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# The Panther



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## SPIT brings Young

### Former Ambassador opens lecture series



By J. Michael Terrell, The Panther

**The Life of Ambassador Andrew Young**

- March 12, 1932: Born in New Orleans, LA
- 1951: Graduate from Howard University
- 1955: Named Pastor of Bethany Congregational Church in Thomasville, GA
- 1961: Joined Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- April 4, 1968: Shot in the back by a sniper while on a march in Memphis, Tenn.
- 1972: President Carter named Young as Ambassador to United Nations
- 1979: Forced to resign from Congress for meeting with a member of Palestinian Liberation Organization
- 1982-1990: Mayor of Atlanta, Ga.
- 1996: Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom

“I’ve lived a good life.”  
— Andrew Young

This \$1.5 Million statue of Young sits in Downtown Atlanta.

By Ryan J. Rudd, The Panther

**Reflections of history:** Young interacts with students after speaking at SPIT.

By Ryan J. Rudd  
Editor in Chief

This semester’s Students Participating In Transcending Knowledge lecture series began in historic fashion Thursday as former U.S. Ambassador and civil rights activist Andrew Young visited Prairie View A&M University.

During his address, the 80-year-old former U.S. Congressman stressed the impor-

ance of “fulfilling your divine destiny” to audience members, saying that everyone should carry out – in his words – “the job that God has for them.”

He also gave an overview of the Martin Luther King Jr. monument, which is scheduled to be unveiled Aug. 28 in Washington D.C.’s National Mall, by the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

The New Orleans native noted that his experiences as an aide to King during the civil rights movement shaped his role as a

congressman as he focused on issues of poverty, war, and racism.

His election to the House of Representatives in 1972 marked the first time an African-American from Georgia had been elected since Reconstruction.

“When I ran for election, I wasn’t trying to be important, or use my status to get elected to another position,” Young said. “When I went to Congress, I was trying to do something about poverty, the issue Dr. King addressed in Washington, and was eventually assassinated over.”

He also spoke on the importance of the youth generation exercising their voting

rights. When the youth voted, Young said Obama was elected, but when they didn’t, his administration lost control over Congress.

“Since the Obama administration has lost Congress, they will try to repeal the good that he has done. We have to learn some economics because they have changed the game from a political game to a game of economics,” he said.

Young noted that his visit to Prairie View was long overdue, claiming he’s known about the university since his years as a student at Dillard University before transferring to Howard, when the two schools’ athletic programs used to compete frequently.

## Adams reinforces black history

### Poetry introduces past journeys, current trends

By D’Ann Dickson  
Panther Staff

Dr. Jimmy Adams Jr., assistant vice president for the Office of Continuing Education, presented his collection of original poetry called “The Journey: Reflections” as a preview of his life experiences and perspectives to relate to the student population at Prairie View A&M University.

The Tuscaloosa, Ala. native recited 15 poems highlighting his personal encounters throughout his life journey, including “Daddy Why,” “Incarcerated Blues,” and “Gangsta Rap.” Each poem was accompanied with instrumental music to set the tone.

Adams plans to use this as a benchmark for similar events in the future. The objective is bringing his message to students in an appropriate venue.

When he hosts the event again in 2012, there will be much more advertisement and it will be held at a more convenient time for everyone, especially students.

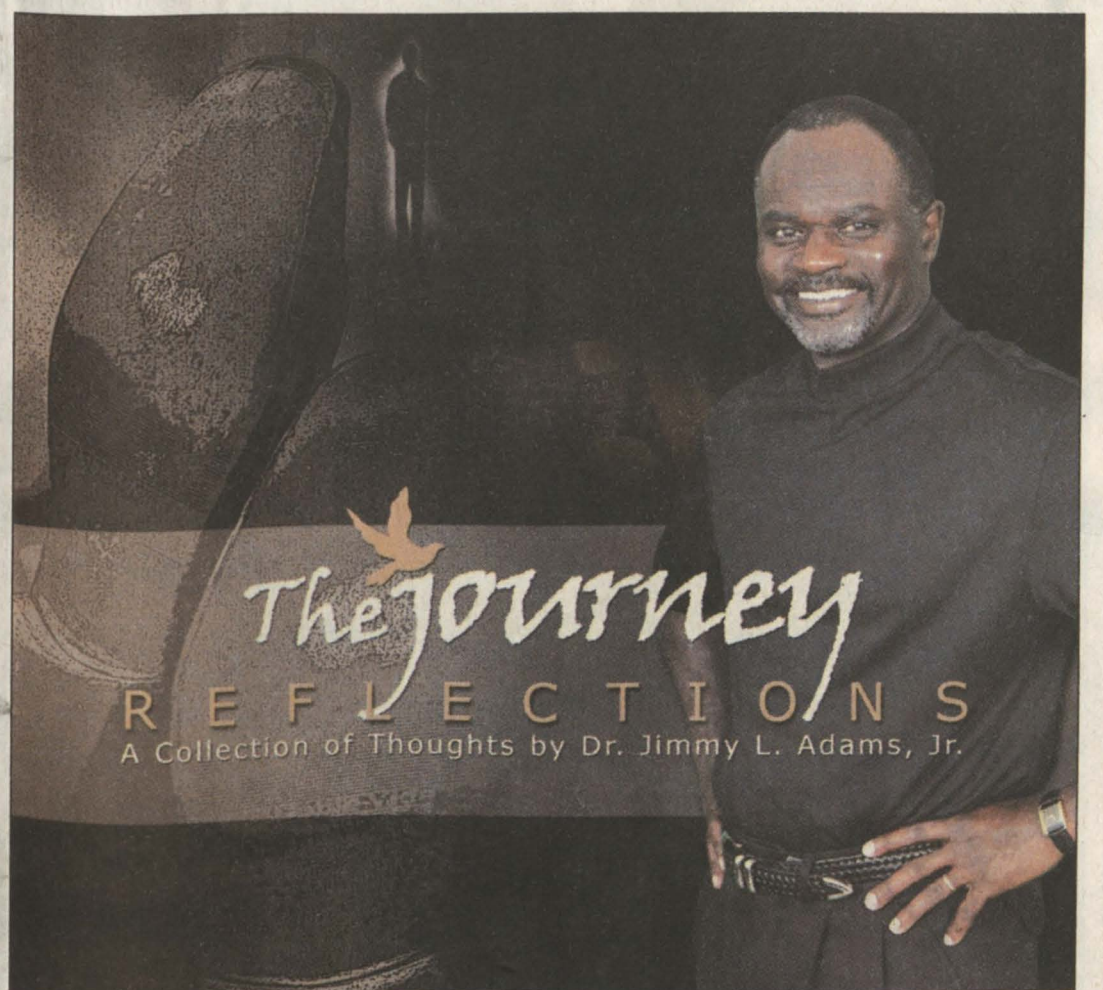
Adams said, “Not all students are informed about the happenings in life. It’s been

a lonely journey as a black man in art. I was always the first and only, and I had no one to relate to. I don’t want Prairie View students to feel like that here. There aren’t a lot of mentors in most students’ lives, so I want these reflections to teach them the lessons that I had to learn the hard way.”

