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## **Northwest Houston Academic Center Newsletter - November 2008**

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## Student Library Resources—Things You Didn't Know You Have

As a Prairie View A&M University student you have access to a wide range of library resources. However, many graduate students at the NW Campus are unaware of these resources.

- Electronic reserve system: Eres <http://pvamu.docutek.com>
- Library events, lectures and workshops
- Access to over 370,000 books, 85 full text database, 42,000 electronic periodicals and 30,000 electronic books
- At the NW Campus students have a small library with materials specifically selected for your courses, with the same check out privileges as the main campus
- Research instruction sessions on many topics of interest to students including: searching journal databases; copyright and plagiarism, citation styles; grant research and grant proposal writing

The list goes on. ....

Last but not least at the Northwest Campus students have access to a full time professional librarian trained in online education and technology who is always willing to assist you.

## Survivor Stories Inspire Students

The Collegiate Cancer Council sponsored a Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar, for Prairie View students on October 30th in the New Science Building.

Prairie View students were inspired by the personal stories of survival. The following is an excerpt from one of the stories:

life-transforming time in 2002. Memorable because it was the year I traveled to Europe. I felt alive, beautiful, fortunate and actually quite lucky to have this experience, the opportunity to explore a new country. However, unbeknownst to me at the time, the year 2002 would become significant and life transforming for another

reason, because it was the year I was diagnosed with breast cancer.

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*"I am an advocate for mammograms! Early detection saves lives. I am living proof!"*  
*Valerie Mendoza Milian*

## Financial Aid @ Northwest Campus (continued)

6 hours of coursework for aid and must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress, (SAP), according to federal guidelines, to retain eligibility. For more information please refer to the website:

<http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/4338.asp>

### Important Dates:

November 17, 2008—Pre-registration

December 15, 2008—Final date for awards for January 2009

Mrs. Glenda Williams is the Financial Aid Counselor designated for the Northwest Houston Academic Center.

Mrs. Williams assists students with financial aid questions and processing needs.

Her office hours are: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
Phone number: 713-790-7287



Glenda Williams  
Financial Aid Counselor

## Book Review—The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama

On June 25, 2005, I was one of 10,000 librarians who listened as Barack Obama gave the opening speech at the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Chicago. This was before Barack announced candidacy for President and before we imagined it could happen.

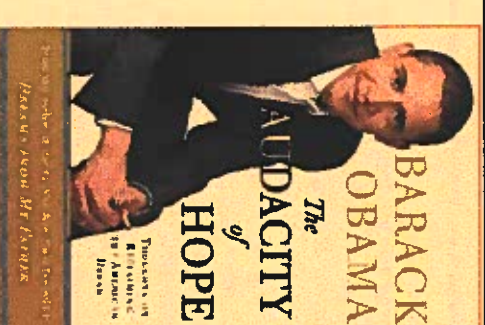
However, it was obvious that Obama was a force of nature with the ability to mesmerize and inspire diverse audiences. Obama credits libraries with helping him get his first job as a community organizer, which propelled him into politics. His book *The Audacity of Hope* provides insight not only into his views on politics but also his values and his dreams.

The media made note of Obama's affiliation with Reverend Wright, while it wasn't mentioned that Obama's mother was atheist, yet he referred to her in his book as "the most spiritually awakened person he had

ever known", because she taught him the value of respect for human dignity.

The *Audacity of Hope* is not written as thoughts of protest. In fact it is more of a straight forward account of Obama's personal experiences with both sides of government. There are places in the book that only a person of color could understand. For example, Obama describes his first meeting with President Bush. After shaking the President's hand Bush immediately turned to his aide for hand sanitizer. This did not unnerve Obama he merely requested sanitizer himself.

The *Audacity of Hope* is Obama's vision of a government united to tackle our country's growing problems. As echoed in many of his speeches "There is not a



Black America and White America and Latino America and Asian America — there's the United States of America."

(E.J. Brunfield)

## Faculty/Staff/Student/Community Announcements

- Dr. F. A. White recently published in the Educational Information Research Center (ERIC) database: *Tenure and Promotion What You Need to Know?* ED502681

- Corliss Booker appointed to the SACS Library/Instructional Services Sub-committee. Elizabeth Brunfield will serve as Co-Chair w/Dr. Booker from the College of Education & Gayle Lindsay from the Nursing School. Valerie Mendoza Milian appointed to SACS Student Services Sub-committee.

