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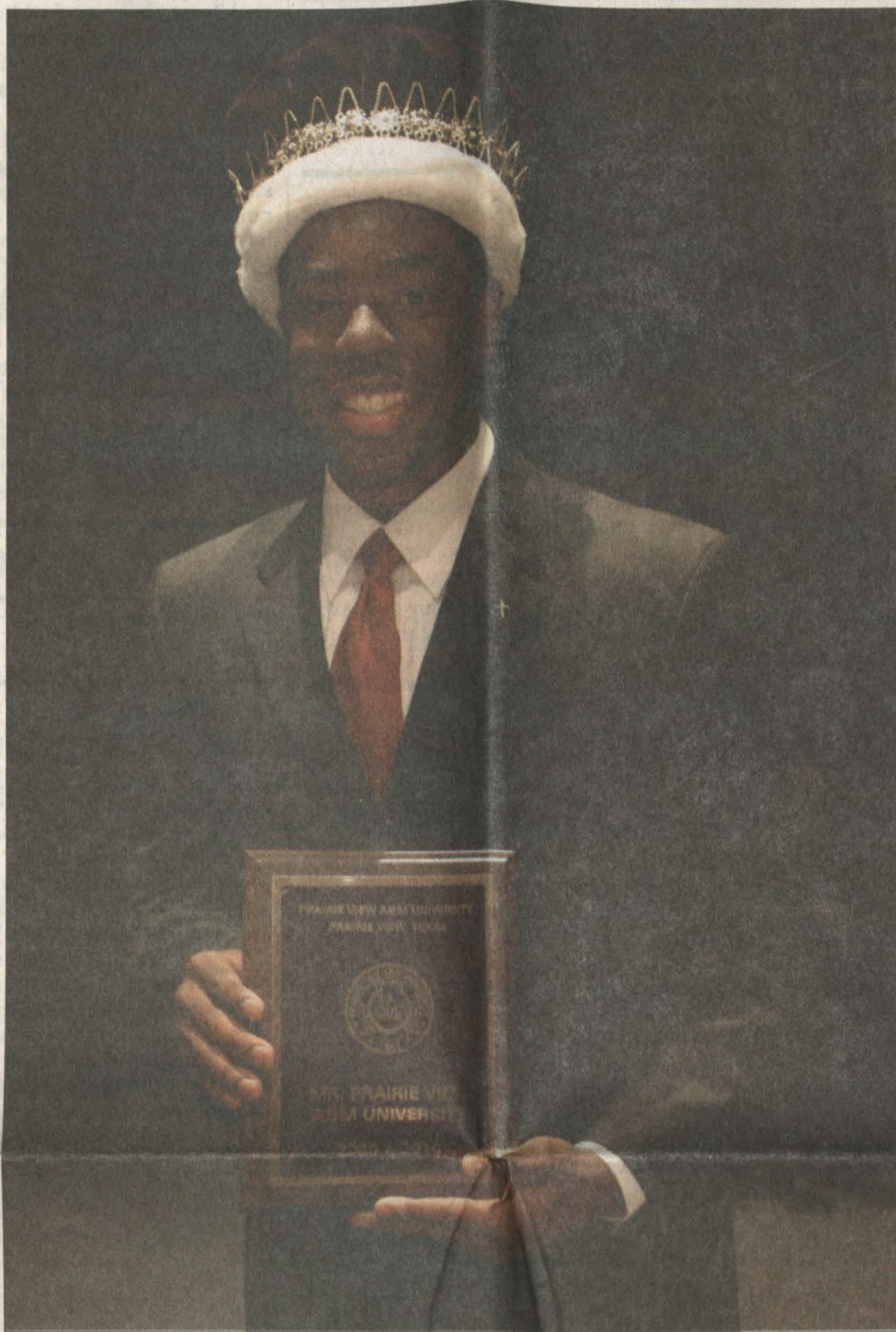
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Michael Love continues the legacy



In with new blood: Love can't help but smile after hearing the great news.

By Domonique Brooks
Panther Intern

Michael Love, a 19-year-old sophomore architecture major, was crowned 2009-2010 Mr. Prairie View on April 15 in the Opal Johnson Smith Auditorium.

Love defeated Kyle Maronie, a 19-year-old history major from Houston, Texas, to win the title.

Dean Lewter opened the pageant by suggesting that Prairie View men become a part of the pageant in the future. He then introduced Miss Prairie View 2008-2009, Kara

Willis as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

Willis introduced the pageant judges Jocelyn Whiting, University College academic counselor; Flora Thomas, program coordinator of the College of Nursing and Kevin R. Carruthers, president of Carruthers Counseling. The pageant consisted of four different categories: a one-on-one interview before the pageant, sport active wear, talent and an impromptu interview.

Mr. Prairie View 2008-2009 Oba Tsare Woodyard gave his farewell address, thanking everyone who had played a role in his life and his reign as Mr. PVAMU, "This was an experience that I wouldn't trade for the world and will never forget. Thank you to the

faculty and staff and thank you to the yard."

Woodyard and Willis asked the questions during the impromptu interview phase.

When asked what impact his experience at PVAMU will have on his professional life, Maroni answered, "I believe Prairie View has taught me the role of leadership that will take me throughout my professional life."

"The number one issue I would address is the mistreatment of our women," Love replied to the question, "What is the number one issue you would address if selected?"

During intermission the Miss Prairie View contestants were introduced and the audience was entertained by the Classic Dance Ensemble's performance.

After intermission, the results were read. Kyle Maroni was named first-runner-up, and Michael Love was crowned Mr. PVAMU 2009-2010.

Love said, "For me to have won the crown makes me feel a great deal of accomplishment. I never thought such a shy person like myself could become Mr. Prairie View. My family and the faculty, believed in me, but the one who brought me this far was God. He deserves all the glory, all of it. During my reign, I hope to empower my fellow students to be the best people, students, and leaders they possibly can. I want to lead by example, and follow the example of my fellow productive Panthers, and make manifest the glory of God that is in me."

Guests and family members celebrated and enjoyed refreshments immediately following the pageant.



It came down to the end: Runner up Kyle Maronie shines in pageant. (All photos by Ronald Smith)

Students help students stay healthy in health and wellness expo



By Jerrell Allen
Managing Editor

In association with the university's health and human performance department, several students hosted a health and wellness exposition in the Leroy Moore Gymnasium Tuesday.

The fair was designed to give students the opportunity to learn about key issues which may affect their health, and remind students of the many fun ways there are to stay in shape.

The fair was originated in Dr. Queen Martin's community health planning and assessment class, where students decided to make their required service learning project something which could benefit all members of the student body.

"We really wanted to do something fun; so we decided to bring back a lot of childhood activities which people could use to work out but also have a lot of fun doing," said Tanisha Smith, a senior health major who was manning the "hula-hoop" booth.

Students wandered about the floor of the gym, checking out fitness booths which gave tips for traditional ways of staying in shape like weight lifting and aerobic step pads and some not-so-traditional exercise activities such as bowling, hopscotch, knockout, jumping rope, and even competitive cup stacking. There were also booths which were more informative, sharing information about sexually transmitted infections such as HIV and

herpes, and sharing ways students may make healthier food choices.

"We were trying to figure out what was needed the most, and we thought that people all across campus should learn to be fit and healthy. We encourage people to eat right because it makes them feel better - and when you feel better, you do much better on exams," said Rochelle Smith, a senior health major who was helping to distribute bottled water and healthy snack choices like trail mix.

