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Perry stresses importance of education and responsibility



All Photos by Andre' Williams, Kyna Boyd, and Laurin Curtis, The Panther

By Amanda Leon
Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Steve Perry hosted Students Participating in Transcendent Knowledge on Tuesday in the Opal Johnson Auditorium.

Perry is an established author, columnist, commentator, CNN contributor, as well as the founder and principal of Capital Prep Magnet School in Hartford, Connecticut.

The school was established in a low income area and many believed the school was simply a failure waiting to happen.

However, with Perry as leader, the school has exceeded expectations. The school is the highest ranking schools in Hartford, where graduation rates are concerned, because it has a 100 percent rate.

Education is at the forefront of Perry's platform for social change. He impressed upon the students the importance of coming to school, making good impressions, and being knowledgeable upon graduation.

At the beginning of his speech, Perry compared two brothers. He went on to discuss how the two brothers took on two different paths. One brother got into some trouble as an adolescent, but was able to go on to a straight path by graduating from college and having a family.

The other one wasn't able to finish high school and got in trouble with the law.

He has led a life full of crime and jail time. Currently, he is facing serious prison time.

Perry went on to describe why young men, especially minorities often end up in trouble. Young men are conditioned not to show or express their feelings.

He compared young men to young women saying that young girls are very confident then lose their confidence. You don't know what to do with your feelings, but you find a way. You talk about it.

"One of the reasons people get involved with certain things, like sell drugs or any type of crime, is because they don't have self-esteem. When you believe that there is something more for you, you are willing to do certain things. You are willing to invest in yourself. You surround yourself only with people who are trying to be better. When you don't see yourself as better, you don't make better decisions," said Perry.

Perry also emphasized to student the importance of personal responsibility. He pushed students to build each other up and hold one another accountable.

"The people who are close to you are typically the hardest to motivate. The people who are supposed to love you are the closest to you. The people closest to you are the ones who can hurt you," said Perry.

"It was informative and it should help students get through college," said junior architecture major Zach Harkless.



Changes limit graduating seniors' guests

By Amanda Leon
Editor-in-Chief

Dr. James A. Wilson, chairman of the Commencement Ceremony Committee has emailed all current graduating seniors concerning changes being made for the ceremony to be held on Dec. 14.

Wilson assured students that the changes being implemented would be to assist in safety measures as well as allowing that as many people as possible would be able to witness the graduates' special day.

Student Government Association Vice President Jarrick Brown said, "The decision for everyone to have ten tickets was primarily for fairness. For the past three graduations that I have worked, I have seen many people miss their loved one's graduation completely or altercations between angry family members and police have broken out."

Each graduation candidate will be allowed 10 tickets for guests, as tickets are required for admission into the William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Fieldhouse on graduation day.

Students who do not need all their allocated tickets are asked to return them and allow other candidates to use them to accommodate friends, family, and other guests.



However, the tickets may only be used for those attending the same commencement time and are prohibited from being sold.

Guests are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the ceremony, with tickets in hand, as they are required upon entry.

Students seem to have mixed emotions about the changes being implemented.

Senior computer science major Joshua O'Neal said, "I don't like the idea. If the building capacity is an issue, the uni-



By Marcus Williams, The Panther

versity should just have it outside. I hate the idea that I have to host the "PVAMU 2013 Graduation Invitational Draft Pick."

Senior psychology major Jasmine Thombs said, "I believe that although there is an issue on capacity and seating, tickets will cause more uproar because nowadays the average in bigger. Limiting the number of allotted tickets for each graduate, also limits exposure to potential Panthers and for family and friends to see what our university is all about."

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Pre-med students receive white coats

Undergraduate medical academy students are honored at white coat ceremony for excellence

By Jhanae O'Guin
Panther Staff

The Undergraduate Medical Academy sponsored a white coat ceremony on Oct. 26 for students who excelled in academics, leadership, and community service.

Students in the undergraduate medical academy were able to take part in a ceremony that is sacred to the medical community and indication of what is to come as these students matriculate through medical school.

The white coat ceremony was initiated on Aug. 20, 1993 at the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons.

The Gold Foundation describes the WCC as an experience by which "participating schools alert

beginning students to the need to balance excellence in science with compassionate patient care and helps to identify the characteristics of a complete doctor".

Since its beginnings the white coat ceremony has spread both nationally and internationally, and today more than 100 American medical schools take part in this ceremony.

The white coat ceremony has become something like a global epidemic representing a rite of passage for physicians globally; with ceremonies taking place in various counties including: Canada, Australia, Romania, and Novara.

The white coat itself represents integrity, professionalism, responsibility, purity of purpose, and a constant reminder of the oath physicians take. Many people also associate the coat with a lifelong commitment to medicine and service.

A lot of thought goes into every aspect of the white coats for example length: the longer the coat, the higher the status and experience of its wearer.

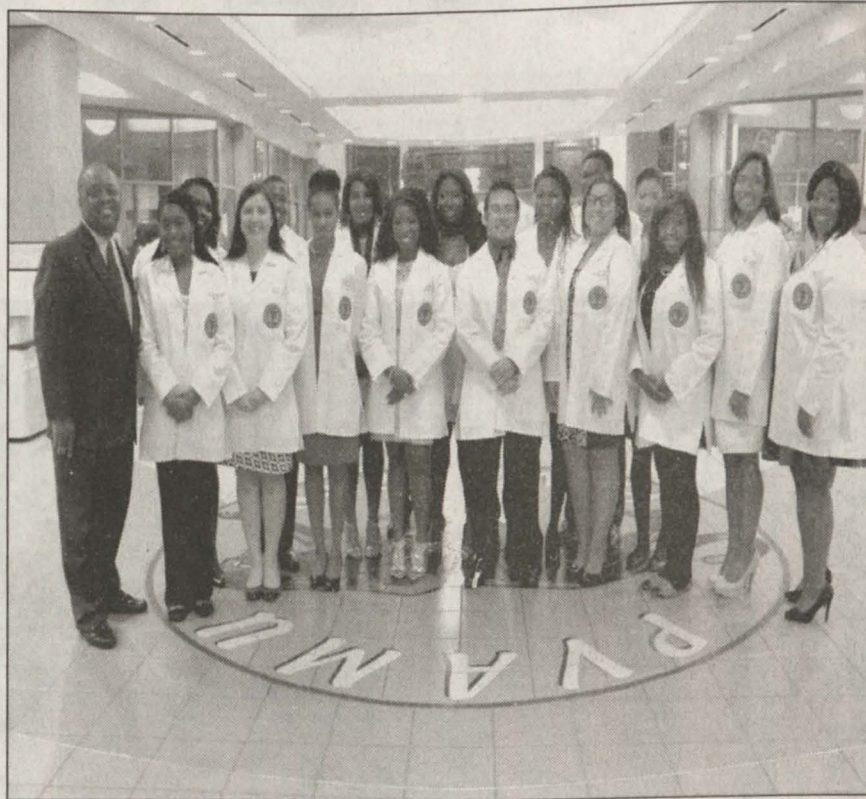
One of the most important aspects of the coat itself is the

amount of respect given to the coat by both the persons wearing the coat and the persons receiving service; because to wear a white coat is to accept an immense amount of responsibility, and to receive service is to trust that the person wearing the white coat embodies every characteristic of which the coat represents.

