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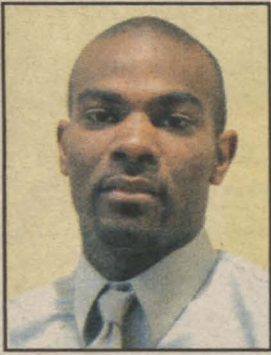
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# THE PANTHER

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## Laying the boot down

### Marching Storm earns spot among top HBCU bands

By Christina Johnson and Antoinette Mims

Panther Staff

What happens when you get all the greatest HBCU bands in the land together for one big halftime show? A sold out show at the Georgia Dome that you definitely should not have missed.

American Honda Mo-

ture."

Two schools were chosen from each of the five athletic divisions. The bands in attendance were:

- Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- Johnson C. Smith
- Virginia State University
- Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
- Bethune-Cookman College

gave excellent shows and executed dynamic drills. Clark even had a performance with Universal recording artist, The Ying Yang Twins, but all the hip-hop in the world couldn't prepare the sold out Georgia Dome for what was in store from Prairie View.

The favorite band coming into the event was Florida A&M University, but it was



Photo by Christina Johnson

The drum majors take the field at the Honda Battle of the Bands in Atlanta, Ga.

tor Co., Inc. sponsored the second annual Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase on Saturday, Jan. 24, in Atlanta, Ga., displaying ten of the top 43 HBCU marching bands across the country.

Wendell Bugg, manager of American Honda Corporate Affairs and Communications, said, "This national event was created to celebrate, support, and recognize the excellence of the black college bands, which have long been an important part of the HBCU cul-

- Florida A&M University
- Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- Clark Atlanta University
- Tuskegee University
- Southwestern Athletic Conference
- Alabama State University
- Prairie View A&M University
- Independent
- Savannah State College
- Tennessee State University
- Virginia State, Savannah State, Clark, Johnson C. Smith, Alabama State, Tuskegee, and Tennessee State

quickly put to shame when the 'wildcard' of the showcase, Prairie View's "Marching Storm" took to the field.

"A lot of people were like 'Why are they (The Marching Storm) here,'" said Larry Allen, a senior music education major and the head drum major for the band. "They didn't know what to expect from us. We knew we were going into a hostile situation."

The Marching Storm

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## Engineering student dies in car accident

By Barbara Ramirez

Panther Staff

A Dec. 27, 2003 car accident claimed the life of Bryan Everitt Jackson, 19, a sophomore civil and architectural engineering major at Prairie View A&M University.

"He was just a happy person who liked to see other people happy," Jackson's mother Evelyn Wallace said.

According to a family friend, Marilyn Kern-



Foxworth, Jackson died helping people. He is remembered as "one of the good guys."

On the day of the accident, Foxworth said, Jackson and a friend from Tyler, Texas, were on their way to pick up a stranded friend. The accident occurred in Gainesville, Fla., on their way to Tampa. All were students at Prairie View A&M University and, according to Jackson's family, planned to return to PVAMU after making the trip to Florida.

According to Jackson's mother, he was ejected from the vehicle. No

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**PV's Seven Day Forecast**

Wed Jan 28

Partly Cloudy  
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•National•

**Federal judge dismisses suit seeking reparations for slavery**

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal judge Monday dismissed a lawsuit by descendants of slaves from across the country seeking reparations from corporations they claim profited from slavery, saying they had shown no clear link between the companies and themselves.

Judge Charles R. Norgle left the door open for the slave descendants to redraft their suit and press on with their case against tobacco companies, railroads, banks and other corporations.

The suit combined a number of smaller suits that were filed in courts around the country as part of a movement calling for millions of dollars in reparations for slavery from 18 companies.

**Three charged with making meth**

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — Three Pascagoula residents were jailed this past weekend on drug charges, authorities said.

Police Capt. Jamie Hunter said Rochelle Rocko, 21, Gordon Ross, 27 and David Lyda, 25, were taken into custody Sunday morning on charges of manufacturing methamphetamine.

Officers said investigators also determined that Rocko had an outstanding simple assault warrant pending against her.

The three were taken to the Pascagoula City Jail to await a bond hearing.

•World•

**29 fishermen missing**

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Rescuers searched Monday for at least 29 fishermen still missing after a storm that hit the northern Philippines over the weekend, killing at least three people, officials said.

The number of survivors who swam to safety or were plucked from the rough seas climbed to 179, the National Disaster Coordination Council reported. One survivor reported a grueling 10-hour swim to safety.

The northern coast guard commander, Eduardo Legaspi, said the fishermen set out Friday when the weather was calm but ran into a squall early Saturday. The weather bureau said winds churned up 2 1/2 to 4 meter (8 to 13 foot) high waves in the area, about 250 kilometers (155 miles) north of Manila.

**Burglars hit Louis Vuitton shop**

HONG KONG (AP) — Thieves stole handbags and other merchandise worth almost US\$15,000 from a Louis Vuitton store in Hong Kong, the second burglary on the French luxury goods company's outlets here in less than a year, police and newspapers said Monday.

