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THE PANTHER



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Homecoming '98: Takes 'it to a higher level' through history, future

By Kesha C. Jones and Tameka Robinson
Panther Staff

Homecoming 1998 for Prairie View A & M University (PVAMU) started off with recent reminders of the media blitz surrounding the success of the football team and the backlash against the Marching Storm.

Those events peaked the interest of everyone, which may have contributed to the large crowds at each homecoming event, bringing together alumni and students who had no problems displaying that well-known Panther Pride. The theme for Homecoming '98 was "A Rich History And A Preeminent Future: Taking It To A Higher Level."

One of the first signs of PVAMU's homecoming tradition was the annual King & Queen Coronation Ball. The King, Wayne D. Johnson II, and the Queen, Lum Awah Atang, were presented with gifts from their outer court and took part in a pinning ceremony. The ball also included entertainment from PVAMU's Classic Dance Ensemble and other performers.

PVAMU also celebrated some firsts. The ground-breaking ceremony

for Alumni Park took place during homecoming week. During the ceremony the design of the bricks that will contain the name of alumni and students was presented. After the ground-breaking ceremony, the day continued with the Student Park ribbon cutting ceremony.

The real highlight of homecoming '98 began with the the Comedy Explosion/Concert. The comedy show featured comedians Hope Flood, Faizon Love, and headliner

"Bang, Bang, Bang" man, John Witherspoon.

First up was comedian Hope Flood, who has made numerous appearances on BET's Comic View in her 10 years of experience. A native of Englewood, Calif., Flood plans to expand her talent with a magazine called Comedy 2000 and a girl's club to be named Nickel of Hope.

With 15 years of comedic experience behind his belt, Faizon Love was next to tickle the audience. Love has

appeared in several television shows, including BET's Comic View, Def Comedy Jam, and the Parent Hood, and he is best known as "Big Worm" when he made a debut the film *Friday*.

Last but not least, was funny man John Witherspoon, striking the crowd with his vivid and multi-colored clothing. Witherspoon has been a comedian for 25 years and says the cash motivates him. When asked about his famous line "Bang, Bang, Bang" he said,

"I've been saying 'Bang, Bang, Bang', and 'You got to coordinate' since I was a kid, because I used to dress real sharp."

The R & B group Public Announcement was there to set the mood right for all of the ladies.

Homecoming '98 was closed out with the "Explosion on the Hill" Stepshow/Party. Members from both non-Greek and Greek organizations competed, but at the top of the heap were the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and the men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. who both received a prize of \$800 each and a trophy, as first place winners.

The party was kicked off by a special appearance from the group "Magical Sol Brothers" who are PVAMU alumni. Unfortunately, due to vandalism, the party was cut short to ensure the safety of others.

All in all Homecoming '98 carried a sense of pride for both the alumni and current students. The theme "A Rich History and a Preeminent Future: Taking It To A Higher Level" was a perfect description of PVAMU and the many wonders of this institution that have yet to be celebrated.



photo by Glenn A. Russell

Students celebrate the premature death of the Alcorn State University football team in a mock funeral in front of the Memorial Student Center during the week of Homecoming.

Athletic suspension lifted pending further investigation

By Nikkia Sams
Panther Staff

After one day of being suspended from athletic conference competition, all Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) athletes were allowed to participate in games until further investigation by Southern Western Athletic Conference (SWAC).

Following the fight between the PVAMU and Southern bands, both groups were restricted from marching for two games which included the Cotton Bowl Classic in Dallas, Texas.

By marching in the Dallas game, PVAMU allegedly violated the

terms of the suspension.

The PVAMU Marching Storm argued that a \$80,000 contract to which they were bound was at stake. If the suspension had continued then scholarships, school enrollment and financial factors would have been affected.

Al Limpscomb, the creator of the Cotton Bowl Classic and John Wiley of the Dallas Chapter of the NAACP, supported the PVAMU administration and students on Dallas radio stations by offering their firm support in the matter.

During Homecoming activities, the Marching Storm made the decision not to march even though suspensions had been lifted. They were taking precautions until all situations had been cleared.

VIEWPOINTS

Separate but equal

PV facilities substandard in A&M system

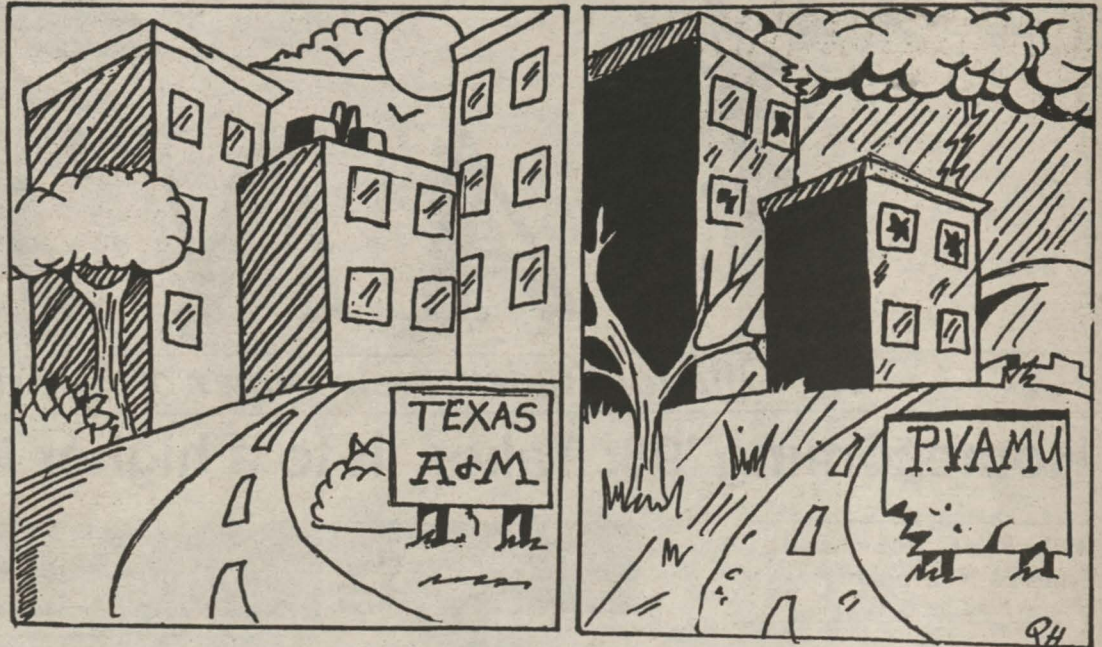
By Tina M. Ellis
Copy Editor

If you were to travel a few miles to College Station and visit the campus of Texas A&M University, you would see an institution of mass learning. The campus holds a variety of ethnic backgrounds.

