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THE PANTHER



The Official Student Newspaper of Prairie View A&M University

Vote for new memorial student center, fee increase passes

Kesha C. Jones
Panther Staff

The students of Prairie View A & M University (PVAMU) recently cast their votes to increase fees in order to allow the university to begin construction on a new student memorial center (MSC).

The proposal was presented to students at a recent town hall meeting which was conducted by PVAMU's President, Charles Hines.

Hines explained that the center would be built by a private contractor. The private contractor, ICM, developed a concept design that Hines shared with students.

The proposed center would be approximately 73,000 square feet, which is three times the size of the present MSC.

The floor plan is a one story center that would hold a new student dining room and snack bar. Students will also have access to a bank, as opposed to a pulse machine.

Another feature is a movie theater that will show current movies for students to enjoy. The movie theater would also be a substitute for an auditorium to which students will have full access.

The proposed center would continue to house the student bookstore, barber/beauty shop, copy center, convenience store, ballroom,

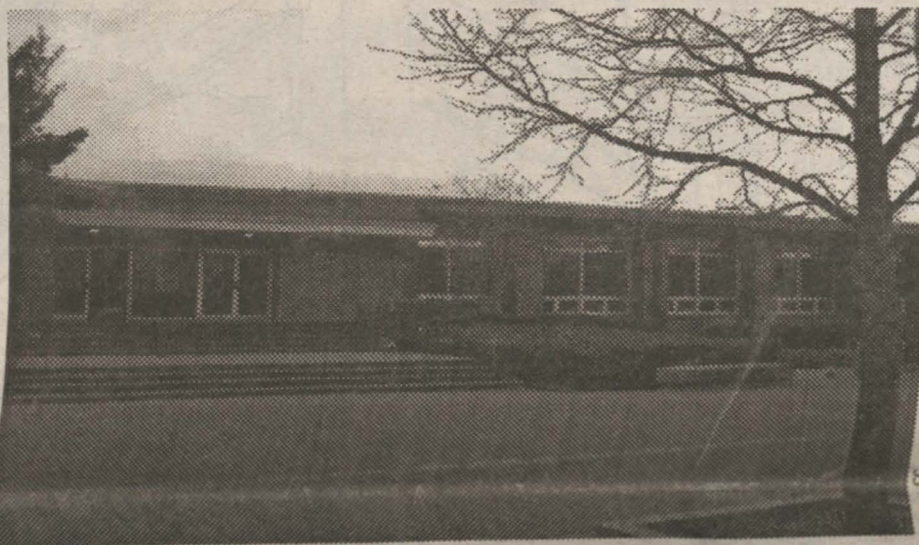


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The Memorial Student Center will be demolished in preparation of the improved student center which will be completed in three years.

game room, and office space for student activities, and student center management.

Hines assured stu-

ment Association President Alzo Slade encourages full participation

"It would be beneficial

ter, and \$20 each summer session, if enrolled during that time.

These changes are ex-

Marriot who agreed to donate a total of \$650,000 toward the project. The remaining money would come from the fee increase which would begin the fall semester of 1999, and end in the fall semester of 2019, at the latest. Each student will have to pay an additional \$40 each semester,

"I feel it's a waste of time and money. If anything, the housing problem should be addressed," said PVAMU student Quincy Higgins.

"I think it is a needed item, and I think in a few more years, the topic is going to come up again...we need to go and get it done while the SGA still has the ability to have a lot of input," said Jamar Proctor.

President Hines said project is projected to be completed in three years.



The new Memorial Student Center will have approximately 73,000 square feet of space for student government, campus activity board offices and other student facilities.

dents that by no means is this the final floor plan for the center and students are expected to take full responsibility in helping to design and finalize the concept. Student Govern-

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pected to be the set rate and are not expected to increase.

There were mixed emotions from students concerning the new student service center.

\$29 million lottery ticket sold at PV gas station

By Shanika Robinson
Special to The Panther
and **Tiara M. Ellis**
Editor-in-Chief

Everyone dreams about hitting that million dol-

lar jackpot and never having to work again a day in their lives.

