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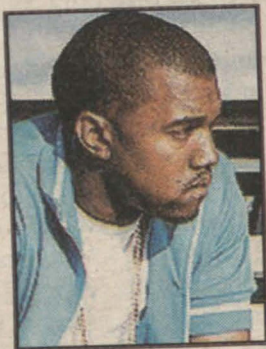
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## Lift every voice and vote

PVAMU students take to the polls to exercise their franchise

By Anterria Brown  
Panther Staff

In an effort to maintain their voting rights, Prairie View A&M University students fought long and hard. Students marched, petitioned, held campus forums, and went to incredible lengths to ensure that their voting rights were not denied. The voting situation has gained national attention. However, after all of the controversy over voting the real test was to see how many students were going to actually show up at the polls and "rock their vote."

Students had the option to either vote in the early elections held Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or in the regular elections held Tuesday, March 2, from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. For stu-

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Photo by Kayla Barnett

Students lined up at the voting polls Tuesday to vote in the early primary elections for Waller County. Regular primary elections will be held during Spring Break on March 9.

## Students probe District Attorney Kitzman in open forum

By Barbara Ramirez  
Panther Staff

Waller County Criminal District Attorney Oliver Kitzman formally addressed Prairie View A&M University students Wednesday, Feb. 25 during a question-answer forum in the New Science building. Students asked questions about their voting rights and received answers, directly, from the man who reportedly wanted to deprive them of their constitutional right to vote.

"It is a big event in my life to have the opportunity to be with you here today," Kitzman told the eager crowd.

The meeting between students and the district attorney was inevitable, Kitzman said, considering the pervasive

media coverage of the university as a result of a letter he wrote last November to Waller County Election Administrator Lela Loewe questioning the right of PVAMU students to vote based on residency.

"I regret that this embarrassing situation that came up negatively affected Prairie View A&M University," Kitzman said.

Kitzman had earlier told the *Houston Chronicle* "that although it was never my intention, my actions and statements beginning with the letter I sent to Waller County Election Administrator Lela Loewe in November and continuing with my response to the Attorney General opinion earlier this month, taken in the historical

context in which they occurred, have been understandably perceived by some PVAMU students as threatening."

Kitzman said Tuesday that he was disappointed that he was misunderstood, arguing that his intentions were not to discourage anyone from voting. He said he has never prosecuted anyone for voting and has no plans to do so.

During the forum students demanded answers to questions centered on



Kitzman's definition of residency, his failure to implement an internship program for

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PV's Seven Day Forecast

Wed Mar 03	Cloudy	73°/64°
Thu Mar 04	T-Showers	73°/56°
Fri Mar 05	Few Showers	72°/49°
Sat Mar 06	Partly Cloudy	70°/46°
Sun Mar 07	Partly Cloudy	69°/44°
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Tue Mar 09	Partly Cloudy	69°/46°

Courtesy of www.weather.com

•National•

Solange Knowles, Beyonce's sister, weds

NEW YORK (AP) — Beyonce's little sister is now a married woman.

Solange Knowles, 17, wed Daniel Smith in a ceremony in the Bahamas over the weekend, according to her record company, Columbia Records. Beyonce, her parents, Mathew and Tina Knowles, and Destiny's Child member Kelly Rowland were in attendance.

"I am excited about this new phase in my life," Solange said Monday in a statement. "I am very happy and feel truly blessed to have the unconditional love and support of my parents and my entire family."

Solange released her debut CD, "Solo Star," last year. She'll make her feature film debut in "Johnson Family Vacation," due out later this year, her record label said.

Smith, a college football player, and Solange are natives of Houston.

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Rebels roll into Haiti's capital after Aristide leaves

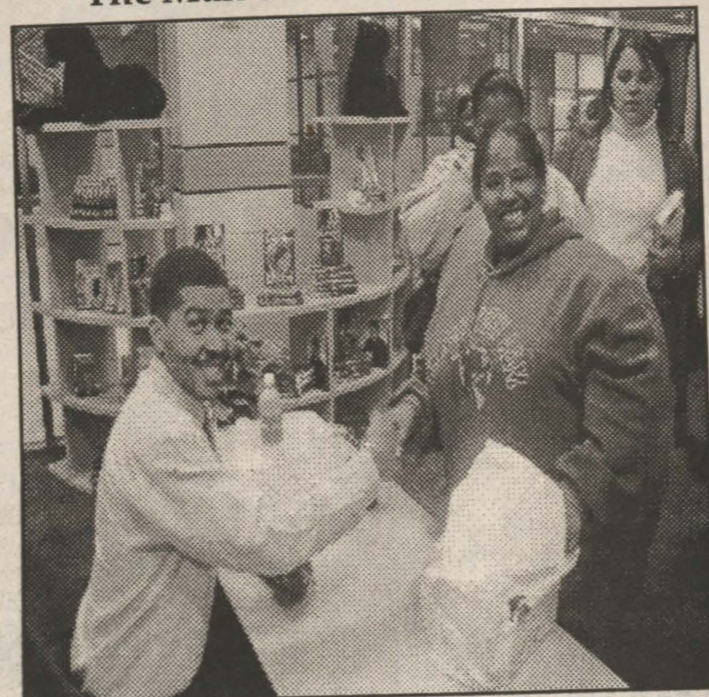
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Rebels rolled into the capital Monday and were greeted by thousands of jubilant residents, then met in a hotel with members of the political coalition that had opposed former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Attending the meeting was rebel leader Guy Philippe and Evans Paul, a former mayor of Port-au-Prince and a top opposition figure. Paul had positive words to say about Philippe.

"He has played an important role," Paul said. Aristide left Haiti for Africa on Sunday as the rebels closed in on the capital.

After a rebel convoy arrived in the capital from the western town of Gonaives, thousands danced in the streets and cheered Aristide's ouster. U.S. Marines and French troops set about securing key sites.

"The Man Behind Our Passion"



Omar Tyree paused for a quick photograph while signing autographs in the bookstore. Students were elated to meet one of their favorite authors.

Forum to promote cooperation leaves out Catholics

MOSCOW (AP) — Re-

ligious leaders from former Soviet republics are meeting this week with the aim of strengthening religious tolerance — but the meeting excludes Catholics, accused by the Russian Orthodox Church of seeking converts.

More than 300 religious leaders from the Commonwealth of Independent States — a loose grouping of most of the former Soviet republics — are to participate in the conference beginning Tuesday, said a Russian Orthodox official.

But the conference will only include what Russia recognizes officially as the "traditional religions" of Orthodox Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and Buddhism.

"Orthodoxy, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism have existed (in the region) for a thousand years ... the rest were exported to us," said Kirill, head of the Russian Orthodox Church's external relations department.

