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THE PANTHER



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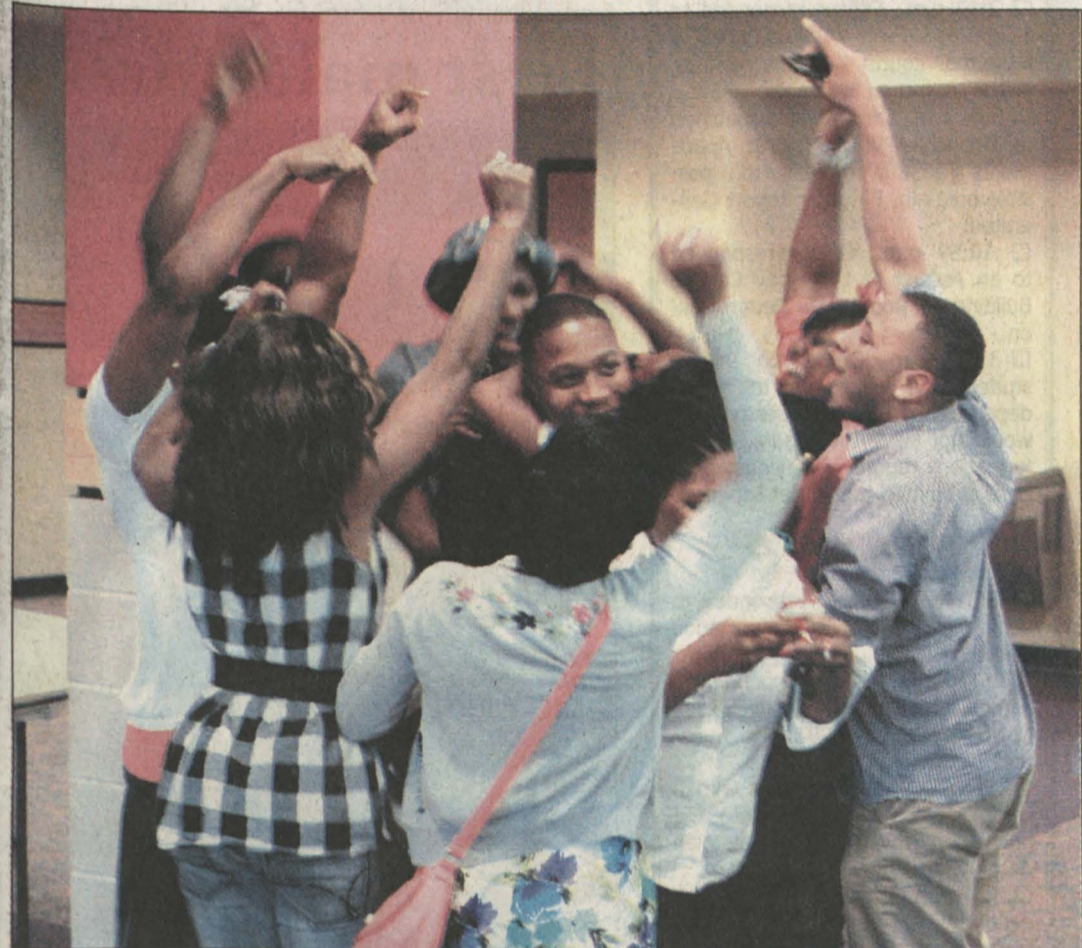
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Bobby Smith elected SGA President Carrigan, Taylor voted Vice President, Comptroller



All photos by Ronald Smith, The Panther

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

Junior agriculture economics major Bobby Smith, junior accounting major Edward Carrigan and junior political science major Kristopher Taylor emerged as the Student Government Association 2010-11 president, vice president, and comptroller after yesterday's elections.

Smith, who obtained a total of 515 votes, heavily outweighed both his opponents,

Election Results	
President	
Kyle Maronie	131
Bobby Smith	515
Bradford Traywick	148
Vice President	
Edward Carrigan	721
Comptroller	
Justin Johnson	316
Kristopher "KT" Taylor	420

junior history major Bradford Traywick, who racked up 148 votes, and junior history major Kyle Maronie, who came in with 131 votes.

Using the platform, "Restoration of Student Life," Smith won after serving in SGA for the past two years as vice president of academic affairs. The 21-year-old Fort Worth native will continue to serve as president of Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS), a position he has held since his freshman year in 2007.

Smith said, "I will impact the student body by doing what the students want, imple-

menting programs, and doing everything that needs to be done for the students, because without the students there would be no Prairie View A&M University. I look forward to leading next semester."

Accompanying Smith in office will be Carrigan, who won the election with a total of 721 votes as a lone candidate in this year's election and Taylor who beat his opponent, junior accounting major Justin Johnson, by more than 100 votes.

Only about 10 percent of the student body population participated in this year's

election. However, according to current SGA Vice President Roderick Shavers, the number of students who voted didn't affect the margin of victory for the presidential race.

Shavers said, "There's only a certain percentage of students who are actually interested in the politics within SGA, what makes Prairie View work, and what powers students have to shape this university. Whether or not we had more students to vote, the outcome would've remained the same, because only those who really care about these types of things show up at the polls."

