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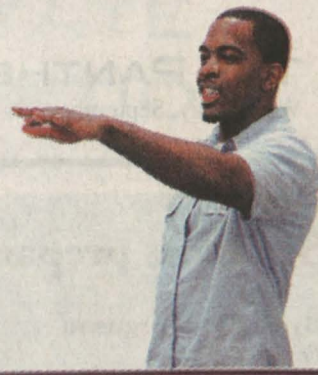
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Over \$32 million donated during campaign Students benefit through scholarships, donations given by alumni



Courtesy of the Office of Public Relations

Recognizing the dedicated few: President George C. Wright, alumna Opal Johnson-Smith and others unveil the plaques honoring those who contributed during the six year capital campaign.

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

Prairie View A&M University raised over \$32 million during its first capital campaign with the support of the alumni association and several corporations and foundations.

Originated in 2002, the capital campaign was designed to raise \$30 million for the university.

By creating a system of private donations from state and national communities, the campaign has created new funding for special

programs and new opportunities for present and future students of Prairie View. The funds raised from the campaign are allocated for scholarship funding, student research laboratory equipment, and technology.

The campaign's theme, "Extend the View: Shape Tomorrow Today," was the overall purpose of the campaign.

Nelson Bowman III, director of development and cabinet member of the campaign, said, "Extending the view means putting things in place today, in order to create a better tomorrow for the future generations."

The original purpose of creating the campaign was to raise funds, so that the stu-

dent body could grow from 7,800 to 15,000 within a 10-year span.

The project began with gifts and donations from the faculty and staff. These contributions were important, because the faculty and staff served as the foundation for support of the university. By interacting with the student body on a daily basis, staff and faculty members are likely to be the most aware of wants and needs of the students.

Throughout the course of the entire project, the faculty and staff gave \$672,000 in gifts and donations, with the average gift size being around \$340. Surprisingly, over one third of the entire faculty and staff contributed to the campaign's cause.

By donating over \$6.5 million in proceeds to the project, the university's alumni association and its members showed their support in this growing cause. Contributing over 25 percent of contributions to the project, the alumni association was the leading supporter of private contributors for the entire campaign. By sending such a strong message, the alumni association's contributions helped the campaign exceed its original goal by nine percent.

Although the campaign ended in the latter part of 2008, it was originally scheduled to end in 2007. As November 2007 came to a close, the campaign had already generated \$23 million. Although this was a major achievement, the cabinet led by co-chair persons and alumni Don K. Clark and Opal Johnson-Smith, elected to extend the campaign an extra year, so that the goal could be reached.

PVAMU's participation in the Texas Office of Civil Rights settlement resulted in the foundation's commitment to offer a dollar-for-dollar matching agreement, which motivated donors to contribute more money and ultimately added to the campaign's success. Consequently, the project raised an additional \$8 million.

The endowment funds that were created by the campaign were arguably the most beneficial aspect of the entire cause. Created with particular purposes and with the desire of the donors at heart, endowments are a long-term constant financial source, upon which the university can depend for future scholarship money.

During the course of the capital campaign, the university created over 77 endowments with a minimal investment of \$5,000 per endowment. Starting in 2004, each endowment created was named and designated for a specific cause. The endowments totaled over \$56 million in scholarship money for PVAMU students.

Bowman said, "The significance of endowments compared to cash scholarships, is the fact that endowments generate interest over a period of time, making them a long-term investment. Cash scholarships are short-term, because they are gone once the money runs out."

The capital campaign also managed to raise \$6 million in merit-based student scholarships, creating between 75-100 scholarships ranging from \$25,000-\$40,000 each. In addition, \$5 million in athletic scholarships were created for all 18 athletic teams on campus.

Willie F. Trotty, vice president of research and development, explained, "This campaign was very significant to the university in terms of public image. Prior to conducting the campaign we did a study of Prairie View's public image, and we found that most people in Houston didn't even consider us as part of their community. It felt like we were a university without a home." Trotty added, "By inviting people to our campus, we were able to network and build stronger relationships with outside communities, and we showed them a new side of PVAMU."

Prairie View "Goes Green" with recycling program

SGA helps fund program on campus

By Jeremy Malone and Lionel Mosby Jr.
Panther Staff

This fall semester, Prairie View A&M University's Student Government Association (SGA) revealed its new "Go Green" initiative to students across the campus.

The "Go Green" Initiative is a simple, environmentally sound program that is designed to create a culture of environmental responsibility on campuses throughout the United States.

SGA President Robert Powell, who inherited the program from the past SGA President over a year and a half ago, finally got the ball rolling on the recycling program in the spring of 2009.

With SIFE already contributing the green effort under the criteria for environmental sustainability, Powell felt that it was necessary to echo the notion and create an executive board position to address this issue. Now with the help of Kyle Maronie, the director of environmental sustainability for SGA, and Courtney Neville, co-director of environmental sustainability for SGA, Powell has managed to acquire recycling bins that enable the students, faculty, and administration

to effectively start "Going Green." This new initiative comes on the heels of a nationwide effort to get the country to "Go Green." From President Barack Obama to CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, the urgency of saving the natural resources through sustainable energy has been pushed to the forefront.

In order to provide quality living for future generations, the country has made a concerted attempt to curb the billions of tons of environmentally unfriendly products. In reaction to this endeavor, campuses across the country have been proactive in following in the new direction the country is headed.

"The Student Government Association funded the initial cost of the 96 gallon bins located in the buildings, while the university bought the small containers for the offices throughout the campus," said Powell.

