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Copeland wins Mr. Prairie View Crowd wowed by footprints of legacy

By Amen Oyibo-Osifo
Panther Intern

Junior accounting major Malcolm Copeland was overjoyed with excitement, as he emerged as the winner of the annual Mr. Prairie View pageant on April 21 in the Opal Johnson Smith auditorium.

This year's theme was the "Footprints of Legacy" in honor of the key successors of legacy, where six contestants ran for the title of Mr. Prairie View.

The pageant opened with an opening selection with the six contestants and the former Mr. Prairie View Kyle Maronie to the song "Universal Mind Control" by Common. The song preceded the contestant introductions.

Senior communications major Alyssa Rhodes said, "I was excited that this year it was an actual pageant because the past two years have been showcases. I really hope this doesn't discourage the others, because I would love to see them run for the title again."

The pageant consisted of an active wear, talent, formal wear, and impromptu question and answer.

Contestants had the opportunity to showcase their talents through comedy, singing, or a spoken monologue.

The top three contestants scored high in talent, impromptu, and formal wear. Judges picked senior music education major Deshawn Stevens as second runner up, and junior accounting major Terry Barton as first-runner up to the newly crowned Mr. Prairie View.

After the pageant, a reception followed on the second floor ballroom foyer. Students and faculty had the privilege to meet and greet pageant contestants and the newly crowned Mr. Prairie View.



By J. Michael Terrell, The Panther

Here comes the king: Malcolm Copeland is crowned Mr. PV 2010-2011 by current Mr. and Miss PV. Junior Terry Barton wins first attendant in the pageant.

Homosexuality: a glance at the growing lifestyle Prairie View opens doors, participants fight for acceptance

By Ebony Sowell
and Andia Richardson
Panther Staff

Whether homosexuality is a choice or a genetic mutation, its acceptance at historically black colleges and universities has been widely discussed. According to the American Psychology Association, one's sexual orientation is not adopted by an individual's choice, but rather develops as a result of "cognitive and biological factors" as well as by interacting with the surrounding environment.

The term "alternative lifestyle" is often used to covertly refer to someone who chooses to act in a way that is opposite normative behavior. This lifestyle appears to be much more noticeable at Prairie View A&M University more than ever.

Dr. Miron P. Billingsley, associate vice president for the Office of Student Affairs, said, "African-Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans have been discriminated against our whole lives. Therefore, we, as a people, do not have a place in society to discriminate against others. We have to accept others for who they are and how they choose to be. Regardless of whether or not I agree with the lifestyle, it is still my duty and responsibility to make sure that students at this insti-

tution are comfortable with themselves, their living arrangements and their learning environment, regardless of sexual orientation."

The refusal to accept the homosexual lifestyle in African-American communities has created tension among black males and females who struggle with their alternative lifestyle.

A freshman, who accepted the lifestyle during his first year of high school, said, "We are all human beings."

Since coming out of the closet, he claims he has encountered acts of discrimination.

Persons living the not so accepted lifestyle wonder what is so abnormal about doing what one feels? The old cliché goes "we cannot choose who we love," but in America, and specifically in conservative communities, such as the Prairie View community, many people with alternative lifestyles are asked to do just that.

They are asked to make a choice of whom they choose to associate with, romantically and sometimes platonically, and if that choice does not fit the standard of what is accepted, religiously and politically, then they are labeled "different."

Society teaches people at a young age what the standards are. As children grow, they learn to perfectly fit them. One senior student, frequently questions what makes him different from anyone else?

The student, who wishes to keep his name off record, said, "That is assimilating to the world. That was not what we were put on earth to do...we're not supposed to just do anything. We're supposed to love." He also explains that "Within love each person has their own qualifications. Ultimately you have to really accept yourself and not look for justification."

According to the Web site, FamilyDoctor.org, "A person is said to be homosexual if he or she is sexually or romantically attracted to members of the same gender, or sex." This lifestyle is not to be confused with bisexuality in which a person is attracted to both sexes. Homosexual is a reference for both

men and women, gay or lesbian.

The senior student, who considers himself bisexual, said that the person he is now has been bottled inside of him for a while. He said, "Initially I wasn't as comfortable being alone with a girl, but I allow the potential to have sex with a girl rattle my confidence. I have to let her know I've slept with guys and until then I can't be comfortable. It is a difference that I made in my own mind. I put potential in a female being long term. I never want to have any kind of concealed anything. If I were to get with a girl she would have to know. I feel like it should be her choice. I wouldn't want her to find out through someone else."

Common taboos prevent those who violate them to live freely. They become alienated and their lives become a constant topic. The senior student understands that society automatically places labels on people.

"You have to put a label on something and because I have slept with guys, it takes the possibility away from being heterosexual which ultimate translates into the impossibility to be looked at as 'normal,'" the bi-sexual student said.

The student who also admits that he spent a great amount of time "hiding" from who he was, said, "There are two different ways that people execute life. You either go through life and withdraw from understanding or you experience life and gain understanding. The latter of the two is most beneficial. You can plan as much as you want but reality takes its own course."

For years, the discrimination of same sex relationship participants has caused many to enter the lifestyle in a discreet manner. In October 2009, Morehouse College enforced a dress code that prohibited cross dressing. Although the dress code labeled baggy clothes as inappropriate attire, openly homosexual students felt targeted, therefore questioning how open and accepting society really is.

Billingsley noted that the university is in the process of establishing a new program called "Panther Allies" for students who participate in the homosexual lifestyle and may desire counseling services.

ROTC honors cadets

By Jazmyne Joseph
Panther Contributor

Prairie View A&M University's Army and Navy were joined together for an awards ceremony for their reserve officers and training corps at the alumni field on April 21.

The ceremony was open to the public but mostly consisted of family, friends, and faculty members who sat under a tent and focused on the cadets and midshipmen who received various awards for their academic records as well as for their outstanding naval and military performance.