On Jan. 27, the dream of a possible Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) student came through in the form of

\$29 million and six lucky numbers: 1-3-5-12-44-49.

But Texas' new millionaire has not yet claimed the cash prize.

According to the Lottery Commissioner, the win-

ner has not gone through the claims process.

Until the claims process is completed and only if the winner agrees to a press conference will the name of the winner be released.

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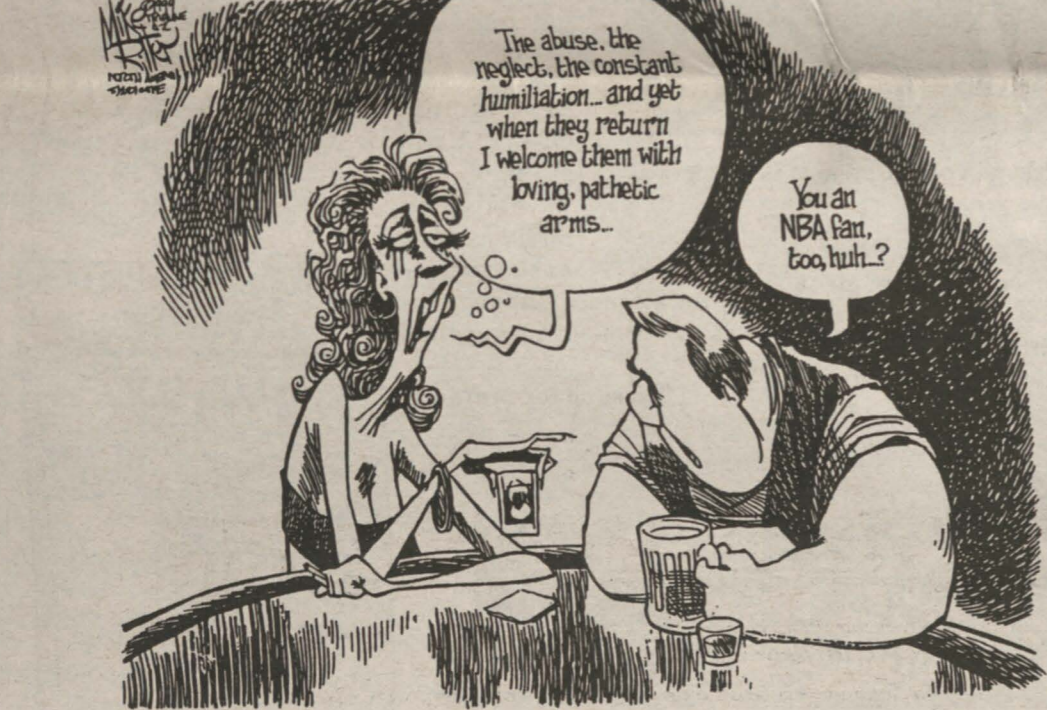
Business or pleasure?
New student center pushed as top priority



Tina M. Ellis
Entertainment Editor

Memorial Student Center comes down. In exchange, we get a new one. That would be great, except we need other things more. How about a football stadium? What about the New Gym? Hey, did we forget about Phase I? Couldn't our money go toward something more constructive? We, meaning the 170 students that actually showed up for the town hall meeting, voted for the allocation of funds to be used towards the build-

ing of a new Memorial Student Center. In short, we drove our fees up for a building that can wait to be built. It's not that our current MSC is not a little debilitated. We can all agree that a new one should be in the plan - the plan for the future. A new MSC should not be at the forefront of our plan for a new and improved PVAMU. Since school officials seem to believe that virtually every building on campus needs to be condemned and rebuilt, why not start with the more important aspects of this institution? The football stadium - I mean football field - is in need of a major face lift. See MSC on page 3



