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51 students isolated due to influenza

2 cases of H1N1 flu quickly resolved

By Ryan Rudd and Corbin Mickens
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University continues its efforts to neutralize the spread of the seasonal flu which has become an ongoing problem among the students.

The Owens-Franklin Health Center has had a high number of students in and out of the facility being treated early for the influenza outbreak.

Since the outbreak began on Aug. 23, the clinic has been waiting on the vaccine designated for isolated students affected by the outbreak. Out of a total of 51 students placed in isolation, 23 returned home to recover from the sickness. According to a recent report, 12 reported cases have been from students who live off campus.

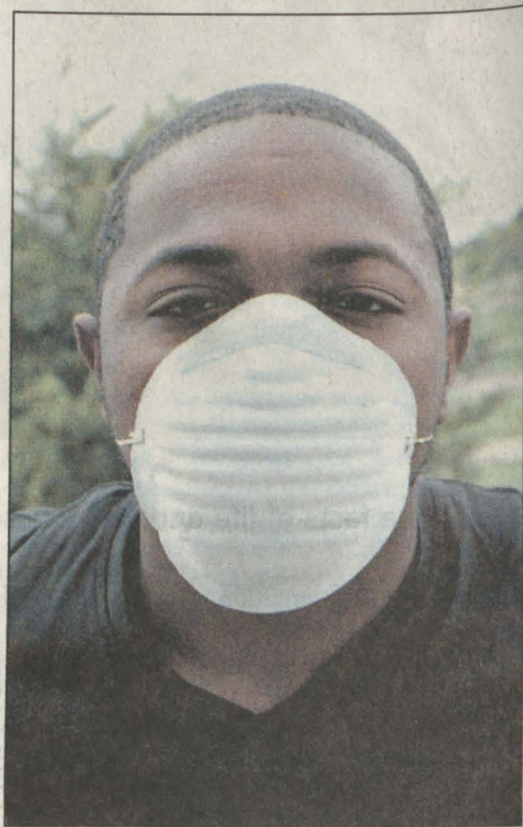
Thelma J. Pierre, administrator of the Owens-Franklin Health Center, said, "Of the 51 students placed in isolation, 32 of them have been documented to return to class."

Things seem to be looking up in University College as well. Shandon P. Neal, director of student and residential life, is very pleased with the progress of this situation.

"It has really calmed down. We've had only a couple of new cases since the second week of class begun," Neal said, "We had 44 students isolated, and the majority of them in our facility have gotten past their sickness and returned to their normal class cycle."

Surprisingly, there have been six new reported cases of influenza. Pierre said there were two cases of H1-N1 confirmed in the week of August 31, but luckily those have been resolved. According to Pierre, the flu season is typically from October to March, but H1-N1 spreads so rapidly it really has no ending point.

Once available, the health center is scheduled to receive the H1N1 flu virus vaccine from the Centers for Disease Control. "All essential medical personnel in the nursing



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Take cover: Patrick King takes precautions and wears a face guard to protect himself from influenza germs.

program on PV's Houston campus, are designated to take H1N1 vaccine," said Dr. Betty Adams, dean of nursing, and she is currently in communication with university officials to carry out processes needed when the vaccine is available.

According to Adams, the vaccine should eliminate the H1N1 flu virus upon entering the affected body.

Adams said, "Avoid crowded areas as much as possible, and avoid traveling for 24 hours after sickness is gone."

Adams gave do's and don'ts on what to do when sneezing.

"It is not sanitary to sneeze on your shoulder, or your upper arm area. If you keep sneezing into your arm, you are simply spreading germs into your garments. Those germs then make their way back into the air, and eventually spread."

As the university continues to manage the situation, the health center is raising students' awareness by providing accurate information on staying healthy while on campus.

Barbara Dixon, a nutrition professor, offered her insight on staying healthy. "We strongly recommend that students eat according to the Food Guide Pyramid, which provides information on the right amount of nutrients that help build immune systems."

Dixon stressed that students in col-

lege should learn to assume responsibility for their own health.

Dixon said, "It is very important because the bottom line is that it is your responsibility to stay aware of your health. Here in the nutrition department, we teach our students to exemplify the things that they are taught in class."

Pierre noted that the health center needs help from students, professors, and university staff to protect our institution of learning from this type of threat. She urged the university community to assist in keeping the flu virus from spreading.

Helpful Information

Regularly eating a balanced diet may help reduce the chance of becoming infected with disease.

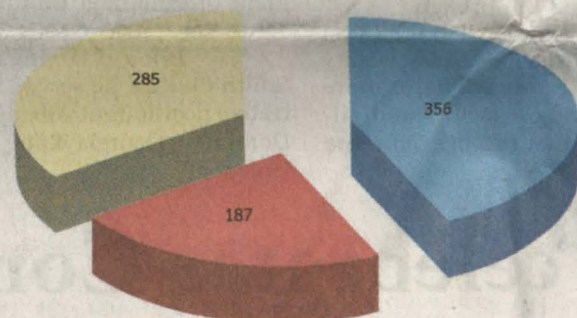
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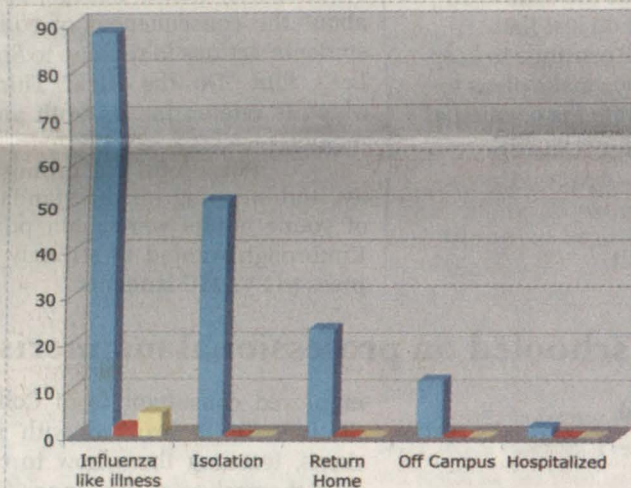
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Reported influenza outbreaks at PVAMU

Confirmed cases during
Fall 2007-2009



Influenza victims' locations



The Health Center is still in need of volunteers

President Wright holds forum

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

President George C. Wright held an open forum Monday in the Opal Johnson-Smith auditorium in the Memorial Student Center in an effort to push the year's policy "A Year of Change."

Members of the staff and faculty came out to express their concerns about the issues on campus.

Wright was joined by provost and senior vice president of academic affairs Dr. E. Johanne Thomas-Smith, vice president for research and development William Trotty, vice president for student affairs and institutional relations Loretta Byars, vice president of business affairs Mary Lee Hodge, and vice president for administration and auxiliary services and athletic director Fred Washington.

The panelists tackled many issues, including the flu outbreak, damaged roads, and customer service.

"We are going to start issuing out customer service cards to students, so that they can express their feelings about the quality of services they are receiving on campus," said Wright.

The panelists said that the dress code policy will be enforced.

"Students should come dressed professionally because we want our students to set an example," Byars said.

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Extreme makeover for Prairie View 500 volunteers clean up campus, community



By Ronald Smith, The Panther



By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

Mayor Frank Jackson rallied all the student volunteers before heading off to the individual sites and PALS came together for the PV Shuffle.

Before leaving, Student Government Association Vice President Trent Johnson turned "Panthers at Work" into "Panthers at Worship" with a prayer and song, "This Little Light of Mine."

Volunteers were allowed to register individually or with one of their organizations on campus.

Some of the Greek organizations helped beautifying the campus by redecorating their individual trees and picking up trash in areas on the hill.

Senior biology major Terry Mason, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., said, "My organization does this every year and throughout the year to keep the university's social life interesting to visitors and new students. It's a source of recruitment and school spirit. This is an important part of PV's history overall."

Many volunteers picked up trash, planted trees, flowers and bushes, landscaped, laid down mulch and handed out water. Some even went as far as Old-290 helping out.

