234 yards passing, 2 touchdowns, 10

rushes for 37 yards), wide receiver Courtney White (5 catches for 128 yards, 2 touchdowns), running back Tavari Holliday (21 carriers for 111 yards, 2 touchdowns), and wide receivers Charles Washington and Joseph Vaughn, each hauling in four catches for a combined 64 yards.

PV's 45-31 victory

over Paul Quinn was a huge confidence booster.

This week the football team will be faced with a bye week, which gives them much needed time and rest to prepare for the Sept. 27 meeting with SWAC rival Alabama A&M, at Blackshear Field.

Alabama A&M will be a tough opponent, as they

played in the SWAC championship against Grambling State University last season. Kickoff time for the Sept. 27 game will be at 6 p.m. at Blackshear Field.



Photo by Shakira Martin

Panther quarterback Michael Hill struggles to break free from the Paul Quinn defense. The Panthers defeated the Tigers Saturday at Blackshear Field.

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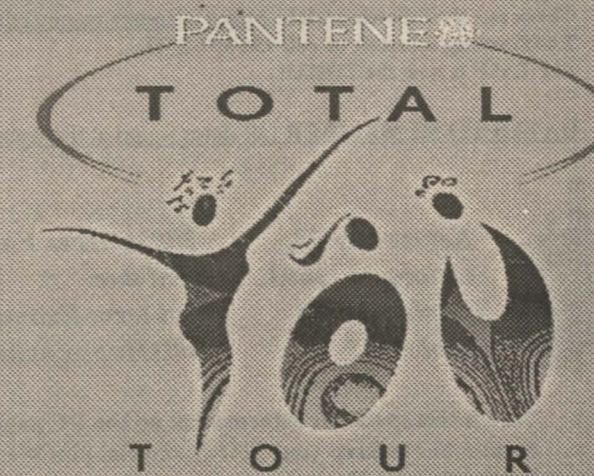
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Professor researches soil on Mars

By Adrian Houser
Panther Staff

Martian organisms may be the key to making a cleaner Earth environment according to scientific researchers.

Dr. Raul Cuero, professor of agriculture, is leading a scientific research on the differences between the soil types of Mars and Earth to determine how Mars' soil may be helpful to Earth's environment.

The Martian simulant soil [soil from Mars] that Cuero obtained was provided to him by NASA-JSC-Houston.

He explained that electro-sensors were used to capture the structure and soil type on Mars in relation to microscopic life.

"I am the first one who used this approach to show how this type of Martian soil can sustain life," Cuero said.

Cuero studies these organisms using Martian simulant soil,

electro chemistry and nanotechnology.

If Autotrophic organisms were placed in Earth-like conditions with ample carbon they would have the ability to survive, but not develop much growth.

"Earth-like pathogens such as E. coli, and Salmonella that cause diseases on Earth can't survive in Mars soil," Cuero said.

According to Cuero, organic human waste in Martian soil may be completely degraded because of the reduced conditions of Mars' atmosphere.

NASA has nominated Cuero for an award.

Students and assistants are also involved in the soil project.

