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THE PANTHER HOMECOMING 2004 *Special Edition*



The Official Student Newspaper of PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Waller County politicians urge students to vote

By Detorsha Brunson
Panther Staff

A voting rally sponsored by the Student Government Association was held Oct. 13 at the Student Park.

Several candidates running for various positions in Waller County came to encourage students to vote for them by giving information about themselves and their opinions on pertinent issues.

Sylvia Cedillo, a candidate for District Attorney, stated that changes are needed in Waller County and urged students to vote in the upcoming elections to bring about those changes.

"Students have to understand that the integrity of the justice system is at stake in the upcoming elections," said Jim Sharpe, a candidate for the Texas First



Candidate Jim Sharpe speaks to students during the voting rally.

Court of Appeals. Sharpe said, "The appeals courts are where the legal opinions are drafted by which we are actually governed

and Prairie View students in particular have a unique and important opportunity to make history in the elections by voting participation."

It is estimated that about 90 percent of Prairie View A&M students are registered to vote.

Red Ribbon Week promotes drug and alcohol free life

Special to The Panther

From Oct. 25 to 29, the university will join with more than 3,000 other campuses across the country to celebrate National Red Ribbon Week.

In September of 2002, Prairie View A&M University became an official member of the National Red

Ribbon Campaign for drug and alcohol prevention. The campaign promotes personal responsibility and respect for the law, in the use of drugs and alcohol.

The week gives campuses and students the opportunity to showcase healthy lifestyles free from the abuse or illegal use of alcohol and to combat negative stereotypes

of college drinking behavior. Activities will culminate in a Give a Ribbon Campaign Day and Rally on Monday, Oct. 25 on L.W. Minor Street in front of the Memorial Student Center from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Students are encouraged to make the Red Ribbon Pledge and sign the signature banner that will be located at the pledge table in the Me-

morial Student Center. The banner will be submitted to the National Red Ribbon Campaign for display nation wide with other universities.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 is Wear Red day. University officials are requesting that every one wear red to visibly

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Free for all...
Valid decals park without extra fee



By Christina Johnson
Editor in Chief

For the homecoming festivities this week, the parking rules have been changed once again. All commuters, faculty and staff members with a valid Prairie View A&M University decal will be able to park on campus at no cost all week.

A commuter or faculty/ staff member who has a decal that is not valid will be charged five dollars upon entrance to the campus. If a student living in a university residential area does not have a decal, he/ she will not be permitted to enter the residential area and will be charged to enter campus.

Furthermore, the university and the parking management office will be entering into partnerships with other state and local agencies, including the Texas Department of Transportation. All citations issued that

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Save your money, join the investment club

By Daneric Johnson
Panther Staff

Guess what Prairie View students? Help is on the way!

Are you tired of never having any money to do anything with? Are you tired of receiving huge overpayment checks from Financial Aid one week and you're flat broke the next?

Well, listen because the College of Business is tired of seeing you in distress as well. The college has put together an investment club where students will learn to do just that, invest.

The Investment Club is the newest club on campus. The purpose of the club is to assist and educate inexperienced investors by teaching them how to invest their

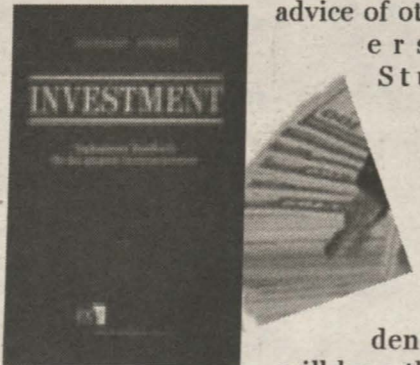
money wisely and familiarizing them with different types of investments. Members of the Investment Club will develop an understanding of saving and investing.

Kendall Thompson, founder and president of the club has a plethora of reasons for starting this club. "In college, we learn professional and scholarly skills but nothing about our finances. So when we graduate we put our money in a savings account earning 1 to 2 percent interest.

After leaving the university if we are interested in investing we have to rely on stock brokers and others who may not have our best interests at heart. They might not have our best interests at heart

because they get paid on commission," says Kendall.

Thompson went on to say, "The Investment Club will teach students to do the research themselves to avoid relying on the advice of others. Students



will have the chance to develop their investment portfolio early to take advantage of the investment opportunities within our economy."

All are welcome to come out. Even though it is the College of Business In-

vestment Club the doors are open to all students, faculty, and alumni of the university. This program is very beneficial to all who come out. The benefits of the club include gaining an understanding of what investment is, and also learning to manage personal finances more effectively.

The new club is headed by four investment savvy officers who have big plans for this year. In addition to Thompson, the founder and president, Ryan Rivers is vice president.

The Investment Club plans to hold seminars on investing, bring in guest speakers on various investment subjects as well as take field trips.

Meetings for the club will be held every Wednesday at Hobart Taylor in room 1C129.

October is SIFE Month

Press Release

Prairie View A&M University Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) will take the issue of business ethics out of the boardroom and into the university community during SIFE National Business Ethics Month in October.

Throughout October, the SIFE team will join more than 800 other SIFE teams across the nation to spread the message that ethical decision making is a key component to long term success for individuals, businesses and the economy.

As part of SIFE National Business Ethics Month, PVAMU SIFE students will sponsor the seminar "Business Ethics in a Global Economy" on Monday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. in the New Science Building, Room 104.

Dr. Henri Bailey, professor of marketing in the College of Business is the guest speaker. In the light of the issues surrounding Enron, MCI, TYCO and Martha Stewart, Bailey will address the ethical and unethical business practices and its impact on the world economy. The attendees will also receive information on the ethics that can be used in their daily personal and professional lives. Morris Woodard, a graduate student in community development at PVAMU, is coordinating the event.

Founded in 1975, SIFE is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with business and higher education to provide college students the opportunity to make a difference and to develop leadership, teamwork and communications skills through learning, practicing, and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

The PVAMU SIFE team was chartered at the university in 1986 and has made a significant impact on the campus through many programs.

Southern University reservists return to campus

By A.J. Griffith
Black College Wire

Almost two years after major combat operations began in Iraq, many young National Guardsmen and reservists are returning from the war zone to their college campuses, attempting to pick up where their lives were interrupted.

Army specialists Shekeitra Lockhart and Jason Matthews of the Army Reserve's 285th Engineer Company, an 80-soldier unit based in Baton Rouge, La., are two such students at Southern University. They were activated just before the war.

"My heart stopped," recalled Lockhart, a freshman major from Baton Rouge, of the news that she would be going to war. "I had just made 18. When they told me that I would be away from my family in a foreign country, I just couldn't see it."

Matthews, a special education major from Clinton, La., was about to

become a father when he was notified.

"I didn't know if I was going to see my child born or not," he said. "I really didn't know the purpose of the war, so I didn't want to go."

Two years later, after the life-changing experience of war in the Iraqi desert, stepping back on Southern's campus has been quite a culture shock. And they have returned with newfound goals and life lessons to share with their peers.

Initially, the 285th was expected to be gone for only six months. However, after months of training and waiting at Fort Polk, La., and six months of being overseas, members of the unit learned they would be gone for an extra year.

The day the war started, Matthews and Lockhart found themselves stepping off a plane onto desert sands. Once in Iraq, their unit was responsible for building and setting up base facilities. The 285th carried out missions in Kuwait, in Saddam Hussein's Iraqi hometown of Tikrit, and in Talil, Iraq, site of an air

base. At the onset of the war, phone calls home were limited, according to Matthews.

"We couldn't tell [our families] where we were," he said. "All I could say was 'Mom, I'm OK, don't

had fun among themselves. "A lot of times that was more enjoyable than clubbing in the United States," Lockhart said. "I guess that was because you appreciated it more."

For recreation, troops of different nationalities bonded in sporting activities. "They had the Korean army, the Portuguese, Italian, Turkish, Hungarian," Lockhart said. "It was lovely."

Matthews and a few other Southern student-soldiers played in a three-on-three basketball tournament in Talil.

"We were three-on-three champions of the whole post," Matthews said. Being out of the country tends to affect soldiers' lives sometimes negatively.

Matthews recalled how slow the mail service was for the first few months.

"I remember three or four weeks going by and only getting one letter," he said. "By the time you did get a letter, it was old news. In the military, mail is very important, especially when you can't get a phone call."

Violence and the possibility of death remained a threat.

But for all the gloom, Matthews and Lockhart remember several bright moments.

The two recounted their club experiences, when troops just gathered after long days of work and just

Lockhart shared similar sentiments. "I just couldn't fall into the groove of it," she said. "I would hear people say things like, 'Oh, my TV is broke' or 'My cell phone bill is this and that' and they just don't know that we've been without electricity, televisions, and cell phones. When you witness people living in huts made of twigs, you have to ask yourself if these people [in the U.S.] will ever be satisfied."

Finally, after being gone since January 2003, the Baton Rouge soldiers returned home to a hero's welcome.

"The first thing I did was go see my baby girl," recalled Matthews. "She didn't even know me. She didn't want me to touch her or anything. I sat with her for a while. Then I ate some real food."

Lockhart treated herself to seafood. On Southern's campus, they soon discovered how much things had changed.

"Everybody was younger than me," Matthews said. "The clothes and music were different. I didn't know who 50 Cent was."