Dr. Danny R. Kelley, was the guest speaker for the event. He is currently the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Prairie View A&M University.

Kelley gave an eloquent and inspirational speech about his accomplishments in all of his endeavors.

Captain Eric S. Christophe, Marine officer and instructor who coordinated the ceremony explained that the overall purpose of presenting the awards is to acknowledge cadets and midshipmen by congratulating them for their performances in order to provoke motivation and dedication in each individual position.

These outstanding students have shown to be more driven to excel in their positions no matter what task they face because the ceremony is a constant reminder that hard work pays off.

A proud sophomore, Victoria Jones, who is a nursing major, received the "Rocks" scholarship and was awarded the superior cadet award for the military.

"I felt very elated, like I had gained a great sense of accomplishment," she said. "Events like this are good because they get our name out on campus more, so that other people, whether they hear about it or happen to walk by and see it can know that we are doing positive things in our program. It is good for our cadets because it recognizes their achievements."

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PV DPS Blotter

**Prairie View A&M University
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Police Blotter**

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

Week of Sunday April 18 to Saturday April 24

Sunday, April 18

□ NO CALLS REPORTED ON THIS DAY

Monday, April 19

□ 8 a.m., Officer was dispatched to a break-in at Hilliard Hall. Report taken.
□ 2:54 a.m., Officer met with complainant who walked into the police department to report a stolen decal. Report taken.
□ 3:25 p.m., Officer responded to a possible burglary-in-progress at University Village apartment's #1225. Information only.
□ 3:45 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report credit card abuse. Report generated. Case under investigation.
□ 5:22 p.m., Officer dispatched to W. R. Banks reference students stepping in hallway 2nd floor. Subjects not on location. Returned to service.

Tuesday, April 20

□ 3:05 p.m., Officers responded to a report of a possible break-in at University Village Apartments #816. Call unfounded. Returned to service.
□ 5:43 p.m., Officer was dispatched to Hilliard Hall reference another broken window. Information only. Returned to service.
□ 6:08 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University Village Apartments near buildings 14 and 16 reference loud music. Situation settled on scene. Returned to service.
□ 8:53 p.m., Officers responded to University Village Apartments Phases I & II on a report of a white Grand Am wreckless driving and water balloons thrown at people. Subjects gone on arrival. Returned to service.

Wednesday, April 21

□ 5:53 p.m., Officer was dispatched to Physical Plant parking lot reference to a criminal mischief. Report taken.
□ 6:30 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report a burglary/vehicle at University College. Report Taken.
□ 7:15 p.m., Officers responded to a disturbance near L.O. Evans Hall. Subjects gone on arrival. Returned to service.

Thursday, April 22

□ 5 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University Village Apartments #312 in reference to a broken window. Criminal Mischief report generated.
□ 11:07 p.m., Officer responded to a medical call 3rd floor Juvenile Justice Building. Subject transported to Trinity Hospital in Brenham.
□ 11:43 p.m., Officer was dispatched to the police department to meet with a complainant in reference to a theft. Report taken.
□ 5:51 p.m., Officer was dispatched to Harrington Science Building where a faculty member's purse was found in the men's restroom by custodial workers. Report of theft was filed.
□ 7:30 p.m., Officer was dispatched to a motorist assist at Phases I & II apartments. Returned to service.
□ 9:42 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report some stolen items. Information only.
□ 10:40 p.m., Officer provided a courtesy escort from University Village Apartments Phase I & II to University Village North Apartments.

Friday, April 23

□ 1:34 p.m., Officer provided a courtesy escort to a faculty member from Lot #17 to Hobart Taylor.
□ 2:12 a.m., Officer provided a courtesy escort from University Village Phases I & II Apartments to University College.
□ 4:20 p.m., Officer provided a courtesy escort from University Village Apartments Phases I & II to University Village North Apartments.
□ 7:23 p.m., Officer responded to a burglary alarm at Farrell Hall. False Alarm. Returned to service.
□ 7:30 p.m., Officer was dispatched to the police department to meet with a student who reported damage to her vehicle. A criminal mischief report generated.
□ 8:27 p.m., Officer was dispatched to a medical call at University College Building 39 Room 207. Student refused transport. Returned to service.

Saturday, April 24

□ 3:36 a.m., Officers was dispatched University Village North Apartments in reference to a welfare concern from a parent. Student located and contact was made with parent.
□ 4:12 a.m., Officer provided a courtesy escort from University College to University Village Apartments Phases I & II.

Panthers United perform first act of service

By D'Ann Dickson
Panther Staff

On Saturday, April 24th, 17 students in the Panthers United organization helped clean up the

coast of Galveston as a part of the Adopt-A-Beach program in conjunction with the 'Keep Texas Beautiful' campaign.

Panthers United is a new organization geared directly towards community service and working for the betterment of the students of Prairie View A&M Uni-

versity and residents in surrounding areas. This was their first community service project which allowed them to represent the university in a positive manner and learn about each other.

"This was the best way to kick-off their off campus activities and become familiar with each other

and each other's strengths and weaknesses. Serving is more than just serving. It can also be fun and enjoyable," said Alisha Lowe, Student Volunteer Coordinator.

Crystal Beach, is one of the areas of Galveston that was damaged by Hurricane Ike. Panthers United helped clean around Crenshaw Elementary School with other volunteers and residents in the area. The school needed assistance because it didn't have a lot of students which means no funding.

"It gave us a chance to get away from PV and spread the word of Panthers United while lending a helping hand to those trying to keep our earth clean and do a good deed," said freshman social work major, Michael Tyler, president of Panthers United.

Panthers United is going to be doing a lot more campus work in the coming semesters. Soon, students will be able to count on Panthers United for reliable service and dedication to make Prairie View a better place to live.