Under the Morrill Land Growth Act written in the Texas Constitution, Texas was to establish an agricultural and mechanical college with separate but equal facilities for white and black children.

With this act and other legislation, Prairie View

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Students, faculty pulling together in times of need

By Tiara M. Ellis
Editor-in-Chief

In times of need, families pull together to overcome whatever obstacle that is set before them. It is at that time that all negativity is put aside for the good of the single purpose of accomplishment.

With last week's suspension of all Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) athletics, the student body, alumni, and administration pulled together to fight for the entire athletic department.

The day following the suspension, petitions were circulating around campus and the alumni were making phone calls to New Orleans where the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) is based.

blew in the direction of PVAMU, everyone began working to rectify the situation.

Never did the student body think to simply accept the standards set by the commissioner of SWAC.

I don't know if this "never-say-die" attitude came from dealing with life at PVAMU or if we are just so strong inside.

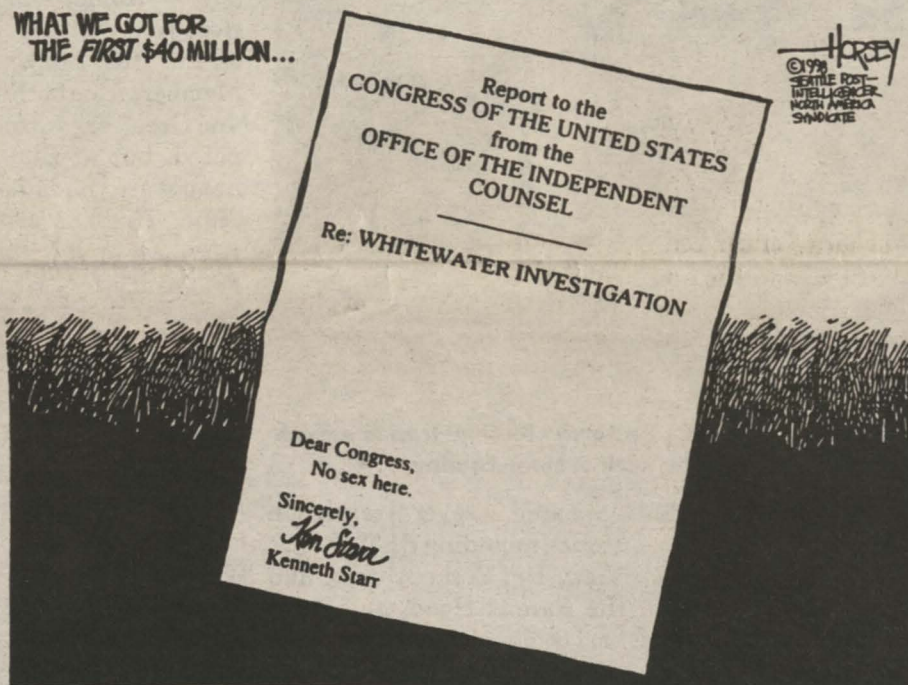
Regardless of the reason, we were there for one another when no one else would be.

Even people who were in no way affiliated with PVAMU were fighting for our right to compete in athletic competition.

In Dallas, the Tom Joyner Morning Show fol-

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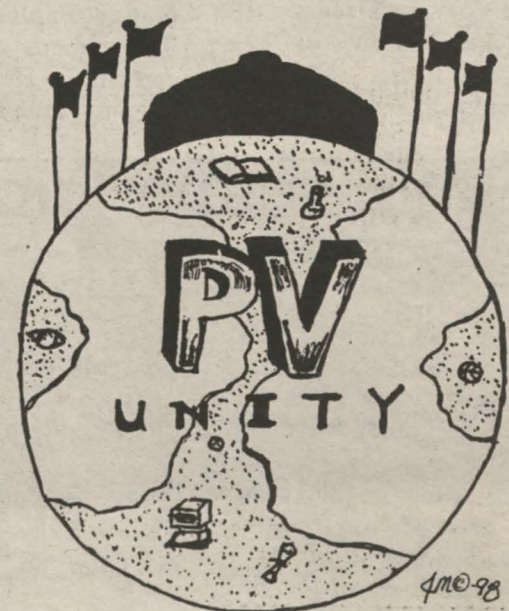
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VIEWPOINTS

Commentary

Who's really on top?

By Tiara M. Ellis
Editor-in-Chief

I know everyone is tired of hearing about Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky.

The Panther has proudly not exploited the issue, but people have actually asked me why we don't write about this situation.

The national media exploits Clinton and his situation to the point where there is nothing left to say.

No matter what Clinton did, Lewinsky got a lot out of their relationship.

Today, she can go to anyone with her story and make millions of dollars.

We discuss the crimes Clinton has committed and leave her to be an innocent victim in the whole matter.

Yet, Lewinsky is as guilty of adultery, sexual harassment, and lying as our President.

When does she go on trial?

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lowed the unfolding of the events from, the battle of the bands to the suspension of PVAMU athletic programs through PVAMU Professor George Edwards on Oct. 2. During this interview Edwards discussed the incident between the PVAMU and Southern bands two weeks earlier.

In a later show, Joyner announced the SWAC commissioner Rudy Washington's phone and fax numbers. He implored his listeners to call the commissioner and express their feelings of unrest or approval, as applicable.

His actions showed that the stronger and more support we show toward one another, the more others will want to assist

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Agricultural and Mechanical College for Colored Youth, was established.

According to the Morrill Land Grant Act, impartial provisions were to be made for both ethnic groups. However, when both schools were created, they were indeed separate, but no where near equal. Now, even after the Jim Crow laws were deemed unconstitutional, Texas A&M University (TAMU) and Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) are worlds apart.

Under the charter of Texas A&M schools, all institutions of learning are supposed to have equal facilities. PVAMU clearly does not.