Adams reflected upon numerous years of experiences and issues in his life, but this is just the beginning of his career as a published author.

He originally created these poems and ideas to build a legacy for his two sons, and then he decided he wanted to go out and share his work. That is how he came up with the idea to present “Reflections” to the audience here at Prairie View.

“My next move is publishing “Reflections” along with “Reality and Conversations,” said Adams. “These will all be collections of poetry within the journey series. Then, I’ll have my memoirs called “Journeyman.” I want everyone, primarily students, to know that they’re not alone in their hardships and trials. The event was much better than last year, and I’m sure that next year, it will be perfected.”



Courtesy of Jimmy L. Adams, Jr., Office of Continuing Education

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# Can you run this institution?

## Fields-Cooper, Richmond get first-hand experience

By Krystain Blakenship  
Panther Contributor

The sun has not yet come up, but he has already started his day. He buttons up his crisp white shirt, slides on his shiny black shoes, and makes sure his tie is straight before grabbing his overcoat and heading out of the door. The time is 5:30 a.m. and Ridge Fields-Cooper is president of Prairie View A&M University for the day.

Fields-Cooper enters the home of President Wright and begins the day with inspirational readings, just as Wright does. After checking e-mails, breakfast ensued. Another e-mail session followed. The presidential team heads off to work, arrives on campus, and checks e-mails again.

"E-mails are a large part of the day," Wright said. "It's important to respond to someone who needs help with a problem, and even if I can't solve that problem right then and there, I want to acknowledge the e-mail and let them know that the appropriate person will be contacted to help."

Although e-mails are a very big deal, they were not the only things that required attention throughout the day. Fields-Cooper also sat in very important financial meetings and met with other high-ranking officials.

"It was a great experience for me. This program gave me the opportunity to see the university from a different perspective," Fields-Cooper said. "I got a chance to see the day-to-day operations from an executive level. Working side by side with President Wright showed me how the university functions as a business, and that he must operate like the CEO of a company, making critical decisions on a daily basis."

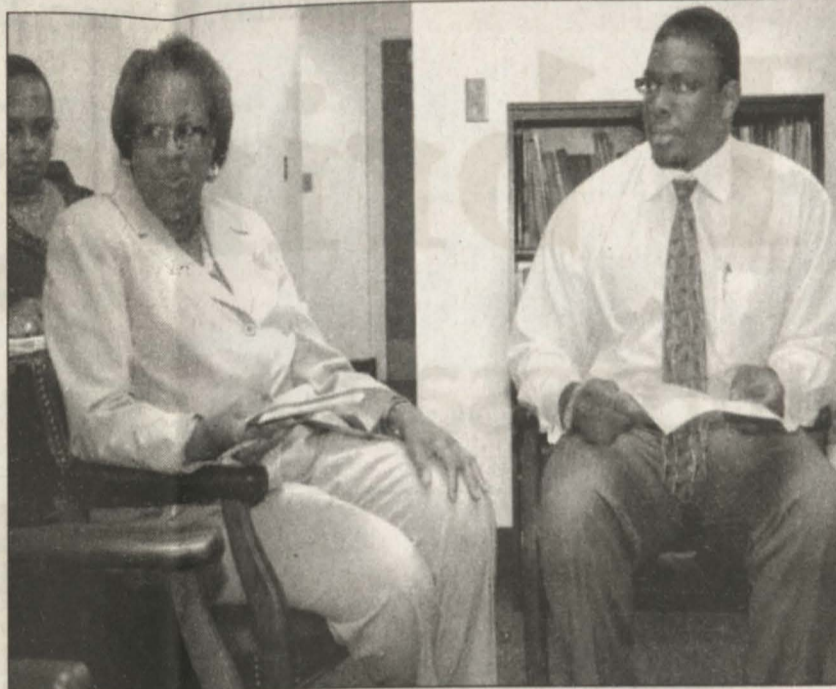
Twenty minutes away, another student, Chauncey Richmond preps for departure.

While the students prepare for a day in the life of a high-ranking official, the officials themselves contemplate the activities of the day.

"I really want my mentee, Chauncey, to understand the roles that different staff members play," said Dr. Laretta Byars, vice president of student affairs. She was excited to have a student shadow her for a day and hoped that he took knowledge and understanding from the experience.

Fields-Cooper and Richmond said there is a lot of business to be done. Shadowing Byars proved to be hard work, with meeting after meeting. This type of activity may seem monotonous to some, but to Richmond, it was very informative and eye-opening.

"I loved going to the staff meetings," says Richmond. "It was great to see the staff interact with



Courtesy of PVAMU Office of Public Relations

**Taking notes:** Byars sits adjacent to Richmond while he documents his experiences in an administrative position.

each other, and I got to see what really goes on behind the scenes with the progress of everything."

The experience changed Richmond's perspective of the university. He had no idea that the administrators played as many roles and did as much work as they did. This was pleasing to the ears of his mentor. Her favorite part of the day was "hearing Richmond say, 'I

didn't know you guys do all of this.'"

The "Can You Run This Institution" program was a huge success. According to administrators, it may become an annual program. For students who are interested, the best way to participate is to get involved with different organizations and talk to Fredrick V. Roberts, assistant director for the Office of Career and Outreach Services.

## Do you have a place to live?

By Shei'Tia Benson  
Panther Staff

In spite of the student surplus for freshmen housing, Prairie View plans publicity to boost student enrollment.

This publicity will encourage an influx of first year students with currently no sign of expanding on-campus housing.

University College currently has 1,170 dorm units reserved for freshmen.

In 2009 Prairie View accepted a number of students as freshmen, forcing many of those students to live in overflow in University Village and leaving a number of returning students without on-campus housing.

