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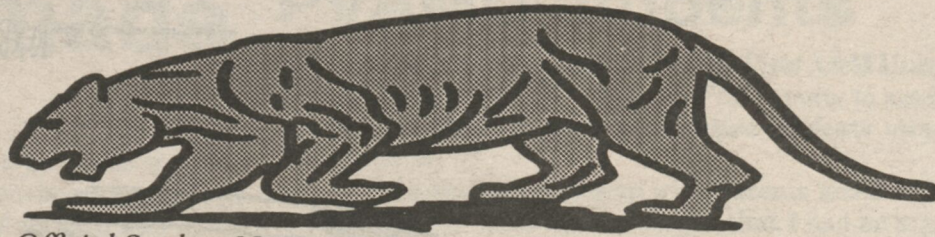
Tri-Beta encounters achievements.

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# THE PANTHER

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The Official Student Newspaper of Prairie View A & M University

## Media conference creates a pathway for student careers

By Kandyace Mayberry  
Advertising Manager

### Media 2000 Conference:



### A Pathway to Media Careers

People in different professions in the media were on hand for "Media Day 2000: A Pathway to Media Careers" held on Thursday.

The conference, sponsored by the Department of Languages and Communications, was held at the Cooperative Extension building.

Its purpose was to expose students at Prairie View and other surrounding colleges and universities to people in their prospective

fields and at the same time offer answers to questions they may have about anything in the communications field.

The conference was an all-day event and consisted of eight like *How to prepare a resume and present your-*

*self to prospective employees, Breaking into the business, The role of the public relations professional and The first amendment and*

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## Burks chosen All SWAC Collegiate efforts recognized

By Donald Kegler  
Panther Staff

What is passion?

Passion is described as a strong emotion or enthusiasm for a particular person or object. At the age of 19, Gregory Burks realizes this is how he feels about the game of basketball.

This past season was very enlightening for the Prairie View A&M University uprising, star point guard.

Originally from Flint, Mich., the love for the game of basketball was instilled into Burks at a very young age, resulting in his remarkable talent and steadfast determination.

As a result of Burks' individual efforts as a collegiate basketball player, he was chosen as a member of the All South Western American Conference (SWAC) team. An All SWAC billing signifies the individual efforts of outstanding players and their achievements in their designated sports arena.

Burks said he feels honored to be elected for such profound recognition, and to experience such admiration conveys undoubtedly that his hard work has paid off.

The second year point guard believes that determination and commitment to improve his basketball skills was the deciding factor concerning the well-deserved honor.

The All SWAC recipient also stated that the supporting cast of his teammates also constituted his efforts on the basketball court and the coaches and their guidance served as endless encouragement and inspiration.

Burks averaged 18.4 points per game, leading the SWAC in scoring.

Burks is an individual who realizes that basketball is a team effort, requiring equal contributions from each player.

"I am very hard on myself as a basketball player. I have the ability to realize that improvement in my game is incumbent. To get comfortable with my present achievements would hinder my full potential as a basketball player," Burks said.

Burks stated that to be admired by his teammates and fans means a lot to him.

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## Pageant consists of three contestants Mr. Prairie View categories abbreviated

By Sheleah Hughes  
Managing Editor

As of Wed., March 28, the Mr. Prairie View Pageant will continue with only one stipulation. It will consist of only three contestants and it will be somewhat abbreviated.

Contestants, whose names have not yet been released, will compete in only a few of the original Mr. Prairie View Scholarship Pageant categories.

The men will share their platform, respond to impromptu questions, entertain

the audience with their original talents and go through a personal private interview. Judges will rank the contestant in order, and the winner will be determined by these guidelines.

Over the last few years several problems have arisen in regard to the Mr. Prairie View pageant.

During Dean Charles Lewter's second year as the executive director of the pageant, winner Eric D. Johnson was asked to relinquish his crown.

Johnson, who was crowned Mr. Prairie View in

April 1998, breached part of the pageant contract which states in the requirements of the Mr. Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Program Release and Indemnity Agreement, that the student who wins the title cannot be the father of a child. This stipulation is also part of the contract Miss Prairie View hopefuls must sign.

The 1999-00 pageant titled "The Odyssey of Men" brought yet another obstacle.

Winner Caesar Barajas became the first non-African American student to

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VIEWPOINTS

# Student takes vow to education



**Sheleah Hughes**  
Panther Staff

The four years of college are claimed to be the best years of your life. It is within these four years that you meet your closest friends, worse enemies and learn the valuable lessons of life.

Many of us have learned the valuable lessons of 'turning the other cheek', and 'treating others the same way you would like to be treated' from the experiences we have had here at "The Hill."

I am sure that many of us can thank our roommates, the ones we enjoyed living with and those who we just couldn't see eye to eye with, for the opportunities to learn these important lessons whether it be through arguments over bread, milk, washed dishes or stolen clothes.

As we enrolled into college, this university pledged to provide us a quality academic environment as well as a social environment.

This is possible because they go hand in hand. Without social activities such as athletics, CAB, SGA, and PAN, students would not be motivated to attend the university.

Although there is not a chance that the school would survive with just these social activities, it is important to realize that the academic side must be backed by support.

Many of us have rushed to Hobart, the chapel or other buildings on campus to ensure that we could attend our favorite

organization's event, and the next day we skipped class in many of the same buildings because we were just too tired.

I must admit that I have been bitten by the social bug just like everyone us. But together we must swear to utilize our time spent matriculating at Prairie View to the best of our ability.

So all my fellow social-alcoholics who are out there (you know who you are, those who know when all the parties are and attend all of them and know somebody who knows somebody who can get you in free), gather yourselves and repeat after me.

"I (state your name) pledge my solemn vow to use Prairie View as a catalyst for academic experiences.

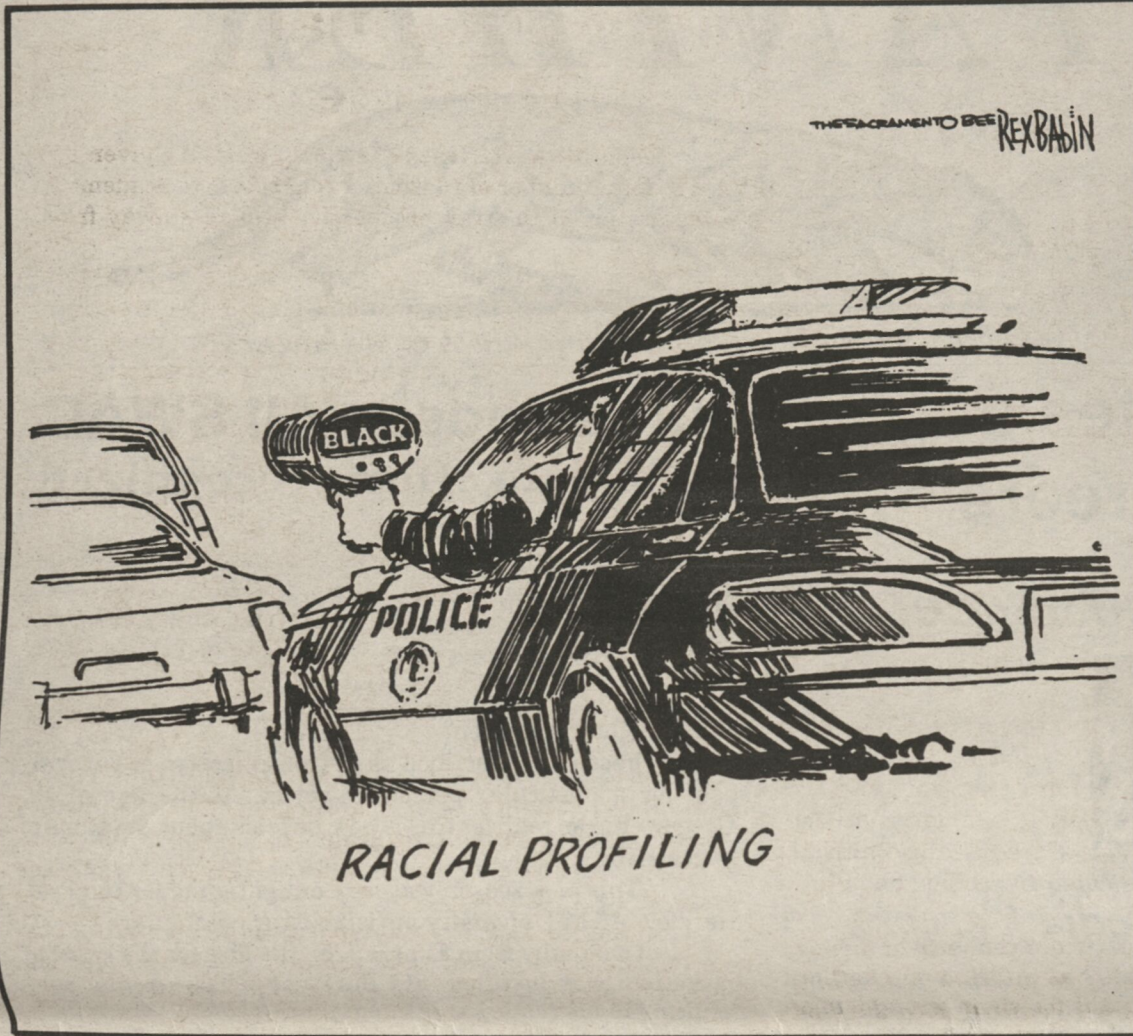
"I will use every aspect of the institution from the library to the professors to fill my brain with valuable data that will carry me successfully into the professional world. Once I reach this realm I will radiate positive impressions that reflect Prairie View and its staff.