TAMU is more advanced than PVAMU. They have a more advanced computer system and an on-line registration process.

TAMU has considered changing the name of our fine university to Texas A&M at Prairie View. Why should they be allowed to change our name to reflect them when they don't want to provide us with equitable facilities?

PVAMU is filled with a history of its own. Each building is named after an important person in the history of our institution, and have the classic look of sustained history. To tear down those buildings is to tear down a part of our history, just as a change in the name would destroy a large part of history as well as our future. PVAMU went through four other names before being branded Prairie View A&M University in 1970. Changes are still being made everyday. Some of these changes add to our rich history, while other changes demolish our history. At his point, a name change would do more damage than good. PVAMU is currently recognized as a Historically Black College and University (HBCU). A change in name would no longer make PVAMU a separate entity from TAMU. It would make PVAMU just another A&M college.

So PVAMU officials are faced with a dilemma. The A&M system wants us to become Texas A&M University, but does not want to supply us with the facilities and technology of TAMU.

Question: What would PVAMU stand to gain from a change in name? Answer: Nothing.



Letters to the Editor

Consequences of hazing presented in updated Texas state law

With intake processes starting for campus organizations, this rendition of an updated Texas law on hazing was submitted to *The Panther*.

On Aug. 31, 1987, a new law went into effect in the State of Texas regarding HAZING. Below is an abbreviated summary, in question and answer form, of the contents of that law and the applicability and implications for students, faculty, and staff at Prairie View A&M University. Certain points of the new law have been omitted for editorial purposes.

Under the provisions of the Texas Education Code, Sections 4.51-4.58, severe penalties, to include jail sentences, are applied to incidents of personal or organizational hazing. An "organization" means a fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, or service, social, or similar group, whose members are primarily students at an educational institution. "Personal" means an individual.

"Hazing" is any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off campus of Prairie View A&M University, an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliat-

ing with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at Prairie View A&M University. The term includes but, is not limited to:

A. Any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placement of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity.

B. Any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk or harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.

C. Any activity involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance which subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or which adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.

D. Any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame,

or humiliation, or that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution.

E. Any activity that induces, causes or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the Penal Code.

In addition, Prairie View A&M University has also defined hazing to include:

1. Misuse of authority by virtue of one's class rank or leadership position;
2. Any form of physical bondage of a student;
3. Road trips or taking a student to an outlying area and dropping him/her off; and
4. Any form of "Quadding." (Quadding includes but is not limited to throwing a person into water or any liquid substance or holding a student down and pouring water on him/her.

For more information, contact the Department of Student Activities, (409) 857-2018 or (409) 857-4410.

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CARR contributes new materials to NASA technology

"CARR uses resources on programs to enhance the educational experience of students from pre-college to graduate level"

By Malcolm Dickinson
Panther Staff

In 1995, the birthday of a unique research project at Prairie View A&M University was celebrated. Along with the efforts of NASA, government laboratories, industries, and universities, the project aimed to increase the number of minorities in areas such as science and technology.

Funded by NASA for \$6.4 million, Prairie View A&M University's Center for Applied

Applied Radiation Research (CARR), is scheduled to run from July 1995 to June 2000.

In its three years of existence CARR's number one aim is to contribute to NASA's already wide array of technology. It provides new materials, electronics, and radiation protectants for humans.

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The extra donations for this project come from what it gives to the community. CARR uses resources programs to enhance the educational experience of students from pre-college level to graduate studies.

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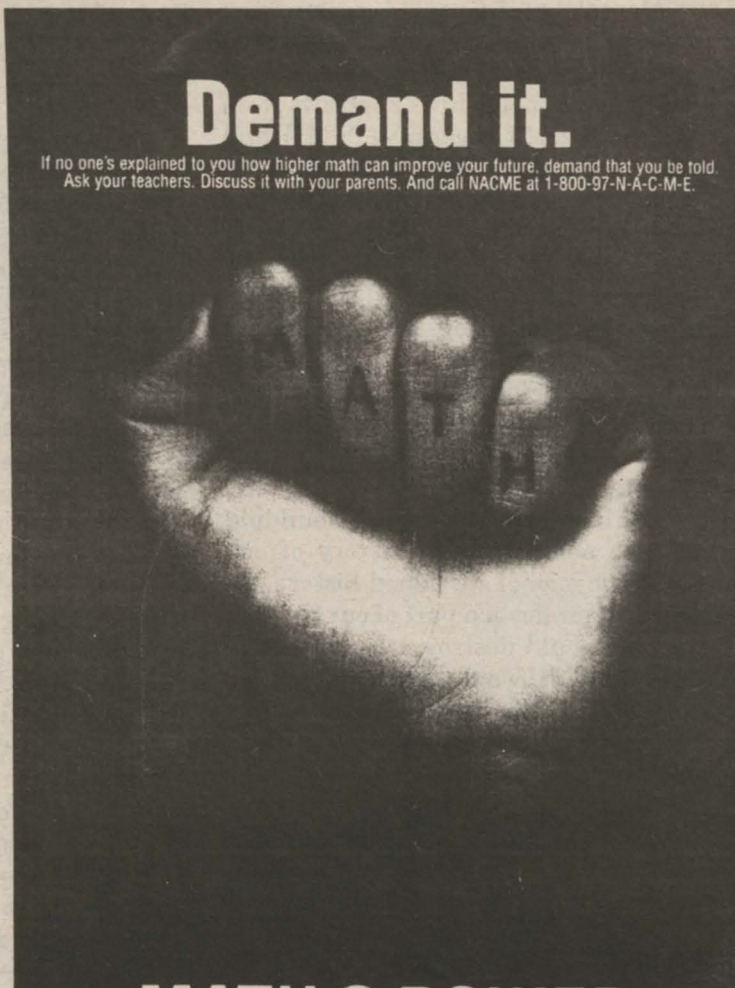
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CAMPUS NEWS

Voter registration drive exceeds goal

By Munir Saafir
Panther Staff

The 1998 Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) voter registration drive exceeded the goal of registering 2000 voters by registering 2100 people.

The number of voters registered was a substantial increase from the 1997 voting drive, which registered about 400 people.

The registration drive sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) included the help of many campus organizations and 25 volunteers who actively sought to register voters.