Abitibowater, the eighth largest publicly traded paper and pulp manufacturer in the world, provided all of the large green and yellow dumpsters. Abitibowater is a company that is among the world's largest recyclers of old newspapers and magazines, and it produces a wide range of newsprint, commercial printing paper, market pulp, and wood products.

The Abitibowater Company has dedicated itself to picking up and recycling the university's bins every other Monday. The



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Helping save the planet: (left to right) Ashley Davis and Sanerica Davis empty recycling bins in support of the paper recycling program on campus.

10 easy ways to be green

1. Reduce
2. Unplug unused electronics
3. Recycle
4. Look for The Energy Star label
5. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)
6. Fix leaks
7. Buy recycled items
8. Computer power management
9. Properly dispose of hazardous waste
10. Buy fresh, local, organic foods

Important tips

- turn off the lights when leaving a room
- use both sides of the paper when printing and copying
- walk or bike instead of driving
- take short showers
- drink tap water instead of bottled water
- remove unnecessary items from your car to reduce weight
- regularly replace the filter on your HVAC system
- Install faucet aerators
- use cold water to wash clothes
- stop junk mail
- install a programmable thermostat in your home

funds that are raised from the recycling program are being put into a separate account, and will be voted on by a representative of organizations and/or an individual. The representatives will come from every college, major, and discipline across the yard to make sure every student has a say in where the funds should be used. Student activities and programs will be the main target for the proceeds, but the monies will be flexible. "The students will be able to use the money wherever they see fit," said Maronie.

Even though the program is up and running, SGA still needs organizations and individual volunteers to grab a hold of the vision and keep it moving smoothly.

"So far, the men of the freshman building that I oversee have been the main contributors to the campaign," said Maronie, "Other than them, we haven't had much help. We really need students, especially organizations, to get involved and adopt a building."

For the individual students or organizations that may be interested in joining the "Go Green" Initiative, go to the Office of Student Affairs & Institutional Relations page on the PVAMU Web site and sign up under the Service Learning Tab.

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Students prepare wardrobe for workforce

By Jessica Ferguson
Panther Staff

Phi Beta Lambda, the largest student business organization in the world, continued its quest to produce better prepared students for the professional world in a "Dress for Success" Fashion Show. The event, hosted by Professor DeWayna Cates and Dr. Lawrence McNeil, was held Thursday evening in Hobart Taylor.

As members of Phi Beta Lambda showcased their threads, McNeil, Cates, and the attendees pointed out the hits and misses of their dress.

McNeil, suited and booted for the business world, taught that men should invest in a dark-colored, wool-blend suit. Darker suits carry more authority. Wool is preferred because it looks to be a higher-quality fabric.

Cates touched on the appearance of women. Wear darker colored suits, but add a splash of color using a complementary blouse. All skirts should be knee-length or longer when seated or standing. A woman should also expose as little flesh as possible by wearing pantyhose and closed-toe pumps that are

no more than two inches high. When it comes to accessories, just like the guys, keep it simple. Wear small earrings like studs, nothing too flashy. Hair is also important. If you have a bright, unprofessional color in your hair, Cates says to "have your stylist put a rinse on it and style it nicely for the interview." Make-up should be kept natural.

Both ladies and gentlemen should always "err on the side of conservative," as Cates put it. You may decide to stray from the "norm." If so, McNeil says to "be prepared to overcome some obstacles in the workplace." If you think that dressing to impress is too expensive, we've got news for you: it's not. All you need is one nice dark colored suit. You can change the shirt and accessories around for a new look every time. Plus, your future is worth the investment.

Senior psychology major Crysta Mendes felt that the seminar was helpful for the most part. "I am glad that I attended because this was great information, but they make it seem as if you dress the same for every job."

The department of business will host "Personal Branding" in Hobart-Taylor on Oct. 1 at 5 p.m.

Pentagon offers students job opportunities

By Shayna Walker
LH/AE Editor

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, the director for the U.S. Missile Defense Agency in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for the Pentagon, Lt. Gen. Patrick J. O'Reilly enlightened students on career opportunities in the wake of the United States fight against terrorism.

Former PVAMU President Lt. Gen. Julius W. Becton Jr. accompanied O'Reilly, as they encouraged young students to get involved in military jobs.

"This is a rare opportunity to strike a blow for your future. It can't get any better than this," former president Lt. Gen. Julius Becton Jr. said comically.

Heather Reed, of Missile Defense Agency Public Affairs, said, "The federal government went on

a hiring spree in the 50s and due to their retiring, there will be jobs available."

O'Reilly said, "5,000 jobs will be available for engineering, chemistry, nuclear physics, mathematics, business majors and skills. The agency went from hiring 20 new graduates to hiring 200."

"The selected students will go through a two year orientation, mentoring, matching, training, and team building and planning. They will also be allowed to move around the country to see where they want to spend their career," added O'Reilly.

For more information on applying go to www.MDACareers.com. There are also jobs available for anyone specializing in management and program analysis, financial management, accounting, foreign affairs, information technology, and human resources.



Courtesy of Office of Public Relations

Attention: Students listen while Lt. Gen. O'Reilly speaks.

PPHD promotes safe sex among students

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

Panthers Promoting Healthy Decisions (PPHDs), brought students together to discuss the dos and don'ts when having sexual intercourse, during their "SEX 101" seminar on Sept. 23 in the new science building.

Students from all classifications came out and showed their interest in learning tips on practicing safe sex.

Peer-Lead Educator Gregory Rose said, "This event was designed to provide education on the sexual aspects that many students were unaware about. So, hopefully the advice given helped fill some of those blanks."