The burglars smashed a shop window early Sunday morning, and made off with six handbags, three

**"Foxy Foxes"**



Photo By Christina Johnson

The Black Foxes pose for a picture at the Honda Battle of the Bands in Atlanta last weekend. The Foxes won over the crowd by displaying grace and decency in their performance.

pieces of luggage and three purses worth 116,000 Hong Kong dollars (US\$14,900) before police arrived, police spokesman Kelly Chan said.

Local newspapers said two men rammed their vehicle backward through the shop window, grabbed the merchandise and drove off.

In May, two thieves drove into the window of another Louis Vuitton store and took away two handbags worth HK\$12,000 (US\$1,500), the newspapers said.

Cherry Chui, a spokeswoman for Louis Vuitton in Hong Kong, said a burglary happened at one of its shops on Sunday but declined to comment further.

**Pileup injures 5 on Malaysian highway**

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A 21-vehicle pileup left five people injured and sparked massive traffic jams on Malaysia's key north-south highway as many people were returning home after the Lunar Chinese New Year holiday, news reports said Monday.

Police blamed the accident Sunday afternoon on poor visibility caused by smoke from farmers burning their paddy fields after harvesting in northern Kedah state.

The smoke caused a string of vehicles, including two trucks and a van carrying tourists from Thailand, to slam into motorists who slowed down on a highway, about 320 kilometers (200 miles) north of Kuala Lumpur.

About 50 other people reportedly walked away unscathed from the wreckage.

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**Just say no!**



By Christina Johnson  
Editor in Chief

First and foremost, I know I'm late with this, but Happy New Year. Secondly, I'll admit it-I'm a people pleaser. I try to look out for everyone's best interest, but in the end I neglect my own.

As a new year's resolu-

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other information about the cause of his death was available at press time Tuesday.

Although he lived a short life, Foxworth said Jackson touched the lives of many "peers, high school pals, community and college friends."

One friend, Melissa Druery, 20, of Sam Houston State University attended high school with Jackson and remembered his smile and jovial personality.

"Anyone who didn't know him missed out on a good friend," Druery said.

Apparently, he was loved by many. According to Foxworth, there was standing room only at the Bailey Chapel of God in Christ in Waller, Texas, where funeral services were held Jan. 3.

Druery said she learned a lot from Jackson but most of all she learned to love life, something most people take for granted.

Jackson is survived by his mother, Evelyn Wallace, 11-year-old brother J.R. and a 17-year-old sister Bria. Others are his aunt, Dr. Legoria Payton of White Hall, Ark., and his grandmother Rose Simon of Waller, Texas.

tion, I have decided to just say no. What do I mean by saying no? Let me give a few examples of what I mean.

For instance, last year during my first semester as Editor in Chief, I came across a few problems with other student leaders (you know who you are) on campus who continue to take my kindness for weakness. Let it be known it will not happen this semester. Know your place; it is not in the Panther.

Secondly, this semester, we are not brushing everything under the rug. True, PV has been in the news quite a bit, but every school has its prob-

lems. My role as a journalist is to present the students with the truth about everything that happens on the campus of Prairie View. We will say what we mean and mean what we say.

Furthermore, yes, we receive numerous stories everyday, but we can't print them all. Don't take it personal if your article isn't printed. We have a method to our madness when it comes to what is selected for publication and what isn't.

To the students, I want you to do the same thing; just say no. A prime example of saying no is when we marched in the rain to the Waller County Courthouse to show how much

we value our voting rights. The band said no to all the people who doubted their ability and proceeded to lay the boot down on a couple of bands who just shouldn't have brought themselves to ATL (i.e. Savannah State College- Kim, I'm only talking about your school out of love).

This may be harsh to some, but it's true. I'm not saying be a renegade and bombard/ambush the people you don't like, but at least stand up against those things you know aren't right. Just saying no is a life lesson that will prove to be beneficial. Fight your battles wisely, and you'll come out on top. Holla back!!!

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# ACCESS wins Texas Higher Education Star Award

Anterria Brown  
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University's ACCESS program recently received the Texas Higher Education Star award.

This prestigious award recognizes educational institutions for their contributions toward the "The Closing the Gaps" criteria outlined in the higher education plan for Texas.

The Texas Higher Education Plan focuses on four main goals: closing the gaps in success among students, in excellence, in research, and closing the gaps in participation.

PVAMU was selected for recognition because of the success of the Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success program (ACCESS). The ACCESS program is entering its ninth year and has had 735 participants through the years, many of whom ultimately attended Prairie View A&M University.

The ACCESS program is seven weeks long, and is similar to an academic boot

camp. "Students who participate in the program must abide by strict rules that include a curfew, no cell phones, and no television sets. "Students are encouraged to study," associate director of the ACCESS program Mark Pearson said.

ACCESS students must attend class daily from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., and in all core areas of study. The students are also required to attend three-hour study halls five nights a week, as well as three workshops a week in the area of study skills.

While academics are the top priority, students in the ACCESS program also receive life skills. Students participate in leadership training, social and personal development activities, as well as cultural enrichment activities on the weekends. The goal of these activities is to broaden the students' horizons and place them in situations they may not otherwise encounter.

"The students who participate in ACCESS have better grade point averages at the end of their freshmen year, and they also have a higher retention rate to the sophomore year than those students who didn't participate," University College Director Lettie Raab said.