"Our goal is to have enough members so that we may be able to simultaneously achieve tasks all over campus. We are an organization that will not have to advertise because our work will speak for itself," said James Williams, advisor to Panthers United.



Courtesy of the Office of Volunteer Services

United in Service: Panthers United pose while doing their part in keeping Texas beautiful.

PV raises \$10,000 during charity event

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

In an effort to raise awareness for Cancer, the Office of Cultural Series and Multicultural affairs hosted the first annual Relay for Life at Blackshear Stadium on April 24.

Isis McCraw, program coordinator II for the Office of Cultural Series, said, "The committee is extremely delighted with the turnout of our first relay. Students and teams turned out in great numbers and we've raised approximately ten thousand dollars to go towards the American Cancer Society's goal of educating and providing our community with services for cancer patients. The committee has worked harder than you will ever know and wants to thank everyone for their support."

Participants walked all night to signify the fight against cancer. Vendors set up all night to sell items and raise money for cancer research. All proceeds of the night went to the fight against cancer.

Joonas named president

By Amen Oyibo-Osifo
Panther Intern

Dr. Kishwar Joonas, assistant professor in the College of Business, was elected President of the Association of Collegiate Marketing



Dr. Joonas

Educators, during the annual conference in Dallas last month. ACME is a professional marketing organization encouraging exploration and development of superior marketing practices from an academic and practitioner perspective.

For over seven years, Dr. Joonas has served ACME as the sessions chair, track chair, secretary, and vice-president. These positions lead up to her role as program chair in 2009-2010. Under her chairmanship, the conference chalked up four special sessions and workshops, 20 regular sessions, and 73 technical papers, with about 100 members registered.

In addition, she has conducted faculty and practitioner workshops on service-learning, in which collaborative student and university projects are showcased.

Miss PV contestants make case for title

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

The 2009-2010 Miss Prairie View A&M University, Chelsea Hill, hosted the annual "Miss PV Soiree," in the student lounge on April 21.

With a total of seven contestants participating in this year's pageant, the event was assembled to give the student body an opportunity to gain insight about each contestant.

During the seminar, Hill questioned each contestant about sensitive issues around campus and their plans of action in the event that they were chosen to be Miss Prairie View.

Sophomore agriculture and animal science major, Michelle Chapman said, "It was extremely helpful since it allowed students to pose questions that were of concern to the contestants."

Topics included building relationships with the freshman



Courtesy of Roderick Shavers

Sitting Pretty: 2010-2011 Miss Prairie View contestants await the next question from Hill.

class, strengthening relationships between sexes, and feelings if contestants weren't chosen as the winner of the pageant.

Sophomore agricultural

and animal science major, Troy Collins said, "This seminar was helpful because it gave a personal insight into each contestant's views and each contestant's personal life."

Panther athletics welcomes new faces



Robinson

Martin

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

As the Prairie View A&M University Athletics Department continues to excel, it welcomes two new employees, Athletic Academic Advisor Greg C. Martin and Director of Athletic Compliance Ashley Robinson.

A native of Mt. Hermon (Martinville), La., Martin's task for his new role is to empower the direction of the 350 student athletes at the university. Martin will also assist with the establishment of the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program, a program that primarily provides student athletes with an opportunity to perform community service activities and expand their leadership capacity.

Martin said, "Behind Rice University, Prairie View A&M University ranks second in the state for student-athlete graduation rate, a statistic that we take pride in but look to improve. Our goal is to be number one, and we are doing the right things athletically, but we also want to do the same thing academically. At one point, before our

arrival, our student athletes were essentially handling most of their academic endeavors on their own. Now that we are providing extra support to them, maybe we can ascend to the number one ranking."

A native of Jackson, Miss., Robinson assumes his new role after serving as an employee for the Southwestern Athletic Conference. As Director of Athletic Compliance, Robinson's job will be to oversee the progression, eligibility, and statistical data of all student athletes at PVAMU, and govern SWAC and NCAA rules and regulations.

Robinson said, "Our job is to primarily make sure that student athletes are doing what they need to do on the playing field as well as the classroom. We want to make sure student athletes are making progress at all times, so that they can excel in their area of interest and leave here with a degree. Each year the level of eligibility for competition rises, which is why we want to place an emphasis on monitoring student athletes' progress on a regular basis and educate them on any new rules or policies that are placed into effect."

Notice to all student employees:

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The University regrets that this has happened and is now taking steps to eliminate the use of the SSN as a primary identifier for student employees on campus which in turn would lower the chance of identity theft.

Furor grows over Arizona's new illegal immigration law

By: Jonathan J. Cooper
Associated Press

PHOENIX - The furor over Arizona's new law cracking down on illegal immigrants grew Monday as opponents used refried beans to smear swastikas on the state Capitol, civil rights leaders demanded a boycott of the state and the Obama administration weighed a possible legal challenge.

Activists are planning a challenge of their own, hoping to block the law from taking effect by arguing that it encroaches on the federal government's authority to regulate immigration and violates people's constitutional rights by giving police too much power.

The measure set to take effect in late July or early August would make it a crime under state law to be in the U.S. illegally. It directs state and local police to question people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they are illegal.

"If you look or sound foreign, you are going to be subjected to never-ending requests for police to confirm your identity and to confirm your citizenship," said Alessandra Soler Meetze, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona, which is exploring legal action.

Employees at the Capitol came to work Monday to find that vandals had smeared swastikas on the windows. And protesters gathered for an eighth straight day to speak out against a law they say will lead to rampant racial profiling of anyone who looks Hispanic.

The White House would not rule out the possibility that the administration would take legal action against Arizona. President Barack Obama, who warned last week that the measure could lead to police abuses, asked the Justice Department to complete a review of the law's implications before deciding how to proceed.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon said the law is discriminatory and warned that trade and political ties with Arizona will be seriously strained by the crackdown.