"My sorority sister and I helped prepare an area that is going to have roses planted there so we pulled the weeds, cleared the leaves and laid down fresh mulch," said Gifty Gyebi, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

The event was nothing new to Don Byars, associate provost for Enrollment Management. As a PAW veteran, Byars came back from his site with a positive attitude.

"I feel accomplished, as if I've set an example for the community and students as well. Hopefully this will give students a more serious outlook on keeping the campus and the city of Prairie View clean, neat and beautiful," said Byars.

"Working with PAW is very inspirational and allows me to meet new people and bond with my fellow Panthers," said junior architecture major Aaron Ogletree.

Hard work pays off: Stopping for a water break, junior Elizabeth Gardner (left) represents PALS during her decision to support PVAMU at PAW. (Below) Junior Jeremy Jack digs into the ground to help remulch a tree off-campus.

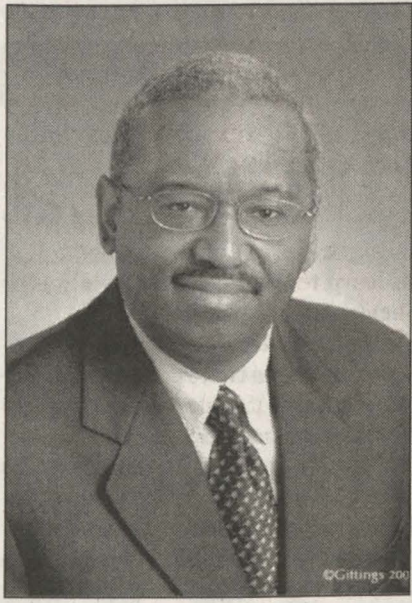
By D'Ann Dickson
Panther Staff

While most Panthers were sleeping or out of town, an estimated 500 students, faculty and staff worked in the Prairie View community early Saturday morning on Sept. 19, as a part of PAW (Panthers at Work), a biannual event that unifies students and the community through different projects.

This year marks the fifth anniversary and was themed "Beautification."

The event was hosted by student volunteer coordinator Alisha Lowe and the Office of Student Affairs and Institutional Relations.

President Wright addresses students



President Wright

Faculty, Staff, and Students:

On Thursday, Sept. 17, Prairie View A&M University closed an \$8.9 million purchase of an academic facility in northwest Harris County.

The two-story building, near Tomball Parkway and FM 1960, is located at 9449 Grant Road north of Willowbrook Mall. With nearly 52,000 square feet of classroom, meeting and student service space Prairie View A&M University will be able to expand its program offerings in Northwest Houston.

As many of you know, we have offered classes in Northwest Houston for some time at the Northwest Center located in Spring, Texas. As outlined in our long range plans, PVAMU will continue to offer access to higher education opportunities for the residents. This purchase gives us the additional space needed to do just that.

We will continue to keep you updated as we make plans to move and celebrate the opening of our newest academic facility.

Sincerely,

George C. Wright
President

Students schooled on professional mannerism

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

Students gathered around the dinner table in the Pardus Cafe to be educated on the subject of fine dining as part of the Department of Management and Marketing's professional development program on Thursday.

Professor Dewayna Cates, of the College of Business said, "We have designated a series of professional development seminars for students taking leadership and ethics courses in order to prepare them for the things they will face after they graduate."

Randi Mays-Knapp, a self-

Kimbrough SPITs knowledge at PVAMU



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Speak the truth: Kimbrough enlightens students on the facts of life during the assembly.

By Dana Polk
Panther Staff

"Fight the Power," an expression made popular by the 1980s hip-hop group Public Enemy, was Dr. Walter Kimbrough's theme for the S.P.I.T. Knowledge Lecture series on campus in the Opal Johnson-Smith Auditorium of the Willie Albert Tempton, Sr. Memorial Student Center, Tuesday, Sept. 15

Students Participating In Transcendent (S.P.I.T.) Knowledge lecture series is part of PVAMU's new lecture series for the 2009-2010 school year, sponsored by the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (M.A.P.S.)

Kimbrough, President of Philander C. Smith College, spoke about the consequences of college students' actions in relation to Spike Lee's film "Do the Right Thing," which is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Purposeful life, promiscuity, and stepping up the standards of young adults were main points Kimbrough wanted to strongly express to PVAMU students.

Kimbrough said, "In terms of a positive aspect I face in my position, reaching out to my students does it for me; most college professors have others manage their Facebook accounts, I manage my own."

How a president would usually conduct certain matters is "old school" in Kimbrough's opinion. He claims to be an educator who needs to interact with his students.

Fortunately, he does not face any true hardships in his position.

The reason being is that he is not the first youngest president of an HBCU, at his institution the youngest president before him was 27-years-old; Kimbrough is the fourth youngest president.

"A lot of young people will have the opportunity to be president because most HBCUs are conservative," said Kimbrough.

Kimbrough elaborated on the effort to include more faculty and administration who are "more human," having a faculty and administration that reaches out more to the student body.

"I really admired his presentation, how he spoke about the efforts HBCU's could make for improvement and integrity," said the Provost, Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith.

While being a product of the hip-hop generation, Kimbrough feels that influences the institution's branding, recruiting students, and engaging with different constituents.

Kimbrough said, "My model for black college presidents is Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College for 27 years, he had a profound impact on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the point that King desired for Mays to give his eulogy, and that's the type of influence I want to last with my students."

Kimbrough seeks to be an impact on young students' lives and development, while getting them on the right path to success.

Kimbrough is the 12th president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark.

Prior to serving a Philander Smith College, he served in administrative positions at Albany State, Old Dominion, Georgia State, and Emory University.

Job seekers go to 39th career fair

By Justin Arrington
Panther Intern

The 39th Prairie View A&M University career fair took place in the Memorial Student Center Sept. 14-17.

The fair's theme "get connected" is exactly what students did as they networked in hopes of gaining employment upon graduation.

It consisted of more than 88 different careers ranging from Texas Southern University Law School to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. According to Amy Emebet of the Office of Career Services, 50 to 80 percent of the students who attend career fairs are successful in finding employment in their field of study within the first couple of years after graduation.

When asked how it feels knowing success can happen and it starts right here, the event's coordinator, Shadia Washington, replied "The student does all the work. We can only point them in the right direction. This event is a growing experience. It teaches students to gain etiquette, how to dress, and how to fill out a resume. We would rather have the students make their mistakes here so when they get out into the real world they will be prepared."

Companies from several fields attended including State Farm Insurance, U.S. Military, and law enforcement officials, just to name a few.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service is one of the leading industries in the country. Statistics has become a major priority with all major businesses. If you are a math major the requirements are a minimum of 15 hours in math. Depending on the GPA the salary may vary. And if you are looking for a change of scenery after you graduate, The University of Arkansas offers more than 120 degrees to choose from. For those who missed this career fair, there will be another one offered in the spring of 2010.

PV celebrates Constitution Day

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

In collaboration with the cheerleaders and the student body, PVAMU's world renowned "Marching Storm" paraded around the yard in celebration of Constitution Day at a ceremony, held by the fountain on Sept. 17.

Constitution Day is a day in which students and faculty members commemorate the day that the Texas Constitution of 1876 was ratified.

Coordinated by the Office of Special Programs and Special Series, this event has been occurring at Prairie View annually since 2005.

Frank D. Jackson, mayor of Prairie View, made a notable appearance. Jackson started the event with a few words, which were followed by a few selections from the band.

Due to the career fair and the class cycle, the duration of the ceremony was exactly 15 minutes.

Not only does the Constitution protect the basic rights of citizens, but it assures the right to a free education provided by federal fund-

ing as well.

Isis McCraw, program coordinator II for the Office of Student Affairs, said, "Although a directive from the U.S. Department of Education mandates we recognize this day, I believe that it is a great opportunity to interact with students and provide information on an important subject."

In order to further educate students, McCraw and staff issued hand books containing facts and other information regarding the Constitution for all those whom attended the ceremony.