The program's participants learn first hand what is required to become a successful college student. "Participating in the ACCESS program helped me out a lot because it gave me an edge over the other freshmen students, because I already knew what was required for me to become a success," administrative assistant to the program and former ACCESS student Trina Hester said.

The program has thus far demonstrated successful outcomes, as well as having a history of excellence in academic instruction.

"I feel as if we won the award because we showed over a nine-year period that we could do something with our program that other people were trying to do at the university," Raab said.

# 11 honored in 2004 Who's Who publication

Press Release

The 2004 of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN A M E R I C A N UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES will include the names of 11 students from Prairie View A&M University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934. Students named this year from Prairie View A&M University are:

1. Deandrea Bell
2. Victoria Catchings
3. Brian Epps
4. Sherri Guebel
5. Kimika Holmes
6. Tamela McGregor
7. Elsy C. Pacheco
8. Cynthia Rodriguez
9. Adrienne Smith
10. Tasha Smith
11. Kendall Thompson



**Congratulations**

By Andrea Starr

# Voting rights threatened 25 years after Supreme Court ruling (Part 2)

This concludes the article in last week's edition in which the writer recalled a 1978 federal court ruling that Waller County should stop using various tactics to deny PV students the right to vote.

By Ed Wendt  
Special to The Panther

In final arguments before the ruling, assistant U.S. attorney John McCoon charged that more stringent standards were applied to PVAMU students in Waller County than to students at other colleges and universities in Texas.

The federal attorney called that situation "intolerable."

"What we are contending is that an unconstitutional and statutorily illegal situation exists in the state of Texas," McCoon told federal judges Woodrow Seals, Fennis Cowan, and Joe Ingraham.

State officials sided with the U.S. Justice Department in the lawsuit against Waller County. Assistant Texas Attorney General David Kendall told the tribunal that the Waller County

Tax Assessor-Collector Leroy Symm's methods of voter registration were unique among some 70 Texas counties with colleges and universities.

"I think he's overzealous," Kendall argued. "I think that's what distinguishes him from the other registrars." The attorney for Waller County argued that only a "tiny fraction" of PVAMU students remained in Waller County after they graduate. He claimed Symm was merely attempting to preserve the "purity of the ballot" by using the questionnaire. Two of the federal judges interrupted the arguments of Will Sears, the attorney for Waller County, several times with questions about residency.

Judge Seals pointed out that in 1978 Americans lived in an "extremely mobile society."

"It might be where the man votes is where he intends to have his residence," said Seals. "It's his decision where he wants to vote, not the county. If he intends to vote in Waller County, that's his residency."

McCoon pointed out that PVAMU was a predominantly black university, and the only university in Texas where county officials refused to allow students to vote. "I couldn't ask for a better record of a racial case," McCoon argued.

The 5th Circuit declared the questionnaire unconstitutional and ordered the county to stop using it.

The court also issued an injunction that a finding of nonresidence in Waller County not be based on any of the following factors:

\* That a person owns no property in Waller County.

\* That an applicant has no employment or promise of employment in Waller County.

\* That a person previously lived outside Waller County or may live outside Waller County after graduation.

\* That a person visits the home of his or her parents or some other place during holidays and school vacations.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in January 1979, upheld the 5th Circuit decision by a narrow 5-4 vote. The ruling ended the decade-long struggle for students at PVAMU to be afforded the right to vote, just as students at all other state colleges and universities had appreciated since 1970.

Oliver Kitzman was Waller County District Attorney when county officials denied PVAMU students the right to vote. He is again district attorney and recently issued an opinion to Waller County Elections Officer Lela Loewe raising many of the same objections county officials used three decades ago to deny students the right to vote.

When students first sought to register to vote in Waller County in 1971, there were no black elected officials in county government. Today, there are two black county commissioners, and one black justice of the peace. The mayors of Prairie View and Brookshire are black and blacks serve as city council members in Prairie View, Brookshire, and Hempstead. At one time, there was a black county attorney.

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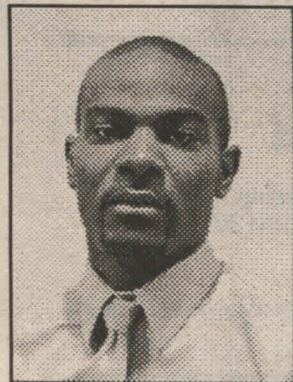
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# PURPLE & GOLD POLL

## How do you think the basketball team can improve?



**Alphonso King Jr.**  
Senior/Mechanical Engineering

"I think that they need more experience, and to change their mentality."



**Valencia Moore**  
Junior/Accounting

"They need to practice working on their lay-ups and learn to pass the ball."



**Nick Brown**  
Junior/Electrical Engineering Tech.

"They need practice and a prayer."



**Jawana Green**  
Junior/Criminal Justice

"More practice, team work, and more positive thinking."



**Michael Miller**  
Sophomore/HUPF

"More practice and to stay focused more."



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By Leona Aaron  
Sports Editor

Kobe Bryant is considered a good guy and yet everyone has already written him out like he is not even allowed to make a mistake. He has lost yet another endorsement behind an accusation of rape charges. He is not perfect and we should expect him to be human through certain situations.

