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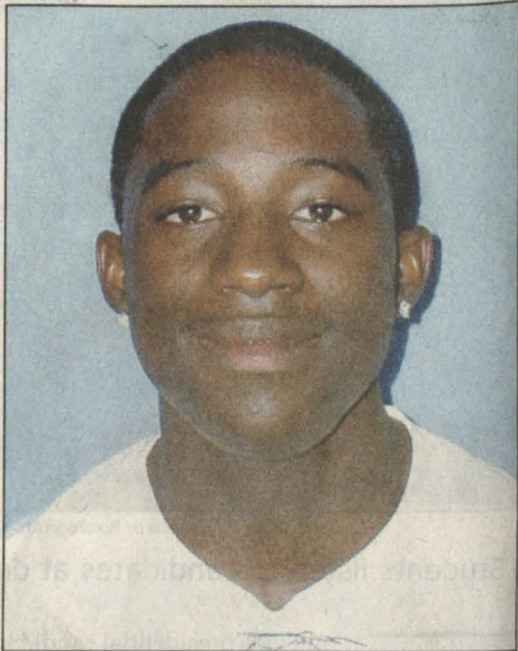
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# Gone, but fondly remembered Prairie View A&M community mourns loss of another Panther



Courtesy of the Office of Institutional Relations

**By Richard White**  
Editor in Chief

Prairie View A&M University is mourning the loss of freshman Nicholas A. Lane, a criminal justice major.

Lane, 18, was a resident in PVAMU's University College building 43. He died on Wednesday, March 25, from injuries he suffered in an accident in Kemp, Texas, during spring break.

Lane's community assistant, senior Andrew Williams, said, "He was a very cool young man, funny, athletic, liked to joke, and very respectful. He had a very bright future ahead of him. His other community assistant, senior Bruce Robinson said, "He stayed out of trouble, he was upbeat, and a very ideal resident. It was just sad to hear something like that happened to him."

This is the fourth student that the Prairie View community has lost this school year.

Last fall, Kristopher Bookman passed away in a car accident. On New Year's Day, Cameron Burleson passed away, and this semester Otis Spicer passed away before mid-terms due to a heart condition.

Memorial services for Lane are scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, at 2 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Kemp, Texas. For more details, please call (903) 498-0113.

Prairie View A&M University has numerous on-campus resources available to assist students, faculty and staff during these difficult times. The PVAMU Health & Counseling Services Center is located in the Owens-Franklin Health Center and can be reached at (936) 261-1403. There are also spiritual and religious centers that may be of assistance. The Dean of the Chapel is available at (936) 261-3590 for more information.

# Spring yard show brings in new members After weeks of secrecy, stress, and anxiety, students showcase their new memberships



By Evan White, The Panther



By Evan White, The Panther



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**It's been a long time, but I know change gon' come:** Each member of the spring probate stands loud and proud.

**By Richard White**  
Editor in Chief

Under the hot lights, along with DJ Guarantee and hundreds of others waiting in anticipation, the spring 2009 yard show, commonly known as "Probate," was held Monday.

The show was filled with shock, surprises, and tears of joy. A part of Campus Activities Board Spring Fest, Probate was the second day of activities.

Organizations that took in new members this semester were Kappa Delta Chi, Al-

pha Phi Omega, Kappa Kappa Psi, Sigma Gamma Rho, Omega Psi Phi, Sigma Lambda Beta, and Gamma Sigma Sigma.

The night before, a few organizations celebrated early by "carvanning" around campus.

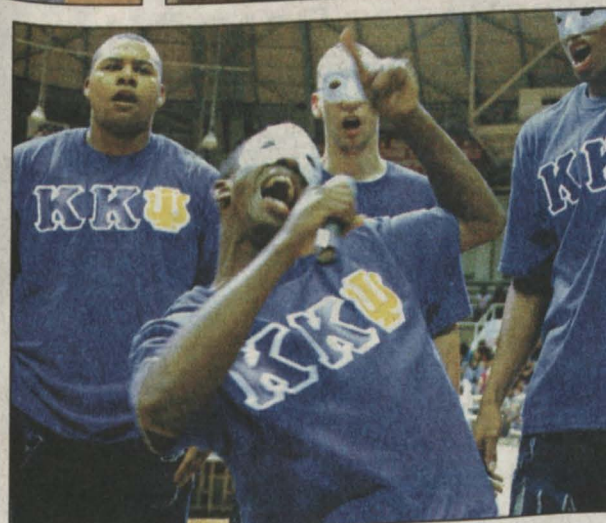
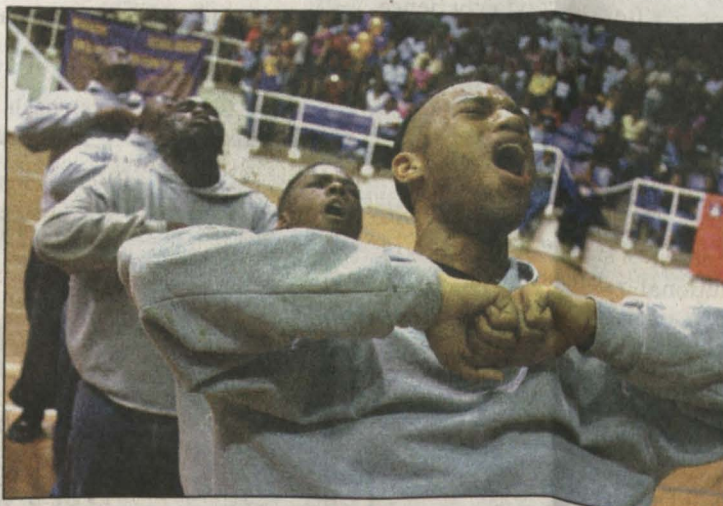
The yard show is when students who have been going through their respective organization's process in secrecy for weeks finally get the chance to show the school which organization they are a part of.

Senior Claudia Munoz crossed Kappa Delta Chi and said, "I felt very excited and very proud to have become a member of a Christian based sisterhood. It was the first time Kappa Delta Chi actually probated, so I want every-

one to receive us with an open mind since we are a Hispanic based organization."

Junior Kenneth Marshall said, "It was the best moment of my life showing everyone that I crossed Omega Psi Phi, there's nothing like it; it's the best organization there is."

The new members or "Neos" of each organization now take on a lifelong membership. After the show, a block party followed in the MSC parking lot. Freshman Nick Poirier said, "It was different, kind of long, but I enjoyed the show. It was like a history lesson, because everybody talked about when they were founded and things dealing with their organization."



All photos by Ronald Smith

## Administration reaches out to *The Panther*, student leaders

By Jerrell Allen  
Managing Editor

President George Wright spoke with members of *The Panther* staff, representatives of the Student Government Association, and several other students in a recent meeting, addressing some issues raised by a recent editorial published by the paper.

Several members of the administration including Miron Billingsley, associate vice president of student affairs, Laretta Byars, vice president for student affairs and institutional relations, and Sheleah Hughes, director of public relations were present.

Byars began the meeting, welcoming students and informing them that several members of the administration wanted to offer their peers an opportunity to voice some of their opinions and concerns. Some students said that they felt students lacked interaction with students. Others said they felt more transparency in the way the administration performed their duties.

"There are some legal issues with information we can disclose," explained President Wright. He stated that many of the concerns which had recently come to his attention had never really been brought to him before. "Sometimes there is a culture of silence which makes it difficult. I challenge you to give me an example of when a student asked about something and I did nothing

about it."