Misconceptions of student enrollment disproved



By Tiara M. Ellis
Editor-in-Chief

No one wants to ask the question outright or write about it, but everyone is talking about it. Some call it the take-over. Others call it reversed integration. Whatever label is put on it, it all boils down to the fact that various students feel like more White people are attending our esteemed historically black college or university (HBCU). I am not condoning preventing anyone from attending a college of their choosing, but ours is one of the few that was established through a strong Black history, enriched by time, specifically for Black people. When racial segregation prevented African Americans from attending college,

we had Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU). Shockingly enough, I am here to report that there has been no dramatic increase in Caucasians attending PVAMU. If any drastic change has taken place, it is not noted by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Analysis Office which is responsible for publishing a facts book each year with updated enrollment, employee, and fiscal data. In the fall semester of 1997, there were 305 White students taking undergraduate courses which makes up six percent of registered students. Enrollment in graduate courses for white students dropped from 27 percent in 1992 to 20 percent in 1997, while Black students taking graduate courses increased from 64 percent in 1992 to 70 percent in 1997. Now that we know there has not been an actual increase in White students at PVAMU, what brought on the notions of a possible "take-

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VIEWPOINTS

MSC from page 2

There isn't even enough room to hold all of the fans that come to homecoming. Then there's the new gym. This poor building needs some serious attention. The gym floor is slowly, but surely making its way up to kiss the ceiling. The entire building is on its way to being condemned like Holley and Suarez-Collins, and it's supposed to be "new." University Village

Phase I is on its way down, too. That is if wind shear doesn't take it down first. Clinking pipes, squeaky beds after the use of WD-40, and every footstep taken in the apartment above your's is all that is heard in Phase I. Let's talk priority here. We've been wasting money on phase after phase of University Village housing that falls apart after two years. The new gym is needed for human perfor-

mance classes and recreation. Suarez-Collins has been out of use since Spring '97 and hasn't bit the dust yet. So why is it that the MSC gets bumped to the top of the list? Because you are paying for it. We could wait years for outside funding. At the town hall meeting, President Hines said

that we could find two companies to fund the new MSC. This is absolutely absurd. Out of the millions of businesses in this country alone, there have got to be more than two that can help us out. Sodexo-Marriott is investing its money, and Pepsi is a strong possibility. These are two very

generous corporations, but the thought of only two companies showing interest raises doubts. Exactly how many businesses were asked? What could we have done to get more offers? Simply put, we are in need of a new Memorial Student Center, but what is more important, a place to hang out or a place to live?

Submission Policy for Letters to the Editor

Anyone who reads The Panther can submit a letter to the editor at P. O. Box 2876, Prairie View, TX 77446 or in the Memorial Student Center, room 114. All submissions are subject to editing and must include the author's name and telephone number.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Prairie View enrollement sets two records in fall semester

By LaToya Moore
Panther Staff

In the fall semester of 1998 PVAMU enrolled 6,531 students, which is the highest enrollment number that it has ever seen.

But 535 students did not pay half of their tuition on time, therefore, only 5,995 students were officially enrolled. This set another record—the most students dropped in one semester, according to Vice-President of Student and Enrollment Services Ronald E. Jones.

Students who do not comply with the deadlines of paying their fees will be dropped either administratively or systematically. This is not only a law of PVAMU but it is also Texas State law.

In fact, State of

Texas House Bill 1 Texas Appropriation Act section 17 states, tuition and other educational and general local fee collection must be paid on or before the end of the 20th class day for each regular semester and the 15th class day for each summer session.

Each institution of higher education shall collect in full from each student that is to be counted for state aid purposes, the amounts set by law as tuition and other education and general local fee in accordance with the installment tuition and other educational and general local fee payment plan.

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PVAMU offers charges. Administratively withdrawn students will be subject to having certain privileges, including release of transcripts and registration for future semesters, suspended as well as the assessment of a \$50 reinstatement fee. Privileges will be restored upon payment of all outstanding charges.

Students need to double check fee receipts each and every week because prices are subject to change. Students should also stay informed on all deadlines. If any students need help with paying fees, help can be provided. Students can find all information about fees in the current course selection packet and additional information can be found in the Offices of Student and Enrollment Services in Evans Hall room, 309.

Organizations host game shows

By Cornesha Avington
Panther Staff

Are you expecting to be lonely on Valentine's Day? Has cupid mislead you for yet another year?