Kobe has not been convicted of the rape charge, which was brought against him. Yet we are steadily pulling him down with our allegations.

Kobe used to be considered one of the "good guys". He couldn't do any wrong according to media and society, yet with one false move it was all taken away from him.

One by one the endorsements he worked so hard for were being pulled right from underneath him.

Endorsements like Nike, McDonalds, and Sprite are just to name a few that jumped off the Kobe bandwagon.

Does he deserve this type of negative treatment or is the color of his skin playing a significant role in these decisions.

If we were talking about Justin Timberlake would it have the same effect or would everything be done under cover.

These are questions I have when reading or talking about Kobe's unfortunate situation. Kobe is guilty of adultery but rape is a crime I don't think he committed. We can't judge only God can say if he is guilty or not.

# New football coach comes with great expectations for upcoming season

By Dustin Daniel  
Sports Correspondent

Following a frustrating 2003 season which saw the Panthers carry a 1-10 record into their off season, the tumult was aggrandized as head coach C.L. Whittington was ousted. Clouds of uncertainty hovered over Prairie View A&M's football program.

Athletic director Charles McClelland made moves to alleviate the precarious state of the football program by hiring former Bowie State University head coach Henry Frazier III.

"He (Frazier) brings to Prairie View the ability to turn programs around," said McClelland.

Indeed, this former Bowie State University quarterback took over the head-coaching helm at his alma mater in 1999, and changed the fortunes of the program.

In 2001, Frazier guided the Bulldogs to a 7-3 mark, garnering the Coach of the Year award, as BSU amassed their second best record since 1989.

The following year, the Bulldogs claimed the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Eastern Division title.

However, unlike many college coaches who only care for their athletes during the heat of battle, Frazier refutes the typical

ideologies of a college coach. "Kids really need and want structure in their lives,"

Although he possesses a clear and concise vision and plan, Frazier won't

indicates that he's able to turn programs around, and junior offensive lineman Lamond Foster knows that.

"I'm anticipating the future of the program and all he has to offer," says Foster. "He has come from a similar situation and coached them into a winning program."

Despite the rigorous regimen that college athletes and coaches endure during the course of a season, Coach Frazier evades the difficulty with quintessential mantra that defines the essence of the game. "Football is a game, and a game is fun," says Frazier.

"There's no fun in losing." While encouraging his players to enjoy themselves and have fun on the football field, he is also attempting to better the entire individual. "I want to better the physical, mental, social, and emotional, as well as the spiritual side," says Frazier. "I want to touch the person."

"I am excited and pleased to have someone of Coach Frazier's caliber to be our next head coach," says McClelland.

However, more importantly beyond his field feats is his simple approach to his job: "I just want to produce good guys."



Photo By Stefann Robinson

New football coach Henry Frazier III takes a chance at the helm.

says Frazier. "They really need love."

Recognizing that these needs are essential, Frazier plans to invade their psyches as the first of many changes he plans to instill at the helm of Prairie View A&M football.

"I plan to get in the heads of kids," says Frazier. "Then, bring in what kinds of kids that you want."

allow himself to become overwhelmed by the colossal expectations that accompany his successful and prominent name.

"People can only hold you accountable for what you say," Frazier says. "I chose Prairie View because it is a challenge, and maybe we can turn this thing around."

A simple glance at Frazier's track record

# Women's basketball team chalks up first victory

By Lori Mason  
Panther Staff

On Monday Jan. 26, Prairie View's Lady Panthers saw their first SWAC win of the season against the Devilettes of Mississippi Valley State, bringing them to 1-6 in the SWAC.

The Lady Panther's took an early lead by rebounding Mississippi Valley

defensively 15 to 7, at the first half.

Senior Carolyn Hopkins set the way for the Panthers by scoring nine points in the first half. Senior guard La Toya Moten also put nine points on the board for the Lady Panthers in the first half coming off the bench.

As the Lady Panthers continued to work the

defensive board, Mississippi Valley was incredible on the offensive boards holding the Lady Panthers down 13 to 7, which led to eight second chance points for the Devilettes.

Defensively in the first half, Prairie View led the way with more blocks and defensive boards, but fell short by turning over the ball 16

times and allowing seven steals by Mississippi Valley.

Both teams shared an equal amount of personal fouls and Mississippi Valley was charged with a technical foul giving Prairie View a chance to score two extra points.

By the end of the first half, Prairie View's had the better field goal percentage

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shooting 45.8% from the field, but that wasn't enough. By the end of the half, the Devilettes took the lead with the score of 39 to 35.

When the second half rolled around, the Lady Panthers stepped up their game one hundred percent by outscoring and out rebounding Mississippi Valley and forcing more fouls to take the lead in the second half.

Again, center Carolyn Hopkins was the highest scorer for the Lady Panthers with eleven points in the second half and a total of twenty for the game and she also picked up sixteen rebounds.

Other leading scorers for the Lady Panthers were La Toya Moten with thirteen points, Angel Smith with ten, and Karlanda Butler with seven.

Leading scorers for Mississippi Valley were Stephanie Mason with fifteen, Natasha Booth with ten, and Cassandra Shotwell with nine.