In fall 2010 there was a repeat of the surplus, leaving freshmen in overflow and forcing a number of returning students to frantically search for alternative housing. This left those students with no place to live.

One student from California referred to her status on campus as a "homeless college student." Having applied for housing for 2010-2011 school year in summer of 2010, the returning student assumed the housing would be re-

served for her that fall.

After several failed attempts to contact University Village and gain information about her housing status, she flew over 1,700 miles to prepared to move into her dorm only to find out that all on-campus housing was filled to capacity.

She said, "I asked the Vill' if they could help me and they told me the only thing they could do was put me on a wait list for housing and that's it. I have no transportation; I couldn't go all the way back to California and miss a whole semester of school. I didn't know what to do."

She currently lives with a couple of good friends, sleeping on the couch.

"I applied for housing in March, with my roommate, and I still didn't get housing." Another student said. "Yet the freshmen get to chill in the Vill. That ain't right and that's what's wrong with PV, they don't take care of their current students."

When asked where he currently lives, he says he lives with his friend in Brookside as a fifth roommate.

Another student said, "I can't count them on one hand or two or three, making over 15 homeless Panthers that I know of."



By J. Michael Terrell, The Panther

**Trying to make it:** Housing shortages leave many students displaced, and in many cases, homeless.

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## PV DPS Blotter

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

**Week of Sunday, Feb. 13 to Saturday, Feb. 19**

**Sunday, Feb. 13**

□ 12:49 a.m., Officer was dispatched to Phase III apartment complex in reference to a loud music disturbance call. Officer advised students to keep it down. Returned to service.

**Monday, Feb. 14**

□ 12:07 a.m., Officer was dispatched to University College in reference to medical call. Student was transported to North Cypress Hospital.

□ 9:00 a.m., Officer provided an escort to a university student to from W.R. Banks to the health center.

□ 12:38 p.m., Officer was dispatched to Memorial Student Center in reference to a fight. Subjects were taken into custody and released. Referred to Student Conduct Office.

**Tuesday, Feb. 15**

□ 11:31 a.m., Officer was dispatched to University College in reference to medical call. Student was transported to the Health center.

□ 1:17 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report Terroristic Threat report. Report taken.

□ 3:52 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University College in reference disturbance call. Officer advised that students were gone on arrival.

□ 6:59 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report information involving a sexual assault. Report taken.

□ 7:01 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report information report. Report taken.

□ 8:55 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report a duty of striking a vehicle report. Report taken.

□ 9:15 p.m., Officer was dispatched to Memorial Student Center in reference to an unauthorized use of a building call. Officer advised that students were advised to leave.

**Wednesday, Feb. 16**

□ 1:17 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report possible stalking. Report taken.

□ 4:18 p.m., Officer provided a courtesy escort from the police station to MSC.

□ 5:15 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report a duty of striking a vehicle report. Report taken.

□ 5:18 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University Village Apartments #1525 on a report of the smell of marijuana coming from apartment. Unable to locate narcotic. Returned to service.

□ 5:21 p.m., Officer met with student who walked into the police department to report a stolen decal. Event number assigned to incident.

□ 6:27 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University College Building 35 in reference medical call. Student refused to be transported.

□ 7:31 p.m., Officers responded to event disturbance at MSC Auditorium. Event was shut down due to fire alarms being set off by students.

□ 7:56 p.m., Officer was dispatched to phase I apartment complex building 3 room 315 in reference to possession of drug paraphernalia. Report taken and citation issued.

□ 9:21 p.m., Officer met with a student at DPS in reference to a minor accident report. Report taken.

**Thursday, Feb. 17**

□ 12:29 a.m., Officer was dispatched University Village Apartments on a welfare concern. Subject advises officer she was sexually assaulted. Information only at this time. Returned to service.

□ 11:36 a.m., Officer was dispatched to Memorial Student Center in reference to an information report. Report taken.

□ 11:37 a.m., Officer was dispatched to A.I Thomas in reference to a disorderly conduct call. Report taken.

□ 11:46 a.m., Officer was dispatched to Electrical Engineering building in reference to a damaged vehicle report. Report taken.

□ 3:22 p.m., Officer was dispatched to John B. Coleman in reference to a lady being stuck on the elevator. Officer advised that subject was rescued.

**Friday, Feb. 18**

□ 6:51 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University Village Apartments #1612 on a medical call.

**Saturday, February 19, 2011**

□ 12:45 a.m., Officer was dispatched to Phase II apartment complex in reference to a disturbance call. Officer advised that everything is clear.

□ 1:10 a.m., Officer was dispatched to University Village Apartments #2025 on a possible burglary. Investigation conducted by officer led to a Criminal Mischief report.

□ 3:17 p.m., Officers was dispatched to Hilliard Hall in reference to an animal in the building. Officer advised dispatch that the animal was not in the building upon their arrival. Returned to service.

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Scholarship Pageant



# Texas executes Houston man for killing his son

By Juan A. Lozano  
Associated Press

Huntsville, Texas - A Houston man convicted for the fatal 2002 shooting of his 19-month-old namesake son after an hours-long standoff with police was executed on Tuesday.

Timothy Wayne Adams received a lethal injection for the death of his son, Timothy Jr., who was shot twice at close range by his father after the standoff at his family's apartment.

The execution took place about 35 minutes after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a final appeal from Adams.

Adams, 42, declined to make a final statement, shaking his head no when asked if he had any final words.

Before the lethal drugs were administered, he mouthed some words to his parents and brother and sister, who witnessed the execution.

Adams kept his gaze on his family members and never looked at Timothy Jr.'s mother and her family, who watched the execution from a different room than Adams' relatives.

After the injection took effect, Adams let out a series of gasps. He was pronounced dead 10 minutes later, at 6:31 p.m. CST.

His sister sobbed loudly and at one point had to be helped into a wheelchair.

"He's going to sleep. He's going to a better place," said Wilma Adams, the condemned inmate's mother.

Emma Adams, the toddler's mother, quietly sobbed during the execution. She and her family declined to speak with reporters afterward.

Timothy Adams was the second Texas prisoner put to death this year in the nation's busiest death penalty state.

Prosecutors said the toddler's slaying was intended as retaliation by Adams against his wife because she was leaving him.

Defense attorneys argued the killing was an aberration in an otherwise law-abiding life.

Adams' family had asked that his sentence be commuted to life in prison without parole.

