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Apollo's tough crowd cheers for winner



Sophomore Narrissa Arps won the PV's Apollo show from crowd cheers after singing Tamia's Stranger in my House.

By India Foster Editor-in-Chief

The University Village put on the annual PV Apollo on Monday evening showcasing talent from upperclassmen living in the phases. The event was hosted by Texas Southern alumnus Billy Sorrells.

Starting the show with a Michael and Janet Jackson tribute, the MSC auditorium was filled to capacity as students waited to experience the infamous show.

Sorrells got the crowd hyped by starting to joke on the people. This got some offended while others thought it was a great way to start the show.

He explained the rules of the show that each performer would rub the log for good luck, and it was up to the audience to clap if they liked the performance or boo those they didn't.

With 10 acts, the talents varied from singing and rapping in which some barely survived, were praised, or got the cue from the clown to get off the stage.

Different performers decided to perform familiar songs from artists like Bryson Tiller, Kehlani, Chris Brown, Beyonce, and Bruno Mars and others made their impression by performing original pieces like The Gyrlz, Mil from the Cliff, and JohnyyP.

Senior education major John-Patrick Egbo known as JohnyyP performed his song "Never Ever Love Again" and after a roar of cheers, the crowd started to boo.

"When getting in front of a PV crowd I just keep reminding myself that there's people I know that rock with me in the

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Stadium conference

reports on progress



Denzel Speights, The Panther

Head coach Willie Simmons discusses new beginnings for football and stadium.

By Andre' Davis Panther Contributor

Prairie View A&M University held a press conference last Thursday at the stadium's east entrance.

The conference focused on the progression of the new stadium and what it symbolizes for the entire university.

The atmosphere was filled with emotions and excitement as the day was a historical moment for Prairie View A&M University.

With the development of the new stadium, the attraction of great students as well as great athletes will contribute to this institution's commitment for higher learning. Along with representatives from Texas A&M and members of the football program, hundreds of fans and students attended the event.

Speakers included President George C. Wright of Prairie View A&M University;, Chancellor John Sharp of the Texas A&M University System; PV Foundation Chairman Roy G. Perry; Athletic Director Ashley Robinson of Prairie View A&M University; Willie Simmons, Panthers head football Coach; David "Trey" Green, senior student and Panther quarterback; and Marquice O'Leary, senior student and Panther Safety.

On behalf of the new stadium

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 Curtes of Anthony Williams Jr.

PV midshipmen train

with Rice counterparts

Members of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps participate in various events.

By Anthony Williams Jr. Panther Contributor

On Saturday, Feb. 13, an astonishing display of camaraderie was showcased as midshipmen from the PVAMU Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) and Rice University NROTC competed against one another in team sporting events.

Both NROTC units participated in events ranging from pull-ups, basketball, football, volleyball, and dodgeball in an effort to decide a victor. Members of each NROTC unit enjoyed the friendly competition.

This event held each semester provides the midshipmen from each unit a chance to take a necessary break from their studies and training.

While training to become the next Navy and Marine Corps officers is of the utmost importance, the Pentathlon gives these midshipmen the opportunity to have fun in a stress free environment.

Midshipman Xavier Mendoza of the PVAMU NROTC unit conveyed his delight in watching a few Rice University midshipmen struggle trying to keep up with reaching 300 pull-ups.

"They were as resilient as our midshipmen; however in the past I feel that we had the better athletes out of the consortium."

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Communication Week prepares students for future careers with words of encouragement

By Kimberly Berry Panther Staff

Monday, Feb. 15, kicked off the Department of Language & Communication's third annual COMM Week.

The week was filled with workshops, speakers and professional office hours for communication students along with students on campus interested in the field of communication.

More than 20 speakers participated in enriching students with knowledge about their profession and equipped them with tools to use in the future.

Speakers included alumnus Vince Balkcom, retired reporter Diana Fallis, Prairie View's public relations specialist Candace Johnson and many others.

Keynote speaker Shannon Lanier, the current cohost for "Arise Entertainment 360," a show that airs on the BET sister network, Centric, shed light into his career and experiences of meeting and interviewing celebrities, such as Patti Labelle, Taraji P. Henson, Denzel Washington and many others.