Prairie View had fourteen-second chance points while Mississippi Valley only had eight. Prairie View also had twelve fast breaks to the Devilettes ten.

Although Mississippi Valley had more points in the paint, forced more turnovers which resulted in nineteen points for the Devilettes, Prairie View's Lady Panther's held strong and scored thirty points to their twenty-two in the second half.

By the end of the game it was all Prairie View with the final score of sixty-five to sixty-one. The ladies had a goal and they went out and captured their first Southwestern Athletic Conference game of the season.

The ladies next home game is against Texas Pan American at 5:30 P.M. with the men's game following. So be sure to go out and support our team.

# Alabama St. Hornets sting Southern Jags, 71-70

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Alexander Oliver scored the winning basket with 0.7 seconds remaining to give Alabama State a 71-70 Southwestern Athletic Conference win over

Southern University Monday night.

As the clock ran down, Southern's Tim Johnson blocked Malcolm Campbell's shot, deflecting the ball into Oliver's hands for an easy layup that gave the Hornets the win.

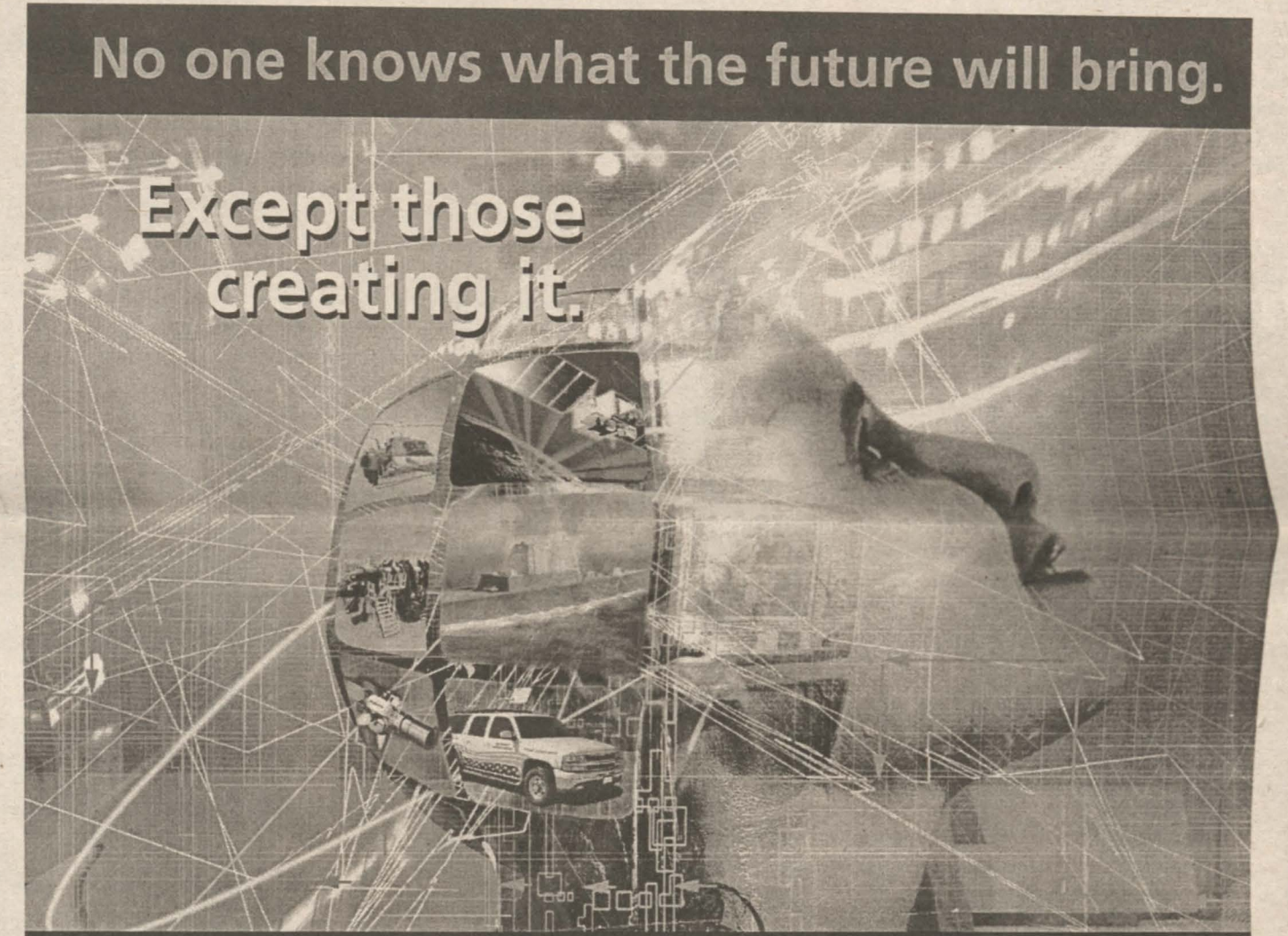
Ralfael Golden led Alabama State (3-12, 1-5 SWAC) with 19 points. Antquon James added 13 and Kevin Spicer added 10 points. Jerimie Collier led Southern (7-9, 4-3) with 15

points. Peter Cipriano added 14 and Johnson had 13.