Junior biology major Karla Smith is working on this and several

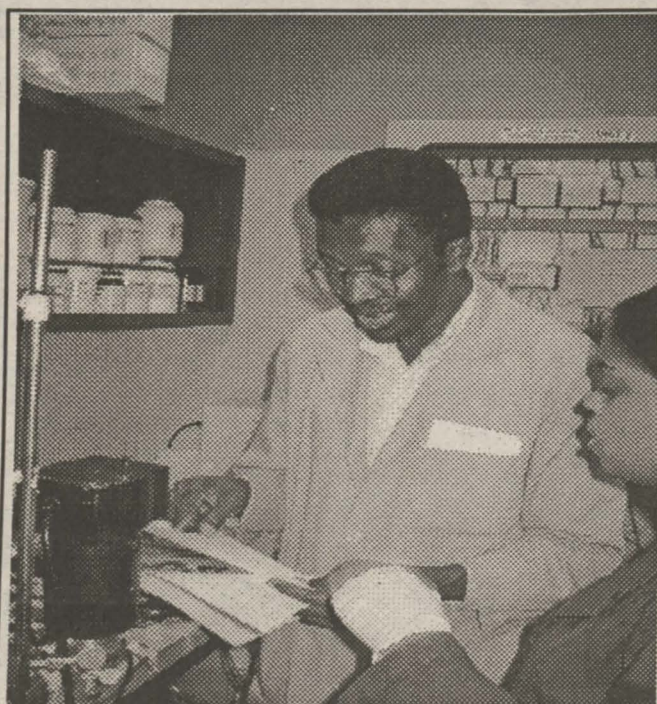


Photo By Ryan Brooks

Dr. Cuero works on his Mars research with Karla Smith.

Smith said she has learned a lot working with Cuero and finds all the information she has gained very helpful.

"It is like real life application," Smith said. "You read about it in your book and then you come here and you see it."

She enjoys working with other experiments with Dr. Cuero.

"There are two individuals that are equally dangerous in society," Cuero said. "One who has more education than intelligence, and the one who has more intelligence than education."

The ultimate question is, "Can Earthlings live on Mars?" The answer is no and yes.

If Earthlings were to try to live on Mars without our basic earthly needs such as habitual temperatures, oxygen, and living domains they would not survive.

There would have to be some type of artificial domains or environments in order to support human life.

If it is possible for humans to survive on Mars, mankind must make Mars a livable habitat.



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The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

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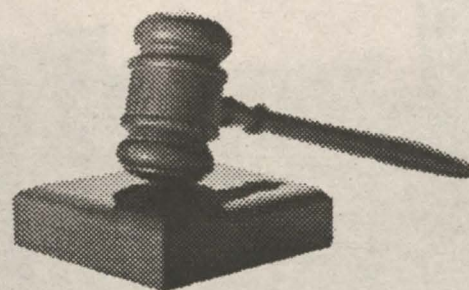
- You must have a grade of 'C' or better in your developmental class (es) at mid-terms to be able to pre-register for the spring.
- You must take the TASP at least once every academic year.
- Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick TASP testing schedule or call 936/857-2747.
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DATES TO REMEMBER (all dates found at the website <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/>)



September 23, 2003 Career Fair
October 1, 2003 Rent due
October 16-18 Mid-term Exams
October 25, 2003 Homecoming

- Watch this space for information on the UC pageant!!!
- Remember to keep your 9/11 Memorial pin. We will use it for other activities during the year!!
- The UC Spades and Dominoes Tournament was held last week. The winners were: Dominoes: Zachary Horace (36) & Ben Barnes III (45); Spades: Steve Williams (48) & Charvis Lee (48). The winners will each receive a \$50 book voucher.

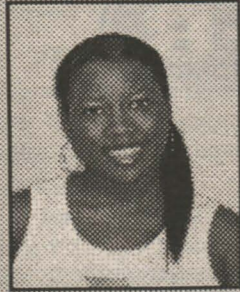


SGA Speaks Out

*For all students who missed the 1st installment, do not leave the University. A new payment option is available. Come by the Information table on the first floor of the MSC or the Student Government office for more information. Monday, Sept. 22 will be the last day to turn in paperwork.

*There will be a mandatory election candidate meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. in the Senate Chambers (Rm 222) on the second floor of the MSC.

Relieve Stress



By NiRoshia Smith
L&E Editor

While reading an article about stress disorders last week I came across a questionnaire that would analyze your stress level. Some of the questions asked were: Do you feel rushed while accomplishing your tasks everyday? Do you stay awake for long hours at night only to wake up early the next morning? Do you feel as if the weight of the world is on your shoulders? I'm sure that for many of us the answer to all of these questions is yes.

As college students I believe that it's only natural that we encounter some type of stress on a daily basis. It's a challenge to finish home work, study for multiple tests, worry about financial aid, assure your parents that your grades are fine, and still have time to breathe normally. Oh, and don't forget that your body really does need food, water, and sleep.

Have you noticed that more often than not, when you ask fellow classmates how they're doing, they'll say that they're tired? While I'm doing one thing, I'm always thinking of the other 12 numbers on my to do list! Most of us are suffering from Higher Academic Syndrome. At least that's what I call it.