"I declare myself a student who studies, rather than a student-worker, CAB member, writer for the Panther, cheerleader, band member, cameraman, or party goer.

"I must continue to remind myself each and everyday that I chose to attend Prairie View for its academics rather than its band, football team, housing or other minor aspects."

## Correction

In the letter to the editor titled SISS of the March 10 issue of the paper it states that the Sisters Only seminar was hosted by the Delta's and the Zeta's instead it was hosted by the AKA's and the Zeta's.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# The call has been made

Our Great-Grandparents knew struggle. We are a people whose land was invaded, homes raided, kidnapped from the African continent, raped, murdered, enslaved, brutalized, terrorized, forbidden to read, and forced into a way of living that was not of our own, and forced to work hundreds of years with no pay.

Our Grandparents knew struggle. We are a people who, after the institution of physical slavery as our ancestors knew it was eliminated, continued to suffer from attacks by programs such as COINTELPRO - the counter intelligence program under the FBI which sought to destroy Afrikan organization efforts with targets including the Black Panther Party and Martin Luther King Jr.

Our Parents know struggle. And we are people who continue to struggle today. Take for example some of the actions taken against Black people in the not so distant past: First in 1964, Congress passed a civil rights bill officially banning discrimination in housing, education, and employment, only to have it vetoed by president George Bush in 1990. Secondly in 1996, an investigative reporter alleged that the CIA played a major role in the introduction of powder and crack cocaine into the Black community.

Affirmative action is being dismantled and since then, black educational enrollment and acceptance at corresponding universities has decreased. The list goes on and on.

Reparations for Afrikans (Black People, African-Americans) are past due, and the National Association of Blacks for Reparations in America, NCOBRA, - an international coalition of organizations and individuals committed to black people's economic, cultural, intellectual, political, social, and spiritual empowerment - is dedicated to seeing that Black people receive reparations.

Reparations can best be described as payment or compensation in the form of money, land, or materials for damages that one person or a group of people has inflicted on another. Examples of reparations payments that the United States has paid for their wrongdoings against people include: \$1 billion and 44 million acres of land to Native Alaskans in 1971, \$105 million to the Sioux of South Dakota in 1985, and \$1.2 billion to Japanese Americans in 1990. So why have Afrikans in America, survivors of the enslavement Holocaust, not received reparations?

Every year since 1989, Michigan Congressman John Conyers has introduced a bill to establish a commission to study reparations for African Americans.

The bill, supported by many mainstream African American organizations, has gone nowhere, while other victims have received redress. In 1952, Germany began giving reparations to survivors of the Holocaust, totaling more than \$58 billion. In 1980, Canada compensated Japanese-Canadians \$230 million for World War II internment and gave its indigenous people land for past grievances.

In 1988, the Civil Liberties Acts provided an apology and \$20,000 a piece to Japanese Americans interred during World War II. Five American Indian nations were paid up to \$1 billion for stolen land and broken treaties. In 1976, Australia gave its indigenous Aborigines nearly 100,000 square miles of land in compensation for land taken by European settlements in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Recently, a few Afrikan people have moved forward in struggles for reparations. These people include the Black descendants of the survivors of the Rosewood, Florida race riots of 1923, in which \$7 million in reparations was won. Survivors of the 1921 Tulsa, Oklahoma race riots have yet to receive reparations.

"When the riots began, my friends and I went to get ambulances to both gather the dead and save lives. When the white men shot at us, we fled to the railroad and got on a train. When we returned, my family's home was gone and the Red Cross built tents for my mother and grandmother.

Those tents remained for more than two years. Insurance claims were turned down and no one helped to re-build our community. What they did was wrong. I'll never forget it," said 97-year-old Otis Clark, who was an 18-year-old student at the time the riots occurred.

These two groups of people represent a small fraction of our total population as Afrikan people. It is required that we do not settle for the compensation of a few, when we have yet to receive reparations as a whole, as a Nation of Afrikan people.

Everyday is REPARATIONS AWARENESS DAY, and everyday thereafter, all individuals and organizations on the campus of Prairie View A&M University, in the state of Texas, in the United States, and across the globe are challenged to incorporate the mention, discussion, and support of reparations for Afrikan people.

The call has been made. How many of you will answer? NCOBRA meets every Wed. at 5pm in room 104 of the Woolfolk (Political Science) building.

Sincerely  
Tony Browne

# Excuses stray many potential PVAMU students

People always criticize Prairie View A&M University, PVAMU, for a number of reasons. From sports to academics, excuses are given to stray prospective students away from Pantherland.

In a recent discussion with parents about PVAMU's successors, I came to the realization that I had no argument against them. I thought to myself this can't be true. Every school has that one prominent person if not several.

So with this curiosity I did a little research and came to the conclusion that the school slogan proves to be true. I found that one of our own Panther alumni, Roy G. Perry, serves as the Vice President of Dell Computer manufacturers in the country.

Nathelyne A. Kennedy who is an entrepreneur in the field of civil and structural engineers, Lois Moore who is the former CEO and President of the Harris County Hospital District, and the current mayor of the city of Prairie View, William M. Batts III, all attended PVAMU.

Not only are our Panther alumni succeeding in their fields of study but in the United States Navy one of the few black men to become Rear Admiral Mr. David L. Brewer holds the rank. All alumni who have graduated from PVAMU are defined to me as successful regardless of position or stature in life. I hope that students will continue to take advantage of the resources PVAMU has to offer.

If anyone feels the need to talk down on PVAMU, as true Panthers we should take pride in our school and enlighten the people who are ignorant about PVAMU.

Sincerely,  
Candace Johnson

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# Village bringing on new changes for student satisfaction

By CreshendalhWatkins  
Panther Staff  
and Kalyn L. Bullock  
News Editor

Every year during the spring semester, registration for the fall semester opens up for the University Village.

The heat is on for freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors who all want to reside in a "place to call their own." Many times not only are students concerned about gaining acceptance into the Village, but also getting the many luxuries that may come along with it.

The average rate sheet consists of various selections to choose from: two bedrooms with a kitchen; a four-bedroom kitchenette; or a four-bedroom with a full kitchen. Among the list, many students seem to much rather have a full kitchen in the apartment.

Well students will no



University Village I Clubhouse.

Photo courtesy of University Village

According to Williams, "the decision was made by the Village managers and Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) administrators based on the high demand for full kitchen apartments."