Voters were registered through door-to-door efforts in the dorms and the University Villages.

The Memorial Student Center (MSC), Alumni Hall, financial aid office and other areas frequented by students were also targeted by voter registration volunteers.

Volunteers also visited the first Fall 1998 Babydome party and general studies classes to register student voters.

"It was a good experience expressing the importance of voting to the student body," said volunteer registrar Eric Blaylock.

As a result of the voter registration drive, voting precinct 12, which includes PVAMU, is now the largest voting precinct in Waller county.

With over 5000 registered voters, the number of registered voters in this district is four times the number of any other Waller county voting precinct.

October 28 is early voting day at PVAMU. PVAMU students were denied the right to vote until 1979.

Only after taking a case before the Supreme Court were PVAMU students given the right to vote.

Voting is as important as registering to vote. Of the 6000 potential voters in last year's Prairie View mayoral elections, only 65 people voted.

Getting registered students to vote is the second part of the voter registration drive.

Volunteers are needed for organizing the election day events. Persons interested in volunteering can call the SGA office at 857-2220.

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Dedication, determination characterizes dance ensemble

By LaShanda Lombard
Panther Staff

The Classic Dance Ensemble is on the move, dancing its way to bigger and better events.

The Classic Dance Ensemble participates in many events including The King and Queen's Ball and performances at local high schools and churches. The ensemble also performs in pageants, balls, and its own

shows.

The ensemble is made up of extraordinary dancers who have demonstrated determination and basic skills of interpretation.

There are 20 dancers in the entire crew which performs various styles of dancing from Latin to Jazz to Modern.

The artistic director and choreographer of the Classic Dance Ensemble is Kenneth Epting and the executive

director is Paula Williams.

Together the two are very dedicated and determined directors who put much time and effort into assisting the dancers with their moves.

The Classic Dance Ensemble invites students on campus to try out at the next audition to be held on November 16.

The Classic Dance Ensemble will celebrate its tenth anniversary on October 31.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Los Angeles mourns death of mayor

By Kesha C. Jones
Panther Staff

Tom Bradley, the former mayor of Los Angeles, CA, died Aug. 30, 1998 at the age of 80. He was the first and only black mayor of Los Angeles. Bradley will be remembered for the impact he made not only in Los Angeles, but throughout the nation.

Bradley was born Dec. 29, 1917 outside of Calvert. At the age of seven, Bradley moved with his family to Los Angeles. He grew up with four siblings who were all raised in a single-parent household.

During his junior year, he took an exam for the Los Angeles Police Department, placed top in scores, and eventually went on to the Police Academy in 1940. Bradley soon began a

career that would leap beyond color barriers.

He retired as a lieutenant in 1961, and at the time of his retirement, he was the highest ranking black officer.

After retiring his badge, he went on to practice law. In 1963, Bradley began to dabble in politics and made a successful bid for city council, becoming the first black man elected to that position.

Six years later, Bradley made his first attempt to run for mayor, but lost to the conservative Sam York, whose campaign portrayed Bradley as a black militant.

Bradley, however, decided to run again in 1973 and won.

Under the guidance Bradley, Los Angeles became a positive example for other growing cities. He helped to develop the city economically and promoted equality and

opportunity in the work force.

He prepared the city for the Olympic Games in 1984, opening up more business opportunities for Los Angeles.

Bradley did suffer some disappointments throughout his political career such as losing the election for governor in 1982.

In 1991, the Rodney King beating and the riots countered everything Bradley worked for in his attempt to promote racial harmony.

Soon after, Bradley stepped down as mayor in 1993.

Bradley is known among his peers as a quiet but firm leader. His career not only marked a series of firsts as a black man, but also left the city of Los Angeles with constant reminders of the legacy he left behind.

Bradley is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Congressional Black Caucus plans Aids assistance

By Jesse J. Muhammad
Panther Staff

Aids. Drugs. Environmental racism. Unemployment.

What do all of these problems have in common? These are a few of the many plagues of the black community being addressed by the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC).

At the 28th Annual Legislative Conference, the CBC presented its 10-point agenda that focused on the new millennium.

The "2000 Action Agenda" included efforts to have drug-free, safe, and healthy communities; improve educational opportunities; jobs and economic opportuni-

"Thus, one's own actions are always a significant factor in the shaping of one's world."

-Art of Warfare, Sun Tzu

ties; and expanded assistance and support for Africa and the Caribbean among other issues.

The main focus of the town hall meeting was the AIDS crisis. The rate of Black AIDS infection in the United States has reached near "epi-

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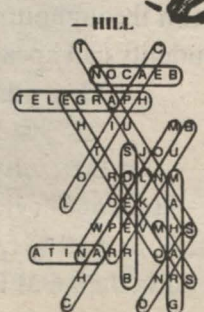
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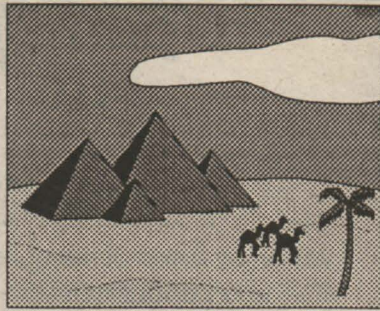
Greek theorem discovered by Black Egyptians

By Eric Blaylock
Panther Staff

The concept of the Pythagorean Theorem and the "3-4-5" triangle existed centuries before Pythagoras founded his aristocratic brotherhood in 529 B.C.

This formula had been used in Kemet (Egypt) as late as 1143 B.C. and an image representing it was carved in the tomb of Rameses IV. Incorporated within this symbol are the major constants necessary for geometry and the "3-4-5" triangle.

The Greek plagiarism of Egyptian math, science, religion, and philosophy is well documented in G.M. James



book titled *Stolen Legacy*.

Kemet was the greatest educational center in the ancient world where black Egyptians educated the Greeks. Black Egyptian priests taught the best minds in Europe—Plato, Thales, Aristotle, Democritus, Euclid, Pythagoras, and many others.

The falsely credited Pythagoras learned knowledge from Egypt's "Sacred Mystery Schools," which were the first universities known to man. These temples were at the center of religion, politics, and education.

In true history, Ethiopians and Egyptians originated math and trigonometry.