Panthers work together to improve safety Billingsley stresses no nonsense, no tolerance policy

By Whitney Harris
Editor in Chief

Hoping to reestablish a feeling of security for PVAMU students, Dr. Miron Billingsley, associate vice president of student affairs, called a meeting with several members of the PVAMU community on April 6.

Representatives from University Village, University College, the Office of Student Activities, the Department of Public Safety, the Office of Student Conduct, the Office of Public Relations and various student leaders met to determine how to make the campus a much safer place after organized extracurricular events.

Monday night the UC hosted a campaign party and afterward, a mini riot broke loose resulting in students being maced and several fights around the premises as well as University Village.

Billingsley said after those incidents, he is enforcing a no nonsense, no tolerance

policy for the rest of the semester, more specifically, SpringFest. Infractions include fighting, water balloon fights and breaking into buildings.

"Anyone caught will go straight to jail," said Billingsley.

Effective this Friday and Saturday, university officials are taking precautions for the large crowds expected at the carnival and glow party. Also they will be closing the campus gates starting around 7:30 p.m. and cars coming onto campus will be monitored and checked to make sure they have a reason to be at PVAMU.

Police will also be searching random cars for illegal and/or prohibited paraphernalia.

"SpringFest is a wonderful time and I'm excited about the opportunity for the students, but I want the students to be safe. You guys are students first," said Billingsley.

Billingsley also encouraged students to keep their doors locked because personal items sometimes "walk away when visitors are on campus."

University officials are asking that students help ensure that events close much more smoothly and without violence.

Chief Algray Pettus of the Department of Public Safety asks students to help officers by following rules and reporting suspicious activity.

"The smallest incidents may have the

main characters [involved in other incidents] in them. Let us know. It could be a beef carried over," said Pettus.

David Webb, lieutenant of operations for the Department of Public Safety, said he supports SpringFest and hopes students will be safe and smart during all of the events.

"It's not fair to let a couple of knuckleheads ruin it for the good students," said Webb.

Webb added that the PVAMU community should be much more aware between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. because most of the problems happen during those hours and after students have more than likely been drinking.

Students living in University College and University Village have been warned by the property managers that they will be evicted if caught violating any part of their lease.

"We will follow through [with the evictions]," said Lettie Raab, director of University College.

"I only feel like I'm safe because I know what I need to do to keep myself out of trouble," said junior biology major Gifty Gye-bi. "I'm skeptical to participate in SpringFest because you never know."

Gye-bi is looking forward to the no tolerance policy and hopes it is actually enforced. She believes the only way to measure its success is to actually see it in action. She hopes students are really help accountable.

PVAMU prepares for budget cuts

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

In response to a mandate to state agencies to reduce their expenditures for 2010-2011, Prairie View A&M University will return \$5.5 million from the \$142 million appropriation it received for the biennium from the state.

Mary Lee Hodge, senior vice president for business affairs, said the budget cut came after the state's Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor's Budget's Planning and Policy Division mandated every state agency to return at least five percent of items of appropriations, and Comptroller Susan Combs referred to state revenues as "weakened substantially as the national recession began exerting its full influence on Texas."

Hodge said, "We have to cut our budget in order to meet the state's requirements. We're committed to doing that in the least intrusive way that we can on the student population. The state asked us to do so in that manner, and even if they hadn't, that is what our president and all of us at Prairie View would've wanted done."

The mandate from the Legislative Budget Board excluded reductions that would impact state agencies' direct services.

According to Prairie View A&M University's plan, the majority of funds given back for state appropriations for this fiscal year will be taken from salary savings from vacant positions.

Allocations for special item support, which include student nurse stipends, honors programs, institutional enhancement, agriculture extension and research, and juvenile crime prevention will bear the five percent cut on their own since they are not part of the general appropriation.

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PV DPS Blotter

**Prairie View A&M University
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Police Blotter**

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

Week of Sunday, March 28 to Saturday, April 3

Sunday, March 28

- 2:17 p.m., Officer responded to a fight at University Village Phase I basketball courts. Subjects gone on arrival. Returned to service.
- 8:01 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University Village North Apartments #2638 in reference to a possible break-in. Burglary Report Generated.
- 10:59 p.m., Officer responded to an Assault at University College Building 46 Room 315. Report Taken.
- 11:29 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report a person who would not leave their room. An Information report was completed. Case submitted to Judicial Services.

Monday, March 29

- 6:31 a.m., Officer responded to vehicle accident at the Information Center.
- 10:20 a.m., Officer responded to a medical call at University Village North Apartments #2911. No Transport.
- 11:26 a.m., Officer met with a complainant who walked into the police department to report a stolen decal. Report generated.
- 4:57 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report a possible threat. Information Only.
- 8:22 p.m., Officers responded to a report of people stepping on rear of Arts & Architecture Building. Cleared area, returned to service.
- 8:36 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University College Building 47 reference to a threat. Case will be referred to Judicial Services for review.

Tuesday, March 30

- 4:14 a.m., Officers responded to a medical call at University College Building 41. No Transport.
- 7:22 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University Village Phase II Apartment #1822 reference a threat. Information Report generated.
- 9:32 p.m., Officer provided a courtesy escort from the police department to University Village Phase I & II complex.

Wednesday, March 31

- 1:55 p.m., Officer was dispatched to The Juvenile Justice Building Room #247. Subject refusing to leave. Situation settled on scene. Returned to service.
- 8:36 p.m., Officer was dispatched to MSC Parking Lot for a motorist assist, jump start.