Wright said he felt sometimes students and faculty suffered from feeling that they were owed something. "Honestly, one of the problems at Prairie View is that a lot of people have a sense of entitlement."

The president agreed that some of the criticism that had been aimed against him was valid, but said, "There are some strengths of mine...one of the greatest of which is my one-on-one interactions with students." He wanted students to know that there are problems which he could find solutions for, but there was nothing he could do if he knew nothing about them. "If the students don't contact us, we cannot help them."

Wright said that much of what he did was behind-the-scenes work which make great contributions to Prairie View. In addition to overseeing the upcoming university SACS accreditation, he advocates for policies which will benefit students at the state legislature and has outlined a number of goals for the future of Prairie View.

Among the changes he wants to implement are improving contact between faculty and students, changing the image of Prairie View in a positive way, enriching students' lives by providing them with unique cultural experiences, and training a new generation for leadership roles.

"I like to encourage people and I don't want anyone to feel uncomfortable speaking to me," concluded Wright, also saying that he planned to make himself available for the student body in the future.

## KAPsi hosts blood drive with blood bank

By Richard White  
Editor in Chief

The Zeta Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi teamed up with the Gulf Coast Blood Bank to sponsor a blood drive in front of the MSC on Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Veronica Esparza, supervisor of the Brazos Valley Blood Center, was on hand to assist anyone who wanted to donate a pint of blood. "It's important to donate, there is always a great need of blood, double reds, plasma or whole blood. People who use this blood are burn victims, cancer victims, and people who are in accidents. I have been doing this for 16 years and I enjoy seeing the number of people willing to donate and participate," said Esparza.

The drive was open to

whomever was able to donate. Giving blood is another way of giving life due to its constant need.

After the blood is given, it is taken to Houston and processed. The process is a check for cholesterol, HIV, syphilis, hepatitis, and West Nile virus. After that the blood is put on the shelves to be used.

Senior computer engineering technology major Elliot Hobbs said, "I've never given blood before, but I always wanted to do it. Every time they come around I'm always getting a tattoo. Since I had the chance I took it."

Financial aid counselor Gloria Armstrong took time out of her busy day to donate. "I donate to save lives. My mother just passed and they would give her blood all the time, so I see the importance of it. I'm just giving back," said Armstrong.

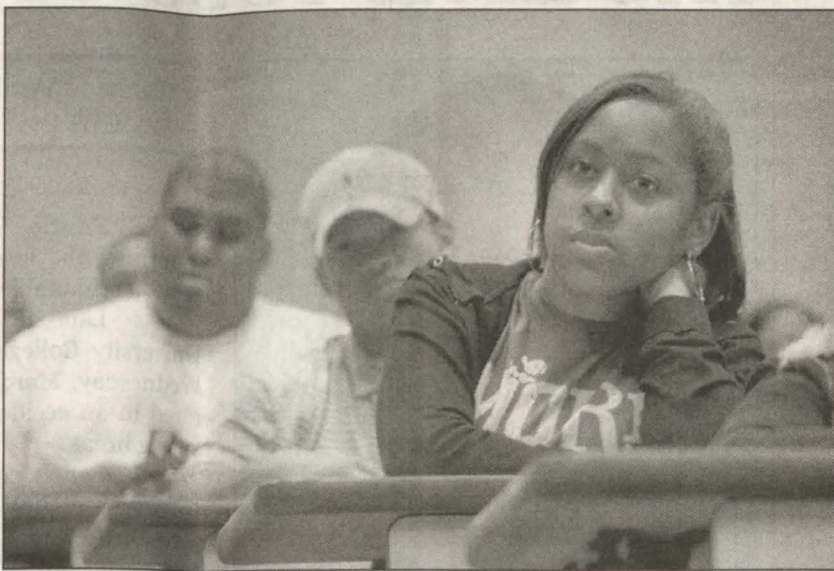
Overall for the day, the Prairie View community contributed 47 pints of blood.



By Perry Osborne, The Panther

Save a life: Theodora Holloway donates blood at Monday's drive.

## SGA candidates inform students at election debate



All photos by Ronald Smith, The Panther

New promises: Students listen to candidates at debate.

By Alyssa Rhodes  
Panther Intern

The Student Government Association held its annual presidential candidate debate Thursday, giving students the chance to hear the platforms of their presidential

and vice presidential candidates.

The candidates informed the student body of what they think are the most important issues to be addressed this upcoming year, and explain their platforms in depth. Aida Fall and Stephanie Guity, the event's commentators opened the debate by giving brief introductions of all four candidates.

Junior Robert Powell and senior Kenneth Grimes are this year's

## Students travel to graduate schools

By Richard White  
Editor in Chief

Last weekend, five students traveled across the country to get more information on graduate programs and professional schools.

Juniors Leslie Hernandez, Ravonne Jones and Chasity Long visited the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education Diversity Weekend.

"It was an awesome experience, I was treated well; it didn't last long enough. I do plan to get my master's in education leadership. I'm still researching on the school I want to go to, but UPenn stands out in my mind," said Long.

Seniors Jasmine Parker and Johnie Jones III toured University of Kentucky's Martin School of Public Policy and Administration

"It was a good experience, they laid out the red carpet for us. They were super excited about the pipeline from Prairie View to Kentucky to aid in their diversity initiative. I can really see myself going there for grad school," said Jones.

Dr. Laretta Byars, vice president of student affairs and institutional relations, said, "There are so many opportunities for our students. We want them to see exactly what they are, whether it's continuing their education or being developed as a professional."

## Ladies encouraged to enjoy single life

By Shuntia Wheeler  
Panther Staff

Gamma Sigma Sigma presented, "All My Single Ladies" March 23 in the UC Movie Theater.

The seminar focused on single ladies and the challenges many of them encountered while pursuing their education. Kimberly Michelle Gay, a reference and instruction librarian at the J.B. Coleman Library served as the keynote speaker for the freshmen.

Gay spoke about on-campus life for young women, as well as the changes and challenges that many of them encounter, especially freshmen.

She spoke about the hardships of dating and the things that take place while in or out of a relationships. She pointed out struggles young women face when they are labeled as friends, but yet things take place in the friendship between a young lady and young man that prove to be more than just an innocent friendship.

Gay called on each young

presidential candidates, while junior Latoya Wolfe along with sophomore Trent Johnson are running for vice president. With platforms ranging from accountability to raising student morale, each candidate had different ideas and diverse ways of approaching their questions.

Each candidate got the opportunity to answer a general question given by the commentators, and had three minutes to address it. The questions ranged from ideas concerning bridging the gap between students and administrators, programs that have been implemented by the candidates and why they feel they are best for the job.

"Trent and Latoya both raised valid points," said sophomore Michael Love. "I was proud of the way each of them handled their questions."

Since everyone on the panel was a member of the SGA many times the candidates were able to break down how SGA's legislation is run, so that the students had a better idea of what goes on internally. "I was happy to hear some of the candidates talk about what the senate does apart from the e-board," said freshman Miley Johnson.

In the last phase of the debate, the student body interacted with each candidate and directed their questions to the person they wanted to answer it. The big question that seemed to get everyone's attention was one that referred to SGA recently being in *The Panther*. The candidates for the most part agreed with what had been said, and all took responsibility for the views that were expressed.