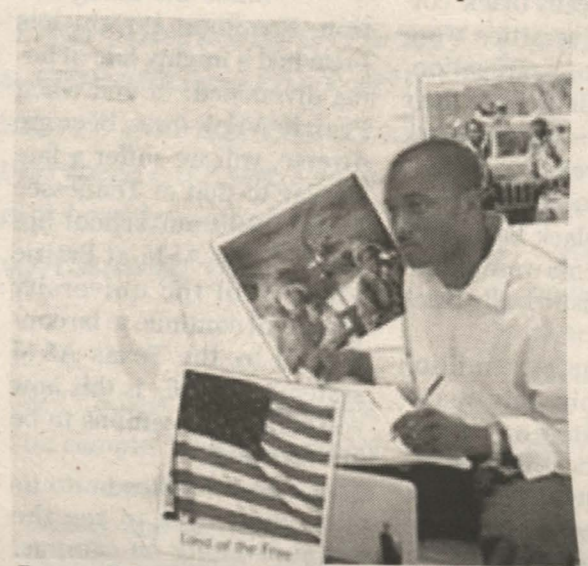
With this chapter of their lives behind them, the two student-soldiers have new plans and life lessons to share.

"My goal is to get out of school and enjoy myself more," said Matthews.

"With this being behind me now, I realize I can do anything," Lockhart said. "Regardless of whatever the circumstance or situation I'm in, I can do anything."

Matthews had a chance to come home for two weeks of leave.

"I had more problems at home because I was different and I did things different," Matthews said. "My family didn't like that. I was really ready to go back to my friends I missed them."



Jason Matthews says his goal now is to play in a three-on-three basketball tournament in Talil.

Student loan default rates fall to an all-time low

By Willie Stone
Panther Staff

A recent report indicating student loan default rates are at an all-time low is good news all around for students, lenders, schools and taxpayers, according to the U.S. Department of Education. But Annabelle Smith, director of financial aid and veteran services in Houston, warned that there is still a good deal of confusion surrounding student loans, including who is entitled to them and for what uses they are and are not intended.

The U.S. Department of Education recently reported the default rate at 5.2 percent, the lowest it's ever

been. "The news is encouraging," Smith said, but stressed that schools and lenders need to maintain their aggressive posture in educating students about student loans. "Of-

not needed." "This can lead to roadblocks later on, however, when students reach the cap on their borrowing limits or when the loan bills start rolling in."

sure they fully understand the impact of accepting a loan," said Smith. Financial aid counselors in Houston encourage students to take a big-picture approach.

Smith asked students to draft a budget that considers the earning potential of their chosen career versus their anticipated living costs and student loan payments after graduation.

"Before any student considers any student loan, they need to sit down with what I call their 'road map,'" Smith said. "Students should also consider the school's lending limits per student."

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Homecoming 2K4 weekend forecast



Wed, Oct 20	Partly Cloudy	96°/74°	Sat, Oct 23	Isolated T-Storms	88°/67°
Thu, Oct 21	Partly Cloudy	95°/72°	Sun, Oct 24	Partly Cloudy	86°/66°
Fri, Oct 22	Partly Cloudy	92°/71°	Mon, Oct 25	Partly Cloudy	85°/66°
			Tue, Oct 26	Partly Cloudy	85°/62°

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CORRECTION

In last week's 20 questions, a question referring to the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi was inadvertently published. We regret the error.

Has Prairie View lost its HBCU status? Diversity may be the downfall of the university

By The Editorial Board
Panther Staff

What We Think: Due to diversity, Prairie View A&M University may suffer the same fate as Tennessee State and lose its HBCU status.

Once again it appears as if integration is in place to desecrate any and everything black. Historically black Tennessee State University is on pace to do a 180, racially. Acts like this are reminiscent of Tulsa, Oklahoma's "Black Wall Street."

In the early 1900s, North Tulsa's Greenwood District was a 35 square block area where blacks were free to shop, spend, and live, thanks to the ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit of blacks.

The circulation of black dollars produced some of the nation's most affluent blacks. Black Wall Street was envied by the entire country. However, since its destruction, black communities haven't prospered as much.

Black colleges have carried on in the spirit of Black Wall Street amid racism, modest funding, and second-tier resources.

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Just as Black Wall Street, historically black colleges and universities were the creation of segregation. Instead of wallowing in their deficient circumstances, black Americans reacted auspiciously. In 1990, more than one in four black bachelor's degree recipients were graduated from a historically black school.

Of the 112 million dollars the university was allotted by the state of Tennessee, many of those dollars are spent upgrading the facility in attempts to make Tennessee State University palatable to caucasians. This includes minority scholarships to any and EVERYONE not of an ebony hue.

The prevailing powers have scored a damaging blow to the souls of black folks.

HBCUs provide a litany of benefits. In addition to education, they provide much needed jobs within the black community. They provide blacks from all over the country an opportunity to forge relationships, bond, and grow. They provide black

students with black professors who actually CARE, and want them to succeed.

Since his inauguration, President Wright has preached a mighty tale of being diversified. If and when Prairie View does become diverse, will we suffer a fate similar to that of Tennessee State? Will our school become Texas A&M at Prairie View? Will the university president continue to be controlled by the Texas A&M system? Alumni, is this how you want your campus to be in the future?

All one has to do is open their eyes to see the subtle diversity on campus. Sure, diversity will provide monetary resources, but is it worth our history? At this rate, Prairie View A&M University is on its way to selling its soul, and Texas A&M is picking up the tab. It is our sincere hope that we do not suffer as we did with the demise of Black Wall Street.

The eight students who first walked on the grounds that is Prairie View A&M University are turning in their graves.

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The case of the backstabbers



By Christina Johnson
Editor in Chief

"...They smile in your face All the time they want to take your place, The backstabbers..."

Yes, I know I wasn't even born when the O'Jays recorded this song, but I feel the sentiments of these words apply to similar situations that have occurred in my years here at Prairie View.

The more I get involved in campus life, the more I see the subliminal work involved in running a university. You have the people who say, "If you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours." Then there are the ones who disregard the rules and make

their own, not caring whom their decisions may effect. Finally, there are persons in higher positions who pimp, punk, and play students and faculty to get what they want, either academically or politically. This is a disgrace.

I am very frustrated by all of this. I don't understand the point of having personal agendas when everyone is supposed to be working for

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Purple & Gold Poll

ALUMNI: What is your most memorable homecoming?



"Sitting at the table during a homecoming banquet in Alumni Hall, with alumni who graduated from PV in 1957."

Glenda Jones
Asst. Director, Career Services



"In 2000, it was more about what the students wanted and it was fun."

Byrd Coney (Class of 2003)
Graduate Asst., Intramurals



"1997, before I graduated. It was the last homecoming I would spend with my friends. Mr. Roberts was the best Student Activities director we ever had."

Shadia Washington (Class of 1997)
Career Services

By Andrea Starr

Handwriting on the Wall

"What gifts God gives to you, is your gift from Him. What you do with those gifts, is your gift to Him. Use them wisely."

Aaron Hamilton,
Senior

What's your motto to live by? Email your "Handwriting on the Wall" to panther@pvamu.edu

Parking tickets, fines, are unbearable

In a matter of two days I have acquired \$50 worth of parking tickets, and I know my case is not the worst. I have talked to and overheard students telling and retelling how every time they come out to their cars after class they have another parking ticket on their windshield. It is not uncommon for a student to have \$125 worth of parking ticket debt by the end of the week and even worse, a debt of \$100 by the end of one day. What are students to do when where they thought it was okay to park are now "restricted lots" or only reserved for commuters, faculty and staff from the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Is it fair to the many unfortunate students who are confined to the limitations of ridiculous on campus housing that we can only park in Phase

1-3 or the UC? Is it morally right to make people pay or fine those who park in a dirt parking lot? I know I am not alone when I say "I think not!" So of course what President Wright and the rest of the faculty and staff here at Prairie View want us to do as students is to not complain, but to speak out and help seek a change. For everyone's information and from the "help" of Mr. Ray Curry in the Information Center (for those who don't know that is the little building at the campus entrance where you can get parking permits) I have found out that this "Parking Project" is something that still hasn't got all the kinks worked out and

is being implemented at the expense of us, the students. This project is supposed to

"This "parking project" is something that still hasn't got all the kinks worked out and is being implemented at the expense of us."

call for new lots to be placed on campus, which many may not know is for commuters, faculty and staff not the campus residents. If we are caught in lots like the paved and dirt lots by the MSC or the New Science Building we will be ticketed at our expense. As of now, there is no plan to help increase the number of parking spaces outside of a resident's dorm so they

won't have to walk to class in inclement weather (like the rain storms we've experienced), or walk late at night after studying in the library all day, or to get to work on time after leaving class. Residents on this campus are expected to leave their cars parked in the phases or UC to walk to class, and then must walk back to the dorms to get their cars so they can complete their day's activities. The ironic thing is we are supposed to be okay with this, abide by the rules and wait to see what happens. But unlike some, I am not going to wait. A change must be sought. My recommendation was to allow on campus residents

to also purchase a commuter sticker in addition to their resident parking sticker. This way we can legally park in all lots and will be in less debt because for \$70 one can avoid accumulating over \$100+ in parking ticket debt.

In closing, I would just like to say that we need to remember that "Prairie View INDEED Produces Productive People," but they don't always necessarily hire the most productive people. I hope that President Wright, the staff in the Information Center and especially students read this article and help me to fight for a change.

E.N. Robinson

Alumni: Vote or Die



By Denise Cohen
Managing Editor

We are weeks away from the Presidential election and I am wondering, alumni do you vote?

For the past year voting has swept the Prairie View community. The students have successfully marched to

Hempstead for their rights to vote in Waller County, staged protests and rallies, and ousted former Waller County District Attorney Oliver Kitzman. All of this so our voices can be heard on November 2nd.