No significant change in electricity bills are expected due to having ovens and stoves. Also, the current \$25 that is allotted to the residents now will remain the same.

One of the complaints students have about their kitchen facilities in the University Village housing is that they trigger fire alarms unnecessarily.

"It's hard for me to sleep at night when the fire alarms goes off several times," said Jessica Hays a resident of the University Village.

longer have to hope for a full kitchen because according to Rocque Williams, general

manager of the University Village, a change is on the way. During the summer of

2000, all apartments with a kitchenette will be equipped with a stove and oven.

## NAACP back in full effect

By LaToya Moore  
Panther Staff

### Supporters push for campus chapter

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is a phrase many just know the name of, but its purpose and meaning is a stretch of the imagination for many youth today.

Many students do not know that in the 80s the NAACP was established on Prairie View A&M University's (PVAMU) campus. Its presence on campus was put on halt, but today it is returning to "The Hill."

The current Miss Prairie View, Sherissa Pittman, is reigning as the Chairman of the chapter. She has worked diligently to reactivate the chapter along with Co-Chair Erica Hughes. They plan to post signs to publicize and promote the next meeting.

The NAACP's objective is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority group citizens of the United States. NAACP is also recognized for its commitment to nonviolence resolutions and, through the press, petition, ballots and the courts, to make a change in society dealing with racial issues.

The NAACP founders were W.E.B. DuBois, Ida Wells-Barnett, Henry Moscowitz, Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison Villiard, and William English Walling.

There are branches covering all 50 states, including the District of Columbia, Japan and Germany. Its headquarters are in Baltimore, Md. Within the organization, there are over 450,000 members.

The NAACP's first major campaign was antilynching. The NAACP leaders have risked their own lives to conduct first hand investigation concerning racially motivated violence. Its focus shifted in the 30s to economic conditions produced by the Great Depression. Then during World War II, the NAACP wanted an end to discrimination and segregation in the armed services, while expanding employment opportunities. In 1948 the battle was won when President Harry Truman issued an executive order prohibiting racial discrimination in the federal service.

The NAACP has many stories of struggle for equality and peace.

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University of Houston Clear Lake

# There's a new sheriff in town

The ladies of the PLACE sweep annual dorm step-off, CΦC men receive first place

By Jo-Carolyn Goode  
Panther Staff

Once again the Zeta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. hosted its annual Dorm Step Off on March 22, 2000 at 7p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

The energized crowd was guided through the night's events by Ngina Stringer and Steven Burns.

Three groups took to the stage to put the boot down. The competitive acts were the C Phi C men, C Phi C ladies, and The Place ladies.

The show opened with a pre-comedy routine from the sorority's funny lady of comedy, Nicole "Why Come?" Davis, who had the audience in stitches and sent the master and mistress of

ceremonies to sew them up.

The C Phi C ladies took the stage first, dressed in green army fatigue, showing everyone the 90 degree angles the marching storm is known for.

The next act was by the brothers of C Phi C. A sea of darkness excited the audience with an entrance of a crew dressed in black and white under special effect lighting.

The guys took command of the stage and melted the ladies' hearts by throwing out pink roses during the performance.

Last but not least, were The Place ladies dressed as cowgirls alerting the crowd to watch out "there's a new sheriff in town."

These ladies let the audience know that books were first while in school and everything else follows.

The three acts had the crowd on its feet from start to finish.

The men's and the women's acts were judged separately, leaving the judges with a tough decision to make.

The judges consisted of eight Greek pan hellenic organizations who were step masters or a member of their organizations step team.



Before making a decision Klien Forest High School served as entertainment for the night.

The boys adorned in slippery wet pants and shiny blue shirts charged the stage.

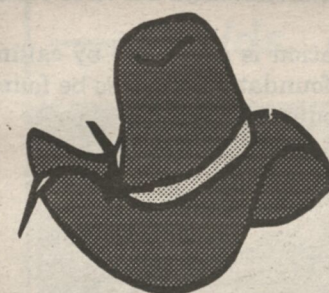
An attention getter introduction with the entrance of Chinese dragons had the audience going wild.

With their various formation changes, precision, and crowd appeal, they were a sure fire hit.

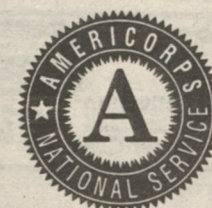
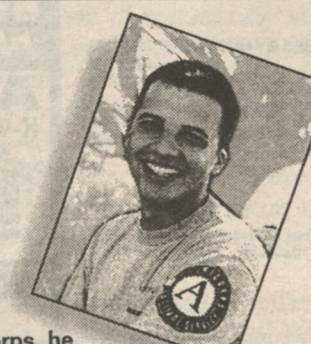
The calculations were complete and the C Phi C men walked away with first place. The girls were a totally different story.

Second place went to the C Phi C girls, and first place was awarded to The Place ladies.

All teams received a trophy and the winning teams received monetary awards.



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## Prairie View University Concert Chorale in Las Vegas, Nevada



Concert Chorale celebrates at Extravaganza.



Zechary Queen at the Vocal Extravaganza in Black in Las Vegas after winning the male vocalist solo.

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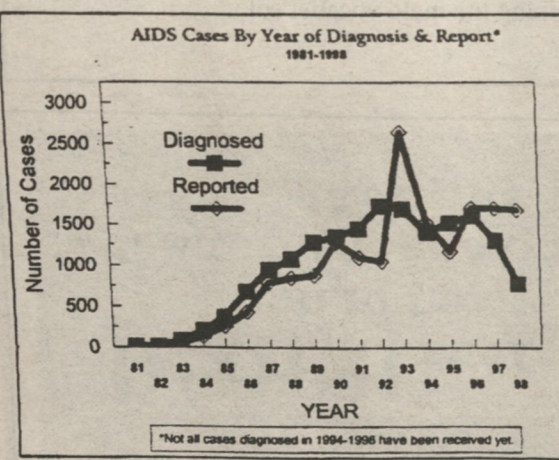
Brentwood projects provide assistance to Harris County Mobile clinics deliver medical, health professionals

The following information was provided by the Brentwood Community Foundation.

AIDS: Cumulative Summary of Houston/Harris Co. Cases Diagnosed & Reported Through 6/30/99

REPORTED AIDS CASES BY SEX, AGE AND RACE/ETHNICITY

Table with columns for Sex and Age at Diagnosis, White, Not Hispanic, Black, Not Hispanic, Hispanic, Other, and Total. Rows include Males, Females, and Both Sexes across various age groups and a total row.



3. REPORTED AIDS CASES BY RESIDENCE AT INITIAL DIAGNOSIS. Table with columns for City of Residence, Cases, and %.

4. REPORTED AIDS CASES BY MORTALITY STATUS. Table with columns for Mortality Status, Cases, and %.

Santee's Bowers Editor-in-Chief

The Brentwood Wellness Access Demonstration Project offers a mobile health clinic employed with qualified medical and fitness professionals to render healthful aid to underprivileged areas of Houston.

During 1999, the polyclinic furnished assistance to almost 1,090 persons in Harris County.

Chosen as one of HUD's Top 100 Projects in the United States, the Wellness Access Demonstration Project has been distinguished as "best practice in the field."

The Harris County Community Development Department funds the project.

Through Brentwood's community foundation project We're All In This Together, WAITT, financial assistance and supportive services are delivered, along with transitional housing and a food pantry. Project WAITT has assisted 1,725 clients.

The average age of the clients ranged from 24 to 55-years-old.

The project's intent is to refine assistance, employing a portable clinic, all while reducing obstacles that keep clients from receiving assistance.

The city of Houston Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids and Harris County Environmental Services funds project WAITT.

The development corporation is accessible by calling (713) 852-1452. The community foundation can also be found on the internet at www.brentwoodfoundation.org.

CAMPUS NEWS

Gender violence project underway on PVAMU campus Representatives attend sexual assault and technical program

By Sylvia Cedillo Special to the Panther

Four Prairie View A&M University campus representatives attended a sexual assault and other gender violence technical assistance program sponsored by the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CalCASA) on the campus of University of California-Davis.