This fall should be a season of change. We should all pace ourselves instead of pacing through the 24 hours that I've come to know aren't enough to be called one day. You can't do everything in one day, but everything can get accomplished over time.

Try a system that I've learned from the editor in chief. Relax. Relate. Release. I've learned that you can't change fate. Take time out and don't fatigue yourself.

Do PV students accept alternative lifestyles?

By Monica Johnson
Panther Staff

A person should never be frowned upon or looked down on because of his or her sexual preference. In last week's edition of The Panther, "20 Questions" asked, "How many athletes are confused about their sexual preference?" The real question should be, "Does it matter what one's sexual preference is?" It shouldn't.

There are some gays and lesbians on Prairie View's campus, and their sexual orientation doesn't make them less human than heterosexuals. Every student on this campus should be here for the same reason, and that is to receive an education. Therefore respect should be shown to everyone and no one should be treated differently.

"I'm very comfortable with my sexuality. I'm not worried what people think or say about me," said Tommy Jones, a graduate student majoring in human science. "When I first came to Prairie View, I found it hard for people to get used to me being open with my sexuality. I got a lot of dirty looks but no one ever approached me in the wrong way about it." Unlike Jones, many males on campus aren't as open with their sexual preference, due to the fact that they want to pledge certain fraternities or are in other activities such as ROTC or sports. Willow Frank, a junior, feels that males definitely have it harder than females in the aspect of being "out" with their sexuality. Males feel like they are offended in

some way if they see that another male is gay. Men are rougher than females and they think that if another boy is gay, that makes him less of a man. Frank said that she has always been comfortable with being a lesbian. "There is no other way I can feel about myself. I've been this way for as long as I can remember."

"To be totally honest, I have to say that gays and lesbians do not hit a sore spot with me," says Daa'iyah Naji, a sophomore nursing major, knowing that she would encounter a larger percentage of gays and lesbians in college than in high school. "As long as a lesbian doesn't approach men in the wrong way, everything will be cool." Tasha Ellison, a junior health major, feels that

when a female learns that someone they know is a lesbian they automatically think that the person wants them. "Just because I'm a lesbian that does not mean I want you. I'm still the same female you knew before you found out I liked women."

College is a place of education. Everyone should open their mind and realize that by learning about different lifestyles you are also educating yourself, but in a diverse aspect. Everyone is different or unique in his or her own way. Just because one chooses to go home to or date a person of the same sex does not mean that they should be valued any differently than the next person. "Being a lesbian is not a disease," says Frank, "so don't worry, you won't catch me."

N.C. judge who sent ethnic jokes through e-mail resigns

Associated Press

A chief district court judge who acknowledged e-mailing ethnic jokes resigned his post Monday, three days after the e-mails became public.

Guilford County Judge William Daisy said he left a message with state Supreme Court Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake on Monday afternoon, telling Lake he was stepping down as chief, the News & Record of Greensboro reported on its Web site.

Lake was out of town Monday and could not be reached for comment.

The resignation doesn't affect Daisy's position as a district court judge.

Between May 6 and

Sept. 3, Daisy sent at least 36 e-mail messages that included jokes with stereotypes, some about Jews and blacks, according to information obtained by the News & Record. Daisy sent an e-mail May 6 to 21 people including lawyers, business leaders and other judges titled "Learn to Spell with Darnell."

The message contained a series of jokes about "Leroy," an 18-year-old ninth-grader who used black slang to do his homework.

"Stain: My mother-in-law axed if I was STAIN for dinner again," one joke in the e-mail said.

Daisy sent out a joke June 27 about Hindus. A Hindu husband scratches off the red spot on his bride's forehead on their wedding night

"to see if he has won a convenience store, a gas station or a motel in Florida," the message said.

On Aug. 22, he forwarded a series of Jewish jokes to 31 people. Some included the phrase "Jewish American Princess," the stereotype for a spoiled, rich Jewish woman. One reads: "Short summary of every Jewish holiday: They tried to kill us, we won, let's eat."