The statement reflected the tensions that have arisen since the fall of the Soviet Union, in which the predominant religions of Russia and the region complain that other religions are trying to convert people on their territory.

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The element

Former student wants Blacks to recognize their full potential

We are at a crossroads as a black community. We stand here at the prelude of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and find ourselves, as black Americans, in the midst of a great conflict, a great internal struggle for the souls of black Americans on a scale unseen since the era of W.E. B DuBois and Booker T. Washington.

Those African Americans, those noble men and women of virtue and upholders of the most magnanimous of human aspirations, find themselves under siege from within their own community. These men and women of silver, who strive for self-restraint, self-discipline, and self-improvement, find themselves, like *Alice in Wonderland*, in a world turned upside down. They find themselves losing the spotlight to those "low levels," those blacks who are "in love with night," the carnal, the "brain dead," the anti-intellectual and anything that resembles the shameful and the ignoble.

Some of you already know what I am talking about, you've probably been thinking along this same vein for some time now. That's good; you already comprehend the seriousness of the situation. Indeed, that's your job as college students—to think and ponder. But, to the element that I am referring to, I might as well be communicating in Greek or Cyrillic.

In fact, they would call a person like me a "sell out" or an "Uncle Tom" or someone who is not "keeping it real." Or, like Chris Rock says, "keeping it real dumb." To those that would harbor those sentiments let me say this: there are real "Uncle Toms" out there, and you all know who they are. But, those of us who subscribe to the aforementioned observations are far from that, in fact, we are the true partisans of our community.

We, as people, will never reach out full potential as long as those elements are allowed to "steal the spotlight" and continue alone their destructive path unimpeded. Their behavior and philosophies are unacceptable and dangerous (not only to them-

selves, but more importantly to the African American community as a whole) and they must be held accountable. It will not be easy; it will take courage and strength. It is not hyperbolic to say these elements within our community are hazardous to our collective health and progress as a people.

I have always compared the present situation to a car driving down the highway dragging a large cinderblock in tow. The cinderblock is doing nothing but exhausting the vehicle, wrecking its engine, its fuel efficiency and basically wearing the vehicle out. At some point, the occupants of the vehicle must understand the need to get rid of the impediment, to cut the cinderblock loose in order to maximize their vehicle's performance and thus their own performance. That is why I propose the following: It is time; in fact, it has been time for those in the black community

who endeavor for greatness, as well as, the most notable and virtuous of human philosophies and tenets to face a hard and bitter truth.

Undeniably, it is a harsh reality that many of us do not want to accept; that is, in order to save our people from becoming a little, silly and mediocre people regulated to the pitiful margins of society, it is time to turn our collective backs on that element before they lay our community to waste. What does this mean? It means do not emulate them, do not praise them, and do not adore them for they are nothing to be admired or idolized. Pity them, shake your heads but do not mimic or imitate them. And above all else, do not allow them within your ranks, because they will corrupt you from the inside out. You wonderful men and women of silver, you young black college students that are the future of our community and our nation,

heed my warning.

The element I am describing is right there on your campus; you see them everyday. But, for those who are new to this labor (this significant internal struggle) for the soul of the black community let this be a warning (a siren of sorts) alerting you to the great commotion we are now enduring as a collective community. This element is like a cancer spreading over our extended black family. This element is insidious, virulent and the biggest threat to our people since the institution of slavery. Except this time the enemy is from within. Be vigilant and we men and women of silver, we African Americans, will prevail in the civil war, inside our own community.

J. Hilts

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Weekly Update for Freshmen

**UC SENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PANTHER STAFF**

**01 Day Until Mid-terms**

- You must have a grade of 'C' (OR 'S') or better in your developmental class (es) at mid-terms to be able to pre-register for summer or fall 2004.
- Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick TASP/THEA testing schedule or call 936/857-2747.

**March 4-6 Mid-term exams**  
**March 8-12 Spring Break**  
**March 27 UC Self-Empowerment Day**  
**March 31 Founders' Day/Honors Convocation**

- Building #37 sponsored a special celebration honoring the success of our Black families, "The Strength of the Black family."
- Tutoring is being held Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Panther Room, emphasis on math and the sciences.
- Plan to attend the UC Self-Empowerment Day on Saturday, March 27. This activity will help you prepare as you move on to your sophomore year!!!
- Building #42 had a pizza party to honor the 3.0-3.49 students.

**Good luck on your mid-term exams (it's more study than luck)!!**  
**Have a safe Spring Break**



Building Blocks Communication majors attend second annual media conference

By Palmer Perez Panther Staff

The Department of Languages and Communications in conjunction with Sigma Tau Theta held the second annual Media Conference Monday in Hilliard Hall. Speakers from all aspects of the media were on hand to give advice and speak from first hand experiences on how to get into the field and what to expect from the communications profession.

Candace Johnson and Steven Hall, the coordinators for the event, said this was an opportunity that Prairie View A&M students took advantage of. "The main goal is to just bridge the gap between students and professionals. On the campus, we kind of get the short end of the stick when it comes to the job fairs and a lot of seminars that go on around

campus. In order to bring things back into our department we decided to put on a media conference so that students can get their educational benefits while they are still in school and learn how to make contacts and everything they need to do to get their professional planning," Johnson said.

So how does the communications department get all of these wonderful speakers? "They are actually very eager and we are not paying them, which is actually a plus. A lot of them are VPs of companies, own their own companies or have been with companies for several years, so actually when we contact them they are very eager to speak. Now, we do run into some who are very hesitant, but we run into more that are willing to speak."

The list of guest speakers included Kimetris Baltrip of the New York Times, Rick Ferguson of the Houston Film Commission, Eric Watson PVAMU graduate who is currently a Texas certified speech communications educator at James Madison High School.



Photo By Leona Aaron

Communication majors prepare for the closing session of the second media conference in Hilliard Hall.

from KBTX TV in Brazos Valley, Lena Wilson, producer of the court TV show Texas Justice, Jean Gonsoulin, the vice president of corporate communications for Clear Channel Communications, Jim Ellinger of Houston Media Source, Vassily Fedyaev of Filmgenre Inc., and Mary Jane Hancock of Entertainment and Sports Law for Houston Bar Association.

Others were Nick Cooper of Indy Media, Sakita Douglas of KB Home, Sarah Fenske from the Houston Press, Kevin Collins from FOX 26, Joye Giddings from Power 97.5 radio station, Chris Smart from Power 97.5 radio station, Stanley Conrad of the Art Institute of Houston and Angela Barrett, a 2000

The program also had seminars covering the different aspects of the media. The seminars covered such topics as TV/Film, Marketing/Advertising/Public Relations, Management/Entertainment Law, New Media, Professional Planning, Journalism/Photography, Education/Speech Pathology, Radio/Promotions, and Graphic Design/Multimedia.