The Hornets held a commanding edge on the boards, pulling down 43 rebounds while Southern had 19.

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# Major firms select Prairie View A&M for Black History Month recognition

Press Release

Procter and Gamble and HEB have selected Prairie View A&M University for recognition during Black History Month for its accomplishments and longevity as the second oldest institution of higher learning in Texas.

The companies will present an award to PVAMU during a special awards reception and Black History Month stage performance at The Ensemble Theatre at 3535 Main Street in Houston on Feb. 4 at 6 p.m.

Others being honored for their contributions are The Black Professional Cowboy's and Cowgirl's Association, Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee, City Councilwoman Ada Edwards, and community leaders in transportation: Dr. Naomi Lede, Mr. Howard Middleton, and Capt. Paul Brown.

The performance and reception are in conjunction with Procter and Gamble's na-

tional "Teach Personal Freedoms Tour" scheduled for five cities, with Houston as the program's kick-off city.

The tour highlights singer/teacher Denise Thimes who is featured in a multi-media production of music and skits.

The production also focuses attention on the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center scheduled to open this summer in Cincinnati, Ohio, headquarters for Procter and Gamble, the maker of brands like Tide, Bounty, Pantene, Crest, Charmin, and Pampers.

Besides Prairie View A&M University's history of struggle, survival, and progress, the university is being celebrated for its long history of achievements and contributions to the state of Texas and the nation.

The 126-year old HBCU has established a reputation for providing thousands of African American U.S.

Armed Forces officers including generals and admirals, with three army generals having three-star rank.

Over the years, PVAMU has expanded its research, programs and physical plant. The university has one patent and three licenses pending for patents on scientific inventions. The university also has three new Ph.D. programs in electrical engineering, education leadership and juvenile justice.

There is also legislative approval and funding for a medical academy.

In 2003 construction began on a new School of Architecture and Art building which will also house the Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture. In 2004 construction began on a new College of Nursing in the Texas Medical Center in Houston. The nursing college offers highly acclaimed undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

# Health Hints

## Paranoid Personality Disorder Definition

An unwarranted tendency to interpret the actions of other people as deliberately threatening or demeaning.

### Causes, incidence, and risk factors

The cause of this disorder is unknown, but the incidence appears increased in families with a schizophrenic member.

### Symptoms

People with a paranoid personality disorder are suspicious of other people, and they are usually unable to acknowledge their own negative feelings towards others. They do not generally lose touch with reality.

- \* Suspicion
- \* Concern with hidden motives
- \* Expects to be exploited by others
- \* Inability to collaborate
- \* Social isolation
- \* Poor self image
- \* Detachment.
- \* Hostility
- \* Poor sense of humor

### Signs and tests

A history of paranoid behaviors is common, and a psychological evaluation helps with the diagnosis.

### Treatment

Treatment is difficult because the person may be suspicious of the doctor. Medications and therapy are common and effective treatments.

### Expectations (prognosis)

Without treatment, this disorder will be chronic; but treatment can be very effective in controlling the paranoia.

### Complications

- \* Avoidance of people
- \* Potential for violence

### Calling your health care provider

If suspicions are interfering with relationships or work, a health care provider or mental health professional should be consulted.

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# 21 FAMU Students Walk Out on Jeb Bush on MLK Day

By Steven Jumper and Lindsay Pollard

Black College Wire

Student representatives from the School of Business and Industry greeted Gov. Jeb Bush as he arrives at the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Breakfast at One SBI Plaza.

About 21 students at Florida A&M University walked out of a Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Breakfast to protest an invitation to Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to speak there.

"We're upset about the audacity of [President Fred Gainous] to invite Gov. Bush to such a prestigious event," Jehiel Oliver, 21, said.

Student protesters passed out fliers that expressed their displeasure with Bush's ideology, contrasting it with King's.

The fliers illustrated some of King's stances on issues concerning blacks and examples of Gov. Bush's opposition to those beliefs.

Among the grievances covered by the fliers were Bush's legislative resistance to affirmative action and a statement in 1994 in which he said he would do "probably nothing" to help black Floridians.

The St. Petersburg Times reported at the time that, "Bush said he made the comment at an early debate when a woman asked what he would do for the black community. He tried to explain that all people should be treated the same."

"His exact words at the debate were: 'It's time to strive for a society where there's equality of opportunity, not equality of results. So I'm going to answer your question by saying: probably nothing.'"

"I think what we ought to do is to have a society where you go out and pursue your dream and you're not punished for working hard and playing by the rules."

After the fliers were circulated to the breakfast attendees, the group of students

left in protest.

In his speech, Bush said HBCUs were instrumental to society and have "shaped the country."

"We are still in need of HBCUs," Bush said. "I would tell anyone thinking otherwise to look at the students emerging from FAMU."

"As governor, I have attended commemorations for King for the past four years," Bush continued. "This year, I felt that it was important to link Martin Luther King Jr. Day to this institution. FAMU pushes the envelope for progress and dares to change its vision (for continued progress)."

Oliver, an economics and business student from Cleveland, said more students would have protested if the invitation to Bush had been better publicized.