Several workshops took place throughout the week which introduced students to certain areas in the communication field, such as a public relations, filmmaking, radio, digital media, portfolio building and so much more.

Britney Cook, senior communication major, said she learned information from the workshop about building her Seelio portfolio.

"It was nice to learn that I can use the portfolio required for my classes to help advance my career after I graduate," said Cook.

In light of the 2016 presidential election, the theme was "Communication in Politics." Lead COMM Week ambassador, Symphony Webb said that they felt the theme would be beneficial to students.

"The theme communication in politics was structured to help students understand how to maintain professionalism and credibility in uncomfortable situations," said Webb.

C o m m u n i c a t i o n organizations National Association of Black Journalists and Lamba Pi Eta were also able to leave their mark during the week by hosting their own events.

Lamba Pi Eta hosted a film screening of "Selma, Lord, Selma" on Monday and NABJ followed that on Wednesday by introducing a seminar titled "Real Talk" with Prairie View alumna India Thompson.

The week was busy, but a great experience for those who were able to attend. "I feel that COMM week went well, the guest speakers were great although there was a lack of student participation, we are hoping for an increase in students in the upcoming year," said Webb.

COMM Week 2016 surely made an impact on students, and the department is looking forward to next year's program.



crowd I just keep reminding myself that there's people I know that rock with me in the crowd," said JohnyyP.

Fighting to keep the attention of the crowd, JohnyyP tried to interact with the audience but students started to boo his performance forcing the clown to come out.

"I wanted to stop so many times because all I could hear was people booing. It was so many people cheering but all I could hear was every boo and people saying what is he doing," said JohnyyP. "I wanted to stop so bad until I saw faces of people smiling and singing along and I thought how could I stop, and if I stop I would let these people win. I know people who came to the talent show because I told them I was in it so I would be selling them short and I was like I'm going to turn up."

Being an artist and performer, he continues to work hard everyday to become better at his craft.

"I learned I still have a lot of work to do for performance wise. I realized a lot goes into trying to perform an original song in front of a crowd like that," JohnyyP.

Although she was booed last year, junior Dezarae Johnson decided to return to the Apollo stage to prove hat she could survive on a PV stage.

"I thought that being booed was a minor setback for a major comeback, especially since what I want to do is sing," said Johnson.

"I have to really eliminate my negative thoughts and remember I have a great support system of my friends and God being by my side because Prairie View is a hard crowd so it took a lot in me to go up there."

Johnson decided to pick a song that no one really knew which set her apart from other contestants who chose to sing a well known song.

"I chose Slow Motion by Karina Pasian because I feel like a lot of ladies connect with the song," said Johnson.

"Guys always want to move so forward and in the song she explains be my best friend first then we can move forward and a lot of people haven't heard the song so then they won't compare me to the original artist."

Winner by crowd favorite sophomore social work major Narrissa Arps decided to be a part of the show after being influenced by seeing her first Prairie View Apollo show last year.

"I thought the show was really nice and I've been singing since I could probably talk," said Arps.

"The whole time going through my mind was that I hope the crowd would appreciate my voice and enjoy my song."

All of the participants agreed that getting on a Prairie View stage is the most difficult part of a performance and encourage others to be confident.

"You have to be confident, you're going up in front of your classmates, but they're not looking at you as a classmate but someone who's entertaining them, so go hard," said JohnyyP.

After the crowd voted for their favorite by just cheers and rounds of applause, senior mass communication major Roger Thomas ended the show with a poem and there was a visual performance by various students related to black history month.

Courtesy of Mark Robinson Communication students listen closely to guest speaker.



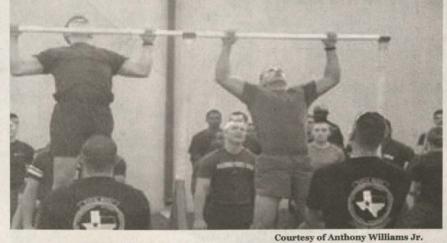
midshipman; however in the past I feel that we had the better athletes out of the consortium."

Midshipman Roman Zepeda described the event as a the first match, each midshipman rushed toward the middle of the court to grab the dodge balls with a high dose of speed and intensity.