Currently, many U.S. police departments do not ask about people's immigration status unless they have run afoul of the law in some

other way. Many departments say stopping and questioning people will only discourage immigrants from cooperating to solve crimes.

Under the new Arizona law, immigrants unable to produce documents showing they are allowed to be in the U.S. could be arrested, jailed for up to six months and fined \$2,500. That is a significant escalation of the typical federal punishment for being here illegally is deportation.

People arrested by Arizona police would be turned over to federal immigration officers. Opponents said the federal government could thwart the law by refusing to accept them.

Supporters of the law said it is necessary to protect Arizonans from crimes committed by illegal immigrants. Arizona is home to an estimated 460,000 illegal immigrants and is the nation's busiest gateway for people slipping into the country.

Republican Gov. Jan Brewer, who signed the bill on Friday, said Arizona must act because Washington has failed to stop the flow of illegal immigrants and drugs from Mexico. Brewer has ordered state officials to develop a training course for officers to learn what constitutes reasonable suspicion that someone is in the U.S. illegally.

The crux of opponents' arguments is that only the federal government has the authority to regulate immigration.

"If every state had its own laws, we wouldn't be one country; we'd be 50 different countries," said Thomas Saenz, president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Kevin Johnson, dean of the law school at the University of California-Davis and an immigration law professor, said such a lawsuit would have a very good chance of success. He said the state law gets into legal trouble by giving local law enforcement officers the authority to enforce immigration laws.

"States can't give them that power," Johnson said. "The federal government could if it wanted to, but it hasn't."

However, Gerald Neuman, a Harvard Law School professor, said Arizona could make a compelling legal argument.

Perry balks at debate with White

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas - Gov. Rick Perry's Republican re-election campaign is balking at debating Democratic challenger Bill White.

A Perry campaign spokesman tells WFAA-TV of Dallas-Fort Worth that the governor wants White to release income tax returns for the past six years.

White campaign spokeswoman Katy Bacon says the demand shows Perry doesn't want to face

White in debate, but Perry campaign spokesman Mark Miner says forcing White to be open to scrutiny is the real issue.

White has released his 2009 tax return and promises to release returns each year he runs for or holds statewide office, just as Perry has.

WFAA and The Dallas Morning News is trying to woo the two into a televised debate this fall. White has accepted that invitation, along with a separate one from Dallas public television station KERA.

Oil astonishingly falls below \$85

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - Oil prices eased on Monday on a stronger dollar and ample crude inventories, after jumping in the past week. Anxiety over an eventual financial disaster of Greece was a contributing factor.

Benchmark crude for May delivery fell 92 cents to settle at \$84.20 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Earlier in the session, it rose as high as \$85.63, as growing investor optimism about the U.S. economy boosted equity and commodity prices.

"Stronger-than-expected data on order intake and U.S. home sales have kindled hopes that the

economic recovery of the world's largest oil consumer is gaining momentum," said a report from Commerzbank in Frankfurt.

Gains by the dollar, however, were helping to cap oil prices by making crude more expensive for investors holding other currencies.

The 16-nation euro dropped to \$1.3331 in New York trading Monday. Swelling deficits and rising borrowing costs in Greece, Portugal and other European countries have dragged the euro lower versus the dollar this year.

Crude rose nearly 4 percent in the past week, fueled by strong U.S. economic data and Greece's decision to accept a euro 45 billion bailout package from other euro-zone countries.

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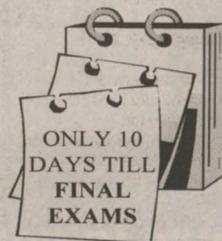
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Weekly Update for Freshmen



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No, you can't get an encore, thank you and goodbye

Praise the Lord, the time has come to finally say goodbye to *The Panther*. It has been a long four years of interaction with writing and volunteering long hours on Tuesday nights.

Shout out to my predecessor Otis Clayborne II for originally introducing me to the newspaper staff and training me to take his position. But even before I became aware of news writing and the business of advertising, my first experience with the newspaper thrust me into a position that has lasted even until now.

My elder brother set the campus on fire with a short and sweet explanation about why he chose to denounce his Greek letters which he was on the verge of gaining. This raised blood pressure to unsafe levels among young and old alike, as people were forced to finally look at themselves from the seat of the Bible.

Most current students weren't even here during that little bit of controversy, but even Mr. PV of that year decided to leave his organization after examining himself. But because people were so desperately connected to the organizations, they went through so much to become a part of, the message went widely unheard.

Ever since then I was afraid to voice my opinion on certain matters because I didn't want to offend anyone beyond the point of the readers being able to clearly read the message.

But after a while I began to see that new information is always going to offend somebody no matter the subject. So as long as I put the facts out there, those who are meant to understand will understand.

I don't know how much of my writing actually poured into the student population but I hope it has

at least lead students or any other readers to look at their lives through the changing power of God's holy word.

To the three different staffs that I have been a part of over the years, thanks for doing your jobs well. I do miss the times when we used to get out of the office at 1 a.m. I know now that isn't even late. But the news staff shows promise for next year.

To Whitney Harris, the current editor in chief, it's been a very interesting year by far. We bumped heads a little bit in the beginning but I think we can agree that it's finally over, amen.

To Ronald Smith, you definitely made the office exciting to be in on those long nights. I had to check you sometimes when you stepped in my zone, but after those first couple of times you learned better. Only kidding.

To Rudd, make sure you keep the reins pulled tight on the staff. Better to be a tyrant than a pacifist. Make sure you keep the office entertaining and fun, but no one wants to spend the night in an office when they could be elsewhere.

To Jeremy, it's only been a semester but you have gotten the job down well. Good luck in the future, but never get so confident that you can't take critiques from other people.