At this year's presidential debate, students came to better their opinions on who they will be voting for, and left with an understanding of what each candidate wants to bring to the table and to their campus. Voting will be April 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the MSC foyer and on Panthertracks.

lady to distinguish between "we're just friends" or "friends with benefits."

Challenging the young women to stay true to themselves by respecting themselves, she opened up her discussion with a question, "what makes you feel powerful and needed?"

She asked every young woman in the audience to devote an hour of their time to themselves.

"Many times we women we make time for everyone else but ourselves. It is now time that we learn that we need to take care of us, first and foremost," said Gay.

She advised young women to be their own persons and be punctual in taking care of their business.

"You are single all your life, and before a man can enter into your life you must know what you want, who you are, and what you stand for. The oldest saying in the book still holds true today, "stand for something or fall for anything," said Gay.

Alicia Carr, a junior biology major and member of Gamma Sigma Sigma, is an aspiring doctor diligently working toward her goals while attending Prairie View. She closed the session, challenging all the single ladies to distinguish between friendships with guy friends.

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## Oropeza sentenced for drug trafficking

Associated Press

from the narcotics since 2002.

Oropeza and his wife, Tina Marie, were arrested on May 31, 2007, in Saraland, Ala., where authorities said they found about 84 kilograms of cocaine in a hidden compartment in their van.

Federal agents investigating the family found that the drugs were placed in the van's hidden compartments in Matamoros, Mexico, and then driven across the bridge into Brownsville by another family member.

Prosecutors said Oscar Oropeza would collect \$700,000 to \$1 million per trip after the delivery and was paid \$1,300 per kilogram transported.

Oropeza was sentenced to 15-year concurrent terms for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana and cocaine, possession with intent to distribute 84 kilograms of cocaine and conspiracy to launder money.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas - A Brownsville man accused of participating in a smuggling ring with his family was sentenced Monday to 15 years in prison for drug trafficking and money laundering.

A federal judge imposed the sentence for Oscar Oropeza, 47. He is the third member of the Oropeza family to be sentenced in connection with a drug operation that authorities say moved cocaine and marijuana from Mexico to Alabama and Florida every two to three weeks.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas said the Oropeza family had obtained about \$5 million in proceeds

## Browning charged for child support

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. - Jail records show Cincinnati Reds minor league pitching coach Tom Browning has been charged with nonpayment of child support.

Browning was drafted by the Reds in 1982. After two years in the minors, he was called up in September 1984. He spent 12 years in the majors, going 123-90 with a 3.94 ERA.

In 2006, the Reds invited Browning to spring training as a special instructor.

Browning was being held on \$99,008.36 bail.

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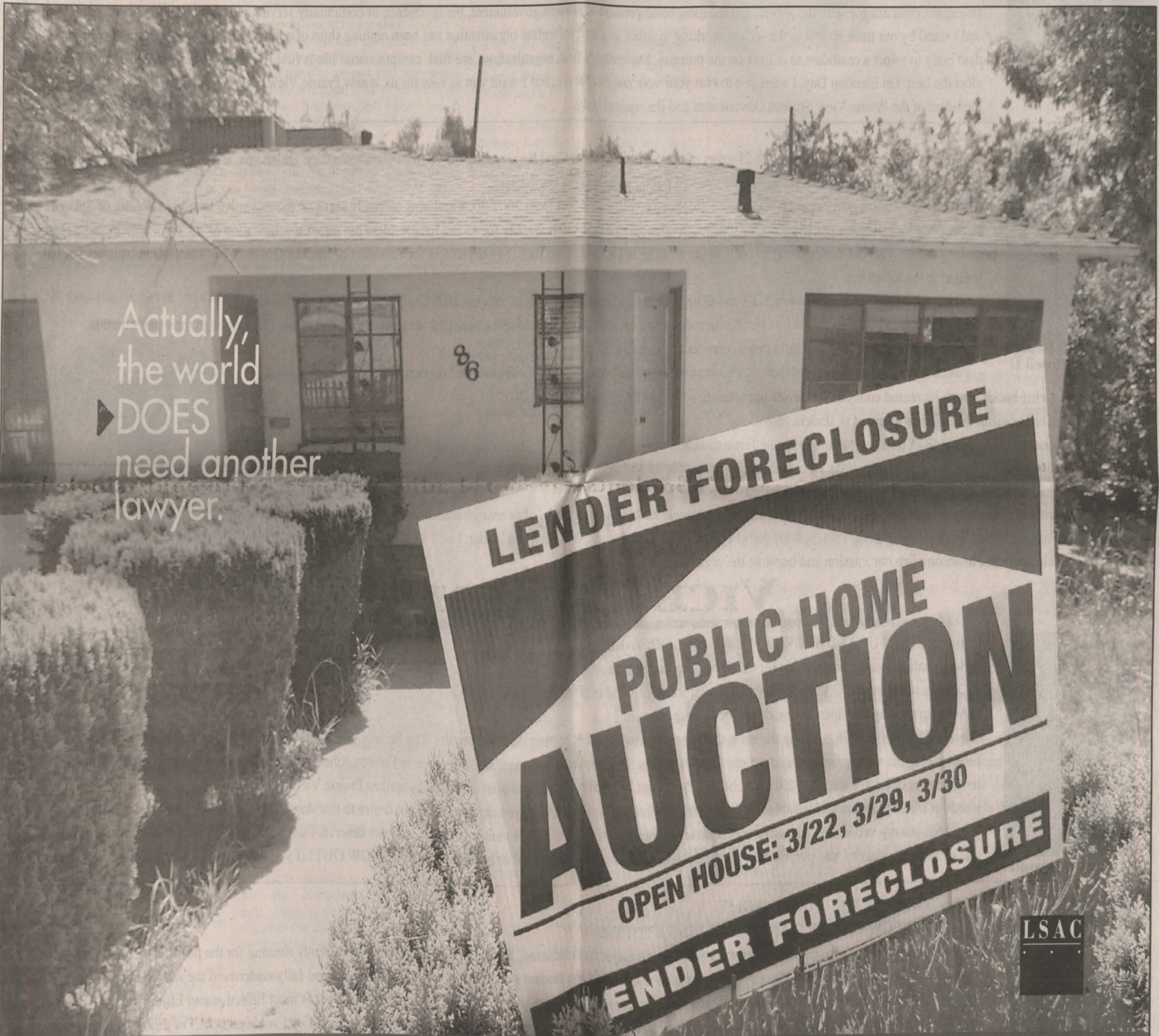


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# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## 2009 - 2010 CANDIDATES

### VOTE APRIL 7, 2009

## PRESIDENT



Kenneth C. Grimes Jr.

Delivering on the Promise for Tomorrow

The Prairie View student body has reached as very unique juncture amongst its diverse student body. The student body has been somewhat isolated in an era of economic down turn, increases in college related fees, and a cavalcade of social issues. As the current Vice President of this government; I feel that I must sacrifice not only my time; but offer the most basic remedy, great leadership. My main focus is to be the staunchest advocate for the many different peoples that make up this great student union. My name is Kenneth KC Grimes Jr. and I am running for SGA President. Moreover; we have had a trail period here at Prairie View; which could be described as lackluster leadership and performance at best. There will no longer be a time in our student history that this government will be unorganized, failing to communicate with the public, and the most basic premise of student government, being absence of community servitude. I stand behind my credentials; and I stand by our track record in the senate; working together as a true collegiate organization has been nothing short of a glory road. Now is the time for the student body to select a candidate to deliver on the promise. Students are first, organizations are first, campus social life is first. With all of these firsts, now is time to elect the best. On Election Day, I want you to cast your vote not just for me, but I want you to vote for us, a new Prairie View. Vote Kenneth K.C. Grimes Jr; for President of the Prairie View Student Government and the student body.