Thursday, April 1

- 1:30 a.m., Officer was dispatched to University College Building 48 reference a disturbance. Student reported he was assaulted. Report Taken.
- 2:19 a.m., Officer was dispatched to University College reference a disturbance. Information only. Returned to service.
- 2:24 p.m., Officer was dispatched to Harrington Science Building parking area reference hit & run incident. Report taken.
- 5:51 p.m., Officer was dispatched to the farm area reference damage to vehicle by gate. Report taken.

Friday, April 2

- 10:06 p.m., Officer met with a complainant who walked into the police department to report state property missing from inventory. Report Taken.
- 1:41 p.m., Officer provided a courtesy escort from University Village Phase II Apartment #1824 to Evans Hall.

Saturday, April 3

- 3:12 a.m., Officers was dispatched to a loud music coming from University Village Apartment #1611. Subjects turn down music. Returned to service.
- 3:23 a.m., Officer was dispatched to a report of suspicious activity at University Village North. Unable to locate. Returned to service.

Students speak against tuition increase

By Jessica Ferguson
Panther Staff

Tuition at Prairie View A&M University is expected to increase by \$4.46 per semester credit hour next school year.

This information was disclosed by Senior Vice President for Business Affairs Mary Lee Hodge during an assembly held in the Julius W. Becton Jr. Auditorium last Wednesday.

The State of Texas has required that all government-run and funded institutions return five per-

cent of the funding that has been appropriated to them.

In order to meet this requirement, administration made cuts for the 2010 school year and is reducing its budget for the 2011 school year, as well as asking departments to make budget cuts.

Hodge said, President George Wright's philosophy is "students deserve a good education, but there is no such thing as a good, cheap education."

With the increase, about \$958,000 would be accumulated. Twenty percent of this money

would go toward financial aid and back to the students.

Currently, a student taking 12 credit hours pays \$2,729.10 in tuition and mandated fees. With the increase, this figure would be \$2,782.62.

Therefore, for a student taking the minimum full-time course load, tuition would only increase by \$53.52 which is 1.96%.

Sophomore Skarlar Egans was excited about the chance to participate and talk about this topic stating, "The Designated Tuition increase is understandable that in or-

der for the campus to run and function normally, it is need due to the required budget."

Many of the students in attendance were worried about this increase along with the increase in the athletic fee which was voted on last year.

The tuition increase at hand not only benefits the athletes of the university, but all students that attend and will be enacted beginning the fall semester of this year.

The athletic fee which increased to \$12.60 will be effective fall 2011.

First male nursing graduate speaks at convocation

By Andia Richardson
Panther Staff



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Retired Major and Alumus Jimmy L. Johnson spoke to students during Prairie View A&M University's Founders' day and Honors Recognition Convocation, in the William J. Nicks Gymnasium on March 31.

Johnson said, "Prairie View is the greatest school on the planet, support your university, and always give 100 percent."

Johnson, who was the first African American male to receive a nursing degree at the university and in the state of Texas, was recently the first person of color to be inducted into the Dedicated Unhesitating Service To Our Fighting Forces (DUSTOFF) hall of fame, joining 25 other pilots who risked their lives.

The Vietnam War veteran was recognized at the ceremony for his achievement serving the U.S. His speech focused on the success and hard work of the students who made the honor roll for the fall and spring semesters of 2009.

"Set good examples and never give up," Johnson said, as he encouraged students to continue through college.

Homecoming: Johnson stands behind the podium as he delivers his address to students.

Candidates challenged during debate

By Anita Jones
Panther Contributor

The Student Government Association held its annual election debate on April 1 with candidates who ran for offices that included president, vice-president, and comptroller.

The candidates for president were junior history major Kyle Maronie, junior history major Brad Traywick and junior agriculture economics major Bobby Smith.

Edward Carrigan, became the lone candidate running for vice president, as his competitor failed to meet the qualifications for office. Comptroller candidates were Kris Taylor and Justin K. Johnson, who was not in attendance for the debate due to prior engagements.

The presidential candidates came with structural platforms, including Kyle Maronie's "eight Points of Excellence," Brad Traywick's "We Can Do It," & Bobby Smith's "Restoration of Student Life."

Throughout the debate,

the candidate used their platforms to focus on issues that students are faced with on campus.

The debate unveiled all major attributes that each candidate possessed for their desired positions. Melissa Richard, chair of the Election Committee, and Latoya Wolfe, vice president of Student Affairs and Institutional Relations and moderator for the debate, made sure every question that students might have had for candidates were answered.

Each question drove candidates to unveil their ideas, with topics ranging from their passion for the positions to why students should vote for them.

Senior business management major Harun Jones' question about police harassment around campus was another controversial issue which candidates were forced to address.

Although the debate was held a day before the campus was closed for Good Friday, a vast number of students came in support of the candidates.

S.I.F.E. wins second place at regionals



Courtesy of Courtney Cunningham

One big family: The Students In Free Enterprise team poses after regional exposition where they earned second place.

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

The Dallas Hilton Anatole Hotel was the site for the 2010 Students In Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E.) Regional Expo, in which the Prairie View A&M University S.I.F.E. team received second place honors.

The competition attracted some 900 students from 60 universities from across the country.