So, alumni what are you doing to prepare for election day? Are you registered? Are you keeping up with the opposing platforms? Are you looking to see who has our alma mater interest's in mind?

I encourage all alumni to go out and vote. What we vote on today will effect the future Panthers of tomorrow. Encourage us to vote. Tell us how important

it is and how vital the act of voting is.

Rap mogul P.Diddy coined the phrase "Vote or Die" as a way of motivating today's youth. As powerful a statement as this is, the PV voting community will die if we don't have the power and support of our alumni.

So head to the polls November 2 and be aware of the effect your voice can have on this small college community.

the same purpose: to educate and serve young black men and women. The backstabbing from administrators to faculty and students must stop.

In the end, no one wins, because you permanently tarnish the legacy and credibility of a university built on the backs of our people.

Professors speak of the importance of order, yet certain university officials

directly contradict the values imparted by faculty. How is that for an example?

These words may go over the heads of a few readers and some may not care. But to those of you who are feeling guilty you know who you are. Whether or not this affects you doesn't matter. Continue to smile and lie our faces... eventually karma will stab you in your back and you'll reap what you sowed.

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Read *The Panther*
Every Wednesday

Strictly business: PV's entrepreneurs

By Anterria Brown
Panther Staff

Have you ever dreamed of starting your own business or owning your own company? Several students at Prairie View A&M University are turning their dreams into realities by putting their ideas to work and becoming young entrepreneurs.

An entrepreneur can be defined as a person who organizes and assumes the risk



Justin Rogers and Steven Betham are making a name for themselves on the PVAMU campus.

of a business or enterprise. Two of the most prominent entrepreneurs here at Prairie View are Justin Rogers aka DJ Mr. Rogers and Steven Betham.

If you've ever been to a party, step show, or pretty much any events on campus, chances are you're familiar with Rogers. DJ Mr. Rogers can be found at all the hype events keeping the crowd crunk with the latest music.

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have not been paid or appealed within 30 days from the date of issue will be processed through the university's partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation for billing.

For more information, questions, contact the Parking Management office at x4506.

Rogers is also the brains behind DSF Entertainment which consists of a record label as well as a mobile DJ service. DSF entertainment group is composed of a network of 13 members that include artists, graphic designers, and promoters.

DSF Entertainment also has its own music production and recording studio. DJ Mr. Rogers is also responsible for creating dance mixes and award winning step show CDs for Greek or-

ganizations.

"In an effort to train myself and get more in depth with my music skills we drop a lot of underground mix tapes to promote up and coming collegiate artists" said Rogers.

"My advice to anyone thinking about becoming an entrepreneur is you have to be driven, because peer pressure is crazy especially in college. Everybody's talking

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demonstrate a unified university commitment to a safe, health and drug-free community. Red Day will end with a Red Sock, Red Pop, Hip-Hop in the MSC at 8:00 p.m. For admission students are required to wear red socks or a red shirt.

For additional information

down own you because you're trying to do something, but you have to surpass all of that. You need to have a plan and know exactly what you want to do. Also learn as much as you can about your craft. That way you can eliminate the middle man," said Rogers.

Another student entrepreneur here at Prairie View is Steven Betham. Betham is an up and coming photographer. Betham does all types of digital imaging and graphics. Whether you

need flyers, programs, graduation pictures, or pageant brochures, Steven Betham is the man to go to.

"I got into this business basically by taking pictures. The more pictures I took the more

people started to like what I was doing. I'm in the

process now of formatting my own business. Some advice I'd give to anyone looking to start their own business is to know who your friends are because they play a major role in your life, and make sure you have the right structure," said Betham.

In brief...

A few Hamilton County absentee ballots sent out without Kerry's name

FOREST PARK, Ohio (AP) A printing error removed Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry from at least two absentee ballots sent to voters in this Cincinnati suburb.

The voters received ballots with "CANDIDATE REMOVED" printed in the space where Kerry's name and the name of his running mate, Sen. John Edwards, would have appeared.

Elections officials, who believed the error only occurred on the two ballots,

were trying to contact 20 other people who received absentee ballots in the area.

"It's a screw-up," Hamilton County Board of Elections chairman Tim Burke said. "The tragic thing is that even though I think we will have a very fair and accurate count here, this will cause people to question the accuracy of our operation."

One of the voters was given a correct ballot over the weekend, Williams said.

Bryant accuser publicly identifies herself in civil lawsuit

DENVER (AP) The woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape whose name has been widely published on the Internet despite her efforts to remain anonymous identified herself by name in a revised version of the lawsuit she filed against the NBA star.

A federal judge had ruled that the woman must be publicly identified in the case as a matter of fairness. A Denver newspaper gave a similar reason when it published the woman's name in Oct. 15 editions.

One of the accuser's attorneys, L. Lin Wood, said the woman identified herself

only to continue with her lawsuit but would prefer that the media not publish her name because she still fears for her safety.

The 20-year-old woman, who asked Eagle County prosecutors to dismiss the felony case against Bryant after deciding not to testify, had sought to remain anonymous in the federal civil case, as well.

But U.S. District Judge Richard P. Matsch recently rejected that request. Matsch wrote, ordering the woman to identify herself in court documents before Oct. 20 if she wanted to pursue the case.

Deadly Arizona pileup involved illegal immigrants

PHOENIX (AP) Police were trying to separate out a group of undocumented immigrants from the smugglers who crammed them into a stolen pickup truck shortly before a crash at a busy intersection that caused a deadly 11-car pileup. Six people died and 15 others were seriously injured.

Seventeen people were in the truck Saturday

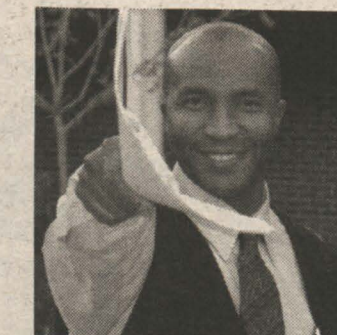
when it lost control near Fort Huachuca, a southeastern Arizona army post. Investigators think it was traveling at about 90 mph, Sierra Vista Deputy Fire Chief Randy Redmond said.

Investigators on Sunday were trying to identify the driver and other smugglers in the truck, said Arizona Department of Public Safety Sgt. Brian Preston.

Interracial Dating Survey

The Panther is interested in gaining feedback on dating preferences for a future story. Please fill out the survey and return it to Rm 219 in the MSC or e-mail your responses to panther@pvamu.edu.

1. Would you date outside your race?
2. Have you dated outside your race?
3. Is it interracial dating if your companion is a minority?
4. Would you marry outside your race?
5. Are you opposed to interracial dating?
6. Is interracial dating a way of life?
7. Is interracial dating a trend that will pass?
8. Have your parents or family members influenced your dating preference?
9. Is there a form of equality between two individuals of different races who are dating?
10. In an intimate relationship, I am most attracted to a man or woman who is:
 - Physically attractive
 - Sensuous
 - Very intelligent
 - A great conversationalist
 - Very self-assured
 - Other
11. In an intimate relationship, I am most satisfied when:
 - The woman or man I am with is very focused on my needs.
 - The woman or man I am with is able to appreciate my worth as a person.
 - The woman or man I am with allows me to appreciate him or her.
 - The woman or man I am with allows me to be "my real self".
12. In an intimate relationship, the role of each partner is defined by:
 - It's a 50/50 give and take proposition
 - Roles are defined by the woman and the man responds.
 - Roles are defined by the man and the woman responds.
 - Roles are not "defined" they evolve along with the relationship
13. The goal of an intimate relationship should be:
 - Sexual fulfillment
 - Emotional fulfillment
 - Mutual growth toward a common goal
 - Continuous giving of self to the other person so that the two individuals actually become one entity.
14. The purpose of "love" in an intimate relationship is to:
 - Make each person feel good about him/herself.
 - Make the sexual experience more fulfilling to each person.
 - Make each person a stronger individual.
 - Serve the partner's need and fill in her or his weaknesses.
 - Enable the lover to give to the other person without expectations of return.



Gitonga M'Mbijewe

Hometown: Nairobi, Kenya

Spouses/ Children: None

Occupation: Student Activities

Favorite Actor: Kitano "Beat" Takeshi

Favorite Musician: Bjork

Favorite Food: Chapati and Mangoes

Night and Day: Midnight

One thing you can't live without: God

You are most happy when: Serving

Who do you admire and look up to: My

dad

Advice for freshmen: Make great grades

Advice for seniors: Take care of all your paperwork

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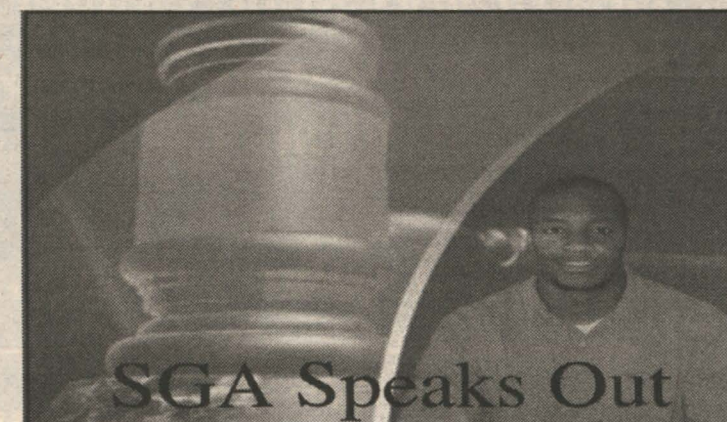
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Welcome back, alumni! There have been many changes since you guys were here last year and the student leaders have been fighting for student rights all semester. To the students: you no longer have to pay to get on campus as long as you have your decals displayed on your cars, commuter and resident. Early voting is going to be at the Community Center today and tomorrow from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Have a safe homecoming and please do not forget to vote.