The Texas Association of Broadcasters (TAB) had a booth set up to offer of scholarships worth \$2,000 each to eligible students who are majoring in communications. For more information on this scholarship opportunity, check out www.tab.org.



Photo by Leona Aaron

Conference participants enjoy a break between sessions.

PURPLE & GOLD POLL

What was the best event of Black History Month?



Lakia Parker Junior/Psychology

"When I went to Morris Brown College and Bill Cosby came to speak."



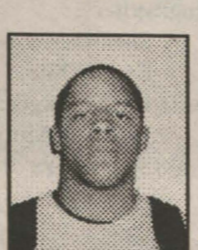
Tamia Parker Junior/Accounting

"Carribbean/ African Fashion Show."



Kenneth W. Utley II Junior/Info. Systems

"Being able to see the Congressional Black Caucus speak."



Dominique Johnson Junior/Accounting

"State of the Black Family on C-Span with Tavis Smiley."

By Andrea Starr

By Denise Cohen Managing Editor

Congratulations, electrical engineers and architecture majors. As we drive on campus we can clearly see your buildings are coming along nicely. You can barely tell that there was a parking lot where the architecture building is unless you count the cars that are piled in the mud down the street. Fuller dorm and basketball court where torn down for you electrical engineering majors to learn and perfect your craft while University College freshmen sit quietly and do nothing athletically with their free time.

Now is it your fault? No, of course not. You bring the university money so why not be rewarded?

But let us take a look back. In January the Marching Storm held its own at the Battle of the Bands in Atlanta. The 'Storm' even marched for President Bush at his inauguration. Many say they are the most underrated band in the SWAC. With all of this national attention why is the band practicing with the business majors in the same building? We are so quick to throw science, and engineering buildings up, but we seem to have forgotten that accounting, information systems, and other business majors listen to the band play while they study on a daily basis.

Also, Hilliard Hall, home of the Department of Languages and Communications is one of the oldest buildings on campus. If you watch the Prairie View documentary you can see good old Hilliard as the dining hall from back in the day. At times Hilliard's classrooms are hot, the elevator is out of order, and the building has even flooded. I'm all for the conservation of buildings but Hilliard is clearly not up to the standards of other buildings on campus.

In conclusion, praise our engineering stars and reward them, but don't forget to award those of us who need buildings too.

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity banned at Southern Methodist University

By Anterria Brown Panther Staff

Although it is strictly prohibited and considered to be illegal, an alarming number of hazing incidents are being reported at colleges and universities across the nation.

eventually vomited, which is part of the ritual.

As a result of the hazing ordeal Curry drank so much that he eventually slipped into a coma. Doctors said he suffered from



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Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

The act of hazing can be defined as a potentially harmful activity someone must participate in as part of an intake process to gain membership into an organization.

One of the most recent hazing events that occurred and captured the nation's attention involved a student from Southern Methodist University named Braylon Curry. Curry was a pledge of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

As part of the hazing intake process he took part in a water drinking competition, in which he ultimately ended up drinking 15 liters of water in a short period of time.

In addition to drinking water he also consumed hotsauce. Mr Curry was then beat with paddles and punched in the stomach until he

pulmonary edema, a condition where water enters the lungs and hyponatromia a sodium imbalance. rought on by excess fluid consumption. Curry was hospitalized for 11 days as a result of the hazing episode.

"I am saddened for Mr. Curry and his family it's very unfortunate that they had to go through this whole ordeal.

The initiation process isn't meant to harm anyone and I hope we can persevere past this and allow

Alpha Phi Alpha to proceed as it has in the past," junior Alpha Phi Alpha member, Yul Wilson said.

Due to the seriousness of the incident the eight members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity who took part in the hazing process were not



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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. shield.

PVAMU takes action to boost Hispanic enrollment

Press Release

On Tuesday, March 2 about 200 Hispanic educators and community leaders will gather at Prairie View A&M University to discuss strategies for boosting Hispanic enrollment at the 128-year old institution.

Currently, about 2.52% of the students are Hispanic, 0.20% are White and 89.9% are Black.

In his November 2003 inauguration speech, Prairie View A&M University's new president, Dr. George C. Wright, pledged increasing efforts to make the University more diverse, especially by reaching out to the Hispanic community.

The Hispanic Roundtable was the kickoff to a series of community gatherings to bridge the gap with the Hispanic students, parents and teachers.

Community leaders and educators shared information and ideas on academic programs, university facilities, student support services and financial aid, as well as strategies on ways to attract more Hispanics.

charged with the normal misdemeanor hazing charges but instead prosecutors choose to pursue felony assault charges. If convicted the men could face two to twenty years in prison.

As a result of their hazing practices Southern Methodist University formally banned Alpha Phi Alpha from its campus indefinitely.

Prairie View A&M University and the office of student activities and leadership will enforce all legislation laws and regulations pertaining to hazing. In addition to the state law PVAMU has also identified the misuse of authority by virtue of one's class rank of leadership position, any form of physical bondage to a student, road trips or taking a student to an outlying area and dropping him or her off, and any-form of throwing a person into any kind of liquid substance or holding a student down and pouring water on them, as a form of hazing.

Among the entities scheduled for the Hispanic Roundtable were U-H Downtown, Blinn College, Montgomery College, Cy-Fair College, Texas A&M University, Waller ISD, Hempstead ISD, Royal ISD, Sealy ISD, Conroe ISD, Navasota ISD, Aldine ISD, Alief ISD, Cy-Fair ISD, Galena Park ISD, Bryan ISD and Houston ISD. Rick Noriega, Texas House (D-145) and Dora Olivo, Texas House (D-127) are also scheduled.

Among those on the program were Dr. George C. Wright, president; Dr. Doris Price, vice president for student and enrollment services; Mr. Murphy Crawford, of the recruitment office, Mrs. Elma DeLuna-Gonzales, Dr. Juan B. Garcia, Mrs. Amparo Navarrete, and Rep. Dora Olivo. The University's LULAC students conducted a tour of the university.

PVAMU officials say "unification through diversification" will become real by working with the Hispanic community and uniting visions for success."

Waller County creates teen court

Special to The Panther

Dr. Everett Penn, a professor at Prairie View A&M University and Pat Dunway, a local real estate agent and graduate student, working with community volunteers and students at Prairie View A&M University and area high schools are organizing a Teen Court in Waller County.

The group has been meeting on Wed. evenings to organize and train teenagers who will act as jurors and legal advocates for cases involving Class C misdemeanors committed by juveniles.

Members of the media have been invited to attend the Wednesday, March 3 meeting to learn more about the program and help inform the public. The teenagers will be acting out two mock trials in the District Courtroom of the Waller County Courthouse-one at 5 p.m. and another at 6 p.m.