In the Prairie View white coat ceremony every year a class is brought in and named by the director, Dr. Dennis E. Daniels, after a stone that he feels the class most personify.

This year the 2013 class was named the Sapphire Class which was very symbolic of the class. The blue of the sapphire has become a stone which represents everything that is constant and dependable. The 18 students of the sapphire class looked very professional in their crisp white coats.

"It is truly a blessing words cannot express and definitely a step towards my future, I've seen myself grow so much in such a short time, and my future is looking brighter every day," said sophomore biology major and white coat recipient Ivy Walls.



Jhanae O'Guin, The Panther

This year's class was named the Sapphire class for the gem's symbolic representation of dependability.

Omegas, Deltas speak on social media awareness

By Ke' Tara Wells
Panther Contributor

The Eta Beta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority Incorporated, and the Rho Theta chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity Incorporated held a seminar called "The Real Scoo-oop Owt" in The E. Obannon science building on Oct. 28.

The seminar's mission was to inform students on how social media affects the young generation, relationships, school and future endeavors such as personal careers.

In today's society, social media sites and apps like Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Vine, YouTube, Tumblr, LinkedIn and many others play a huge role in our everyday lives. These sites and apps allow users to connect and find other users whether it is outside of the United States, old high school friends, celebrities, co-workers, neighbors and others.

On many of these sites and apps, users are able to upload pictures, songs, write blogs, share thoughts, share music, research, create videos etc.

Though social media is an outlet to express one's self and feel as though they are connected to a mass majority, if not handled prop-

erly the environment in which many users enjoy can easily have a negative downfall in a blink of an eye and lead to long-term consequences.

One of the popular topics that invested various students during the seminar was a career and relationship question.

Junior education major Whitney French said, "Social media affects relationships by giving others a chance to be welcomed into your personal business. Often times, people don't respect other people's relationships and will do whatever they can to ruin it. A lot of people seem to fall into this trap/temptation. It is also very important for the user to be mindful of what they post. Sometimes, you are the reason that others are in your personal business by the things you post online."

Social media has transformed our lives in many ways whether it is job opportunities, friendships, relationships, family etc. It especially plays a vital role when concerning job opportunities and careers.

Khanay Turner, vice president of the Eta Beta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc. said, "We have to keep in mind our future endeavors in life, especially our careers when we post anything on social media. We don't want to look back and regret what we put out there because it will always be our there even if we thought we deleted it."

New dinosaur found in Utah

By Brady McCombs
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -- Paleontologists on Wednesday unveiled a new dinosaur discovered four years ago in southern Utah that proves giant tyrant dinosaurs like the Tyrannosaurus rex were around 10 million years earlier than previously believed.

A full skeletal replica of the carnivore - the equivalent of the great uncle of the T. rex - was on display at the Natural History Museum of Utah alongside a 3-D model of the head and a large painted mural of the dinosaur roaming a shoreline.

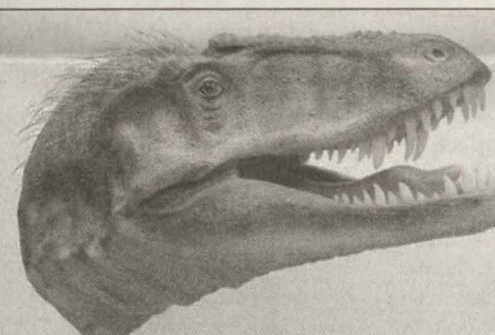
It was the public's first glimpse at the new species, which researchers named *Lythronax argestes* (LY'-throw-nax ar-GES'-tees). The first part of the name means "king of gore," and the second part is derived from poet Homer's southwest wind.

The fossils were found in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in November 2009, and a team of paleontologists spent the past four years digging them up and traveling the world to confirm they were a new species.

Paleontologists believe the dinosaur lived 80 million years ago in the late Cretaceous Period on a landmass in the flooded central region of North America.

The discovery offers valuable new insight into the evolution of the ferocious tyrannosaurs that have been made famous in movies and captured the awe of school children and adults alike, said Thomas Holtz Jr., a vertebrate paleontologist at the University of Maryland department of geology.

"This shows that these



"Whatever it wants."

"That skull is designed for grabbing something, shaking it to death and tearing it apart," he said.

The fossils were found by a seasonal paleontologist technician for the Bureau of Land Management who climbed up two cliffs and stopped at the base of a third in the national monument.

"I realized I was standing with bone all around me," said Scott Richardson, who called his boss, Alan Titus, to let him know about the fossils.

Loewen and others spent three years traveling the world to compare the fossils to other dinosaurs to be absolutely sure it was a new species. The findings are being published in the journal PLOS One.

The fossils were found in a southern Utah rock formation that also has produced the oldest-known triceratops, named "Diabloceratops," and other dome-headed and armored dinosaurs.

There are about 1 million acres of cretaceous rocks that could be holding other new species of dinosaurs, said Titus, the BLM paleontologist who oversees the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Only about 10 percent of the rock formation has been scoured, he said. Twelve other new dinosaurs found there are waiting to be named.

"We are just getting started," Titus said. "We have a really big sandbox to play in."

Gay rights bill moves forward while opposition silent

By Donna Cassata
Associated Press

Invoking the Declaration of Independence, proponents of a bill that would outlaw discrimination against gays in the workplace argued on Tuesday that the measure is rooted in fundamental fairness for all Americans.

Republican opponents of the measure were largely silent, neither addressing the issue on the second day of Senate debate nor commenting unless asked. Written statements from some rendered their judgment that the bill would result in costly, frivolous lawsuits and mandate federal law based on sexuality.

The Senate moved closer to completing its work on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act that would prohibit workplace discrimination against gay, bisexual and transgender Americans. Sen-

ate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said a final vote in the Senate is possible by week's end.

Senate passage of the bill would represent a major victory for advocates of gay rights just months after the Supreme Court affirmed gay marriage and granted federal benefits to legally married same-sex couples and three years after Congress ended the ban on gays serving openly in the military.

Illinois was poised to become the 15th state to legalize gay marriage after the state's Legislature gave its final approval Tuesday, sending it to the governor, who has said he'll sign it.

"I don't believe in discriminating against anybody," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a backer of the measure who voted against a similar, narrower bill 17 years ago. Hatch said the bill has language ensuring religious freedom that he expects the Senate to toughen.

