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Anita Jones is spotlighted for her business savvy page 7

Surrayya Hollinger steps during the evil puppet inspired theme. page 2



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## Men's tennis team wins gold PV suspends Sigmas



All photos courtesy of Cory Dixon Photography

**Hip Hip Hooray:** After tournament MVP Kristen Powell (center) wins his match to seal PVAMU's championship victory, teammates surround him with excitement.

By Channer Hill  
Panther Staff

The men's tennis team of Prairie View A&M University won SWAC for the 19th time annually, and is automatically placed in the NCAA Division I Tennis Championships, which will be held in May.

Previous matches had ended with more losses than wins for the team. This time around PVAMU was determined to bring a win home.

When the match began, PVAMU had fallen behind Alcorn State in the doubles round. First, doubles Jimmy Yates and Kristen Powell were unable to hold their ground playing against opponents Anton Krutkin and Alexander Lidzar of ALCN, and were defeated with a final score of 8-5.

Second doubles was unable to finish their match, while third doubles Christopher Jordan and Jose Garcia were instantly blown out by Alcorn States players Pushpendra Rajpurohit and Winfried Weinbeer, with the final score set at 8-0.

Coach John Cochran of the Panthers tennis team was a bit shocked regarding the performance of doubles.

"We were kind of down after doubles as we came out flat at No. 2 and No. 3," Cochran said. "The number two team regrouped and had a shot to win but lost it at the end. If they would've pulled it out, the point was going to be ours because we were winning the

match that was halted."

First singles player Kuda Nyatoti of PVAMU brought the first win home to his team after he defeated Alcorn State's Anton Krutkin with the final score set at 6-3,6-1.

The SWAC championship match in Alexandria, La. was extra special for PVAMU's Craig Wiltz and family, as Wiltz's sister, Megan, helped lead Southern University to the women's championship as a senior. Craig helped lead his team as well and picked up his first title as a freshman, with his family in attendance.

Cochran said, "This was a special day for the Wiltz family, they're a good family and you couldn't ask for anything more."

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**Hard work pays off:** Coach John Cochran stands alongside tournament MVP Kristen Powell and team member Alejandro Garcia.

tournament run with back-to-back victories over No. 2 Jackson State and No. 1 Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Cochran couldn't be more proud to see his team set out to accomplish a goal and actually attain it. He gave his team Monday off due to the win.

"We'll probably scrimmage ourselves most of the time but I may try to pick up another match if possible, because the tournament won't begin until mid-May," Cochran said.

### Kristen Powell earns MVP honors

Showing maturity before his years, a freshman standing at 6-2, 180 out of Chicago Illinois, Kristen Powell went 3-0 at the #5 singles spot and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. The future looks bright for men's tennis at Prairie View A&M with fellow freshman Jimmy Yates winning freshman of the year in the Southern Western Conference.

"Anything the mind believes, you can achieve," Powell said.

### Tennis and the SWAC

With the victory over Alcorn State, Prairie View A&M University gained its first SWAC title since 2005 and 19th overall dating back to 1938. Before the 2005 SWAC title, Prairie View A&M's last title was in 1970 when the team won six consecutive SWAC titles, coming off eight titles in the 60s.

Prairie View automatically qualifies for the NCAA Tennis regional tournament, May 14-16 due to Sunday's win, marking the university's second bid ever.

Complete results and All-Tournament honors can be found on SWAC.org.

## Delta Theta chapter set for 2013 return

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By Whitney Harris  
Editor in Chief

The Delta Theta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., has been suspended from Prairie View A&M University until December 2014, according to a letter given to the organization April 7, by the Organizational Review Board and the director of student activities and leadership, Steve Ransom.

Members of the organization were sanctioned by the ORB for violating university guidelines regarding the membership intake process, the "cease and desist directive" issued, and hazing.

"This reprimand like any other is a result of a violation. If you violate a rule, you have to suffer the consequences," said Sheleah Hughes, the university's director of public relations.

The Delta Theta chapter violated the 2009 MIP regulations by engaging in the process prior to the allowed Oct.

25, 2009, date. Between dates Oct. 14-19, several meetings were held with members and aspirants regarding pledging rules and information, pledge process items were purchased and physical training at Hempstead High School took place.

During the first meeting, line numbers were distributed.

Aspirants were even asked to give their phone numbers out to old members of the organization.

On Oct. 20, members of the Delta Theta chapter met with aspirants after the death of Donnie Wade the morning prior, to instruct them to deny that any members of the chapter were present at Hempstead High School.

According to the university's hazing policy, the fraternity was in violation. The letter said that the members were sanctioned because of the "misuse of authority by virtue of one's class rank or leadership position and directed aspirants to participate in physical activities that subject students to an unreasonable risk or harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the students."

Finally, the fraternity violated the "cease and desist" directive issued by the university verbally on Oct. 20 and written Oct. 21 by participating in the Greek Show at Texas A&M University on Nov. 14, 2009.

Denise Simmons, assistant director of student activities and leadership, said she was notified that Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., had participated in the step show. TAMU's Greek life director later confirmed the organization's participation.

The chapter's sanction suspends it until fall 2013 and will be placed on probation through May 2014.

Members cannot represent the organization in any way on or off campus. The sanction reads that "all rights and privileges extended to a recognized student organization on the campus of Prairie View A&M University have been forfeited and that current members of the chapter are not in good standing with the Office of Student Activities and Leadership."

The chapter may petition the university for recognition and appeal to the associate vice president of student affairs.

According to the Student Code of Conduct, subsequent violations are subject to major disciplinary action.

Members of the organization are not permitted to wear their letters and according to Ransom, whether they will have to clean off their trees is "something that will be evaluated and reviewed."

Hughes added that due to the organization only being suspended, the board is taking into consideration the history of the tree and that they are scheduled to return with the same charter.

## PV Mimes shower praises



Courtesy of James "Mikey" Terrell

**All praises go up:** The PV Mimes minister during their spring concert finale.

By Amen Oyiboke-Osifo  
Panther Intern

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## Former professors honored

By Justin Mclean  
Panther Contributor

The recital hall and music library in the Hobart Taylor Sr. building were dedicated and named after two former professors on April 18.

Drs. H. E. Anderson and Robert A. Henry were both previous heads of the Department of Music and Drama during their respective times.

The recital hall now bears Anderson's name. He is credited for assembling PVAMU's famed University Acapella Concert Chorale and was instrumental in their recording an album and singing in the background for the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The chorale also toured the U.S. and several parts of the world, including Japan, Poland and the Bahamas under his direction.

Anderson was a scholar of music education and loved the art of voice.

Henry was the creator of the famed Ebony Opera Guild. He is acknowledged for the many ideals and standards he contributed to the department.

Dr. Danny Kelley, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and former student of both professors, opened the program.

Dr. Victor Hebert, associate music professor and head of the Department of Music and Drama, along with Brenda Wimbley, class of 1978 alumna, and Justin Mclean, senior music education major, all gave greetings.

The ceremony ended with remarks from the two honorees' family.

The Prairie View Mime Ministry hosted its annual spring concert Sunday, April 18, in the MSC auditorium.

Students and faculty attended the mime concert to watch PV Mime and its sister group, One Accord, minister in the form of spiritual dance. The show was hosted by Carlos Lewis, from the Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Pearland, Texas.

Mime member Keith Lewis said, "The concert was a blessing. Although I was nervous, I was happy to be in the service of the Lord."

PV Mime's sole purpose is "to serve in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ."

Adrian Richards, PV Mimes president, said, "I thank God for the turn out, and I am thankful for the support we received from the university."



## PV DPS Blotter

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Information obtained in this report has been reported to dispatch and officers responded to these calls.