The fair began at 10:30 a.m., and lasted throughout the day until around 1:30 p.m., giving many students the chance to see what students, who had designed informative booths for the exposition, had to offer.

"The turnout was good" said Martin, who by noon had seen several hundred students come to the gym to see the fair. "We also had good faculty support as well - I've seen about 20 of our faculty members already today."

Students seemed excited to participate in the many fitness activities, and some were not afraid to use the expo as a good chance to get a workout.

"I liked a lot; it was a lot of fun," said Camille Henderson, a junior early childhood education major whose forehead dripped with perspiration as she recovered from a game of knockout. She said, "I think something like this should be done again, but much bigger. Students need to know to watch their health and of course working out is a big part of that."

All photos by Perry Osborne

Beta Kappa Chi welcomes chemistry achievers

By Rodney Palmer
Panther Intern

The Alpha Gamma chapter of Beta Kappa Chi and the National Institute of Science held their annual new members induction ceremony Monday in the E.E. O'Banion Building.

Beta Kappa Chi is a scientific honor society that recognizes academic achievement for students

who study all natural sciences.

The National Institute of Science provides an avenue for the exchange of scientific information and the presentation of scholarly research by science students.

Dr. Sharon Kirven, an alumna of PVAMU and current treasurer of the Dallas Academy of Family Physicians, served as inspirational speaker.

"Stay focused," said Kirven, "and prioritize." Kirven encouraged students to stay on the right path and not to get knocked off. She noted that the road will get tough,

and there are many sacrifices that students must make, but in the end it will be valuable.

"All I wanted to do was study medicine," said Kirven, who expressed her passion for science and medicine. "That's what you have to do if you want to make it in life."

Kirven told the inductees to take advantage of summer enrichment programs.

"They will help you get into the best graduate and medical schools and to become a better candidate for jobs."

NABJ invites media professionals to PVAMU for conference



By Ryan Versey, The Panther

Thank you for your time: Dr. Means thanks Carl Willis for coming and speaking to PVAMU students at media conference.

By Shuntia Wheeler
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M University chapter of National Association of Black Journalists held its first media conference Monday in the student senate chambers where media professionals addressed top-

ics such as new media, technology, internships, and creativity.

Senior Candace Culmer served as the host of the evening. Dr. C.L. Adams-Means, a professor in the Languages and Communications Department and adviser of NABJ welcomed everyone to the event.

Many students were concerned with the future of media because it is always evolving and changing daily. Will jobs be avail-

able? How do I make my mark in the industry? How would I go about formulating a plan for a successful career in media? Last, but not least what do employers look for when making a decision to hire and fire were just a few questions that students were able to address to the panel.

Andrew Williams, a senior communications major, expressed his excitement.

"This was definitely a good experience. A lot of successful people are here to share their experiences with students and I'm just elated to be here."

"There is always a demand for a curious mind. If you are creative and can gather information there will always be a job for you. That will be your security blanket," said Carl Willis, a news anchor for KPRC Local 2.

Ayana Mack, a PV alumna, talked to students about working toward their goals. Mack started at KPVM 91.3 and now works at 104.1 KRBE.

The panel strongly advised students to take advantage of internships and learning opportunities so that they are better prepared for the job market. "Start writing letters to newspapers; build portfolios and send material all over. Projecting a strong brand will result in feedback, so take incredible risk," said John Guess Jr., an international editor and writer.

Orientation inspires those seeking English master's

By Jacqueline S. SADBERRY
Copy Desk Chief

The Department of Languages and Communications held an English graduate orientation Tuesday in the John B. Coleman Library to introduce the upcoming changes for the English graduate program next semester.

Dr. Diljit K. Chatha, coordinator for the English graduate program, was the master of ceremony.

Dr. Antonio Jocson briefly went over the changes to the graduate program. One of those three plans is that an English graduate student now has an option of having a non-thesis degree plan.

"We have a new master's program with the addition of 10 new courses and three new degree plans."

Four English graduate students and one undergraduate student spoke of their experiences. Tracy Webstye shared her story of why she became a graduate student.

"I taught for a few years in junior high school and then I realized that I didn't want to be doing that forever," said Webstye. She said that her reason for choosing Prairie View was the convenience of offering online classes.

"It was easier to be able to

work and go to school at the same time."

Dr. James Palmer suggested that graduate students volunteer at the writing center. They should establish themselves as scholars by reading, taking CUI courses and write well thought-out papers. Getting to know one's advisor isn't a bad idea either.

Dr. Sarah Wakefield said graduate students now have four advisors, so if someone isn't able to get to one advisor, then there are three others available to talk with.

After talking about the new gadgets in the writing center and its value to students and the sharing of more creative works from another student and a couple of professors, department head Dr. Dejun Liu gave some remarks.

He said, "Our program has gotten stronger and stronger. I am proud of my faculty; our English faculty is the best." Liu said the English graduate program began with one lone student and now has 10.

"I'm expecting 15 students in two years and 20 in four years," Liu said.

Dr. Amparo Navarette closed out the event, bringing up her shadow program which takes high school students who have no ambition to go to college and places them in a class on campus for a day. The students get to meet professors in the field they want to go into. Navarette said that the shadow program has been successful.

PV meets contestants at annual soiree



By Iyoba Briggs, The Panther

This is me: Contestant Elizabeth Gardner explains her platform.

By Ryan Rudd
Panther Staff

On April 16, the 2009 Miss Prairie View Purple and Gold Soiree was held in the student lounge.

The question and answer forum allowed students a personal insight of the goals, objectives, platforms, of each participant in

COB students discuss researched articles

By Nastashia Matlock
Panther Intern

Nine students from the College of Business presented 13 papers for a discussion panel in the 5th Annual Research Symposium held April 17 in the Don Clark Building.

The theme for this year's symposium was "Research Meets Practice."

Papers were invited from all faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and staff in all disciplines ranging from agriculture, art and business to juvenile justice, mathematics, psychology, etc.

Dr. Kishwar Joonas, faculty adviser, had students from her marketing classes' research and discuss various articles on certain topics dealing with the different areas of business.

The students included Kendrick LaCour, a junior business major; Simone Freeman, a junior

accounting major; Patrick Mack, a junior marketing major; Marlon Allen, a junior finance major; Kristopher Jackson, a junior business major; Ashley Paster, a senior accounting major; Brandon Parham, a junior business management major; Jasmine Berry, a senior marketing major; and Steven Berry, a senior communications major.

"My own contribution was to oversee the entire process, and motivate the students to participate in the symposium," Joonas said. "Dr. Munir Qudus and Dr. Sudir Tandon supported the exercise by placing a high value on student research."

The students researched and discussed an array of articles pertaining to different subject matter including global markets and international markets, consumer buying behavior, branding and packaging, services marketing, and advertising and sales promotion.

"I'm a firm believer in students' independent exploration of current and relative knowledge in their field of study," Joonas said.

Accenture molds leaders at leadership conference

By Alyssa Rhodes
Panther Intern

Students from various majors came out on April 16 to the College of Business leadership and development conference, hosted by global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company Accenture, in the MSC.

More than 400 students were encouraged to expand their leadership capabilities and qualities.

After a luncheon with the chief operating officer Steve Rohleder, students proceeded into an opening session where Terrence Gee, the former managing partner, expanded on what leadership really means. Gee's main focus was to relay to the students that he wants to expose as many as he can to leadership quali-

ties and broaden their horizons.