Did you Know?

- In Houston, African-Americans represent 55% of all HIV infections
- In Houston, African-American women represent 75% of all women affected with HIV
- One in two sexually active people will contract an STD/STI by age 25

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Road renovations delayed



By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

Time for change: Although the university has re-done the roads on the main campus, the roads in the housing area by University College and University Village north remain damaged.

By Da'Lynn Stinson
Panther Staff

Most working adults would say that college life is a bumpy road, but here at PVAMU, that saying has become a literal statement. The streets around the University College are in rough shape and need renovations.

"I have a car on campus, and the pot holes are terrible for driving. You really need to pay extra attention, or your car can be damaged," said senior psychology major Ryan Garret.

The university has managed to fix O.J. Thomas Drive, and

T.R. Solomon Drive by Hobart-Taylor and the MSC.

In fact, they had to fix the streets by Hobart-Taylor twice because the first time they made mountain-like speed bumps that caused damages to the bottoms of cars, no matter how slow you went over the bumps.

However, renovations to the far end of LW. Minor Street have yet to take place. The fact that the university has prioritized getting the streets on the main campus fixed, while continuously procrastinating on the streets in the housing areas, has angered many students.

Freshman architecture major Justin Waller said, "The sides of

the streets are the worst. Like you really can't even pull your car over without hitting one of the pot holes. One time I even thought we had a flat tire because the hole was so deep."

According to university officials such as Mary Lee Hodge, vice president of business affairs, the university has been gathering information about the cost of renovations for the streets. Whether the renovations get done or not will depend on the budget after the university covers its teaching expenses.

Hodge said, "We make a decision on doing more road renovations after the spring semester starts in January. Certain roadwork needs to be done, and we realize that."

Sigma Tau Theta welcomes new members

By Corbin Mickens
Panther Intern

Sigma Tau Theta introduced the student body to members of their organization during their "Welcomm 2009," Sept. 23 in Hilliard Hall.

The "Welcomm" is a mixer that Sigma Tau Theta created to unite all mass communication majors.

Founded in 1999, they have established themselves as one of the leading fraternities in the advancement of the communications department at Prairie View A&M University.

At the beginning of the mixer Krystal Pitre, president of Sigma Tau Theta, introduced all the current members of the orga-

nization. She explained how mass communication is affects everyone on campus and how it is essential in everyday life.

Dr. Dejun Liu, a professor in mass communication said that the blood of social activity is communication. Currently there are approximately 400 people involved in communication and there are 300 communication majors on campus.

"Sigma Tau Theta is a very healthy organization and has done so much for the communication department", said Dr. Liu in regarding to the opportunities the organization has helped with.

Afterwards the organization announced their seminar called "Bag Lady" that is open for men and women adjusting to the problems, pressures, and emotions of college life to be held October 6.

Racial relations explored

By D'Ann Dickson
Panther Staff

Prairie View students gathered in the new science building for a seminar hosted by Karnation Kourt Incorporated titled "In My Own Skin: What Do You Prefer?" aimed to broaden the perspectives of students on the topic of stereotypes within the African-American race.

Karnation Kourt Inc. or KKI is a non-Greek, all female community service organization. This year they plan to become more involved with Prairie View's community, raise their membership participants and lose the label of "Kappa Sweethearts". The organization started in 1947 and they use the numbers '47' often as a form of remembrance and creativity which is why the meeting began promptly at 6:47.

Prairie View Students of FOSTER CARE

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Producing productive people

Recently, Prairie View A&M University students elected their senators for the Student Government Association. This writer would like to congratulate those individuals elected by their peers to represent them. But, let it be known, the real work starts now. Campaigning may have been difficult, but the real challenge is representing the students and making advances on their behalf and those still to come.

The motto here at Prairie View is "Prairie View Produces Productive People." This writer believes very much in this ideal, and thinks that students and their elected representatives should take this to heart. The momentum of progress here on campus is in an upswing, and we should not let it die down.

To the elected student, encouragement is offered. The road ahead is tough. There are long meet-

ings, communicating with faculty and staff, and of course speaking to and representing the student body.

As our hands point to the

"Productivity produces progress and if we produce productive people, we are going to change the world."

hill during the alma mater, may you always point towards progress for the betterment of Prairie View students.

To the general student body, encouragement as well as a challenge is offered. Keep your head up. Things may look bad, the cafeteria may be packed, parking may be scarce, and the cost of college across the country is steadily rising, but your student government is dedicat-

ed to reducing and eliminating these problems. The challenge is to stay in constant contact with your representatives and voice your ideas.

You cannot be properly represented if you do not speak up. Your representatives are working hard on your behalf, support them.

A wise man once said, "You don't drown by falling in water. You drown by staying there."

Far too long we have struggled along in a mess, let's get out of it and move on to better things. Let us not sink into the mindset that "nothing works at PV." Do not drown in the idea that things will not get better.

Productivity produces progress; and if we produce productive people, we are producing people who are going to change the world.

Bradford Traywick

Don't be a jerk: Anger Management 101

When we get passed on the freeway by an ignorant driver and that four letter word goes across your brain and in some cases comes out of your mouth, do you ever catch yourself and think about why you are getting upset? Anger, as a noun, is defined by a strong feeling of displeasure and belligerence aroused by a wrong. Anger can be bred from frustration from any given stimuli. Most times it is from a person but it can be with a computer, a vending machine, and even a door. But in those cases is it profitable to lose control of yourself when there is nothing that you can do to change the situation? Because a mosquito bites you on the arm do you then take a bug spray gun and go to work on the entire yard? I hope not!