This is your chance to meet single individuals looking for love or just a sweetheart for Valentine's Day.

The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi will host "The Dating Game" on Feb. 11 at 7:30 pm in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

The game will consist of a bachelor and a bachelorette who will question three contestants already chosen by the fraternity members.

The interviewer and the contestants will be divided by a barcade, reflecting MTV's "Singled Out." Prizes for couples include passes to the movies or to dinner.

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta also held their version of a dating game show on Feb. 4 in the MSC Ballroom. The first round of "Studs" consisted of Mr. 10 Scholarship Pageant bachelors Broderic Banks, James Darden, Samuel Wesley, Tyrone Walker, and a bachelorette who volunteered from the audience.

The questions that were developed for contestants by sorority member and host Tiffany Reeder reminded audience members of the Warner Brother's show "The Dating Game."

The second round was a chance for volunteers. Four bachelorettes and one bachelor was selected from the audience after witnessing the chosen females. All bachelors and bachelorettes were blindfolded during the game.

A tie breaker took place after the final male and female were chosen. The winning couple received two tickets to The Red and White Gala and the movies.

If you missed the first dating game, don't do it again or you may find yourself getting better acquainted with the television on Valentine's

Proposal set to offer more scholarships and internship programs

By Gboyega Adegola
Special to the Panther

A proposal was placed to Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) representatives to establish a permanent endowment fund for the students of PVAMU at the Annual Chancellor Student Advisory Board (CSAB) meeting, held in College Station, Texas on Sept. 25, 1998.

The proposed program is set to generate a constant opportunity for scholarships and internship programs for the rest of PVAMU's lifetime.

The eligible students will be those who meet the given criteria, regardless of

origin, citizenship, race, religious background or creed, making all PVAMU students eligible for these new programs.

There will always be money available for scholarships that can be added to the already existing scholarship fund of each academic year.

The proposal now requires \$1 from each student per semester hour will support the proposed scholarship fund.

More importantly, there will be more money for athletic scholarships, need based scholarships, as well as other academic scholarships.

A second proposal to

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CAMPUS NEWS

Academic Dorm makes efforts to keep good communication between staff and residents

Leandra Henderson
Panther Staff

In efforts to keep good merit and communication between the faculty of Banks Hall and its residents, a town meeting was held.

Terrence White, ACCESS director, asked all faculty and residents to attend so residents could ventilate anger, voice concerns and ask questions.

Residents were upset when they found out that the building would be locked at midnight Sunday through Thursday and at 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. They were also informed that to enter the building, they would have to purchase a key, call a friend or be locked out.

"Basically they are giving us curfews. We're already paying enough money to live here, now we have to buy a key if we want to come home," said Latrice Martin.

Faculty members insisted they are not trying to impose a curfew on residents.

"We lock the doors for

the safety of the residents," said White.

"It is our way of keeping nonresidents out and preventing problems."

Residents were also curious about what happened to the resident assistants who were released.

"We felt it would be

easier for adults to discipline the residents rather than their peers," White said.

"If we were doing such a good job, why did they fire us," asked former R.A. Angela Achane. "Aren't we all supposed to be adults in college?"

See Banks on page 15

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Financial aid process simplified

By Bridgette McGowen
Special to the Panther

The spring semester just began, but now is the time to begin getting financial matters in order for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Imagine minimizing financial aid complications and maximizing the total amount of available funding for your education!

Can this be? Yes, and here is a brief list of tips to guide you in making the financial aid process as stress-free as possible:

1. Remember that you must apply for financial aid EACH academic year. The applications DO NOT carry over from year to year because of possible changes in a number of factors, i.e. income, number in household, classification, etc.

2. Retain a copy of your Renewal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in a safe place once you receive it in the mail. Before you file it away, ensure that you have followed all the instructions on what you must do. If you did not submit a FAFSA last year, then you will not receive a renewal application in the mail. In this instance, you can secure one from the Office of Student Financial Services on the second floor of Evans Hall.