"Leadership is something that is extremely important to me, and today we want to provide growth opportunities for students," Gee said.

Three of his main points during the session were intent, involvement, and insight. He also encouraged students to participate and speak out during the workshops that were held throughout the remainder of the day because a \$1,500 scholarship will be given to someone who writes an essay on what they learned from the conference and how it bettered their life.

For the remainder of the day, students got a chance to attend workshops and listen to various speakers promoting leadership skill building.

Gee closed the session with the quote, "The world has plenty of sheep, but we need more panthers," he said.

PV teachers awarded for community service efforts

By Shayna Walker
L/H & A/E Editor

Community service awards were given to recognize faculty members and students on Wednesday, April 15, in the A.I. Thomas Administration Building.

The ceremony was to honor those who have done a great amount of charity for various communities.

The recipients were Dr. Charles Bailey, Wayne Ballentine, Gloria Rose, Dr. Chloe Gaines, Dr. Grace Goodie, Lakeshur Green, Sheila Harvin, Dr. Kishwar Joonas, Ms. Gail Long, Barry Norwood, and Dr. Sudhir Tandon.

Long, of Cooperative Extension and College of Agriculture and Human Sciences, said, "My passion is to help others and I am humbled by receiving the award. I am working on a project where the youth get a chance to work with people in rural areas."

The recipients were excited about the honor but still try to focus on helping others.

Goodie of the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences said, "It is rewarding for me to have my students participate in service learning. I integrated service learning into my curriculum to benefit students who are engaged in research on various cultures. It allows students to have an open mind to different backgrounds and cultures in the work place."

the upcoming 2009-2010 Miss Prairie View pageant.

This year's Miss Prairie View contest includes eight outstanding young women who have made the decision to step up and be the new face of the university.

The event began with a brief introduction of each contestant, in which they gave their names, where they were from, their platform, and their personal interests.

The contestants were asked a number of questions to evaluate the character of each participant.

Current Miss Prairie View Kara Willis said, "It has been very beneficial because it has put me on a bigger stage in which I can be a role model to more students."

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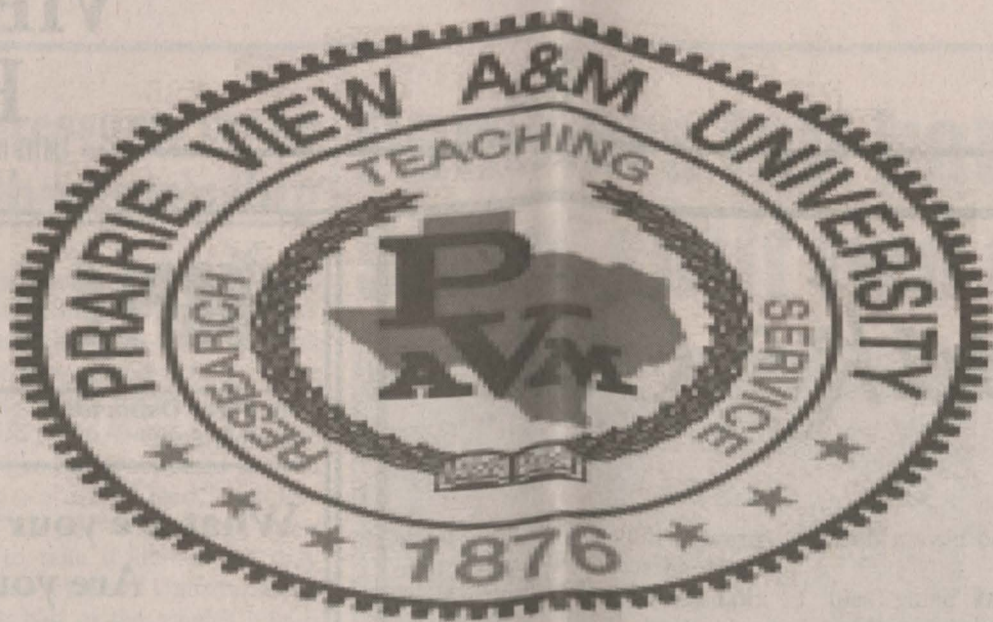
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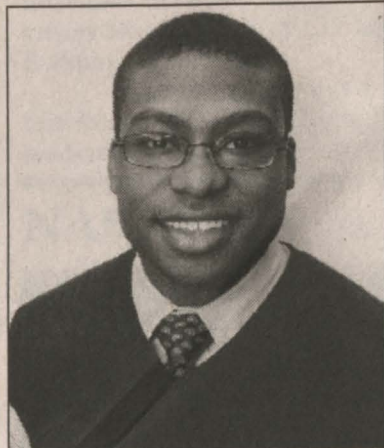


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SGA Speaks Out



Johnie Jones
2008-2009 SGA President

Greetings, fellow Panthers,

I hope you all are getting geared up for your finals. With the end of school and graduation in full view, I strongly encourage each of you to push academically in this "4th quarter" so that you end this wonderful semester on a good note. While focusing on your

academics you also have a duty to your university.

With that being said I would like to address something. I sturdily beseech each of you to take an active role at the university and make sure your voice is heard. No longer can you sit by and wait on someone else to come and lead you to the "promised land." You must make a concerted effort to critically think of ways of remedying the situation, rather than criticizing and placing blame.

"By golly," you pay to be here, so why not demand the BEST services, the BEST professors, and the BEST college experience? Furthermore, you not only owe it to yourself but to all those who have sacrificed to get you where you are now! You have been given the opportunity, by the grace of God, to go to college. Now maximize it!

Onto campus updates: I would like to congratulate all spring 2009 graduates. It is my

prayer that when you leave these sacred grounds, you take that same spirit of Prairie View pride and excellence wherever you go!

I would like to congratulate the NEW Mr. Prairie View 2009-2010 Michael Love. I have confidence you will represent the university with the utmost integrity and respect.

Services: Thanks to Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary Services Ms. Tressy Wilson, Farrell Hall will be open on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the computer lab there will be open until 1 a.m. on weeknights. Students, if we plan to keep these services we must show the demand. The "power" resides with you.

Disclaimer: If you notice any illegal activities such as: co-habitation, illegal substances, pets, etc. please call the "tip line" ext. 2222.

Until next time have a blessed and empowered week.

Ever had a roommate from hell?

People always deem MTV's "The Real World" as out of touch with reality and completely exaggerated when it comes to young adults in a house filled with threatening social conflicts.

I, for one, believe that while "The Real World" is nothing more than a media spectacle at its best, it is heavily filled with circumstances that are commonly found in a household of raging individuals.

As college students, I'm certain we all can relate to some of the conflicts that transpire on this reality war zone almost every day of the week. No, I'm not referring to the drunken nights or tear-jerking conversations on the phone with loved ones from back home.

I'm referring to the unfortunate reality of dealing with, or rather tolerating, roommates from hell.

Whether you have personally experienced it or you have heard numerous recounts of how someone's roommate is completely driving them mad, I'm sure you are quite aware how irritating living with a roommate can be.

I just don't understand why two or more individuals can't seem to live in harmony without one attempting to jump out the window. Seems like no matter how close you and your roommate may be, or not, conflict will occur.

Now, don't sit there like you don't know what I'm insinuating. Allow me to examine the all but infamous roommate from hell.

For the students who reside in traditional on-campus housing, forced to live side-by-side their roommate (literally), given little to no privacy whatsoever: Oh how depressing it is to wake up every morning only to see their crusty-looking

faces!