Anger is a viable emotion which goes right along with love and sadness. Anger can spur us to protect our loved ones and to resist the oppressiveness of society. Anger is very fruitful when it leads to profit-

able results, but is it fruitful to allow ourselves to be taken and even overcome with our anger when in many cases it will do nothing to change the scenario or the situation that has already happened. Society has already given us black men the very ignorant title of being an "angry black man." So why do even more to perpetuate that stereotype. I propose that we should be more like water. Water is calm and able to transform given the correct environment. When it calls to be angry by all means use that anger to be positive.

Things happen which are beyond our control all the time. But because we cannot control nature or even the actions of others, we get upset, angry, and even wrathful. The associated word just depends on how long the seed of displeasure has been germinating in our hearts or even if it has grown fruit. Although we cannot control what happens to us we can manage our reactions. Contrary to popular belief everyone is not fas-

ciated by how upset you are. The world does not need to know every word you feel you need to express about how someone didn't say hi to you when you smiled and waved at him or her. Grow up and learn to control your emotions.

The first murder according to the Bible happened because Cain harbored hatred in his heart for his brother Abel. Anger must be measured out and even stopped in many cases before the fruit comes out from it. Our situations and circumstances test out who we really are on the outside. So let us look into our own hearts and see what we actually do when we get upset and how it affects the people around us. If when you get upset and you end up hitting someone or yelling out an endless stream of obscenities, you should expect your relationships and friendships to not last very long.

Aaron Jacobs

SGA Speak Out

On behalf of the Student Government Association we are glad to inform you that the judicial branch of SGA is now fully functional and the new chief justice is Harris D. Brown. The Judicial Branch interprets the laws and settles disputes within the organization. If any student has issues or concerns with SGA or procedures taken, whether a member of SGA or not, you can file an appeal.

As you all know, SGA elections took place last week and the following positions remain open:

College of Business-Business, College of Arts and Sciences-Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences-Military Science and ROTC, College of Arts and Sciences-Social and Behavioral Sciences, College of Education II- Education, College of Engineering III- Computer Science, College of Nursing I- Houston, College of Juvenile Justice II- Criminal and Juvenile Justice, School of Architecture, Graduate School, Housing II- University Village, Housing III- University Village North, PAN Hellenic Council.

If you would like more information on how to apply for one

of these positions, come to the SGA office room 223, second floor of the MSC, or call 936-261-1354/1355.

Student Right of the week:

Students shall be treated on an equal basis, free from illegal discrimination, including harassment, in all areas and activities of the University regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, or disabilities.

Student Tips of the week:

- If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher please check with financial aid for additional scholarship funds. Due: October 15, 2009

- If you are having issues with customer service in any way, take note and contact our Director of Complaints, Michael Love, at mlove4@pvamu.edu.

- Security will be at full force here on campus for weekend travel, however lock all personal possessions and ENJOY THE GAME!

PURPLE & GOLD POLL

If you had \$3 million would you finish school and what would you do with the money?



"If I had \$3 million I would still finish school, and I would invest the money like 50 Cent did."

Anthony D. James
Senior
Mass Communication



"I would invest the money and stay in school."

Denarius Street
Freshman
Health & Human Performance



"I would finish school, money comes and goes. \$3 million would be a good start to help me when I graduate because education comes first."

Trevor Walker
Sophomore
Criminal Justice

By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther



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Panthers run well at Clifton Gilliard Invitational

By Lionel Mosby Jr
Sports Editor

On Friday, Sept. 25, the men and women cross country teams invited archrival Texas Southern University to the Clifton Gilliard Invitational. The dual meet would serve as a marker for both teams, and hopefully, propel the Panthers into the winner's circle once again.

Fortunately, the Panthers landed in that exact spot with great efforts across the board from all of their runners. Prairie View A&M grabbed the first eight spots in the competition, as Texas Southern's Devarius Wright finished in ninth, the highest slot for the Tigers. Errol Hampton led the Panthers in overall time, running the five-mile course in 29:15.64.

The only other Panther to

finish the race under 30 minutes was Adrian Davis, who ran the same course in 29:28.14. Four Panthers ran strong and ended the race in less than 31 minutes with Juan Morales leading the pack at 30:02.21. Jodale Buckley and Matthew Jones started and completed the five miles almost simultaneously, bringing home times of 30:12.46 and 30:12.68, respectively. Patrick Range rounded out the four-pack with a time of 30:27.49. Also, Kipyegon Rutoh (31:45.75) and Michael White (33:19.10) came in seventh and eighth place following their run.

On the women's side of the meet, the Lady Panthers dominated the Lady Tigers, landing eight runners in the top ten spots. The team also managed to win the top five positions, led by Guadalupe Bustamante, who ran the three-mile course in

22:46.48. Angel Brooks (22:53.08), Whitley Dobbins (24:02.98), Brance Robinson (24:09.38), and Corinna Brown (24:08.83) all followed Bustamante with times that were marked under 25 minutes. Selena Fudge of Texas Southern finished sixth with the only other time under 25 minutes.

The other Bustamante, Leticia, also ran well during the three miles, ending the race with a time of 25:06.76. Sabrina Fudge (25:39.26) crossed the finish line after her. Jessica Phillips came through in tenth place for the Lady Panthers with a time of 26:55.26.

The next meet for both teams will take place in Live Oak, Texas, at the Incarnate Word Invite. The cross country meet is scheduled for Oct. 10 and the start time is noon.