Those attending included Gender Violence Prevention Director Sylvia Cedillo; Department of Student Activities and Leadership Director Brian Dickens; Student Judicial Services Director, Sanderson Woods; and Student Government Association Vice-President for Student Affairs, Stacy Roberson.

Among other topics, CalCASA's program addressed how to improve safety and change campus culture via mandatory orientation

programs, improved campus police training, and disciplinary proceedings.

OSAL Director Brian Dickens said, "The training was very enlightening and offered us an opportunity to take a look at gender violence issues that HBCUs historically have not addressed."

He added, "I believe this grant program gives Prairie View an opportunity to be a trailblazer for HBCUs across the country. I am committed to emphasizing the importance of student organization participation in the University's efforts to prevent all forms of gender violence."

CalCASA's technical assistance program is for re-

ipients of Grants to Combat Violent Crimes Against Women on Campuses from the U.S. Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Office (VAWO).

With VAWO funding of \$450,000

harassment. Out of 126 applicants, only 21 college campuses received grants.

Community partners include the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, Waller County District Attorney's Office, Waller County Court at Law Judge June Jackson, Houston Area Women's Center and local law enforcement agencies.

Among other entities, the University's coordinated efforts toward ending gender violence encompasses the directors within the Office of Student and Enrollment Services, all student organizations, Department of Public Safety, and Owens-Franklin Health Center.

Ronald Jones, Vice-President for Student Enrollment Services, will administer the grant.

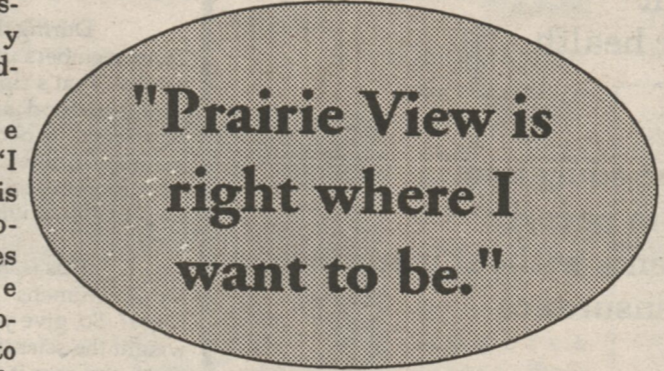
According to Jones, "This gender violence prevention project enables PVAMU to address an issue that challenges all universities—indeed, all of society."

Through our extensive collaborations and partnerships, PVAMU is at the forefront of making a positive difference in the lives of students and communities locally, nationally, and globally. Sylvia Cedillo, an attorney specializing in sexual harassment and violence in schools, will direct the new initiative.

Cedillo is a 1995 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin Law School and spent five years litigating school sexual violence, athletic equity, student privacy, and police misconduct cases at the Texas Civil Rights Project in Austin.

In addition, Cedillo directed a statewide sexual harassment and violence prevention initiative that provided training and technical assistance to school districts throughout the state.

According to Cedillo, "PVAMU is right where I want to be. The university is poised to create culturally relevant training materials and services that can be shared with other HBCUs to make campuses safer and improve student performance."



PVAMU opened its first gender violence prevention project in February 2000. The grant funds enable PVAMU to create a coordinated campus and community response to sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and sexual

Braids, Fades and Purple Kool-Aid®



Photo courtesy of Kacey Russell

Honor society encounters great achievements

Tri-Beta students at District Convention.

By Kacey Russell Special to the Panther

Founded in 1922, Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society (Tri-Beta) has been on the forefront of promoting scholarship, scientific research and scientific knowledge among students.

The Sigma Chi Chapter, located at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), is the only chapter on the campus of a historically black university.

The chapter has won many awards such as the Bertholf Award which recognizes the top chapter in the nation. Prairie View has won this prestigious award four

times, which is the most by any chapter in the nation.

Promotion of community service is an important aspect to Tri-Beta. Every year, Tri-Beta hosts an Organ Donor Awareness Program where it encourages people to become organ donors. Another project conducted by Tri-Beta is the Mentor-Mentee Program, which pairs up an upperclassman biology major with a freshman biology major.

Other activities hosted by Tri-Beta include: the Waller High School Project, Adopt-A-Family, and Campus Clean-up.

Tri-Beta has indeed established itself as a great organization. The Sigma Chi Chapter continues to prove itself as the top chapter in the nation by promoting scholarship and research as well as rendering service to the community.

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# Smiley does what's right in latest book, career

By Perry Kay  
Panther Staff

Tavis Smiley, the host of "BET Tonight with Tavis Smiley," a one-hour nightly talk show that reaches 55 million households, has interviewed everyone from Bill Clinton to Fidel Castro, Bill Cosby and Pope John Paul II.

In addition, Smiley's political and social commentary is heard daily on the "Tom Joyner Morning Show," a national radio program with a listenership of 7 million. Smiley's newsletter has a circulation of three to four million readers.

The author of "Hard Left and On Air" is one of the most celebrated newcasters and commentators in America.

Smiley has a new book out called, "Doing What's Right."

In the book, Smiley in an impassioned call to arms, sets forth the tools we can use to stand up for what we believe in and help transform our communities, our lives and our world.

He is not alone in pointing out that our neigh-

borhoods are unsafe, our communities are unraveling and our most basic values-civility, a sense of justice, integrity and responsibility-are under attack from the Oval Office to the corner office.

But we don't have to

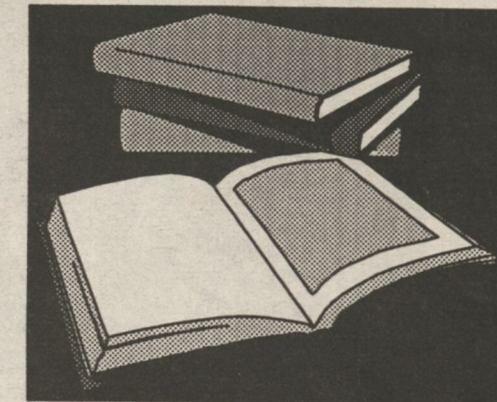
a plan to bring about the changes they feel necessary, people can make a difference.

In fact people can transform the world around us. Smiley knows where of he speaks.

It was his lifelong determination to make a difference that helped shape Smiley's career first as a member of former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley's staff helping to fight for the rights of South Central residents and later in radio and television.

He has long been known as a powerful advocate of social and political issues.

Through his award-winning nightly television show and radio commentaries, Smiley has helped to galvanize public opinion and initiate national grassroots campaigns on everything from corporate responsibility to an improved voter turnout.



put up with a world gone awry, claims Smiley.

We don't need to play the blame game. We are not helpless nor victims.

In "Doing What's Right", Smiley shows how each and every person can take up arms against complacency and fight for the causes in which they believe.

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The Panther asks, "Do you know who invented every day things like a mop or the mailbox?" If not, you may not know that many things that you use everyday and take for granted were invented by African-Americans.