A Pew Research survey in June found that more Americans said homosexuality should be ac-

cepted rather than discouraged by society by a margin of 60 percent to 31 percent. Opinions were more evenly divided 10 years ago.

"What changed is society has changed," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "Personal attitudes have changed, business is for it. There's just widespread support for taking these other steps in passing a civil rights bill."

A chief sponsor of the measure, Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., said that in his home state, Nike supports the measure.

About 88 percent of Fortune 500 companies have adopted nondiscrimination policies that include sexual orientation, according to the Human Rights Campaign. About 57 percent of those companies include gender identity.

"It's time to end this discrimination," Merkley said in a Senate speech. "It's certainly about the vision of the Declaration of Independence that has the promise of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness as the founding motivation."



Associated Press

Sen. Tom Harkin, with Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, just after the Senate cleared a major hurdle and agreed to proceed to debate a bill that would prohibit workplace discrimination against gay, bisexual and transgender Americans, at the Capitol in Washington.

Student senate approves 10 resolutions at open meeting



By Briana Catley, The Panther

The senators (pictured) vote unanimously on the "look on the bright side" resolution.

By Joshua Bennett
News Editor

Ten resolutions were swiftly passed and one bill was denied at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night in the New Science building.

The meeting was open to

all students and faculty but was still operated like any usual meeting.

The meeting started with a heated discussion on the agenda of SGA meetings. A bill was presented to reform the agenda but was eventually denied with the majority of the senators voting against it.

After the vote the meeting continued with the senators approving the 10 other legislative

initiatives that were read: a resolution that would provide students with personal on-campus storage, an amendment to the homecoming during midterms resolution, a resolution for the commencement ticket issue, a link on the university's webpage that will let student check their Pantherbucks, a resolution for university billboards on Highway 290, funding for the

addition of a computer lab in the Woolfolk building, additional funding for the White Coat Ceremony, a resolution to change the admission requirements for the Nursing School, funding for a student and faculty luncheon, and a resolution for a new student senator.

Jacolah Dudley, senator of languages and communication, presented the resolution on the fall commencement ticket distribution; the resolution was met with approving shouts from the audience and was unanimously voted on.

"I think it's fair that everyone gets the same amount of tickets for graduation," said Senator Chris Grady before the official vote. Another resolution that the senators overwhelmingly agreed upon was the proposition for administration to provide a link on the university's webpage that would allow students to view their remaining Pantherbucks.

Senator Marcus R. Washington made the audience erupt in laughter when he spoke of his reason for proposing the resolution.

"I was just about to buy some Chick-Fil-A, then the cashier told me I ran out of Pantherbucks," said Washington.

While most of the resolutions were easily passed some were met with extended debate and discussion.

One of the more debated resolutions involved Senator Monica Santillan's agreement with the College of Nursing's new plan for admission requirements.

She presented the resolution that suggested the removal of the automatic acceptance of Prairie View pre-nursing students into the College of Nursing over more qualified transfer students. The resolution stated that most Prairie View

students had lower GPAs than their transfer counterparts.

Shortly after Santillan's presentation many of the other senators raised their hands to suggest a friendly amendment to the resolution.

"This was controversial because it was about academics. Most students want to feel competent when they go off to nursing school," said Santillan after the meeting.

Another resolution that garnered considerable attention from the audience was the proposition for the relocation of the annual homecoming tent party.

The new College of Business building will start construction on Alumni Field next year, which is where the tent party is held.

The resolution suggests a new location from the homecoming tradition, but demands that the party remains on campus.

After the executive branch of the Student Government Association signs the resolutions they will be submitted to the university administration.

The 10 Resolutions' Topics

1. On-campus storage
2. Homecoming
3. Graduation tickets
4. Pantherbucks link
5. University Billboards
6. Woolfolk Additions
7. White Coat funding
8. Nursing School
9. Faculty/ student lunch
10. New student senator

Update: construction progresses on recreation center



By Andre' Williams
Photo Editor

Ground breaking for the construction of the new student recreation center was held June 18, 2013.

Since then, that area has been blocked off from pedestrians. While there may not be much visible evidence of advancement from outside the gate, there is progress made each week.

Since construction began, the old building that housed the pool has been demolished.

There have also been several new installations to the area such as new pool drain piping, pool

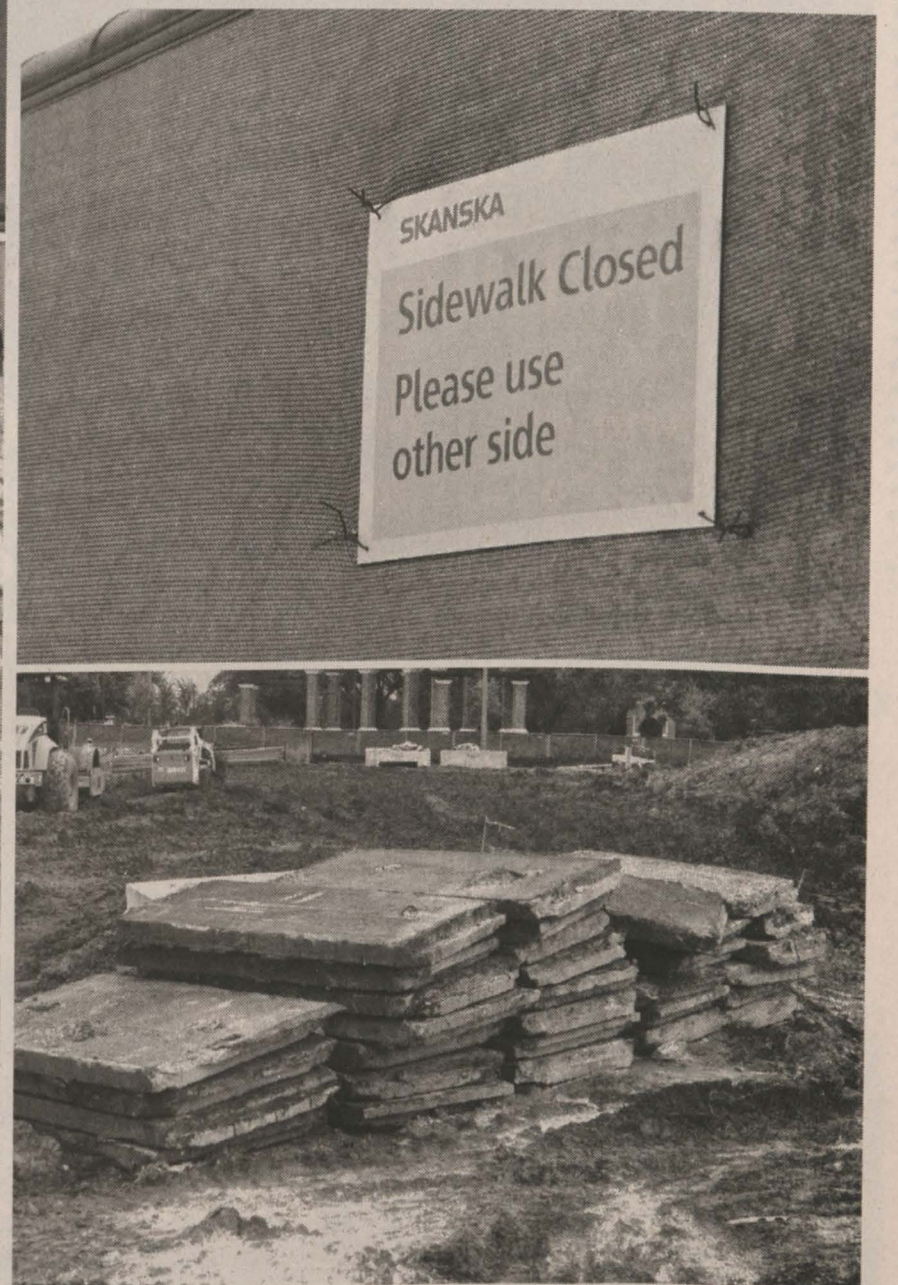
plumbing, and a telecommunications duct bank.