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Good ole neighborhood race: Both the men and women cross country teams welcomed archrival Texas Southern to "The Hill" for the Clifton Gilliard Invitational.

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Golf team participates in MVSU River Classic

By Lionel Mosby Jr.
Sports Editor



Courtesy of Danetta Dunn

Oh, happy day: Peni Sanjoto poses with her first place trophy after shooting an 85 and 87 at the Mississippi Valley State River Classic.

From Sunday, Sept. 20 to Tuesday, Sept. 22, the Prairie View A&M men and women golf teams took part in the Mississippi Valley State University River Classic in Greenville, Miss.

The women of PVAMU continued their dominance on the golf course from last year with a stellar performance from junior Peni Sanjoto, who shot 85 and an 87. Senior Aziza Glass also had an outstanding showing by posting an 85 and 93 at the two-day tournament. Consequently, the Lady Panthers finished first in the team standings with Sanjoto and Glass ending one and two, respectively.

The men finished the tournament in third place on the heels of UAPB and Alabama A&M. The men also had a good tournament led by sophomore Joseph Daly, who shot an 84 and an 81, while freshman Avery Campbell played well on both days and locked down an 85, 84.

The golf teams now prepare for their next event in Alexandria, La., hosted by Grambling State.

Road trip ends soccer team's winning streak

By Dontae McCray
Panther Staff

The Lady Panther soccer team was looking to add to its two-game winning streak with their two games against the Texas State Lady Bobcats on Sept. 25 and the University of Texas-San Antonio on Sept. 27. The Lady Panthers ended their weekend with two losses, dropping their record to 2-6 for the season.

The Lady Panthers got off to a good first half against the Lady Bobcats, holding them scoreless with some great defensive soccer. The Lady Panther offense never got going though and the first half ended in an 0-0 tie.

In the second half, Prairie View's defense couldn't hold up. The Lady Bobcats got their first goal of the second half just minutes after the official's whistle. Without getting any shots on goal, the Lady Panthers offense failed to keep up with the Lady Bobcats and their two-game winning streak was snapped in a 5-0

defeat. Goal keeper Jessica Garcia had eight saves in the game.

The Lady Panthers attempted to get back on the winning track against UTSA.

Unfortunately, the Lady Panthers got off to a slow start offensively, as did UTSA. The Lady Panthers' defense held UTSA scoreless until late in the first half, when UTSA scored a goal with under three minutes left for 1-0 lead. With 12 saves in the game, Garcia and the Lady Panthers back line helped keep the game close. The Lady Panthers only had four shot attempts in the second half and didn't convert either of them.

In the second 45 minutes of play, the Lady Panthers again couldn't match their great first half defensive performance and gave up three goals in the second half to UTSA.

The Lady Panthers will now be looking to get conference play off on the right track on Oct. 2 against Alabama State and Oct. 3 against Alabama A&M.

Volleyball team falls to Lady Bearkats in straight sets

By Tameika Gordon
Panther Staff

The crowd of 110 quickly emptied the building in disbelief after the Sam Houston Lady Bearkats wiped out the Lady Panthers, 3-0 on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

The match marked the Lady Panthers' 16th game this season and they are off to a rocky start. With only 19 more games until the end of the season, the team has a great chance to win the SWAC championship, but have to improve on its 3-11 record.

In game one the Lady Panthers began to let the match slip away at 4-4. The Lady Bearkats gradually scored one point after another to take control of the game. Sam Houston State's game one attacking percentage was .143, while the Lady Panthers was .107. The final score of game one was 25-20.

The Lady Panthers held onto their reign a little longer in the second game. Unfortunately, the Lady Bearkats began to pull away once more and took control of the game. The Lady Panthers fought hard, but couldn't catch up to the Lady Bearkats, as they fell 25-20.

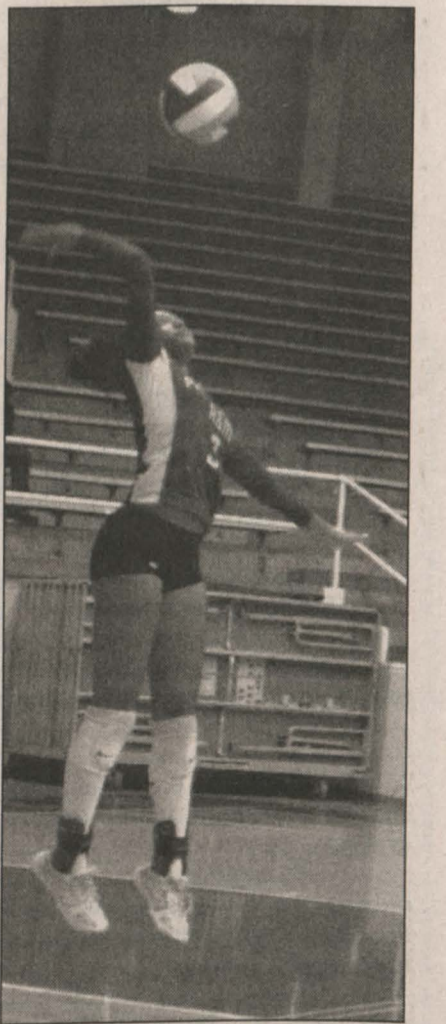
In the last game of the three game sweep, the Lady Panthers and Lady Bearkats went neck and neck as the Lady Panthers tried to steal a game and momentum. Lady Panther Sarah Garcia started the game with two service aces, and Shaun Williams backed her up with a great kill aided by Erin Fondel. Cheri Lindsay had some incredible attacks during the last game, giving her an attack percentage of .053. Williams and Fondel worked as a great defensive team, helping the Lady Panthers with successful blocking of many attempted points by the Lady Bearkats. However, their strong play wasn't enough to win the third game. The final score was 25-23.