He said he believed there was a lack of publicity because of the university feared pos-

sible student backlash.

Student Government Association President Larry O. Rivers said that having Bush at the event was an opportunity to build a positive relationship with him. Rivers, who was seen balling up some of the fliers, called attention to the \$30 million Public Education Capital Outlay contract that Bush approved for the university, which helped fund construction projects.

"Gov. Bush is responsible for signing every check the university receives," Rivers said.

Rivers said that although students may oppose Bush's policies, "We are not opposed to getting large amounts of money from legislatures and government" for FAMU.

The student government has made several attempts to invite Bush to the campus for an academic forum where students would be able to ask him questions. His office

has repeatedly refused the invitations.

Love Collins, vice president for development, said the university recognizes freedom of expression and appreciates different views.

"Capturing a multicultural blend of all citizens of the United States is a commitment that the university upholds," Collins said.

Both Rivers and Collins commended the students for handling themselves with dignity.

The students' behavior "is reflective of the caliber, sharpness, brightness, and professional courtesy our students would show to anyone," Collins said.

### Voting from page 5

Frank Jackson, PVAMU governmental affairs officer, is currently mayor of Prairie View and previously served on Commissioners Court. He was a naval ROTC student at PVAMU in 1971 when Waller County officials denied students the right to vote.

Jackson says it is the duty of students to register to vote, and this is part of the education process. He says the university, under the leadership of President George Wright, supports the right of PVAMU students to vote in Waller County.

Students are already organizing voter registration drives for the 2004 political primaries and general election.

In 2004, several Waller County offices will be on the ballot, including sheriff, commissioner, tax assessor-collector, and constables. Voters will also elect a member of congress, state representative, and President of the United States.

## Things You Should Know

The 12th class day is today!! Get your fees in order by 5 p.m. or risk your enrollment.

Congratulations Marching Storm, we are proud of you!

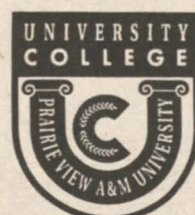
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February 1	Housing fee due
February 3	Black History Month Activities Begin
March 4-6	Mid-term exams

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Boy band calls it off

B2K makes its screen debut

By Rachel Wells  
Panther Staff

You Got Served, the film featuring multi-platinum group B2K and Marques Houston of the group IMX, opens Jan. 30. The film has received a lot of attention lately due to the news of the recent breakup of B2K. The reported breakup is doing everything but keeping fans from wanting to see it. The movie is expected to be a fun and interesting experience for all.

Considered to be a modern day version of the 1980's movie *Breakin*, the movie is about the ups and downs of competitive street dancing. Different crews from all over the area compete for money and respect. The two leads in the movie are Elgin (Houston) and David (Omari Grandberry of B2K). The two play best friends who are in charge of a dance crew and internal tensions which lead David, Elgin, and the rest of the crew to put aside their

differences and create new, innovative dance moves in order for them to retain their title. The rest of the crew

David's love interest. Liyah has dreams of going to Princeton and becoming a doctor, but because of

Good. Good is no stranger to the big screen, playing characters in movies such as *Deliver Us from Eva*, *Biker Boyz*, and *Eve's Bayou*. Jackie Harry (Sister, Sister) is Liyah's and Elgin's mother. Comedian Steve Harvey plays a character called Mr. Rad who provides a place for the dance crews to battle. Not only does Mr. Rad create an arena for the competitions, he also gives Elgin's crew nurturing advice.

"Our fans are going to love this movie for a lot of reasons. First of all, the dancing is off the chain. We have cats spinning on their heads and mixing street moves with the choreography. They are doing flips and all kinds of unbelievable dancing that you've never seen before. It's very cool and will inspire people to dance more," press release issued by Roz Stevenson Public Relations said.



Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures  
The members of B2K were recently cast in a film that is guaranteed to be a big hit.

includes Demario "Raz-B" Thornton, Jarell "J-Boog" Houston, and Dreux "Lil Fizz" Fredric of the group B2K.

The cast includes Jennifer Freeman of the ABC show, *My Wife and Kids*. Freeman portrays Liyah, Elgin's younger sister, and

financial problems, she has to put those dreams on hold. She and David become involved in a relationship that is forbidden by her brother, which causes a major conflict between Elgin and David. Liyah's best friend is Beautiful, played by Megan

\$45 billion lost to downloading

By Cory Donley  
Panther Staff

Government officials and the recording industry might soon consider downloading music from the Internet, which has become a way of life for many college students, illegal.

In recent years downloading music has been one of the most controversial issues among artists. Although this method of sharing and listening to music is convenient for students and a way to make quick cash, some consumers do not understand the consequences of downloading music off the net. Millions of dollars are lost from illegal piracy each month in the United States. There is a loss in revenue when record companies have to reduce the retail outlet shipments because music has been illegally downloaded. The Recording Industry

Association of America estimates that 4.5 billion dollars has been lost by the industry due to piracy.