Every move you make, there he is. When he has company (unexpected at that), so do you, because you don't have much of a choice when they're nearly 10 feet away.

For my fellow students who live in the suites or stay off-campus: just when you thought things would somehow become easier, being that you have your own room and all, you're harshly faced with the reality that things only become more problematic.

Suddenly in college you find yourself relating to your parents all those times when they hassled you about washing the dishes and taking out the trash. It wasn't because they found pleasure (well, maybe a little) in bombarding you with worthless chores.

They stressed cleanliness because it's common sense! Have you ever tried not cleaning for weeks at a time? It's exceedingly disgusting!

Sometimes I find myself in disbelief how one can continuously walk past a pile of dirty dishes, the size of a mountaintop at that, and add to the collection as if it doesn't exist. Why not take the time to at least wash the things you use? It would surely make things less challenging in the future.

And what about the good ole bathroom? Cleaning the bathroom does not only entail flushing and wiping the toilet seat. A bathroom needs to be mopped and thoroughly cleaned weekly. When there is mold of some sort surfacing in the shower, it's time to whip out the Pine Sol and bleach.

Cleaning does not include simply wiping the surface with a paper towel. Cleaning requires you to

actually use a rag and cleaning products.

Now, I'm not anal about cleaning or anything, but shouldn't dust, dried-up sauce, bacteria-like mold and empty cans give a signal that SOMETHING should be done?

Off the topic of apartment purity, one thing that also irks me is when your roommate wants to blast music at the most inconvenient hours! I perfectly understand that you're not always going to be in the mood to study. But if you find the urge to not just play music, but ignorantly blast it to the point where my textbooks are vibrating, Houston we most definitely have a problem.

It's not even a matter of bad timing, it's simply inconsiderate. Let's keep in mind that these walls are paper thin. If it's the weekend, then by all means turn it up as loud as you want; I will gladly take a walk to "Club Woody." But if it's 1 o'clock in the morning and I clearly have a 9 o'clock class, I would advise you to be a little more cognizant.

You see, living with a roommate isn't rocket science. It's called common courtesy. We can't always please one another, but some things don't require much thought.

Conflicts are inevitable when sharing space with anyone other than yourself, but there are little things we most commonly ignore that could make the difference between inconveniencing your roommate and causing him to contemplate killing you.

So next time you decide to go about your regular routine of living, stop and consider whether or not you are contributing to the long list of roommates from hell.

--Gerren Gaynor
Black College Wire

Wanna die? keep textin'

How many times have you seen people swerving in their car, looking up at the road occasionally?

Or at a red light looking down in their laps when the light turns green?

Nine times out of ten, they're probably texting. It happens all the time, according to a recent study by the American Automobile Association.

Half of all 18- to 24-year-olds admitted to occasionally sending text messages behind the wheel, and 14 percent of all drivers say they've done so, according to the study.

That's why I'm glad that a Senate committee has endorsed legislation that would prohibit text-messaging while driving in Virginia.

It would prohibit sending or reading text messages while driving.

Violators could be fined \$20 for a first offense and \$50 for subsequent offenses.

Unfortunately, police would be allowed to ticket violators only if they are stopped for another offense.

Unless an officer is sitting next to, behind or in front of a driver at a stop, there's no way he or she can tell if a driver is texting.

I suspect the law will only come into play if a driver is clearly swerving in and out of traffic, or after an accident.

If it was up to me, cell phones would be banned while driving. Period. But, it's not up to me.

That's why people need to simply use common sense. You can take your eyes off the road for a fraction of a second and your life can change - or drastically end.

Recently, a 13-year-old Taunton, Mass., girl was killed by a driver who admitted in court that he

lost control of his vehicle while texting on his cell phone.

Heather Hurd, 26, died in a pileup on her way to Orlando in 2008 while on her way to plan a Disney-themed wedding in Orlando last year when a tractor-trailer rammed her Mazda and killed her.

The truck driver was reaching down to grab a device to text message his company and didn't notice the eight cars and another rig stalled at a red light.

In fact, studies show driving with a phone in his hand is just as dangerous as driving with a beer in his hand.

So, go ahead and answer that text while you're on the highway if you want to. You might not make it to your exit. And that's no LOL matter.

--Jaedda Armstrong
Black College Wire

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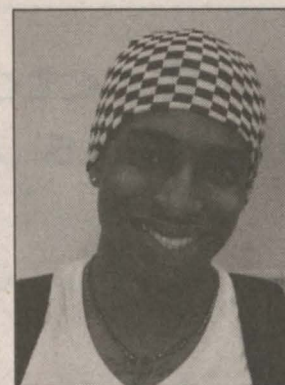
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What are your plans after graduation? Are you worried about finding employment?



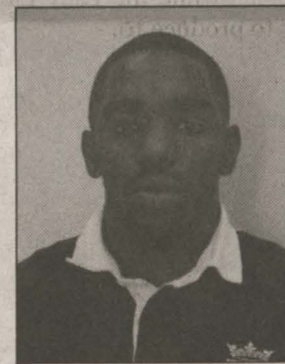
"After graduation I plan to go to grad school to get my master's. I'm not worried about getting a job, because in the social work field there is always open opportunity."

Jasmine Walls
Sophomore
Social Work



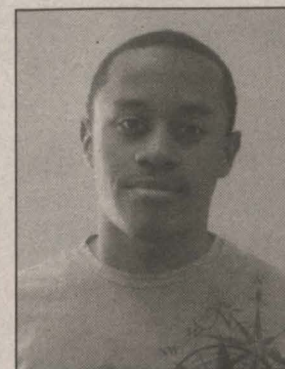
"My plans after graduation are to become a successful guidance counselor and open my own dance studio. I am not worried about having a job because, if President Obama does what he promises, jobs will be there."

Jeremy Mitchell
Sophomore
Psychology



"After graduation I plan to go to grad school so I can start my career successfully. I am not worried about finding a job because everyone needs someone to talk to and there are always problems."

Micah Pinkston
Sophomore
Psychology &
Special Education



"After graduation my plans are to pursue a law degree and dedicate some of my time to professional writing. I am not worried about finding a job; it's called grace and favor."

Torrey Zeno
Junior
Management Information
Systems



"My plans are to be a pediatric nurse and later get my master's of science in nursing. I am not worried at all because nurses are always needed and I think that I'll be OK."

Shamyra Harris
Freshman
Nursing



"I want to go into my career as a nurse practitioner and one day hope to open my own clinic so I can help people out. I also know that I won't have to worry about a job because no matter how bad things get nurses are needed."

Eboney James
Freshman
Nursing

Lady Panthers fold to pressure, make quick exit at SWAC Championship

By Cedrick Wilson
Panther Staff

The Lady Panthers of Prairie View A&M University embarked on a journey to Alexandria, La. to play in the 2009 SWAC Championships. Unfortunately, the Lady Panthers lost a hotly contested quarter-final match against the Lady Tigers of Jackson State University.

Jackson State, the second seed from the Eastern division of the SWAC, started strong by winning the two fiercely competitive doubles matches from the Lady Panthers, 8-4 and 8-5, which placed the Lady Tigers in the lead 1-0.

"After the doubles matches were over I told them to move forward and act like it didn't happen," said Coach John Cochran, Jr., "All we needed was four of six singles matches and we would move on."