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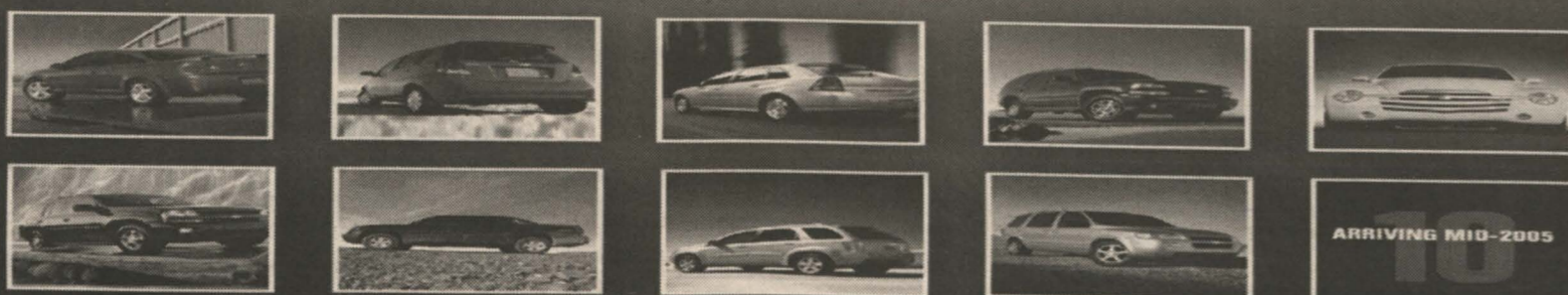
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The History of PV

This year marks the 129th anniversary of Prairie View A&M University. Prairie View is one of the oldest and most prominent institutions of higher learning in the state of Texas. The university's humble beginnings date back to 1876; unfortunately many students aren't familiar with the extensive historical background of the prestigious African American university.

Prairie View A&M University serves as the second oldest public institution in the state of Texas, originating in the Texas constitution of 1876.

Subsequent to the establishment of the Agriculture and Mechanical College of Texas (Texas A&M University) in 1871, and in accordance with constitutional provisions pledging "separate schools shall be provided for white and colored children, and impartial provisions shall be made for both," Prairie View was established for the education of African Americans.

Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College opened on March 11, 1878. The affairs of the college were turned over to the A&M College Board of Directors, who regulated the curriculum for the "preparation and training of Colored Teachers." The set of courses offered included home economics, mechanical arts, arts and sciences, and agriculture. The curriculum expanded to include nursing after the university was established as a branch of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

The board of directors appointed a principal teacher to administer the college which was ultimately under the direction of the president of Texas A&M College. L.W. Minor was appointed as the first principal of Prairie View, serving for one year. At this point the foundation for the university had been laid. On March 11, 1878 eight African American men became the first students of the university, and the first of their race to enroll in a state supported college in Texas.

Following further expansion, in 1919 the four-year senior college program was begun, and in 1937 a division of graduate studies was added, offering master's degrees in agricultural economics, rural education, agricultural education, school administration, and supervision, and rural sociology.

In 1945, Prairie View was authorized to offer "as need arises," all courses offered at the University of Texas. Additionally, in 1945 the name of the institution was changed from Prairie View Normal and Industrial College to Prairie View University. The name was changed once again in 1947, to Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas after the Texas Legislature provided that "courses are offered in culture, the mechanics arts, engineering, and natural sciences. On August 27 1976 the name was changed once again to its present one of Prairie View A&M University, and was established as an independent unit of the Texas A&M University System.

By Anterria Brown

Did you know?



For the task of building Prairie View A&M University a three man commission was appointed and allotted \$20,000 dollars for the expenditure. The commissioners chose and purchased the Alta Vista Plantation as the foundation for Prairie View. The impressive plantation was set upon a hill in the surrounding prairie.

PV then and now- a look back

By Daneric Johnson
Panther Staff

As the bulldozers destroy what's left of the old dorms and office buildings, do you ever just stop and think, what Prairie View was like in times past?

Alumnus Cleophus Sharp attended the University from 1970 to 1974. He and others were probably sporting tall Afros, big bell bottom pants and a whole host of other funkadelic assortments. Sharp plainly pointed out the distinct differences between the two generations and also the surprising similarities.

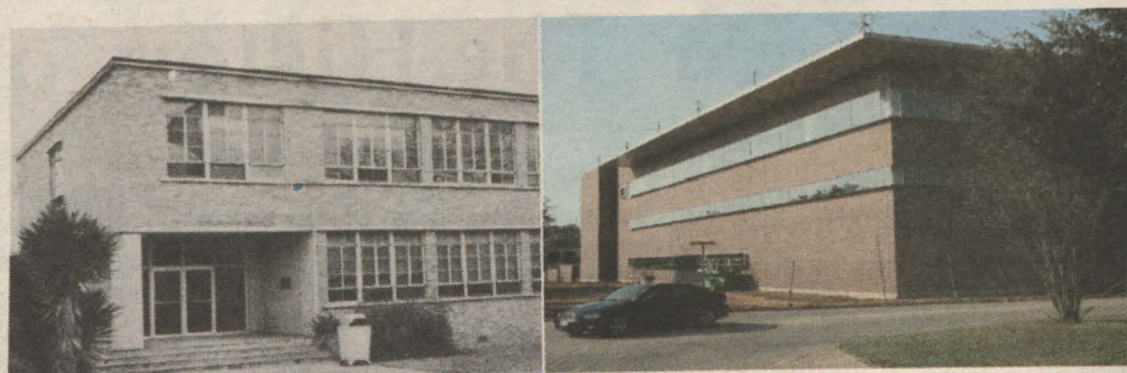
One difference is that we, for the most part, respected the

who let the child get away with the disrespect."

"Networking," said Sedrick Scott, another Prairie View alumnus, "is the key to success in college." Out of all the Prairie View alumni this was perhaps the most recurring theme.

A major criticism of Prairie View now is the lack of a boisterous school spirit. Sharp said, "We didn't always win the game, but that really was not the point. We all, collectively, came together for one specific purpose. The purpose was to enjoy being Panthers and not to allow any opposition to tear the school spirit asunder."

In a quest to find out what Prairie View was like in the past, it was easy



A new electrical engineering building is set to open next May.

stand tall and remember the road that has been paved for them, but to emulate the ones who paved it.

My first homecoming

Latisha Johnson
Panther Staff

Homecoming is a time when current students and alumni gather with one another to celebrate the school they love.

For some, homecoming is no doubt one of the biggest events at PV. No other activity draws such a crowd of both current and former students.

Upperclassmen shared their memories of

their best.

"The time we beat Alcorn State," senior Herchelwood Williams remembers, was his best homecoming memory. "The girls are definitely the best memory," recalls sophomore E.J. Wallace. Junior Warner Ervin II says that "seeing all the alumni come back and still represent for the school" is his best homecoming memory.

New students must be aware that even during homecoming one mustn't put their guard down when it comes

"Be mindful of your surroundings," junior Kelcy Crumes stress to first timers. Even concerned professors, such as Dr. Sherri Frizell, of the department of computer science, recommend "not drinking, and to attend events with same sex groups." Senior Nathan Neuls advises students to "go to all your classes." Students must remember that homecoming is a privilege not to be taken for granted.

Advice to freshmen and those attending their first homecoming here at Prairie View is to "have fun and enjoy yourself" and with that said, all should just remember that this is a time of enjoyment, to kick it with your friends, to form lasting bonds, and to cherish great memories. So make this one, your first one...or your last one, the best.

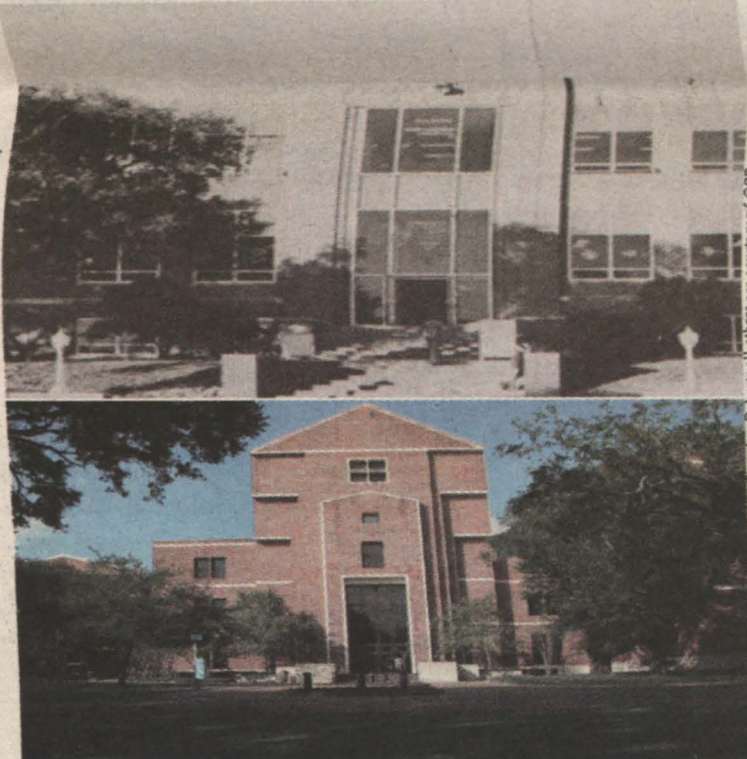


Freshmen display their tickets to the homecoming activities.

their first homecoming, what to expect in terms of traditions, and helpful advice to help make the freshmen's first homecoming one of

to safety. Upperclassmen such as Nichole Follins provide helpful advice: "Be safe, walk in groups and watch your valuables."