To Robert, it's been good having a person more knowledgeable about graphic design than me around. Less pressure to be a jack-of-all-trades for me. I encourage you to take *The Panther* as far as you can media wise.

To the students of Prairie View A&M University, goodbye forever. I will not have any further publications in *The Panther* unless invited back somehow. I don't see that happening.

It's been real but now I must leave you all to get out there and become somebody. I need and like money, so I plan on doing whatever legally to get as much wealth as possible.

I plan on going on to author a few books, which Lord willing, will become transposed into full feature films. But here's one more word of advice for the road.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart

from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." (Proverbs 3: 5-10) I think that sounds pretty good to me.

I will leave you with this. Mark 9:3 states "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

Aaron Jacobs
Business Manager 2009-2010



Foster Care Alumni Student Network

The group met on Thursday, May 22 with students from Boys and Girls Country for a Mentoring Pow-Wow.

We also met with representatives from the International Student Foundation about scholarships.

May is National Care Month -- You may be approached by an FCA member and asked to wear an armband.

We will not have a meeting in May, but we ARE going to a Conference in San Marcos on May 26 and designing a T-Shirt

The Foster Care Alumni Student Network at Prairie View (FCA-PV) would like to connect with you if you were in Foster Care.

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BYE GUYS! I'M OUT!



I'll start off by thanking the three most important beings in my life. Thank you God for pulling me from my

slump, and helping me to understand, and appreciate exactly the young lady I am and look forward to becoming. Mommy and Daddy, Relle loves you. Thanks for being so open and tolerant of me. I love you both despite my tantrums and selfish spurts. Mommy, we have developed a relationship I never expected and I am eternally grateful for it. Your guidance and patience are qualities I want, admire, and hope to instill in my own children one day. Dad, I do appreciate you for more than your checkbook...even though that is a great plus. (smiles)

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my angel...yours is waiting for you patiently in Boston girl, don't trip.

To Aida, my roommate who comes through in the clutch. Thanks girl! Yes, you get on my nerves, but YOU GOOD, YOU GOOD! (smiles) You're a great friend to have on any team, especially Taboo.

To my lovely soRHOr Gift. You are a person I'm so glad I met. Thanks for always being there for me no matter what. Don't forget to follow your heart and not what others tell you. You're a mini genius; your options are endless. You'll be in my life forever and I'll constantly remind you!

To E. Leroy Cook. We have way too many memories at this fine institution we call PVAMU. Thanks for being a great friend and roll dog.

Oh Rudd. You know you and I have had our battles throughout this entire semester. All I can say is that I'm happy with the way you've grown. Keep *The Panther* close to your heart. There's a lot of legacy in those pages you'll be printing every week. You know I'm only a phone call away.

To Jeremy and Robert. I'm out! Both of you have amazing talent and passion for your interest. Just remember, "yall too loud!"

Shayna! Aww girl, I miss you. Thanks for being my ride or die on those trips. You know we have to always meet those locals!

Mr. R. Dot SmiT. You always keep me laughing and full. #Shoutout to the random nights of fun. Keep focused and true to Ronald. I love the way you are.

Mr. Aaron. Thanks for your

sporadic viewpoints and education of "unclean foods," but most importantly, thanks for your patience with me and the Rug Doctor.

Jessica and Jazmyne, good luck next year guys! Yay! More estrogen in the office, so yall have got to keep those boys in check.

Ms. Hughes. Thanks so much for your honesty. I appreciate you being tough when I needed you to be. Next time you're in Shreveport make sure you hit me up!

To Mr. Ransom, Orok and Mrs. Nigh. Thanks so much for allowing us to truly exercise our freedom of expression. I know you guys may have thought we were crazy some of those nights.

Mr. Smith. Carlita is leaving the building. I admire your confidence in us as a staff and respect for us as young adults. You are truly a great man.

Dr. Bowers, I appreciate you as a teacher more than you know. Thanks for opening my eyes to all of my possibilities, and to diversity, and fried chicken. I will be keeping in touch!

To my teachers this spring 2010 semester. I apologize! Thanks for being understanding and willing to help me. You all have given me great examples of how to be an excellent teacher.

To my Sigma sisters and beloved Delta Alpha chapter. I personally believe unless your a blutiful poodle, you're iiiiiirrelevant. Love you ladies.

Whitney Harris
Editor-in-Chief 2009-2010

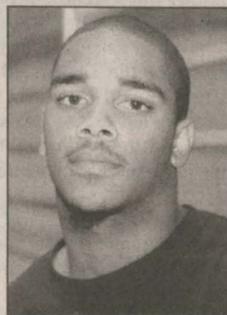
PURPLE & GOLD POLL

What are you most excited about for next semester?



"I hope to see Greeks back on campus."

Teckli Ogubai
Freshman
Human Performance



"Seeing that this past year has contained many tragedies, I am looking forward to seeing how Prairie View will learn and grow."

Dominique Washington
Sophomore
Architecture/Construction
Science



"To seeing PV teams like football dominate the S.W.A.C. again."

Johnathan Cormier
Freshman
Communications

By J. Michael Terrell, The Panther

Fool.....Bye! I'm Out of Here



As I reflect on my college career, the good has outweighed the bad. I can honestly look back at some of the best

memories that I have ever had in my life. The numerous stories, events, and the countless number of laughs that I have shared with friends all will be carried with me as I leave this wonderful university. I pray that as I continue on this journey in my life that I will continue to grow, and make my fellow Panthers proud of my future accomplishments.

To Whitney, thank you for always being on my case, ALL the time and pushing me hard even when I did not want to. Without your leadership over the past year, I know that *The Panther* would have fallen apart, but stay who you are. I see great things in your future and I hope "yall" will be able to go far in life.

To Ryan, keep that smile on your face and never stop that drive and determination that you have. You're going to need it as the chief of *The Panther* next semester. Keep the office in check Mississippi man, and keep the campus buzzing.