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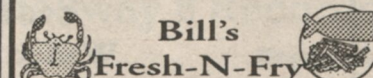
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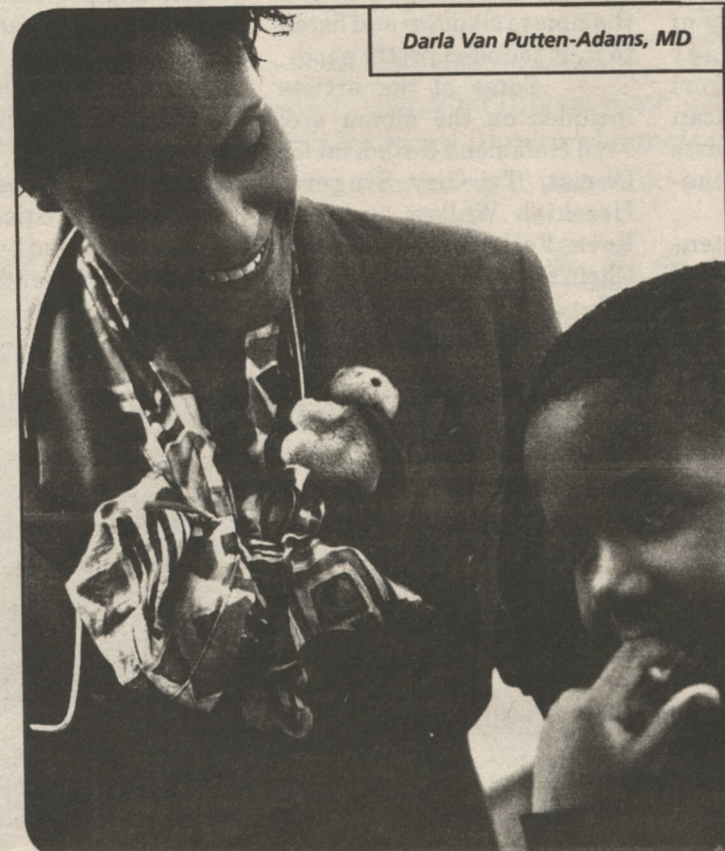
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# Too much 'Drama', not enough music

Drama brings little to the table, but scraps and leftovers

Following the pattern and rap styles of DMX, Mystikal and Ja Rule, Drama hits the scene with his new album *Causin' Drama*. This release, which comes via Atlantic Records, includes the smash hit "Left, Right, Left."

This catchy song is currently ranked number four on the Down South's Top Ten singles. And I'm pretty sure that most of us can be caught singing our own version at one time or another.

For those of you who like to ride around while listening to tight beats, *Causin' Drama* is full of slammin' instrumentals for you to bang while you're beatin' down the block. But if you're in search of the ultimate lyrical genius, keep looking. Drama could definitely take a few lessons from the Notorious one or 2Pac.

Although it contains 11 tracks - nine songs and two interludes to be exact - the entire CD is less than 36 minutes in length.

Ever since 2Pac released "Dear Mama" a popular trend among R&B and rap artists is to include a track about the most important person in their lives - their mother.

Drama is no exception with his song entitled "Mama, Mama." I must admit that after listening to this album in its entirety, the only person who could possibly be appreciative of Drama's lyrics is probably his mother. His flow is weak and in serious need of a make-over.

My advice to all - dub the good songs off of the radio. Why pay \$13 for nine songs when you can get it burned for \$7. The album is missing that certain something that makes a CD good, like talent. Drama is sure to be a one hit wonder.

By Jarrod Franklin

Panther Staff

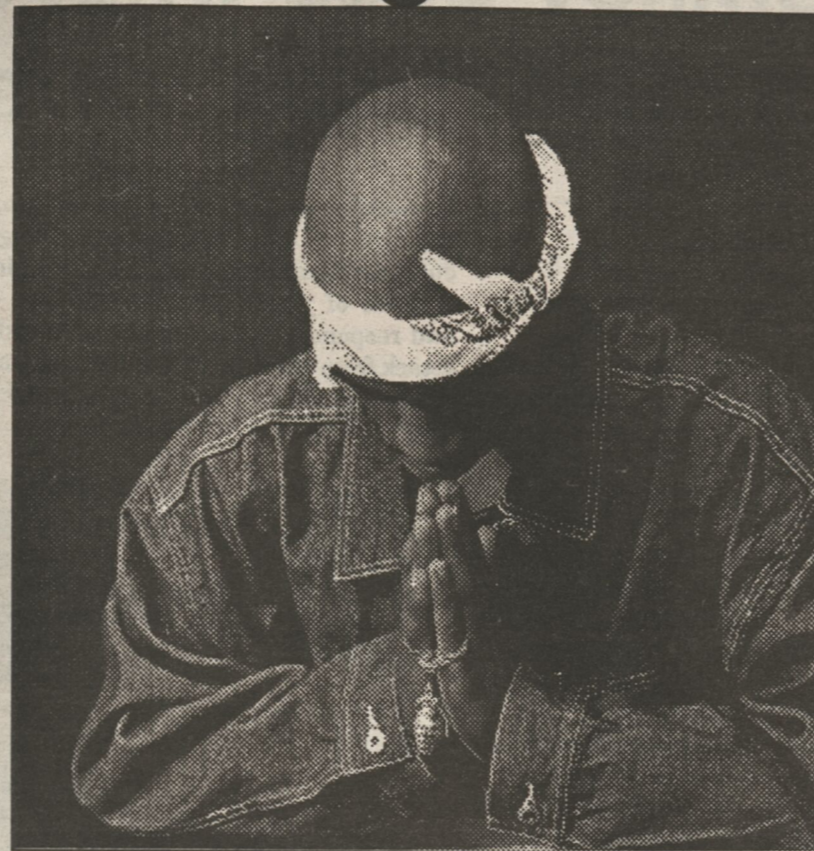


photo courtesy of Atlantic Records

Latest Atlantic Records artist, Drama.

# 'WOW Gospel 2000' enhances spirituality through song

Once again Zomba with another star CD. It all started with *Wow Gospel 1998*, then *Wow Gospel 1999*, but now they have produced *Wow Gospel 2000*.

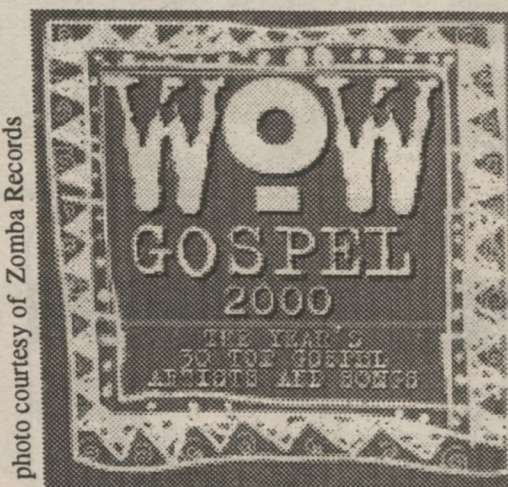


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These double disc CDs are a compilation of contemporary gospel songs from various African American artists across the country.

After listening to the previous year's CDs, I am 80 percent satisfied with it.

Unlike *Wow Gospel 1998*, *Gospel 2000* does not have very many familiar songs, therefore it is not so interesting to listening to in the beginning.

But, after just taking the time to sit down and listen to it, it sounded pretty good.

Some of the artists included on the album are: Fred Hammond & Radical for Christ, Tri-City Singers, Hezekiah Walker and The Love Fellowship Crusade Choir and many more.

Among these artists, Fred Hammond has always been an all-time favorite and on the album he performs a remix of "Jesus is All", from his *Pages of Life* CD.

Hammond is said to be one of gospel music's most prolific and profound artists, and Jesus is All clearly proves this.

The goal of New Direction's album is to attract young people across the world to help them increase their faith in God.

By listening to "Lighthouse" music lover's can truly uplifted.

The rhythm of the song is one that can attract all audiences because it has a rhythm and blues beat to it.

A song titled "Lighthouse," performed by New Direction, shows that this group is full of energy and introduces a new flavor to contemporary gospel music that caught anyone's attention.

The plot takes us to Hong Kong where the character Han, played by Jet Li, finds out his brother was killed and seeks revenge for his death.

Once he reaches California he runs into Aaliyah, and it is love at first sight. The only problem is that they are both from rival families and this isn't going to fair too well with either side.

Throughout the film Li battles for the love of Aaliyah while trying to figure out his family problems and put an end to all of the hate between the two families.

If you like action then this is a must see movie. However if you're looking for Academy Award performances, then you better stop by and see *Hurricane* on the way out.

I hope Hollywood thinks again before it tries to mix too many non-actors in the same movie. This was supposed to be a modern version of Romeo and Juliet, but I prefer the original.

By Lance Berry

Panther Staff

Have you ever been chillin' on the yard talking about music with your friends when you suddenly realized that you haven't heard anything from your favorite artist in years? Or maybe you've been in your room flipping channels on the tube when you run across an old episode of *Good Times* and wonder where are these people? So, we were wondering if you could help us figure out...