A combative scene complete with cutthroat tactics and acrobatic agility sent both sides into fervent cheers. University The Rice midshipmen astonishingly defeated the PVAMU unit at this event, but the PV midshipmen still earned victories in basketball and volleyball. Before the conclusion of the Pentathlon, a team building event was held which combined multiple midshipmen from each unit to forge a better sense of togetherness.

against them. The forces that faced them were a combination of frog jumps, fireman carrying, three legged races, and blind folded races, each conducted with a partner. With so much camaraderie and teamwork, there was nothing the midshipmen of both PVAMU and Rice couldn't accomplish.





NROTC competition becomes serious between groups.

"definite friendly competition." He was one of 60 PVAMU midshipmen who participated in multiple events. Midshipman Brandi Kendley expressed herself as one of the MVPs during the basketball event; declaring that "ball is life!" Her words were matched with her efforts as she and a few others dominated the court.

Dodgeball was the most heated event from the Pentathlon. Before the matches began, each midshipman started in a plank position facing down on each side of the basketball court. As soon as the whistle blew for the start of

The event included five teams composed of Rice and PVAMU midshipmen working together to defeat all odds stacked The PVAMU NROTC holds this event every semester to help build camaraderie between each unit.

When the students are finally commissioned into the Navy and Marine Corps, their friendships and dedication to one another's well being will help them succeed while serving our country.

Although it is a fun event, the Pentathlon helps to foster this process of officer development.

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Sneaker News New Rihanna shoe drops Friday



Rihanna will be trying her hand at shoe design again when she releases the Fenty Trainers by Puma on Feb. 26. The trainers are expected to sell just as quickly as the Creepers, her previous release with Puma.

The Space James are coming back

The shoes that made sneaker fans go crazy at malls across the country are back for a December release later this year.

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Jordan will be releasing his most popular shoe, Jordan XI, also known as "Space Jams," for all those who didn't get their hands on them and for anyone who just might want to collect a couple of pairs for selling on Ebay.

Zetas kick off their Finer Womanhood week

By Samonni Devine Panther Contributor

The Zeta Phi Beta sorority started their "Zeta week" on Feb. 20 with the theme "The roaring 20s: Birth of a Finer Era."

Zeta week is a traditional event that happens every year during the last week of February. The tradition started back in 1920 when the Zeta Phi Beta sorority was founded at Howard University in Washington D.C.

"The Omega Gamma Chapter was founded in 1969 at Prairie View A&M University. We have been holding down the legacy ever since," Zeta senior education major Toni Johnson said.

This is an event filled week during which members introduce a different event to the public every day for the five days of the week.

Some of the activities included a game of musical chairs where the Zetas and students of Prairie View A&M University gathered on the second floor of the MSC to play this classic game with a live DJ.

The Zetas also hosted a 'Painting with the Zetas' event that carried the theme of jazz as the participants painted pictures

of saxophones, a bowling night at Panther Lanes, and a 'Pie a Zeta' event where students could pay \$1 to receive a paper plate full of whipped cream, and the student could then smash the whipped cream pie into a Zeta's face and afterward take a picture inside of a handmade Instagram cutout for social media.

"The Omega Gamma chapter committee and the entire organization came up with the activities for the week," Zeta senior and human performance major Nakia Dunlap said.

The Zetas also brought the school out to participate in giving back to the community by organizing a highway cleanup, and they will also host a "business savvy dress seminar" for students to attend.

"Zeta Week is a time where we can show our finer womanhood, and principles, as well as having the school come out and participate with us," Johnson said.

Zeta week is an opportunity for the school to come out, engage with, and get to know the sorority.

The Zetas also use this time to promote their sorority and everything that they represent. This is the belief in their principles of scholarship, service, sisterhood, and finer womanhood.

Student Art Week showcases artists' talents





By Josh Bennett Media Editor

By Micah Earls, The P

Junior digital media arts major Samiria Percival stands next to some of the photographs exhibited.