To Aaron, you do an excellent job doing what you do, it takes a great man to put up with the type of

work you do. Oh yeah, you still have been running away from this street fighter butt whooping. Whenever you're ready, I will be ready.

To Jeremy, keep up the good work writing those stories, you did a good job for your first semester in *The Panther*, and did a good job in fitting into the group.

To Robert, it's hard to find a person so talented as you, it takes a good man to be able to chop up videos and edit music, but keep it up and maintain motivation. Oh yeah, I have a number to a local speech coach if you need it.

To Charde, thanks for always keeping a smile on your face and always wanting to have conversations with me. I hope you are able to accomplish great things in your future.

To Shayna and Jackie, I missed you guys on Tuesday nights! We were supposed to rock this thing until the wheels fell off. But, everything happens for a reason and I love both of you and appreciate you guys for constantly keeping me going on those extra long nights.

To Mikey, you have a wonderful talent and you have the "eye" for photography. I know that if you continue to study and visually learn you will be unstoppable. Keep up the motivation and the drive and you will climb the ranks as the next photographer on the yard.

To Professor Smith, thanks for being an awesome advisor and giving me guidance for the past three years at this university.

To Mrs. Nigh, don't miss me when I am gone. I will be right back.

Also, I want to give a huge thank you to my mother who always stood by my side even when I gave up on myself. You are and always will be the best woman in my life.

To Prairie View, thank you for the best four years of my life, I have grown so much and I will never look back and regret it. Thank you and I love you all.

Ronald Smith
Photo Editor 2009-2010

I Love College
By: Robert Jordan III

Congrats to all the graduating seniors

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7th year seniors...



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really doing?



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Spring football shows off defensive unit

By Jeremy O. Malone and
Chandler Hill
Panther Staff

The Prairie View 2009 SWAC Football Champion's spring football game was played this past Friday at Blackshear Field. At the end of the evening no points were scored, but the SWAC champs are looking to be on the right track going forward.

Head coach Henry Frazier III used the word dominance when he spoke about the defenses. Fans attending the game were confused about the format of the game, thinking that there was no score being taken, but in fact both defenses didn't allow any points.

"First of all score was being kept, both defenses simply dominated. This is normally the case with our spring games," said Frazier.

The Prairie View squad was divided into two teams, the black team and the gold team. Frazier was in control of both teams, while the black team was under the coaching staff of Prince Pearson, Heishma Northern, John Pearce, Dwayne Foster, Roy Jones, Harry Williams, and Anthony Weeden. The gold team under was the coaching staff of Michael Bryant, Miles Brandon, Lamar Manigo, Rafael Revuelta, Val Ford and Tim Smith.

Linebacker coach John Pearce commented on the defense

and his linebacking core, "I was real impressed with both units because we didn't give up any points and we forced several turnovers. Turnovers are something we work on every day in practice and it's great to see it paying off. Raheem Cardwell, Chris Townsend and Marcus White are three linebackers we red-shirted last fall and all three had a great spring; showing they are starting to understanding our defensive concepts."

The game gave players a physical insight on what they need to work on before the first official game. Playing against their teammates, the Panthers seemed to feel as if there was more of a challenge for someone to win.

Freshman cornerback Jared Williams saw the game as showing potential for the upcoming season, he stated "Defense could've made less mental mistakes, but overall we played a good game. Our spring game ended well for both teams and I think we will have a very successful season."

When asked about the expectations of the season after the game, Frazier said, "I expect to pick up where we left off last season and the momentum of an eight-game winning streak and conference champions."

The Panthers will open the season against Texas Southern University Sept. 4 in the Labor Day Classic at Reliant Stadium.



By J. Michael Terrell, The Panther

Going head to head: Both of the Panthers' defensives units stood-out Friday evening as the SWAC champs prepare for a repeat.

Houston Texans



I know this is the last issue so I thought I should talk about the surprise team of the upcoming NFL

season, the Houston Texans! You're probably thinking to yourself that this guy is a joke, but just let me tell you why this is true.

The Texans are have the strongest strength of schedule in the National Football League which include: Indianapolis Colts, Washington Redskins, Dallas Cowboys, Oakland Raiders, New York Giants, Kansas City Chiefs, San Diego Chargers, Jacksonville Jaguars, New York Jets, Tennessee Titans, Philadelphia Eagles, Baltimore Eagles, and the Denver Broncos. If the Texans make it out of that loaded schedule with 10 or more wins they will be one of the favorites going into the playoffs.

Making it to the playoffs would be a great accomplishment for the Texans, but they don't want the ride to stop there. Last season the Texans had the number four passing offense in the league and now with second day pick out of Auburn, Ben Tate, the Texans running game will only improve.

For the first time in the recent draft the Texans didn't need to have all of their picks become starters in their first year. The only player out of nine who was drafted is Kareem Jackson of the National Champions, Alabama Crimson Tide. Tate will compete with third year pro Steve Slaton and their third round pick, Earl Mitchell, from North Shore High School in Houston, Texas will be a situation pass rusher. Quarterback Matt Schaub is coming off of having the number one passer rating in the league, not to mention the best wide receiver in the NFL in Andre Johnson. Mario Williams, DeMeco Ryans and rookie Brian Cushing, who was in the top five in the league in tackles a season ago, lead a Texans defense that was 10th in the league after a rough start.

In my opinion the Texans have all the key components to make a deep run in the playoffs and take a trip to the Super Bowl.

Jeremy O. Malone
Sports Editor

Panthers drop two

By Cedrick Wilson
Panther Staff

The Panther baseball team traveled northeast to take on their Western division foes from Arkansas-Pine Bluff over the weekend, in a three game series.