By Kalyn Bullock

News Editor

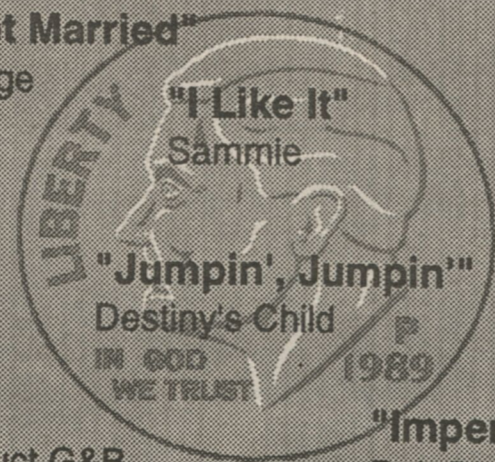
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"It's So Hard"  
Big Pun f/  
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# 'Romeo Must Die' is dead

## Film buries action packed script in cast of bad actors

After being one of the most anticipated movies of the year, *Romeo Must Die* finally hit the big screen on March 22. Sadly, it proved to be one of the most overrated movies of the year. All of the hoopla surrounding this seemed only good for advertisement.

The cast which stars R&B singer Aaliyah, Jet Li of *Lethal Weapon 4*, and DMX was very poor. DMX, who played the role of a night club owner named Silky only appeared in two scenes of the movie. The movie was hyped around his name, yet his role was limited to a few minutes.

This was also the first time that Aaliyah would showcase her acting talents to the world. She showed the world that if she plans on eating in the future, she better start on another album because her acting was very sour.

The only bright spot I could see was the superb action moves of Jet Li. Li, who displayed his talents on the movie *Lethal Weapon 4*, showed why he is one of the best martial artists around. As one reporter put it, "he is a one man Matrix." His high flying kicks and magical punches are sure to have you gasping for more, but that's all.

Li tries to get into the urban groove and show his hip side when trying to dance, but he succeeds only in making a fool of himself. If it were not for the special effects, I would proclaim that this movie was the worst I've ever seen.

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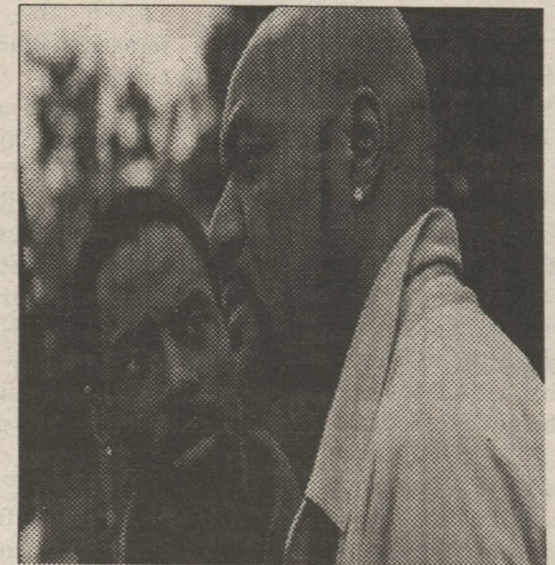


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By Lance Berry

Panther Staff

# 20 Questions

1. If there is a state law prohibiting smoking in campus buildings, who is that smoking by the TV station in Hilliard Hall?
2. Has Brandy abandoned her dwindling singing career for a failing acting career?
3. And why is there a Brandy Barbie doll?
4. Is Lil' Darryl coming for Spring Fest?
5. Who's faster: Michael Johnson or University Village construction workers?
6. Where are they going to put the new ovens in Phase I and Phase II?
7. Who do you know that is an agriculture major?
8. Why did they pump up DMX in *Romeo Must Die* and he's only in it for 20 minutes?
9. Why would you spend big money at Abercrombie & Fitch on clothes that look as old as your parents?
10. Do people who get tattoos in obscure places wonder what they will look like when they get old?
11. When will D'Angelo release a new single?
12. Why are the same people in the Panther Lounge daily?
13. Do they have classes?
14. Why don't the Kappas like the KKIs?
15. Why is everyone coming out with their own clothing line?
16. Why does Dr. Berry misdiagnose everyone?
17. Do you have to be a Sigma or a Kappa to work in Drew Hall?
18. Since they never answer the phone at the police station and you can't just dial 911 for an emergency, what are you supposed to do?
19. Why doesn't the track team have a field events coach?
20. What do you think?

We want to know what you think. Please submit any questions you may have to The Panther, Rm. 114 in the MSC. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

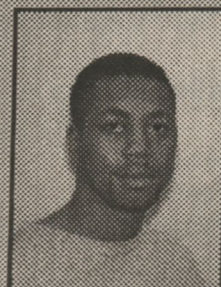
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SPORTS NEWS

# The future of the SWAC tournament



By Ryan McGinty  
Sports Editor

After attending the annual SWAC men's and women's basketball tournament a few weeks ago, it looks like the tournament has finally found a home in the city of Biloxi, Miss.

If you know the history of the SWAC tournament, it has been disappointing to say the least. The tournament has experienced years of half empty arenas in cities that do not have a strong SWAC fanbase. Without that strong fanbase to rely on, the tournament has struggled to stay afloat financially.

After this year's tournament, the trend appears to be changing for the better. Biloxi has given the tournament the shot in the arm it has needed since its inception. In addition to great basketball action and beach scenery, the activities surrounding the tournament have helped establish a great foundation for future tournaments in the city.

When the tournament rotated between Texas, Louisiana and Alabama a few years ago, there was nothing to do for the average tourist once the games ceased for the night. The tourist would have to find an activity in places they were not familiar with.

That is not the case in Biloxi. Once the games ended, I noticed a steady stream of fans making their way to the casinos on a nightly basis, hoping to leave a few dollars richer.

Another problem that plagued the tournament in the past was the location of the games. Again, that was not a problem in Biloxi because the coliseum was centrally located. Within a 15-mile span, there were numerous hotels, restaurants, a beautiful beachfront and every type of casino one can imagine.

The only negative I could find at the tournament was that several restaurants closed earlier than I expected and there were no souvenirs present for the public. Besides that, everything else was smooth.

There were a significant number of fans from almost all of the SWAC schools with the exception of Prairie View and Alabama State. It seemed that the teams with the most fans ended up winning the tournament this year, (Jackson State men and Alcorn women) by feeding off of the crowd and using it to their advantage.

For example, the Grambling State women had a team many claimed was a lock to win the tournament. After five minutes of play support from their crowd, the Alcorn State Lady Braves defeated Grambling with little trouble.

The men's championship game had the same results. Trailing by 14 points at halftime to Southern, Jackson State rallied their fans by hitting their first few shots in the second half and ended running away with the title.

I hope the SWAC and the city of Biloxi work together to make the tournament bigger and better in the upcoming years. Strong support is what makes the conference stand out from among the rest.

# PVU basketball team ends season on strong note

## The future of Panther basketball looks bright

By Ryan McGinty  
Sports Editor

The future looks bright as men's and women's basketball teams finished their season on a positive note.

Even though the win column did not reflect it this year, the men's and women's basketball teams have a very bright future ahead of them.

Both teams got off to slow starts early in the season but as the season progressed, they improved to the point where they made other teams start concentrating on them instead of overlooking them.

The women ended their campaign on a very strong note. They defeated Alabama State in the first round of the SWAC tournament and lost to eventual champion Alcorn State in a hard fought second round game.

In addition, freshman forward Tanisha Lee was named to the All-SWAC rookie team in the process.

The Lady Panthers return a strong nucleus next year and look to be a major

force in the race for the SWAC title.

The success they experienced this year should lead to a strong recruiting class that will put the Lady Panthers over the hump.

Like the women, the men's season consisted of a lot of ups and downs. They got off to a very slow start but rebounded nicely during conference play and made some noise.

The Panther's season ended in the first round of the SWAC tournament with a one-point loss to Southern University.