This year marked the 25th Anniversary for the team which had hoped to better its placing since its

chartering at the university in 1985. The 24 students making the trip along with the advisor, Frederick V. Roberts, and Mrs. Glenda Jones, director for Career Services was the largest contingent ever to represent the university.

"The team has everything to be proud of," said Roberts, the team's Sam Walton Fellow. "This was one of the groups of students to attend and I am proud of the amount of work and time they devoted to the projects. While we wanted to win badly, there is solace in knowing that next year could be better."

PVAMU prepares for drug symposium

By Aaron Jacobs
Business Manager

A drug awareness symposium will be on April 14 at 1 p.m., in the MSC Auditorium.

To draw students to stay and learn the priceless information that will be presented during this symposium, door prizes will be available to the first two-hundred students who arrive at the MSC Auditorium.

This program will be geared towards informing and reminding students about the penalties and consequences of using both illegal and prescription drugs.

In addition to learning about not to get involved with drugs, students can also apply for the jobs that the Drug Enforcement Administration will be offering.

Health & Counseling Services and the
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Symposium Schedule:	
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Gilpin Players	2:00 - 2:10
Consequences of Drug Use	Knowing your rights
Illegal possession and distribution of substances/ prescription drugs	Role of the police on campus
	2:10 - 2:30 P.M.
Treatment Resources	Where can I get help?
Treatment Resources on and off campus	2:30 - 3:00 P.M.

WE'RE NOT CHILDREN



So...am I an adult or aren't I? It's kind of confusing for me at this point in my life because of how ridiculous some of the poli-

cies are in the classroom.

I think it's crazy that attendance is even something factored into someone's grade. A colleague of mine argued that attendance is very much a necessity because he failed all of his tests in class but finished with an A because he showed up and participated. Uh? Does that even make sense? Not at all.

It appears that teachers are getting by with teaching no content in their classes because their students are shown as passing...the ironic thing is that the students have barely any actual class work to show their skill level and are leaving the course with little gained information.

It's frustrating that because of the type of learner I am, I am constantly penalized in my classes. I must at all times be engaged in the course content and subject that I am paying the university to learn. I do not like to go to class and discuss the same deadlines and project guidelines every week. I do not like to go to class and be read out of a book. **TEACH ME!**

I'm not going to go to class and just sit there. I feel like it's really a waste of my time.

You expect me to show up for class every day but you cancel class so often I can't keep up.

If we are in fact the adults our professors are regularly calling us, shouldn't we be able to decide if we need to attend class or not? No, really. If the student is able to pick up on the material and do well with the course work, should it even matter? I sure don't think so.

Whitney Harris

Stop pretending

If there's one thing that I cannot stand, it is a liar.

Not just because the individual is foolish and unable to tell the truth, but because they think I'm an idiot and I don't know any better. Really? You think I don't know any better? How insulting.

As a black woman on a college campus, I am surprised to see the number of men living the "down low" lifestyles. A "down low brother," for those of you who don't know, is a man who has sex with other men, but lies and does not consider themselves a homosexual nor bisexual. The relationship they have is also very private and not to be discussed.

Did the words selfish, inconsiderate and liar all pop up in your head? I couldn't have said it better. I consider myself open and accepting of others, I really do. I also encourage individuality and self-love, however, they make my skin crawl.

We're all entitled to live our lives however we'd like. It becomes a problem when you lie to the people you're having sex with and you're deceiving everyone around you. I don't care that you're gay, you don't have to lie to me! You can be gay, bi-sexual, heterosexual, or what have you, but do not make the decision for me. When stepping to the plate sexually or at ALL, you should be prepared to have all the skeletons out of the closet. If you're having sex with men AND women, your partners have every right to know.

I chuckle at how many men consider themselves to be adults, and bark, "I'm grown" every chance offered, but when it comes to conversations about protected sex, homosexuality and down low individuals, they don't have anything to say. All of a sudden, those witty twitter/Facebook statuses seem to have flown out the window.

I'm going to try to be clear to everyone living the down low/deception lifestyle as possible. Not only are you disrespectful, selfish, and inconsiderate, you are also dealing with lots of self-hatred and in denial. It's your life, live it—but stop living this fairytale lifestyle and please stop lying.

It would be insensitive for me to say that coming out of the closet is a magical carpet ride. I also understand people's family and personal lives are different, so not everyone's family and friends are as receptive as another may be. What does that even mean? Does that mean that you get a pass?

Of course you don't get a pass! Life is hard, yes, I get it. I understand that life throws us curveballs we feel unequipped to endure, but it's time for you to step up and accept who you are and what you are attracted to.

Lying about your sexual preference only makes you an untrustworthy person and that is an unattractive quality clear across the board.

Aida Fall

Words are powerful tools

I know you have heard the old saying "sticks and stones may break my bones but words may never hurt me..." LIES! Words do and can hurt.

It is amazing, as I walk in life, how many people use their words carelessly. Do you not know that you can make or ruin someone's day just by something you have said? Isn't it interesting that a brawl, even war, can start from an exchange in words? You can even cause someone to kill themselves just by your words, whether serious

or in a jesting manner. If that happened who would be at fault? We need to be more careful and selective in what we say to each other and how we say it. Use your words to uplift, help, and love each other. Be the person to help make the next great leader.

Regardless if you believe or not, we all WILL be held accountable for everything we have said, whether serious or in a jesting manner. Make each word count for the better.