Last week's activities included the completion of the new access road, the demolition of the existing building foundation and interior stairs, and the removal of all demolition debris.

Due to rain from the past few days, progress has not been as swift as usual. Some of the time was used for dewatering the jobsite after the heavy rainfall.

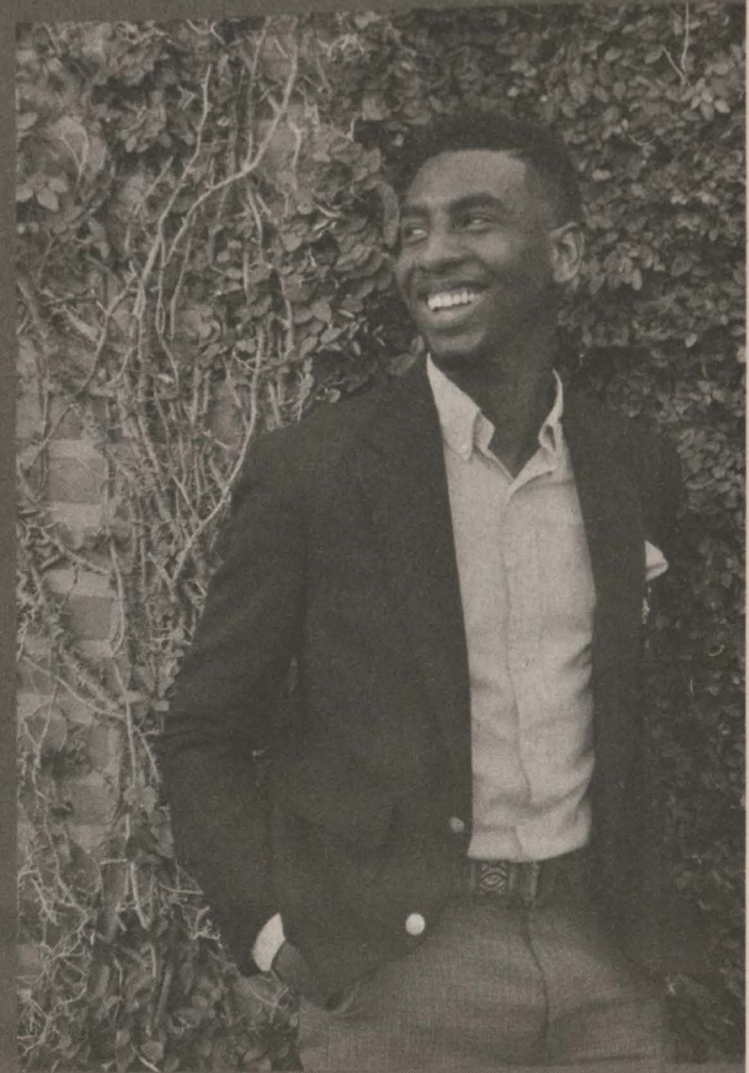
The next few days will have very little precipitation so progress will be as scheduled.

The recreation center is projected to be completed Jan. 9, 2015 with a price tag of \$31,390,000.