Robert A. Powell II

Greetings,

My name is Robert A. Powell II, and at 21 years of age I am a third year Civil Engineering major from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Upon graduating in May of 2010, I plan to pursue graduate studies in the areas of public policy and/or engineering.

I have served student government association as sophomore class president from 2007-2008 and now currently serve on the executive board as Director of Special Events. My longstanding participation in student government does not solely qualify me to run for president but rather a culmination of my involvement and a clear understanding what the student body expects helps to make me a viable candidate. My objectives for President of Student Government Association includes but not limited to the following:

- "Bridge the Gap" overall between SGA and alumni, students, senate, commuters, other branch campuses and administration.
- Increase overall campus moral by offering incentives and investing monies into spirit gear that students are able to receive free through their participation.
- Instill ethics within SGA and hold every member accountable for their duties.
- Push for students to go beyond their "comfort zone" through internships, study abroad, and opportunities outside of school.

- Emphasize giving back through increased community service opportunities beyond Panthers at Work (PAW).

- Build alumni relationship through involvement in student activities.

- Push for student involvement in SGA business starting with the freshman class.

- Provide students with accessible database that links all organizations with students and allow voting, joining organizations, event, and activity awareness from one central location. Thus improves communications, increases efficiency, and is more organized.

If given the humble opportunity to become your future SGA president, I will seek the best possible team of executive members to ensure that the organization shall be run effectively and serve as an accurate representation for what the general student body wants regardless of my personal opinion. As a leader, I will work to influence others through providing purpose, direction, and motivation while operating to accomplish our mission and improve the organization.

## VICE PRESIDENT



Trenton Johnson

Platform: SHOW UP AND SHOW OUT... WE ARE THE YARD!

- Hold student leaders accountable for their positions and promises
- Create a transparent SGA, students should be informed of what is going on
- Assist in making our financial aid department more efficient

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over, and expecting different results. The Senate, under direction of the Vice President for years, has been making the same promises, and yet our campus yearns for immediate improvement. My name is Trenton Johnson (Trent J) and I am running for SGA Executive Vice President for the 2009-2010 school year. My motif in all of my ideas and goals for SGA as well as Prairie View A&M University is "efficiency." In the words of Barack Obama, "the people will judge you on what you build not what you destroy." I do not desire to tear down the institutions in which are already in place, but use my knowledge and skills to restructure, revamp, and reorganize in a manner that PV students deserve. I am a leader that understands my position is one of service, integrity, and purpose. It's time elect someone that is willing to not only SHOW UP, but SHOW OUT! If you want it done the right way, Vote Trent J!



LaToya L. Wolfe

Slogan: VOTE FOR THE BIG BAD WOLFE:

"BLOWING DOWN THE OLD AND REBUILDING WITH THE NEW"

My name is LaToya L. Wolfe. I am a junior criminal justice major from Houston, Texas. I need your vote. I'm currently running for the position of SGA Vice-President 2009-2010. I have had the opportunity to sit as a senator in the student senate for two years and observe and fully understand the way the organization is suppose to operate. I strongly believe the student senate has the sole obligation of serving YOU the student body in the most Effective and Efficient way. We are a legislative body of fellow students that oversee policies that govern the general population, as well as, serve as the official voice on behalf of those who have been for so long voiceless. Let me be your VOICE!

Two main concerns: The Senate and the Student Body

Goals for Student Government Association:

- Strengthen the infrastructure of the SGA as a whole.

- HOLD THE SENATORS liable FOR THEIR DUTIES TO THE STUDENT BODY AND THE SGA CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES

Goals for the Student Body:

- Involvement: Encourage more student PARTICIPATION in campus organizations (e.g. Student Government Association).
- Knowledge: Increase accessibility of the SGA officials to ensure a more fluid communication between the Administration and general Student Body.
- Results: Guarantee that the student voice is not just heard by administration but action takes place as well.

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**Tennis teams compete in SWAC West-West Challenger; men go on road to play against tough Southern Methodist**

By Richard White and Lionel Mosby Jr.  
Editor in Chief and Sports Editor

The Prairie View men's and women's tennis teams traveled to Baton Rouge, La. for the SWAC West vs. West Challenger tournament. This tournament determined the seeding for the conference tournaments. The Lady Panthers qualified for the tournament, although the men missed the tournament this year for the first time in six years.

Coming into the tournament, the women automatically qualified because Arkansas-Pine Bluff was short handed, having six girls instead of eight. The women still fought hard, as the Ladies went undefeated in all their matches. Against Southern, they found more of a challenge as they lost the doubles point in both matches, 8-2. In singles play Munashe Makuni was the only Panther who earned the team's singles point as she took down her competition 6-2, 6-1.

The men showed up, but struggled and couldn't pull through. Against UAPB, they lost the doubles point, but in singles play both Kudakwashe Nyatoti and Jose Garcia put an end to their opponents. Next was Southern and the men found more success but still struggled. They swept doubles play, but Nyatoti was the only Panther to earn a point during singles play.

After a rough SWAC West

vs. West Challenger the women's team rested while the men traveled to Dallas to square up with Southern Methodist University. "They were very consistent", said Coach John Cochran, Jr. of SMU, "They were more crisp, they didn't make many mistakes, and they were just better this week."

The Panthers fell to the Mustangs in every doubles and singles match, but they definitely didn't lie down for the SMU squad. Jose Chavez and Chris Jordan had the best performances as they both pushed their opponents. Chavez came on strong in his second set with Robin Fahgen after falling 6-0 in the first. "SMU dictated the match, but after Josh settled down and got confident he took off," said Cochran. Chavez eventually fell in the second set 6-4.

Jordan's match was also exciting as he battled with Adham el-Effendi throughout the first set. Both men played excellent and were tied at six games apiece going into the seven-point tiebreaker. Unfortunately, Jordan lost the tiebreaker 7-3 and the match 7-6 (3), 6-1. "I told all the guys to go out and play hard, because we didn't want to end the year on a bad note," said Cochran, "I think they did that, but we just ran into a better squad."

As for the Lady Panthers, they will be working diligently to bring home the SWAC title from Alexandrai, La. while the men will continue to work hard and keep improving until the regular season ends.

**Panthers invite TSU to "The Hill" for weekend series**

By Lionel Mosby Jr.  
Sports Editor

The Prairie View A&M baseball team invited Texas Southern to town for a weekend series March 28 and 29 at the William "Billy" J. Nicks Athletic Complex.

The Panthers grabbed the first game 5-4, but fell to the Tigers in the following two games.

The first game of the weekend series, on March 28, also marked the first game of the double header between the two friendly Texas rivals. The Tigers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the third inning on two hits, while PVAMU rallied in the bottom of the inning to take the lead 3-2. From then on the two teams traded runs in the top and bottom of the following inning to leave the game tied at 4-4 going into the bottom of the seventh. The first batter up, John Villapando was hit by a pitch and allowed to reach first base for free. One wild pitch and fielder's choice later, Villapando found himself standing on home plate and a PV victory.