Harris D. Brown

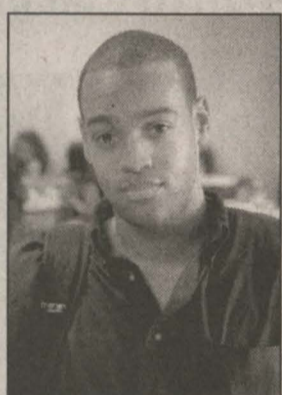
PURPLE & GOLD POLL

Do you think the Campus Activities Board (CAB) did a better job for SpringFest than homecoming? Why or why not?



"Yes, because the events are more coordinated and most are either really cheap or free."

Anette Charles
Senior
Social Work



"Yes, the themes are better and more innovative and grasp my attention."

Jonathon Jackson
Junior
Communications



"Yes, because it's more organized and the activities appeal to me more."

Malysa Young
Junior
Communications

By Ronald Smith, The Panther

SGA Speak Out

I would like to thank everyone for taking the time out to vote in this election and for PV Choice Awards. Congratulations are in order for Bobby Smith II, who will serve as president, Edward Carrigan, who will serve as your vice president and Kristopher Taylor who will serve as comptroller for the 2010-1011 year.

SGA would like to invite everyone out to the annual Prairie View Choice Awards April 12. The theme this year, is, "PV State of Mind...there's nothing you can't do." The pre-show begins at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. We plan to highlight the many different talents and our university's crème of the crop. We will recognize overall academics, cultural personal and professional development of students, faculty, and staff. The show is full of live performances, hilarious videos and promising to be a night to keep you

entertained.

SGA has opening positions available to apply. FRESHMEN are also encouraged to come and join SGA through our Panther Aids program. For more information or to pick up an application stop by the MSC room 221.

I would also like to remind students to sign up for Relay for Life. PVAMU will be hosting its first Relay for Life event on Friday, April, 23 and I encourage students to form a team, or join a team that has already been formed. The address to doing so is: www.relayforlife.org

SGA would like to wish Christine Williams, Remington Belford and all of the contestants of the upcoming Mr. & Miss Prairie View Pageant the best of luck! We know you all will do your very best and we are rooting for you.

Robert Powell

I Love College
By Robert Jordan III

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Cooper-Dyke inducted into Basketball Hall of Fame

By Jeremy O. Malone
Sports Editor

Already a member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Coach Cynthia Cooper-Dyke will be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. The announcement was made by Hall of Fame officials at the Final Four in Indianapolis.

Cooper-Dyke competed at the University of Southern California, where she won two NCAA Championships and participated in three Final Fours.

As a member of the Houston Comets, she won four WNBA Championships and was named WNBA Finals MVP with each title. Cooper was named to three WNBA All-Star teams and was also selected WNBA regular season MVP twice.

Cooper won an Olympic Gold Medal in 1988 and an Olympic Bronze Medal in 1992 to go along with two FIBA Women's World

Championship Gold Medals.

Now the Coach at Prairie View A&M, Cooper-Dyke has had incredible success during her time on the "Hill." Prior to her arrival in 2005 the Lady Panthers had never had a winning season.

Since Cooper-Dyke took over, Prairie View has won three Southwestern Athletic Conference regular season titles and two post-season tournament championships. The Lady Panthers earned trips to the NCAA Tournament in 2007 and 2009 and to the WNIT in 2008 and 2010.

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame 2010 class also includes Karl Malone, Scottie Pippen, the late Dennis Johnson and Los Angeles Lakers owner Jerry Buss.

Being elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is the highest individual honor any basketball player or coach can receive.



Courtesy of Google Images

Unbreakable Glass



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Aziza Glass: Glass is truly in a class of her own.

By Jeremy O. Malone
Sports Editor

Born and raised in the third ward in Houston, Texas, Aziza Glass attended the high school of Performing Arts, but played golf at Yates high school, the 2009-2010 4A State champions.

Glass is a graduating senior agriculture major with a focus in animal science, and plans on becoming a veterinarian.

In high school Glass was named to the all-distinct team four years in a row. As a dual threat Glass was a vocalist a HSPVA. So far matching what she achieved in high school, Glass has been named to the All-SWAC team three times and to the All-Academic team 2007-2008.

Tiger Woods and Annika Sorenstam are the two golfers who Glass related her game to, mentally and their style of play. Glass said, "97 percent of the game of golf is mental." Glass talks about the nature of Tiger Woods and the way he plays, "He brings athleticism and excitement to the game of golf which is hard to achieve."

Glass is the youngest of four sisters who all played organized sports. Her father was dedicated and pushed his girls to the path of success. Glass is a perfect example of that. In last year's SWAC Tournament Glass finished in the top 10 while recovering from flu, showing hard work and perseverance.

In her free time Glass prefers to just sit down and read a book while sipping on a little coffee. At other times, to have fun, Glass just loves to do things on the spur of the moment, randomly going bowling or playing pool.

After graduation Glass plans to attend Cornell graduate school to pursue a dual doctorate in veterinarian medicine and animal behavior.

Through it all people in her life including her father, previous coaches and a variety of golf organizations make what is called, "Team Aziza."