The teens will also be presenting a brief overview of Teen Court and answer any questions you may have. For information, please contact Pat Dunaway at 713-805-1711, or Dr. Penn at 979-857-2166.

KKK INTEREST MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 16, 2004. Includes a starburst graphic with the text 'FLYERS WILL BE POSTED'.



# Silenced! Last home game leaves fans distraught

By **Dustin Daniel**  
Panther Staff

It was once said that offense sells tickets, but defense wins championships.

Against the depleted Prairie View A&M Lady Panthers (5-19, 3-13 in SWAC), the Lady Hornets of Alabama State (17-8, 13-3 in SWAC) proved this longstanding mantra effective, smothering the Lady Panthers for forty minutes, spoiling senior night for guard LaToya Moten and starting center Carolyn Hopkins.

Against the colossal ASU front line which featured 6-5 center Crystal Kitt and 6-3 forward Stephanie Browning, the Lady Panthers were rendered helpless.

PVAMU started the game in an aggressive man defense, doubling Kitt whenever she touched the ball on the low block.

Even when Kitt and Browning were forced to pass, guard Fratina Coleman buried the Lady Panthers from long range (4-4 FGs, 2-2 3pt fgs). The Lady Panthers struggled to mount any offense, succumbing to ASU's defensive pres-

sure.

After a LaToya Moten free throw cut ASU's lead to 3 at 11-8, the Lady Panthers endured a stretch of more than 6 minutes without a field goal.



Photo by Shakira Martin

**Lady Panthers celebrate last home game with senior teammates Carolyn Hopkins and LaToya Moten.**

During that same stretch, ASU seized control of the contest, building a 22-8 advantage.

The Lady Panthers would never draw closer than

10, as they were unable to halt ASU's offensive attack. At the half, PVAMU trailed ASU 37-25. The Lady Hornets scorched PVAMU in the first half, shooting 51% from the field while holding the Lady Panthers to

field goal.

Meanwhile, ASU took a commanding 50-28 lead, putting the contest out of reach.

ASU doubled the Lady Panthers' scoring in the paint (28-14) and rebounding (46-23), while connecting on an amazing 50% of their field goals. The Lady Panthers shot an anemic 28% clip from the field, en route to a 68-51 home loss.

Defense was the key to the game tonight," said ASU head coach Freda Freeman-Jackson.

Center Crystal Kitt was a defensive catalyst throughout the game.

Along with her 3 blocks, Kitt scored 17 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. "My teammates helped me out a lot, and they looked for me," said Kitt.

"We were just outmanned, injured, and short-handed," said PV coach Robert Atkins. The Lady Panthers will next be in action Saturday when they travel to take on Southern.

## Senior farewell doesn't go as planned

By **Will Lacey**  
Panther Staff

As tip off of the men's game approached, the adrenaline of both teams emanated throughout the William Nicks Baby Dome, as seniors Kevin Cooper, Chad Bowden, Chris Garwood, William Tucker, Derek Flora, and Roderick Riley were saluted one last time by the home faithful.

Senior forward Adrian Simmons opened the scoring, converting on a three pointer. However, the remainder of the half was a tale of two teams. With 10 minutes gone by, PV managed to shoot an abject 17% from the field, while ASU eclipsed a 61% mark, converting on 80% of its 3 point field goals.

The intensity boiled over, as Simmons and ASU 6-6 forward Kevin Spicer were charged technical fouls after becoming entangled in the paint.

After freshman forward Joshua Thompson's com-

manding dunk, ASU responded. Senior forward Xavier Oliver's house rocking dunk was followed by a mon-



Photo by Shakira Martin

**Last home game ends with disappointing loss**

strous alley-hoop from ASU guard Malcolm Campbell (5-5 fgs, 3-3 3pt fgs in 1st half) to 6-10 center Derrick Russell.

The Baby Dome's boisterous crowd support would not suffice on this night. ASU

guard Alexander Oliver's penetrating score beat the first half buzzer, sending PVAMU to the locker room facing a 36-21 defi-

Despite Joshua Thompson's tremendous block to open the second half, it was the Hornets defense that dominated, holding PVAMU to 27% shooting in the second half. Although PVAMU senior guard Kevin Cooper showcased determination, the Panthers were unable to establish rhythm. ASU shot a higher percentage from 3 point range than PVAMU shot from the field, a feat PVAMU coach Jerome Francis felt was due to "lack of effort and energy."

PVAMU was buried by the perimeter prowess of ASU's Alexander Oliver (6-6 fgs, 2-2 3-pt. fgs), Malcolm Campbell (6-9 fgs) and Xavier Oliver (5-8 fgs in 2nd half).

The lead extended to as many as 30 with 5 minutes left, as the Panthers were dealt a 79-57 defeat.

ASU head coach Rob Spivery said the key to tonight's success was, "their ability to match up zone, making shots, and most of all, defense."



By **Leona D. Aaron**  
Sports Editor

Over the past few months an epiphany dawned on me regarding how some people like to withhold information from the media.

As a journalist it is my job to get the story out. Unfortunately with the lack of information provided how can that happen? How can you feed the student body with knowledge of campus situations when no one wants to talk about it.

It's hard to read about important campus issues through the Houston Chronicle. What do those reporters have over you? Are they threatening you to give them the story and not me? It would make sense to let the campus hear the story instead of a million people worldwide.

Would it be fair to say that I can be the positive mouthpiece this campus needs through my stories. All I want to do is give the student body the truth and nothing but the truth.

A situation that comes to mind is the firing of former football coach Whittington after one season at the helm.

Wouldn't you have liked to know why he was fired, instead of assuming that it was because of his losing season? This important information was on every television outlet that could carry it. Yet the Panther barely received an invoice stating he was fired.

The bottom line is, truth sets you free and alleviates confusion. When the Black Caucus visited last week, you told us that we have a voice, and deserve to be heard.

Since I have a voice, why wouldn't you listen as I speak? Can we all just get along.

# Intramural basketball begins with new twist added to rosters for men's and women's teams

By **Rashad Morgan**  
Panther Staff

Students join intramurals for many reasons. Some are trying to stay in shape, it's a great stress reliever, and for most, this is the next best thing to actually playing for the university.

Among the numerous participants in the intramural basketball league is former Mr. Prairie View Ladarell Hopkins.

A senior business management major who plays for the Hoosiers, Hopkins says he joined the intramural basketball league because "I love playing basketball, and it is a great opportunity for my fraternity and me to have a good time."

There are many intramural sports to participate in. During the fall semester there was flag football, and now this spring semester has basketball, softball, and wiffle ball.

These sports are sponsored through the school to give students some type of recreation or activity to participate in. Some intramurals require a small fee, such as basketball

and softball.