Last week, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected a request to recommend that Gov. Rick Perry commute the sentence to life in prison. It also turned down a request for a four-month execution delay.

Adams' lawyers had argued that his sentence was unconstitutional and that the instructions to his trial jury were flawed.

They also contend that his clean prison record belied the jury's finding that Adams would be a future threat, one of the questions Texas jurors must decide when deliberating a death sentence.

The defense attorneys in their appeal to the Supreme Court argued that a 2007 court ruling in Texas, which reduced a death sentence to life in prison for a mother convicted of killing her newborn infant son, should also apply to Adams.

They argued that his stress and depression and lack of a prior criminal record were similar to the mother in that case.

Evidence showed Adams shot his son twice at close range. Harris County prosecutors said Adams shot his son a second time when the first shot didn't kill the boy.

"If you're capable of killing your own infant with a gun, you're capable of anything," said Lance Long, one of the prosecutors at trial.

Adams took his young son hostage after getting into an argument with his wife and her 15-year-old son, whom Adams had threatened with a gun.

His wife and the children were moving out of the family's southwest Houston apartment after she had discovered Adams was keeping the gun in their home.

After Adams' wife called 911, he fired at her but missed. His wife and the teen ran from the apartment without Timothy Jr., who had run to his father earlier.

During an hours-long

standoff with SWAT officers, Adams held the boy through a window to show he was fine. But after officers entered the apartment, they found the toddler dead with two bullet wounds to the chest.

A medical examiner testified the gun either had been close or against the child's skin when the shots were fired. Both bullets went completely through his body.

"I was gonna take me and my son out," Adams told detectives in a taped confession.

Police had been called to the apartment repeatedly in the past but Adams never was arrested.

Robert Loper, one of Adams' trial lawyers, said Adams pleaded guilty to show he was taking responsibility for his actions.

"Absolutely what he did was horrible," Loper said. "That was his son. I'll argue for the rest of my life the jury made the wrong decision."

At least three other Texas death row inmates have execution dates scheduled for the coming months.

## Suspended Texas player arrested on DWI

Associated Press

Austin, Texas - Authorities say suspended Texas forward Alexis Wangmene had been arrested on a drunken driving charge.

Texas coach Rick Barnes announced Tuesday night that Wangmene was suspended indefinitely for an unspecified violation of team rules. Wangmene did not play in No. 5 Texas' 76-53 win over Iowa State, but was on the bench in street clothes.

Travis County sheriff's spokesman Roger Wade said Wangmene was arrested early Sunday morning by Department of Public Safety officers in Austin and charged with driving while intoxicated. Wangmene was released from jail on a personal recognizance bond.

Texas spokesman Scott McConnell says Wangmene remains suspended and Barnes had no immediate comment.

Wangmene has played in 27 games this season, averaging 2.4 points.

## Oil prices hit \$100 per barrel

By Chris Kahn  
Associated Press

New York - Oil prices hit \$100 per barrel Wednesday as forces loyal to Libya's Moammar Gadhafi clashed with protesters expanding their control over parts of that OPEC nation.

In afternoon trading, benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for April delivery was up \$3.48, or 3.7 percent, at \$98.90 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Prices climbed as high as \$100 earlier in the day, hitting triple digits for the first time since Oct. 2, 2008. WTI has jumped 18 percent since mid-February.

In London, Brent crude added \$5.33, or 5 percent, at \$111.11 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

The rebellion in Libya, which has the most oil reserves in Africa, follows uprisings in other North African countries that have ousted leaders in Tunisia and Egypt.

As protests widened in Libya, French oil giant Total said it started to wind down its oil production in the country, which produced an average of 55,000 barrels per day last year.

That follows similar moves by other oil companies working in the country.

The country's biggest oil producer, Eni, idled operations that produce 244,000 barrels of oil and gas per day.

Spain's Repsol-YPF and Austrian oil company OMV also suspended operations.

Barclays Capital estimates that as much as one million barrels per day has been shut down so far.

In January, Libya produced almost 1.7 million barrels per day of oil and natural gas liquids, according to the International Energy Agency.

The production losses will be felt mostly in Europe. Ireland relies on Libya for 23 percent of its oil imports and 22 percent of Italy's oil imports are from Libya.

The U.S. imported only about 51,000 barrels per day from Libya, less than one percent of its total crude imports.

The International Energy Agency and Saudi Arabia have both pledged to make additional oil available to cover any shortfall in world supplies, but that hasn't eased tensions in oil markets.

Larry Goldstein, a director at the Energy Policy Research Foundation in Washington D.C., said Libya's oil is a high-quality variety that produces valuable petroleum

products like gasoline, jet fuel and diesel.

Some refineries won't be able to run on Saudi Arabia's lower-grade crude, so a sustained shut down in Libya could start a bidding war for comparable kinds of crude.

"That would raise product prices immediately," Goldstein said.

Analysts say concerns about violence in North Africa and Middle East have added a "fear premium" of about \$10 per barrel of oil.

The rise has pushed retail gasoline prices higher in the U.S. despite ample supplies in most parts of the country.

The national average for a gallon of regular on Wednesday rose another 2.3 cents to \$3.194, or 84 cents a liter, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service.

Shares of major oil companies rose in Wednesday trading. Exxon Mobil gained \$2.09, or 2.5 percent, at \$87.53.

ConocoPhillips added \$2.07, or 2.7 percent, at \$78.68. Chevron rose \$2.83, or 2.8 percent, to \$103.15. Occidental Petroleum rose \$1.90 to \$104.04.

In other Nymex trading in March contracts, heating oil added 12 cents at \$2.9250 per gallon and gasoline gained 12 cents to \$2.8704 per gallon. Natural gas picked up 4 cents at \$3.948 per 1,000 cubic feet.

## Two arrested over Texas boy's slaying

Associated Press

El Paso, Texas - Two suspects have been arrested in New Mexico over the Feb. 4 killing of a youth in West Texas who tried to stop some robberies.

El Paso police say capital murder warrants had been issued for 18-year-old Bryan Johnson and 17-year-old Hugo Gonzalez.

The victim was 15-year-old Angel Cuevas.

Police on Wednesday announced that a tip led to the suspects at a home in Las Cruces, N.M. Police say the suspects tried to flee before they were caught Tuesday night. Both face extradition to El Paso.

Investigators say Cuevas had been made aware that Johnson and Gonzalez allegedly robbed several people on the night of Feb. 4 in a ditch behind some movie theaters. Police say Cuevas attempted to intervene when he was beaten and stabbed.