By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

Bon appetit: Business students prepare to eat a meal while listenin to Mays-Knapp's lecture on the fine art of dining.

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Dallas youth's motivational speech a YouTube hit

By Linda Stewart Paul
Associated Press

DALLAS - Dalton Sherman is an 11-year-old motivational speaker, a talking testament to the difference a teacher's belief can make in a student's success.

Last year Dalton gave an inspirational back-to-school speech that brought some 20,000 Dallas school teachers to their feet in thunderous applause and the video was posted on YouTube. Now Dalton is a celebrity of sorts.

He's been on Oprah Win-

frey's and Ellen DeGeneres' talk shows. He's hobnobbed with Donald Trump, poet Maya Angelou and U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan and on Friday, Jenna Bush Hager will interview him on NBC's "Today" show in her broadcasting debut.

"It just keeps going and growing," said Dallas schools spokesman Jon Dahlander. "The power of YouTube strikes again for Dalton Sherman. It couldn't happen to a nicer family or a greater kid."

Two years ago Dalton's way with words sometimes proved too disruptive for the classroom. His

teacher at the time Irene Redmond, encouraged him to find other avenues for his talent. The speech that's garnered him so much attention in some ways is a tribute to Redmond's belief in his ability to succeed in life.

Friends and family say Dalton's growing fame hasn't gone to his head. He is still the same kid who loves shooting hoops, horsing around with his siblings, scrambling eggs for his family at breakfast and rooting for the Dallas Cowboys.

He's a straight-A, sixth-grader at a Dallas magnet school and has had a difficult time keeping

a low profile. In his second week at Dallas Environmental Science Academy, the "Today" show's cameras followed him around.

This summer, a Fort Worth-based international theater group called Kids Who Care, turned Dalton's "Believe in Me," speech into a musical in which he recently starred.

One of his largest presentations came in June, when he spoke to about 24,000 people at a global training conference in Charlotte, N.C., for ACN Inc., a direct-marketing company.

"He was incredible," said

Lisa Krass, who directs events for ACN. "He had everyone sitting on the edge of their seat just waiting to see what he was going to say next. "He had many in tears, and others just in awe over how dynamic a young man he was."

Dalton admits he doesn't really know why his speech, which is tailored to suit his audience, has resonated with so many. He's just enjoying the ride.

"It's fun to speak in different places," Dalton said. The 4-foot-9 kid with a big smile wants to be a broadcast news reporter when he grows up.

Medical marijuana law creates confusion in Wash.

By Gene Johnson
Associated Press

SEATTLE - In one corner of Washington state, a 62-year-old rheumatoid arthritis patient could face more than eight years in prison for growing marijuana for himself and three others. In Seattle, meanwhile, a collection of grow operations serves 2,000 people with little interference from police.

The discrepancy is typical of the confusion that has reigned since voters passed Washington's medical marijuana law more than a decade ago. Nor have things improved much since the state clarified how much pot patients can have last year.

Unlike some states, Washington requires patients to grow marijuana themselves or designate

a caregiver to grow it for them. For many, that's unrealistic: They're too sick to grow cannabis themselves and don't have the thousands of dollars it can cost for a caregiver to set up a proper growing operation.

So they've devised their own schemes, claiming to meet the letter of the law in establishing collective grows or storefront dispensaries, methods that are making police and prosecutors increasingly uncomfortable.

"The spirit of the law would recognize the necessity of having small cooperative ventures," said Dan Satterberg, the prosecutor in King County, where Seattle is. "But if they get past a certain size, become a magnet for neighborhood violence, or you get other people showing up to buy marijuana who are not permitted to under the law, then there's tension."

Three years ago, Satterberg's office declined to prosecute a man who was growing 130 plants for 40 people. But a case this year may be testing his tolerance: He hasn't decided whether to charge a hepatitis patient caught with 200 plants, which he claimed supplied more than 100 other patients.

Some activists and the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington recently began discussions with Seattle police over whether to limit the size of cooperative grows.

In Spokane this month, police shut down a medical marijuana dispensary, the first such bust in the state, and arrested the two owners. They warned a half-dozen other dispensaries to close as well, and the raid quickly drew protests from patients. The raid has set up a high-profile court fight.

Al Capone's Wisconsin hideout for sale

By Robert Imrie
Associated Press

WAUSAU, Wis. - The buyer of a scenic property in northern Wisconsin will get more than just its bar and restaurant: They'll have a former hideout of Chicago mobster Al Capone.

The 407-acre wooded site, complete with guard towers and a stone house with 18-inch-thick walls, will soon go on the auction block at a starting bid of \$2.6 million.

The bank that foreclosed on the land near Couderay, about 140 miles northeast of Minneapolis, said Capone owned it in the late 1920s and early 1930s during Prohibition. Local legend claims that shipments of bootlegged alcohol were flown in on planes that landed on the property's 37-acre lake, then loaded onto trucks bound for Chicago.

"He spent a lot of time there," Chippewa Valley Bank Vice President Joe Kinnear said. "Whether it was for getting whiskey out of Canada or whoever knows. It is an incredible property."

The property was more recently used as a tourist attraction. It includes Capone's two-story stone home with a massive fireplace, two guard towers, reportedly manned with machine guns whenever Capone visited, a caretaker's residence and other outbuildings.

Kinnear said the bar on the property was built from what was originally Capone's eight-stall garage and still includes some port-holes built to shoot through.

"It's pretty neat," Kinnear said.

The bank acquired the property after the foreclosure. The bank will auction off "The Hideout, Al Capone's Northwoods Retreat" on the steps of the Sawyer County Courthouse in Hayward on Oct. 8.

Racially charged killing ignites Ill. community

By Sophia Tarren
Associated Press

ROCKFORD, Ill. - The anger spread almost as quickly as the news: an unarmed black man was fatally shot by two white police officers inside a northern Illinois church-run day care filled with children.

Competing stories about how 23-year-old Mark Anthony Barmore died last month have reopened racial wounds in the struggling city of Rockford, sparking outrage that has resonated for weeks not just about whether the shooting was justified.

Barmore's death has become a symbol of unequal opportunities in this manufacturing town of about 160,000 where blacks lag far behind whites in jobs, education and income. The meandering Rock River divides the town largely along racial lines - whites on the east and blacks on the west, where aging and shuttered buildings line streets.

"It was really unsettling, because you're supposed to rely on police to protect you," black resident Maryann King, 41, said of Barmore's death. "It's really put division in the community. People are mad."

Barmore, a lifelong Rockford resident, was spotted Aug. 24 by patrol officers Oda Poole and Stan North outside the Kingdom Authority International Ministries Church he occasionally attended. Wanted for questioning in a domestic dispute, Barmore ducked into the adjoining House of Grace Daycare and Preschool. Police followed.

Authorities say the officers and Barmore struggled over a police gun, leading both officers to shoot. Witnesses, however, including the Rev. Melvin Brown's wife and teenage daughter, say Barmore came out of a storage closet where he had hidden and surrendered, but police shot him anyway in front of young children.

Barmore died at the scene of a gunshot wound to the neck and several to the back, said Winnebago County coroner Sue Fiduccia, who declined to give details citing pending tests.

National NAACP representatives traveled to the city about 90 miles northwest of Chicago to demand federal standards of police use of force. A Cook County task force was called to investigate. Department of Justice mediators were dispatched to quell unrest.

Ex basketball player "Pooh" testifies in Pa.

By Maryclaire Dale
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Former NBA player Jerome "Pooh" Richardson has testified in the trial of a police-officer friend charged with tipping off a drug kingpin about a raid.

Richardson has immunity for his federal-court testimony in his hometown of Philadelphia.

He says he took a call from lifelong friend Rickie Durham hours before an August 2005 drug raid.

He recalls Durham warning that his half-sister Asya (A'-zha) Richardson and her boyfriend were "going down."

Richardson says he called and told her to leave the New Jersey house she shared with kingpin Alton Coles. Both were soon arrested.