Photo By Brandon Roberts



The W.R. Banks Library once stood where the John B. Coleman Library is.

authority figures. We were brought up in the fear that if we got out of line at school not only would the teacher chastise us, but our parents were waiting at home with belt in hand."

However, Sharp also said, "I attribute the recent disrespect of the new generation, not to the young adult, but to my generation

to conclude that there was a family type atmosphere on the campus. Yes, of course, they had bad apples who tried very hard to portray Prairie View in a negative light. However, the overall spirit of unity, and the feeling of determination kept the university strong.

The students of Prairie View A&M University are challenged, not only to

The Pride of Prairie View

Spirit Song
"Something Inside So Strong"

The higher you build your barriers, the taller I become; the farther you take my rights away the faster I will run. You can deny me, you can decide to turn your face away. No matter cause

Chorus
There's something inside so strong. I know that I can make it, though you doing me wrong so wrong, you thought that my pride was gone. Oh No something inside so strong.

The more you refuse to hear my voice, the louder I will sing. You hide behind the walls of Jericho your lies will come tumbling down. Denied my place in time, you squander wealth that's mine, my light will shine so brightly it will blind you, Causes there's something inside so strong. I know that I can make it, though you do me

wrong, so wrong. Brothers and sisters, when they insist we're just not good enough, but we know better, just look them in the eyes and say, I'm gonna do it anyway, anyway (Chorus x2)

By Libi Siffre

Alma Mater
"Dear Prairie View"

Dear Prairie View, our song to thee we raise, In gratitude we sing our hymn of praise, For memories dear, for friends and recollections For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee. For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion, To serve thee now, and through eternity. As days go by, our hearts will not grow cold, We'll love thy purple royal and thy gold We'll through our lives exemplify thy teachings, We'll always strive a blessing to be. Thy children we give our love and pride confessing, We'll love thee now, and through eternity.

Words by O. Anderson Fuller
Music from "Finlandia" by Sibelius

Fight Song
"Cheer for Prairie View"

Cheer for Prairie View
Cheer for the purple and gold
Let's cheer them on
Till they make a score
Get the ball and score some more
Cheer for Prairie View
Cheer for the purple and gold
We're marching on once more
Till we make the score
for a VICTORY

By John Greathouse, '83

Quick Facts

- University Motto: Prairie View Produces Productive People
- University Spirit Song: There's Something Inside So Strong
- University Newspaper: The Prairie View Panther
- University Fight Song: Cheer for Prairie View
- Alumni Newspaper: The Prairie View Standard
- University Yearbook: Pantherland (Pardus)
- University Colors: Royal Purple and Gold
- University Alma Mater: Dear Prairie View
- University Mascot: The Panther
- University Nickname: THE HILL
- Stadium: Blackshear Field



PVAMU Principals and Presidents

By Matthew Jackson
Panther Staff

A wise man once said "you don't know where you're going, until you know where you've been." Here is a list of the past presidents and principals of Prairie View A&M and the contributions that they have made to the University.



1st principal:
Mr. L.W. Minor
(1878)

The board of directors of Texas A&M College was authorized to appoint a principal teacher to administer the college under the direction of the president of Texas A&M College. The board selected Mr. L.W. Minor, who served in that capacity for only one year.



2nd principal:
E.H. Anderson
(1879-1885)

Under the leadership of former Prairie View student Principal Anderson, enrollment at the school grew to 60 students.



3rd principal:
L.C. Anderson
(1885-1897)

The 20th Texas State Legislature agreed to attach an Agricultural and Mechanical Department to the school. Principal Anderson became the principal founder of the Colored Teachers Association of Texas.



4th principal:
Edward L. Blackshear
(1897-1915)

In 1889, the 26th state Legislature changed the name of the school to Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College. The first diplomas from Prairie View State College were granted in 1903.



5th principal:
I.M. Terrell
(1915-1918)

Principal Terrell saw to the construction of a household arts building, a power and ice plant, and a laundry building in 1916. Spence Hall was erected in 1918 to house the Division of Agriculture.



6th principal:
J.G. Osborne
(1918 to 1925)

Principal Osborne helped establish a nursing division in 1918. Between the years of 1924-1925, six buildings were added to the University.



7th principal:
W.R. Banks
(1926-1947)

During Principal Banks' administration, he helped add a dining hall, a hospital, three apartment buildings for male teachers, and three dormitories for women.



1st president
8th principal
Dr. E.B. Evans
(1948-1966)

On September 1, 1948, the title of principal was changed to president. President Evans saw to the construction of the E.B. Evans Animal Science building in 1951.



2nd president:
Dr. J.M. Drew
(1966)

President Drew became ill shortly after taking office, and was forced to resign.



3rd president:
Alvin I. Thomas
(1966-1982)

Thomas helped establish the residential college concept on the Prairie View A&M campus. President Thomas' leadership led to the construction of new residence halls. Other buildings that were added include Farrell Hall Laundry, Hobart Taylor Hall, and the Owens-Franklin Health Center.



4th president:
Dr. Percy A. Pierre
(1983-1989)

President Pierre helped establish the new College of Engineering Technology and the Benjamin Banneker Honors College. In 1984, the state constitution was amended naming Prairie View A&M University as an "institution of the first class."



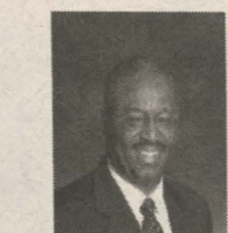
5th president:
Julius W. Becton, Jr. LTG (Ret.)
(1989-1994)

President Becton was the first Prairie View A&M graduate to become president of the University. Under his leadership, the College of Nursing received accreditation.



6th president:
Dr. Charles A. Hines
(1994-2002)

Under President Hines, the student population grew from 5,400 to over 6,800. The University's endowment increased by over \$26 million dollars. Lawsuits and disagreements with faculty and staff forced President Hines to resign.



7th president:
Dr. George Carlton Wright
(July 8, 2003- present)

President Wright came from the University of Texas at Arlington, where he had been the executive vice president for academic affairs and provost since 2000. President Wright's experience with higher education in Texas and his knowledge of academic affairs will help him lead Prairie View A&M University into the 21st century.

Homecoming 2k4



Hornets sting Panthers 42-20 at Blackshear

By Steven M. Kennedy
Panther Staff

It is evident that the Prairie View A&M football program has improved greatly, thanks to new head coach Henry Frazier III, and the hard work of the supporting coaching staff.

In the 2003 season the average margin of victory for the Panthers' opponents was over 40 points a game. Even though the Panthers are currently (2-4), in every game Prairie View has been putting up points despite falling short in four games so far.

In the past, Prairie View was widely known for coming out strong in the first half, and not being able to execute in the second half. This year, the rest of the SWAC has realized that Prairie View A&M is no longer a roll over and die type football program.

In every game the Panthers have played hard all four quarters.

When asked about the effort of the team, Frazier replied, "Tremendous. I think the effort is great. These guys haven't quit, they work hard in the weight room, and they've been going to class, study hall, and bible study. They've been doing a lot of things off the field that has enabled them to continue to fight."

The Alabama State Hornets (5-1), led by head coach Charles Coe, who is in his second year of coaching at the university, brought his team in from Montgomery, Alabama, ready to play. The Hornets, fresh off their 28-6 win over the Jackson State Tigers last week came into Saturday's matchup strictly in the driver's seat, as Alabama State is currently in first place in the eastern division of the SWAC.

This season, the Hornets seem to be poised to duplicate their performance of last season by reaching the SWAC championship, where they suffered a loss to SWAC

University.

Prairie View has been striving more than thriving, putting on great performances this year

even in some losing games.

Prairie View started Saturday's contest on the wrong foot by giving up a fumble to Alabama State on their own 11-yard line, leading to a 4-yard run by Keldric Williams.

The Hornets never looked back, putting

together a nine-play 61 yard drive that resulted in RB Robert Randolph reaching pay dirt for Alabama State's second touchdown of the game, putting them up 14-0 to end the first quarter.

Prairie View freshman QB Chris Gibson, who, this past week made his second consecutive start, after debuting against Alcorn State last week, made an impression on the PV fans, playing a very productive game, completing 12 out of 25 passes for 175 yards and two touchdowns.

In the second quarter the Panthers started to get more into the flow of things, as they were able to strike first with a six play 24-yard drive. That drive ended with a one yard TD pass from QB Chris Gibson to TE Anthony Gibson to cut the Hornets' lead to 14-7 with 11:45 to go in the half.

Throughout the game Alabama State's defense played sometimes with as many as eight or nine players trying to support the run, leaving only three defensive backs to defend the pass which made them vulnerable against Prairie View's passing attack.

When asked about the Hornets unique defensive

scheme Frazier replied, "You can't run with nine and 10 people in the box. You've got to throw the football. They (Alabama State) were saying

first half, highlighted by WR Anthony Wright's amazing one-handed catch in Alabama State's territory that got a standing ovation from the crowd.

Wright turned in season highs in receiving yards, catching three passes for 106 yards, with a long pass of 59 yards, as he stretched Alabama State's secondary throughout the game. The last player for Prairie View

State in 2002).

Alabama State then rebounded by scoring 14 unanswered points, gaining the momentum which carried over into the second half as RB Keldrick Williams put a stamp on the game with an impressive 89-yard run for a touchdown, making the score 35-14.