In the first game, the Panther offense set the tone early by scoring three runs in the top of the second, keyed by Evan Richard's two-run homer. However, the Golden Lions answered with three runs over the next two innings to tie the game at three. After an extended lull in the scoring, Arkansas Pine Bluff put together a four-run sixth inning to take control of the game, they eventually won 10-4.

The second game was a complete dismantling as the Golden Lions jumped on Panther pitching from the outset. The first five batters reached base and scored four runs before the first out was recorded. By the end of the fifth inning, UAPB was ahead with a score of 13-0 and cruising to an easy win.

The Panthers started a comeback with two runs in the sixth, three in the seventh, and one in the eighth to shorten the gap to 13-6, but Pine Bluff closed with three runs in the bottom of the eighth inning before the game was called, to make the final score 16-6. In the finale of the series, the Panther offense and pitching finally fell in sync, for a much-needed 11-1 win.

The offense started early for the Panthers, as they used a couple of previous mistakes from the Golden Lions to take a 2-0 first inning lead, and 5-0 through two innings as the top half of the Panther lineup caused havoc for Pine Bluff pitching.

In the eighth, Brandon Williams uncorked a two-run homer that sealed the deal for an 11-1 win.

Lady Panthers season comes to end

By Troyla Washington
Panther Staff

The Lady Panthers softball team closed out their 2010 season in a series of matches against the Grambling State Tigers.

In the first game of the match up, the Ladies got off to a great start and held their momentum the entire game.

The Panthers acquired 10 hits holding the Lady Tigers to a total of only six hits and three runs. Both teams had no errors and the impact players of the game were Lauren

Running at Rice over weekend, low times

By De'Von Mitchell
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M University men's track team took a short journey to Houston on Saturday, April 23, for the annual J. Fred Duckett Twilight Meet hosted by Rice University.

The track team did quite well as they prep for conference, which is scheduled for next week. Brandon Hicks placed second in the 800-meter dash with the time of 1:51.54, making this his season's best mark.

Gray said, "We did good overall, our main goal is to drop our times in every race." When asked about the upcoming SWAC meet Gray stated, "I'm ready, I want to get four gold medals in both the 4x1, 4x4 relay, 100-meter and 200-meter dash."

Senior and Fort Worth, Texas native Jarryd Gray competed in two events, placing third in the 200-meter dash leaving a great mark with a time of 21.08, and placing first with the men's relay 4x100-

meter team which also consisted of Jaymon Levels, Robert Williams, and Robert Odhiambo with a season-best mark of 40.84. Gray was also the top collegiate finisher in the 200-meter event. Williams also placed fifth in the 200-meter dash, while William Donelson placed second with a time of 52.45 in the 400-meter hurdles, making this his lowest time of the season. Solomon Cordaren did his best as he placed sixth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Williams said, "I feel good about the meet, we finally dropped our time in the 4x1 and now we rank number one in the conference. I'm very ready for SWAC, I have never been this strong or in this much shape at this point in the season."

The men's track team will take a trip to New Orleans, La this weekend to participate in the SWAC Outdoor Championships, which begin April 30 at Tad Gormley Stadium.

The team feels that their chances in the outdoor championship are extremely strong. The Panthers have hard hitters in every event.

Lady Panthers go to Penn

By Chandler Hill
Panther Staff

The Lady Panthers participated in the Penn Relays at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, the last meet before SWAC.

The Lady Panthers ended the meet strong with the 4x100-meter relay team, consisting of runners Destiny Jernigan, Terracia Moody, Kaylon McNeal and Margret Harris. The Panthers ended with a season best time of 47.17.

The Lady Panthers sprint medley relay team consisted, My-

sha Dixon, Harris, Moody and Branee Robinson ran an overall time of 4:09.42. Andrea Chambers, who participated in the shot put, posted her top throw of the year with a length of 12.6 (41-4.25) meters.

The team will travel to New Orleans, La. next weekend, to participate in the SWAC Outdoor Championships at the Tad Gormley Stadium. The SWAC Championships will take place between April 30 and May 2.

The women's track team hopes to bring home the SWAC Championship next weekend.

Grun, Artavia Woods, and Jasmin Littles. The Lady Panthers fought hard and were able to successfully pull out the win with a final score of 4-3. Despite the monumental beginning of the series, the Ladies weren't able to maintain the same fight in the second game.

The four errors made by the Panthers combined with the lack of offensive action proved unfavorable for the Ladies leaving the score of game two 10-0. In the third game the offensive efforts picked up but never achieved the same momentum of the first game. In the end consis-

tency determined the true champion of the game, the Ladies fell 9-4 to Grambling State University. "We started out motivated and on one accord, but as the series of games continued we allowed ourselves to find contentment in the first win, while Grambling on the other hand kept fighting until they were finished" said Grun.

"The work won't stop with the conclusion of the season. The off season is where change happens. We're going to keep working so that we can dominate our conference next year," said Brittanie Gardner.

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Men's

SWAC Titles (17): 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1941, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1953, 1956, 1958, 1969, 1970

SWAC Indoor Titles (4): 1998, 2000, 2007, 2008

SWAC Outdoor Titles (3): 1999, 2000, 2008

NAIA District 8 Titles (3): 1968, 1969, 1975

NAIA National Indoor Championship (1): 1968

NAIA National Outdoor Championships (2): 1968, 1969

Astrodome Federation National Title (1): 1968

Women's

SWAC Indoor Titles (7): 1977, 1979, 1980, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987

SWAC Outdoor Titles (6): 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1982

AIAW National Titles (2): 1974, 1976

USTFF National Titles (2): 1975, 1976

Astrodome National Federation Titles (3): 1972, 1973, 1974

TFA-USA National Outdoor Championships (3): 1982, 1983, 1984

NAIA National Indoor Championships (3): 1984, 1987, 1991

NAIA National Outdoor Championships (9): 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990

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Encouraging Healthy Fitness for Life



By Tequelia Lewis, The Panther

Skipping for Fitness: Joi Duke participates in old school exercising.