Many consumers and students do not understand the difference between what is legal and what is illegal when downloading files off the Internet. Simply downloading files from the many Web sites that carry and share music is not illegal. Many of the files that are on the Internet are posted by new artists and bands that want to get their names established or by artists who are already established and want their new material promoted. It is illegal when you copy these files and sell them to other people for a profit. The selling of these copies is a violation of copyright laws. Due to the mass reproduction and selling of music, piracy has been categorized into three types. They are: bootleg recordings, which is the

recording of a live concert without the permission of the record company; pirate recordings which is producing multiple copies of original content and selling these copies for a profit; and counterfeit recordings which are imitations of original copyright protected content. These types of recordings are illegal according to the www.riaa.com

Downloading music became popular with Napster. This spawned other services such as providing Web sites that have licensing agreements with record companies and have restricted access so music files can be stored for personal use. The illegal downloading of music affects the royalty that an artist receives from record sales. Royalty is a small portion of money that an artist receives from each album that sells. Whenever a song or album is downloaded and sold illegally before the record is released this reduces

the royalty, which is used to pay back record companies and endorsers of the artist.

The illegal downloading of music could soon be a way of the past. Kelly Embleton writer for Canadian Musician, said "A few solutions have been suggested to stop the downloading of illegal music, such as shutting down sites, applying royalty charges to MP3 players and also royalty charges on blank CD-Rs, CD-RWs, MiniDiscs and cassette tapes."

The illegal sharing of music files is becoming a serious offense. The Recording Industry Association of America stated that it would sue hundreds of Americans who it says have violated copyright laws by sharing music inappropriately. For more information on downloading and answers to questions visit www.riaa.com.

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The Panther's WORD OF THE WEEK

BOPPER

Pronunciation: bope' r

Function: noun

Synonyms: groupie, wooer, follower, patron, supporter

Definition: 1) a female that is only after a man's wallet or his car. 2) someone who chases after someone of the opposite sex. 3) someone looking to achieve esteem by being with another person

EXAMPLE: "How many Alpha boppers can you fit on 7 charter buses?"

1. Which fraternity should be known as the "Sissy Boos"?
2. Aren't we glad that the Black Foxes wore buns?
3. Who's really going to the Baby Dome party the weekend of the Super Bowl?
4. Who is the girl with the hot pink streaks in her jet black hair?
5. Did you know that AAIs are Sigma boppers in disguise?
6. Does the clinic really ever help anybody?
7. Why do the gates to the Village close at 8p.m.?
8. Does the university think that all students are asleep by that time?
9. Who's really going to go to the barbershop in the Village?
10. Are the prices too high just like everything else at this school?
11. Are we ever going to get a bowling alley?
12. Did we pay for that in our fees, too?
13. Who can't wait to see the drama on College Hill?
14. When will the drinks at Starbucks taste like the real thing?
15. Who are the freshmen who took pictures on the pole at the bus stop?
16. Is that the best background we have on campus?
17. Which sorority sisters spent their overpayment checks on paraphernalia?
18. Are the Kappas going to allow new people on the next line, that is, if anyone still wants to be one?
19. Won't that be unfair if they don't?
20. What do you think?

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# U. V. REVIEW

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Congratulations to Angela Crowe, Customer Service Survey Grand Prize Winner of \$1000, and Danielle Chatman, Community winner of \$250!

### UV UPCOMING PROGRAMMING DATES:

- JAN. 28 - JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
(PHASE II CLUBHOUSE 4PM-6PM)
- FEB. 1 - UV SUPER BOWL  
(PHASE I&II CLUBHOUSES 4PM-6PM)
- FEB. 1 - HOUSING FEES DUE
- FEB. 9 - FALL 2004 LEASING BEGINS

### ACKNOWLEDGING OUR FANTASTIC RESIDENTS:

Congratulations to our Residents who participated in the Honda Battle of the Bands in Atlanta, Georgia. (GREAT JOB!!!!)

### Bands from page 1

stepped onto the field as the eighth act. In new band uniforms, six drum majors started the show with the blow of a whistle. The 220 plus member band stormed the field, quickly and accurately forming the traditional "PVU." They played hits, such as Toni Braxton's "You're Making Me High" and Peabo Bryson's "Can You Stop The Rain?"

The highlight of their show was the drumline, The McFunk B.O.X., who took the height of performance to a whole new level. To the smoke from the symbols, to the cartwheels across the field, to the Frisbees being thrown into the crowd, you didn't know what to expect from The B.O.X.

The Black Foxes put on an outstanding performance as well, outshining the other dance troops with their classy dance routine to Earth, Wind, and Fire's "Boogie Wonderland."

The Storm really put the crowd in awe, performing a dance routine to OutKast's "I

Like The Way You Move," T.I.'s "Rubberband Man," Jay-Z's "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," and Ludacris's "F#@% You."

Needless to say, Prairie View stole the show in its first appearance in the showcase. It was the only band to receive a standing ovation.

"Many people were doubting and hating on us," said Allen, "but they can keep hating. It only makes us better. I'm proud of my band."

"No words can describe the crowd's enthusiasm for the Marching Storm," said Jerrell Hudson, who plays clarinet. "We are no longer the unknown band."

Adrienne Thomas, a sophomore biology major, who plays in the mellophone section, said, "I like to congratulate all the bands that performed but out of everything PV still came out on top."



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