This semester's craze is intramural basketball. There has been an increase in participation in the past few years.

The season is set up like a tournament, which will eventually end with a champion. In all, there are twelve men's teams participating.

All the teams that entered had to pay a fee of \$75, but with a team of twelve people it adds up to be approximately \$6 for each player. Once a team has lost twice they will be eliminated from the tournament.

These teams are made up of school related organizations, such as clubs, fraternities, and sororities, and community teams.

Some teams are comprised of students from certain areas like team 210 from San Antonio and team Dallas.

The first men's game was held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, with the Dynasty defeating the Ballers and the League losing to the Goodfellas.

Coach Burgess stated,

"We have had nice turnouts because the teams are pretty evenly matched and the games seem to always come down to the fourth quarter."

The teams are now playing Monday through Thursday for the next couple of weeks until a championship game, which will be made up of all the elite players throughout the tournament.

The school is currently trying to get the opposing team to be 97.9 The Box's charity basketball team.

Hopefully the game will be played in the Baby Dome, which will be a better showcase for a large audience.

Thursday, Feb. 26, will make the first game for the women's intramural basketball tournament with five teams expected to play.

Among the women's teams are the AKAs who will be the first sorority to enter a team into the tournament. It will be set up and officiated the same as the men's teams.

Softball is another sport that will be played this

semester. Like basketball, it will also be set up tournament style with each team getting two chances to lose. The tournament is expected to start the week after spring break. The fee will be \$75 as well, but there can be up to fourteen players. These teams will be co-ed, which will make the games very interesting.

Intramurals includes all types of sports and recreational activities. Any student with a school identification card can go into the gymnasium and check out the equipment for whatever they want to participate in.

They have the equipment for ping-pong, racquetball, tennis and you may even check out a bike.

Coach Burgess added that "we have about thirty bikes that students could use, but there are very few people that know about these sorts of activities although it's included in the fees."

Another sport that needs a little more attention is wiffle ball. It's basically similar

to the game of baseball, but is played at a much faster pace, which makes it twice as exciting.

These activities are free. Just walk in and show your identification card on Tuesday and Thursdays between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Currently basketball is all the rave. For anyone who hasn't attended, but is interested in catching one of the games in action, they are held Monday through Thursday.

On Mondays, four teams play and the first games starts around 5:30 p.m., and on Tuesday through Thursday three games are played on each day starting at 6:30 p.m.

Overall, this season has been a success with the increase in participation from the players and the students who watch the games.

Hopefully it will continue to get better crowd turnouts the rest of the season. With all the support we have so far there is no doubt on how energetic the games will be.

# Baseball starts season with redemption after last season's below 500. game average

By **Rodney Palmer**  
Panther Staff

At this point in last year's season, the men's baseball team was enduring an 0-11 start, giving up 127 runs while only scoring 23.

Head Coach Mike Robertson and the team made sure not to duplicate that feat by having intense practices throughout a progressive off-season.

"The players have confidence and camaraderie, because of what we've been through this past fall," said Coach Robertson.

The team must first overcome many adversities, one being the improvement of a dismal 10-45 record last year that included only 7 confer-

ence victories.

However, this spring is looking much brighter as the Panthers have given up 58 runs, while racking up 111, with an 8-3 record.

One of the reasons for the early success is the return of 3 All SWAC members. Senior right-fielder Joseph Vaughn, a two-year 1<sup>st</sup> Team All SWAC selection returns as one of the best hitters in the SWAC.

"The stats speak for itself, Joseph is a good hitter but he is also a good leader on and off the field.

He exemplifies good standards not only for the team, but for Prairie View as well," stated Robertson.

Vaughn led the team

in doubles and ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the SWAC in batting percentage, batting .427. The heart and soul of the team, according to Coach Robertson, might be senior catcher Brian McGinty who led the team in RBIs.

"Brian is good at seeking opportunity and taking advantage of it", said Robertson. 2<sup>nd</sup> team all SWAC shortstop Jonathan Colvin, a junior, is the returning hit leader on the squad and stood atop the SWAC at bat rankings with 190.

Another area in need of enhancement was the bullpen. Prairie View's pitching staff had a combined ERA of 11.54 while bestowing the most hits and runs in the conference.

"We came close to solidifying our pitchers," said Robertson, "we have a better staff, more depth, and an overall better pitching rotation."

Robertson acquired 12 pitchers through selective recruiting. Leading the way is Terrence Sparks, a lefty from Angelina Junior College who can throw up to 90 mph.

Ben Dunn, who sat out last year, is a reliable pitcher who can touch 85 mph.

Freshman closing pitcher Israel Garcia, a top prospect, is also expected to contribute.

This year's baseball team is loaded with talent and especially depth. Other key contributors include Ralph

Ramon, junior, a catcher with an above average arm, center fielder Gerald Miller, a 1<sup>st</sup> team all conference prospect from Oterra Junior College.

Shortstop Jermail Lomack, a junior from El Camino Junior College, was added to help team speed.

Things are looking up on the diamond this year at Prairie View as they continue to excel and prepare for the SWAC Championships held in Houston, but the road will be rocky as they have a lot to prove.

"We haven't shown that we are mentally tough yet, that killer instinct," said Robertson. "We have to come to practice and games focused."



# Baptist Student Movement celebrates 69 years

By Aaron Hamilton  
Panther Staff

Members of the award-winning Baptist Student Movement choir celebrated the organization's 69th anniversary Feb. 23-27. The Baptist Student Movement was founded in 1935 and is the oldest organization on the campus of Prairie View A&M University. The anniversary was a week full of various events for the members as well as the student body to partake in:

- Monday, Feb. 23-The BSM Social
- Tuesday, Feb. 24-The Mr. & Miss BSM Pageant
- Wednesday, Feb. 25-Noon-Day Prayer at the Fountain
- Thursday, Feb. 26-69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet
- Friday, Feb. 27-69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Musical

The BSM social was an event held for members to come together and fellowship.

Food was served and games were played.

The Mr. & Miss Baptist Student Movement Pageant was held that Tuesday. The winners were Melissa Taylor and Anthony Buggs. Taylor, is a sophomore computer engineering technology major and Buggs, is a political science major. Both hail from Houston, Texas. Buggs was also Mr. Baptist Student Movement 2003-2004.

On Ash Wednesday members gathered at the fountain to pray. The prayer was led by the 2003-2004 BSM president Quinton Phillips. The 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet took place on Thursday at the Waller County Community Center.

This was an appreciation banquet for the members. In addition, awards and special recognition were given to members of the organization.

Friday ended BSM week. The anniversary musical was held in Houston

at the New Community Fellowship of Enlightenment Baptist Church. Special guests included Sam Houston University, God's Anointed People, M.B. Smiley High School Choir, and Texas Southern University.