### Week of Sunday April 11 to Saturday April 17

#### Sunday, April 11

- 1:37 a.m., Officer responded to the Baby Dome for an intoxicated person. One female student was taken into custody and arrested on a Public Intoxication Charge.
- 3:36 a.m., Officer was dispatched to University College for a welfare check at Building 39. No Contact made informed dispatch.
- 4:04 a.m., Officer provided a courtesy escort from Phase I Clubhouse to University Village North apartments.
- 4:05 a.m., Officer was dispatched to University College building 39 room 312 in reference to a burglary. Report generated.
- 5:45 p.m., Officer was dispatched to the police department, to meet with a complainant who wanted to report a stolen laptop. Report taken.

#### Monday, April 12

- 2:59 p.m., Officer responded to a simple assault at the MSC loading dock. One person was issued a citation. Report generated.
- 3:22 p.m., Officer responded to a medical call at alumni field in reference to a female being intoxicated. Female was transported to North Cypress Medical center. Case will be referred to Judicial for review. Report generated.
- 6:17 p.m., Officer was dispatched to the MSC in reference to a verbal threat. Report taken.

#### Tuesday, April 13

- 7:41 a.m., Officers responded to University Village apartments 1324 in reference to drug activity. Drug paraphernalia citation was issued. Report taken.
- 6:15 p.m., Officer responded to a medical call at the University College building 41 room 216. No transport. Return to service.
- 6:30 p.m., Officer dispatched to the University College building 37 room 114. In reference to Harassment. Report taken.

#### Wednesday, April 14

- 1:17 p.m., Officer responded to an aggravated assault at University Village apartments building 2 room 213. One female student was arrested on an aggravated assault charge.
- 1:37 p.m., Officers responded to a vehicle accident at University Village near building 17. Report generated.
- 3:15 p.m., Officer dispatched to Athletic parking lot. In reference to burglary/ vehicle. Reported generated.
- 4:15 p.m., Officer responded to a medical call located by the water fountain near the Woolfolk building. No transport.
- 6:27 p.m., Officer responded to the athletic complex in reference to a criminal mischief. Reported generated.

#### Thursday, April 15

- 8:31 a.m., Officer was dispatched to the new gym, in reference to a medical call. Subject refused transport.
- 4:01 p.m., Officer was dispatched to the Police Department, to meet with a complainant about a vehicle accident. Report taken.
- 6:22 p.m., Officer was dispatched to Harrington Science building, in reference to Theft report. Report generated.
- 7:53 p.m., Officer was dispatched to the University Village apartment 215, in reference to drugs. Report taken.
- 9:35 p.m., Officer responded to a medical call at the Baby Dome. No transport. Return to service.
- 11:53 p.m., Officer provided a courtesy escort from University Village apartments to the University College.
- 12:01 a.m., Officer responded to a medical call at the University College building 43. No transport. Return to service.

#### Friday, April 16

- 10:22 a.m., Officer responded to a medical call at the University Village Apartments 815. Subject was transported to North Cypress Hospital. Officer returned to service.
- 1:50 p.m., Officer was dispatched to the police department to meet with a complainant, in reference to a stolen property. Report taken.
- 2:08 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department and reported stolen property. Report generated.
- 2:49 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department, in reference to being harassed. Report taken.

#### Saturday, April 17, 2010

NO CALLS

# PALS host record-setting UC step show

By D'Ann Dickson  
Panther Staff

Panther Advisory Leaders (PALS) hosted the annual UC Dorm Step-off, where buildings 40 and building 36 emerged as the winners in the William J. Nicks Gymnasium on April 15.

Since this is Prairie View A&M University's largest freshman class, it was the biggest step off to take place having more teams than any other step show held at PVAMU.

The annual step-off began in 1998, and has previously been hosted by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. However, this year it was put together solely by the PALS under the leadership of Vice President Joshua Grimes, and President Angela Gloston, who also hosted the show with Trent Johnson.

"This is by far one of the largest step shows I've ever seen and been able to be a part of, since there are 13 amazing teams. I purposely didn't want to judge because I knew the competition would be so stiff," said Grimes.

Judges for the competition were Harris D. Brown, a graduate



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**Winning her over:** Residents of building 45 act out a skit during their performance at the step show on April 15.

student studying community development, Orok Orok, Program Coordinator, Ashley Ward, a graduating senior civil engineering major, LeAndre Sanders, senior computer science major, and Britni Andrews, a graduate student studying coun-

seling.

The other teams that placed were female buildings 39 coming in second place, and first time-participants building six of University Village taking third place. The male teams were buildings 43 placing

second, and building 46 taking third place. Each of the winning teams each received trophies and a year's worth of bragging rights.

DJ Mike-n-Ike provided music during the show and at the after party which ended at midnight.

## PVAMU welcomes Panthers United

By Ryan Rudd  
News Editor

Striving to encourage students to become proactive outside of the classroom, the Office of Student Activities has recently created a new student organization on campus called, "Panthers United."

Faculty lecturer for the Office of Academic Enhancement James Williams said, "This organization benefits students by enhancing their leadership skills, allowing them an opportunity to utilize more resources on campus, and gain more experience in working with more faculty, staff, and peers. Most importantly, it gives students the opportunity to be a part of an organization regardless of the students' grade point averages."

Officially established on April 8, the 20-member and counting organization is open to all classifications.

According to Williams, the only basic requirement for membership is the attendance of three con-

secutive meetings, in which ideas for up and coming projects and events are discussed.

According to Williams, the group will strive to participate in events like mentoring programs and nursing home visits.

Freshman interdisciplinary studies major Michael Tyler, who serves as president of the newly founded organization said, "The purpose of Panthers United is to help students exemplify lessons of duty, honor, academics, and chivalry." Tyler continued by saying, "We try to help every member excel in all areas of life, and set standards on campus for growth and achievement while trying to increase participation and retention of members on campus. We strive to help support and serve the university and local communities."

Panthers United will perform their first task of community service in Galveston, Texas, where they will help to clean up and restore a beach as part of the "Adopt-a-Beach," program on April 24.

## Student leaders visit Chancellor



Courtesy of James "Mikey" Terrell

**Making conversation:** Students sit down to enjoy a meal with Chancellor McKinney, after fishing and touring his home in College Station, Texas.

By Ryan Rudd  
News Editor

Prairie View A&M University student leaders made a trip to College Station, Texas for a visit with Dr. Michael McKinney, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, and his wife, Lou Ann, on April 15.

During the visit, students were allowed the opportunity to tour McKinney's home, enjoy a meal with him and his wife, and participate in outdoor fishing.

While touring the house, McKinney provided students with background information about his family and his career experiences.

McKinney mentioned his children, including his two sons, Seth and Brian, who both had successful football careers at Texas A&M University that led to their combined 21 years of experience as professional football players in the

NFL.

McKinney also briefly spoke about his experiences while working for the state of Texas, in which he served as commissioner for the Texas Department of Human Health and Services under Governor George H.W. Bush, before later serving as chief of staff for Governor Rick Perry.

McKinney said, "I would like to thank all students for coming to enjoy a visit with me and my wife, I appreciate the students and what they do for the system."

Prior to the visit with McKinney, students visited the George H.W. Bush Library and Museum in College Station, where they viewed the exhibits.

Exhibits included a timeline of photos and memoirs from Bush's early life as a member of the military, before eventually recalling Bush's achievements and his time in office as president of the United States.

## PV hosts drug symposium

By Aaron Jacobs  
Business Manager

Students slowly funneled into the Memorial Student Center, eager to hear from experts, about the dangers of drugs and drug abuse during the Drug Symposium on April 14.

President George C. Wright urged students from his own experience that it is best to not even experiment with illegal drugs.

Wright said, "You don't know what opportunities you will be

giving up if you get involved."

The premier speaker of this event was Dr. Susan Dalterio, a professor from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She gave examples of not only her knowledge of the field but gave examples of drug use from even her own students. She taught that human brains get tricked into releasing Dopamine by using both prescription and illegal drugs.