## Court order blocks 6 South Texas 'notarios'

Associated Press

McAllen, Texas - Attorney General Greg Abbott says six individuals and their businesses have been shut down over alleged immigration-related fraud in South Texas.

Abbott on Wednesday announced six so-called "notaries" are accused of violating the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the state Notary Public Act and the

State Bar Act. The lawsuits, filed in Hidalgo and Cameron counties, led to temporary restraining orders and injunctions.

The six are: Anna Trejo; Dora Maria Resendez; Josefina Fonseca, doing business as Fonseca Services; Maria Alvarado, doing business as Mary's Bookkeeping & Income Tax; Maria Yolanda Solis; and Emilio Zabala, doing business as Azteca Immigration.

### Foster Care Alumni Student Network

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# Panthers prevail at home Quest for number 1 seed continues

## Backcourt performance vital to victories

By J.O. Malone  
Sports Editor

The atmosphere in the William Billy Nicks Baby Dome was indescribable this past weekend as the Prairie View A&M University basketball program defeated Mississippi Valley State and Arkansas Pine-Bluff 59-54, and 59-53, respectively.

Both games were a battle for the Panthers as they outscored MVSU 25-9 over the final 11:33 to complete their first win in the second half of SWAC play.

Guard Michael Griffin led PVAMU with 16 points and eight rebounds while Trant Simpson and Brandon Webb both added 13 points apiece.

On Monday, ESPN was on the Hill. Junior guard Griffin de-

cid to showcase all his skill in his 5-8 ft 150 pound frame scoring 13 points along with 10 dimes, leading the Panthers to their second consecutive home victory.

Three players including Griffin scored in double-figures for PVAMU. Simpson scored 11 points while Webb added 10 points, seven rebounds and three blocks. Forward Courtney Bell made his return to the court after a three-game hiatus and grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds along with eight points.

Monday's win also marked the first time since 2009 that the Panthers have defeated UAPB. It also marked the team's first home sweep and winning streak in conference action this season.

The Panthers return to action on Saturday as they battle Alabama State in Montgomery, Ala. on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

By Taylor Alexander  
Panther Staff

The Lady Panthers continue their chase for a number one seed in the SWAC championship tournament this past weekend by winning both games played at the William "Billy" J. Nicks building this past weekend against the Devilettes of Mississippi Valley State and the Lady Golden Lions of Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

The Lady Panthers once again used second half dominance in their victory against the Devilettes in a 52-43 victory on Saturday February 19. The first half was a close one with a total of 5 tied scores and 3 lead changes. The Lady Panthers went into halftime with a 23-22 lead. The first three minutes of the second half was a mirror image of the first half with 1 tie and another lead change. The last tie of the game came at the 17:03 minute mark with a 26-26 score. Then the Lady Panthers went on yet another second half run to open up a nice sized lead. Second half runs is the Lady Panthers' trademark this season. They went on a 7-0 in 3:19 to give themselves a comfortable 33-26 lead at the 13:44 minute mark. The Devilettes would get to within two points but eventually fell short with the loss as free throws and made field goals kept the Lady Panthers ahead. Senior guard Dominique Smith led the Lady Panthers in both scoring and rebounding with 15 points and 8 rebounds.

The Lady Golden Tigers came to visit on Monday February 21 with ESPN cameras airing the game live to a national audience. The game was led by the Lady Panthers from start to finish. The Lady Panthers began the game on an 11-0 run in the first 3:17 minutes. The score at halftime was 41-13.



By J. Micheal Terrell, The Panther

**Knock em' down:** The Lady Panthers shot 55 percent from the field and 41 percent from beyond the arc.

The Lady Panthers kept the tempo at full throttle in the second and never looked back. The end game score was 99-38. All Lady Panthers that entered the game score at least three points. Senior guard Dominique Smith led all scores with 25 points and sophomore guard Lattia Williams had the game's only

double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Panthers' next two games will be in Alabama as they play Alabama State on February 26th and Alabama A&M on February 28th. The SWAC Conference Championship Tournament begins on March 8th in Garland, Texas.



By J. Micheal Terrell, The Panther

**Rollin':** Simpson knocks down a mid-range jumper en route to give PVAMU a two game win streak.

## Baseball team experiences altercation

By DeVon Mitchell  
Panther Staff

According to SWAC.org, Andre Oliver and Evan Richard baseball players from Prairie View A&M University were ejected for participation in an on-field altercation with Jackson State University on Saturday February 19. They were suspended and fined on February 21.

One player, who wished to remain confidential, said, "It was bottom of the fifth inning and there was a controversial call at home plate for the third out which upset JSU Assistant Coach Kevin Whiteside. He said something very disrespectful to Prairie View pitcher

Dereck Mitchell. Then an argument broke out between Prairie View head baseball coach Waskyla Cullivan, and Jackson State assistant coach Whiteside. In the heat of the moment he punches a Prairie View Assistant Coach who is trying to break it up making all hell break loose."

Two Jackson State players, Kendall Logan and Marshum Hall, were suspended for three games and fined \$1,000 for involvement in the altercation. Also Assistant Coach Kevin Whiteside was suspended for six games and fined \$2,000 for involvement.

Prairie View players, Oliver and Richard were also suspended for three games and fined \$1,000 for their involvement in the altercation.

## Bowling team wins SWAC West title

By Ryan McGinty  
PVAMU Sports Information

The Prairie View A&M Lady Panther bowling team made history once again as they captured the SWAC Western Division Championship this past weekend as they participated at the SWAC East Bowling Roundup.

By virtue of their performances at the past two SWAC Bowling Roundups, the Lady Panthers finished with a 17-11 SWAC mark and a 9-3 western division mark en route to clinching the division's top seed at the SWAC Bowling Championship which begins March 4 in Birmingham, Ala.

"Our main goal was to win the division and we did that," said head coach Glenn White. "We gave away some games during the roundup and that was frustrating but we overcame adversity and achieved our goal."

The Lady Panthers began the tourney on the right foot as they finished the first day with a 4-1 mark which included wins over Mississippi Valley State, Southern, Alabama State and Texas Southern. Their lone loss came at the hands of Alabama A&M, who's ranked nationally in the latest bowling coaches poll.