With the singles matches coming up, the Lady Panthers then showed some resiliency of their own as they came back to win three straight singles matches. Melanie Brown, the #1 singles player for the Lady Panthers, defeated Paulina

Vargas of Jackson State 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. Bianca Simpson cruised in her singles match, 6-3, 6-2 and Mellissa Guerrier also placed a tally in the winner's column for the Lady Panthers with a win, 6-2, 6-7, 6-1. "We felt real good after we came back to take the 3-2 overall lead," said Cochran, "We just needed one more person to take it home, but they couldn't do it for us." Unfortunately, the back half of the singles lineup could not keep with the winning trend as Munashe Makuni, Margaret Banks, and Charli Cooksey all suffered straight set losses. With the captured doubles point earlier, the Tigers held on for a 4-3 overall win. "I really thought Makuni could win her match, but I think the pressure got to them," said Cochran.

Despite the loss, the Lady Panthers had an excellent 2009 campaign and Melanie Brown was named to the 2009 SWAC All-Tournament team. "Melanie was a great player for us, but now we're going to be reloading with new recruits because we are losing three excellent players," said Cochran. With the success from this year, look for the women's tennis team to be back for another run next year.

Lady Panthers pick up one win, lose two games against UAPB

By Delray Williams
Panther Staff

The Lady Panther softball team is continuing to march its way through the season as they hosted the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff on Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19, where they struggled to grab one win and collected two losses.

The Lady Lions beat the Lady Panthers 8-3 in the first game of the series. The Lady Panthers had hopes of winning the game as they scored three runs on two hits in the first inning. Unfortunately, UAPB quickly responded with three



By Iyboba Briggs, The Panther

Unproductive: The Lady Panthers couldn't find enough ways to come up with runs in their series against Pine Bluff.

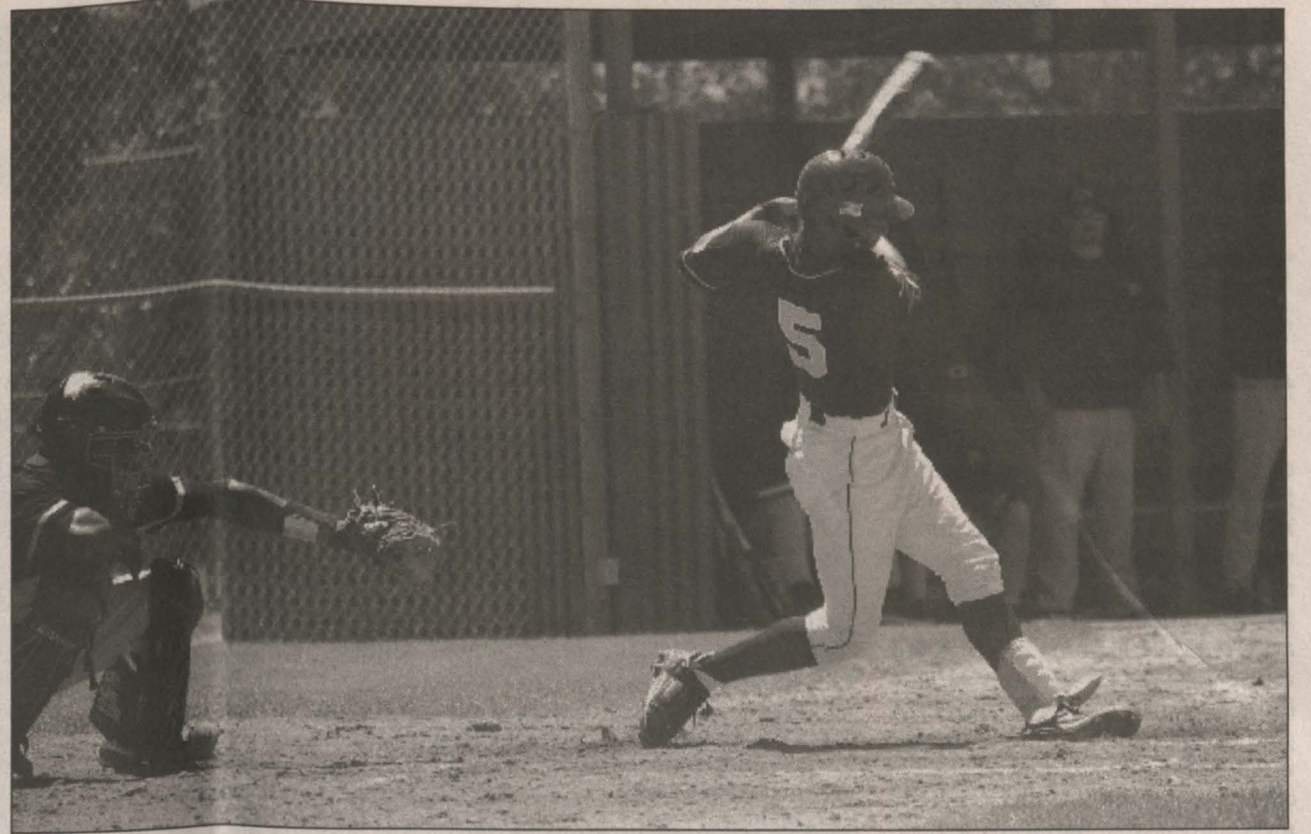
hits and two runs in the third. That was the last time the Lady Panthers scored as UAPB scored four more runs off three hits in the fifth. They gained momentum as the Lady Panthers lost it when they scored two more runs in the sixth and seventh innings to close the deal. The game ended with UAPB taking the win as Prairie View accumulated a total of three hits while the Lady Lions managed to produce 10.

The second game fell into the Lady Panthers' favor as they overcame UAPB 3-0. They put heavy pressure on UAPB, allowing them to score no runs at all. The Lady Panthers were redeemed in the game scoring one run off two hits in the first inning. They didn't score any more until the third inning with two more runs on two hits, as they put the Lady Lions in a struggling hole, forcing them to end the game with no points on the board.

UAPB managed to regain control in the third game by catching the Lady Panthers off guard, scoring almost 20 points. They scored six runs off seven hits in the first inning, taking over the game, and three more runs in the second inning, not giving the Lady Panthers a chance to answer back. The Lady Panthers later scored two runs in the third inning on two hits, but allowed the Lady Lions to score four more runs in the fourth. The game ended with the Lady Lions exploding to the win as Prairie View allowed 19 runs and only managed to score five.

Rodney Thomas, a junior music major said, "At the beginning of the game, I saw that they had the heart to win. But in the other two games, I saw a lack of motivation from the coach."

Panthers fall hard against Texas State, split two with Grambling



By Iyboba Briggs, The Panther

A swing and a miss: The Panthers' batting rotation just couldn't seem to get things going.

By Ryan Rudd
Panther Staff

After enduring a stunning 18-1 routing to Texas State, the baseball team managed to split a double header versus Grambling State (8-26, 6-10) on April 19. Sunday's matchup featured many ups and downs for Interim Coach Wasylka Cullivan and his squad.