The win would have been huge for the Lady Panthers who just

came off a third place finish in the Lady Panther Invitational. "Everybody was working really hard for their points," said junior Sharmareka Davis.

The Lady Panthers ended the match with a loss however, making them 4-11 this season and 1-0 in SWAC.

The Lady Panthers host the Grambling State Lady Tigers for a conference match on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. and then invite Huston-Tillotson from Austin, Texas, for the first match of October.



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Not high enough: The Lady Panthers rose up often against Sam Houston State, but they still fell 3-0.

Highlighting Hispanic Heritage

Hispanic Heritage Month makes an impact on the university

By Scheane Brown & Shuntara Thomas
Panther Staff

Forty years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson created an act expressing the need for America to celebrate Hispanic culture and customs.

With the recent change from a week to a month, this year from Sept 15 through Oct 15 Prairie View will honor the traditions of the Hispanic culture with a month of festivities.

Carrying out the theme, "Embracing the Fierce Urgency of Now," multicultural affairs has prepared various activities encouraging non-Hispanic students to educate themselves on the history, evolution and forward movement of the Hispanic culture.

During this month students can observe contemporary art by Phillip Lopez in the display cases of the J.B. Coleman Library.

Also, students can look forward to these upcoming events hosted by the following organizations:

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009
Low Rider Car Show
11:30-1 p.m.
Sigma Lambda Beta, Inc.
Kappa Delta Chi

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009
Lecture Series II:
Life of Diego Rivera, Artist
Clarence Talley, Dir. Art Dept.
School of Architecture
1-1:50 p.m.
SOA Auditorium
Alpha Psi Lambda

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009
"Latin America & Caribbean Day"
11:30-1:30 p.m.
MSC, North Lawn Sidewalk
LULAC Youth Council 4765

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009
Multicultural Affairs Reception
"Welcome on the Hill"
4:30-6 p.m.
MSC, Foyer -2nd Floor

Friday, Oct. 9, 2009
PV Karaoke Kat contest
Texas Tornado Karaoke Machine
7-10:30 p.m.
MSC, Ballroom 2nd Floor
Kappa Delta Chi

Monday, Oct. 12, 2009
El dia de las Culturas
IZTACCIHUATL Ballet
Forklorico and Afro-Colombia
Dancers
6- 8 p.m.
MSC, 1st Floor Foyer
Alpha Psi Lambda

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009
PVAMU Homecoming
PV Multicultural Affairs Hosts
Texas A&M Multicultural Affairs
(College Station & Galveston)

Monday, Nov. 2, 2009
"El Dia De Los Muertos"
7-9 p.m.
MSC - 1st Floor to Chapel
Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Inc.

Panthers, come out and support the multicultural affairs events.

By coming out you will not only learn about other cultures but also about their struggles, and what make us all alike.

Each month a different nationality will be featured; next month we will take a peek into the customs of the Native American Indians.

Keep an eye open for more information about the upcoming months and events.

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Students are required to bring paper to print under bad conditions

By Larry Flechter
Panther Staff

Entering the computer lab on the third floor of the Delco Building, it's perplexing to understand why it is in operation.

Out of the 21 computers in the lab, only about 10 work properly. Several of the computers have errors, which range from the computer being unable to boot to networking problems, which do not allow students to sign in.

In addition, there's also a computer covered in wires that looks as if someone was working on it, then decided to leave everything and finish the job later.

Most students enter the lab and shortly walk out due to the low number of available and working computers.

There is a student service fee applied to all enrolled students' accounts every semester. Therefore, if we are paying for these services, shouldn't the computers be operating at an acceptable level? At one time students had to bring their own paper to print in the lab.

Recent changes have been made, yet still subpar. Underneath the sign that reads, "Did you bring

your printing paper," is now another that reads, "Please limit your printing."

Again, it is unfathomable. So, should we, as students who plan to use the lab, still bring our own paper just in case the printer runs out? However, if a student does not pay his tuition and fees, isn't he dropped from the roll?

It is no longer perplexing but simply unethical for the university to provide this kind of service for their students.

When asked her opinion of the lab, biology major Robin Middleton said, "I think it needs to be upgraded. The printer, and half of the computers don't work."

When asked how she felt about having to pay fees every semester, she sighed and replied, "You think since we're paying for this that it would be better. It makes you wonder, where is our money going?" Robin poses an important question, where is our money going, if we are given services that evidently need much attention and repair?

The first line of the Prairie View A&M Mission statement is, "Prairie View A&M University is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research and service." We should uphold that.