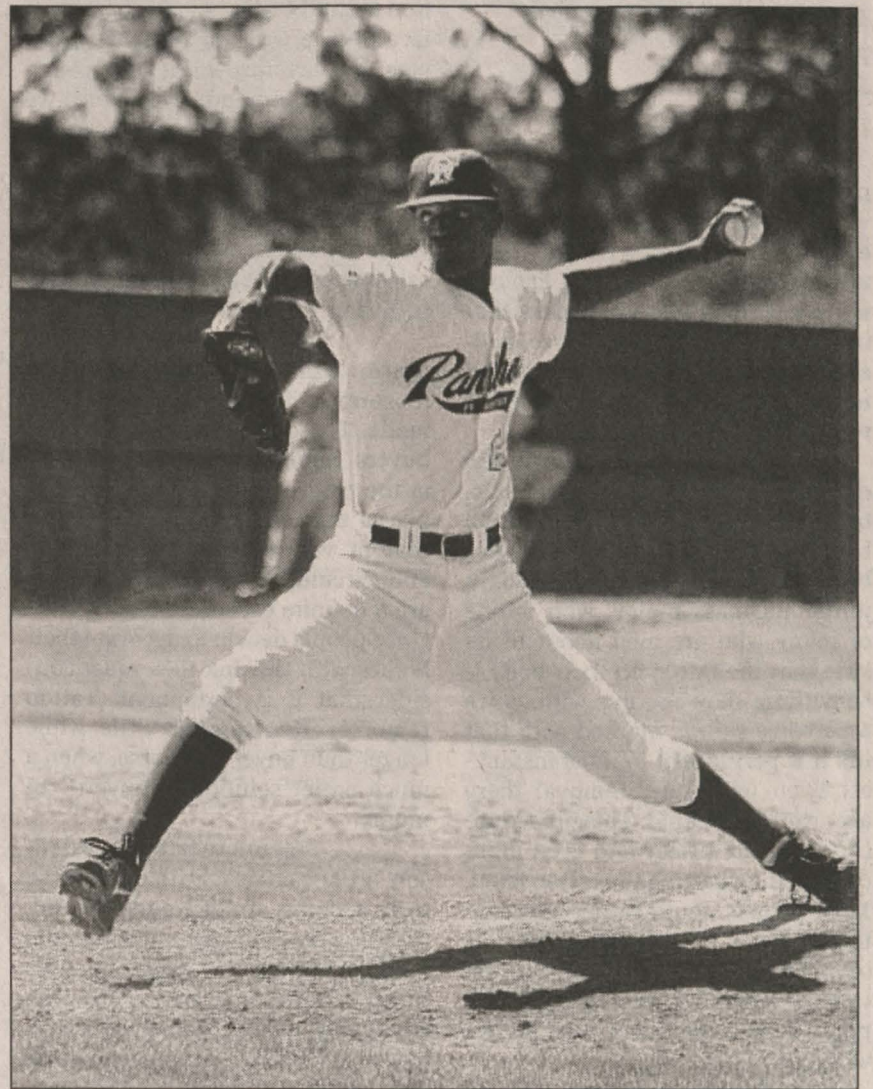
The win was short lived as the Panthers had to prepare themselves for the second of the two games. Outstanding pitching from both sides left the score knotted up at 1-1 and caused the game to extend to a couple extra innings. Going into the top of the ninth inning Prairie View's pitching had been nearly perfect, but TSU brought in two runs from second and third base with one out to take the victory 3-1.

Sunday brought the rubber match between the teams as they both took a game in the preceding double header. Unfortunately, PVAMU couldn't cool down the hot Tigers' bats as they poured in eight

runs in the second inning, three runs in the fifth, four in the seventh, and a total of 16 for the contest while the Panthers could only produce six after providing four in the bottom of the second. Assisting the Texas Southern bats was the fielding of the Panthers as they accumulated four errors during the last game. Though

the Prairie View team won only one of the three games, they will have to relieve themselves when they travel to TSU later on in the regular season.

The Panthers now prepare to take the Bears of Baylor in Waco, Texas and the Southern Jaguars in Baton Rouge, La.



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**No baby steps:** Brandon Kendricks and the PVAMU pitching squad revealed the good and the bad during the TSU series.

**Track teams show up and show out in PV Relays**



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**On your mark:** The Panthers really jumped out of the gate.

By Lionel Mosby Jr.  
Sports Editor

The PVAMU men's and women's track teams competed in the Hoover Wright-Barbara Jacket Relays, also known as the PV Relays, on Saturday, March 28. TSU, Wiley, and a couple unattached runners competed while some high



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**Jump, jump:** The PV men got up high in the high jump.

school teams also ran. The meet was very well attended with many parents, alumni, and fans showing their support for PV, TSU, Wiley, and the plethora of high school athletes.

On the women's side, Alexis Tanner ran away with the 100-meter hurdles while LaQuita Alexander posted a time of 25.88 to take home the individual 200 meter dash. Corinna Brown represented PV well with her first place finish in the 400-meter hurdles as well as Jellissa Phillips, who placed first in the 800 meter run. Prairie View's women relay teams also ran well as they ended the 4x100 and 4x400 meter runs with teams placing first and second in the event. Chanelle Parks killed the competition with her time of 12.48 in the 100-meter run. The ladies of PVAMU placed first in the shot put, high jump, and the long jump.

On the men's side of things, the Panthers came out the gates strong, placing first in the 110 meter hurdles, the 400 meter run, the 800 meter run, and the 1500 meter run. They placed teams in the first and second spots on the podium for the 4x400 and the 4x800 meter relays. Johnny Piggee grabbed the first place nod in the discus throw while other Panthers followed him with strong performances in all the other field events.

Both teams will now prepare for the Texas Relays in Austin where they will run on Thursday, March 2.



UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA Lafayette

**Minority Doctoral Fellowships Awarded at UL Lafayette**

Four Louisiana Board of Regents / Southern Regional Education Board Minority Doctoral Fellowships were recently awarded to outstanding doctoral students at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Fellows were selected in a competitive process from the eligible doctoral disciplines of Applied Language and Speech Sciences, Cognitive Science, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Environmental and Evolutionary Biology, and Mathematics. Fellows receive an annual \$20,000 stipend and waiver of tuition and most fees. The Fellows and their faculty mentors participate in the annual SREB Institute on Teaching and Mentoring. Eligible students are encouraged to apply for assistantships and fellowships at UL Lafayette. Please visit <http://gradschool.louisiana.edu> to learn more about the graduate programs, assistantships, and fellowships offered at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

**Congratulations to the awardees!**

The Fellows weigh in on their experiences as Doctoral Fellows.

**Marlene Burke**

Field of Study: Cognitive Science / Cognitive Linguistics / Psycholinguistics  
Undergraduate University: Saint Mary's College - California  
"I've learned that the only person who can convince you that you can't do something is yourself. If you believe in yourself, then others will also."

**Warnesha Calais**

Field of Study: Cellular & Developmental Biology  
Undergraduate University: Louisiana State University  
"The [Institute] not only allows students to network but also allows us to learn more about different aspects of graduate life, from having confidence in yourself and your work to writing proposals and applying for jobs. . . . I like the diversity of UL Lafayette's graduate school."

**Suraida Nanez-James**

Field of Study: Estuarine Ecology  
Undergraduate University: Texas A&M University - Galveston  
Graduate University: Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi  
"The SREB program provides more than just the funds for my education; it provides the necessary professional training and mentoring support needed to successfully complete my Ph.D."