Those students who arrived first received a ticket that was redeemable at the end of the program for prizes including a T-shirt.

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# Court splits sharply on campus Christian argument

By Jesse J. Holland  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Supreme Court justices on Monday seemed to split sharply on whether a law school can deny recognition to a Christian student group because it won't let gays join, a case that could determine whether college nondiscrimination policies trump the rights of private organizations to determine who can and cannot belong to their ranks.

In arguments tinged with questions of religious, racial and sexual discrimination, the court heard from the Christian Legal Society, which wants recognition from the University of California's Hastings College of Law as an official campus organization with school financing and benefits.

Hastings, located in San Francisco, turned them down, saying no recognized campus groups may exclude people due to religious belief or sexual orientation.

The Christian group requires that voting members sign a statement of faith. The group also regards "unrepentant participation in or advocacy of a sexually immoral lifestyle" as being inconsistent with

the statement of faith.

"CLS has all of its activities entirely open to everyone," lawyer Michael McConnell said. "What it objects to is being run by non-Christians."

A federal judge threw out the Christian group's lawsuit claiming its First Amendment rights of association, free speech and free exercise had been violated, a decision that was upheld by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in a two-sentence opinion in 2004.

The case could clarify whether religious-based and other private organizations that want federal funding have the right to discriminate against people who do not hold their core beliefs. The court is expected to rule this summer.

"If Hastings is correct, a student who does not even believe in the Bible is entitled to demand to lead a Christian Bible study, and if CLS does not promise to allow this, the college will bar them," McConnell said.

University lawyer Gregory Garre pointed out that it requires the same thing from all groups that want to operate on campus.

"It is so weird to require the campus Republican Club to admit Democrats, not just to membership, but to officership," Justice

Antonin Scalia said. "To require this Christian society to allow atheists not just to join, but to conduct Bible classes, right? That's crazy."

Other justices questioned where a ruling for the Christian group would lead.

"Are you suggesting that if a group wanted to exclude all black people, all women, all handicapped persons, whatever other form of discrimination a group wants to practice, that a school has to accept that group and recognize it, give it funds and otherwise lend it space?" asked Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

No, McConnell said. "The stipulation is that they may not exclude based on status or beliefs. We have only challenged the beliefs, not status. Race, any other status basis, Hastings is able to enforce."

"What if the belief is that African-Americans are inferior?" Justice John Paul Stevens said.

"Again, I think they can discriminate on the basis of belief, but not on the basis of status," McConnell said.

Garre pointed out that the Supreme Court ruled earlier that Bob Jones University in South Carolina could not ban students who believed in interracial dating and still receive federal funds. "Here we have a group that wants to exclude mem-

bers on the basis of sexual orientation," he said.

Chief Justice John Roberts said that was only Garre's interpretation. "It's a religious-oriented group that wants to exclude people who do not subscribe to their religious beliefs," he said.

Justice Samuel Alito questioned whether Hastings has allowed other groups to exist on campus that did not allow all comers to join. But Garre pointed out that the Christian Legal Society had stipulated in the lower courts that Hastings did have an all-comers policy, and that registered student organizations must accept all law students as voting members regardless of status or belief.

If they didn't believe it was true, "they shouldn't have stipulated" to that fact, Garre said.

Alito asked Garre what the practical effects of Hastings' policy will be for groups. Say "there is a small Muslim group; it has 10 students. If the group is required to accept anybody who applies for membership, and 50 students who hate Muslims show up and they want to take over that group, you say First Amendment allows that?" Alito said.

Garre said that has never happened to a group.

"CLS obviously thinks this is a real threat," Alito said. "Now, what do you propose that they do?"

Garre said the members who are now outnumbered can leave the group.

"If hostile members take over, former members of CLS can form CLS 2?" Alito asked skeptically.

The Christian group could require knowledge of the Bible to join, Garre said. "There is a fundamental difference between excluding people on the basis of merit and excluding people on the basis of status or belief that has no connection to merit," he said.

The Christian Legal Society has chapters at universities nationwide and has sued other universities on the same grounds. It won at Southern Illinois University, when the university settled with the group in 2007 and recognized its membership and leadership policies.

A federal judge in Montana said in May 2009 that the University of Montana law school did not discriminate against the Christian Legal Society when it refused to give the group Student Bar Association money because of its policies.

The case before the Supreme Court is Christian Legal Society v. Martinez, 08-1371.

## Texas prison system pushes guard fitness

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas - Guards in the Texas prison system will be tested to make sure they are fit enough to control inmates.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice, with more than 26,000 corrections officers, is requiring employees to pass the fitness test annually.

Testing for academy applicants began in March. The Houston Chronicle reports, as of April 9, 691 people had completed the require-

ment. All but three passed.

Tougher physical standards were pledged by TDCJ Executive Director Brad Livingston after the Nov. 30 escape of convicted rapist Arcade Joseph Comeaux (KOH-moh) Jr.

Comeaux, in a wheelchair, disarmed two guards during a move from the Huntsville-area Estelle Unit. He was captured a week later in Houston.

Two inmates who fled from the Briscoe Unit in Dilley on April 6, Jose Bustos-Diaz and Octavio Ramos Lopez, remained at large Monday.

## Obama gets beer from Maine brewers

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) - President Barack Obama's lighthearted request for free beer in exchange for a shout out to a small business owner is yielding suds for the White House refrigerator.

Bill Milliken, now known as Bill the Beer Guy, arranged for Maine breweries to fill a giant basket with 14 varieties of beer for the commander in chief. Gov. John Baldacci, U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree and beer company representatives joined him for Monday's official send-off in downtown Portland.

Milliken, 44, was singled

out this month by Obama at a health care rally as a small business owner who'd benefit from the federal health care reform law. The president jokingly said, "In exchange for this publicity, I hope I'm going to get some samples of beer, OK?"

"How could I say no?" said Milliken, who owns a specialty beverage shop. "Of course, being a good American, I had to answer the call."

Milliken and Andrew Braceras own Market House Coffee and the Maine Beer and Beverage Co., which together have three full-time employees and a half-dozen part-time workers.

## Longtime death row inmate wins appeal

By Terry Wallace  
Associated Press

DALLAS - A federal appeals court Monday ordered a new sentencing trial for one of the longest-serving inmates on Texas death row.

The ruling by 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans leaves intact the capital murder conviction for 50-year-old Anthony Leroy Pierce but orders a new punishment trial. Pierce has been on Texas' death row for 32 years. Only three prisoners have been there longer.

Pierce has been tried three times for the Aug. 4, 1977, robbery and murder of Fred Johnson, a 40-year-old Houston fried chicken restaurant manager. Pierce's first two capital murder convictions were overturned on appeal.

The appeals court declined to consider Pierce's claims of ineffective trial counsel and mental retardation making him ineligible for execution. In a seven-page dissent, however, Circuit Judge James L. Dennis said he would have ordered an evidentiary hearing on Pierce's retardation claim.

In ordering a new sentencing trial, the three-judge federal panel said the Harris County jury in Pierce's third trial in 1986 was kept from considering mitigating evidence as required by law. Such evidence could have persuaded jurors he didn't deserve a death sentence.

A message left with a spokeswoman for the Harris County district attorney's office was not returned Monday night. Paul Mansur, one of Pierce's attorneys, said he had not finished reviewing the ruling. He declined to comment Monday night.

An employee at the fast-food restaurant testified she recognized Pierce as the gunman. A 12-year-old boy walking by the restaurant testified Pierce was the gunman he saw inside the place and then running away. The robbery netted about \$80.

A Texas Department of Criminal Justice summary of his case indicates that after the shooting, Pierce went to a bar and stabbed a man and that he was arrested in front of his apartment a few hours later while bragging about the attacks to friends.