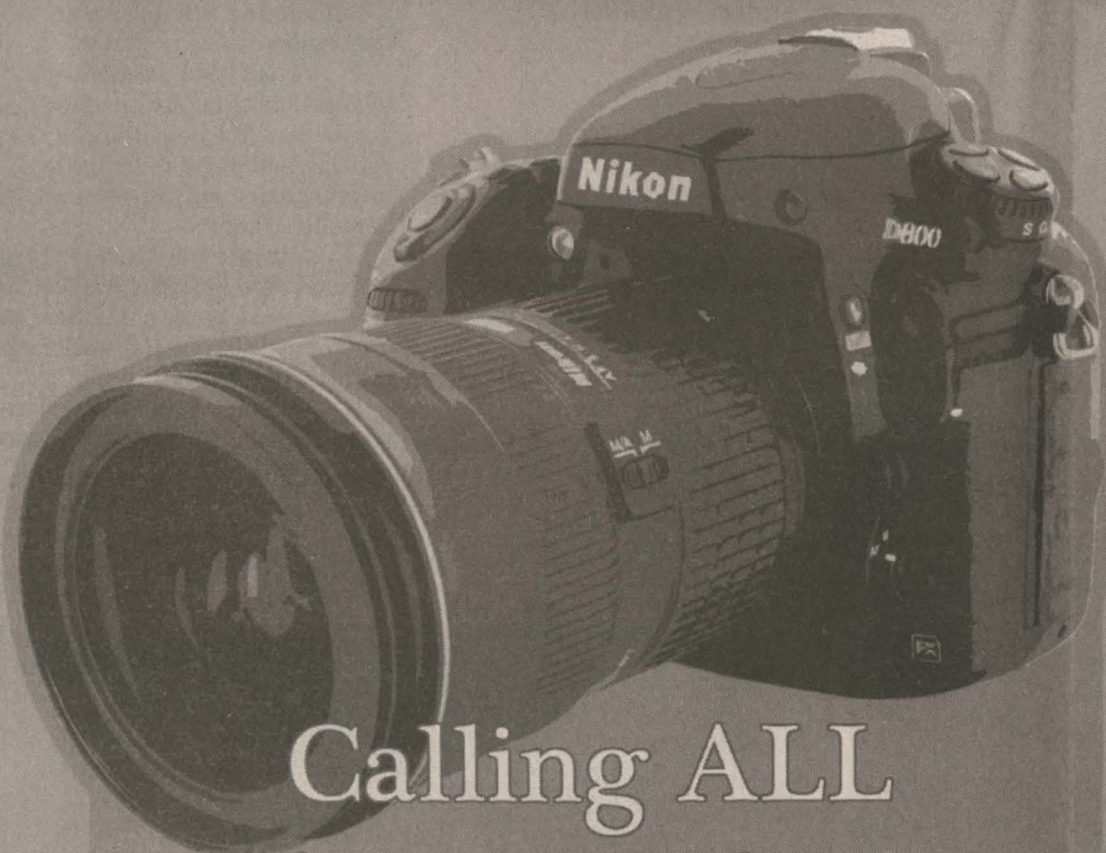


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1. Why do we only get 10 graduation tickets?
2. Which CAs messed up on their stroll during roll call at the UC talent show?
3. Who got robbed on Tuesday?
4. Why did the physical description of the robbers match all the men at PV?
5. Where was campus security?
6. Why did administration take over 2 hours to inform the students?
7. Are they mad because we didn't vote for that safety fee?
8. Who is BM?
9. Does it stand for Blessed Males or Body Masters?
10. Why do they have lettermen jackets?
11. Which Delta got her letters taken away?
12. Who got ran over in front of Creekside?
13. Did they ever catch the person they were chasing?
14. Who got kicked out of PALs but made Collegiate 100?
15. Why didn't BLACK and Purple Jackets have a gala this year?
16. Are they afraid to be topped by Collegiate...again?
17. Which two basketball players were fighting each other in the MSC?
18. What football player took Instagram pictures while taking a bath?
19. Since when do we bathe in PV tubs?
20. What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or submit at www.ask.fm/pvpanther. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

This Week's WEATHER
Nov. 8 - Nov. 14

Fri. High: 68° Low: 50° 0% chance of precip.	Sat. High: 74° Low: 56° 20% chance of precip.	Sun. High: 77° Low: 59° 10% chance of precip.	Mon. High: 77° Low: 60° 20% chance of precip.	Tues. High: 76° Low: 57° 10% chance of precip.	Wed. High: 76° Low: 51° 10% chance of precip.	Thurs. High: 69° Low: 55° 20% chance of precip.
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Men's basketball gears up for upcoming season

By Shamaria' Knowles
Sports Editor



By Jimmy Loa, The Panther

Stretching it out: Members of the Prairie View A&M men's basketball team stretch together as a team before they start practice and get ready for their season opener Friday.

The Prairie View A&M men's basketball team is set to tip off the upcoming season Friday at Mississippi State. The Panthers lost four players, due to them graduating which included two of their top leading scorers from the 2012-2013 season.

The Panthers suffered a devastating loss in the SWAC championship game last season, losing the game in the final seconds to Southern University 45-44.

During the offseason the Panthers added three players who could contribute to the team in a major way. Head coach Byron Rimm II said he is ready for this season to kickoff so the men can showcase their talents.

"We had a lot of great athletes to come in during the

off season. We had a couple of kids who were all-American that chose to come to our program."

The Panthers are returning 2013-2014 SWAC preseason defensive

player of the year Jules Montgomery who averaged 7.6 points and 6.2 rebounds per game last season. Also returning to the court this season is Louis Munks. Who broke

his last season during the Texas A&M match, which caused him to miss the remainder of the season.

"It's been long overdue. I'm ready to get back on the

court and play in front of my school and play with my team," Munks said on coming back after his injury.

Dallas native Montreal Scott came into play huge toward the end of the season and finished averaging 5.1 points per game.

Three-year letterman Demondre Chapman is the most experienced player on the roster and should provide a presence in the paint with averages of 6.6 points and 4.2 rebounds last season.

Rimm said he feels really confident about this season.

"I really feel confident about this season. We have a lot of players who can play many different positions, and we can have a lot of interchangeable parts."

The team's home opener against Schreiner University will be on Monday, Nov. 11. Also on Thursday, Nov. 14, the Panthers will host Sam Houston State at 7 p.m. in the Baby Dome.

Women's soccer focuses on winning SWAC championship

By Kiara Rabb
Panther contributor

The Prairie View A&M women's soccer team will play Thursday at 5:30 p.m. against Mississippi Valley State in the 2013 SWAC Soccer Championship Tournament in Houston, Texas.

After finishing the regular season 6-8-1, the Lady Panthers are ranked no. 2 in the SWAC Western Division with a 3-1 record.

Junior midfielder and team captain Katherine Sheppard feels excited to return to the SWAC tournament.

"We have a pretty good shot of going all the way," said Sheppard.

Despite losing in the semifinal round against Jackson State last year, the Lady Panthers regrouped with a new team and a new attitude.

"Even though we had a lot of new people come in, we worked everything out," said Sheppard.

"We would message each other and call each

other on and off the field."

Senior forward Angie Guillory believes that the chemistry within the team helped along the way.

"We know how to play together," said Guillory. "Everyone is able to read each other."

The Lady Panthers have dedicated their time extensively to intense practices and fitness workouts every day in preparation for the tournament.

Head coach Abe Garcia plans to use different strat-

egies for the first round game.

"I will use a little bit of everything from a tactical standpoint offensively and defensively to mentally and physically," said Garcia.

"We will continue to improve our attacking and our defense on the field."

Aside from practice schedules, junior defender Debbie Arguelles prepared herself by staying focused mentally.

"I'm just thinking about what we need to do to get the job done by having positive vibes

and playing well," said Arguelles.

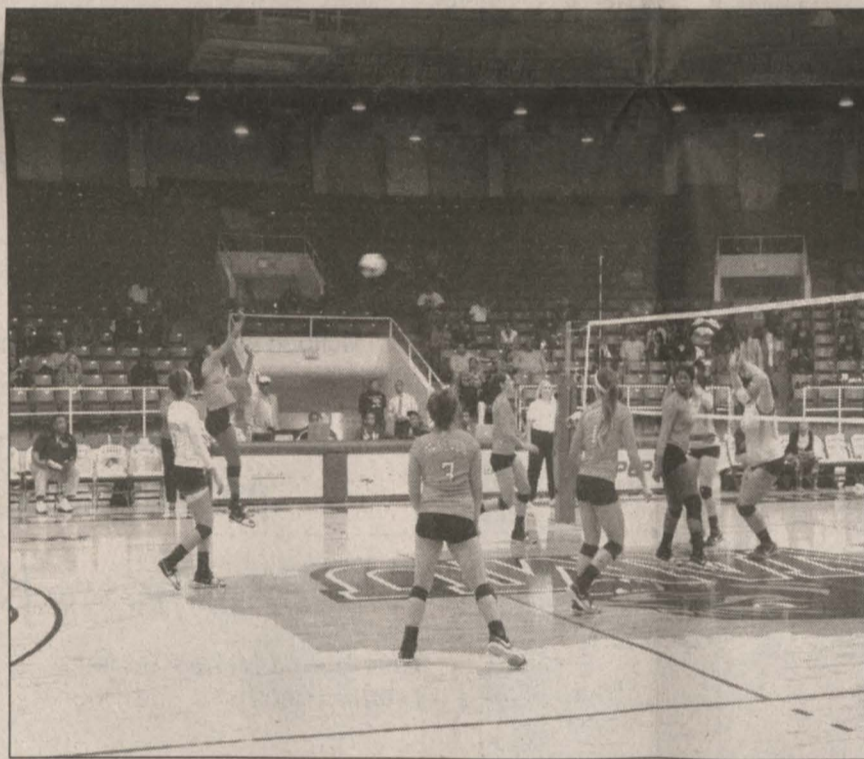
The team is looking forward to making the university proud and pacing themselves throughout the tournament.