Slave graveyard journey remembers ancestors; opens eyes, hearts

By Tony Browne
Panther Staff

On Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1998, a group of students and staff traveled to the slave cemetery located behind University Village Phase III.

There, under the guidance of Dr. Howard Jones and Dr. Kevin Washington, they were taken on a journey into history and a journey into the spirit.

The cemetery is located on land that was originally part of Jared E. Kirby's Alta Vista Plantation, the land upon which our university was built.

The "Big House," or the location of the slave master's quarters, was located on the corner of University Drive where the old



administration building was located. The slave quarters were located in the area where Hobart Taylor now stands.

Oral tradition says the Kirby family set aside the current cemetery site for use as a burial site for their slaves as well as slaves from the nearby Liendo Plantation, located by

the back road to Hempstead and owned by Kirby's cousin Leonard Waller Groce.

The cemetery continued to be used by our ancestors after the Civil War. Area religious leaders, veterans of World Wars I and II are also buried there.

They realized the pain and suffering that our ancestors went through as they stood in the presence of the many graves of men, women, and children.

A variety of tombstones, crude markers and sunken-in areas of earth are silent reminders of the agony, torment, anguish, and nauseating misery that our forefathers and mothers endured, in hopes that we would live a

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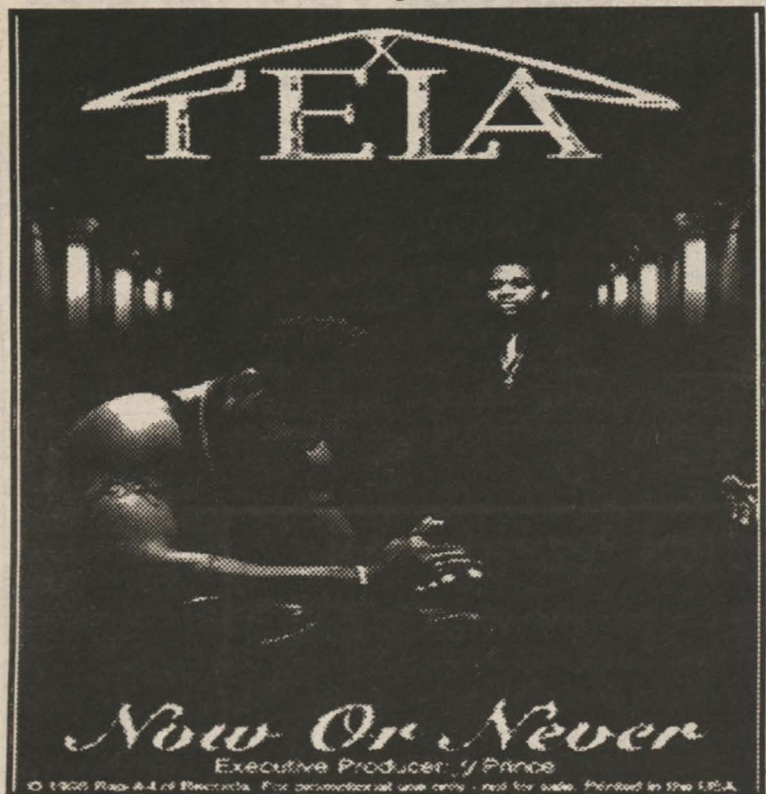
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ENTERTAINMENT

Tela moves to Rap-A-Lot, upholds label standards



is a must hear. The cut is a serious combination of old school, new school and a jazzy vocalist who sounds a lot like the artist formerly known as Prince spitting the chorus for the finish. The title cut "Now or Never," which features Do or Die is a well done collaboration of North meets South.

Even the interludes on this album are far from boring "Red Neck Pimp" and "Pimpin' Round Da World" both provide laughter in between listening.

Other artists featured on the album include Scarface, Hoodlumz and Max Julien, who we all know as the pimp of all pimps "Goldy".

This album promises plenty waves for Tela and also gives fans a glance at the true talent that he seemed to be holding back on the first album.

So don't expect to press skip on any song because this is a must play from beginning to end.

Tela sho' nuff puts it down, straight representing H-Town.

Nikkia Sams

Photo courtesy of Rap-A-Lot Records

Rap-A-Lot recording artist Tela

The crunk-in-ya-trunk Rap-A-Lot standards that the label has spent years developing have been met by former Suave House tenant Tela as he drops *Now or Never*, his first release on the Houston-based record label.

Tela goes above and beyond the second time around with

cuts like "B.I.G.P.I.M.P.I.S.I.S.P" featuring Too \$hort, "Still a Man," "Table Dance," and "Right Now." Easy to groove to, up-tempo beats engulf a bulk of the album like the head-bobbin' "Why U," the guitar looped "Fallen Soldier," and the slammin first single "Bring Em Out." "Table Dance" featuring Jazze Pha

Pick-a-Flick

The first persons to correctly unscramble all the questions below will win a video of their choice courtesy of Miramax Home Entertainment. Claim your prize by bringing the correct answers and this issue of the paper to *The Panther* office in the bottom of the MSC, room 114

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Congratulations to last weeks winners: Atache Allen, junior, computer science; Twaski V. Parker, sophomore, electrical engineering; Christopher Fosha, sophomore, architecture; Kameko Bowers, sophomore, civil engineering; Kirkland Matthews, senior, computer science; Lindell Hale, senior, civil engineering

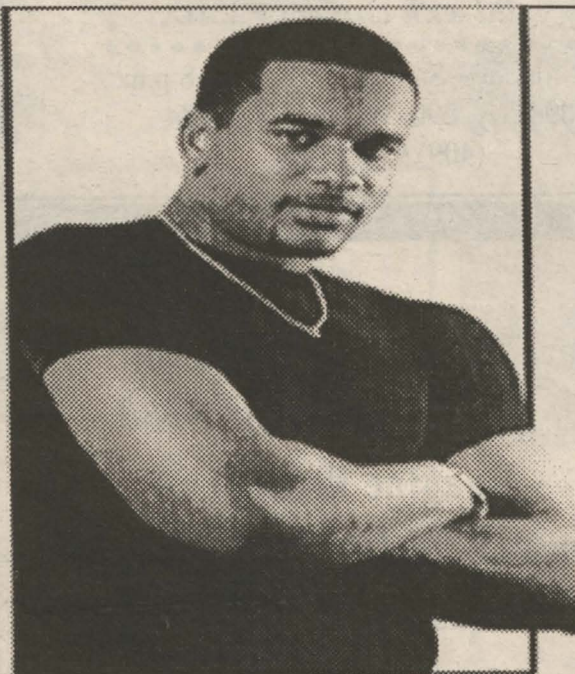
Open Mic



Free? Style?