On day two, the Lady Panthers had a setback as they posted a 2-3 record. The Lady Panthers opened with a loss to Jackson State but rebounded with wins versus Grambling State and Mississippi Valley. However, they closed out the afternoon on a down note with losses to Southern and Alabama A&M. During the round-up finale, the Lady Panthers concluded the meet with a 3-1 mark with wins over Alabama State, TSU and Grambling State. Their lone loss came at the hands of Jackson



Courtesy of Coach White



**Posing like champs:** Members of the bowling team look to dominate the upcoming championship bowling tournament.

State. Sophomore Roonesia Newsome led the way for Prairie View A&M with an average of 187.6 in 14 games bowled. Freshman Shanice Brown followed with a three-day average of 187.0 while senior Kristina Sadler averaged 183.3. Sadler also had the highest game of tourney for PV with a score of 229 against Grambling State.

What makes Sunday's achievement even sweeter is that Prairie View A&M did it with a limited roster.

"Both roundups were tough as I only have five bowlers," White said. "We couldn't substitute like other teams as the majority had six to 10 bowlers. We had

to bowl every game with little rest and several bowlers had injuries but we had to come together as a team to get through. To win the division under those circumstances is quite an achievement for us."

The SWAC Tournament begins Friday, March 4 with qualifying rounds to determine seeding. Teams will then be placed in a double-elimination bracket in Baker play. Play continues on Saturday with teams competing in a best-of-seven Baker series.

The championship will conclude on Sunday, March 6. The championship match, slated for 1 p.m., will be broadcast tape-delayed on ESPN. Prairie View advanced to the finals of last year's tournament versus Alabama A&M.

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Senior guard Trant Simpson did an excellent job this week leading the men's basketball team to two wins over Mississippi Valley State and Arkansas Pine-Bluff. Simpson racked 24 points total between both home games.

A transfer from Alabama A&M in 2009, Simpson is in his debut season as a starting combo guard for the Panthers. Simpson said, "Our team has had ups and downs but we are coming through, hopefully when we make it to the SWAC tournament we will pull through."

Simpson has played in all 27 games and scored a total of 359 points averaging 13.3 points and 68 assists. After the season is over, Simpson hopes to play overseas or attend graduate school at Prairie View.





# Butler looks abroad



J. Michael Terrell, The Panther

**New Possibilities:** Senior Kiara Butler sets sights on China.

By Jazmyne Joseph  
L&E Editor

Kiara Butler is a very passionate and humble 21-year-old senior psychology major that has recently been selected by the International Scholar laureate program for a trip to China. Originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, Butler traveled to Desoto, TX along with her mother and grandmother after Hurricane Katrina invaded their home. Although it was a major setback, Butler showed resilience and was determined not to fall victim to her misfortune.

Butler was nominated by the laureate program through Collegiate Scholars for her academic excellence and school leadership positions. Many students in the program have the opportunity to go to New York, Australia, or China to study fields in nursing, engineering, business, medicine, or international relations and diplomacy.

Butler has decided to study international relations and diplomacy because she can get more use of her major. "I was going to study medicine, but they assist in surgery operations and I was like oh no, that's OK." Said Butler.

She will meet foreign diplomats and learn more about china's leading role in global marketing and foreign affairs. "I'm really nervous

because I've never been on a flight for more than two hours and this flight is 14 hours with 2 layover, but I'm most excited about seeing the Great Wall of China. I can't wait to take a picture in front of it."

Butler has maintained a 3.4 GPA and is apart of various organizations such as the National honor society of Collegiate Scholars PV chapter, a Methodist organization called the Wesley Foundation, Central Blessings Praise Dance Ministry, and Psi Chi, the national honor society of psychology. As dedicated member to all of these organizations, Butler has certainly made an impressive mark on campus.

Butler is family oriented and has the spirit of giving back. She expresses the importance of having the support of her family. "When it comes to the things that my mom and grandma tell me, I value their opinions because I know that they are wise and wouldn't mislead me, I want to make them proud."

She will graduate this May and plans to take a semester off before attending graduate school in the spring.

The schools of her interest include University of North Texas and Texas Stated University.

She plans to obtain her masters and become a licensed school psychologist.

# CAB Twitter speed dates success

By Patrick King  
Panther Contributor

Campus activates Board, captured the student body by presenting "Twitter Speed Date." CAB displayed great decorations by setting a very grown and sexy scenery with sultry music and dim lighting. The students placed their twitter names on their badges during the event.

Chocolate drapes and candle lit tables made the students

feel more comfortable so that they would have a fair chance to get to know one another. Senior architect major John Sanders said, "Twitter speed date gave me a chance to meet new students that I didn't know were even on campus. It opened my eyes to the diversification that's available here."

Not only did CAB present a Speed Date experience, they also had great performances with Prairie View Talent. Sonceri Jones, Roland Champine, and Tim woods presented spoken word and musical selections.

Freshman education major Jahmekya stated, "The performances were fun and it was great to see the live entertainment after being able to converse with fellow panthers."

Fellow students only had a minute and thirty seconds to learn any information about the person paired with them. Like gentlemen; the males students traveled from table to table while the ladies stayed seated. Overall Twitter speed was a great innovative event that brought students together for a very entertaining evening.

# Miguel hits mainstream



Courtesy of Myspace.com/miguel

**Fresh on the scene:** Miguel Jontell makes his debut into mainstream music with his popular smash hit "All I Want is You" featuring new rap artist J. Cole.

By Cymone Damone  
Panther Staff

I didn't have any expectations when I first heard the album "All I Want is You," but once I heard it, I put it in my playlist of songs on my ipod. I wouldn't describe Miguel's style as neo-soul, but a mixture of Hip-Hop and R&B with a bit of an alternative sound.

He talks about love and relationships which is something that everyone can relate to. Miguel's perspective is of a guy whos been hurt and wants to find love. He has proven himself to be extremely talented as a singer, songwriter, producer, and performer so his growing popularity is not

surprising. The first two singles "All I Want is You" and "Sure Thing" are really intriguing ballads that both men and women can identify with.

The remix has newcomer rapper J. Cole on the track and his verse complements the song nicely. The overall album has a sexy sultry mood with plenty of vinyl music to add to the atmosphere.

The album occasionally switches up a laid back vibe with upbeat dance songs like "Pay Me" and "To the Moon".

Another favorite is a song called "Teach Me." It's tasteful and endearing, but brings up the topic of sex in a subtle way. "Hero" and "Girls like You" are both upbeat, yet they are completely opposite.

Miguel may not be new to the underground world, but he is new to the mainstream audience.