Richardson played for Minnesota, Indiana and the Los Angeles Clippers. He lives in Los Angeles.

Demonstrators march before G-20

By Dan Nephin
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - Demanding jobs, health care and an end to war, several hundred people marched through Pittsburgh's predominantly African-American Hill District on Sunday, ahead of this week's Group of 20 economic summit.

Remy Kayal, 31, left his home in Allentown at 3 a.m. to arrive in time to set up his tent at a symbolic "tent city" at Monumental Baptist Church. About a dozen tents were set up, with people intending the stay the week.

"I'm unemployed, which is what this is all about. We've outsourced jobs our grandparents had, like at Bethlehem Steel," said Kayal, who said he lost his job as a massage therapist this summer.

Kayal said he is proud to be an American but isn't happy with the direction the country has been headed. "It pains me to see people suffer," he said.

People carried signs saying "Jobs Not Jails," "We Want Eco-

nomics Justice," and "Single Payer Healthcare" and marched to chants of "No jobs, no peace" and "Money for jobs, not for war."

The march, which fell far short of the thousands organizers had hoped for, was one of several demonstrations expected to take place around the G-20 summit in Pittsburgh, a two-day gathering of the leaders of the world's 20 top economies that starts Thursday.

Eric Gallion, 63, an engineer from Buffalo, clenched a pretzel stick in his mouth as a stand-in for a cigar, the stereotypical image of a fat-cat banker.

He pretended his name was "Harold Gotbucks" and marched with a sign that said: "The bank bailout was great. Too bad about your jobs."

Marchers walked three-quarters of a mile from the church to a place known as Freedom Corner, which has served as a protest meeting spot dating to the 1950s when local black residents fought the demolition of homes, stores and churches in preparation for an arena.

Bank of America to face SEC trial, exits loss-sharing deal

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Bank of America Corp. now faces a trial with the Securities and Exchange Commission over billions in bonuses paid at Merrill Lynch, after a judge threw out the bank's \$33 million settlement and rebuked the agency for not pursuing charges against executives.

The news comes as Bank of America executive Anne Finucane prepares to meet Tuesday with Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y., about BofA's takeover of the troubled investment bank. BofA missed a Monday deadline to turn over details of the hastily arranged acquisition to a congressional committee.

The SEC had accused BofA of failing to disclose to shareholders that it had authorized Merrill to pay up to \$5.8 billion in bonuses to its

employees in 2008 even though the investment bank lost \$27.6 billion that year.

Bank of America had agreed to pay \$33 million to settle the charges without admitting or denying wrongdoing, saying it didn't violate disclosure rules but wanted to avoid litigation with the SEC at a time of market uncertainty.

But U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff last week called the proposed settlement a breach of "justice and

morality," and ordered a trial.

He questioned why individual executives at Bank of America weren't charged, and said the settlement unfairly penalized shareholders.

"The SEC gets to claim that it is exposing wrongdoing on the part of the Bank of America in a high-profile merger, the bank's management gets to claim that they have been coerced into an onerous settlement by overzealous regula-

tors. And all this is done at the expense, not only of the shareholders, but also of the truth," Rakoff wrote in his ruling.

Both the SEC and BofA have defended the earlier settlement proposal as appropriate. The bank has said it didn't violate disclosure rules but wanted to avoid litigation at a time of market uncertainty. The government has argued that the bank benefited from the promise of protection.



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Obama bipartisanism

Does anybody remember the days when opposing ideas made America better? A time when two groups who approached things differently could sit down, disagree, but work toward a solution for the common good? What happened to those days? Anyone who has taken an American history course has seen that our history is covered with the word "compromise."

Now, under President Obama, the theme seems to be "my way or the highway." The man who preached "reaching across the aisle" seems only to be reaching across to slap others in the face. Those who speak out against some of Obama's ideas have been called "racists," "Nazis," and as Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi put it, "Un-American." Are you serious? Even a contributor to this paper used the word "Republican" in his piece last week as if it were a bad word.

The call has been given to

Prairie View students to support President Obama and his efforts. This writer would like to echo that charge. However, let's make sure that we go about this effort in the correct way. Republicans have constantly called for support of health-

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care for all citizens. Just because they have criticism of a few points in the plan that is presented does not mean that they are not in support of the effort. It just means that they have something to add to the conversation to make healthcare for Americans better.

The demonizing of others

by those who praise every word that falls from the President's lips has got to stop.

Bipartisanism is not the guy in charge running the conversation and everyone else putting on a smile and going along. It involves two parties getting together to compromise and solve a problem. "If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen."

Maybe the American public should let the far left go to a corner and sulk about not getting their way, and when they are ready to grow up and learn that conversation is an exchange of ideas, then they can come back to the adult table.

Until then, find a way to deal with compromise. This is America, and compromise makes us stronger.

Bradford Traywick

PURPLE & GOLD POLL

How do you feel about the new LCD flat screens around campus? How do you think the money could have been used?



"I think the money that went toward the TVs should have been used to improve the roads here on campus. I find that beautifying the exterior of the campus is more important than the interior because it's what everyone sees."

Chelsea Arkadie
Junior
Nutrition



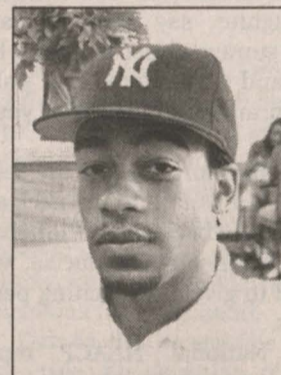
"I think the TVs are cool and they provide entertainment. I think it sucks because they're only on the first floor. I feel the money was properly used on the purchase."

Mallory Crowell
Freshman
Mass Communication



"I think the LCD flat screens make the MSC and library look much more presentable. The money was used for a good purpose."

Donald Ford
Junior
Construction Science



"I don't know what they are up there for. I think there should have been a survey to find out what the student body wanted."

Mason Leverett
Freshman
Biology

By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

SGA Speak Out

First and foremost, we would like to say congratulations to all of our new SGA senators and Homecoming court. All of our candidates put in countless hours of their time and effort campaigning for these positions, and SGA would like to say thank you for your interest and hard work. We look forward to having an exciting and effective experience together this year.

If you didn't have the chance to make the kick-off for the S.P.I.T. Knowledge Lecture Series with Dr. Kimbrough, make sure to mark your calendar for October 7 to witness our next speaker Kevin Powell in the MSC Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. I'm encouraging all students to come out and support the lecture series and gain useful information that could be applied to your experience here at PVAMU, so make sure to bring a friend.

Also, don't forget about the "Speak up or Shut up" program Sept. 29 from 5 - 8 p.m. held in the A.I. Thomas building. Open house starts at 5 p.m. and the forum begins at 6 p.m. Students will get a chance to meet with Dr. Wright and his administration and even tour their offices. Come and let your VOICE BE HEARD! This event serves as a chance to have

all of your questions and concerns discussed, so you don't want to miss out.

Tickets to the Cotton Bowl will be raffled and refreshments will be provided.