By Jasper Ross Panther Staff

Thes art department hosted its first annual student art exhibition "Black History: Mosaic of Artistic Expression' where students had the liberty to create their own art and to express their talents to the public. The exhibit was an addition to the President's Lecture and Culture Series, supported by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Visiting art professor Ann Y. Johnson explained, "The art exhibit allowed students to do their thing and being able to create what they wanted. We also wanted to give the students the opportunity to express their artistic abilities freely and openly. As a professor, I am impressed with the number of students who attended the event and my students creative achievements."

The student art exhibition was a juried competition where students submitted their art pieces. Parris Cunningham, senior psychology major, said, "There were so many students in the show that don't do art regularly, including me, so it was beautiful for all of us to get a chance to shine."

Ninety- six pieces were submitted and out of those only 50 were selected to be judged in the competition. The jury selected Clifford Robinson II's art piece 'Self 2' as the winner of the completion because it was an innovative piece. "Last semester I was in

Ms. Johnson's painting class and she encouraged all of her students

to enter the competition. She noticed that I was a skater and said that I should make some boards into a canvas. I had no clue that my piece, 'Self 2', would win. I was inspired to make a sculpture that was free standing that represented the skating community as well as a reflection of my own personality and being comfortable in my own skin," said Robinson, a senior architecture major.

There were a lot of talented students showcasing their art pieces in the exhibition. From selfportraits, videography, black history related pieces, to just expressing their being were displayed.

Paris Cunningham, senior psychology major, also explained, "My piece was inspired by a quote on the wall of the Brown V. Board of Education Museum in Topeka Kansas that says 'Let Justice Flow Like Water.' I started coming up with ideas to portray that idea. The piece is a recreation of a photo taken in the 1960s of a colored man drinking from a whites only water fountain which displays its rebellion against oppression and I feel that is relevant to the struggle black people face today."

"I wanted to showcase my undercover talent by submitting my love for self-expression, 'Beauty is Her Name, 'which is a piece that illuminates black and white and how graceful she is," said Tericka Williams, junior business administration management major.

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JAYLA KORIYAN



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Sports 4 PV football garners #2 recruiting class among HBCUs

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Boxtorow.com ranks the top 10 HBCU FCS recruiting classes based on research from school releases, local newspaper articles and recruiting boards.

Stadium

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-and how significant it is to the community, head coach Willie Simmons says "it is pure excitement. I feel blessed for the opportunity to be here.

Although I have only been here for a year, I've been told by several fans and alums that this has been a long time coming and just want to thank everyone that had a hand in it and their commitment to this project."

Senior quarterback David "Trey" Green was overjoyed with excitement as he stated, "I just want to thank God for this opportunity. Four years ago when I first came to Prairie View, it was a plan for us to get a new stadium and now that it is finally happening.

It is a true blessing to have the opportunity to run out to a new stadium full of 15,000 fans and to see how well our hard work has paid off."

Senior defensive back Maquice O'Leary shared his thoughts on the new stadium by stating, "It's a great honor to be a part of this great tradition on the hill. I really did not understand when I received the offer from Prairie View what I was getting myself into and now that I see what's going on down here, it was really in God's plan to put me into this situation.

To be a part of great leadership under my head coach, it truly is an honor. Having a home stadium is a big difference. Last year we played at a neutral site, Waller Stadium, and many students did not make it to the game because it was off campus.

Now having a home stadium where everyone can walk to from their dorm room makes a big difference. The PV nation is increasing and we are going to shock the world this year!"

After only his first season with the Panthers, O'Leary is overjoyed to be a part of this movement.

Former Prairie View A&M University track star Charles Ingrim of 1962 also commented, "We are not walking, we are moving! This has been a long time coming, and this stadium will give Prairie View quality, quantity as well as excellence."

Roy G. Perry, chairman and president of the Prairie View A&M Foundation attended the press conference as well and stated, "Today is a milestone, along the path of building the new stadium. It's an acknowledgement of all the hard work and effort that people have exerted. All the support we've received from the system and Prairie View alums is finally being highlighted. I want to give a special thanks to the students. They believed in what some people called impossible. As a student at Prairie View, you can excel. I've received a degree from Iowa St. and I've received a degree from Stanford, but I received my education from Prairie View A&M University. Anything you choose to do, you can do it!'