The content of his music is the timeless topic of love, so I don't feel that he really brings anything innovative in that aspect, but the sound of his music is eclectic and versatile. Miguel has music that people of all ages can relate to with a soft voice and look that can catch any women's eye.

I like Miguel's music because it doesn't degrade women, talk about strip clubs, or blowing cash. He talks about love. You can play his album from beginning to end and not be disappointed. Whether you are working out, doing homework, or driving you can listen to him anywhere and anytime.

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# The state of Chivalry



Courtesy of essence.com

By Robert Walker  
Panther Contributor

Chivalry is a virtue that has proven to be dwindling in today's society. What happened to men being gentlemen and displaying generous acts of courtesy and generosity like opening doors, standing up before a woman sits, pulling out chairs, and other actions of that nature?

Although most chivalrous actions are placed heavily upon males, many argue that there is lack of respectable women which directly result to the decrease of chivalrous actions.

Freshman bussines marketing major Malcolm Holbert said, "Females ruined acts of chivalry with their foolish mentalities."

He elaborated by explaining that the average woman doesn't appreciate generous or chivalrous actions, and those who do, rarely express their appreciation.

The media is also a factor to this decline considering the great deal of influence it has on our generation culturally.

People glorify derogatory music, movies and behavior that portray women in a negative light which causes loss of respect.

Freshman accounting major Clinton Anderson said, "I think chivalry is dead because of pop culture. Women who dance or act promiscuously send the wrong messages to men."

He continued, "If only women would act as if they wanted chivalry, then it would be shown."

However, some believe that there is hope. Freshman nursing major Priscilla Barbour said, "There are a selective few who still have that great trait, but society gives it a negative connotation."

Barbour explained that society veivs a chivalrous male as a wimp, or soft, thus helping the decrease of the characteristic.

Freshman fashion design major Autumn Green is in agreement, "It's seen, but it's rare and is definitely decreasing. If women, especially in our generation, would set higher standards for themselves and not settle, an increase will occur."

The finger is being pointed at both genders, and both are responsible for the current state of chivalry.



# Seriously, we have to do better

Last week I witnessed what seems like an endless trend filled with a lack of knowledge, understanding, and appreciation for our



Rudd

View A&M University have displayed.

On Wednesday night, there was a talent show held a talent show that had students flooding the MSC foyer to the automatic doorways. Knowing that admission into the auditorium was unlikely to occur, we still stood in the hallways parlay-

ing and socializing among ourselves.

Some of us were even so upset we couldn't get in that we took it upon ourselves to set off the fire alarm.

This caused the event's coordinators, faculty, staff, and everyone who was afforded the opportunity to be seated to evacuate the building, and most importantly, we ruined the event. So, here's where the gears start to grind, folks.

The very next day, around the same time, at the exact location, a championed civil rights leader, former Ambassador and U.S. Congressman, and former mayor of Atlanta visited the school for a lecture series.

Not even a fourth of the spectators from the night before showed up.

Peers, friends, and associates, the time has come for us to put childish things aside, rise to the occasion, and reverse the curse that has been placed on our generation.

The curse goes unnoticed not because we are unaware of it, but because we have been handi-

capped by the satisfaction of mediocrity and forgotten that we haven't achieved the ultimate level of achievement; empowerment and self-sustainment.

One of the steps we have to take in completing this task is to embrace our history and learn from it.

We must use its strengths to our advantage and not discard its weaknesses, but explore and conquer its components. How will we do this if we don't even pay homage to those who are a part of our heritage, if we don't even take 30 minutes to listen to what they have to say?

You can "tell her what she wanna hear" until she listens no more, you can "daddy stroke" until your hips pop out of place, but none of this will get you where you aspire to be in life. Prioritize your purpose. What's yours?

-Ryan J. Rudd  
2010-2011 Editor-in-Chief

# PURPLE & GOLD POLL

What improvements do we have yet to make in the African-American community?



Arabia Thompson  
Social Work  
Junior

"We're so against each other! There's so much going on in the world, and we continue to fight and kill each other instead of lifting each other up and encouraging one another."



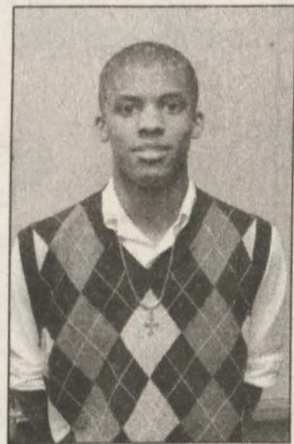
Ashley Thomas  
Early Childhood Education  
Freshman

"I feel that we have yet to completely embrace one another. I feel that there are still color barriers within the black community. I believe we are all beautiful, no matter our color or tone."



Brianna Jackson  
Communications  
Junior

"Conflict resolution, because as young adults we need to control our attitudes and learn how to be cordial and respectful towards each other."



Cameron McClendon  
Biology  
Sophomore

"One improvement I would like in our community is more AIDS prevention. Too many of our people are dying or getting sick with this life-long disease. The media today is becoming more vulgar and not trying to help send the message that safe sex is better."

By J. Michael Terrell, The Panther

# Conversations with Christine

I could give the typical inspirational article, provoking the same sense of empowerment that most women hear during Women's History Month. But, I don't think I will do that. Instead, I will give my thoughts



Williams

of the type of woman I think I want to be.

I think it is safe to say that I am a self-motivated, goal oriented, self-sufficient person. I love to learn in many from different sources, including classrooms, friends, and television. I also love to teach when I can.

I have good credit, money in the bank, means of transportation, a roof over my head and, if I can boast a bit, a very nice resume with several internships. I have also been blessed to have the best friends in the entire world. I say all of this because it would appear that I stand on my own, or as some would say, I'm an "independent" woman. Well, I'm not.

Just about everything I have ever been blessed with has come by way of someone or something God has placed in my life. I actually don't think that it is possible for someone to be independent, at least not by definition.

There are countless women on this campus who are in this same boat. However, the minute we mention we are independent, it sends off a message that we don't need any-

one to survive.

By Merriam-Webster definition, "independent" is not to be controlled by another; not looking to others for guidance or opinion; having the desire for freedom. So not only are we telling people we don't really need them in our lives, we're also believing it ourselves.

Let's use work for example. Your supervisor or teacher is trying to teach you something or give you some criticism. Your independent mind will not allow you to listen to due to your feeling of being self-governing or free from influence. While this example might seem a bit silly to some, there are a lot of women who feel this way.