3. Prepare your taxes and/or alert your parents to prepare theirs as soon as possible so this information can be used on your FAFSA.

4. Pay particular attention and adhere to application deadlines that are outlined on the academic calendar. Turning in application materials after the deadline can result in a delay of awarding of funds, or unfortunately, no awarding of funds at all.

Merely turning in paperwork only to assume it will be processed without further attention from you, is an assumption that should not be made.

Retain copies of all information and remain in contact with your Financial Aid advisor. The progress of your application can also be charted by accessing the PVAMU website on the internet at WWW.pvamu.edu, clicking on Financial Aid, and following the instructions. This will save you a phone call or trip to Evans Hall.

Pell Grants will be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,500, a 50% augmentation. These numbers are subject to the availability of federal dollars.

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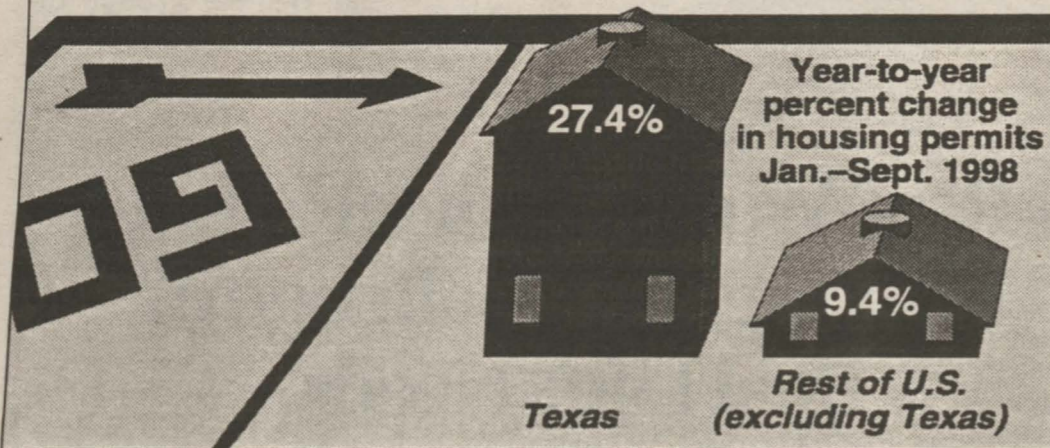
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas monopolizes housing starts

Low interest rates are spurring on housing starts, but more than low interest rates account for a rapid increase in Texas housing permits. The increase in Texas has been about three times greater than the increase nationwide, reflecting a particularly healthy economy in most Texas industries and the relative appeal of the state.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas A&M Real Estate Center, and Bureau of the Census.

MP3 improves music sound

By Quevarra Moten
Panther Staff

Technology has once again taken the nation by storm with a new way to listen to music via internet.

The world of MP3, a highly compressed WAV file that has exact CD quality sound, and is spreading fast.

Currently, there is a legal battle over consumers copying full songs and sending them via internet.

Record companies feel that there would be a tremendous loss of profit if consumers can copy a song that they want on the MP3 instead of purchasing the artists' albums.

The other side of the argument is that the invention of the MP3 will boost record sales by giving consumers a chance to sample the music before purchasing an artist's CD. At the present time, playing an MP3 in your car or home stereo is not possible.

Olympic committee continues investigation into scandal

By Jo-Carolyn Goode
Panther Staff

On Jan. 18, 1999, the International Olympic Committee announced that it is expanding the investigation of the Salt Lake City scandal to other cities. The committee is investigating all gifts of cash, travel, and other gifts.

The decision to expand the inquiry was made after recent reports about other cities who were thought to be in bidding wars for the Olympics.

Director General Francois Carrad said a six-member IOC investigation commission is determined "to look at every piece of evidence concerning graft, bribery, and vote-buying to see if member violated their oaths."

Carrad added that even though this is one of the largest scandals in Olympic history, it is helpful in stopping madness that has long been rumored.

An added twist is the pressure from the Olympic sponsors who don't want their names drug through the mud. Companies like McDonald's and Coca-Cola have contributed as much as \$50 million to have their names associated with the Olympics. They are demanding that the image of the Olympics be restored.