Student Tips of the Week:

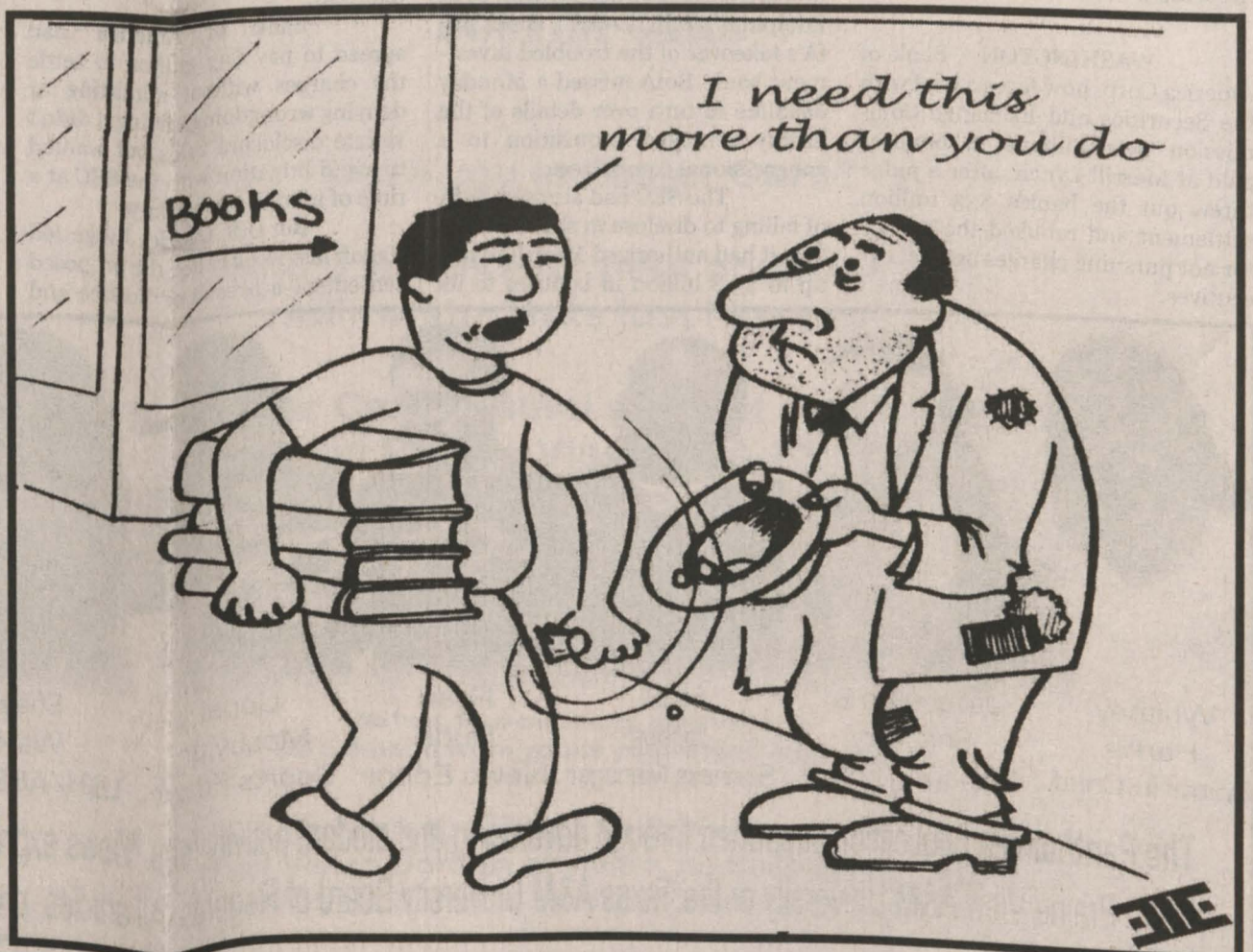
1. Students who have issues with maintenance: be sure to fill out a maintenance request form in the Phase II clubhouse. Also in the near future students will be able to submit requests online.

2. Students are responsible for understanding their rights and will be held responsible for what is in the student code of conduct. I encourage you to "READ" through the planner provided by the university, so that no one has any misunderstandings.

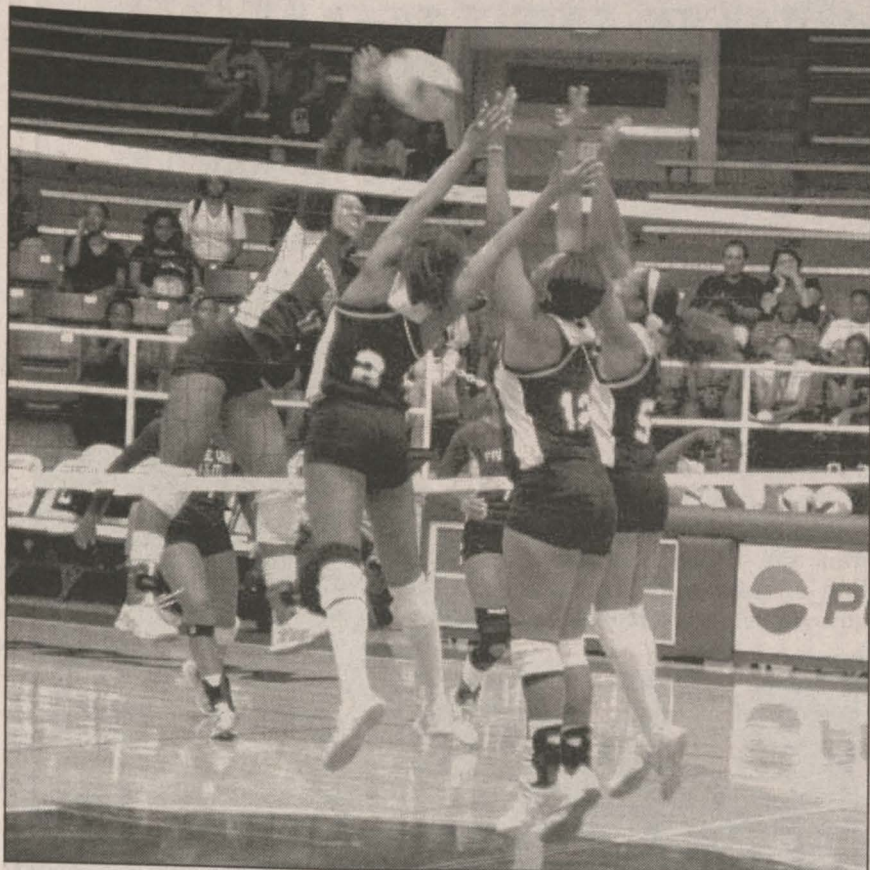
Student Right of the Week:

Article I. A student shall have the right to participate in a free exchange of ideas, and there shall be no University rule or regulation or administrative policy that in any way abridges the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition and peaceful assembly as set forth in the United States Constitution.

I Love College
By: Robert Jordan III



Ladies grab third place in Lady Panther Invitational



All photos by Ronald Smith, The Panther

Big shots: The Lady Panthers used force to beat UAPB twice.

By Alex Williams
Panther Staff

The Lady Panthers volleyball team welcomed three visitors to 'The Hill' for three days full of kills and digs. South Alabama, Nicholls State, and SWAC eastern division foe UAPB all participated in the four team round robin style invitational.

The weekend brought some good and some bad for the Lady Panthers, as they finished third in Prairie View's Lady Panther Invitational after their fast start.

The women's volleyball team started off the weekend with a tune-up game for the Lady Panther

Lady Panthers prevail against Texas College

By Cedrick Wilson
Panther Staff

Coming off their upset from the University of North Texas, the Lady Panthers soccer team took to the field again against the Texas College Lady Steers who were looking for some bright light to add to their season, but the Lady Panthers shut them out 3-0.

Picking up right where they left off, Prairie View's ladies led 1-0 in the 12:00 minute, courtesy of a Yoselyn Aguilar goal. The Lady Panthers' defense also dominated the first half as they held the visitors to only one shot and one corner kick.

Even though the team had the lead, Coach Abe Garcia was less than pleased by their performance. "The girls came out very slow and lackadaisical," said Coach Garcia. "We got into the motions early instead of actually playing."

In the second half, the Lady Panthers again came out strong as they controlled possession of the ball for the first 20 minutes of the half until a good long pass by JD Devany and a misplay by a Texas College defender led to a brilliant second goal by Mayra Castillo in the 65:00 minute.

"We came out stronger in the second half, but we could have put more goals in," said Coach Gar-

cial. The Lady Steers found an opportunity a couple of minutes later, when one Lady Steer beat goal keeper Jessica Garcia, but defender Megan Vlam made an excellent sliding save to clear the ball off the line and keep the shutout going. Then, in the 71:00 minute, Aguilar scored again in a pile in front of the net, helped by a misplay by the Lady Steer goalkeeper.