Panthers win series



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

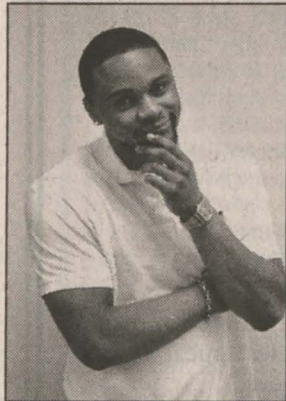
By Jeremy O. Malone
Sports Editor

Prairie View A&M men's baseball team swept Saturday's in conference doubleheader 7-6, 12-8, but dropped Sunday's finale by a margin of 6-5 to Alcorn State.

The Braves scored on a two-out, bases-loaded walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth. In the match-up the Panthers fought back from a two-run deficit in the ninth to tie the contest before falling in the final frame.

The Panthers' next match-up will be an out-of-conference foe in McNeese State. This game will take place April 7 in Lake Charles, La.

Just too good



For a while Tuesday night it looked like the University of Connecticut women's basketball team could

be in some trouble, but to no avail, these Huskies were just too good.

During the first half they looked more like a team that hadn't won in a long time.

It certainly wasn't against fellow No. 1 seed Stanford, but the Huskies did win a second consecutive national championship, the program's seventh overall.

The 53-47 final score made this the lowest combined total in the 29-year history of the NCAA title game.

For the Huskies the first half was as ugly as it could get. Stanford led 20-12, holding the Huskies to their lowest first-half total in program history.

The Huskies kept their defense just as tough but found some offense in the second half.

This wasn't one of their sledgehammer games where the opponent is pummeled and beaten to a pulp. This was more like climbing up a sheer rock face without a rope—doing it with sheer strength alone.

Winning 78 games in a row has never been as easy as the Huskies have often made it appear. But winning this particular game really was just as hard as it looked.

That is indeed how the Huskies treated it this season, as they broke the women's NCAA Division I record 70-game win streak that UConn had set from 2001-03 and became the first D-I women's basketball team to put together back-to-back perfect seasons.

Moore, who was the Final Four's most outstanding player with 23 points and 11 rebounds Tuesday, now has a chance to join Taurasi and Tennessee's Chamique Holdsclaw as legendary college players to win three titles in a row.

But that will take Moore doing it next season without Greene or fellow All-American Tina Charles, who concluded their UConn careers with this championship.

With four more victories, the Huskies would break the women's all-division record of 81 in a row, set by Washington University in 1998-2001.

Then there is the hallowed all-time NCAA Division I mark for men and women of 88 straight that was set from 1971-74 by UCLA's men.

Jeremy O. Malone

2009-2010 Commissioners Cup Standings

Courtesy of SWAC.org

Men	Women	Total	Place
Prairie View A&M	29.5 53	82.5	1
Grambling St.	30.5 50.5	81	2
Univ. Ark.-Pine Bluff	34.5 40	74.5	t-3
Jackson State	31.5 43	74.5	t-3
Alabama State	32.5 40	72.5	5
Alabama A&M	18.5 46.5	65	6
Southern	21.5 43	64.5	7

The Commissioner's Cup award is named for Dr. Frank, the former SWAC Commissioner (1983-1998, April 2001-December 2002) who was also the first African-American President of the NCAA while serving as president at Lincoln (Mo.) University.

The women's sports award is also named after pioneers. Jacket was the head track and field/cross country coach at Prairie View A&M (1966-1991), winning 22 SWAC titles and 12 national titles. In 1992 she became just the second African-American woman to coach the U.S. Olympic Track and Field team.

Magee is the winningest basketball coach in Jackson State history and also served

as assistant athletic director and coordinator of women's sports.

Magee won two SWAC women's regular season basketball titles and four conference tournament titles.

The men's sports award is named for C.D. Henry, who was an athletic administrator who among his career achievements was chairman of Grambling State's College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department (1958-74) and was the executive officer and

secretary-statistician for the SWAC from 1968-73.

Henry became the first African-American assistant commissioner at any conference office when he was named to the position at the Big Ten Conference 35 years ago today.

If Prairie View A&M can maintain the lead it will be the first Commissioner's Cup in school history. This will be another great award for Prairie View A&M University athletics program.

Lady Panthers tammed by the Lady Tigers

By Cedrick Wilson
Panther Staff

The struggles continued for the Lady Panther softball team as they took on the Lady Tigers of Texas Southern University in a three game weekend series in Prairie View.

The first game could not have gone worse for the Lady Panthers as they were blanked 14-0. The Lady Tigers scored four runs in the first inning, one in the second,

and seven runs in the third to grab control of the game. The game was called after the fifth due to the mercy rule in favor of Texas Southern.

The second game unfolded in a similar fashion as the majority of games for the Lady Panthers as the Lady Tigers attacked early and notched a 10-1 victory.

Texas Southern used four hits and three stolen bases to score four runs in the top of the second to gain control of the game. The lone Prairie View run was scored on a

RBI sacrifice fly in the bottom of the fifth. In the final game, the outcome did not get better for the Lady Panthers as Texas Southern tallied an 11-1 victory.

The Lady Tigers again used the stolen base to progress their offense as they used six stolen bases to take a 5-0 lead through three innings.

The Lady Tigers scored three runs in the fourth and sixth innings to cause a run rule shortened game.