Let's say you're an independent woman looking for a man to start a relationship. While there are some sorry men in the world, for the most part, men want very much to provide for the women in their life. If you throw in their face on a consistent basis that you're independent and don't need them, there is a chance that they will leave. No one wants to stick around where they are not needed.

I will go as far to say that if you do not agree with what I'm saying but feel as though your independent, you're probably not. You're probably just another beautifully intelligent, goal-oriented self-sufficient woman.

You probably have a network of people, whether it is friends or family, who God has given you to make it through your life.

So, instead of being gung-ho about being an independent woman, strive for self-improvement and don't take immediate offense when someone tells you about yourself that you know has some truth. Be humble in all that you do.

-Christine Williams



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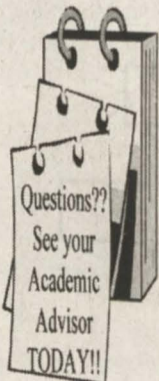
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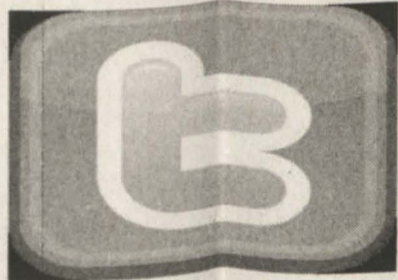
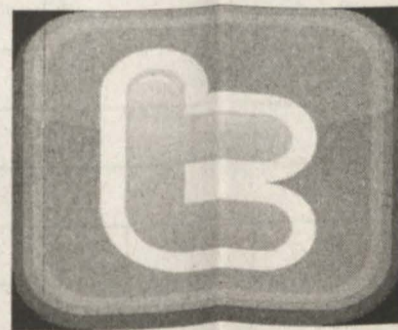
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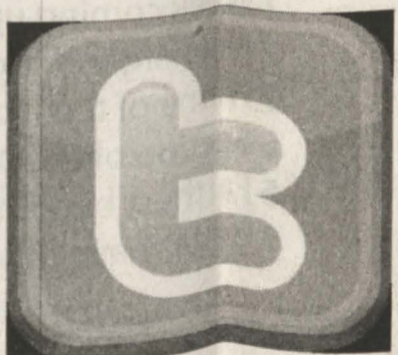


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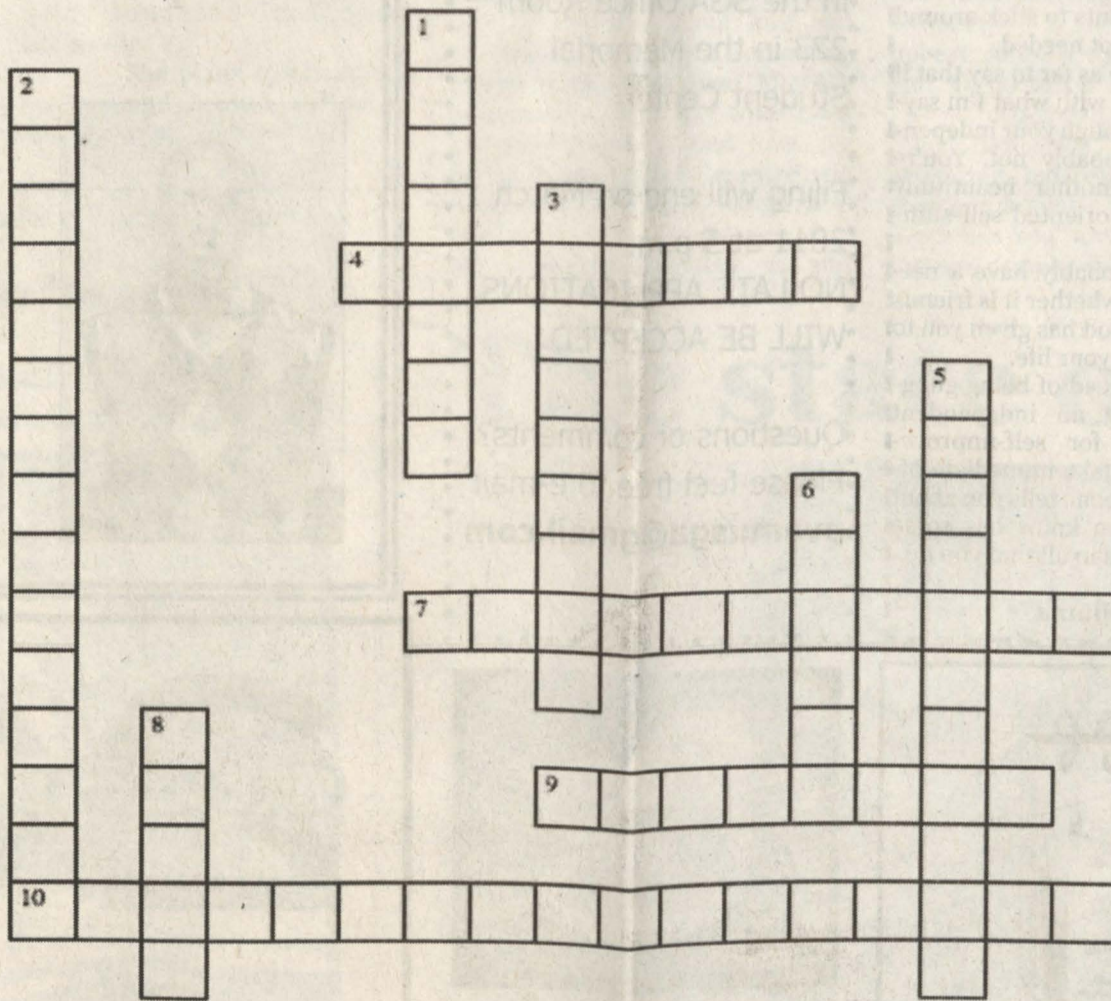
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**ACROSS**

- 4 Book available for pre-order and expected in May 2011
- 7 Week looked forward to after the previous answer.
- 9 Don't walk by this while the wind is blowing
- 10 Occasion in the month of February

**DOWN**

- 1 Week coming up not popularly looked forward to
- 2 New organization on campus keeping the stands loud.
- 3 Home of the Ivo, cheeseburger/chopped beef/sausage
- 5 Section of the paper commonly first looked at
- 6 Farthest building to walk to from Phase III
- 8 Better have this in your car