**Tyler Olivier**

Field of Study: Biological Science  
Undergraduate University: Louisiana State University  
"The Minority Fellows Program is focused on your success. Everyone involved is working to help you complete your degree program and provide the support every graduate student needs. The Institute is inspirational and allows you to meet people who are working toward similar goals."

# Why I dont have tattoos...

Students give reason why their body is ink-free

By Ebony Sowell  
Panther Staff

Society makes it so that people have plenty of choices. If we don't like our hair we can dye it, cut it, add extensions and do much more to alter it. If we don't like our spouse we can simply declare that our "differences" are "irreconcilable." If we hate our job we quit. Not many things have to be permanent if we do not want them to be.

Tattoos are among the few exceptions. "I plan to get a tattoo after I'm 21 because by that time I'll be a man and I'll know what I've been through," says Leroy Cook, a junior business major, who is one of many who are avid about being sure that the tattoo on their body is something they can live with. Once a person's skin is marked with that ink it is permanent in most instances. Even with laser removal there are scars left behind. This procedure can get quite pricey and even more painful than getting the tattoo itself. Most people would rather cover up their tattoos than remove them. It often seems like the easiest solution to what often becomes a regret for many people who mark their bodies with permanent ink.

People who get tattoos sometimes develop "tattoo remorse," similar to buyer's remorse. We see thousands of commercials while viewing our routine programs that scream, "Buy Me! Buy Me Now."

When we are at home the temptation is mild but as soon as we come face to face with the enticing products that are thrown at us through various forms of advertisement, we often find it hard to resist any longer. When the products are in reach we often come up with at least 101 reasons why we need them. The television commercials, billboards, and sales reps have already collaborated to give us the other 899 reasons.

Once we make that purchase we often come up with 1,000 more oppositions to the purchase we made. The only difference between buyers' remorse and tattoo remorse is the return policy. There are few places that will not accept returns that fit within certain stipulations and circumstances. Tattoo parlors are a definite exception to that rule. Once people decide to decorate their bodies with this ink they must consider that it is permanent. Tattoo remorse often takes a little while longer than buyer's remorse, when a much easier solution to buyers' remorse.

Sophomore Trenton Johnson, is one person who does not wish to be a victim of this trend. He said, "To me personally it's not worth the money. The money that one uses to get a tattoo can be put towards something more productive, like a business venture." Some people are tight with their money and want to make every cent count.

Many people claim that their religious beliefs are to blame for their unblemished temple. Kyle Maronie, a Student Government

Association member also feels this way. "I don't have tattoos because of my religious beliefs...I feel that marking your body is ruining your temple."

The question is not "Will God love you any more if you do not mark your body?" The question should be "Will God love you any less if you do?" Religions can get kind of tricky when it comes to obedience and punishment for disobedience. The majority of Prairie View A&M University students are Christians, and Christians believe that salvation comes from faith and not from works. Is this fair to the avid Christians who do not mark their bodies and in fact refrain from most "unchristian-like" behavior? With tattoos being so trendy, credit must be given to those who are able to withstand and not give in because everyone else is doing it. Especially, if their reasons for not doing it are religion based.

Some people just don't believe it's necessary to go through the pain and trouble. Some things may seem completely justifiable to one person and the same exact thing pointless to the next. "I don't have any tattoos because I believe I was given a mind to create my expression rather than paint my body," says Orok Orok, student activities coordinator.

One must truly wonder if it is necessary to go to such extreme measures, being that tattoos are permanent, and when there are so many other outlets that allow us to channel our creativity.

## BEHIND THE SCENES: MAKING OF THE PANTHER DOLLS

By Richard White  
Editor In Chief

To the cadence of a repeated eight count, the Panther Dolls cycle through their floor routine until its perfected.

Under the direction of Advisor Pamela Thomas, scheduling coordinator for Student Activities, captain and co-captain seniors Vorce Batts and Tammy Arrington, the Panther Dolls move to their own beat. The team consists of 12 members, five seniors, one sophomore and junior, and five freshmen. The ladies practice three days a week, for two and a half hours. Sometimes that amount is exceeded and stretched to four days a week for three hours due to consecutive home games throughout the week. They started practice in the fall, and whenever the basketball season has a home game, they take center stage.

Batts says, "On a regular practice day its fun, fast-paced, and energetic. We go through stretches, crunches, go through the routines with counts, move on to perfecting stand routines, and end practice with a chat or update of the week." Batts has been with the team for two years, and has been captain since August. She said, "What I love most is just dancing, period. We get to perform every week, and entertain the audience with different dances, music, and costumes. I enjoy the team as well, we really get along."

The Panther Dolls began in 1990 under Thomas. Thomas said, "It started with 20 girls, all

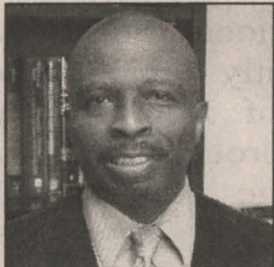
classifications. They served as entertainment at the basketball games. It was boring to watch the team do shoot outs during halftime. They were designed to do all types of dances, jazz, hip-hop, ballet, funk, modern, not a specific focus on one genre. I had the cheerleaders and Panther Dolls for five years, and then I had to quit the program. Over the years the program changed hands, and just recently it fell back into my hands. Our goal is to have a classy squad. In the constitution, they take on the responsibility to uphold grades, attitude, leadership, and appearance because they reflect the university. I want them to be role models, and do more than dance."

The plans for the future are to start a mentor program with girls in area middle and high schools. Thomas stressed, "If they don't have good attitudes, they can't teach anybody. We want to teach them how to become young ladies." As a partnership, the young ladies will perform at a basketball game here on campus.

Out with an injury was freshman marketing and management informational systems major Jalicja Price. Down but not out, Price enjoys the energy the team brings. "We're all close, we came back two weeks early from winter break, and from that a sisterhood formed. I plan on being on the team next year. It has taught me teamwork, sacrifice, getting along with others, commitment, and discipline. Ms. Thomas is like a mother to us."

Although the season has ended, the Panther Dolls aren't done dancing. Thomas advises anyone interested in becoming a Panther Doll, "It's mandatory to have a dance background, there's no way you can do this without experience." Tryouts for next year's team will be Tuesday, April 7, in the MSC ballroom at 6 p.m.

## Psychologically Speaking



By Dr. Louis Anderson  
Panther Contributor

### Misery

Misery is a state to unhappiness, suffering, or despair. Misery is the polar opposite of happiness. Unlike happiness, misery requires very little effort. In fact it is so easy to become miserable that some people believe that most of us are hard-wired from birth to be miserable people. I do not believe that we are hard wired at birth or born to be miserable. At the same time, I cannot ignore that there is evidence to suggest that with very little effort we often make ourselves feel miserable.

Observe the joy in young children. In your observations, you may notice that the quantity and quality of joy among children far exceeds that of most adults. Sadness, depression, and misery seem more prevalent among adults than among children. I do not believe that misery occurs by accident. Nor do I believe that the environment or people make us feel a certain way. To a large degree we unwittingly choose to be miserable.

Events and situations trigger emotional reactions. Furthermore, being exposed to miserable people influences our emotional state. We may choose to interpret events and situations in ways that are helpful or harmful to our emotional well-being. It is human to feel, but we can choose how we process, interpret, think about or react to events that affect us. Thus our interpretations and beliefs have a lot to do with determining our state of misery. Your goal is to master your emotions and not be victimized by them. If we are mindful of that one goal then we would defeat misery and concentrate on our happiness.