The conviction from Pierce's first trial was thrown out by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals because of a jury selection problem. A similar jury problem got his second trial result tossed on appeal. He was tried a third time in 1986.

Besides his capital murder conviction, Pierce has been convicted of manslaughter for fatally stabbing a fellow death row inmate in August 1979. According to prison records, the victim in that killing was Edward King, 37, who had been condemned for the slaying of a Dallas police officer.

## Embattled civil rights group struggles to survive

By Errin Haines  
Associated Press

ATLANTA - Two factions of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference gathered Monday for separate meetings, hundreds of miles apart, with each group claiming to be the SCLC's board of directors as the embattled 53-year-old civil rights organization struggles to survive amid legal woes and bitter infighting.

A few dozen participants arrived Monday for a two-day meeting at West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta as a separate group prepared to meet more than 200 miles away at a National Guard armory in Eutaw, Ala.

National SCLC spokesman Bernard LaFayette said Monday in Atlanta that an ongoing internal investigation has led much of the board to believe that the group's ousted chairman and treasurer have mishandled at least \$569,000 and more funds and individuals may be involved. The ousted chairman and treasurer have denied wrongdoing.

LaFayette said the inquiry should be completed in time for the SCLC's annual convention in Atlanta this August. At the convention, the SCLC also expects to install its president-elect, the Rev. Bernice King, who was elected in October. She is the daughter the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., a co-founder of the SCLC.

It is not clear which group is in charge or authorized to conduct the organization's business. The SCLC's Web site lists members of the board of directors that are being

contested. The group meeting in Atlanta said their rivals are improperly representing the SCLC. The Atlanta group said it planned to ask a Fulton County judge on Tuesday to intervene.

In a statement Monday, the Rev. James Bush listed as acting president and recording secretary of the board said the Eutaw group anticipated "a productive board meeting with detailed reports ... and an informative, energizing training session for our chapter leaders."

The statement said the board's agenda would include the annual budget, committee appointments, internal investigations and the national agenda.

The Atlanta meeting appeared to have a similar agenda. LaFayette told those gathered in the basement of the Atlanta church that the organization had been weakened by the recent turmoil, but that they were not alone.

"We need to come together as a family," LaFayette said. "We need to get ourselves prepared and repaired. That's what we've been working on ... The fight is not over. Your being here is going to make all the difference."

The divide centers on the SCLC's recently ousted chairman and treasurer, who are under federal, state and internal investigation over allegations of financial mismanagement involving more than \$569,000. Earlier this month, 19 of the group's 44 board members met and voted unanimously to get rid of the Rev. Raleigh Trammell of Ohio as chairman of the board and Spiver Gordon of Alabama as treasurer.

It is unclear whether Bernice King will participate in the Atlanta meeting, but LaFayette said she would be working with the board ahead of her installation as the group's troubles work their way through the court system.


The SCLC was co-founded by ministers Martin Luther King Jr., Ralph David Abernathy, Joseph Lowery and others in 1957 and was a leading force in the civil rights struggle of the 1960s. The group's general counsel, Dexter Wimbish, said the group is being "purified" and is at a critical point.

Gathered in the church where Abernathy once preached, the crowd answered with applause and amens as Wimbish told them their task was not just to fulfill the organization's mission of "redeeming the soul of America," but also to redeem the soul of the SCLC.

"It's time for those who would pimp the organization to step aside," Wimbish said. "But when they step aside, what do we have left? Despite what some may say, I believe the SCLC is here to stay. It is ordained by Christ, and it shall not fail."

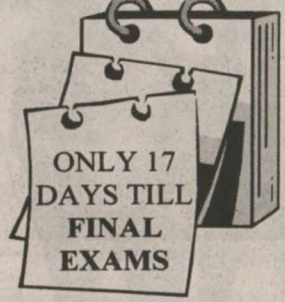
Chapter presidents were asked to discuss their needs and priorities with each other. Chairman Sylvia Tucker reassured the group that the SCLC was still relevant and viable after months of battling in the courtroom and the media.

"I got a feeling that everything's gonna be all right," Tucker said, invoking the spirit of King, their founding president. "We have to continue to keep his dreams a reality."



## The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen



**You will not be allowed to early register IF:**

- 1) You have a 'D', 'F', or 'U' in a Developmental class for midterm;
- 2) You owe money for fees, parking tickets, health center charges, library fines, etc.
- 3) You are on Academic Probation from Last Semester

**Need to Take or Re-take THEA? Check out the following URL:**  
<http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick THEA testing schedule or call 936-261-3610.

Congrats! Building 40's Dominique Brock received the Bob Roberts Memorial Scholarship from the College of Business

Building 47 is proud of Kae'lyn Thompson who was crowned Ms 20 Pearls!

**Early Registration for Freshmen is going on NOW!**  
Contact your Academic Advisor right away—  
before classes are full!



## Behind the Scenes: Green is the New Black

Prairie View A&M University Green Team is proud to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> Earth Day Celebration in completion of the first year of our Paper recycling program.

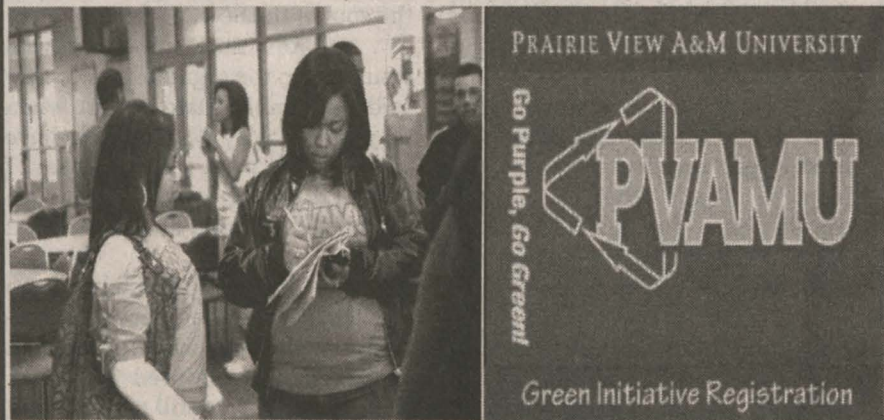
Efforts to Eco Friendliness initially started with former Student Government President, Johnie Jones who saw the vision of Prairie View A&M University participating in the global effort to save our planet. Mr. Jones and current SGA president, Robert Powell along with the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE), the University's Environmental Safety and Physical Plant and others helped make this vision come true.

SIFE's criteria of Environmental Sustainability is making a measurable impact on wastefulness and the importance of recycling in the world. The acceptance of the SIFE's Panther Pete Go Green program led Mr. Powell to create two new positions, Director of Environmental Sustainability and Co-Director of Environmental Sustainability, and appoint Kyle Maronie and Courtney Neville, to the positions respectively. The Project R.E.A.L. (Reusing the Environment through Assistance and Leadership), green movement has expanded throughout the campus with the formation of an official SGA committee, The PVAMU "Green Team," we call Eco Ambassadors.

The team is a cadre of dedicated students with various classifications and majors who volunteer their time to support the recycling program. This unselfish maintenance team of 'Toters' could not be possible without their hard work and commitment. The students make a difference on our campus by empty 96-gallon toters into the green and yellow dumpsters for collection and by promoting awareness throughout the campus.

### The easy steps of our Green Team are:

1.) Signing Up online ( Search: Service Learning and Click on Green Initiative)



2.) Showing up and picking a group based on building preference



3.) Roll Toter out of building



4.) Empty Toter



5.) Enjoy. Gain Community Service hours. Invite Friends and Show up the next Friday



Special Thanks to our Green Team for all of their hard work and dedication! Let's continue to make our campus a green campus! We encourage you to waste W.I.S.E.LY!