"We're going to take it one game at a time," said Garcia.

"Overall, our main focus is winning the first game and to continue to climb up from there."

The SWAC Tournament will be held at the Houston Amateur Sports Park in Houston, Texas Nov. 7-10 that will feature eight teams.

Lady Panthers dominate on senior night



By Jimmy Loa, The Panther

Sports Information
PVAMU

The outside hitter combination of junior Candyce Alexander and freshman Lenicia Tyson proved deadly for the Lady Panthers in a solid 3-1 (25-9, 23-25, 25-16, 25-12) win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Halloween night in the William Nicks Building.

Tyson set a career-high with 17 kills and a .517 attack percentage while Alexander continued her off the charts play in the month of Oct. and finished with 16 kills and

13 digs for a beast-like double-double.

Not to be outdone on senior night, setter Kelsey Espinosa put together a career-defining performance in her final Southwestern Athletic Conference game in the William Nicks Building. She nearly recorded a triple-double all the while coordinating the Lady Panthers offense to a convincing win. Espinosa dished out 39 assists and set a new career-high with nine kills off of 16 attacks. She complemented her offensive performance with 12 digs as one of three Prairie View A&M players to finish with a double-double.

Espinosa's kills were a direct

result of the player of teammate and fellow setter Monecia Preston, who also had one of her best career games on senior night. She set up Espinosa with most of her attacks and finished with 12 assists and 14 digs. Senior middle blocker Janette Batista turned in seven kills with a team-high four total blocks. Meanwhile junior libero LaKeisha Allen did her job defensively with 17 digs to lead the team.

The Lady Panthers will play hosts to Big 12 opponent Texas Christian University at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 6 in their home-fixture in the William Nicks Building.

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Allegations of government conspiracies continue

By Jazz Black
Lifestyle Editor

Throughout American history we have overcome many distasteful events that have affected us, and how we continue to live our everyday lives.

Some of these occurrences have reshaped the democratic government and the relationship between citizens and government officials. There are still many circumstances that have left researchers and the public concerned about not only how and why these things have happened, but the safety and well-being of the nation.

Many remember the catastrophic September 11 attack on the World Trade Centers in New York. On the questioning end, there still is the mystery as to how and why it happened. ABC News explains that the North American Aerospace Defense Command or NORAD had actually previously held "terror drills" that included "mock hijacking" that practiced flying planes towards the Twin Towers.

Researchers have also found that the alleged phone calls made from the plane were indeed fake due to Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico when they previously created voice-morphing technology. It was

also ironic that American Airlines didn't invent advanced technology where passengers could make phone calls during the flight until 2004, when the tragedy happened in 2001. Various news reporters on scene during the event questioned stand byers and many reported to hearing a "loud boom" such as an explosion before the plane even hit the building.

The fact that Area 51 is the primary testing site for nuclear bombs and high altitude spy aircraft for the military should be enough for America to not question its strange high security measures.

One thriller that has come to raise inquiry about the location is the hiding of existing UFO's or Unidentified Flying Objects that carry alien life forms. It wasn't until August 16, 2013 that Area 51 was officially acknowledged by the CIA in which they released documents, but showed no signs of extraterrestrial life according to CNN.

In Newton, Connecticut allegedly 20 students and six adults were murdered at Sandy Hook Elementary school in December of 2012. Critics questioned this fatal incident simply because quite a few of the facts broadcast by the media did not add up. Questions such as

did the killer use an assault rifle to take out his victims and was there another shooter involved made viewers think twice. Conspiracists believe that the incident was merely a setup to ban gun control in the country.

They even believed that there were actors used in the interviews employed by a company called Crisis Actors, which are used for events as such.

Reports show smiling, and laughter as parents and families wait to be interviewed as if their child wasn't killed. The Huffington Post also shares that confusion arose when investigators couldn't understand how the shooter Adam Lanza who was mistaken for his brother Ryan Lanza by having his ID in his possession when the two had not spoken with each other since 2010.

A medical student studying at the University of Colorado was forced to prove himself guilty to avoid the death penalty in a shooting in Aurora, Colorado at a movie theatre. CBS reports that claims made by friends said that James Holmes was shy and engaged in role-playing online games, his behavior didn't "add up."

Speculation rose when various photos of the supposed shooter turned out to be altered since they displayed details that

showed features in one picture different from another.

Detectives believe that Holmes could only acquire \$20,000 in "exotic gear" like SWAT clothing that included a helmet, throat guard, gloves, bulletproof vest, explosives, and complex booby traps through someone who was affiliated with the military according to the Washington Post.

It was also ironic that the event led to the vote on the UN small arms treaty which Forbes contributor Larry Bell said, "Under the guise of a proposed global "Small Arms Treaty" premised to fight "terrorism", "insurgency" and "international crime syndicates" you can be quite certain that an even more insidious threat is being targeted - our Constitutional right for law-abiding citizens to own and bear arms."

The all-seeing eye sitting atop a pyramid is the symbolism used for one of the worlds well-known secret societies called the

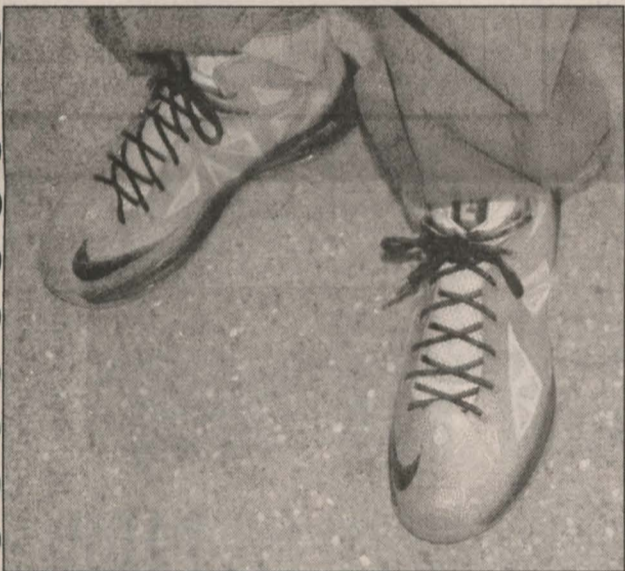
Illuminati. People have created their own perceptions about the association leading to rumors that have destroyed the origins of the groups' foundation. Unreliable sources, as well as the media have pushed the idea that the cult not only seeks to possess power and money, but does so through demonic rituals and sacrifices in order to receive these things.