The future looks very bright for the men's team also. They will lose the inside presence and veteran leadership of Aron Thompson but will replace him with 6-8 sophomores Ivan Coulter and Reginald Walton. Both of these guys will be counted on to provide strong inside play and provide the team with the inside muscle needed to win games.

Freshman 6-10 center Roderick Riley started off raw early on in the season, but as it progressed, he became the inside presence the

Panthers hoped for when he arrived on campus. The development of Riley will ease the loss of Thompson significantly.

If the Panthers can recruit a few more big and tall bodies to complement Riley, it will become interesting.

The backcourt of the Panthers should become the team's strong point next year. First team all-SWAC guard Greg Burks will return along with starter Sadat Montgomery along with key reserves Xavier Lee and Kevin Jones.

An experienced backcourt will be the key for the team next season. Another strong recruiting class and the arrival of several key transfers should put the Panthers in the same position as the 1998 championship team.

The 2000-2001 season should become the year of the Panther for both men's and women's teams, which will have the experience necessary to position themselves for a SWAC title. They should start sizing up their ring sizes right now.



Correctly name the Men's NCAA Champion, the #1 seed going into the tournament and the final four to enter a drawing to receive NCAA Final Four 2000 for the Sony Playstation

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SPORTS NEWS

# Spring sports update

By Ryan McGinty and Lance Berry  
Panther Staff

This past weekend, Panther athletic teams took on top flight competition and represented themselves well.

The men's and women's track team participated in the annual Texas Southern relays, which features top track athletes from all around the country.

The men's track team fared very well last weekend and placed in several events.

Team members who placed in the top three of their events were Conor Marsh (5,000 meter run), Ron Nelson (high jump), Antwan McKinney (shot put), Tony Austin (triple jump), David Ward (discus) and Donte Gates (discus).

The men's 4x800 meter relay team placed third in its race while the men's 800 meter sprint medley team placed third in its race. The men's distance medley team also placed third in its event.

The top performers for the women's team were Ashley Thompson (long and triple jump), Charmaine Gibson (shot put, javelin and discus) and Nicole Cottmon (hurdles). In addition, the women's 4x100 meter relay team and 4x200 meter relay team placed fifth and fourth in their heats respectively.

Also last weekend, the men's baseball team dropped four conference games against Southern University.

The losses dropped Prairie View to 4-10 in the SWAC's Western Division.

## Sports Spotlight ChiQuia "ChiChi" Roberson

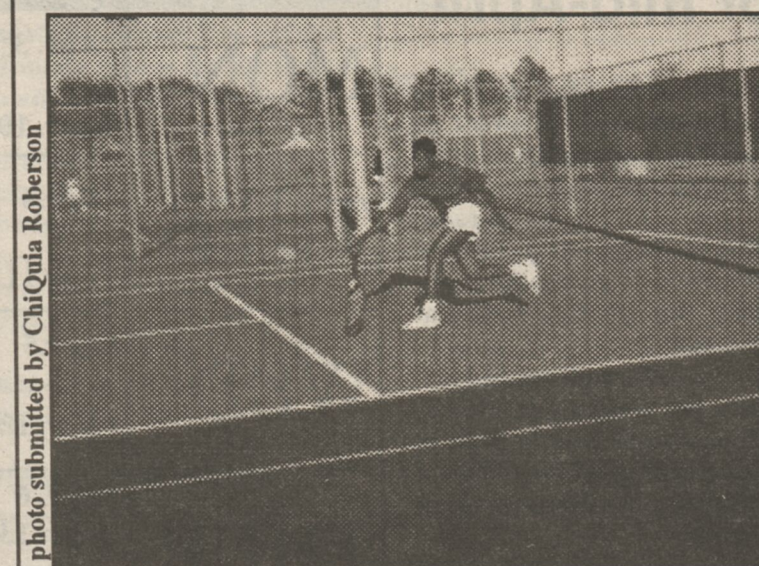


photo submitted by ChiQuia Roberson

Age: 21

Hometown: Oklahoma City, OK

Fantasy Dinner: Denzel Washington Althea Gibson Pete Sampras

Favorite Movie: Neverending Story

Favorite Food: Popcorn

Major: Sociology

"He who has spiritual strength has physical strength in hardships and emotional strength in relationships" - Roberson

## Upcoming PVU Sporting Events

### Baseball

- April 1-2 TSU (DH) 12 p.m.
- April 5 at Huston-Tillotson (DH) 12 p.m.
- April 8-9 at Arkansas - Pine Bluff

### Softball

- March 31 Grambling (DH) 12 p.m.
- April 4 Sam Houston (DH) 5 p.m.
- April 8-9 Arkansas- Pine Bluff (DH) 11 a.m.

### Track

- April 1 Prairie View Relays
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Prairie View, Texas

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The Scholarship Pageant will allow participants to

showcase their talents, choice of formal and swimwear as well as answer traditional impromptu questions.

Letrice Dickerson, Lance Berry and Tiffany Woods will guide the audience through the 'Celestial Fantasy'.

All students and faculty are welcome to attend. The cost is \$2 and the event is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Leadership.

**BSM hits the road**

Prairie View, Texas

The Baptist Student Movement of Prairie View A&M University will attend the annual Baptist Student Union Retreat in Atlanta, Georgia.

The retreat which unites collegiate choirs from across the country will begin Thurs., March 30 and end Sun, April 2.

PVAMU's choir received 2nd place in last year's competition.

**CAMPUS NEWS**

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

<b>MON</b>	*Apr. 3 ΔΣΘ "Political Seminar" - H. Science, 6:30pm CDE "Reasons To Dance" - Recital Hall, 7:30pm *Apr. 10 ΓΦΔ Panel Discussion - Chapel, 5pm
<b>TUES</b>	*Apr. 4 EΠI Web Design Seminar - Eng. Complex 6pm CAB Movie Night "The Best Man" - Recital Hall 7pm *Apr. 11 SGA general meeting - Administrative. Aud. 7pm
<b>WED</b>	*Apr. 5 ΔΣΘ "Greek Olympics" - Blackshear 6pm ΣΓΡ "Looking Like A Lady" - Chapel 7pm *Apr. 12 Miss Prairie View Scholarship Pageant - Dome 8pm
<b>THUR</b>	*Apr. 6 Club Flava Fashion Show - Ballroom 5pm *Apr. 13 ΦΒΣ "How to Interview" - Public Events - 7:14pm ISO "Too Hot to Handle" - Ballroom - 9pm SGA Elections - Alumni
<b>FRI</b>	*Mar. 31 Σ Rhomeo "Rated PJ" - W. Wing Alumni 9:24pm
<b>SAT</b>	*April 1 ΩΨΦ "Meet the Candidates" - Owens Road 1:30pm

**PV Relays**

**Blackshear Field**

**SCHOLARSHIP AND INTERNSHIP INFORMATION**

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**National Institute of Health (NIH):** The NIH is the nation's premiere biomedical research institution that offers an innovative program to support career development.

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For more information contact Alfred C. Johnson,

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Women's Foundation, 2012 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., 20036. (202) 293-1200 [www.bpwusa.org](http://www.bpwusa.org)  
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For more information contact: Director of Scholarships, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, PO Box 12788, Capital Station, Austin, TX 78711.

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Ordering takeout rather than dining in, you save the 'tip' money that can be used for other activities.

**COMIC RELIEF**

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Panel members for the seminars included employees of the Houston Chronicle, Sykes Communications, KTRK and KHTV television stations, both in Houston and KXXV in Waco. There was also a seminar about college radio that included both Texas Southern University and Prairie View A&M University personalities.

The guest speaker for the luncheon was Clarence Waldron, feature editor for JET Magazine in Chicago.

Burks from page 1

He said the encouragement inspires him. For instance, in a tournament in Hawaii, PVAMU's men team did very well, resulting in a victory over Tennessee State.

After the game, Burks received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Due to his hard work ethic, he said he embraces admiration wholeheartedly.

Burks said he is concerned with team improvement also as opposed to simply individualism.

The native of Michigan expressed with emphasis the importance of teamwork.