# NATURAL IS BETTER

## It's better to be left behind



Yay! Another one of my friends told me she was going to go natural and remove that harmful relaxer from her

hair.  
Thank goodness. Natural hair is so much prettier and healthier than chemical dependent hair.  
That statement may sound a little ridiculous but it is true. When natural, there are things our hair can do that may seem impossible. Our hair grows longer and stronger because we're not burning the roots every few weeks.  
I love my natural tame; we all should.  
Ladies, why are we continuing to use that stuff that makes our scalps burn and edges break? It makes no sense. Why are we so anti-"#ourownhair?"  
Let's just all go natural and live happy lives.  
Most of us say we won't go natural because we don't have the right grade of hair. Everyone's grade is the right grade. The hardest part is just learning the right products. Some of us need things others don't. We are different people, why would our hair not be?  
No, you are not natural just because you don't wear weave. Weave is just one part of the solution. The other part is trying to wean off of the creamy crack. It's really not that serious. Just flat iron your hair if you just have to have it straight.  
I think that as soon as we are able to accept what we were given, life would be much easier. We have to stop trying to look a way we aren't meant to. Let's be true to ourselves!

Whitney Harris

I know! Many of you are probably thinking to yourself, "What is this dude talking about?" Well, yes, I am speaking about the phenomenon that many of us know as the Secret Rapture.

There are many books, series, sermons, lectures, and even movies presenting this idea to us. The most notable of these, however, is the book series, turned movie, written by Tim LaHaye known as *Left Behind*.

I wanted to take a quick moment to dig deeper into the scriptures on this topic, and I plead that all my brothers and sisters would do the same on the various doctrinal beliefs of the day.

Now, there are a few scriptures that the book uses to back their claims of the Secret Rapture, but I just want to search a couple dealing with the notion of being taken and left behind. This is spoken of in Matthew 24 and in Luke 17.

In Matthew 24:37-42, Jesus states, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood THEY were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and TOOK THEM all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be TAKEN, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be TAKEN, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

Okay, so looking back over this short passage, the first thing I recognize is that Noe speaks of Noah, his wife, his sons, and their wives, while THEY speak of the rest of the world. We know this because Noah didn't enter the ark by himself, but was accompanied by his wife, his three sons, and their three wives (eight people in all).

We know that THEY represent the rest of the human world, because only the eight survived the flood - that is established.

In the preceding passage, we also recognize that the flood took THEM all away. Then Jesus says

that when He comes it shall be similar. Two in the field, one TAKEN and one LEFT.

Well, in context, who knew not until the flood came? Who were taken by the flood? Who will be taken and who will be left?

Also, Luke 17:27 says "THEY did eat, THEY drank, THEY married wives, THEY were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and DESTROYED THEM all."

Here we see the scriptures use the same example, but now the taken or took is replaced with destroyed. Of course, we do know that THEY were destroyed, or killed, because only Noah and his seed were left on earth.

Lastly, let us visit Genesis to see what actually happened in the time of Noah.

Gen 7:23 states, "And every living substance was DESTROYED which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and THEY were DESTROYED from the earth: and Noah only REMAINED alive, and they that were with him in the ark."

THEY were DESTROYED from the earth and NOAH only REMAINED!

I'm not saying there isn't a Rapture, or a taking away of the Saints, but I am saying that it isn't coming before the Great Tribulation.

I am saying that it won't be a secret. I am saying that people won't have seven years (where does this come from?) to get their act together after it.

I know this will be refuted, and I encourage it, but please pray and read through the whole passage of verses before you respond.

Let's use scripture (I Timothy 3:16) as the basis for our doctrine and arguments.

This was written in love so if you want, you can email me at lmosby@pvamu.edu to chop it up about the above verses.

Remember, It's better to be.....LEFT BEHIND!

Lionel Mosby

## PURPLE & GOLD POLL

What are the goals that you plan on accomplishing before school lets out for the summer?



"I plan on getting closer to making all As this semester so I have been studying a lot more."

**Audia Gerrado**  
Sophomore  
Criminal Justice



"To start finishing all my work at least two days before it's due so that I have more time to relax and enjoy myself."

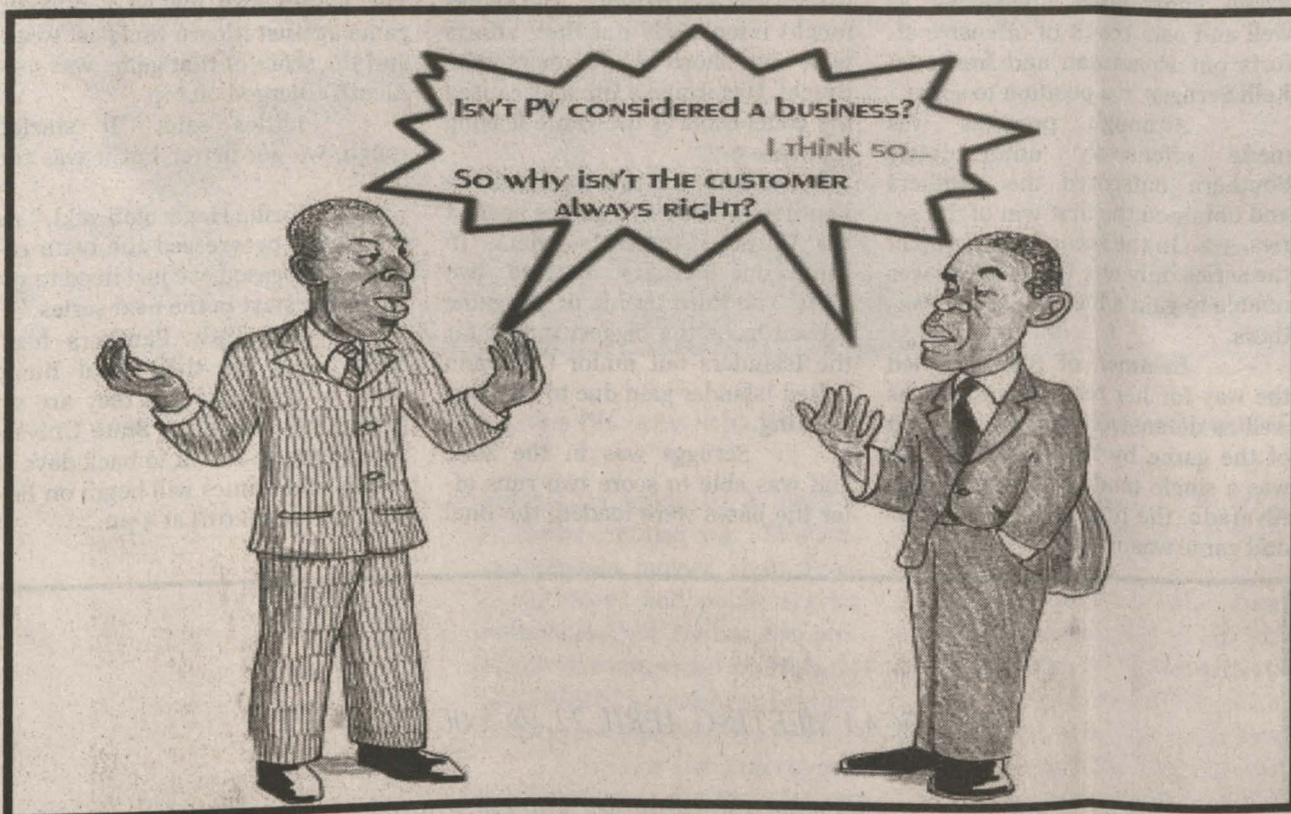
**Kiara Butler**  
Junior  
Psychology



"I want to finish writing a script for a play that I want to direct in the upcoming future."

**Ashley Matimba**  
Freshman  
Marketing

Courtesy of James "Mikey" Terrell



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## LSU Alumni Gold Meet

### Lady Panthers fight, compete with schools

By De'Von Mitchell  
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M women's track team traveled to LSU for the 2010 LSU Alumni Gold Meet at the Bernie Moore Track Stadium last weekend.