Walkin by lookin at me quite ghastly
 Thinkin I'm disgustin by the style in bustin sayin I'm nasty
 But you fail to realize I'm feeling lovely very nappy
 But you still playa hate smilin and walkin past me
 In the back you stab me
 Wishin you could grab me
 And perm my hair thats nappy
 You think you could but how you hesitate
 Subconsciously you debate
 You are in an environment that innate
 To your true habitat
 Minds been kidnapped
 Only to be returned with knowledge cut in half
 So you can't recognize your present, future or your past
 That's why Blacks fighting to get off their ass
 Oh how they laugh
 They know you really aint gon' ever learn
 Essence of true beauty
 You straighten it with a Duke-Bantu-Sportin Wave-African
 Pride? - Dark & Lovely (but ugly) perm
 In the process you burn
 Forever caught up in a trap
 But I've released my self
 With my African God Goddess almighty nap
 So Stop feedin me corporate image conformist crap
 Or you will get slapped
 With nile-edge from the ancient civilization of kemet
 I will give you a relaxer mind straightening perm you will
 Never forget curl yo ass back up in a never ending 360
 Spiral knowledge that will allow your mind to stretch
 Happy to be nappy when you walk by
 In the back you stab me!!!!!!

--J. Drake '98



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SPORTS NEWS

NBA from page 12

Since the majority of the players in the NBA are black and there are currently no black-owned franchises, the players feel they should get as much as they can while they can. You cannot play basketball forever. The players also blame the owners for initiating the dispute by creating the 'Bird Clause' to begin with.

The owners feel that if they allow the current salary expectations of the players to keep rising, they will not be able to afford to keep their franchises operating. The owners said that 15 of the 29 teams in the league are already losing money, and they are already paying out 57 percent of their total revenues to pay players' salaries. The NBPA disputes the owners' bookkeeping, stating that by their research only four teams are currently losing money. The owners also want a clause added to the contractual dispute that prevents rookie players from signing huge, short-term contracts, then getting the money and running to other teams when they are eligible for free-agency.

There are other minor discrepancies as well, (the owners want to implement drug testing for marijuana, something the NBA currently does not have) but the money is still the major problem. The players want less formal control over their personal well-being, especially after the Latrell Sprewell incident, when owners were allowed to nullify his multi-million dollar contract after a personal dispute with his then head coach, P.J. Carlesimo.

The only people who will really suffer in this dispute over greed will be the fans. Only time will tell if the season will be played out in its entirety, and the shot clock is running out.

In the Sports Spotlight

Katrena Hurst

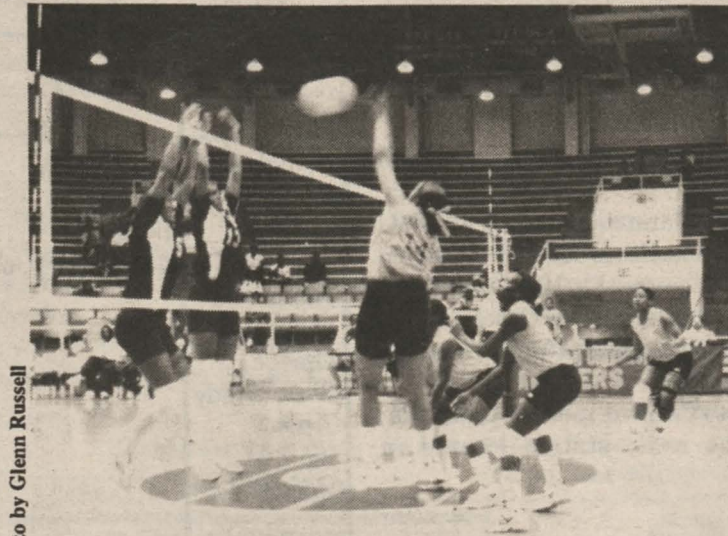


photo by Glenn Russell

Co-captain Katrena Hurst swings away for a kill against Bethune-Cookman in their opening tournament.

"This is the best team we've had since I've been at PV and we possess the heart and talent it takes to win the SWAC."

Katrena Hurst

Height:
5'9"

Hometown:
Houston, TX

Age:
20-years-old

Athletic Experience: 9 years

Position:
Outside Hitter

Personal Best:
At the Southern tournament against Texas Southern Univeristy, she hit the game winning kill in the front court of the opponents court.

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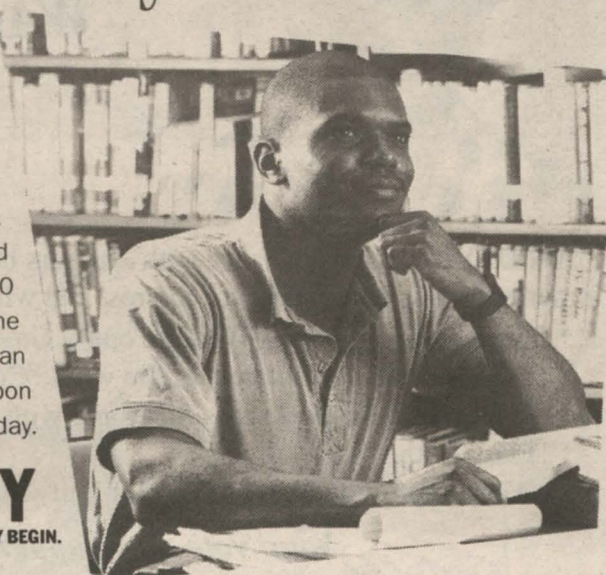
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CAMPUS NEWS

In Brief

Campus radio station holds "Radiothon 1998"

Prairie View, Texas

It is once again time for for KPVU 91.3 to hold its annual radiothon.

Radiothon 1998 begins October 17 and runs until October 23.