These "conspiracies" have caused panic in the world justifying control and influence on the growing population. They have not been proved to be true nor false, but the fact that so much attention has been brought forth about these ideas that certain circumstances were perceived to be authentic, remains controversial.

For more information on these theories search Google for scholarly online articles and visit the local library that holds research to how and when these schemes were first created.

Leading brand name clothing brings numbers

By Jazz Black
Lifestyle Editor

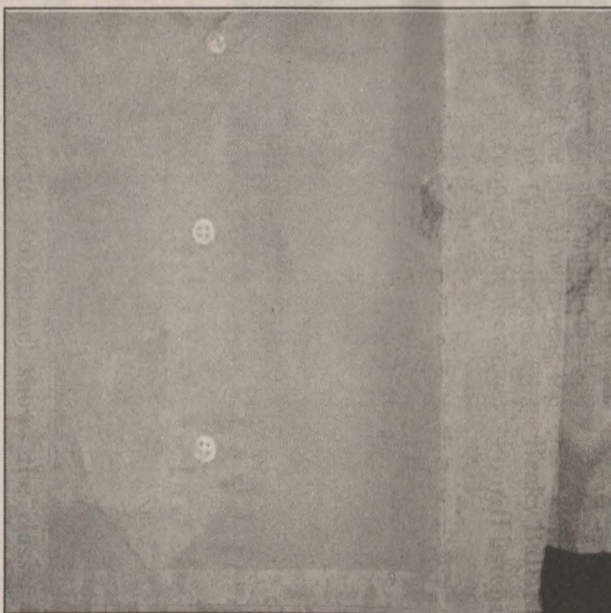


For over 45 years, Polo Ralph Lauren has been one of the most popular fashion icons across the world. With about 80 Ralph Lauren shops, 160 Polo factories, 100 international stores, a stock market price of \$180 a share, and a net worth of \$7.5 billion, the company has proved to the world to be a reliable and affordable way to make a statement whether causal or formal. Ralph Lauren even made an addition to the team in 1999 with Club Monaco for \$52.5 million.



The most valuable sports brand in the world, Forbes said Nike accounts for over one-third of the athletic gear market. They continue to use athletes to endorse their product although the name practically sells itself bringing in \$3.7 billion with Running by the end of fiscal 2012, and other line of shoes Converse with a \$2.5 billion brand on a wholesale equivalent basis as Nike Investors share. The brand has also expanded to creating more casual clothes for everyone rather than only supplying to the athletic market.

Brand name items made the Top 10 list of things Americans "waste" most of their money on according to Today Money. In the youth communities most commonly are where young adults look up to celebrities in the media that portray the "latest fashions", and attempt to copy the style usually resulting in diminished funds for them to spend on more relative items. Below are just a few of leading fashionable businesses that have made their mark in the industry.



Before consumers were spending on average of \$200 for a pair of True Religion jeans, founder Jeff Lubell gave them away for free just to receive some type of positive acknowledgement according to CNN Money. Now selling through the roof, the company has even developed unofficial spokespersons as said by the Hip Hop Enquirer such as rapper 2 Chainz, who excessively announces his devotion to the brand in his raps and even named one of his top downloaded mixtapes "T.R.U. Realigion" that greatly impacted the urban community. The True Religions website said, "True Religion Brand Jeans takes counterfeiting seriously and works closely with law enforcement to find and arrest counterfeiters."



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Eta Beta hosts Red Ribbon Week

By Sylvania Esosa Omokaro
Panther Contributor

The past week of Oct. 28 to Nov. 1 marked Red Ribbon Week, which aimed to bring attention to the dangers of Drugs and Alcohol. On Monday, the Office of Special Programs set a "crashed car" on the road between the Memorial Student Center and Anderson Hall. A black Mitsubishi Galant was totaled from the exterior inward. The windshield had ruptured into pieces. The rear window had also shattered, as well as the side view mirrors. All the machinery beneath the twisted and dented hood of the vehicle had become visible. The back tire on the right of the vehicle was completely detached. The purpose of the "crashed car" was to give a concrete visual, demonstrating the potential effects of driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

Senior biology major Olivia Solomon spoke on how she viewed the crashed car. "I think it acts as a great visual aid for students. College students especially should be mindful of the affects of substance abuse. The first time I ever saw it, I was drawn to it. I observed it from every angle. The crashed car is definitely an attention grabber."

There were also series of signs placed around Prairie View's campus with statistics regarding the number of people effected by alcohol and drug abuse. Some of the signs read "If you don't stop friends from drinking and driving... What will?" Some contained important

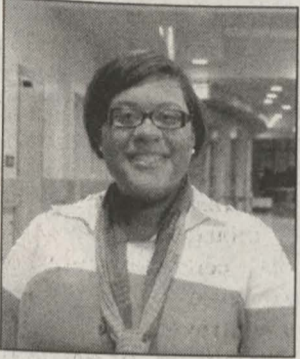
information such as "There is No Tolerance for drivers under 21 who allow any alcohol to be in the blood system while behind the wheel..." and "Drugs can impair your ability to steer straight." On Thursday, Oct. 31st, the Office of Special Programs collaborated with the Eta Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta for a Happy Hour that took place between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center. The sorority members served non-alcoholic cocktails as a way to present low-risk alternatives. These beverages included Etalia's Tornado Twist, Madison's Tropical Sunrise, Kirko's Lime Colas and numerous others. The room was packed with people. People appeared to be content enjoying the lighted atmosphere. The ambiance was full chatter and laughter.

When recording secretary, Erica Ponder was asked about how she felt the event went, she said, "It went very well. It was a lot of fun mixing different kinds of drinks. Everyone seemed to have really enjoyed themselves."

Ponder also commented on Red Ribbon Week itself "Red Ribbon week is very important. We need to understand that we can have a good time without alcohol or drugs." Program coordinator Isis McGraw, mentioned a desire to do more activities on campus for future Red Ribbon Weeks. "I think it's time to step it up," she stated. McGraw discussed her enthusiasm for future Red Ribbon Weeks. She aspires to create Red Ribbon weeks where students can collectively get involved.

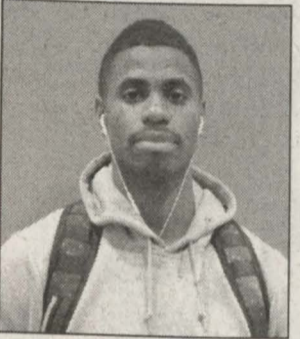
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How will next the next school year be different from this school year?



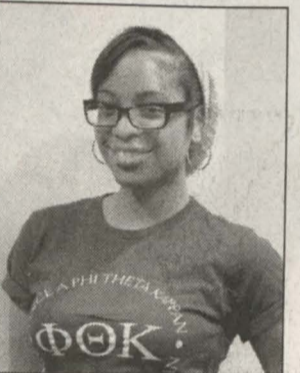
"It's awesome. We are definitely making stride to se a better PVAMU since the 200 March."