Margaret Harris was the top finisher for PV placing 6th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.22 and 10th in the 200-meter dash with a best season mark of 24.89.

Branee Robinson also posted a best season time of 2:25.65 in the 800-meter run along with Leticia Bustamante.

Andrea Chambers had her record lengths of the outdoor season with a throw of 12.28 meters in the shotput and 148-5 in the hammer throw.

The 4x400 relay team had an outdoor best run of 3:48.70.

The team consisted of Harris, Whitley Dobbins, Sabia Hughes and Terracia Moody while Moody had an outdoor best mark of 25.08 as the freshman ran the 200-meter dash.

Ashley Parker and Brittany Earl recorded season highs as Parker posted a mark of 103-3 in the discus, while Earl completed the hammer and shot put with lengths of 129-8 and 32-9.5 respectively.

The Lady Panthers will travel to the nationally-renowned Penn Relays beginning on Thursday, April 22 in Philadelphia, Pa.

## Lady Panthers fall in first round

By Channer Hill  
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M women's tennis team's spring season came to a close as they were defeated by Alabama A&M at the Tourney Opener for the SWAC Championships. The Lady Panthers of PVAMU were shut down 4-0 against the Lady Bulldogs of AAMU.

The Lady Panthers were not as prepared as they should have been for the match, which allowed AAMU to have the upper hand.

PVAMU seemed to be at a loss, considering the four matches that were incomplete and the two that ended in default wins to AAMU.

Fourth singles Margaret Banks of PVAMU gave her all in her match against Brittany Jelks of AAMU, but was defeated with a final score of 6-2, 6-2.

Fifth singles Lise Karenzi was neck and neck with opponent Jasmine Cherry of AAMU refusing to go down without a fight. Undoubtedly though, she was defeated, with a final score of 6-4, 6-4.

Second doubles, Lerato Ndlovu and Alejandra Barrera participated in the only doubles match played. However, opponents Denise Cherry and Shannon Warner won the match with little effort. The match ended with the score set at 6-0.

Despite the loss of many matches and defaults, Alabama A&M University's Women's Tennis Coach, Browning stated "It was a roller coaster ride as we began with a full team but had to deal with the loss of several players during the middle of the spring which really hurt."

"It was very emotional as we persevered to claim the No. 2 seed from the (SWAC) West with only five players but ran out of gas at the end. At the end of the day they all deserve a round of applause."

Alabama A&M Placed second in the championship, PVAMU was unable to hold a place in the tournament.

With the season closed, Coach Cochran of PVAMU is pulling for next year's season to be strong. Reflection will give the Lady Panthers of PVAMU a second chance to succeed in next season.

# Panthers struggle late

## Panthers drop doubleheader to Southern University

By Cedrick Wilson  
Panther Staff

Over the weekend, the Panther baseball team took to the diamond to take on SWAC contender Southern University in an important home series for the Panthers.

In the first game of the series scoring appeared to be scarce as the Jaguars jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth on a solo home run.

In the same way they have responded all year, the Panthers came back with two runs in the bottom of the fourth on three consecutive hits from Dominiq Harris, Jason Thomas, and Evan Richard.

After a RBI double from Kyle Bible in the bottom of the sixth, the Panthers appeared to be in good

shape leading 3-1 heading into the eighth inning.

However, in a turn of events, the Jaguars began to muster offense against a tiring Ben Blackburn of the Panthers as a bases loaded single tied the game at three for the Jaguars.

In the top of the ninth, errors plagued the Panthers as a wild pitch with the bases loaded cost the Panthers the lead and the game as the Jaguars pulled out a 5-3 win.

In the second game of the day, the Jaguars again started the scoring in the top of the third with a RBI groundout to make it 1-0.

The Panthers immediately responded with two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning, capitalizing on a pair of Southern errors to take a 2-1 lead.

Southern changed the

lead again as a three hit fourth inning gave them a 3-2 advantage. Two more Southern errors gave the Panthers the lead again at 4-3 as aggressive base running allowed for capitalization on the throwing errors from Southern.

The Jaguars tied the game in the fifth inning and after a trade of runs in the seventh, the game went into extra innings.

In extras, the Jaguars again took advantage as the first batter in the tenth homered.

A bases loaded single from Southern made the score 8-5 and the Panthers couldn't muster any offense in the bottom of the inning, giving the game and series to Southern.

Next, the Panthers venture to Pine Bluff to take on the Golden Lions of UAPB.

## My favorite time of the year: Welcome to the NFL draft



The NFL draft is this week and Lance Zierlein of the Houston Chronicle has my team, the Houston Texans, select-

ing Kyle Wilson, corner back out of Boise State as the 20th pick.

According to CBS Sports' draft tracker, only three football

players from HBCUs are projected to either be drafted into the NFL or potentially be signed as free agents.

Alabama A&M wide receiver Thomas Harris, Morehouse offensive tackle Ramon Harewood and Norfolk State wide receiver Chris Bell are all projected to go in the seventh and final round.

Harewood and Bell actually have the designation "7-FA" in the draft tracker, meaning they could be taken in the seventh or be signed as free agents before training camps open in July.

Not being drafted isn't the end-all and be-all for those aspiring to the NFL. Sometimes those ranked just outside of the projection cutoff

could earn an invitation to a training camp. For example, only the top 24 running back prospects are projected to be taken, but there could be room for players like LaMarcus Coker of Hampton (ranked 32nd) and William Ford of SC State (37th).

This year there are no prospects on the radar for pro scouts from Prairie View A&M University, but you always have a shot if you work hard and want something.

My four-day-weekend starting Thursday laid back at the crib watching my team add the last pieces for our superbowl run in Dallas.

Jeremy O. Malone  
Sports Editor

## Jarryd Gray wins 200 meters

By Jeremy O. Malone  
Sports Editor

Senior sprinter Jarryd Gray won the 200-meter dash as the Prairie View A&M men's track team participated in the annual Michael Johnson Classic at the Hart-Patterson Track Complex over the weekend.

Gray, a senior from Fort Worth, was able to defeat his opponents even through intense weather throughout the meet. Gray time of 21.26 was undeniable at the presitges meet.

Gray also participated in the 100-meter dash and narrowly missed the finals as he finished with the 13th-best time in the preliminary round. Finishing one through 12 to be able to participate in the finals.

Brandon Hicks placed eighth in the 800 after clocking 1:52.24, while William Donelson put forth a solid afternoon of hurdle races with a third-place finish (52.7) in the 400-meter hurdles and fifth-place run of 14.77 in the 110-meter hurdles.

Leonard Chanette was the team's top jumper as he placed fifth in the high jump with a height 1.9 (6-02.75) meters.

Jarry Gray said, "I feel good, I'm dropping my times every week and I have a good feeling about winning the 100 and 200-meter in SWAC."

The Panthers will have this weekend off before returning to action in the SWAC Outdoor Championships in New Orleans, La. on April 30.

## PVAMU player rankings

- 100-meters**
- #2 Sr Jarryd Gray
- #5 Jr Robert Williams
- 200-meters**
- #2 Sr Jarryd Gray
- 800-meter**
- #3 Brandon Hicks
- 3000-meters**
- #5 Errol Hampton
- 110m Hurdles-42"**
- #3 Jr William Donelson
- #5 So Cordarren Solomon
- SWAC Rankings according to athlete.net**

## Lady Panthers fall short against Southern Jaguars Softball team has rough season, but Little plays big

By Troyla Washington  
Panther Staff

This past weekend the Lady Panthers competed against the Southern Jaguars in a series of three games.

Initially offense was slow but a stellar hit to left field produced a single conjured up hope for restoration of the lead. Freshman Sarah Prado contributed offensively as well and as a result of offensive efforts put Hagerman and freshman Kelli Scruggs in a position to score.