Even though both games were close calls for the Panthers, the first game certainly went in the Panthers' favor. In the early going, the Panthers started off a bit sluggish as they found themselves down 0-2 in the third inning. They managed to slim the gap to 2-1 after left fielder Darryl Johnson scored a critical run that gave the Panthers a boost. However, this surge of momentum was quickly cut short as Grambling managed to score a run and leave Prairie View down 3-1 heading into the fourth. With the game coming to an end, the Panthers were in a desperate search of some last minute heroics from their bullpen. Facing Grambling State's Jamal Breaux

(0-5), Pitcher Brandon Whitby managed to record a double, which left him at third base waiting for the next batter to bring him home. Whitby's desire to bring a run in for the Panthers was quickly answered, as junior outfielder Myrio Richard stepped to the plate and delivered a mid-center field hit for his teammate. Richard's efforts at bat would not go unrewarded, as teammate Brandon Kendricks brought him home. With the score tied, the Panthers now depended on Daryl Johnson to step up once again and make a big play. Johnson's delivery put the Panthers ahead 4-3, their first lead of the afternoon. Closer Ben Blackburn then came in and finished the deal for the Panthers.

The second game was not good for the Panthers, as they lost 3-2. During the first few innings of the game, it seemed as if the Panthers had given up, as they fell down by a score of 0-3 in the third inning. Third baseman Jason Thomas and pitcher Kendricks came through and scored the only two runs for the Panthers.

There was supposed to be a third game in the series, which was scheduled for Monday. However,

it was cancelled and the Tigers returned to Grambling, La.

After splitting the two game series with Grambling, Coach Cullivan and the Panthers now have an 18-19 record, with an 8-12 record in SWAC play. The Panthers will return to action on Wednesday, April 22, as they travel to College Station to take on the Texas A&M Aggies.



By Iyboba Briggs, The Panther

Improvement: The Panther defense continued to get better as the week progressed.

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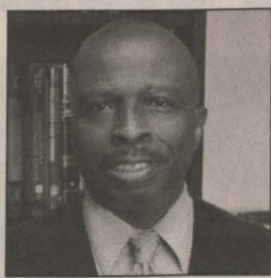
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Psychologically Speaking Morality



By Dr. Louis Anderson
Panther Contributor

For centuries, psychologists and those before us, our academic forefathers, the early philosophers, have tried to understand moral reasoning and the consequence of moral reasoning - moral behavior. For the most part, moral problems arise out of a dilemma in which our well-being is being affected by something or someone. Not all situations pose a dilemma nor are all situations problematic to our well-being; consequently, not all situations are moral problems requiring a decision. Moral dilemmas, however, do require the person to make a choice. If a choice is not required then there is no dilemma, hence no quandary and no decision to be made. The individual's judgments and choices are key determinants to his moral compass or character. At least this is what was thought.

There was a time when we believed that morality or our ability to understand right from wrong was a cognitive process consisting of reasoning and careful reflection. Moral reasoning was just that, a decision making process. Furthermore it was thought that moral reasoning increased progressively with age. For example, a child's reasoning and moral behavior differs from that of

an adolescent, whose reasoning and behavior differs from that of the adult. As an example, let us hypothesize what a child, adolescent, or adult would do if each walked past a plate of four pieces of cookies that was placed on a table. It is likely that a young child may walk by, notice the cookies, stop, and eat them all. When asked about the cookies the child may not admit to eating them. The adolescent, on the other hand, may make a determination that if no one were watching the cookies, then he would take one cookie. When confronted the adolescent may offer to pay for the stolen cookie.

An adult would leave the cookie alone reasoning that the cookies belonged to someone else. For most of us, when faced with a dilemma we talk things through, we deliberate, and we make a principled decision based on our virtues and our religious and moral values. Unfortunately reasoning or cognitions do not help us explain most contemporary behaviors like Enron, the debacle within our financial system, or why our leaders misrepresent the truth as often as they do.

Now it turns out that our emotions play a much or greater role in understanding contemporary morality. Scientists have determined that when faced with a dilemma the emotional part of the brain is activated and overpowers our reasoning. Thus if something appeals to the emotional center of the brain we

begin to lose focus. It appears as if the century-held beliefs about how we make moral decisions are flawed. We are now beginning to understand the corrosive effect emotions have on judgments and our decision making processes. The focus has shifted away from how we deliberate to how we regulate our emotions. Moral beliefs which once focused on the virtues of integrity, respect, trust, benevolence, and fairness are now being replaced by the emotions of elation, joy, fear, empathy, and sadness. Scientists posit that our emotions are so innately programmed that we have evolved to where we make quick, hasty, moral decisions based on our emotions. Thus in many situations some of us may be more like the child in the aforementioned example than the adult.

An accepted axiom is that the survival of an ordered society is contingent on an accepted system of moral principles or beliefs. But with emotions, it appears that morality has become ephemeral and therefore based on the situation. You now hear people say - well it feels right or my gut tells me that this is the right thing to do. I have even read where jurists in criminal trials have based their decisions on what felt right. This slippery slope of emotions will be a challenge for us to understand and to regulate in order for there to be a just society free from those who prefer to live purely on emotions and self interests in the name of morality. This is what I believe or should I say this is what I feel.

What is a woman?

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. hosts seminar

By Lenesha Jones
Panther Staff

On April 14, the Delta Alpha Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. held a seminar titled "What is a Woman?: He Says, She Says...What does God say?" in the E.E. O'Banion Science building. The seminar opened with a prayer and after the introduction of the chapter members, the discussion began.

For the "he says" and "she says" portion, they stood in the MSC and asked random men and women to write down what they thought a woman was on a note card would be read aloud at the seminar. There were many different ideas of what a woman was just from the five or six cards read and the comments from the audience.

Many different topics came up like: how a girl will dress and dance provocatively in the club or at a party, but when a guy approaches her she acts like he is disrespecting her when she has already disrespected herself. Another comment that sparked a lot of responses was the fact that most women don't

know how they are supposed to be treated so they bypass the good guys and go for the guys who don't treat them as well as they should be treated.

For the "What does God say?" portion there were speakers, Co-Pastor Linda Preston-Johnson from Choice of Change Christian Ministries and First Lady Stephanie Prince from Temple of Refuge Ministries both of which said they were "baffled" by the comments of the students.

Johnson spoke mainly on knowing who you are because most women look to men and other women to define who they are instead of looking to God. She also spoke about her life and how she felt she lost her identity when her husband died because she, like most women, look to men to define themselves. Johnson left with this awesome quote, "You are all diamonds in the raw and a diamond is only good after it has been cut and jaded."

Mrs. Prince said there are questions that women should ask themselves when they look in the mirror, like, "What does he see when he sees me? What does another woman see?" She also stressed that money cannot buy a woman. First Lady Prince touched on the subject of a woman and her relationship with God. She said, "A woman has a relationship with God, not a religion."

Elder Michael Prince shared a few words to close out the seminar and the event ended in a prayer.