This new stadium will serve many purposes. Not just a crowd of 15,000 fans cheering Panthers to victory, but another motivational tool to display how productive the campus of Prairie View really is. With the William J. Nicks arena, "The Baby Dome and the new recreational center that opened spring 2015, the new stadium only adds a more appealing look to Prairie View A&M University.

For a real-time look at the sports complex, visit http://www. panther-stadium.com/

SWAC Players of the week #11 Lamaria Cole



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Position: G Height: 5-7 Class: Senior Hometown: Bryan, Texas Previous School: Kansas

Cole averaged 24.5 points per game this weekend in leading the Lady Panthers to a 2-0 road trip to Arkansas–Pine Bluff and Mississippi Valley State.

#1 Jayrn Johnson



Position: G Height: 6-3 Class: Junior Hometown: Dallas, Texas Previous School: Ranger College

The Dallas native led PVAMU to a 2-0 weekend and first Mississippi Delta sweep in nearly three decades as he averaged 22 points per game, 4.5 rebounds and 3.5 steals.

HOME GAMES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEB. 27 BASKETBALL VS. ALABAMA STATE (WBB) @3:00 PM (MBB) @5:00 PM

MONDAY, FEB. 29 BASKETBALL VS. ALABAMA A&M (WBB) @5:30 PM (MBB) @7;30 PM

The Evolution of the Black Quarterback



Cam Newton, Warren Moon, Russell Wilson, and Steve McNair has a thrown a combined 112,866 passing yards in a career.

By Alex Goodwin Panther Staff

After an cultivating season for the NFL it hit its climax with the 50th Superbowl. Although there were a plethora of intriguing storylines, unquestionably the most attention will be placed upon Carolina Panthers superstar signal caller Cam Newton.

The 2011 number one overall pick has had a season for the ages, in which he has accounted for nearly 4,500 yards of total offense, 45 touchdowns and led the Panthers to the NFL's best record at 17-1.This is hardly the Atlanta, Ga., native's first taste of success. Newton departed Auburn University of as one of the most decorated collegiate quarterbacks in recent memory.

He was the driving force behind Auburn University's run to an undefeated 2011 campaign that culminated in a victory over the University of Oregon in the national championship game. Prior to his arrival at Auburn, Newton won a Junior College National Championship at Blinn College in 2009. At Auburn, the 6'6 250 pound signal caller was an all conference selection, unanimous first team all American, Maxwell, O'Brien and Heisman trophy award winner.

Newton had the distinct opportunity to add one more honor to his laundry list of accolades. When he took the field on Super Bowl Sunday, it marked the first time in NFL history that four consecutive Super Bowls featured a black starting quarterback. It is certainly amazing to see how far the NFL and college football have come with regard to opportunities afforded to African Americans to play quarterback.

Though black quarterbacks are becoming more commonplace in today's NFL, they were far from that in the 1978, when University of Washington star field general Warren Moon entered the NFL draft.

During that era, it was widely thought and generally accepted that though African American quarterbacks were superior athletes, they did not possess the mental aptitude, cerebral thought processes necessary to effectively play the most important position on the field. Predictably, Moon was not selected in the 1978 Draft. Having no other options, Moon took his talents to the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League. Only after leading the Eskimos to five consecutive Grey Cup Championships, two Grey Cup MVPs, and a plethora of other honors was Moon able to get his opportunity to play in the NFL in 1984.

Moon exceeded all expectations and went on to have an extremely successful 16 year NFL career playing for four different teams, making nine Pro Bowls appearances, being selected as a three time All-Pro, and being inducted into the National Football League Hall of Fame in 2006.

By the 1990s there had been some progress in giving more African American players the opportunity to play quarterback at major Division I football programs, but previous stigmas had not died.

Many black players who were the primary signal callers during their high school years are routinely forced to change positions to play major college football due to a perceived lack of intellect, skill, and leadership abilities, among other supposed "issues."

Steve McNair was like many other talented black prep schools quarterbacks. He possessed a cannon for an arm and mobility, but many major Division I programs like Miami, Nebraska, Florida State, and Ohio State wanted McNair to play running back or defensive back. McNair insisted on playing quarterback and eventually enrolled at Alcorn State. By enrolling in an HBCU, McNair joined a long list of black signal-callers such as Doug Williams before him.