The Lady Panthers dominated the flow of play as they controlled the midfield by not allowing their opponents to gain any quality possession and the back line cut off any long passes flown in by Texas College. Prairie View also kept the Lady Steer goalkeeper busy by getting up more than 30 shots on goal.

Overall, the performance resulted in a win by the Lady Panthers, but Coach Garcia is looking for more enthusiasm before SWAC conference play. "Once the whistle blows we need to come out strong and ready to go," said Coach Garcia. "We can't wait til 45 minutes have gone by and then start to wake up. They know the system already, so we just have to go play."

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the Lady Lions of the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff. The Lady Panthers defeated the Lady Lions easily with great offensive and defensive play as they swept UAPB in three straight games. Lindsay led the Lady Panthers with 14 kills to help them take the win.

The next match was against Nicholls State early Saturday morning. The Lady Panthers knew they would have to be mentally prepared for this match to come out with the win and a chance to keep the title here at home. So, when they jumped out of the gate winning the first match 25-21, it was no surprise.

The Lady Colonels buckled down quickly as they grabbed wins in the next three games. Nicholls State took the last game 25-19 to win the match. The Lady Panthers' standouts were sophomore Sarah Garcia with eight digs, while senior Shaun Williams added 10 kills.

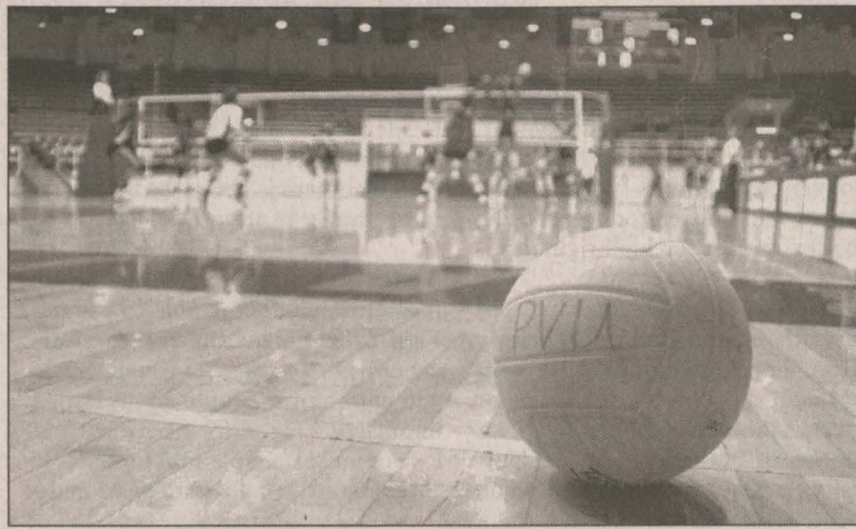
The last match of the day came when the Lady Panthers were set to battle it out with the University of Southern Alabama. The outcome didn't turn out as the team planned though, losing in three straight games 25-20, 25-23, and 25-20.

Despite fighting with much heart during the Lady Panther Invitational, the team fell short in the home stand against their Division I opponents. When asked how she felt her team did this past weekend, Lindsay stated, "I think that as a team when we are all focused we play well, but I think we need to work on communication."

The ladies still have a long way to go until the SWAC Tournament and they are working rapidly to improve on their shortcomings. The Lady Panthers are now set to continue with their next game at home against the Sam Houston State Lady Bearcats on Tuesday at 7 p.m.



Teamwork: The Lady Panthers (above) are using their out of conference opponents to help them prepare for this year's SWAC competition. Their victories in games against the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff (below) and Mississippi Valley State prove that the ladies can win this year's SWAC crown.



By Bradford Traywick, The Panther

Still kickin': Lady Panthers won their second straight game.

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Highlighting students who excel in their areas of interest

By Aleceia England
Panther Staff

Willie Sowell, also known as "Willie P", is a senior at PVAMU majoring in business management. He is a young African-American who has many talents such as being a rapper and music producer, but he is better known for his original poetry.

He began composing poetry with a song for a University College Pageant audition. He won the talent portion of the pageant with that piece. Outspoken Bean, an alumnus of Prairie View A&M University, pushed Willie P to pursue

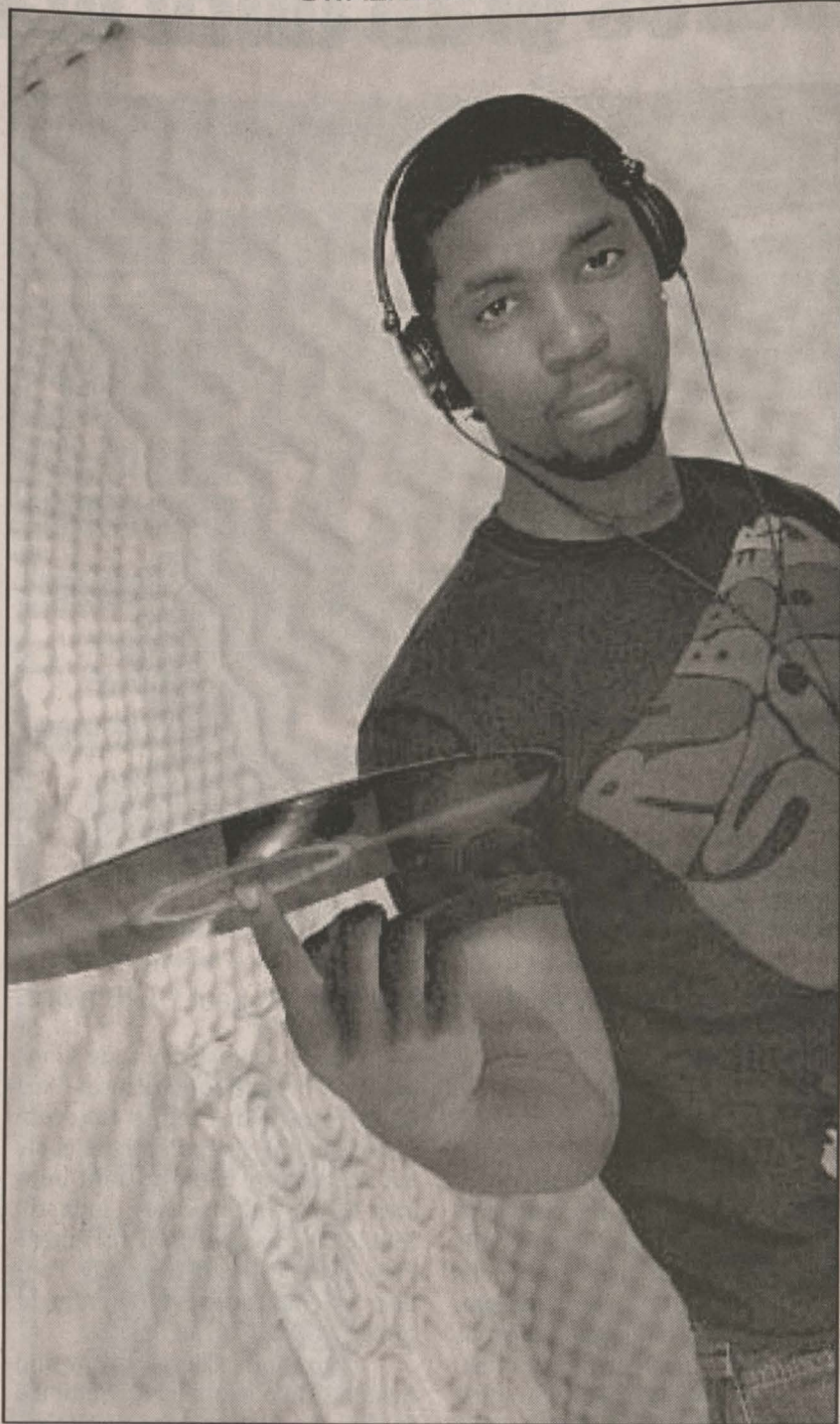
being a poet. He became a member of the first poetry slam team at Prairie View which placed 8th in a national competition that same year. A few of his accomplishments are winning first place his sophomore year in the BET poetry segment, and former president of the Prairie View Productive Poets. His greatest accomplishment is being the first male in his family to attend college.