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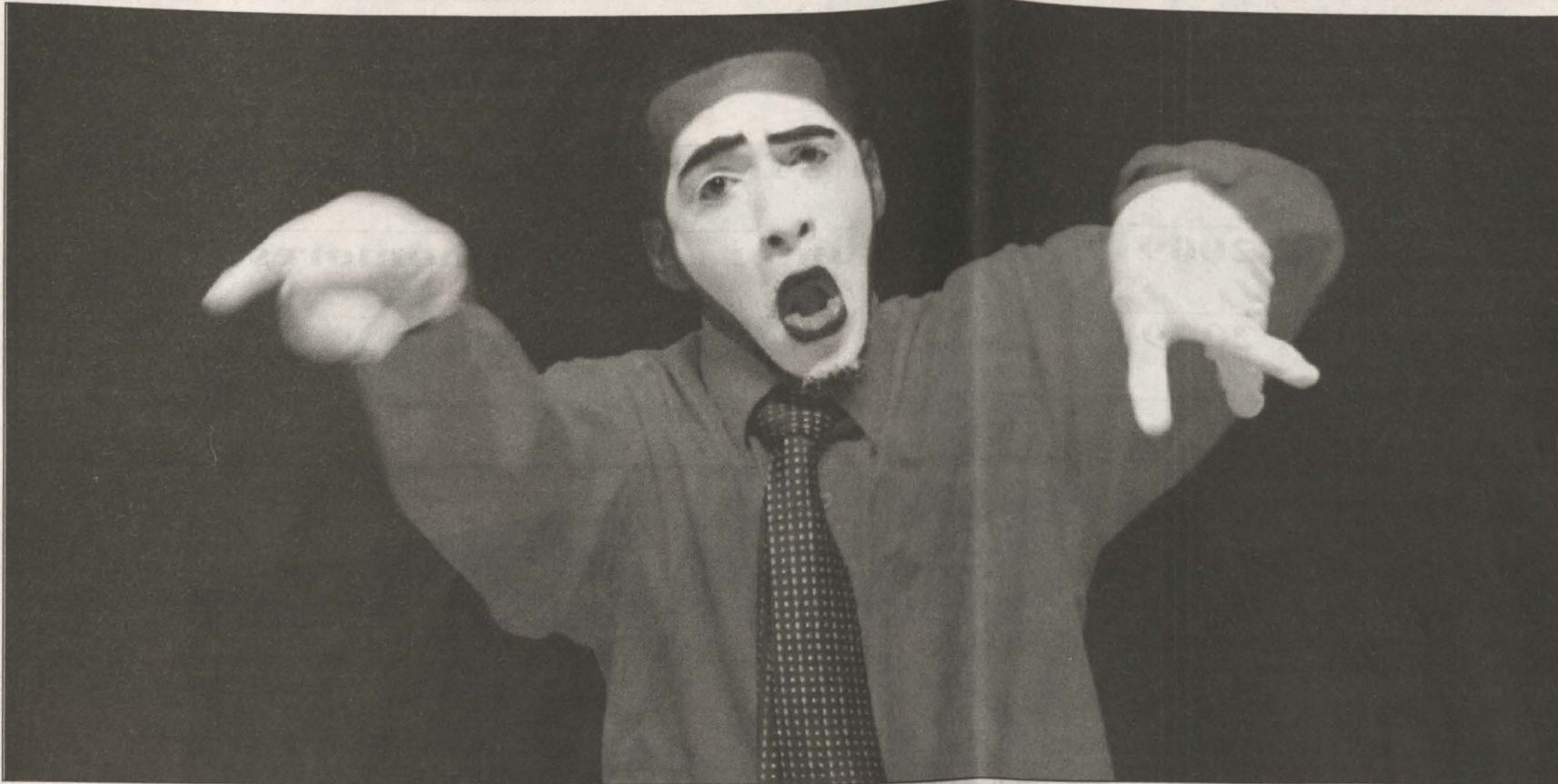
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PV Mimes silently bring the house down



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Did someone press mute?: Newest PV Mime member Josh Jones ministers to the audience.

By Silvester Robinson
Panther Staff

Russell Hutchison, a former Prairie View student, hosted the 5th Annual Prairie View Mime Ministry Concert held in the MSC auditorium last Thursday.

Adrian Richards, Willie

Rhodes and other members of the PV Mime Ministry started the night off by introducing two new members.

Following PV Mime was mime group God Silent Voices, a group of talented young men from Holman Baptist Church in Third Ward in Houston, Texas.

Personally invited for the

second time by Adrian Richards, they opened the eyes of many with their small hearts and talented skills.

De'Ray Freeman, a senior from Westside High School, said, "It truly was a blessing to be here. This concert really affected me by how powerful the Lord moved in this place. My life has definitely been in-

spired."

Chris David, a sophomore from Bush High School, stated that this was a "wonderful worship experience."

The Prairie View Mime Ministry performed the night away along with their sisters in One Accord, who came out in numbers and expressed the strength of God.

Mikaila Horton, a senior communications major, said, "The master of ceremony did an excellent job of setting the tone for the show."

Horton said, "He was able to keep the audience's attention with no problem. PV Mimes did an excellent job of moving the crowd through song and movement. One can tell that each young man enjoyed being on stage and doing work for the Lord. The female group One Accord was awesome as well; those young ladies were an inspiration."

Willie Rhodes, junior education major and vice president of PV Mimes, said, "The concert was a complete success. I feel that everyone who attended got everything they needed. PV Mimes' main focus is to encourage students on campus to come closer to Christ."

The concert ended with a combination performance of the PV Mimes and One Accord dressed in orange jump suits and chains expressing the power of song, dance, praise and worship.

"I feel that the musical selection was indeed a great pick and the finale piece was a true work of art," said Horton.

This opened up a flow of worship as the crowd spread their arms and embraced the presence of the Lord as the night closed with a prayer. The Prairie View Mime Ministry hopes to one day move the concert from the MSC to the Baby Dome.

A funny thing that happened...

By Jerrell Allen
Managing Editor

In a surprisingly sweet blend of music and theatre, the Prairie View A&M University Charles Gilpin players and the Department of Music and theatre performed "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum" last week. The musical, originally produced on Broadway by Harold Prince based on a Burt Shevelove & Larry Gelbart book, tells the story of a clever slave named Pseudolus (Marcel Spears) attempting to win his freedom by helping his rather naive young master Hero (Gabriel Davis) woo a girl (Patrice Hoskins) from a nearby brothel with whom he has fallen in love.

The play's opening act, "Comedy Tonight" sets the stage for the slapstick and satire heavy script, and the members of the cast seemed to immerse themselves into their (not so serious) roles comfortably. Particularly memorable

acting performances were given by Brian Chapman, who played the father of "Hero," Senex. Though given only one chance in the script to sing, Chapman truly brought the character--an overly indulged, yet miserable in his marriage wealthy aristocrat--to life. Other notable performances included Ryan Knight as Hysterium, who, true to his name, seemed to fall into intense emotional straights almost every time he took the stage. Knight's grandiose style and love for the character really showed as he seemed to find the sweet spot--perhaps over-acting a bit but making the character just over-the-top enough to fit perfectly into the tone of the play's script.

The musical performance by the orchestra was delicate and never overpowering. There were a few minor musical issues (particularly one bit wherein the percussion lagged through the reed-heavy piece "Pretty Little Picture"), but nothing was ever distracting enough to take away from the overall performance. The cast was blessed with several talented singers (Ryan Knight, lead

Marcel Spears, and Patrice Hoskins truly shined in their respective singing roles), though some performances leaved something to be desired. I questioned the strength of Ebony Burton's performance as Domina, who was lovely on stage in her comedy bits but who did not seem to have the vocal power to carry an entire song alone.

Though Saturday night's performance was very impressive, technical problems throughout the play were persistent enough to be distracting. The large cast of backup dancers, who played the roles of courtesans at the nearby house of ill repute, were energetic and noteworthy in their roles as well. Choreographer Danyale Taylor seemed to do an excellent job of allowing the dancers to have the freedom to explore the stage in their roles.

The performance was another impressive notch in the belt of the music and theatre department, and if future endeavors for this cast are just as spirited and energetic, there will be a bright future for these young actors.