Prairie View continued to compete, as RB Arnell Fontenot scored a TD with 5:30 to go in the game. But the damage had been done and the Panthers fell to the Hornets 42-20.

This week is homecoming and the Panthers will play Lincoln University Saturday at 3 p.m. at Blackshear Field. Prairie View's last homecoming victory was against Arkansas-Pine Bluff in the 2001.



Photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe.

'beat us passing', and we had to take our shots."

That's exactly what Prairie View A&M began to do towards the end of the

to gain 100 yards or more receiving in a single game was current WR Bertrum Jackson (three catches for 100 yds. One TD against Tennessee



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

THE INFO YOU SHOULD KNOW



You must have a grade of 'C' or better in your developmental class (es) at mid-terms to be able to pre-register for the spring!!!!
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DATES TO REMEMBER (all dates found at the website <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/>)

October 17-23 Homecoming Activities
November 2 VOTE!!!

University College will hold its Third Annual Majors Fair in the MSC Ballroom from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

UCFL RESULTS FOR LAST WEEK: BLDGS #38, #48, #45 AND #36 WON THEIR GAMES!! Congratulations to all 9 participating teams and UC staff involved in the UCFL!!

Bldgs #36, #38 and #48 have initiated programs to increase the fitness of their residents!!
Bldgs #38, #39, #40, and #45 presented programs on how to prepare for and survive mid-terms!!
Bldg #44 sponsored a session on "Drug and Alcohol Safety"
Bldgs #38 and #44 hosted Dr. Wash Jones of the University Scholars Program presenting a seminar on "The Key to Life Long Learning."

Lady Panthers soccer team wins two games back-to-back

By Rashad Morgan and
Leona Aaron
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University hosted the Alabama State Hornets, Monday, Oct 18, face off for women's soccer. The Lady Panthers entered the game 10-2-1, currently second in the Southwestern Athletic Conference, they had to win this one to keep steady behind Grambling (10-5, 2-0) in the western division.

The Lady Hornets (0-3, 0-3) who have not won a game this season, desperately needed a win to move ahead of the mediocre Alcorn State in the conference rankings.

The game was played at 10 a.m., and the Lady Panthers looked very well rested, scoring their first goal within the opening minutes of the game. The Hornets seemed exhausted before the game started, at

times seeming lifeless as the Panthers took advantage of them in every statistical category possible.

In the first half, there were fourteen goals scored, all from the Panthers. Leading 14-0, the officials could have ended the game at half time.

This definitely was one of the Hornet's most embarrassing moments. They didn't have any offensive statistics at all. They did not even get an attempt at a goal. This game was terrible.

The second half was no different. The

Lady Panthers continued on their scoring rampage. All 17 players got in the game and three players scored off the bench, Marquita Campbell scored two goals, Brianna

Adams and Omotomilola Ojeshina both had one each. They defeated the Hornets 22-0.

This game was a big confidence booster for the Panthers. Ten of the 17 players on Prairie View's squad scored at least one



Photo By: Arthrayia L. Love
Lady Panthers soccer team wins two in a row.

goal throughout the game. Sabrina Ball led the team with four goals.

The Lady Panthers Sunday game was not as easy as Monday's game. They had

to use tenacity, strength, and courage to prevail over University of Arkansas Pine Bluff. PV's Ashley Molock set up Ojeshina in scoring the first goal for PV with 34.09 minutes left in the first half of the game. PV was dominating offensively and defensively.

PV made several more attempts at the goal in the first half, but UAPB goalie Trina Fletcher was stopping the other attempts. Fletcher had 11 saves for her team against a persistent PV team. It was the opposite for PV goalie Amy Miller, who had two saves.

UAPB gave PV a scare when they scored and tied the game at one in the second half with 26.01 minutes left in the game. The delivery

was made by Kerry Young who was unassisted on the play. UAPB was playing like PV in the first half and attacking the goal. Only after three minutes UAPB scored their first goal, they scored another goal and took the lead in the game at a score of 2-1. It was beginning to look like PV had lost the game until Krystal Dillon assisted Nori White to score the game tying point with 1:13 left on the clock.

Overtime did not produce that much fire like the regular period as White scored the game winning goal with 9.05 minutes into the overtime period. Felicia Tarver, head coach of the soccer team said, "The team underestimated the other team based on how they were able to have several attempts at the goal in the first half." Overall the game turned out to be a success as PV coasted to 3-2 victory over UAPB.

UCFL is considered a "must see" on Thursday

By Rashad Morgan
Panther Staff

Last week University College held another big schedule of action packed intramural football games.

The UCFL, University College Football League, officially jumped off a few weeks ago and hasn't shown any signs of winding down.

On Tuesday, Oct 12, four games were played, three men's and one women's. The first game started at 6 p.m.. Mr. Holmes' led building 38 versus Ms. Aaron's building 37.

Building 38 is known as a proven contender, while building 37, has a reputation of being undermanned and lacking talent.

Building 38 appeared ready, charging the field with their red and black uniforms. They defensively and offensively dominated 37 both halves, which seemed destined to happen. Building 37's only score was off a pass to the end zone. The final

score was 20-6.

The second game played was the most exciting of the night. The women of building 48 competed against building 37, a rematch of their season opener.

They weren't actually scheduled to play each other, but the women of buildings 42 and 44 forfeited their games, which left those two to scrap it out.

Their fast match was an all out brawl between the two teams who seemed very passionate about winning, and did anything to disable their opponent.

Building 37 was eventually the winner of that game, but that was weeks ago, and building 48 looked like they had to settle unfinished business.

Sports editor Leona Aaron and Community Assistant Jessica Grice coached building 37. Each team's defense was near perfect, stopping their

opposition, and only allowing short yardage.

The only way to move up the field was to run the ball, and that hardly worked, the defenses charging the line as soon as the ball was snapped. At halftime the score was 0-0. Each team had a respectful chance at scoring a touchdown, but they could not convert in the red zone.

As the game wound down, each team became overwhelmed with emotion as they started to actually tackle each other. During the game two confrontations erupted, but quickly submerged until the end of the game.

The final score of the game was 0-0. Senior, Chloe Burnley, watched the game and had this to say, "The girls are more exciting than the boys, and we should've had activities like this when I stayed in UC."

As the teams exited the field, each one started to do their own chants, and in

the midst of the confusion the players started to charge each other. Luckily, there was no fight, but this is the beginning of a big rivalry.

The first of the last two games was held between building 45 and 43. Both teams were evenly matched, but 45 came out with a tough victory 19-13.

The last game was between Mr. Neal building 36, and Mr. Anthony Coe 47.

Building 36 is currently favored to win the championship, with a few exceptions. This was another blowout, 36 offensively dominated 47, scoring 24 points. The final score was 24-6.

You can catch UCFL action every week on Thursdays between 6-10 p.m. Playoff games will be played Thursday, Oct 21 to determine who will be going to their building and who will be crowned the UCFL

champions.

The championship game for the ladies will be held next Tuesday between buildings 37 and 48. The bittersweet rivalry the ladies have will determine their destiny on Tuesday. This will finally answer the questions about who are the Queen Bees of the UC.

The match up between the two ladies teams will prove to be an excellent game to watch. Building 37 has the upper-hand, having already beaten building 48 in their opening contest. Building 48 will be out to even the score and be crowned the UC Lady champions.

The many doctrines of the Christian faith

By Frederick Crawford
Panther Staff

When asked, "What religion are you?" many Christians in today's society, especially the young Christians, tend to answer with a denomination under Christianity. If you are a Christian, your religion is Christianity. How you practice this religion is considered a denomination. The following are some of the major denominations under Christianity:

BAPTIST

Church Government: The pastor is the principal leader in the local church. The deacons and congregation vote in, and can dismiss, the pastor.
Major Doctrinal Emphasis: Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The bread and wine taken during communion symbolize Jesus' body and blood. Baptists practice and support the evangelical born again experience by Jesus baptizing the believer into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit. They mainly focus on discipleship, evangelism and mission outreach.
Affiliate Churches: American Baptist Association, Black Baptist, Southern Baptist Convention, Freewill Baptist, Landmark Baptist, United Baptist and others.

CATHOLIC

Church Government: The doctrine and sacraments are bound to the power of: first the pope, then archbishops, bishops, priests and deacons; normally in this succession. The clergy are all male celibates. Nuns (sisters) are Church workers.
Major Doctrinal Emphasis: Baptism (by sprinkling), confirmation (post-baptismal anointing), confession (forgiveness of sins), matrimony, ordination, anointing of the sick, and extreme unction (act of anointing) The Eucharist (The Lord's Supper) is a memorial to Christ's death and resurrec-

tion and is celebrated daily. The bread and wine is believed to supernaturally change into the body and blood of Jesus as they are consecrated by the priest. The rosary, a circular string of beads, is used counting prayers, for the recitation of Hail Mary, the Lord's Prayer and meditations.
Affiliate Churches: Roman Catholic Church, Christian Catholic Church, Old Catholic.