The speaker and master of ceremonies for the events was Rev. Craig A. Worsham of First A.M.E. Church in Los Angeles, Ca. Worsham is a former Prairie View A&M student and member of the Baptist Student Movement.

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The anniversary theme "A New Way of Thinking" comes from Ephesians 4:23-24. The 1976 PVAMU yearbook says, "The purpose of the Baptist Student Movement is to serve as a link between the college and the church and establish in the minds of the students, the basic conception of religion.

The objectives of the Baptist Student Movement are 1) promote love and respect for fellow students, 2) to help understand themselves, 3) to continue their growth in Christianity, and 4) to increase worldwide vision of Christianity and human relationships." March 25 through 27 the Baptist Student Movement will join other schools from around the nation at the National Baptist Student Union Retreat that will take place in Houston.

# HBCU "Think Tank" struggles in third year

By Meridith M. Miller  
Black College Wire

Insufficient funds and poor communication during the third annual HBCU Student Think Tank, held this year at North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C., resulted in a drastic decline in student attendance.

Last year's conference involved 34 historically black colleges and universities and more than 400 student participants. This year, according to representatives from North Carolina Central, only 19 HBCUs attended.

"The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund was supposed to help with funding," said Jamie Riley, 2002-03 Tennessee State University Student Government Association president and creator of the Think Tank. "But all I've gotten are non-returned phone calls and e-mails."

The HBCU Think Tank is a student-run conference dedicated to educating and uniting HBCU students from around the country so that they may work together to solve problems and tackle issues affecting the HBCU community. This year it was held Feb. 13-15.

During last year's Think Tank, Marshall Fund representative Damien Travier came to observe the conference's proceedings. After his observations, the Marshall Fund agreed to fund all costs for this year's Think Tank, which cost North Carolina Central approximately \$250,000. That university's student government association funded the event from its account, with help from the city of Durham.

"I don't know why (the Marshall Fund) would not want to support the Think Tank, since the majority of participating schools are members of their organization," Riley said.

According to April Thomas, Tennessee State student government association representative, many schools were not able to attend the conference because the length

of the conference was cut from three days to one a week before the start date.

"Administration didn't want to put on a poor conference, so they condensed everything without consulting the SGA," said Timothy Gibson, coordinator of the Think Tank and vice president of North Carolina Central's SGA.

In addition to Tennessee State and North Carolina Central, this year's HBCU participants included Wilberforce, Xavier, Alabama A&M, North Carolina A&T and Allen universities.

Among the others were Shaw and Lincoln universities, Winston-Salem and Fayetteville State universities, Norfolk State University, Central Piedmont Community College, Charles R. Drew University of Los Angeles, Langston, Morgan State, Saint Augustine and Bennett colleges, Wilberforce and Claflin universities, and Voorhees College.

The theme of this year's conference was "Preparing Our Young Black Leaders for the Future." North Carolina Central provided sessions and activities, including workshops on budgeting and investing money and the importance of a post-undergraduate education. Keynote speaker Tavis Smiley, who hosts programs on both public television and public radio, spoke about the potential in every HBCU student.

"Even though there were some obstacles, great strides were made towards the growth of the HBCU community," said Timothy Gibson, vice president of event management for North Carolina Central's SGA.

"I attended the session discussing the future of Greek life and it was a wonderful networking experience," said Tenesha Weaks, history education senior at the Durham, N.C., school.

With the third Think Tank over, Riley is working to continue the Think Tank legacy. He is trying to find organizations that will successfully sponsor the event and is selecting the site for next year's event.

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dents to vote they had to be registered and bring their state ID, driver's license, or voting card to the community center.

To help students, the Republican Party provided those without transportation, rides to the community center so transportation would not be an excuse for not voting.

"I chose to vote because I know my rights; I wanted to stand up for them and I don't want to let anyone run over me," sophomore Alisha Scott said. "No one can take my rights and tell me what I can and cannot do. I voted in the early election because I wanted to make an impact and I'm proud of Prairie View students for coming out here to vote."

Throughout the day, the polling center provided a tally every two hours that showed the number of people who went to vote. From 8 a.m., when voting began until 9:30 a.m., only 10 people had voted. At 11:30 a.m., 34 students had voted; 1:30, 124 voters; 3:30,

225 voters; and at 5:30, 377 voters had made it to the polls. Lela Loewe, the elections official, had not released the total number of voters at the time of publication.

"If there had been a polling place on campus, it would have been much easier to get students to vote," Student Government Association president Hendrik Maison said. "We're fighting the system to make it convenient for students to vote. Getting the students to vote is a lot of energy already; getting them to vote when the system is making it hard is even more difficult. However, the students are showing up and putting up an incredible effort."

The number of students who actually voted versus the number of students who petitioned and marched for their right to vote left some students feeling as if the march to maintain our voting rights didn't justify the voter turnout.

"I feel as if the voter turnout does not justify the march at all," freshman Johnny

Buckner said. "Students complained, petitioned, and marched but then they didn't show up and vote. It makes Prairie View students look like a bunch of hypocrites."

For those who didn't get a chance to vote in the early elections, regular primary voting will take place at the community center the week of Spring Break, Tuesday, March 9.

Good luck to all students during mid-terms.

Have a safe Spring Break!

The Panther

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PVAMU students and lack of African-American employees at the Waller County Courthouse.

He said Tuesday that the size of the courthouse will not allow for any interns. Kitman said once improvements are made at the courthouse "our priorities will stay at home."

Kitzman told students, "It is important that as we go along with the relationship between you and the administration of this university and the officials of the county as well as the ordinary citizens of the county who don't have the exposure to your university, we need to understand each other and work together in the experience and progress that is available to us all."

Some students found it ironic that Kitzman, who some allege is racist, would be interested in the advancement of PVAMU and questioned why African-American workers at the courthouse were scarce. "I don't think that I am racist—

never have been. It is certainly not a conscious instinct on my part to be that way," Kitzman said.

He said such allegations have tarnished his character and integrity that he has worked so hard to maintain.

"I have been in public life a long time. On many occasions I've had to absorb what I thought was unfair criticism. I've never gotten used to it. It is definitely no pleasure to me."

"Let's move on to another, brighter day," Kitzman said.

PVAMU students voted in early elections Monday and Tuesday.

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# Noted author visits Prairie View

By Rachel Wells  
Panther Staff

Tyree was raised in Philidelphia, Pa. He explained that at a young age he was more attracted to the older crowd and, in turn, was more knowledgeable about adult issues. When he was a little boy, his uncles would take him to triple features. This caused him to have a larger attention span than his peers and he said he payed a lot of attention to detail, which he incorporates in his books.