Artistic Festivities

By Domanique Pugh
Panther Contributor

Sigma Tau Theta Fraternity Inc. hosted its first annual Art and Film Festival in the Memorial Student Center April 16. A mass communication organization, Sigma Tau Theta produced the event to showcase some of the hidden talent that thrives at Prairie View A&M University. Talents displayed included those of poetry, painting, decorating shirts, rapping, showing films and much more.

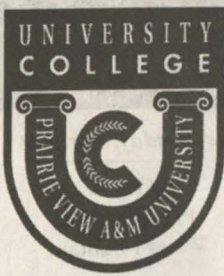
The first half of the show consisted of the spoken word and performed arts. Students such as Danielle Mason and Joseph Cullier entered films. Theirs, entitled "Mirrors," incorporated students' true essence while looking deep into their minds and personalities.

The crowd was awed as their peers performed original songs and old favorites. Students Timothy Woods II, Pula Jusu, LaDana Moore and Clarence Porter, known as Cdot, were a few of the ones who exposed their thoughts through their poetry and freestyles.

During the second half, students had the opportunity to exhibit artwork that was created using acrylic, wax and paint. Kendramia Prestage, a junior business management major, was one of those students.

Prestage said, "I was delighted to be a part of an experience that gave people the opportunity to see the talent that Prairie View has to offer." The night ended as the organization awarded first place gifts and the artists packed up their things.

Sigma Tau Theta proved once again that "Prairie View Produces Productive People."



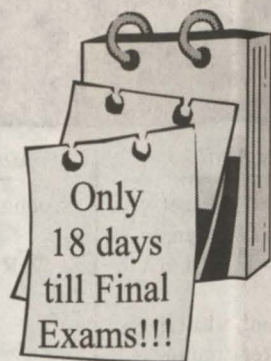
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Weekly Update for Freshmen

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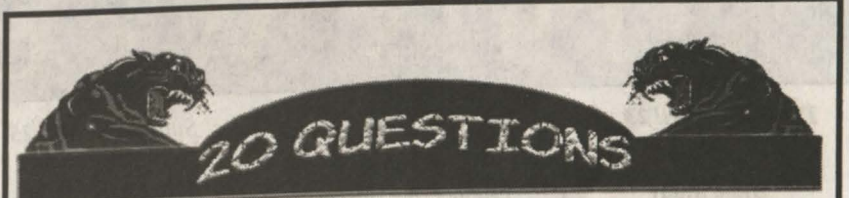
University College sponsored a trip to Giddings State School on Friday April 17. A total of 42 students and 6 UC staff made the trip. PV students were given a brief tour of the facility and had an opportunity to converse with Giddings State School students on various topics such as school, life lessons, and personal change. Thank you Mr. Davis, Building 45 PA, for making all the arrangements!



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Building 40 PA, Ms Spates and LCC, Ms Green salute **Katherine Horne** for her awesome performance with the Symphonic Band concert, and **Carrie Newman** and **Cynthia Dees** who are making plans to encourage competitive debate on campus.



1. Who's to blame for the Ques not having anything of substance during their week, Spring 2K9 or Spring 2K8?
2. Why did 400 people apply for the 30 ACCESS jobs?
3. Who is the Facebook stalker who stalks freshman boys?
4. Since "Get-Funny ENT" wasn't successful with their last party, what artist will they bring next?
5. Who was the Kappa who got beat with a broom in Phase I by a washed up Black Fox?
6. Isn't that the same girl who danced with the fake Gucci purse at the PV Choice Awards?
7. Are the AKAs going to have events like the dorm step off or just lie about it and cancel it like their Spring 2K9 line?
8. Why were the employees at Jazzman's playing with a water filled condom?
9. Why is Judge Charleston on Facebook, and why does he show up every time he needs something?
10. Is DST going to have a line next fall, and why did they have so much cake left over at the cake cutting?
11. Will the SUPER ELEMENT graduate or is she competing with big sister CHECKLIST?
12. Since the Alphas had a seminar on domestic abuse, is it animal abuse when you beat up on line brothers?
13. Who was the upperclassman caught having visitation in the freshman dorms?
14. Who all took part in the 4/20 activities?
15. If a maintenance man says, "don't believe everything you read in *The Panther*," how many people still have maintenance issues in the Village?
16. Since when do CAs in the Village get in brawls with their residents?
17. Is it OK if your older sibling is going to cover up your mess?
18. Who stole the cake from the Mr. PV reception?
19. Who was the staff member who snitched and made the water fight move to the Phases?
20. What do you think?

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Date	Classification
Beginning Mon., Apr. 27, 2009	Graduate Level Students and Seniors
Beginning Tues., Apr. 28, 2009	Juniors and Sophomores
Beginning Wed., Apr. 29, 2009	Freshmen



This Week On The Hill

Thursday, April 23

FOCCS
Bible Study
Student Lounge Rm. 218

FOCCS
Prayer Outreach
Student Center Outside

Classy Gentlemen
Rhemeo Car Show
MSC North Lawn

Multicultural Affairs
Lecture Series I - Culture
& Traditions
Memorial Student Center
Lounge Rm. 218

Delta Sigma Theta
Delta Week - Miss
Jabberwock Pageant
Evans Auditorium Rm.
103

Friday, April 24

Career Services
Engineering Success
Symposium
Memorial Student Center
Auditorium Rm. 111

PV Chess Club
Jon Santos Invitational
Tournament
Student Center Lounge

Multicultural Affairs
Japanese Tea Ceremony
Memorial Student Center
Foyer

Delta Sigma Theta
Picnic
Student Park

Army ROTC
Annual Military Ball
Student Center Ballroom
Section A&B

Saturday, April 25

Career Services
Career Development
Conference: Training to
Launch A Career
Hobart Taylor Rm. 1A110,
2B209, 2B215

Alpha Psi Lambda
Southern Chapter
Conference
Architecture Auditorium

Multicultural Affairs
Martial Arts & Chinese
Dragon Performance
Memorial Student Center
North Lawn

Alpha Kappa Alpha
Coretta Scott King Tea
Auction
Student Center Ballroom
Rm. 204

Sunday, April 26

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

Monday, April 27

Young Leaders for Christ
Bible Study
W.R. Banks Rm. 205

The Light
Bible Study
Student Lounge Rm. 218

Tuesday, April 28

Undergraduate Medical
Academy
UMA Annual Blood Drive
Student Center Ballroom,
Memorial Student Center
Lounge, Senate Chambers

Johnson-Phillip All Faiths
Chapel
Passage to the Water Praise
Dance Showcase
Memorial Student Center
Auditorium Rm. 111

Alpha Kappa Alpha
Ticket Sales: Dorm Step
Off
MSC Foyer

Alpha Kappa Alpha
HERstory: Chapter History
Review
New Science Rm. A103

Wednesday, April 29

FOCCS
Prayer Circle
Water Fountain

The Light
Empowerment Hour
Student Lounge

CAB
Hump Day
Edition
MSC Outside

Alpha Kappa Alpha
Ticket Sales Dorm
Step-Off
Alumni Field

National Society of
Collegiate Scholars
Business Lecture
New Science Rm. 101

Weather

 Mostly sunny, windy and warm High: 83 °F Low: 66 °F	 Partly sunny and breezy High: 79 °F Low: 68 °F	 Clouds and sun; windy, humid High: 83 °F Low: 70 °F	 Some sun High: 87 °F Low: 67 °F	 Partly sunny and windy High: 83 °F Low: 69 °F	 A shower in the a.m.; clouds High: 84 °F Low: 67 °F	 Sun and clouds High: 82 °F Low: 69 °F
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