Although progress was made offensively unfortunately Southern outscored the Panthers and obtained the first win of the series, 5-2. In the second match-up of the series only one Lady Jaguar was unable to gain a hit against the Panthers.

Steamer of Southern led the way for her team offensively as well as defensively and the only hit of the game by the Lady Panthers was a single made by freshman Liz Alvarado, the final score of the second game was 10-0.

The most action of the series was reflected in the third game, junior Artavia Woods was able to get on early in the game. Sophomore Jasmin Littles was able to contribute offensively with a double to right field, which led to a run scored by Woods.

Shortly following the excitement of the last inning, Littles followed up on her last hit with a single to right field. As a result, Alvarado was able to score. The Ladies fought relentlessly but their efforts were cut short by Steamers who caught Hagerman's hit and caused the conclusion of the game leaving the score 9-7.

Prior to the weekend the Panthers hosted two games against the Corpus Christi Islanders. In game one Scruggs donated two RBIs. The third inning of the game proved to be the biggest inning for the Islanders but junior Coronado halted Islander gain due to effective pitching.

Scruggs was in the zone and was able to score two runs after the bases were loaded, the final

## Women's golf wins third

Courtesy of SID

The Prairie View A&M Lady Panther golf team finished third overall for the second consecutive year in the 2010 SWAC Golf Championship while the men's team remain in sixth place entering the final round of action.

Monday's leader Aziza Glass led the Lady Panthers once again as the senior from Houston closed out her collegiate career with a final round of 86 to finish with a two-day total of 169. For her efforts on the course, Glass was named to the 2010 All-SWAC Second Team as she finished seventh overall.

Cherelle Barnes shaved four strokes off Monday's score at Link on the Bayou to finish second on the team while Peni Sanjoto came in third followed by Danetta Dunn and Chelsa Brown. Under the guidance of second-year head coach Alvin Blake, the Lady Panthers finished third overall which ties as the best-ever performance in school history.

For the men, Michael Bradham had a strong round on Tuesday at Oak Wing Golf Club as he shaved 11 strokes off Monday's score with a 1-under-par 71. Bradham is tied for eighth overall among all golfers and 12 strokes behind the tourney leader. Joseph Daly also returned to form on Tuesday as he carded an 81 while Avery Campbell shot a round of 84 for the second consecutive afternoon. Monday's team leader, Brady Faggard, struggled on Tuesday along with fellow teammate Donald Cook.

In the last game of the competition the Ladies loaded the bases on many occasions but Woods and Scruggs got the movement moving. Woods scored the first run and Scruggs hit a line drive to center field which turned out two runs.

As a result of the momentum the Panthers were able to hold the lead for a moment but in the end the win went to the Islanders 16-8. The Ladies also played a makeup game against Alcorn this past week, and the score of that game was 9-0. Alcorn emerged on top.

Littles said, "It started rough, we got better but it was too late."

Kesha Hagerman said, "As the games progressed the team cohesion increased, we just need to get an earlier start in the next series."

The Lady Panthers head back home for their final home stand of the season as they are set to take on Grambling State University for the last back to back days of action. The games will begin on Friday, April 23, 2010 at 4 pm.

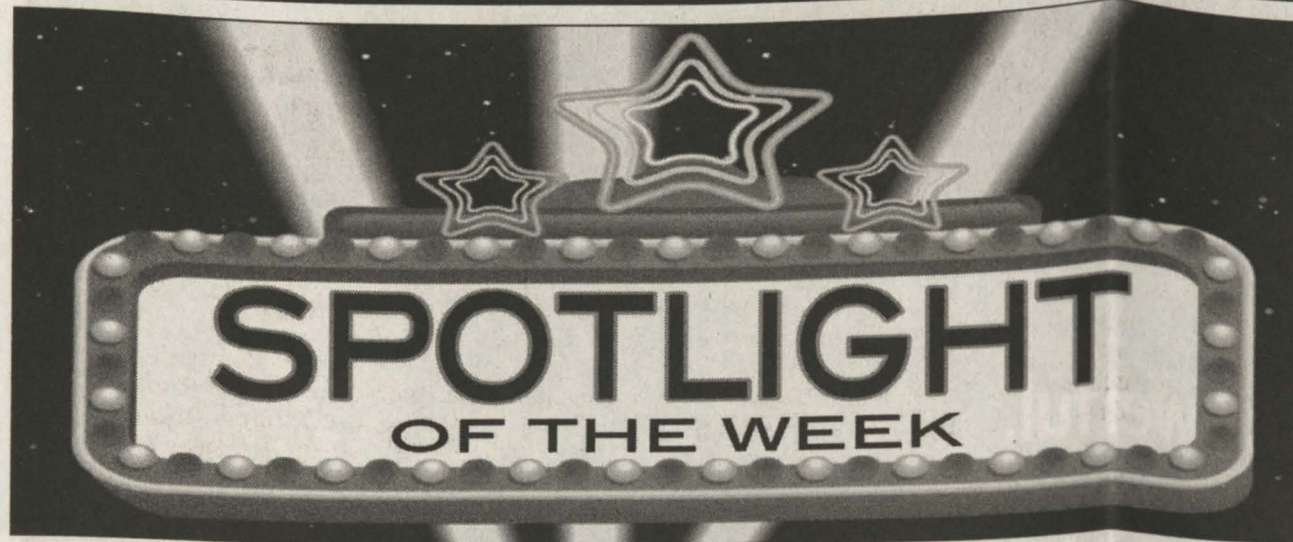
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A representative from International Student Foundation (ISF) will be attending. This is SCHOLARSHIP opportunities for you. And you dont have to be former CPS in order to recieve their assistance.

Also, at 7:00 PM, young adults from nearby BOYS & GIRLS Country will arrive to meet you, tour University College and have a Q&A with you!

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## Jones gets head start in public relations and communications



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**Graduating with smiles:** Jones prepares for graduation.

By Ryan Rudd  
News Editor

Many develop the perception of the entertainment industry as being a stomping ground for males only, describing the industry as one that portrays derogative images of young ladies. However, women like senior English major and aspiring publicist Anita Jones work against these odds, and strive to compete with the "big boys," and outdo them in the field they've established.

As she prepares to graduate this spring, the 22-year-old native of Fort Worth, Texas, does so with plans to drive her newly established publishing firm, Initial Communications TM, to new heights. Using the alias "Nita Jai," Jones, who serves as president and director of public relations, and her colleague Director of Event Planning Tiffany Allen work side-by-

side representing and promoting artists throughout the state of Texas. According to Jones, Initial Communications offers public relations, event planning, management consulting, and music and marketing communications.

Jones said, "Prairie View doesn't offer a degree in public relations, so I chose marketing as my minor to meet the criteria for being a publicist. I've always been a starter, a person who has been able to plan things, and a person who is good at being organized. If someone with a successful mindset is in need of someone who is capable at any of these things to assist them, I feel as if I am the right person for the job."