Various activities have been planned including a KPVU givaway booth at the PV vs. Alabama State football game on the 17th, Sunday worship and pledge on the 18th and a live remote at the Magic Johnson Movie Theater on October 23.

KPVU 91.3 needs the help of students, alumni, faculty, staff and all listeners.

To make contributions or to find out more information about the radiothon, stop by the radio station located in Hilliard Hall or call 857-4511.

Oratorical contest open for college students

San Antonio

Undergraduate college or university students can win up to \$1000 in prize money by entering the winning speech in the Battle of Flowers Association's 74th Oratorical Contest.

An additional, \$1800 in prize money will also be awarded.

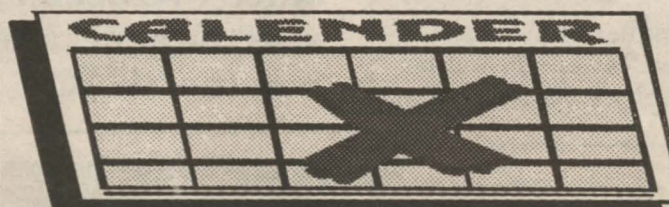
The contest, to be held March 5, 1999 in San Antonio, will be limited to the first fifteen applicants.

This year's topic is "Life in the Texas Mission."

For more information, send e-mail to Judy Lackritz@juno.com or write her at 1033 Ivy Lane, San Antonio, TX 78209.

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
19	20	21	22	23	24
PV vs Lamar (volleyball) 2 p.m. Alpha Lambda Omega Bible Study 7 p.m. Rm 242 Delco Bldg	TASP math tutoring in the ALRC 5:00-6:30 p.m.		Startup PTO Meeting 3:30 p.m. H.T. Jones Intermediate School SGA Senate Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Brunswick Tournament (bowling)	PV vs. Panhandle State (football) PV vs. Alcorn (volleyball) 2 p.m. Brunswick Tournament (bowling)



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COMIC RELIEF

AIDS from page 8

demic levels."

The CBC called on the White House and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to declare that of the entire U.S. population, blacks represent 43 percent of the reported AIDS cases. Furthermore, 63 percent of all pediatric AIDS cases are among Black children.

Black America is preparing for what many Black politicians, doctors, and specialists are predicting will be a long uphill struggle to save Black lives against the ravages of AIDS. The elimina-

tion of this dreaded disease must become a priority in our community.

The CBC also plans to confront the government on the issue of allocating sufficient funding and health administration needs in our community.

The African discovered AIDS treatment, Kemron, currently offers the best treatment and defense against AIDS. Kemron is presently used by the Nation of Islam in the Washington, D.C. Abundant Life Clinic.

The CBC plans to increase funding for several other initiatives including cre-

ating capital to assist Minority Business Development and ensuring enforcement of all laws which protect the right of the people.

"The task is formidable, but not impossible," stated CBC chair Maxine Waters.

Black leadership and the community must join the CBC in the war against the plagues that are aborting the spiritual birth of the black nation.

Journey from page 9

better life.
"There are men buried here who had their tes-

ticles cut off as punishment for attempting to procreate with the women. There are women buried here who were raped and beaten by the slave master and were not allowed to refuse his seed," said trek leaders.

Many of our students do not research Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), and its rich history. There needs to be an understanding that while we are here doing what we are doing, there were others who came before us that worked diligently to produce the opportunities that we have at the present time.


Our spirits within our-

selves which guiding our dreams, visions, and actions should be positively consistent with the spirits of those who came before us.

The disappointing aspect is that among the graves of our buried forefathers and mothers, there are beer cans, styrofoam containers, and other trash. This is painful evidence of the lack of respect and understanding that some of us have for what is around us.

The slave cemetery is a place for us to go and pay respect as well as reflect on our conditions as a people both in the past and at the present.

Panther Comics



The Answers are located in the Classified Section

A SQUARE APPLE! Now you've seen everything! To solve this word-square you must find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below. All words must read the same both across and down.

1. Firm, edible fruit (Apple, in place).
2. Where people vote.
3. Earnest requests.
4. South American animal.
5. Short literary composition.



1	A	P	P	L	E
2	P				
3	P				
4	L				
5	E				

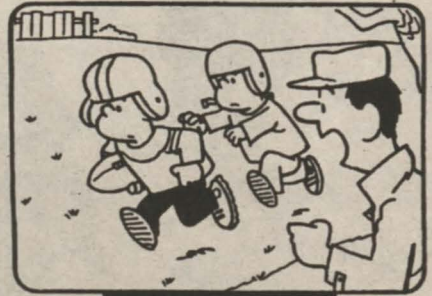
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Anita | Bunker | Graham | San Juan |
| Ant | Capitol | Mole | Sand |
| Beacon | Chapel | Over the | Telegraph |
| Breed's | Down | Sam | |



HOCUS-FOCUS



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
 Differences: 1. Hedge is missing. 2. Cap is different. 3. Strap is missing. 4. Fence is different. 5. Letter is added. 6. Leg is moved.

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ACROSS

- 1 Temperate
- 5 "An Essay on Man" author
- 9 Kitten's comment
- 12 Birthright barterer
- 13 One of Ben Cartwright's boys
- 14 Geological period
- 15 Post-diet
- 16 Makes confetti
- 17 0
- 18 Dagwood's neighbor
- 19 Cousteau's milieu
- 20 Avoid a bean ball
- 21 Abbott's first baseman
- 23 Addressee
- 25 Get back
- 28 Axilla
- 32 Use
- 33 Tolerate
- 34 Get snug
- 36 Squelch
- 37 Keep tabs on
- 38 Become one
- 39 DEA VIP
- 42 Verily
- 44 Lions' hangouts
- 48 Wield an ax
- 49 Boo-Boo's buddy
- 50 Exam format
- 51 Playwright

DOWN

- 1 Network
- 2 Land in the water
- 3 Hideaway
- 4 Elevator's kin
- 5 Clergy member
- 6 Comic-strip pooch
- 7 Tropical
- 8 fruit
- 9 Type units
- 10 Options list
- 11 Base on balls
- 20 Over-simplified
- 22 Hardly flat
- 24 Spout from the soapbox
- 25 Skeddaddled
- 26 She raised Cain
- 27 State of matter
- 29 "Great Expectations" hero
- 30 Berlin's
- "What'll -?"
- 31 X rating
- 35 Pooh's asinine pal
- 36 Suitors
- 39 IOU
- 40 See 17
- 41 Vacationing
- 43 Hollywood clashers
- 45 Ontario's neighbor
- 46 Scruff
- 47 Rosebud, e.g.
- 49 Sweet potato

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NOW I KNOW WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT OF THINGS...