All I need to know about life I learned from Nature

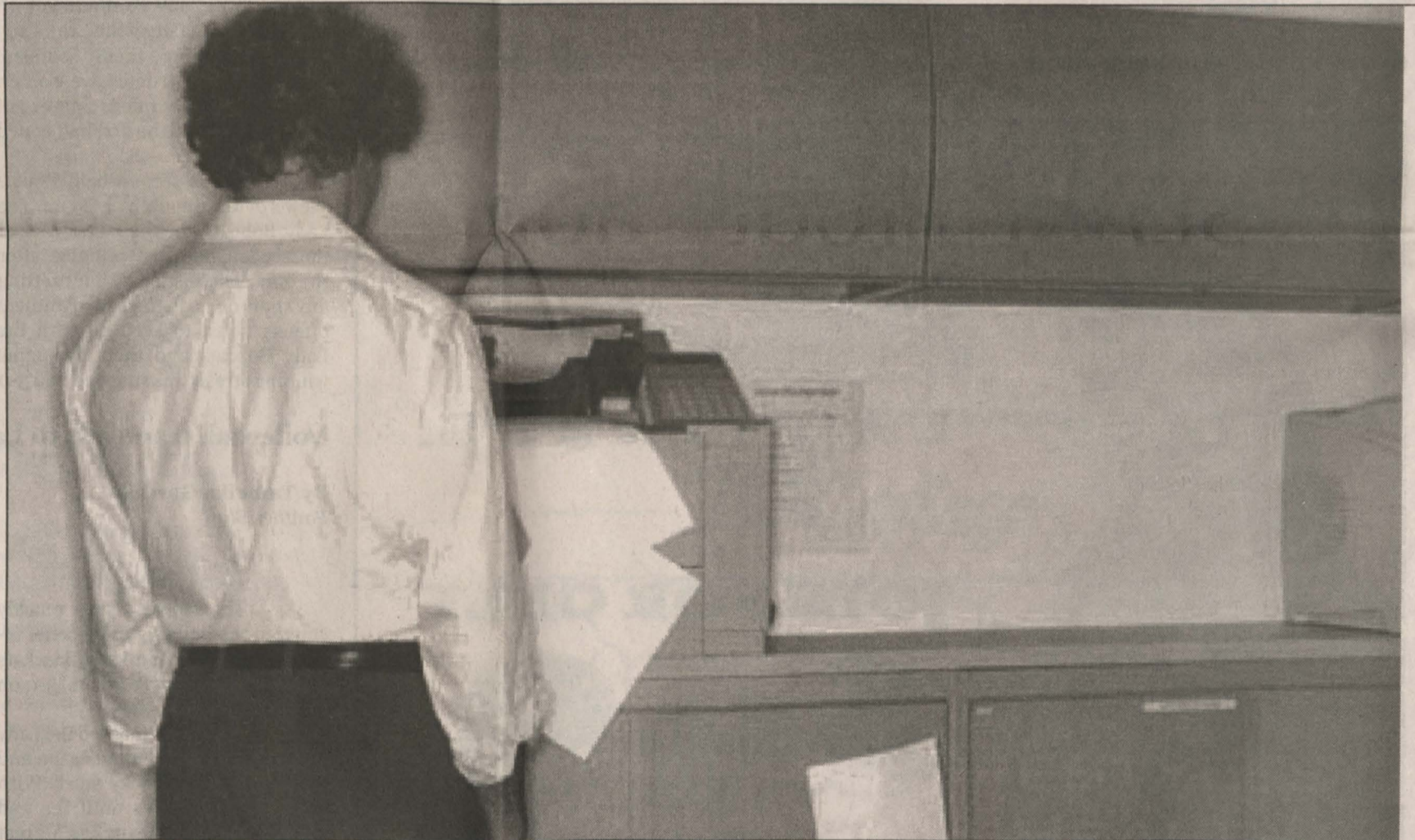
- The smallest seeds can produce the mightiest trees
- Running away to fight another day isn't cowardice - it's good survival strategy
- Even the ugliest caterpillars produce beautiful butterflies
- Strength doesn't equal intelligence
- Curling up in your shell doesn't solve the problem
- Furs and skins look better on animals
- Don't be afraid to stand your ground
- Know when to crow and know when to keep quiet
- When all else fails, eat a few flowers
 - Don't be afraid to travel
 - Playing is the best way to learn
 - Playing in a field of wildflowers is fun
 - Take time to admire the scenery
 - Every day brings something new
 - Never underestimate the power of a sunrise
 - Animals have teeth and claws and plants have thorns for a reason
 - Night has its own beauty
 - From the smallest to the largest, we are all a part of the Earth

-Author Unknown

Become one with nature. Be come one with yourself.
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Back to Basics

Professional Dress Day

Every Tuesday

For all Students



We encourage all students to participate in this campus wide event on every Tuesday. On the last Tuesday of each month there will be a FREE networking brunch in the MSC for only those who are dressed professionally. Faculty and staff will observe students who make a difference and they will be properly acknowledged. This is just one of the programs that will be hosted by Back 2 Basics. If there any questions, please contact Mrs. Shante' Moore at extention1344 or slmoore@pvamu.edu.

“IM GONNA LIVE FOREVER”

By Aurielle Granger
Panther Staff

It all begins with a dream but who will work the hardest to fulfill that dream?

This 1980 film remake is based on selected students of New York City High School for Performing Arts.

Students of many different talents come together to showcase and improve their talents with other talented students their age. They all have hopes of becoming professional actors, singers, dancers, producers, and etc.

Throughout their high school years, the students form close bonds with classmates and instructors to bring out their inner selves, and their skills that might not have been displayed to the fullest potential are improved.

Once they accomplish all of that and use it in the classroom, some of them shine in ways within their talent that they previously did not know how to express or maybe even were not allowed to express.

Jenny Garrison (Kay Paraker) comes into school to display her acting skills, and she has to learn how to open up her mind, and use the gift that is given to her to compete with her classmates now that she is at a different level.

Will she overcome the struggle and be able to show everyone what she is capable of?

Malik Washburn (Collins



Courtesy of Google

Pennie) is an aspiring producer, actor, and rapper. He risks defying anyone trying to stop him on his path to success. Malik learns that in order to have a future he must be able to accept his past. Can he really look past that and grow into the person he needs to be to become successful?