Tyree said he to the University of Pittsburgh to play football, not write. He was a science major. He said he had no interest in writing. In fact, he was deemed a low level reader as a child. He favored math and science.

He said at the University of Pittsburgh, he became a black radical, like the Black Panther Party of the 1960s. This experience inspired him to write his first novel,

Colored On White Campus that was later titled College Boy, the closest story to an autobiography Tyree has written.

Tyree later transferred to Howard University and graduated with honors in print journalism.

Tyree said he writes about topics that interest him, not necessarily stories about his personal life. He feels that good writers should write outside themselves, otherwise the material and the career of the author is very limited.

Living in Washington D.C. started his career as an author, he said.

While attending college in D.C. in the late 80s and early 90s, he was exposed to the drug dealing scene and wrote *Flyy Girl*, addressing the materialistic attitudes surrounding it. The book was not intended to be a romance novel, but he acquired his fame by it being labeled one.

Next Tyree wrote *The Underground* to further explore the drug-dealing situation in D.C. This novel was not as successful as *Flyy Girl* because some readers thought it was too hardcore.

In black novels, the characters usually have a lot of money or have successful jobs, but that is not the case in real life, so Tyree went on to discuss love in a common setting in *Sweet St. Louis*. It is the story of an average girls and an average guy who fall in love and maintain their relationships through reciprocity.

In the late 90s, celebrities became more important than anything else in the media, and along with fame came indulgence. With that in mind, he wrote *Just Say No* about a guy that used to sing in a church, but became famous by singing secular music. The young man is introduced to all kinds of

vices and Tyree addresses the fast living associated with success.

Tyree wrote the novel *Leslie* after noticing how women, when faced with many problems, just take them in and do what they have to do. *Leslie* is a horror novel about a young woman who, day after day, of being there for everyone in the family and being mistreated by people, decides that enough is enough. She makes a pledge to herself that the next person who hurts her, will be sorry that they did.

Tyree's latest book, *Diary of a Groupie*, is about a young woman who makes a business out of being with celebrities.

Tyree credits authors Richard Wright, David Walker, and Chester Himes as being his major influences. He admires their candid style.

# "Throwback" jerseys honor HBCU Players

By Dorian Mills  
Black College Wire

"I saw the value in HBCU players and the culture that surrounded them," said Gill.

VSA is launching a Black College Classics "It's not just the jersey, it's the story" Tour.

The jerseys range from \$100 to \$225.

"The unique thing about the tour is that students get \$25 off the regular price," said Gill. "I really want to have an opportunity to help promote black college sports, not just for fashion but to let kids know how important it is."

By researching HBCU coaches, libraries and teammates, the company was able to make Black College Classic throwback jerseys featuring Hunter, Alvin Attles of North Carolina A&T, Cleo Hill of Winston-Salem Teachers College, Rick Mahorn of Hampton; and the 1955 Howard University basketball team.

The jerseys may be ordered through [www.vintagesportsparel.com](http://www.vintagesportsparel.com) or (301) 434-7793.

North Carolina Central University Hall of Famer Harold Hunter helped lead to victory the basketball team of what was then North Carolina College in the 1950 tournament of the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the former name of the CIAA. Hunter's accomplishments, as well as those of other black pioneers in the NBA, are being kept alive by Durham, N.C. native Emmit Gill Jr. through Vintage Sports Apparel.

## Black History Month February 1<sup>st</sup> - February 29<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to the Winner!  
Tonya Townson

1. In 1904, this pioneer in education opened a small Florida school for black children that developed in to a well-known college. Who is she? **Mary McLeod Bethune**
2. Which black singer/actress won a Tony in 2000? **Heather Headley**
3. What singer was known as "The Empress of the Blues"? **Bessie Smith**
4. She led so many slaves to freedom that she came to be known as "the Moses of Her People." What was her real name? **Harriet Tubman**
5. Who was the 1<sup>st</sup> black woman ever to serve in the U.S. Congress? **Shirley Chisholm**
6. Name the abolitionist whose "Ain't I a Woman?" speech silenced hecklers at the National Women's Suffrage Convention? **Sojourner Truth**
7. Crippled as a child, she became the 1<sup>st</sup> black woman to win three gold medals in one Olympiad. Who is she? **Wilma Rudolph**
8. Who was the 1<sup>st</sup> black woman overseas correspondent and which war did she cover? **Elizabeth Phillips, WWII**
9. Who was the 1<sup>st</sup> black woman Brigadier General in the regular Army? **Sherian Cadoria**
10. What Southern city was the first to have an institution of higher education for black women and what was the name of the institution? **Atlanta, Georgia; Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary (1881) became Spelman College in 1884**

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# Roc-A-Fella brings heat with Kanye West

By Roderick Pullum  
Panther Correspondent

Veteran Chi-Town producer Kanye West has quickly become one of the most sought after and critically acclaimed producers in Hip Hop. Giving Jay-Z his *Blueprint* to greatness with a string of classic tracks in 2001, West, along with fellow Roc-A-Fella in-house producer Just Blaze have been at the forefront of a resurgence, infusing 60s and 70s soul music with modern day lyrics and drum patterns. West's production acumen has been duly noted. He's a successful transition into the role of a rapper/producer.

The release of his highly anticipated debut, *College Dropout*, solidifies Kanye West as a credible and extremely talented lyricist, and the premier producer rapper in Hip Hop. West's approach to rhyming is as refreshing and original as his production.

There's a presence of honesty and sincerity in Kanye West's lyrics that is extremely rare among today's rap artists.

West doesn't present himself in the guise of a larger than life character who is a millionaire several times over, has sold drugs, shot people, been shot, has sex with numerous models on a daily basis, and possesses a foot-long male sexual organ. The aforementioned are common themes found in the music of several posing artists often exaggerated or completely false.

Kanye West presents himself as nothing more than what the title of his album exemplifies, an ex underachieving college student who offset his lack of academic progress with an unyielding drive to achieve his dream. "*The College Dropout*" delves into an array of topics that hit home with the lower middle-class African-America demographic.

On "*All Falls Down*" featuring Syleena Johnson, West confronts a pertinent economic issue within the black community-materialism. The lyrics candidly describe overspending on meaningless possessions in order to be

perceived as a member of society's upper class.

West was able to blend an aggressive lyrical exchange with Mos Def, and label-mate Freeway, and the gospel accompaniment of the famed Harlem Boys Choir for one of the album's strongest tracks "*Tuo Words*." The hard guitar-driven song is also laced with the talents of Hip-Hop violinist Miri Ben-Ari, who is heard throughout the album. Each MC holds his own spewing one impressive verse after another in uniform syllabic rhythm.