Jazmine Jones
Education Major
Senior



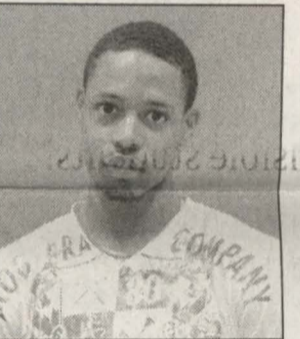
"I think it's cool. It makes it convenient for students and faculty to vote. It eliminates all excuses."

Jamal Johnson
Architecture/Construction Science Major
Junior



"I think it's good because PV is a central location and it gives all students an opportunity to vote."

Tiffane Johnson
Mass Communications Major
Junior



"If no one else, it benefits students. It all allows them the access to have a voice."

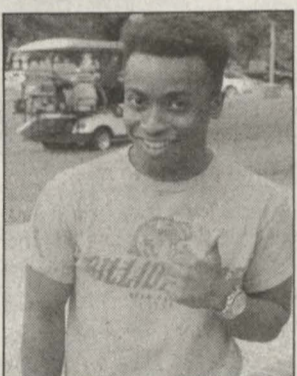
Sebastian Phoenix
Mass Communication Major
Junior

How do you feel about the Texas Legislature allowing guns on college campuses?



"I don't see the reason guns should be allowed on campus if you're not of proper authority."

Dezaree Lusk
Social Work Major
Junior



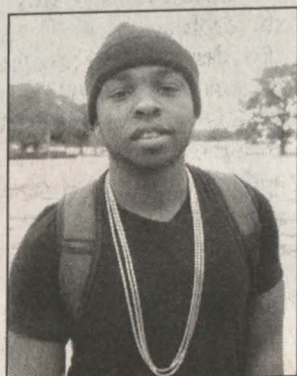
"I feel like guns should be allowed on campus, just more precautionary measures should be taken."

Jacoby Davis
Nursing Major
Sophomore



"I disagree with us being able to have guns. The security level up here on a scale of 1-10 is like a 3. There's so many immature kids up here."

Amber Carraway
Biology Major
Senior



"Campus should up there security, because a lot of the things students are blamed for we wouldn't be held accountable."

Norman Payne
Business Management Major
Senior

By Andre' Williams II, Jazz Black, and Amanda Leon, The Panther

Tickets for everyone

I don't even know where to start on this issue. Now I have no problem with paying for a parking pass. Our parking passes are cheaper than other schools.

But why in the hell am I paying for a parking pass to keep my car parked in phases? That is the craziest thing I've ever heard.

Then, as if that weren't enough, the justification for the rules is there is not enough parking space for all students.

Ummm...that's not my problem!

THEN, they expect us to walk to class in all conditions.

First off, we go to a historically BLACK school, ain't

nobody trying to get their hair wet in the rain and what I look like walking in the cold...? If I get sick, who is going to pay that doctors bill?

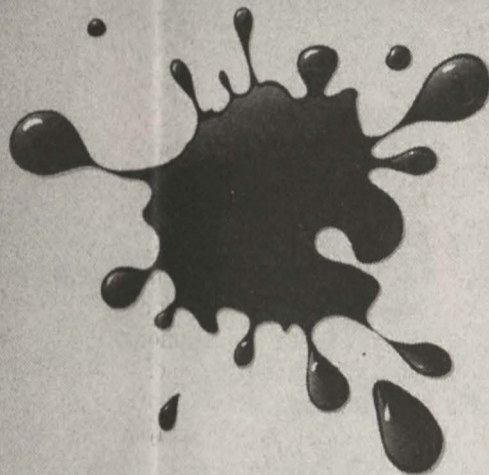
I sure can't go to the health clinic, all they're gone do is prescribe you some Advil and send you on your little way. Hell, you can't even park over there.

Don't even get me started on these tickets for parking on campus...I have never attended a school where a student got a ticket for going to class. They must do better!

What's really crazy is that they ticket faculty and staff also. Shoot, the only people that don't get ticketed are the ones giving them.



LaFredrick Smith



Do you have an opinion?

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Speak Out

Tempton Memorial Student Center.

We have faced controversy and overcome, we have celebrated great victories, and we have contributed to the legacy of Prairie View Producing Productive People.

I made it my goal as SGA President to be as transparent and as open as possible with all students, and I know all members of SGA are working to do the same.

There are great things happening that I'm sure will benefit the student body now and years to come. As you see the new Recreation Center is under construction, we are finalizing the plans on a new Retail Facility and Bowling Alley, and yes, it is TRUE the Athletic Complex is in the works.

We have a great opportunity as current students of PVAMU because the University is

changing and the STUDENTS are the driving force of this change. Everything you see being done, is because the students requested it and worked to progress our university!

I will admit there is more work to be done, and your voice needs to be heard!

I encourage you to get to know the individuals that represent you in Student Government Association. We are here to assist you, that is our only purpose to service the students of Prairie View A&M University!

I look forward to a great remainder of the semester!

Leading in Service,

Priscilla Barbour
SGA President

Motivations of Mercy: You are worth the wait

Getting out of the bed, might be the most difficult task you face on the day to day basis. For many of us, it is the moment we open our eyes that our minds begin to race a thousand miles an hour.

I am referring to those days when you awaken to countless thoughts of all the things you have to do, anxiety about all the things you haven't done, and you're surrounded by a thick fog of negativity that weighs you down to the point that you can barely make it out of bed in the morning.

It is because of these days that I have come to remind you that you are someone worth waking up for. Do not allow the temporary trials of this life to get you down. All those things will pass away but you have to continue to press forward.

Please do not allow the failures and regrets of yesterday to interrupt your present. Move on and persist through every circumstance that comes your way. As you experience the tosses and turns of life, God still holds you right in the palm of His hand.

He has never left you, nor will He ever forsake you. He has

secured you and your future. These dreadful moments and thoughts, are merely the catalysts that provide you the opportunity to go through the necessary process that will in turn lead you straight into your destiny.

There is greatness in you. I know you might not see it now, but trust that if you just take it day by day, there will be no limits to what God does in your life. Have faith in Him. He created you for service. This service is for His kingdom and His glory.

If we as people commit to labor for the good of God and man, we miraculously become beneficiaries of the blessings that God has to offer. To simply phrase it, "Service, Serves us!" Greatness, service, and the all-powerful God dwells in you.

For this reason, I implore that you understand and internalize that it is not menial duties, tedious agendas, or other people that should drive your days, but it is you and all that you possess that makes you worth waking up for.

You owe it to yourself to partake in your own life and hone everything you have in order to receive everything that God has for



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you. I pray you all a blessed week and renewed mercies on the daily.

Mathew 6:33-34 says, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



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