According to Michael Payne, IOC marketing director, some sponsors have been thinking of withdrawing their financial backing.

Although there is a whirlwind of problems surrounding the 2002 Olympic Games, it's still making money with more than \$900 million in operating revenue under contract.



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PVAMU gets new well, storage tank

By Simeon Stanton
Panther Staff

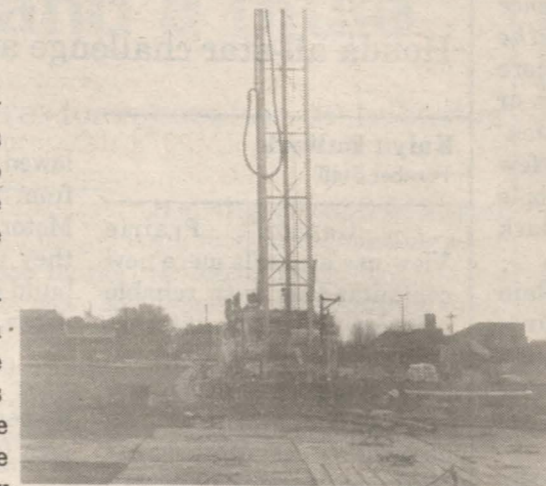
When a city enlarges, provisions must be made to accommodate the changes within the community.

With the addition of new housing in the University Village Phase III, and Phases IV and V as possible expansions, Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) must also be

adjusted to accommodate its forthcoming water supply

At the beginning of the new year, PVAMU began adding a new water well to the southern section of the campus, adjacent to Hobart Taylor.

The new water well will be able to produce 600 gallons of water per minute and will have a 300-gallon storage tank. This will enable the campus to equalize its water supply, hopefully working out the soft spots in the existing



Construction work for the new water well.

system.

The university now has five wells, one over 70-years-old and three over 50.

"Being that old, the capacity of the wells are down almost 50 percent," said Ray Gooden, Water/Waste Water Manager.

According to Gooden, adding a new well and storage tank will give the campus the ability to maintain running water in case of power or electrical failure, and will also increase firefighter capability.

Also, some of the complaints expressed by campus residents concerning water pressure will be eliminated.

The two water plants, one in the central section of campus and the one in construction, will be able to work as single or double units, so repairs can be made without disrupting water supply to the campus.

The new well will also be equipped with recycling and purification filters, allowing it to be a smaller water plant itself.

The project will cost an estimated \$1.8 million and has been in preparation for two years.

Construction of the new well did not start until this year because it needed funding and board approval.

The scheduled date for the end of construction is January 2000.

Iota Phi Theta builds traditions



The Brothers of Iota Phi Theta: Nicholas Littleton, Mandrell Bufford, John Allen Emanuel Taylor, Steven Little-John, Terrance Phillips, Quentin Gonzales, Robert Woodard, and Samuel Allen.

By Chandra Henson
Special to the Panther

Prairie View A&M University's newest Pan-Hellenic Council member is Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

Iota Phi Theta was established Sept. 19, 1963 by 12 men in Baltimore, Md. on the campus of Morgan State College, now Morgan State University.

The founders of Iota Phi Theta represented the nontraditional college student, with ages ranging from 3-5 years older than their classmates.

On Nov. 12, 1996, Iota Phi Theta was admitted to the Pan-Hellenic Council ending a 20-year petition for membership.

Their affiliation further extends to the National Inter-Fraternal conference, being one of only two Pan-Hellenic members of over 60 national fraternities.

Distinctively dressed in charcoal brown and gilded gold, its membership continues to

expand maintaining a standard of excellence and leadership on college campuses.

The motto of Iota Phi Theta is "Building a tradition, not resting upon one."

Inspired by devotion to give back to its community, Iota Phi Theta plays an active role in organizations such as the NAACP, National Federation of the Blind, National Sickle Cell Foundation, United Negro College Fund and Big Brothers of America.