Willie P feels his love of poetry is an outlet to give people information and being able to use his First Amendment right to the fullest extent. He says, "Through words you can inform people about issues in society." He is torn between his love of music and passion for poetry. "Music started it all, I am passionate

about music." It is like a fork in the road: music or poetry?"

Willie P's favorite poem is "Brothers," in which he collaborated with Outspoken Bean and the poem "America," is about the issues a young African-American faces in society. His favorite poems are "Convenience Store" by Buddy Wakefield and "Masterpiece" by Trademark. His favorite poets are The Fluent One, Outspoken Bean, Trademark, Nyne, Deep, and Bre diva.

A frequently asked question, "What does the 'P' mean? The 'P' stands for the passion of music." "I don't want to be known only as a poet but someone with various talents for the world to hear and experience."



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

"P" stands for passion: Willie Sowell poses at his studio.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

By Camellia Jackson, LMSW
Panther Contributor

Have you seen the video clip where the girlfriend of an Iraqi war veteran plays a prank on him while he's sleeping? While the soldier is lying on the couch napping, she starts a recording of bombs whistling and exploding and she tosses a stuffed animal at his head and starts screaming. The guy jumps up completely disoriented with a look of absolute horror on his face until he realizes he's safe at home and it was all a joke.

Unfortunately, PTSD is no joking matter. PTSD (Post-traumatic Stress Disorder) is defined as a traumatic event that threatens your safety or makes you feel helpless. Any overwhelming life event can trigger PTSD, especially if the event is seen as unpredictable and uncontrollable. In other words, military veterans aren't the only people who can suffer from this disorder. Car crashes, sexual or physical abuse, kidnapping, violent assaults, rape, or natural disasters are just a few examples of events that can lead to PTSD. While it is natural to have certain reactions to traumatic events such as dreaming about the event, feeling numb or afraid, and continually thinking

of the event over and over, these symptoms tend to decrease with time. With sufferers of PTSD, that's not the case. With some people, the symptoms can take weeks, months, or even years to develop.

If you suspect that you or a loved one has PTSD, it's important to seek help right away. The sooner PTSD is confronted, the easier it is to overcome. If you're reluctant to seek help, keep in mind that PTSD is not a sign of weakness and the only way to overcome it is to confront what happened to you, and learning to accept it as a part of your past. This process is much easier with the guidance and support of an experienced therapist or doctor.

It's only natural to want to avoid painful memories and feelings. But if you try to numb yourself and push your memories away, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) will only get worse. You can't escape your emotions completely - they emerge under stress or whenever you let down your guard - and trying to do so is exhausting (can you say "Kanye West at the VMAs?"). The avoidance will ultimately harm your relationships, your ability to function, and the quality of your life.

Student Counseling Center, Owens Franklin Health Center



The Demoralization of Society

Reality Television

By Aaron Jacobs
Business Manager

Welcome to the real world... the world of adventure and mayhem. Of making new friends, having new experiences and likely many regrets. This is the world of fights, arguments, deception, gossip, evil intentions, and where people would do anything for fame, fortune, and status. Welcome to the reality of the sweeping phenomenon of Reality TV.

These are just some of the many nouns that can be attributed to the majority of the reality television shows that are watched on a daily basis. Most of us have seen at least one example of a reality show before, some of them basic game shows and others based upon crazy premises, which a normal person would not find themselves in.

But a real reality show in itself would just be filming an everyday person doing everyday things aka "real life." What film companies have done is put everyday people from different backgrounds into not so everyday situations to watch them ultimately and preferably crack under the pressure. What it shows in actuality is the reality of who the "contestants" or "roommates" really are. I've always been a strong believer that only when a person is pushed to the edge or their breaking point will they reveal what is really in their heart. As the Bible says, whatever is really in your heart will come out of your mouth.

Of course these reality shows are a source of income and are supposed to shock and awe the audience to get as many viewers as possible. But when you have millions of people viewing to watch the craziness of

other people, maybe it is a sign of things to come or of a state of being which has already come to pass. I am more inclined to believe the latter.

We, as humans, are naturally inclined to judge each other pretty harshly based upon whatever values we hold dear. The problem which I'm addressing now is with us as Americans and what entertainment like this means for us. Regardless of any religious affiliation or philosophical viewpoint we subscribe to, there has been a clear line which has been crossed. Whether you choose to believe that line was made by the religious right wing, which originally settled in America or the common sense of values which translated from previous civilized nations, there is a clear difference from what they would accept and what we currently allow. I am not choosing to question the morality a person chooses to adhere to, the question lies with all of us as a society of people which turns a blind eye to things which we know go against our conscience. It seems in the 21st century our consciences became seared with a hot iron, and we became unable to speak out against anything anymore because we would immediately stand out as an astonishment to the demoralized society which we currently live in.

It seems that we have become a society of people with no gumption or guts to substantiate what we actually believe. For the sake of entertainment and comfortability, we keep our mouths shut and deny what is supposed to make us who we are. So we either step up and become the black sheep or we should

shut up when describing the beliefs which we say we have, before we lie. It's sad to see many of the participants in a particular reality show such as the "Real World," declare that they are Christians and then step back and clearly show that they are not by lying, hating, conniving, stealing, and having nothing to do with the Lord that can be seen on the outside.

Not all reality shows show this kind of behavior but this argument can be extended to movies, music, and all other facets of entertainment. The paradigm shift can easily be seen when you compare the media of the '50s through the '80s to 2009. What happened? It's one thing if society makes a shift and grows on concepts of the past but the truth is the truth. History shows that when the morals of the country turn by the wayside then the country nears the end of its glory. Public officials are caught in adultery and don't even have the morality to step down in shame.

The world, especially America, has become addicted to its own filth. The aspects of the human psyche as shown through reality television shows, are a painful reminder to anyone with any historical knowledge of the standards of morality, that America has dropped the ball. Of course it has never been a society full of only pious righteous citizens, but there was a time when even the person of the least moral fiber knew a sense of decency in public. It pains me to see our generation say many things about what they stand for and the goals which they would like to accomplish then to watch them act as though they did not have home training. No man is perfect but unless we uphold a societal standard of some form what will be the result of it? And if it has gotten to this level now, think about the children being raised today under the mindset that these things are commonplace?