"Individual achievements are impressive, but the ultimate goal is for the team to win the SWAC," Burks said.

Burks has had many favorable achievements, realizing that he is first a student, then an athlete. With the guidance and support of his father, he is able to balance all of his endeavors.

Being the competitor that he is, Burks is ready to begin the next season.

With the addition of two more players, Burks said

the PVAMU men's team should have a good opportunity to claim the SWAC championship.

Mr. PV from page 1

represent Prairie View A&M, and many alumni and students were concerned that this would cause a problem. It did not and Barajas remained a favorable choice.

Just over a month before the event there was no one to take the throne from Wayne D. Johnson II, Mr. PVAMU 1998-99, who received the crown from Eric D.

Johnson earlier that year. Controversy has taunted this year's pageant due to new rules and guidelines which clouded the minds of interested applicants who were not exactly sure if the requirements included a 3.0 grade point average.

Also the pageant was originally scheduled for March 23, but due to a lack of interested candidates a new date has yet to be set.

Before the final contestants were added, pageant producers had considered adding the contestant's names to a SGA ballot.

**Panther Comics**

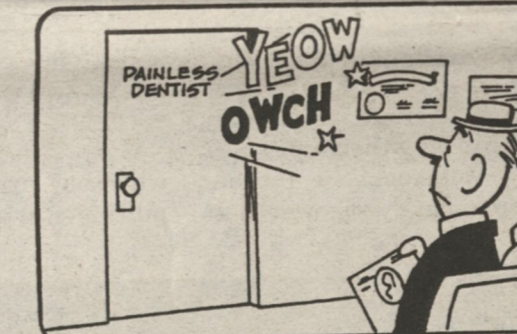


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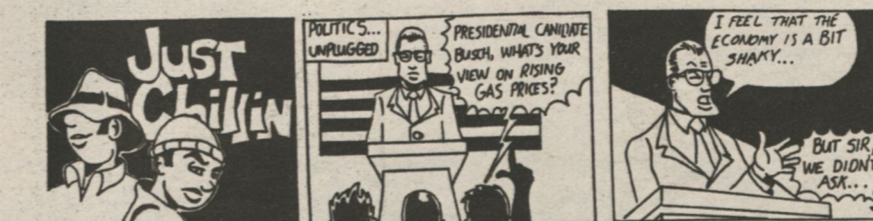
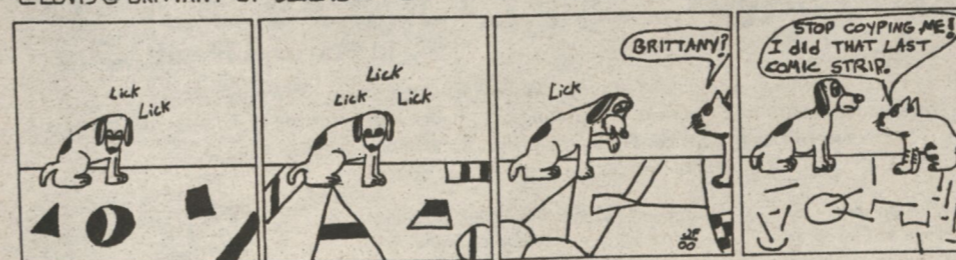
**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Doorknob is moved. 2. Door is narrower. 3. The is removed. 4. Glasses are removed. 5. Diploma is different. 6. Magazine is smaller.



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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- Custom van
- Economy
- Fastback
- Four-door Hardtop
- Jeep
- Limo
- Minivan
- Motor home
- Pickup
- Sedan
- Sports car
- SUV
- Wagon

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THE FINAL WORD

# Guest Commentary

## Student takes stand against privatized housing

**Keitrick Williams**  
Panther Staff

If I remember correctly most of the students on this campus don't have a job, so why is the University Village raising all the prices?

I truly understand the concept of inflation, but like Black Rob would say WHOA!

To reside here you must be a full-time employee as well as a full-time student to live on campus. So basically we need to work just to pay for housing, right?

And from what I understand within the next five-years there basically will not be any dorms, so I will have no other alternatives from the Village.

I'm better off living in Waller or Hempstead. There I can pay once a month and I won't have to worry about the rising costs.

If the prices do happen to rise, well basically I can just move. It looks to me as if the American Campus, the mother company of the University Village, University Village North and the yet to be introduced 'freshmen only' University College has this campus sewed up.

They have us in a place that we cannot get out of regardless. If we like the luxury of walking to class, alumni, PV Suds and all other

campus attractions, then we might as well just pay the \$150 deposit and grab an extra summer job to help pay the inflated costs.

Why are we getting treated differently from other campuses? I have heard that there is housing similar to Prairie View's University Village at UT Arlington and they have the works.

They have everything: a swimming pool, a volleyball court and a basketball court.

Where is our volleyball court anyway? Does anyone play games? We don't have a pool and I bet we have rocks on our court.

Are other universities paying between \$300 and \$450 a month on their campus? Or are they paying less? Is it more, but they receive more options? Do they worry about rats having parties in their room while they are gone? Do they see roaches when they cut the lights on? Do their maintenance men fill maintenance requests whenever they that it is absolutely necessary?

I need to talk to the head man because they have lost their minds with these outrageous prices. The apart-

build Phase III and I'm not surprised that they are falling down.

I have heard that they built Phase I and Phase II faster than that, and it is falling apart as we speak.

Last week I passed by a room that was missing a door. Then I was tackled by a gang of roaches. It may have been because they had just exterminated. But probably not because they probably didn't make it that far.

A bedroom door is falling apart when one of my friends knocks on it, closet doors are coming off their hinges when I push them,

and my sink just got fixed last week. It's not looking good at all.

I would like to know why they are talking about putting stoves into the kitch-

nette and giving us a meal plan at the same time? Think about it, if we have a full kitchen why would we want to go to "Slumni?" We can cook or have someone else cook for us to prevent a waste of money that we don't have.

Most of the time students going to "Jack in the Crack" because they want something good, not something hard to swallow or hard to decipher.

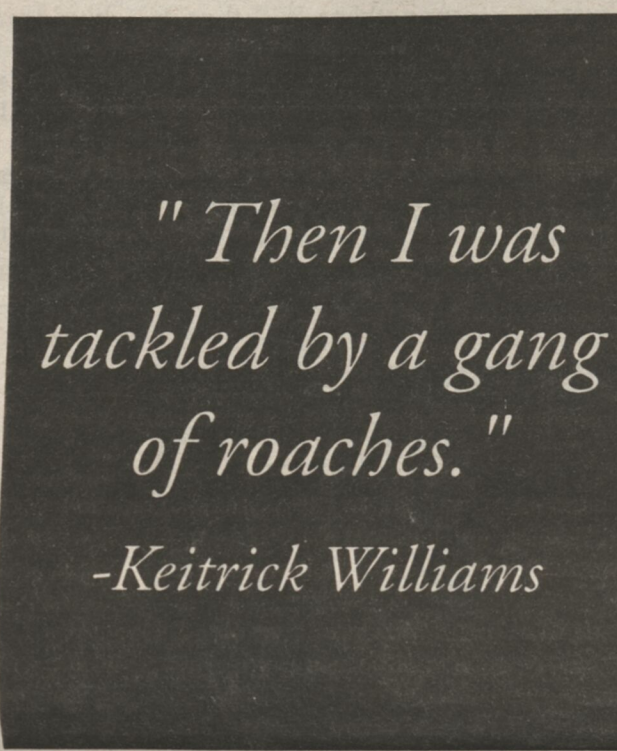
We need to have a meeting and talk to each other. Last year we had those nice sized cups in Alumni, now we walk around with these kids cups taking two or three trips to quench our thirst.

Isn't our money green like their money or is it because of the high percentage of melanin in our skin?

It shouldn't even be an issue of the color of our skin.

I think whoever is in control needs to come out now and tell us why everything is going up, and not hide behind the President of the school or a sheet of recycled paper like a punk.

The village needs to be real with us and stop having us run around in circles.



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