McNair proceeded to prove his critics wrong as he threw for a record 14,496 passing yards, accounted for over 16,000 career total yards, and finished 3rd in the 1996 Heisman Trophy voting, the highest finish for a player from an HBCU ever. McNair, drafted 3rd overall by the Houston Oilers, had a productive NFL career that included him winning a MVP Award, making a Super Bowl appearance, and being a three time All-Pro during his dozen year NFL career.

Fast forward to present day, and black quarterbacks are provided opportunities that their predecessors such as the University of Tennessee's Condredge Holloway could have only dreamed of. While at one time it was rare to see black quarterbacks at major Division I programs, let alone excelling, today 3 of the past 5 Heisman Trophy winners — Jameis Winston, Robert Griffin III, and the aforementioned Cam Newton are African American signal callers.

At the NFL level, the fraternity of black quarterbacks is still relatively small. However, there has been some progress.

In 1983, Vincent Evans was the lone African American playing the quarterback position in the NFL, however the 2015 NFL season featured 6 black starting quarterbacks an NFL record, and dozens more serving as backups.

Quite frankly, if it were not for trailblazers such as Warren Moon, Steve McNair, Randall Cunningham, and Doug Williams, today's opportunities afforded to Cam Newton, Russell Wilson, Colin Kaepernick, Jameis Winston, Teddy Bridgewater, Tyrod Taylor and other future black signal callers would not exist.

Opinion

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Who's your favorite individual in

Black History?

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"Benjamin Banneker, the first African-American to design and build a city which is Washington DC."

> **Deonte Busby Architecture Major** Senior



"Will Smith. He was a dope individual being free to express himself."

Danny Davis II Human Performance Major Freshman



"Huey P. Newton because of his courageous acts as a black man."

Shanel Gaskin Human Performance Major Junior



"Malcolm X. He stood for what he believed in and fought for what he thought was real." **Bobby Porche Electrical Engineering Major** Sophomore

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Songs from Symphony: Words of encouragement to help you through your week

By Symphony Webb Panther Contributor

Songs From Symphony: Words of encouragement to help you through your week

Song: Broken But Healed by Byron Cage "God can heal, He can deliver He can mend your brokenness He has a miracle to fit your needs Once you trust Him, you will receive."

Have you ever been so torn down and broken that you thought

God gives his toughest battles to his strongest soldiers. Never allow anyone to steal your joy, peace and happiness.

When you have gone through the most trying times in life remember to reach out your hand because God will always be there to stadium full of 15,000 faruoy hats

Even when you are at your worst, broken down and confused God can heal you and put you back together again. Matthew 11:28 says "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

At all times trust in God and know that everything will work out according to his plan. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." -Psalms 30:5. Remember that your struggles are only for a moment and God can heal any open wound.

General Information

Positions are outlined 1. the Student Government in Association Constitution of Prairie View A&M University. Executive Offices (Elected in Spring) Student Government 1. President Student Government Vice 2 President

Comptroller 3.

Chief Justice (Appointed 4 by SGA President)

Members Executive Board (Appointed by SGA President) Voting E-Board Members 1. Chief of Staff 2. Vice President-Auxiliary 3. Services Vice President-Academic 4. Affairs Vice President-Business 5. Affairs Vice President-Research 6. and Development President-Student Vice 7. Affairs and Institutional Relations President-Vice 8. **Governmental Relations** President-Special Vice 9. Events

Senate Members (Elected in Spring) College of Business I-1. Marketing College of Business II-2. Business College of Arts & Sciences 3. I-Sciences College of Arts & Sciences 4. II-Military Science and ROTC College of Arts & Sciences 5. -Music and Drama III College of Arts & Sciences 6. -Social and Behavioral Science IV-College of Arts & Sciences -Communication and Languages 7. V-College of Education I-8. Human Performance College of Education II-9. Education College of Engineering I-10. Engineering