There are a number of coping strategies that can be used to prevent misery from taking hold. First when you encounter a situation or an event examine the feelings that are associated with that event. Write down your feelings. Determine if these feelings are typical indicators that you desire things to be better. If so, then you are doing fine. There is cause for concern, though, when these feelings persist into thoughts such as:

- Why do these things only happen to me?
- I must be doomed for life.
- Nothing good ever goes my way.
- I must be an awful person.
- It will not get better.
- I am getting too old to make these sorts of fatal mistakes.
- How unjust life is for me.
- This ought not happen to me.
- What have I done to deserve this - it does not happen to anyone but me.

If you discover that you consistently make statements such as the ones listed above then you are going down the road to misery. Words such as doomed, only, unjust, never, must, ought, deserve, are unconditional, stable, negative and limiting. These words and associated statements operate like quicksand, as they allow you to stay stuck in emotions and patterns that limit you and your experience of happiness. If you are stuck, then you are not making a healthy choice. Thus, choose thoughts that enhance your life experiences.

In summary realize that misery is a choice. Reexamine thoughts that are associated with your experiences. Determine how limiting your thoughts are. If these thoughts are the cause of unhappiness then work to counteract them.

"The greatest problem in life comes not so much from the situations we confront as from our doubts about our ability to handle them." -Susan Taylor

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# And the nominees are...

## PV Choice Awards

### Best Male Vocalist Nominees

Michael Dixon  
Nicol Williams  
Ryan "Rudy" Knight  
Jeremy St. Julian

### Dean

Lewter  
Quddus  
Harris  
Yates

### Senior

DeMarcus Bumpers  
Charli Cooksey  
Jabreel Walker  
Jasmine Parker

### Female Vocalist Nominees

Amen Oyibo-Osife  
Alyssa Rhodes  
Brittany Glenn  
Porsha Allison

### Coach (Male)

Frazier  
Blake  
Price  
Clay

### Pan Sorority

Delta Sigma Theta  
Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Zeta Phi Beta  
Sigma Gamma Rho

### Underground Rap Artist

JP  
Dorrough  
Chris Brown  
First Class

### Coach Female

Cooper-Dyke  
Williams  
Pete  
Ross

### Pan Fraternity

Omega Psi Phi  
Alpha Phi Alpha  
Kappa Alpha Psi  
Phi Beta Sigma  
Iota Phi Theta

### Most Spirited

Rachel Madison  
Tiffany Freeman  
LaToya Wolfe  
Chris Wesley

### Honor Society

Kappa Delta Pi  
Tri Beta  
Sigma Tau Delta  
Alpha Phi Sigma

### CSO Sorority

Gamma Sigma Sigma  
Kappa Delta Chi  
Tau Beta Sigma  
Sigma Alpha Iota

### Male Athlete

Jarryd Gray  
Quinton Spears  
Darnell Hugee  
Justin Brewer

### Community Assistant

Ms. Terri Mason  
Mr. Stephen Riley  
Ms. Ashley Thibodeaux  
Mr. Richard White

### CSO Frat

Alpha Phi Omega  
Kappa Kappa Psi

### Female Athlete

Claribel Quiroz  
Candace Thomas  
Gaati Werema  
Damonique Smith

### DJ Of the Year

Mike and Ike  
Guarantee  
Prozac  
High Def

### Poet

Timothy "Timbo" Woods II  
Malcomb "Redd" Bevele  
Thasia "Trademark" Madison  
Willie "Willie P." Sowell

### Male Faculty

Dr. Billingsley  
Mr. Freddie Frazier  
Mr. McGriggs  
Dr. James Jones

### Student Leader

Johnie Jones  
Jasmine Williams  
LaToya Wolfe  
KC Grimes

### Dance Group

Dallas Boys  
Panther Dolls  
Black Foxes  
Classic Dance Ensemble

### Female Faculty

Dr. Booker  
Dr. Marzette  
Dr. Rebecca Johnson  
Ms. Muhammed

### Freshman Building

48  
42  
37  
44

### Entrepreneur

Get Mon-e  
Natural Mystic  
Nenaji  
Ro Collection

### Male Staff

Maintenance Man Mike  
Josh Sanford  
Mr. Willie  
Mr. Kemp

### Freshman

Xavier Buster  
Uyi Edo  
British Jones  
Chimze Echebelem

### Photographer

Richard "Rich Man" White  
Ronald "Rdot" Smith  
David "King David" Butler  
Jordan "J-Rod" Johnson

### Female Staff

Ms. Pat  
Ms. Reed  
Ms. Cox  
Ms. Davenport

### Best Dressed

Freddie Edo  
Bobby Smith  
Matt Nelson  
Autumn Warner

### Male Professional

Dr. Billingsley  
Mr. Ransom  
Orok Orok  
Mr. Albert

### Sophomore

Trent J.  
Smiley Collins  
Mike Love  
Josh Grimes

### Organization

The Panther  
PALS  
Young Democrats  
CAB

### Female Professional

Ms. Simmons  
Dr. Booker  
Ms. Janelle Williams  
Ms. Lauren Kelley

### Junior

Rhonda Jackson  
LaToya Wolfe  
Robert Powell  
Leroy Cook

### Fine Arts

Gilpin Players  
Marching Storm  
Classic Dance  
PV Mime

## Day 26 steals the day



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**Make My Day:** Day 26 signs autographs for students.

**By Shayna Walker and  
Ebony Sowell  
Panther Staff**

Students were surprised Tuesday, March 31, by the guest appearance, in the Memorial Student Center Auditorium, of Day 26, the stars of MTV's Making The Band. Music mogul, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, is responsible for the formation of this group as well as Danity Kane and Da Band from the MTV hit show.

The crowd was in a frenzy when representatives of Houston's 97.9 The Box introduced members, Brian, Mike, Will, Robert, and Q to the stage. The group opened by performing their debut single titled "I'ma put it on ya" while receiving southern hospitality from their devout fans.

In an attempt to promote

their album "Forever in a Day", the group passed out posters that fans were able to have signed.

The latest episode of Making the Band left fans wondering if Day 26 will be victims of the "Making the Band curse" as Combs suggested, in reference to the demise of his past two groups. The group displayed a great amount of unity among themselves that proves otherwise. "The curse is not going to hit Day 26. It may pass us and hit whoever else is down the line," said Will.

The R&B group reported that April 14 will be the release date for the album that will bring a different sound for fans to enjoy. "The difference between our first album and this album is that this album has more club hits, we're more vocal, and since we were able to write most of our songs our fans will be able to connect with us on a personal level," said Q in hopes of a great success.