Lady Panthers no match for Lady Cougars

By Channler Hill
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The Prairie View A&M Lady Panthers went up against the University of Houston Cougars this past Saturday resulting in yet another loss, with a final score of 7-0.

The Panthers went in with their heads high, but were undoubtedly shut down by the Cougars. The University of Houston claimed all five matches for the singles round and both matches of the doubles round. First singles player Melissa Guerrier held her ground against opponent Bryony Hunter, yet was

unable to bring home a win for her team. The match ended with a final score of 6-2, 6-3, in favor of the Cougars.

Second doubles players Lerato Ndlovu and Alejandra Barreira of Prairie View A&M nearly won the match, but were defeated by opponents Laura Ring and Elena Kazakova of U of H, with a final score of 8-6.

Coach Cochran of the Prairie View A&M Lady Panthers sees improvement in his team but knows that they have got to do better if they want to pull out a win in the SWAC championship.

After the match he stated, "Singles play was much better as we had our chances, the heat affected us a little down the stretch but we didn't execute at the beginning. Once we picked up our execution it was too late but it does give us something to work on going into (SWAC) championships".

The SWAC Championships are two weeks away for the Lady Panthers. They begin April 15 and will be held in Alexandria, Texas. Cochran has decided to add another match at home this coming Saturday, April 10, to better prepare his team for the championship.



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

YOU BETTER WORK!

By Paige Phillips
Panther Contributor

Prairie View A&M kicked off their SpringFest 2010 with a fashion show hosted by CAB titled "Operation Vogue". The show involving 9 of PV's best designers was held at 7p.m. in the second floor of the MSC. The event was hosted by juniors Tenechia Beal and Joshua Grimes who kept the crowd entertained. DJ Chose provided everyone with music for the night.

The fashion show started off with designer Hassifa whose collection was inspired by a painting by Jordan Hines. Her collection included a variety of short and long dresses that can be worn for any occasion. The next designers - Joseph Cuillier and Kermit Lindsey - whose RBTS collection (founded in 2008) titled Beneath the Roses are of unisex graphic tanks and T-shirts. Their portion gave off a very gothic feel yet Cuillier stated, "With this show we were telling a scary story but the purpose was not to frighten but to fascinate."

During intermission, emcees Beal and Grimes held a "Rip the Run-

way' competition in which four people from the audience were given a chance to give their best model walk in hopes of winning a free ticket to this Thursday's Kevin Hart Comedy Show. The two winners - one male and one female - were chosen by the audience.

The show followed by Summer Ro. Her Summer the Mack collection is of graphic shirts, oversized vests, and oversized shirts. "My clothing line started on October 31, 2005 because I, on top of me loving fashion, wanted to make some quick money." Her collection can be found on www.thecollectionno.com.

Jessica Lewis whose collection was inspired by outer space and an uncharted territory was started in 2008. "I want people to have open minds; I want my collection to open horizons" she said Her collection includes a variety of skirts and dresses. Jewelry designer Kiara Calloway's inspiration was California. "I was inspired by the earth, natural things, etc. I love to be creative and different," said Calloway. Her earrings, ranging in price from \$5-\$20 can be

purchased from her on either FaceBook or Twitter: @juskeeding

The show continued with a performance from The Weirdos - a dance group from PVAMU that has been featured on BET.

Tory "Skinny Guy" Ramirez showed his collection of T-shirts and sweatshirts. "The SKINNY in Skinny Guy means there is always room to grow." Ramirez, (whose collection started in 07-08) is a former student of Prairie View. He decided to take part in the fashion show because, "I love PV, I felt privileged to come back with new pieces".

Designers Marvan Alexander and Amber McAllister (beautifully intricate and colorful swimsuits) were also featured in the show. Ryan Harris, creative director said "I feel real good about the outcome of the fashion show, I'm glad everyone was able to come together as a whole. 'PV doing for PV'. And I'm also glad models stuck to their diets of saltwater and vinegar... JK"

With positive audience reactions, PV's finest models, and a unique theme, I would count the show as a success.



Courtesy of Google

By Aaron Jacobs
Business Manager

Clash of the Titans stormed into theaters last Friday, reintroducing the cult classic to modern audiences. Although loosely based upon the '80s film of the same name, it takes an even more liberal view of the old Greek mythological tale of Peruses. But of course I urge all readers to make up their minds for themselves.

Without giving any spoilers, the audience can expect to experience an entertaining time at the movie theater. Although the movie is available in 3D theaters, one shouldn't expect spectacular effects that were in Avatar. The 3D serves only to get a slightly better depth to the environment. Just save yourself \$3 and

see the movie without 3D.

The Ancient tale of Peruses dealt with the son of Zeus facing supernatural monsters and beasts in an attempt to save the life of Andromeda. He is helped along by his father and other supernatural forces to slay the monsters he runs into. The movie doesn't take any liberties with the old myth to make any philosophical driven messages.

This movie is also about Peruses, the half human, demigod son of Zeus. But in this incarnation the characters have been moved around and even replaced in some cases, to give the movie a slightly darker tone. Rather than accepting help he is continuously offered along his quest, the demigod attempts to go it alone

and fight as a human. To me at least it seemed to be a stab at those who believe in a higher power. That men don't need any help, and that we are best left to govern ourselves.