Daisy said he would never forward a joke he found offensive, including material that is "overtly sexual or pertaining to gross stuff." He said no one ever complained to him about the jokes. Daisy sent the jokes from his personal e-mail account but said Friday he used the computer in his office at the Guilford County

courthouse to send several. Recipients include District Court Judges Wendy Enochs, Thomas Jarrell and Susan Burch.

Daisy, 60, was named chief judge Feb. 1. He was elected to the bench in 1980 and has served longer than Guilford County's other 11 District Court judges. He earns \$113,135 a year. As a District Court judge, Daisy presides over misdemeanor criminal cases such as speeding tickets and drug charges. He has said he plans to retire in 2004.

Change comes to campus radio station with new ideas, staff

By Anterria Brown
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University's radio station KPVV 91.3 F.M. is starting fresh with new staff and shows that entail music of all genres.

KPVU is operated under general manager Larry Coleman. The program director is Charles Porter.

Porter said the main change this year is new staff. According to Porter, for the past three years the radio station has added new DJs as well as a much needed development person. Gwen Johnson recently joined the staff as development and promotions director.

This year Porter said KPVV hopes to become more student oriented. For the first time ever, the station will

broadcast football and basketball games live.

Whether you prefer hip hop, R&B, or gospel and blues, KPVV has something for you. The station's musical selections are on a block formatted schedule.

KPVU's lineup begins with 6-10 a.m. gospel music. From 10-2 p.m. jazz and adult contemporary music is played. The 2 p.m. hour brings about "Smooth Afternoons" where blues and upbeat jazz are played. At 6 p.m. urban contemporary, jazz, and soft soul are played. To end the night, from 10-12 a.m. "The Hit Factory" show is broadcast giving listeners 120 minutes of blazing hip hop and R&B.

Mario White Ewell is the host of "The Hit Factory Presents Uncle Moe". Ewell has hosted the show for two

years. He said he hopes the program will have a different edge this year.

The theme of The Hit Factory is based solely on music industry standards, and therefore it doesn't focus only on what's popular for the moment.

"I live to play months before," Ewell said. Ewell plays smooth R&B and soft soul for Thursday ladies' night.

Ewell does not only play music to please the ladies he said he, too, gets personal enjoyment from his show.

"It's therapy for me, I enjoy sharing the music of my life with other people."

"The Hit Factory presents: Uncle Mo" airs Monday-Thursday from 10 p.m.-12 a.m.

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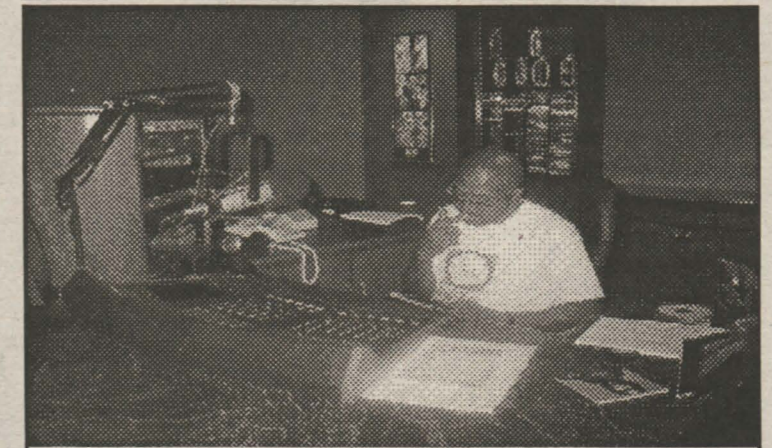