The brothers of Iota Phi Theta will have an informational seminar Feb. 8, 1999 and a seminar titled "Why are they still waiting to exhale?" on Feb. 11 in the public events room of the J. B. Coleman Library.

Barrows defines 'Renaissance Man'



Mr. Bryan Barrows

By Joyce Dixon
Managing Editor

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) not only produces productive people, it also attracts productive people.

One such person is communications Professor Bryan Barrows III.

Among his many talents, Barrows is a playwright, actor, writer, editor, professor, producer and humanitarian.

Barrows has over 20 years of experience as a professor of communications with six years experience at Belmont College and five years experience at Kingwood

College and San Jacinto College in Houston.

"Partners in Progress," which airs on KPVTU on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. is produced by Barrows.

In 1985, Barrows wrote a play titled "Who Was Martin Luther King." Since that time Barrows has been touring the country with his one-man play, which has been seen in 12 states.

Of all his experiences, Barrows finds the play the

most rewarding because it is a Christian play.

Since his tenure here at PVAMU, Barrows has been the director of public information, a professor of communications and the editor of the faculty newspaper among other things.

Barrows is a lover of people and lives his life in a way that will touch the lives of others.

"If you live your life for yourself, it's not much of a life," said Barrows.

"A person cannot totally live their lives for others, there must be some happy balances."

Bryan Barrows' Favorite Kool-aid®: Grape

This feature was added to give recognition to outstanding campus leaders - organizations and individuals.

The Panther solicits any nominations from students, faculty and staff for honorees in this section.

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BLACK HISTORY

Hair receives electromagnetic waves

By Eric Blaylock
Panther Staff

Hair is a vital part of most of our lives and on average, people are perceived by their hair.

In the tradition of celebrating Black history, nappy hair versus straight hair has been a subject of debate. Filmmaker Spike Lee explored this subject nearly ten years ago in the movie "School Daze".

Hair is more than just a physical attribute. For black people hair is an extension of universal reflection that dates back to ancient Kemet (Egypt). The cornrow is an ancient hairstyle handed down from Queen Nefertiti to today. The cornrows were a representation of the symmetry and order of African women's beauty.

Hair is also an expression of communication with the universe. The same power that causes galaxies to spiral, planets and atoms to spin, and

causes the double helix spiral of DNA molecules, causes the same spiraling of hair which is often referred to as nappy, kinky, frizzy, wavy, or woolly.

The words spiral and spiritual are almost synonymous with each other.

In its natural state, hair spirals in the same way that blood spirals and like plants spiral from the root, hair spirals from the hair roots.

While straight-haired people have a spiral on their heads visible as a whorl pattern with its center in the back of the head, the straight hair grows out slanting in the whorl's direction.

Woolly- or kinky-haired people have both patterns, the whorl pattern and individual spiraling strands of helical, coiled, spring-like hair. Just like an antenna is specially constructed to receive emitting waves of energy, so is

kinky hair.

In the book *The Science of Melanin: Dispelling the Myths*, Dr. T. Owens Moore explains how kinky hair or wirelike hair is an evolutionary advance since very few animals or non-African people have hair similar to black people's natural hair.

Moore goes on to explain how kinky or wirelike hair is constructed like an antenna to absorb naturally occurring electromagnetic waves in nature.

Moore states that the electromagnetic waves are more attracted to kinky or wirelike hair.

Chemicals can have a weakening effect on hair. Your scalp has pores and the chemicals on the scalp is harmful to the pores.

Marcus Garvey was quoted as saying "remove the kinks from your brain not your hair."

Corporate involvement brings positive rewards

Honda all-star challenge assists HBCUs

Kalyn Bullock
Panther Staff

Couldn't Prairie View use a couple more new computer labs with reliable printers, and more internet service?

A press release was sent out explaining how curriculae at historically black colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have been improved through corporate investment.

Norfolk State, Langston, and Fisk Universities have already jumped on the bandwagon to seek the investment of corporate companies to better improve their schools.

West Virginia State College (WVSC) is an example of a school that has benefited from corporate investment.