Victor Taveras (Walter Perez) works hand in hand with Malik producing music. He needs to look at school from another viewpoint or he may not make it to senior year.

Denise Dupree (Naturi Naughton) has been confined to performing only by the advisement

of her father. Now she has a new way of displaying her talent, but will it be approved or turned down? Will she be strong enough to go with her heart and no longer by others' request?

Marco (Asher Booker) is a great singer. His talents are obvious in the classroom and with his assis-

tance, anyone could grow into a better performer.

Alice Ellerton (Kherington Payne) has been dancing for some time now, and she is really shining in the classroom. When the opportunity presents itself, will she take a chance and go for her dreams or will she wait around for another opportunity at "fame?"

Some students have to work harder to compete with their classmates, but can they all realize that every moment in the classroom is really a competition for that spot into "fame?"

Is the fact that everyone may not reach that bar to "fame" ever taken into consideration? If not, do they know what may have to be done to redirect their dreams?

As the students of New York City High School of Performing Arts grow, they understand they must take chances at all cost!

"Dream It, Earn It, Live It," are the only things they can rely on. Sometimes that means leaving friends and loved ones who stood by them throughout the entire journey, letting down a close minded father to show him talent can be expressed in more than just one way, starting at the bottom to reach the top, standing up for one's self, and continuing when there is no family motivation or support, or just accepting that "fame" is not for everyone.

Graduation is soon approaching for these students, but who will walk away with the proper skills to be a part of the big "FAME?"

“SLAM” Production

By Silvester Robinson
Panther Staff

Through the flow of their words, the tone of their voices, the passion behind every phrase, Prairie View's SLAM Team hosted Poetry Night, now held every Tuesday in Jazzman's Café located to the left of the library.

Prairie View's SLAM Team was the first HBCU African-American team to go to nationals and place 8th.

The eventful night started out with "Open Mic. Those who signed up could go to the mic and recite their poetry. Students packed the room for the third night this year,

as they sipped drinks and listened to the talented students.

Along with poetry there's a DJ who hits you with artists like Jill Scott, Angie Stone, Alicia Keys, and many more soothing songs relaxed the mind and allowed you to really feel what the poet is saying.

After a brief intermission and the last open mic poet spoke, the SLAM Team explained the roles of how the slam session was going to go. There were five judges, each poet was given 30 seconds and scored from 0-10, with two rounds and penalty for going overtime.

After round one and the scores are checked, the high scorer started off the second round down to the lowest, then the top four were announced.

Gwen St. Julian, a freshman, said, "The environment was great, but space is too limited, besides that the poetry was touching beyond measure."

Danielle Tucker, a sophomore, stated, "I love poetry night and I finally got the chance to perform."

Thasia "TradeMark" Madison stated that "The competition was intense. The five random judges made it even more interesting, since a few have never judged a poetry contest before. But I loved every minute of it, and look forward to the grand finale on Oct 6."

The Prairie View SLAM Team will be picking five new members who will join this elite organization of productive poets.



“Wishful Thinking”

I love small gestures
Like when he holds the door
for me
And treats me like the Queen
that I am
As a gentleman should
I appreciate it when he gives
me flowers
Or takes me out just because
I'm spellbound
When he stares into my eyes
Holds my hands in his
Whispering beautiful things
in my ear
At least I WOULD love it

If he were mine

-Jacqueline Simone Sadberry



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

- **You must have had a grade of 'C' or better in your developmental class (es) at mid-terms to be able to pre-register for Spring 2010.**
- **Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick THEA testing schedule or call 936-261-3610.**

Happenings in Building 40: Tuesday September 22, 2009 staff hosted a Ladies Night Program that involved essential tips such as etiquette, demeanor, attitude, confidence, and having class. Wednesday September 23 Community Assistant Ms. Ogundele and Professional Advisor Ms. Bankett hosted a program entitled "Surviving Freshmen Year..." This program encompassed a question/answer for students and the advisor, a panel of upperclassmen, and refreshments at the end.

Tuesday September 29, 2009 @ 7:00pm in the Panther Room, Building 40 LCC will be hosting an event entitled "Think like a Man, Act like a Woman." This program will have a guest panel of six diverse individuals ready to answer questions about healthy relationships, perception, and self image. Building 40 Faculty Fellow Dr. Briggs will be a panelist.

Have you seen the Newsletter "Fresh News"? Good Job, Mr Dargan!!!

20 QUESTIONS?

1. What nursing major has delayed nursing school to pledge?
2. Who is ready to storm the field "when" we win the state fair classic?
3. Shouldn't the "Storm" lead the way?
4. Speaking of the Storm why do they keep boasting of their past accomplishments?
5. So will the Black Foxes get new uniforms this weekend?
6. What about a new routine?
7. Or will we see that same circle they have been doing since the 70s?
8. Since when did the Sigma frat house, aka the UC, be in full effect?
9. Who were the girls at game night trying to be on PV's Idol on the karaoke machine?
10. Who are all the new locals working for Sodexo?
11. Who else is relying on Brookside Meadows to begin hosting parties?
12. Haven't the Phases let the classic college experience down?
13. Speaking of Brookside, who was getting girl-mance action at the personal party this past weekend?
14. Are they into girls "les b honest"?
15. Who else knew the Village had a pageant?
16. Who is the freshman girl who got dropped in front of Phase I clubhouse after hours?
17. Who were the girls chasing the photographer at hump day?
18. Don't they realize just because they know his name does not give them "close up" privileges?
19. DOES sexy have a dress size?
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

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