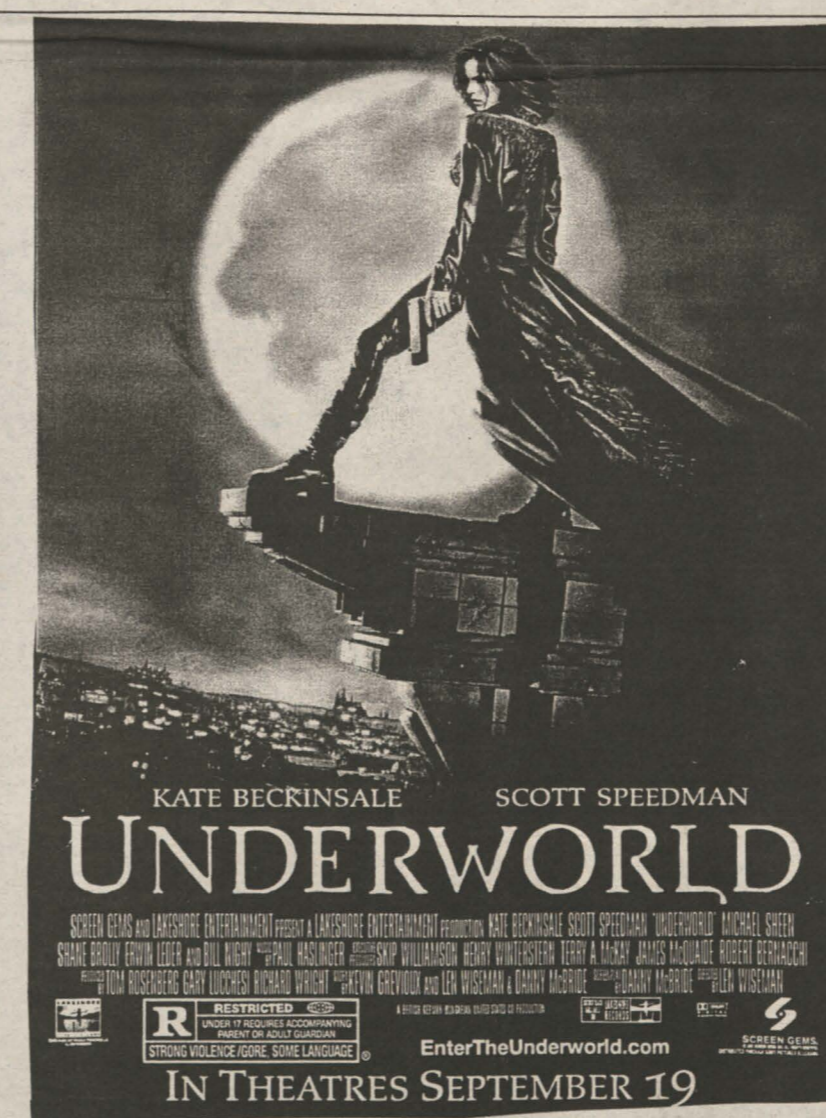
Photo by Wanda Weems
Radio personality Wayne Turner hosts The Smooth Drive Home from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Micole Williams are the hosts of "The Show." It now has both a male and female perspective Williams said. The topics on "The Show" range from serious to entertaining.

"The Show" is designed to talk about the issues that directly affect students in all walks of life. Topics range from personal relationships to what's going on around campus.

"The Show" is included in the student affairs segment and is produced by Melody Barnett. Barnett said "The Show" is very informative and better than ever.

In previous years "The Show" was broadcast for an hour. Due to scheduling changes this year, it will be broadcast for 30 minutes on Wednesday nights from 9:30-10 p.m.



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2. Was it all about the Benjamins for the girl with the dollar bill dress at the Baby Dome party?
3. Does anybody agree with the SGA constitution?
4. Shouldn't we all go view the old constitution to see how student government should be run?
5. Aren't we tired of the police?
6. Who couldn't get to their rooms because they didn't have decals?
7. Shouldn't that be optional in our fees?
8. Shouldn't we let the police spray for the lovebugs so they can have something to do instead of hand out tickets and violation stickers?
9. Who are the three girls who cried about their scores to be cheerleaders?
10. Why are they on the squad?
11. Which Sigma tried to sneak into the Baby Dome party?
12. Are the black net shirts really for everybody?
13. Why did K K Psi members wear their par shirts yesterday?
14. Don't they know they're supposed to wear them on Wednesday?
15. Who was the girl throwing trash out of her silver Mustang?
16. What did she have to hide from the police?
17. Should boys really wear pink Converse?
18. Which sophomore girl is trying too hard to become a Zeta?
19. Don't the girls with the pink, green, and white hair remind you of the Lil' Kim "Crush on You" video?
20. What do you think?

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