- Elizabeth Jean Brunfield (Librarian) recently published two articles: *Using Online Tutorials to Reduce Uncertainty In Information Seeking Behavior in the Journal of Library Administration*, v 48, 3-4. and *Library Outreach to Juvenile Offenders in Intensive Supervision Programs--Community Centered House Arrest*. Education Information Research Center (ERIC) database. ED502892

- Several faculty presented at the HBCU Faculty Development Conference held in Washington, D.C, Oct. 23-26th. NW Campus representatives included:

- Dr. Johnson, Dr. Duncan, Dr. Ross, Dr. Collins, Dr. White and Dr. Rodney. Library presenters—Kim Gay & Ms. Brunfield. Dr. Laurette Foster serves on the HBCU FDN Board.
- NW Campus will be closed Nov 27& 28, 2008 and Dec 24, 2008-Jan 2, 2009 for the holidays.
- NW Campus has a new Fax: 713-790-7295



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**Survivor Stories Inspire Students (continued)**

I am originally from Trinidad yet I have resided in the United States since I was a teenager. As a result, I do not have any family here other than my two adult children. The majority of my family still lives in Trinidad. When I was diagnosed, I was a single mom of a college age daughter and son who had recently relocated to Florida to support his sister while she completed her Master's degree.

My daughter flew in on the day that I was discharged, one week after my surgery. She was such a blessing! Providing support in all areas of my recovery; mentally, spiritually, emotionally and physically. She made sure that I "felt" pretty by providing pedicures, manicures, washing and styling my hair. These may seem like insignificant things to some, but these little things contributed to the healing process. My healing was fast and without complications. I know that my positive attitude contributed to my healing, in addition to access to excellent health care, support of family, friends, colleagues, and most importantly early detection."

(Valerie Mendoza Milan)

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**Check Us Out—New Books @Northwest Campus**



**CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING: A PRIMER FOR MULTICULTURAL COUNSELING**  
 Editor: WOODROW M. PARKER

◆ **DIMENSIONS OF MULTICULTURAL COUNSELING: A LIFE STORY APPROACH.**  
 Author: SCHWARZBAUM, SARA E

◆ **PRAYER IN COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY: EXPLORING A HIDDEN MEANINGFUL DIMENSION**  
 Author: GUBI, PETER MADSEN

◆ **PSYCHIC ASSAULTS AND FRIGHTENED CLINICIANS: COUNTERTRANSFERENCE IN FORENSIC SETTINGS**  
 Editor: JOHN GORDON

◆ **REFLECTIONS ON HUMAN POTENTIAL: BRIDGING THE PERSON-CENTERED APPROACH AND POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY**  
 Editor: BRIAN LEAVITT

◆ **COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY EXPLAINED**  
 Author: WHITFIELD, GRAEME

◆ **ADDRESSING CULTURAL COMPLEXITIES IN PRACTICE: ASSESSMENT, DIAGNOSIS, AND THERAPY**  
 Author: HAYS, PAMELA

◆ **COUNSELOR AND THE LAW: A GUIDE TO LEGAL AND ETHICAL PRACTICE.**  
 Author: WHEELER, ANNE MARIE

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**"Yes We Can"**

Barack Obama's words resonate loud and clear with Prairie View A&M University students "Yes We Can".

In February over a thousand students marched 7.3 miles to the county court house in Hempstead to use the two voting machines available for early voting. As evidenced from this Flickr photo and the accompanying You Tube video on the Burnt Orange report website, Prairie View students displayed determination that made national history.



**Prairie View Students on the Internet for 2008 election**  
 Photo taken from *Burnt Orange Report*  
<http://www.burntorangereport.com/showDiary.do?diaryId=5040>

Regardless of your opinion on the outcome of this historic election it is undeniable that young people made a significant impact. This election more than any other made use of technology to educate and influence young voters. The Internet was used to attract voters, collect donations and for the dissemination of information. The changes in technology have opened up the world to young people who are clearly taking

advantage of it. While it is often feared that the Internet is just a tool for mischief-ness, it is encouraging that young people are using the Internet for political discourse and positive communication. As educators we commend our youth and accept the responsibility of ensuring that future generations are better informed than the preceding. Living in the Information Age we have vast opportunities for the use of communication technologies. President Elect Barack Obama made use of it, our students are making use of it and we need to make use of it. We have seen the social effectiveness of the Internet to unite and to incite. Our students have shown us that we are a society that is capable of creating change. They have also shown us that we are a society that is capable of mastering technology. (E.J. Brumfield)

**Financial Aid @NW Houston Academic Center**

Prairie View A&M University is pleased to announce the addition of a Financial Aid Counselor at the NW Campus. The financial aid administrator is the best source of information for questions regarding your particular circumstances and school-specific aid procedures. Graduate students must register for

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**Special points of interest:**

- Prairie View students on You Tube for 2008 election
- Financial Aid Office at the NW Houston Academic Center
- Brave story from a Prairie View cancer survivor
- Barack Obama on politics—in his own words (Book review)
- Announcements, Faculty and staff presentations and publications

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