CHURCH OF GOD

Church Government: Each congregation has its own charter and by-laws, owns and controls property, calls its ministers, establishes its own budgets and financial policies. Some churches have a hierarchical leadership representation for overall decision-making. Most have voting representatives at regional and national assemblies.
Major Doctrinal Emphasis: All have in common a strong emphasis on devotion to the Bible. Followers adhere to the doctrines of the Trinity, original sin and salvation through the atoning blood of Christ, as well as the virgin birth and deity of Jesus. They believe in the death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and descent of Jesus; that eternal bliss awaits the righteous dead in Christ, and eternal punishment for the unrighteous. They baptize believers by totally submerging them underwater, and observe the Lord's Supper, many with foot-washing. Most engage in "speaking" and "prophesying" in tongues.
Affiliate Churches: Church of God in Christ, Church of God in Christ (international), Church of God in Prophecy, Church of God and Saints of Christ, Church of God by Faith, Inc.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church Government: The Church of Christ has no formal governing bodies and ministers do not function as clergymen. Elders are looked

to for common views of each congregation. Ministers are ordained and hold tenure in their pulpits by mutual agreement with elders in the church.
Major Doctrinal Emphasis: Practices include weekly observance of the Lord's Supper, baptism by immersion, a capella (no music) singing, a vigorous prayer life, support of church needs through voluntary giving, and a program of preaching and teaching the bible. Furthermore, they emphasize the same doctrinal aspects as Church of God does.
Affiliate Church:



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The Evangelical Church.

METHODIST

Church Government: Ministers usually are selected and appointed by the bishop at the annual conference. Each church elects its own local administrative board for establishing services, committees and workers.
Major Doctrinal Emphasis: Methodists are deeply rooted in the doctrine of "justification by faith" through human participation and cooperation with God in active repentance and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. They practice baptism of both infants and adults (more commonly by sprinkling). They observe the Lord's Supper, and adhere to the doctrine of the Trinity. Great emphasis is placed on social and political issues and reforms.

Affiliate Churches: African American Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Southern Methodist Church

PENTECOSTAL

Church Government: The Pentecostals are governed by local pastors, elders and deacons; and overseen by superintendents.
Major Doctrinal Emphasis: Pentecostals emphasize baptism as a work of grace after conversion rather than during conversion as most denominations believe. Most believe in instant and divine health, prosperity, demon possession and exorcism. Prophesying in "tongues" during services is common. The gifts of the Spirit, from 1 Corinthians 12, are of main emphasis as well.
Affiliate Churches: Pentecostal Church of God, United Pentecostal Church.
PRESBYTERIAN
Church Government: Form of church government in which elders, both pastors and people with duties, govern.
Major Doctrinal Emphasis: Presbyterians believe that if a person is predestined, they will be saved eternally regardless of any other considerations. Likewise, if any person is not predestined, they cannot attain eternal life regardless of any other considerations. They practice baptism and the Lord's Supper.
Affiliate Churches: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Reformed Presbyterian Church, Bible Presbyterian Church.

LUTHERAN
Church Government: By Bishops
Major Doctrinal Emphasis: The Bible is the sole authority for the Christian's spiritual guidance. They also practice "justification by faith." Lutherans practice the Lord's Supper (the observance of the Eucharist). They differ from the Catholics when it comes

to the bread and wine. They believe Jesus is already present in body and blood before they are consumed. Lutherans also practice baptism by sprinkling, confirmation, confession and matrimony.
Affiliate Churches: Evangelical Lutheran Church, Apostolic Lutheran Church, Church of Lutheran Confession.

EPISCOPAL

Church Government: Episcopal churches are constitutionally governed by legislative synods (council of church officials). This council consists of archbishops, bishops, priests, deacons and members with duties. Episcopalians object to the pope's authority.
Major Doctrinal Emphasis: Episcopalians work hard for worldwide reunion of all Christian churches. They emphasize the Bible as the final source of doctrine "necessary to salvation." The church expects its members to be loyal to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
Practices include baptism of infants and adults by pouring, sprinkling, or immersion, and the Lord's Supper.
Affiliate Churches: The Episcopal Church, Reformed Episcopal Church.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Those who are non-denominational feel that it is possible to be a Christian without being a member of a denomination. They believe God did not design the church to be put into divisions. God designed the church to be "one body" and "one faith" as described in (Ephesians 4:1-6). They feel that if we divide ourselves by men and doctrines into differing religious bodies with differing "faiths," we are not honoring God's plan for His people, the church. By obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ, you can be a Christian.

Who knows your business?



By Raquel Clark
L/H & A/E Editor

I know we all have people in our lives that we feel we can trust. Although most of us have a lot of associates, there are very few people you would call your friend.

A friend is one you can call on. One you can tell anything, and not have to worry about your business getting revealed. Friends know they must be discreet, judicious in their conduct and speech.

We have all heard the saying "everybody ain't your friend." So what does this mean? It means you cannot tell everybody what's going on in your life. Sometimes you just have to shut your mouth and pray about it. Friends don't always hold up to their part of the bargain. Just like you thought you could confide in them about something, they think they can confide in someone else about your business.

I'm not saying you

should go to your grave with all of your deep dark secrets. I'm just saying we have to respect ourselves enough to know what to say to others, and what to keep to ourselves.

Skeletons in your closet may be dead to you, but all it takes is one person spreading your business to bring them to life. We all work hard to build our reputations. Please know that no one is going to look out for you the way you would look out for yourself.

So if you must confide in someone, do your research. Know what type of person they are, listen to how they talk about other friends, and most importantly, know the person you consider a

friend.

Although this might seem like an elementary lesson, it is something that is necessary. Reputations are ruined everyday over people innocently confiding in someone they call a friend.

My grandmother always told me "What goes on in this house, stays in this house."

Mema, for the first time in my life I truly understand what you were trying to say. I am shutting my door, sealing the windows, and installing a doorbell. And when a true friend knocks, I will open the door, and let them in.

Characteristics of a Good Friend

Someone who is...

- Loving
- Trustworthy
- Patient
- Considerate
- Faithful
- Loyal
- Dependable
- Kind-hearted
- Dedicated
- Forgiving
- Understanding
- Empathetic
- Discreet
- Mature
- Optimistic
- Supportive
- Genuine
- Giving
- Compassionate
- Concerned
- God-Fearing

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14 beauties with bad attitudes now down to 10

By Latisha Johnson
Panther Staff

UPN's *America's Next Top Model* is not just your average pretty girl situation. The competition is intense and down right hard to win. Fourteen women are chosen to live together in a New York City apartment to compete for the title. The winner will receive a grand prize of a contract with Ford Models, a spread in *Elle* magazine, and a \$100,000 contract with CoverGirl. UPN's Tyra Banks produces the show.

On the past episode [October 13], the ladies are critiqued on their cat walking skills by the infamous Ms. J, "queen" of the cat walk and openly gay fashion diva, known for teaching top models how to strut their way on the cat walk. All the ladies have their terrible flaws, from Yaya putting too much of her dancing into her walk, to Jennipher's boyish, ungraceful stomp down the runway. Ms. J shares tips to help the ladies improve their walk. After the cat-walk instruction the ladies are surprised to find they are to walk later on that night in a Heatherette fash-

ion show. The women strut their stuff to perfection at the fashion show, except Norelle, the 19-year-old sales associate from California, who falls on her way down the catwalk. Early the next morning Ms. J

much about the shoot being topless, and all willingly agree to participate.

Later the women are judged on their performance at both the fashion show, with Heartherette and the topless



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announces Eva the winner of the runway competition. Her reward is an all day pampering on a yacht with two other women from the house.

The next morning the ladies receive some Tyra mail. The mail informs the women that later on that day they will pose in a group shot for Lee Jeans, wearing only Lee Jeans and nothing else, for a spread in *People* magazine. None of the ladies seem to care too

shoot for Lee Jeans. In the judging the girls are asked to wear skimpy pink hooker looking dresses and black heels two sizes too small to show off poise and walking ability. Kelle does the worst by nearly falling down upon entering and complaining about the pain the shoes cause to the judges. Toccara, the only plus size model in the group is given praise for her poise and beauty. Jennipher

is scorned for writing 'ANTM' on her buttocks and showing the judges by lifting her dress while walking away. Judge Nigel Barker specifically says "he has nothing positive to say," in referring to the peep show Jennipher has just given the panel. The judges continue to critique the women on their flaws and their best qualities. Kristi, a student from Missouri, is critiqued for her being too stiff and not being able to control her mouth and jaw in photo shoots. Yaya on the other hand is praised for her beautiful topless shot for Lee Jeans.

The last two up for elimination boils down to Jennipher and Kristi. In the end Kristi is chosen to go home due to the fact that she doesn't seem to want to win as much as the other girls, and her inability to control her mouth and jaw is not convincing to the judges. The women are excused and head back to their loft in the city, to await their next competition.

Tune in next week to see who makes big hits and misses. And what unlucky woman will be going back home, without the opportunity to become America's Next Top Model.

PV alumnae to star in empowering play

By Detorsha Brunson
Panther Staff

The Tamar Entertainment play "For Your Soul's Sake" will be staged Saturday, Oct. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 31 at the Heinen Theatre in Houston. The play will feature former Gilpin Players and Prairie View A&M University alumnae, Monet Wright and Crystal Stone.

"For Your Soul's Sake" is made up of seven different stories that offer insight into problems that seem ordinary, but create havoc in the lives of women. It is filled with messages of hope and was designed to empower women.

"It is really exciting to see," said Mary Wiley-Terry, writer and director of the play. "The most significant aspect of the play is that it educates while it entertains."

Tickets to the play are \$35 presale and \$40 at the door. Proceeds from the play will go towards scholarships at Prairie View A&M University, Kentucky State University, Tennessee State University and Texas Southern University. For more information, call (713) 942-9773.

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Book Review Honors
Thurgood Marshall

By Matthew Jackson
Panther Staff

Set your homecoming out Smiley Style...

Thurgood Marshall impacted our lives in every way imaginable. From the schools we attend, to the water fountains we drink from.

On Monday a Homecoming book review was held in the MSC Ballroom to honor him. The book reviewed was "Dream Makers, Dream Breakers: The World of Justice Thurgood Marshall."