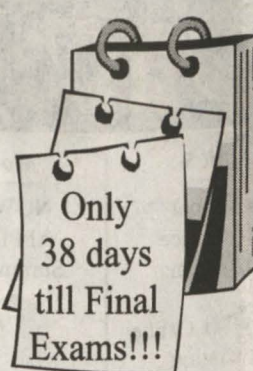
1. Does anybody believe that A Phi Q and KKPsi crossed in the spring? 2. Where was Tau Beta Sigma's line at probate? 3. Will the men of The Panther staff join the ladies and pledge Sigma Rho-meo? 4. Since CAB hasn't put on events for the majority of the year, are they trying to compensate the students by making everything for Spring Fest free? 5. When did dumb questions become "public service announcements"? 6. How many Delta and AKA prospects crossed Gamma Sig and couldn't they all just share event sign-ups and attendance lists? 7. Who is sick of DJ Mr. Rogers playing nothing but Dallas music? 8. Did that new Gamma Sig really think she was the next Eta Beta "1st draft pick"? 9. Why does Gamma Sig cross at least 20 girls every year but never run the yard, or is that just an organization that people are just happy to be a part of? 10. Will there be Greek unity since people flipped and joined second class organizations or did the Ques throw that out the window when they fought each other? 11. Who enjoyed the Latin flava from Kappa Delta Chi & Sigma Lambda Beta? 12. Don't the girls in Kappa Delta Chi know they can never be AKAs now? 13. Are we all waiting on the rest of Spring Fest, or are we just waiting on Webbie? 14. Is a \$20 pre-sale ticket a little bit too high, and is anybody else thinking how do you have VIP for Knights of Columbus? 15. Who are sick of the red ivies, and why are they always beefing with somebody? 16. Speaking of Always In Trouble Sorority, Inc. when will they have a line, or will they follow their big sisters' footsteps and become extinct? 17. Who was the dumb A Phi Q who thought his weak Vikings could test KKPsi? 18. Which AKA needs to follow her own advice and graduate? 19. Can the AKAs spell recharter or is it official that there will be no Fall 2K9 line for Zeta Gamma? 20. Will Toga V be another skinny rotten tooth twirl off?



## The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

How were your midterm grades?  
Now is the time to study, study, study!



**You must have had 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 2009.**

When is the next Quick THEA? Call 936-261-3610 for the testing schedule.

The Spotlight is on: Building 44 - LCC Tiffany Hogg and PA Pam Gooden report that their residents have been busy. Leslie Manluato has been involved in UC's football, volleyball, and basketball teams-now invited to be on the All-Star team. Jade Watson Miss UC 2008 served as Mistress of Ceremony for the Black History Talent Explosion and Troyla Washington participated in the Alpha Pageant. Building 44 would like to thank Dr. Ronald Briggs for serving as Faculty Fellow this year.

Hot off the Press from Building 40!! LCC Jawana Green and PA Phyllis Spates send congratulations to: Britney Oliver for receiving the PACT, Inc of California Scholarship; Ashpanie Dixon and Esther Evans for joining the Social Work Club; and Jazmyne Joseph for participating in the "Road to Change" Roundtable at several HBCU's around the country. Building 40 salutes their Faculty Fellow - Dr. Judy Perkins

Bright Stars of Building 35!! LCC Kelly Gill and PA Ebony Johnson congratulate their residents on winning the UCBA finals. Good luck to Lashun Neal who is a contestant in the Lady of the Dove Pageant - April 8<sup>th</sup>.



21. Do the Ques need to get domestic abuse counseling to work out their problems or did they not see the AKAs chapter go down in flames? 22. Who is the Que who forgot to close the crack house at probate? 23. Why does CAB feel like the meet and greet of Day 26 was their event? 24. Who was the girl who attacked Day 26 on stage? 25. Who was the girl who fell in the mud running after Day 26? 26. Was it really that crucial for all of those people to skip class to see a group who will forget about you tomorrow? 27. How many Kappas are making babies instead of Togas? 28. Was anyone else clueless as to who crossed at probate? 29. Who is the anonymous hater leaving hate notes in The Panther honesty box? 30. Ladies, did you know that bromance is becoming more and more popular on campus? 31. Who all forgot that the Sigmas were on campus until they saw the flyers in the MSC? 32. How many girls got ratchet and acted like they never been anywhere when Day 26 left? 33. Did anyone see the looks on the faces of prospects who didn't cross? 34. Who thought that Day 26 was just a pre April fools joke? 35. Does CAB think that because they were involved in the Day 26 appearance exempts them from 20 Questions? 36. Why is Orok the coolest guy in CAB? 37. Who is the girl in UC who always gets in a fight and loses every time she loses a game in UCBA? 38. Who were the three boys that snuck out of wonderhead's room after the pillow fight? 39. Which big boy threw his hands up when Day 26 asked "Where all my single ladies at?" 40. What do you think?

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**WHERE: In the Student Lounge**

**TIME: 1:30P.M.-3:30P.M.**

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		Zip Code

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		Zip Code

<b>5</b> Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)	<b>6</b> Gender (Optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<b>7</b> Telephone Number (Optional) Include Area Code ( ) -

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# This Week On The Hill

Thursday, April 2	Friday, April 3	Saturday, April 4	Sunday, April 5	Monday, April 6	Tuesday, April 7	Wednesday, April 8
<b>SPRING FEST</b> Campus Activities Board Stomp The Runway Memorial Student Center Rm. 111  Waller County Tax Office Voter Registration Training Memorial Student Center Lounge Rm. 218  FOCCS Bible Study Student Lounge Rm. 218	<b>SPRING FEST</b> Waller County Tax Office Voter Registration Training Memorial Student Center Lounge Rm. 218  Young Leaders for Christ Bible Study W.R. Banks Rm. 205  Recruitment Middle School Day Student Center Auditorium Rm. 111, Ballroom Rm. 204, Student Lounge, Conference Rm. 201,  CAB Alumni Field	<b>SPRING FEST</b> Waller County Tax Office Voter Registration Training Memorial Student Center Lounge Rm. 218  CAB Comedy Show & Hypnotized Laughs Dome  Gamma Sigma Sigma Spirit Day New Science Rm. A103  African Student Association The Strength of an African American Woman Student Center Ballroom Section C&D	<b>Weather</b> All-Faiths Chapel Worship Experience 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  Waller County Tax Office Voter Registration Training Memorial Student Center Lounge Rm. 218	<b>Monday, April 6</b> NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for Summer 2009 and Fall 2009 Graduation  Withdrawal from Course(s) with record ("W") Ends  Young Leaders for Christ Bible Study W.R. Banks Rm. 205  Waller County Tax Office Voter Registration Training Memorial Student Center Lounge Rm. 218  Phi Beta Sigma How To Plan and Organize New Electrical Engineering Rm. 263	<b>Tuesday, April 7</b> SGA Elections MSC - Foyer  SGA PV Choice Awards Nominee Mixer Memorial Student Center Foyer & Memorial Student Center Lounge  Delta Sigma Theta Seminar, Aids Awareness Know Your Status New Science Rm. 101  Panther Dolls Panther Doll Dance Team Auditions Student Center Ballroom 204 Section A&B  Kappa Alpha Psi Kappa BBQ Student Park	<b>Wednesday, April 8</b> Waller County Tax Office Voter Registration Training Memorial Student Center Lounge Rm. 218  FOCCS Prayer Circle Water Fountain  The Light Empowerment Hour Student Lounge  College of Education 29th Annual Job and Career Fair MSC Ballroom 204 Section A&B  FOCCS Prayer Circle Water Fountain
 Partly sunny and windy High: 75 °F Low: 45 °F	 Sunshine and nice High: 73 °F Low: 54 °F	 Partial sunshine High: 77 °F Low: 63 °F	 Mostly sunny and breezy High: 79 °F Low: 51 °F	 Sunny, breezy and not as warm High: 72 °F Low: 51 °F	 A passing afternoon shower High: 76 °F Low: 58 °F	 Periods of rain High: 78 °F Low: 44 °F