Jones, who first began her career working for a New Orleans and Houston promotion-based company called, Cloud 9 Entertainment, says she began

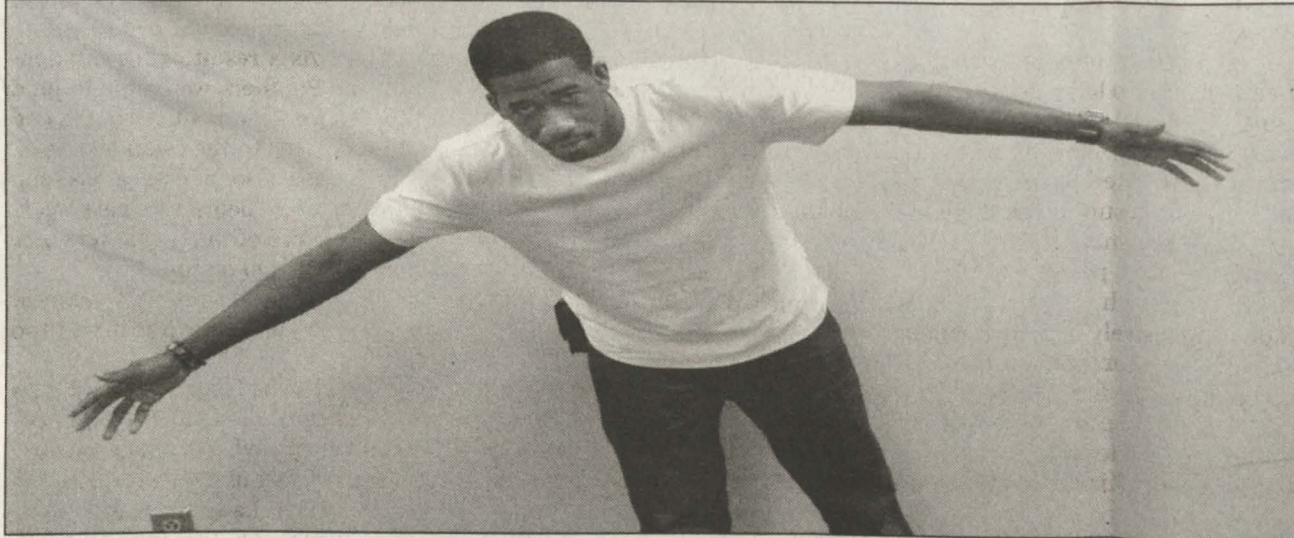
being proactive on the scene as a publicist after getting a feel for the atmosphere of the entertainment industry. Jones' interest in the marketing field and her love for hip-hop led her to get involved with clients like Teddy B. of Prime Time Click/Southern Luxury Entertainment and Le\$ of DSF/Boss Hogg Out-laws.

A member of the PVAMU Students In Free Enterprise Team (S.I.F.E.), Jones has assisted in assembling a number of programs around the PVAMU campus. During the past several months, Jones and S.I.F.E. have been in collaboration with the Office of Special Programs to host the fourth annual Hip-Hop Expo Week.

Hip-Hop Expo is a series of events in which students are allowed the opportunity to gain knowledge about the business environment of the hip-hop industry. This year's Hip-Hop Expo features events including, "Hip-Hop: Take it to the Streets," "Restore the Culture Hip-Hop Summit," and "Hip-Hop Awareness Showcase," while highlighting more than 15 up-and-coming artists.

Jones said, "Prairie View is the third largest collegiate market to breed music, and music companies are beginning to recognize that. My goal is to educate students not on music, but on the entertainment business. My second objective is to put independent artists in the collegiate market, so that they can break their music and get a feel for the business environment."

## Small thinks big in the communications field



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**Thinking big:** Small attempts to make his way into the filming industry from Pantherland.

By Jeremy O. Malone  
Sports Editor

Jarren Small, a student at Prairie View A & M University who is a constant presence in Hilliard Hall, is seen doing what he loves for sex years.

Creativity and the ability to come up with beneficial ideas are not a problem for this man. Jarren Small, a sophomore communications major has the talent and hard work to succeed in the field of communications.

Small has produced a number of media entities e.g. TV-Film, commercials, movies, short films, music videos and public service announcements. He has also produced the commercial for the fashion show and has taken on projects of full movies and designer intros.

Small is also a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and holds the position of senator for athletics. He has a plan on restoring the creativity of the university through film and

television. After graduation Small plans on going to film school to enhance the skills he has already obtained at Prairie View A&M. Small expresses himself through his productions in film and television, and his hobby turned skill will lead him to stardom. Last but not least, Small wants to stress that the field of communications is important to Prairie View A&M University. There are so many possibilities and doors we can open if we had a little help, and a better building.

## PV gets educated on present day Hip Hop



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**Open ears:** PV students listen to opinions on today's music

By Ryan Rudd  
News Editor

Students In Free Enterprise hosted the "Restoring The Culture Hip-Hop Summit," and "Hip-Hop Awareness Showcase," as part of the annual Hip-Hop Expo on April 14.

Showcasing more than 16 artists, this year's hip-hop expo had what senior English major Anita Jones, referred to as an unexpected turnout, as students showed by the packs for the event.

Jones, the event's coordinator, said, "The event has become very receptive to students on campus and because of the great turnout it will be a yearly event to continue to bridge the gap between the entertainment business industry and Prairie View A&M University."

The event began with the "Restoring The Culture Hip-Hop Summit," a question and answer forum in which students interacted with several up and coming artists, producers, and disk jockeys. Panelists included, T-Moe, Big Black, and Ike Jack of "Them Island Boyz." Universal recording artist Son of Zoolife under 50 cent's G-Unit label, Go DJ Dipp from Dallas, Texas, DJ Bananas from the University of Texas in Austin, and Nikki "Promo Princess," the widow of the late DJ Screw, were also panelists.

Students asked a wide range of questions pertaining to the music industry, including the derogative images of women being displayed in music videos, how to market yourself as an up and coming artists, and ways to steer clear of signing a bad record deal.

Sophomore communica-

tion major Douglas Johnson said, "This event was helpful because it provided me with the opportunity to develop new networks and to get the 'heads up' on the industry from people who are already involved in it."

After the summit ended, students immediately made their way to the Opal-Johnson Smith Auditorium to enjoy performances by the artists they had previously interacted with and many more. Appearances were made by the children of UGK's Bun B, Lil B and Breniesha, better known as the "Prince and Princess," of Trill Entertainment, who spent the majority of their time networking and promoting and with aspiring and up-and-coming artists.

Performances included Them Island Boyz' single "Johnny Bravo," Zoolife's "Walk Like a Model," PVAMU's own Chris Brown and Ms. Keke of Dallas, Texas who performed her single "1st Class Chick."

Ms. Keke, who graduated with a degree in political science from University of Texas at Arlington, said, "If you don't know your business, you don't know anything. It's all about the papers, the contracts, and solidifying your logistics in the beginning of your career."

Kwik Entertainment's Smoot from Houston, Texas, who performed his single "Go Hard or Go Home," said, "I think it's very important to know the business said, because oftentimes artists get mix-ups in their publishing, contracts, and copyrights to their material. I'm CEO of Kwik Entertainment, so I know all about the importance of doing things like registering records to detect spins on the radio, and this event was designed to enlighten students on these types of issues."



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

## 20 QUESTIONS?

1. Who's to blame for the Ques having anything of substance during their week, Spring 2K9 or Spring 2K8?
2. Who ate the salty crawfish?
3. Who really should have won the stepshow?
4. Since "Get-Funny ENT" wasn't successful with their last party, what artist will they bring next?
5. Who was the Kappa who got beat with a broom in Phase I by a washed up Black Fox?
6. Who is the childish loser who made the "Slam List" about all these girls at PV?
7. Is this PVAMU or PVHS?
8. Why were the employees at Jazzman's playing with a water filled condom?
9. Don't they know that's gross and unsanitary especially since they prepare food?
10. Is DST going to have a line next fall, and why did they have so much cake left over at the cake cutting?
11. Will the SUPER ELEMENT graduate or is she competing with big sister CHECKLIST?
12. Since the Alphas had a seminar on domestic abuse, is it animal abuse when you beat up on line brothers?
13. Who was the upperclassman caught having visitation in the freshman dorms?
14. Who all took part in the 4/20 activities?
15. Since when do CAs in the Village get into brawls with their residents?
16. Why are people so #plexy?
17. Is it OK if your older sibling is going to cover up your mess?
18. Who stole the cake from the Mr. PV reception?
19. Who was the staff member who snitched and made the water fight move to the Phases?
20. What do you think?

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