The book chronicles the life of Thurgood Marshall from his childhood days in Baltimore, to his induction as the first African American to serve in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Though he has already changed our society for the better, some people still feel Marshall's impact on a more personal level.

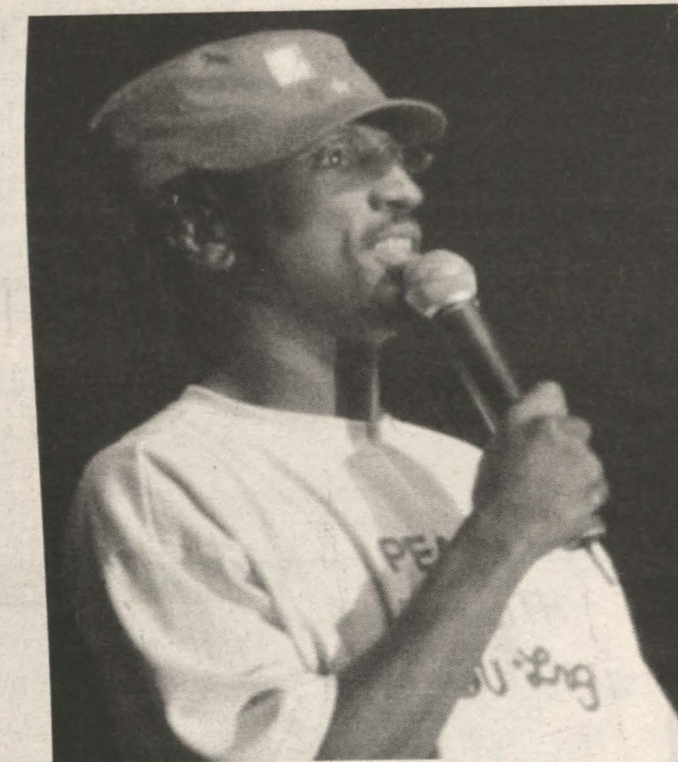
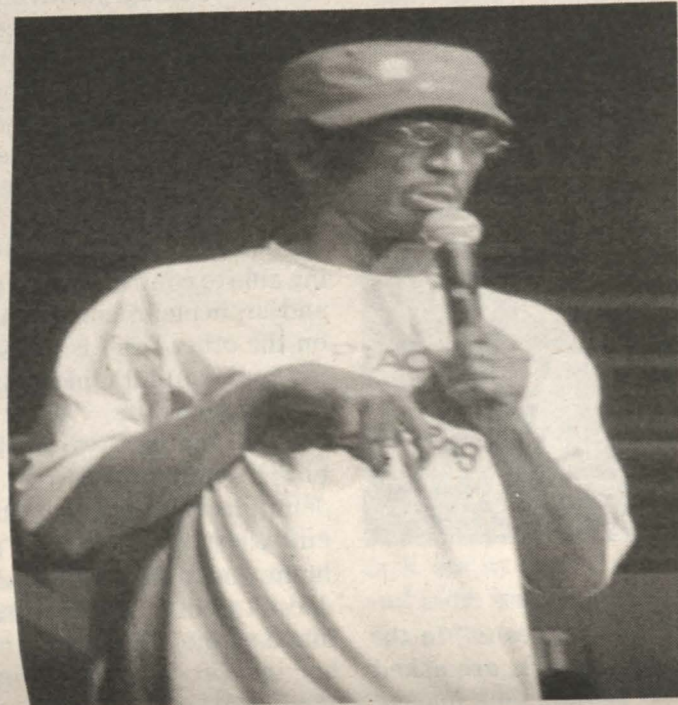
"He impacted my life in my early days in law school," said Ronald D. Server, an attorney-at-law, who was the main speaker at the review. "To see a person who looked like me gave me confidence that I could do the same thing."

Server helped shed light, during and after his review, on how people like Marshall risked their lives to help advance the rights of African American.

"You read about these cases like Brown vs. the Board of Education, but what most people don't know is that there was a lot of risk in doing what they were doing. There was a lot of danger. Those in power in the south saw people like Marshall as a threat."

Server hopes that by reviewing this book, and talking about the life of Thurgood Marshall, he can inspire the next generation at Prairie View to do their best.

"I would like to challenge the students here at PV to take advantage of the opportunities available to them right now. I want to challenge them just like I was challenged."



Photos by Marques Allen

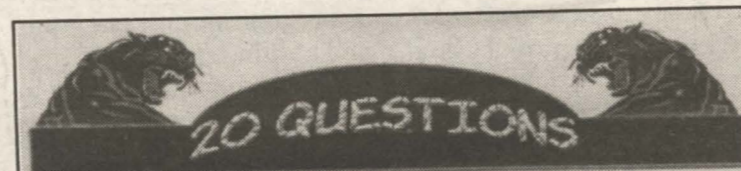
Comedian Ricky Smiley, also known as the host of BET's Comic View, kicked off Prairie View's homecoming Tuesday Night. Not only did he come prepared to strut with the brothers of Omega Psi Phi and share his hilarious talent, he also taught a positive lesson. He promoted unity among the Black race and challenged all to vote in the presidential election.



Panther Poetry Lounge

Games
By Kamikaze

Games, Games, Games
I don't like them
and I don't play them
It started out being a casual friendship
but then something changed
and it became more
Now I like you
I mean I really like you
It's almost love but
it's really not to that level yet
and you know how I feel about games
I don't like them
and I don't play them
Yet lately you have been trying to play them
I don't like it
but I do care about you
and you tell me the same
I know actions speak louder than words
Your actions now lead toward games
I don't like them
and I don't play them
games, games, games
However, do I care enough about you
to play the game?



1. Can we put shirts on lay-a-way in the bookstore?
2. How many freshmen thought their building was going to step at the homecoming stepshow?
3. Why is the only thing that PV can do on time is close?
4. What Alpha got punked this weekend?
5. Who got told off at the comedy show?
6. Who has duck tape holding up their car in Phase III?
7. Why was there a "Bring it On" session between the PALS and the pep squad at Saturday's football game?
8. Why are the PALS actually better than the pep squad?
9. Who stole a salad from the MSC?
10. Whose line sisters will be embarrassed to still see them on the yard at homecoming?
11. Why are the Ques still punking the Sigmas?
12. Who is the girl that got caught giving a "favor" in a car?
13. Doesn't she know the parking staff is multi-purpose?
14. Who had the MSC bathroom smelling like cat food? Shouldn't they have summer's eved it?
15. Who is glad Hendrick finally got his car fixed?
16. Why do people beg to make the 20 questions?
17. Is your life that boring and needy for attention?
18. Have you prayed lately?
19. What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the view of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail us at panther@pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

October 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday: Church @JPAFC 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Every Sunday: Poetry Night@ Paesanos 7 p.m.</p> <p>Every Sunday: "Change Clothes" @Club Hush 5 p.m.</p> <p>24th: Rho Chi Psi Campus Clean-Up @ 8 a.m.</p> <p>31st: Go To Church with the Pan Hellenic Council @JPAFC</p>	<p>25th: PVAMU Royal Court King and Queen's Banquet @MSC 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Every Tuesday: Gamma Phi Delta Bible Study @ JPAFC 7 p.m.-9 p.m.</p> <p>26th: Delta Sigma Theta Art & Dance Show- case @ Hobart 5 p.m.</p> <p>Delta Sigma Theta Artistic Program @ Hobart 7 p.m.</p> <p>Alpha Phi Alpha "Own Your Own" Seminar @ Library 7:05 p.m.</p>	<p>Every Wednesday: Sociology Club @Woolfolk 5 p.m.</p> <p>20th: Homecoming "Red Carpet Affair" (Coronation Ball & Reception) By Invita- tion Only @MSC 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>27th: UC Majors' Fair@ MSC 9 a.m.</p>	<p>21st: Homecoming Inflatable Carnival @ Hobart Taylor Field (East Lawn) 7 p.m.</p> <p>28th: CAB Haunted House @ MSC 10 a.m.</p> <p>Alpha Phi Sigma Fundraiser Auction @ Library 6 p.m.</p> <p>Alpha Phi Alpha Voting Seminar@ Banks 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sociology Club Poetry Night Fundraiser @ UVCI 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>22nd: Homecoming Mock Funeral/Bonfire/Pep Rally @ 5:30 p.m.- 7 p.m.</p> <p>Homecoming Concert featuring... To be announced@ Babydome 7 p.m.</p> <p>29th: BET College Tour @ Hobart 7 a.m.- 10 p.m.</p> <p>Phi Beta Sigma Lock- In to raise money for cancer@ New Gym 10 p.m.-8 a.m.</p>	<p>23rd: Homecoming Parade @ L.W. Minor Street 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.</p> <p>HOMECOMING GAME (PV vs. Lin- coln University) @ Blackshear Stadium 3 p.m.</p> <p>Stepshow Stamp Down @ Babydome 8 p.m.</p> <p>30th: CSO Social @ Stu- dent Park 2 p.m.</p> <p>Bee Luther Hatcee Theatre Production @ Little Theatre 8 p.m.</p>

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Tuesday, October 19, 2004,
Rickey Smiley @ Babydome 7p.m.



Wednesday, October 20, 2004,
“Red Carpet Affair” By Invitation Only @ MSC 7:30p.m.



Thursday, October 21, 2004,
Inflatable Carnival @ Hobart Taylor Field 7p.m.



Friday, October 22, 2004,
Mock Funeral/ Bonfire/ Pep Rally 5:30p.m. - 7p.m.
Concert featuring Ludacris @ Babydome 7p.m.



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PV vs. Lincoln University @ Blackshear Stadium 3p.m.
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