In my personal opinion the movie was slightly better than mediocre. I would place this movie between Troy and 300. Meaning that it is better than Troy and worse than 300. Anyone who plans on going to see this movie shouldn't have super high expectations for the ending fight with the Kraken. Believe me, this is one spoiler that you won't mind me telling you. But this movie will hold over moviegoers until the summer blockbusters like Iron Man Two come out. But my opinion doesn't really matter much unless you are also a big action movie fan as I am.

True life: I am a College Parent

By Amen Oyibo-Osifo
Panther Intern

Life has its twists and turns that become transitions in our lives. Transitions take us to higher maturity, learning, and self-proclamation. Becoming a parent is not a task that you prepare for, it is something that is learned and taken with steps of love each day.

Some college students at this point in their lives focus on their personal endeavors in school; however, a majority of their peers are focused on school and the care of their children. Becoming a parent in college is not planned for most.

Senior education major Willie Rhodes agrees, "I didn't believe it when I first found out that I was going to have a son. It's not something you prepare to hear as a young man in college, but those words changed my life. Even though I always wanted to become a father, I was not looking into having kids in college."

Junior social work major Dana Steele also agrees with Rhodes, "When I found out that I was going to be a parent I was very nervous and scared. I did not know what my future would hold."

Although finding out the news that each of their lives would change in the next nine months was difficult, the big hurdle came when both individuals had to break the news to family.

"Honestly, telling my grandmother that I was pregnant my sophomore year was hard for me. I was scared that she would be disappointed in me." Steele said.

Rhodes expressed his experi-

ence with telling his family, "When I told my mom about me having a child, she fussed for a long time. Both my parents were very disappointed. My house was silent for a couple of weeks after, but when they first held him all of that went away."

As reality began to take place, school was still a priority and a high factor in both students lives.

"I had to drill into my mind that everything was no longer just about me. So, I started to revise my life plan as far as my route through college and make provisions within my family. I had to learn how to take heed of resources I had within my family, so that I could get the help I need to make it through school," Steele stated.

Things may have been rough in the beginning, but becoming a parent opened the views on life for both Rhodes and Steele.

Rhodes said, "Becoming a parent has taught me that in my life I can never be selfish. I have somebody whom I love more than myself and I would give up my being to make sure he has what he needs. I also learned that life is serious and it is not a game anymore. I have to do all things necessary to make a good life for my son."

In agreement with Rhodes, Steele said, "Having my daughter has helped me to develop better time management skills. It has taught me how to be more responsible and not be a selfish person. The advice I would give my peers dealing with this situation, is to think positive. Don't treat parenting like jail time; look at it as just another course in the school of living."

ART RECYCLING

By Ebony Sowells
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Prairie View students take an innovative approach in tackling environmental issues by recycling art, an approach introduced by Anne Johnson, an instructor in the architecture department.

Johnson has taken something that most find a complicated chore and transformed it into a creative outlet for her craft design class, which has not been taught for several semesters at Prairie View. She, and her students, have proved that a class like this is not only a great way to channel creativity, but also a way to assist in making the environment more habitable for those who occupy it.

The students put a twist to the cliché "one man's trash is another man's treasure" by taking boxes, shredded paper, and other materials, which would normally be tossed as garbage, and put them through a process which is essentially making paper from scratch. They then use the product, which is a recycled version of paper that had already been used, and transform it into art.

"It was better to recycle it than to throw it out...we basically made

something out of nothing," said Johnson, who motivated students to utilize "found objects," a derivation of her personal art style.

Students found many ways to access their artistic side, converting what would be "junk" into items including hand-made books and stationary, both items that are used on a daily basis.

The idea of recycling has intrigued more than architecture students.

Junior agriculture major Robert Kirkwood, speaks up on the importance of recycling.

"The more paper we use the more trees we have to cut down, if we keep cutting trees we won't be able to breathe so recycling saves trees and lives," said Kirkwood who admits that he never really thought about recycling before hearing about Johnson incorporating it into her class curriculum.

Other students, like Jarmel Jarmon-Joiner, senior social work major, are more aware of the importance of recycling. "[Recycling] means that Prairie View is trying to be environmentally conscious and it shows that the current state of the planet is in our awareness," said Jarmon-Joiner.

This, along with the "PV Goes Green" recycling program puts us one step closer in the international effort to save our planet.



1. So, who is snitching?
2. Who is the college educated student who painted Spring Feast on the ground in front of the MSC?
3. Didn't they mean SpringFest?
4. Why are we still fighting in college?
5. Who can't let the Houston vs. Dallas argument go?
6. Why was the "black knight" C.A. trying to get drunk in the MSC?
7. Doesn't he know that no one cares?
8. Did he have to get so "Manly" on Twitter?
9. Is he trying to get hit again like freshman year?
10. Can you say "flashback"?
11. Who was the designer who tried to steal the fashion show?
12. Why did the Fashion Show host kick the lights off the stage?
13. Who was the model who thought she looked cute with all her "assets" out?
14. Now that Bobby is President, who's hopping on the "bow-tie" wagon?
15. What candidate got caught standing by the voting booth?
16. Was there some corruption in the SGA elections and PV Choice Awards nominations?
17. Don't they know that #TBI is the best thing that happened to this campus since the Greeks aren't here?
18. Who else notice that there are gay magazines in the library?
19. Who is trying to get chose by Kevin Hart this Thursday?
20. What do you think?

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

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