The melancholy track "*Spaceship*" is a blues-like narration that implores a sample of Marvin Gaye's "*Distant Lover*." Kanye West describes his struggle to escape the mediocrity of low-paying dead end jobs, and describes his deep-seeded love for producing and music in general. "*Spaceship*" is defined by its dark baseline and soulful background vocals.

In terms of production, the beat West concocted for "*Jesus Walks*" easily stands out. The multi-

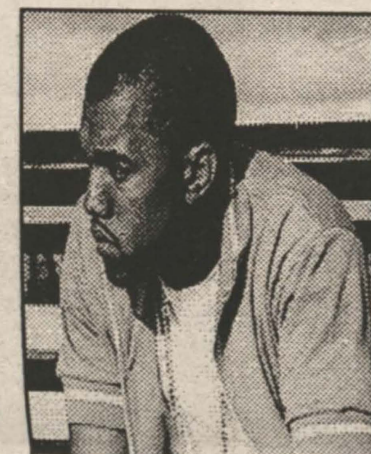
layered composition is paced by a military style snare cadence, and the unorthodox flute sample that occurs throughout. A haunting vocal sample from "*Walk With Me*" performed by the Arc Choir aides with the spiritual theme of the song. The last verse in which West describes desire for people to include God in their life is extremely profound and well written.

On a lighter note "*Get Em High*" is an entertaining head-nod provoking track that features raw MCing from Kanye, fellow Chicagoan Common, and Talib Kweli. The song sounds more like an impromptu freestyle session between the three rappers and uses a rare sample free beat. What's surprising about "*Get Em High*" is the last verse by Common who delivers an edgier style reminiscent of his earlier days when he was known as Common Sense.

Other highlights of "*The College Dropout*" include the introspective "*Last Call*," where West gives fans a personal behind the scenes look at how he rose to prominence over a melodic

instrumental. And it would be remiss not to mention "*Never Let You Down*" which boasts two classic verses from Jiggaman himself.

The challenge for Roc-A-Fella will be to remain relevant and capitalize on the potential of their roster. This will be a joint effort since no single artist on the label can fill Jay-Z's shoes. Although the road ahead is uncertain, if albums like Kanye's "*The College Dropout*" are a sign of things to come, then the Dynasty will easily continue.



Since his release, Kanye has had nothing to prove.

# "Is that a weave?"

By Nicole Dorn  
Black College Wire

The decision to wear a weave is not a choice women make because they lack hair. A weave is also used to help hair grow and to obtain a particular hairstyle.

"Women wear weave[s] to portray a certain look or image. People just like to be versatile," said Dionne Allen of Southern University, a sophomore from LaPlace, La., majoring in psychology.

"We don't like to have the same hair style at all times. If it takes adding hair to create that look, then that's just what we have to do."

Roy Stewart, a junior from Plaquemine, La., majoring in secondary education, said he considers

Beyonce Knowles -- a singer known for her long hair and even longer hair weaves -- beautiful.

"She looks good with [a] weave but she would look good without it also. When it comes to weave[s], it depends on how you look. If you need it, go ahead and get it, but if you don't, then wear your own," Stewart said.

Another male student had a different view. "I would prefer to have a girl who wears her own hair, so I can run my fingers through it without it getting stuck in a track," said Seth Watson, a senior from New Orleans majoring in electrical engineering.

For many, fashion is a factor. A "weave provides a different look or style, but a lot

of people get it just because everyone else has it," said Angelia Leblanc, a senior from Darrow, La., majoring in criminal justice.

And some women wear weaves as a way to keep their own hair healthy. Mesha Whitaker, a Southern freshman from Houston majoring in biology, said, "I prefer to wear my hair straight down. I just wear [a] weave to grow my hair out so that I can wear my own."



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1. Who took Roderick's place in CAB?
2. Who's tired of the attitudes at PV Grocery?
3. Where do we go to pick up checks to get our car alignment fixed from the constuction?
4. Who decides which departments get new buildings?
6. Is there any way that we can vote next time?
7. Who's actually going to the Kappa Kitten, we mean, KKI interest meeting?
8. Should the administration file a missing persons report?
9. What's going on with the basketball team?
10. Why are people still getting overpayments?
11. Is financial aid ever on time?
12. Do you know anyone who could be the next Miss PV?
13. Speaking of royalty, where is Mr. PV?
14. Had anyone noticed that he was gone?
15. Who's already dropped the Omega's line?
16. Who else is carrying out MIP before they're supposed to?
17. Is there really a difference between an Omega and a Q dog?
18. Is Williams Chicken ever going to lower their prices?
19. Does anyone eat at Long John Silver's?
20. What do you think?

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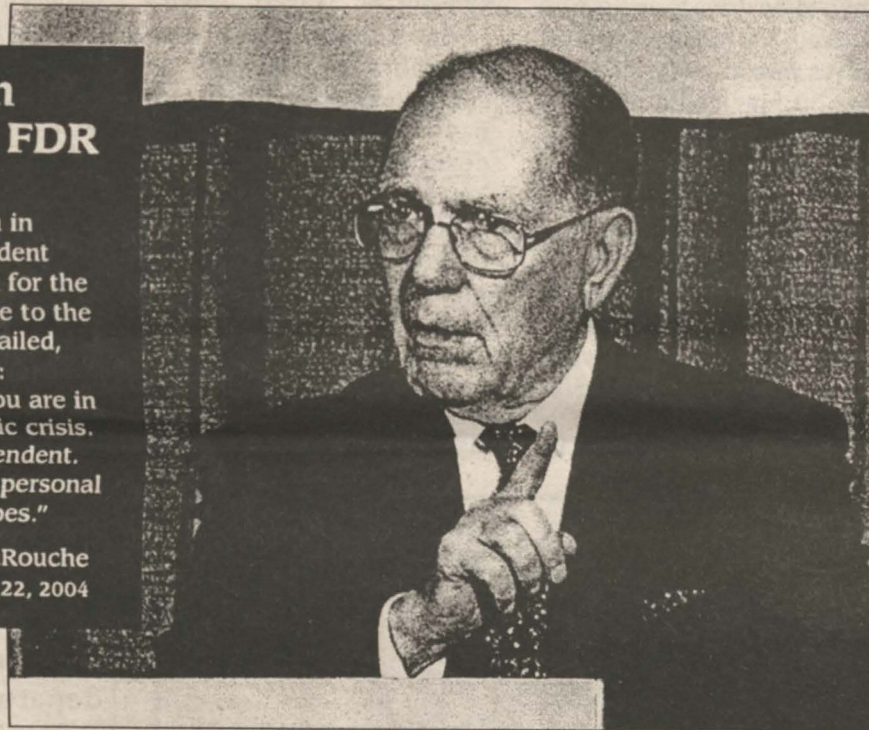
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