AND I KNOW I HAVEN'T ALWAYS TREATED YOU RIGHT...

BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW I'M SORRY! PLEASE, JUST DON'T GO! I'M BEGGING...

GIVE IT UP MAN. THE CABLE'S GONE.

THE FINAL WORD

Banned from KPVO: Communications student denied the opportunity to become a productive person

By Tameka Robinson
Panther Staff

"Prairie View A&M University, the producer of productive people."

Sometimes this statement seems false.

How can Prairie View A&M University be the producer of productive people

when students are not given the opportunity to be productive in certain areas of education?

One such area is the campus radio station, KPVO, in the Department of Communications where students are not allowed to reach their full potential.

For example, I once

was a volunteer disc jockey at KPVO doing the very best to hone my skills.

One day there was an unfortunate misunderstanding and I was restricted from the area indefinitely.

I don't believe students should be kept from volunteering to work for the radio station.

When I entered the communications department in 1996, I was elated to see a radio station located there.

My next step was to find out how to be affiliated with the station. The only way was to volunteer my services and I did just that.

In the 1996-98 undergraduate catalog it states that "the department of communication's objectives are to prepare students for a broad range of careers in the communications industry and provide communications services as a public service."

I am a student under this catalog majoring in communications, but I don't feel like I'm being prepared for a broad range of careers in the communications industry due to the fact that I'm not allowed at the radio station to get the hands on training I need.

Before me, there were other communications majors who created ideas and presented proposals about

...I don't feel like I'm being prepared for a broad range of careers in the communications industry

radio shows to the station and their ideas were never implemented.

Don't we that if it were not for the students there would be no PVAMU or KPVO?

Everyone at the radio station is not bad.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Charles Porter, a disc jockey at KPVO, for being concerned about students and encouraging them to never give up on a career in radio. Without his hard work and dedication, KPVO would not be where it is today.

I would also like to thank Carol Means, a communications professor, for upgrading the communications television station and never turning students away when they want to learn about television.

We need more professors like her because she does care if the students learn about television.

Maybe some personnel at the radio station could take notes on her cordial and receptive attitude toward students and use them to better relations with student volunteers.

It is my hope that someone holding a colossal position on campus will read this article and help me and my colleagues in the communications department.

If things never change concerning the radio station, at least I told my story and PVAMU knows what's on my mind.

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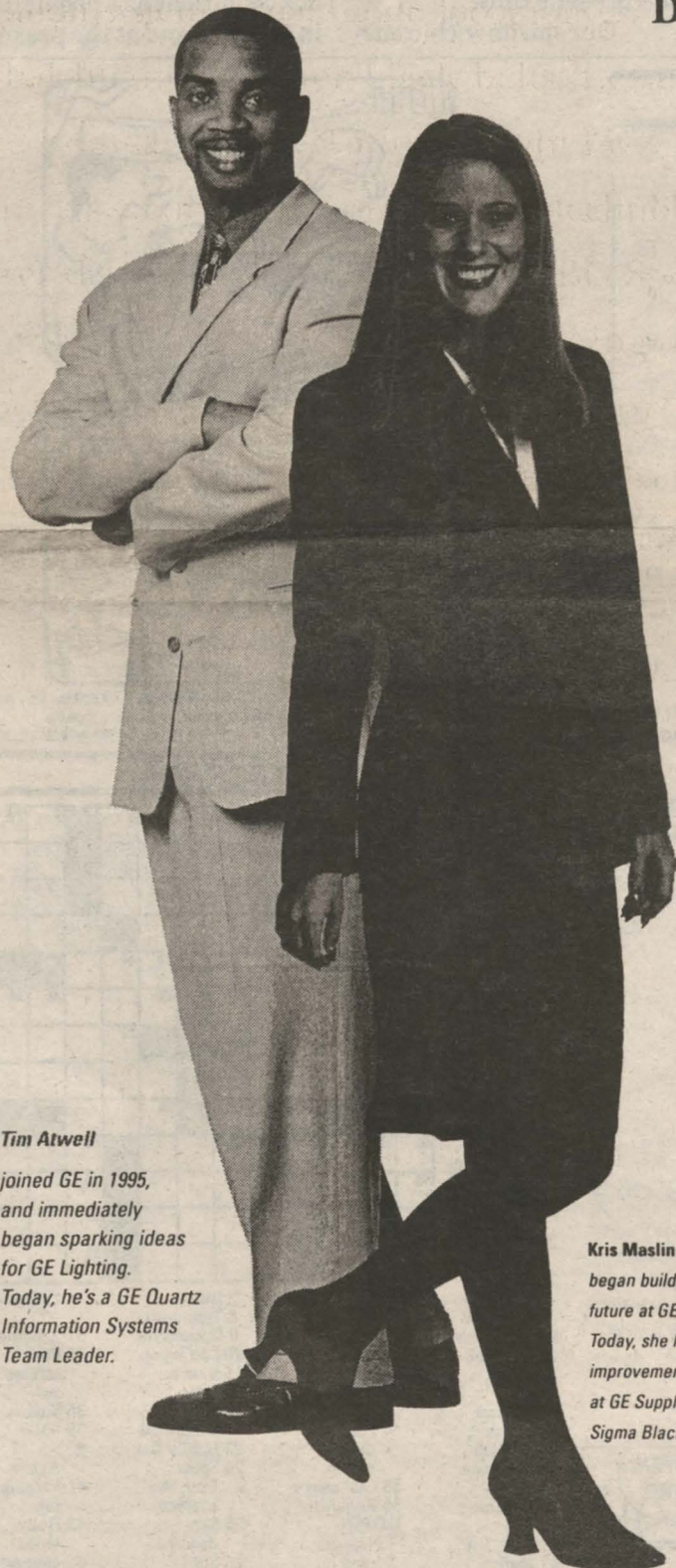
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