By Tequelia Lewis
Panther Staff

Professor Queen Martin of the Health and Human Performance department hosted a physical activity field day in the new gymnasium, on April 22.

Martin's community planning class came together and formed a team to create the field day inside the new gym. There were many students who came out to support and exercise. The activities included football throws,

sack races, soccer, hula hooping, obstacle courses, suicide running, weight lifting, dodge ball, stacking tables, ladder drills, the Wii active games, vertical jumps, skip it, jump rope, treadmill stationary bicycles, four square, basketball, yoga, dancing and calisthenics.

Students were required to sign in and received a bingo health card with all the following activities. Each student participated in the exercises and games, and was rewarded with gift bags, filled with complementary school paraphernalia.

"Most people don't prioritize fitness, health does matter. This is the first time many of my students are hosting an event of this stature, but it turned out great and they left with knowledge. You have to be active more, and stop sitting around," said Martin.

Joi Duke, junior human performance major, said, "I really enjoy being in Dr. Martin's class, I had so much fun putting the field day together. It took a lot of work, but it was great. I hope students gained something from the event and left with good health and nutritional advice."

Joyful, Joyful in the U.C.



Courtesy of pvamu.edu

Spreading the gospel: U.C. choir members shower down praises

By Amen Oyiboke-Osifo
Panther Intern

The University College Gospel choir held their annual spring gospel extravaganza Sunday, April 25 in the all Chapel Faiths.

The program consisted of performances by University College Gospel choir, PV mime, Baptist Student Movement, Michael Dixon and Vizion, True Blessings, and Zakiyyah Willis.

The program started off with the UC choir marching in with the song "Genesis" by Cordierro Richardson, and proceeded with the

opening songs conducted by Richardson. The program later had a performance by current UC queen Zakiyyah Willis. Minister of music of the UC choir, Nick Hallman, then preceded the show, directing the UC choir with two more songs.

"As director of the UC choir we use this scripture; 'I walk by faith and not by sight, 2 Corinthians 5:7.'" Hallman stated.

Students and faculty enjoyed the service, and had great commentary. Minister Develron Walker, a business major hosted the show, and led the crowd with a prayer and ended it with a benediction.

Due to recycled questions in the April 21, 2010 issue, The Panther staff apologizes for the misunderstanding towards the Sodexo workers.



Courtesy of Kendramia Prestage

By Tequelia Lewis
Panther Staff

Junior business management major, Kendramia Prestage is a native of Atlanta, Ga. She is an up-and-coming political awareness sketch artist and painter.

Prestage was initially inspired by artist Monet. Recently, she has become interested in Jacob Lawrence and Henry Ossawa Tanner, who are both prestigious African-American painters. Her sketches and paintings are a representation of controversial topics such as; affects on children, do-

mestic abuse, and prostitution.

"I have been drawing since elementary school. That is all I have ever wanted to do. When I was younger I preferred crayons and paint over Barbies," said Prestage.

A lot of her drawings are inspired by children. Many children are affected by society's ways. She has worked with children in several summer programs and had the chance to observe them.

Prestage stated, "Last summer, I took a trip to Ghana, Africa. I drew a picture of a little girl, it exposed her problems in

their country, and her hair cut was a cultural symbolism of showing her youth," she said, "In Africa, there are many issues of men raping children, or unable to distinguish their age. I wanted to bring that emotion and history through the picture."

Prestage's future plans entail teaching art. She wants to expose children and teenagers to a way of expression, and endless possibilities. She also plans to open a restaurant and art gallery conjoined together.

"While people are eating, I want them to recognize that every dish correlates with an art piece."

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2. Who went to the Mr. PV pageant?
3. Did they represent the ideal PV man?
4. Now that we have a new SGA President, will he open more than just closets?
5. Does this mean, next year we won't have to play guess who's gay?
6. Why is everybody getting evicted?
7. What happened to skateboard Drake?
8. Did he get hit by a parked car?
9. Is PV mime really on "One Accord"?
10. Isn't it supposed to be a ministry not a fraternity?
11. Who is the girl who got dipped in iodine?
12. Who is the plus-size girl who thinks she is so cute?
13. Aren't we all just "sooverit"?
14. So who is putting extra hours in with the MSC Jamaican man in Phase III?
15. Do they have to "swipe" their card for the extra play?
16. Who is anticipating "big lips" eviction from the Phases next year?
17. Why is the "scaley-feet" girl running in the Miss PV Pageant?
18. Does she have the attitude of a Queen?
19. Who are the girls going "natural" and cutting it off?
20. Is it really that "tuff"?

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1. So who is the girl who can pay all the money to be an AKA, but can't pay \$10 for her club dues?
2. When did the Gamma Sigs and KKKpsi become brothers and sisters?
3. Should A Phi Q and TBS pair up since they are never in the spotlight?
4. So who did DJ "Mighty Mouse" let ride his face at the party in Brookside?
5. Does he really like seafood so much that he had to go dig for "crabs"?
6. Who was the girl that fell trying to go to the Delta seminar?
7. Whose idea was it to make that boring Delta sign for Delta week?
8. Did all two of them vote on it?
9. So who all knows that a glow party is universal?
10. Who is the dude who looks like he did a jewelry heist at the pawn shop?
11. So how many freshman girls tried to get "chosed" this year?
12. Does team "toss" know that recycling tosses makes them a toss too?
13. How many members on team "toss" are tossing men?
14. Why is it that faculty, staff, and administrators can illegally park in the handicap spots, but as soon a student does it they get ticketed?
15. How many people are trying to be mix-tape "King"?
16. Does "Project Pat" know he can't rap?
17. So no Toga this year?
18. Can you say EVICTION?
19. So who said hallelujah to "Amen" doing that big split?
20. What do you think?

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