11. College of Engineering II-**Engineering Technology** College of Engineering 12. III--Computer Science College of Nursing I-13. Houston College of Nursing II-14. **Prairie View** College of Juvenile Justice 15 I-Psychology College of Juvenile Justice 16. II-Criminal and Juvenile Justice College of Agriculture and 17. Human Sciences I-Agriculture College of Agriculture 18. and Human Sciences II-Human Sciences School of Architecture 19. Graduate School 20. I-University Housing 21. College 22. Housing II-University Village 23. Housing III-University Village North 24. Housing **IV**-University View Senior Class President 25. Junior Class President 26. Sophomore Class President 27. Senate Members (Appointed by SGA Executive Vice President in Spring) 28. **External Affairs** Athletics 29. **Health Services** 30. Safety 31. 32. **International Students** Parking 33. **Auxiliary Services** 34. **Career Service & Cluster** 35. Alumni Affairs 36. Information Technology 37. **Community Development** 38. Memorial Student Center 39. **Intramural Sports** 40. Scholarships and Financial 41. Aid 42. Professional **Departmental Organizations** Parks and Recreation 43. Human Resources 44. Student Employment Ministries 45. **Dining Services** 46.

Senate Members (Elected in Fall) Freshman Class President

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Campus Activities Board Council of Student Organizations

Pan-Hellenic Council

Band

Non-Voting Senate Members (Appointed by Executive Vice President in Spring)

Parliamentarian

Sergeant-at-Arms

- Chaplain 3. 4.
 - **Corresponding Secretary Recording Secretary**
 - Historian Photographer
 - **Public Relations**

Members (Elected in Judicial

- Spring) Senior Class Justice
 - Junior Class Justice
 - Sophomore Class Justice

Judicial Membership (Appointed by Chief Justice) Associate Justice 1.

- Court Clerk
- Court Marshall
- Judicial General Advocate
- Archivist/Librarian Secretary

Class Royals (Elected in the Spring)

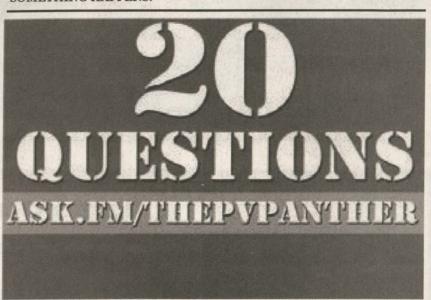
Senior Class King 1.

- Senior Class Queen
- Junior Class King
- Junior Class Queen
- Sophomore Class King
- Sophomore Class Queen

Class Royals (Elected in the Fall) Freshman Class King 1. Freshman Class Queen 2.

you wouldn't make it through, well here's a little something to help you along the way.

In life we all go through struggles and strife, some days it seems that the burdens are heavier than others. The key is to keep pushing, PRAY UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS.



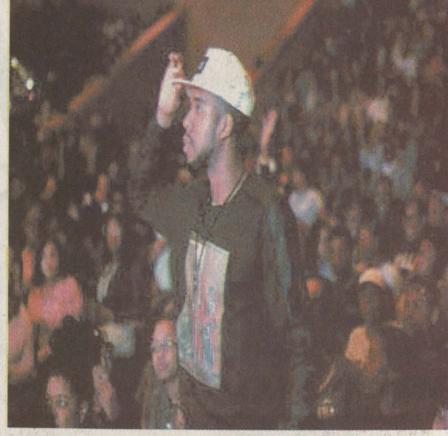
1.Where's BM now? 2. Did they realize being in a fake frat is lame? 3. Or are they not blessed anymore? 4. Are they on the Kappa line? 5. Or are they trying to be Alphas? 6. Who went to the Apollo? 7. Who were the dudes trying to fight Billy Sorells? 8. Were they mad his jokes were accurate? 9. Who booed Johnyy P.? 10. What happened to the other members of 'The Gyrlz"? 11. Did y'all know it was Zeta week? 12. Who has seen them recruiting people to come to their event? 13. Will it be hard for them to recruit people for their line? 14. Who's pushing their graduation back to pledge AKA? 15. Who thinks the freshman who looks like J.Cole is cute? 16. Who gone cut up at Eta Jamma tonight? 17. What football player is cheating on their girlfriend? 18. Did it go down in the DM? 19. Then down in the Phases? 20. What do you think?

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