SORORITY ROW PUTS A SPIN ON SORORITY LIFE

By Larry Fletcher
Panther Contributor

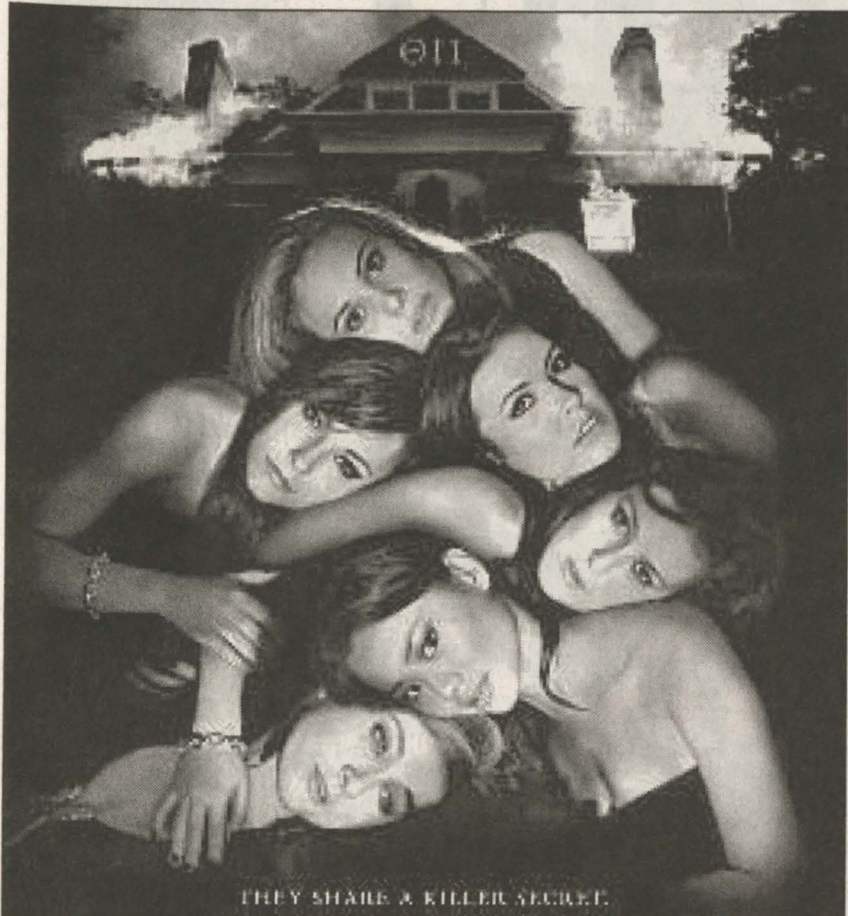
"Sorority Row," a remake of the less-known 1983 horror film "The House on Sorority Row," is a fun imitation of "I Know What You Did Last Summer," a slasher style flick. The film delivers thrills, laughs and in the tradition of many slasher

flicks, young scantily clad women running around and screaming their heads off. The basic plot of the movie is about a group of sorority girls who pull a prank that goes too far, leaving one of their sorority sisters dead. The women of Theta Pi, who'd rather break a nail than admit to murder, decide to hide the murder by throwing their fellow soror down an abandoned mine shaft to protect the reputation of the sorority

and their futures. However, eight months later the girls receive text messages containing incriminating pictures.

Soon after, a malevolent figure in a hooded black graduation gown begins to kill the girls off one by one with a wickedly accessorized tire iron. In between the gory death scenes, one cannot help but wonder who is behind these gruesome deeds. However, figuring out the identity of the killer is not an easy task, as the audience is introduced with several red herrings and a limited number of clues. Somewhat predictable, the film ends in a bittersweet way, leaving itself open for a possible sequel. Highlights of the film include, the "frienemy" relationship and sarcastic dialogue between Cassidy (Brian-na Evigan) and Jessica (Leah Pipes). Carrie Fisher (Princess Leia from the original Star War trilogy), gives a great cameo as a pistol packing Theta Pi housemother, and Julian Morris' performance as Cassidy's boyfriend Andy is very persuasive.

Overall, "Sorority Row" gives actually what the trailer promises. The film does not drag or waste too much time with introducing its one-dimensional characters or cookie-cutter plot. "Sorority" hits the ground and doesn't quit running. Those who enjoy a good horror movie will not be disappointed with "Sorority Row," but may know what's coming from miles away. A plot twist or a little more depth would have been nice, but that's usually where the unnecessary nudity steps in to shine.



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SHORT & SWEET

"Deja Vu"

By Jacqueline Sadberry
Managing Editor

"You'll find out nine months from now. Figure that out."

And just like that, she hung up in his face without even giving him the chance to respond. Nine months. At first he couldn't quite piece it together until he turned on the TV and saw a commercial that had a family sitting and smiling. The man was holding his expecting wife, their daughter grinning from ear to ear asking when the baby would come.

"Make sure your nine months are good for you and your baby!" He remembered how it felt like someone dropped a ton of bricks on his head.

But now he sat in his car. He wanted to call her and get some questions answered, but another part of him wanted to pretend as though he never knew her. It wasn't like she had been faithful these last two years they dated. However, he always said it was weak for a man to walk away from his responsibilities.

Just like his dad walked away from his, as did his father's father.

So, the question whirled around in his mind. Would it end with him, or would the cycle just keep going on and on?

"Hello?" He snapped into reality for a moment. He hadn't realized he dialed her number, "Hello? Xavier?"

"Le'trice..." She sighed, "What are you going to do, Xavier?"

But all that Xavier could do was hold the phone and watch the raindrops cascade down the windshield.

Xavier never did have much love for rainy days. It never failed that every time it rained, something bad would always come along his way. Today it was pouring, and as he sat in his car, sitting in student parking he stared hard at his cell phone.

The buttons seemed to make a menacing face. He was supposed to call her today around this time, but he couldn't find the will power to do it. What would she tell him this time? A month ago things were great, but yesterday she dropped a bombshell...

It was a Thursday, and it had been raining then too.

"Do you...I mean, you love me right?"

Xavier instantly knew something was up when she asked him that question. She never asked things like that, she wasn't that kind of girl. And more importantly, he was never that kind of guy to ever have her ask him things like that.

"What's wrong?" he asked.

"What's wrong? You're not even going to answer my question?"

And it all went down hill from there. "Something's wrong because you don't hold your tongue. You say whatever you gotta say regardless of how it may come out."

"Wow...You're really not going to answer my question..."

"Okay. I love you. Now it's your turn. What's wrong Le'trice?"

Open Mic



"C Major"

Oxygen runs marathons through my lungs granting me the pleasures of life,
I never felt so alive Bass pours from my insides vibrating the world's scenery
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Music is my life, come live with me
-Willie P.

The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

University College welcomes
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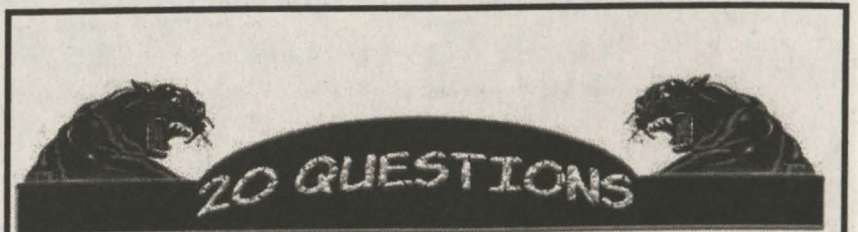
Welcome to The Hill

All UC Buildings held Mandatory Building meetings the week of Sept 6th. If you missed the meeting, be sure to ask your LCC what information was covered. UC at the Village-your Academic Advisor is Ronnie Davis (936)261-5926

UC Residents are already gearing up for Homecoming. Ms Zakiyyah Willis and Ms Marie Germaine will be representing Bld 40 in the Ms UC Pageant. Ms Chasmine Cousins is running for Freshman Queen.

Congratulations!! Buildings 42 and 36 won top honors in the PV Challenge during Panther Camp!

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1. Who were the hot girls at the Baby Dome party getting X-rated in the middle of the dance floor?
2. Who else is finally glad that student elections are over?
3. Who was the girl flirting with that security guard in Creekside?
4. When did Sodexo think it was OK to give out raw meat?
5. Who else realized that the student leaders, not the Greeks, run the yard?
6. Isn't the 2nd floor of the MSC like a VIP section at a party?
7. Was Club Las Fuentes the official pre-party?
8. Who thought the Baby Dome party was wired up?
9. Were the Sonic cups and class of 2013 jugs having something to do with it?
10. Who was the CAB member who found the used condom at the Baby Dome?
11. Who else saw all the Alpha prospects leave the party at 9:06?
12. Who was the CAB member who came to PAW at 10 o'clock to work a shift?
13. Who was the photographer who thought he was going to make that run around the Baby Dome?
14. So when did PV Suds become a club?
15. Who was the Nupe who stole more than Christmas out of Willowbrook Mall this past weekend?
16. Who else thinks that PV promoters are taking their venues too far?
17. First it was a church, then a jeans outlet, now are they turning Las Fuentes into the new club spot?
18. Who are the two sophomores trying to bring back grillz?
19. Who was the freshmen stealing Chick-Fil-A out of the Panther Grill?
20. What do you think?

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

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