WVSC participated in the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) and became the first national champions of the competition. The following year, they repeated the competition, but were awarded the runner-up position.

These winnings allowed them to acquire grants from the American Honda Motor Company in which they utilized the money to build computer labs for students.

Honda Campus All-Star Challenge has also helped other HBCU's for the past ten years.

HCASC is the main competition for HBCUs, but it is only open to 87 eligible schools.

Out of the 87 institutions, only 64 are advanced to the National Championship Tournament, after challenging tournaments on-campus.

If the school is chosen as one of the selected 64, they automatically receive a grant from American Honda, with the national champion being awarded \$50,000.

This year HCASC is returning to Washington, D.C. which was the origin of the first HCASC National Championship Tournament. On March 11-15, they return to celebrate the accomplishments HCASC of all participants.

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Planning for forty acres and a mule

N'cobra prepares for reparation distribution

Baton Rouge, LA

A new front in the modern struggle to win the current equivalent payment of forty acres and a mule-reparations for African-American people in America for slavery and racial discrimination after slavery-opened on Martin Luther King's birthday.

It is the campaign for Black people in the United States to elect Economic Development Commissioners.

These Commissioners, to be elected from local communities, will form a National Congress of Economic Development Commissioners. This Congress and the individual Commissioners will have three main tasks.

Their first task is to accelerate the demand for reparations.

N'COBRA - the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America - has been working for ten years to create an effective modern reparations movement.

Congressman John Conyers of Detroit has presented a reparations proposal bill (H.R.40) in congress, and N'COBRA anticipates filing a major law suit this year. N'COBRA has determined that widespread national support is essential for African-Americans to receive reparations.

N'COBRA, an organization which concentrates only on winning reparations, seeks to have a membership of one million by the year 2000.

Second, the Commissioners will define the forms that reparations will be given in, the value and amounts, and the manner and timeframe of payment of reparations. After extensive national surveys, N'COBRA has formulated five "down-payment" demands. These demands include funds allocated for education, economic development, and direct payments to families.

Third, under the slo-

gan "They [the United States] are going to pay and we must be ready," N'COBRA and the Economic Development Commissioners are also charged with the task of planning how reparations can best be used to benefit African-American people.

The election will be held on April 17, 18, and 19, 1999. It will parallel the election conducted in Mississippi by Fannie Lou Hamer and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in 1963, where 80,000 paper ballots were cast at tables - polling stations - located in churches, beauty and barber shops, stores and other business establishments.

Dr. Imari A. Obadele, a Prairie View University political science professor, chairs N'COBRA's election project. He can be reached at P.O. Box 74084, Baton Rouge, LA 70874 (225 357-0851 or 409 857-4024).

The elections will be supervised by a committee from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), chaired by Dr. Shelia Ards, director of the Center of Excellence for Community Development, Benedict College, 1600 Harden Street, Columbia, S.C. Serving with Dr. Ards on this committee are Dr. Mack Jones of Clark Atlanta University and Dr. Leslie McLemore of Jackson State University, Mississippi.

The nomination period ends March 31. Candidates must be at least 17 years of age, of African descent, and also must be nominated by an organization (churches included). N'COBRA Regional Representatives are Mr. Jahahara Armstrong, for the West (510834-1158); Mr. Robert Hazard for the Southeast (561 881-8298); Mr. Ahmad Al-Amin for the Northeast (215 763-9347); Reverend Carlton White for the Southwest (225 357-2028), and Mr. Cicero Love for the Midwest (313 831-2327).

BLACK HISTORY

Book Review

For the Love of the Game
by Michael Jordan

Donald Kegler
Staff Writer

Twenty-three! When the number is mentioned to the general public, people are certainly aware of who and what that number represents. Greatness!

Michael Jordan took the liberty of composing a book to inform sport fans about episodes concerning his experiences as a basketball player.

This is a great piece of literature because Jordan thought it necessary to enlighten the entire world on the facts concerning his basketball career.

Jordan began in respect of 1982 at the NCAA Championship against the Georgetown Hoyas. Jordan had visions of the game winning shot, and had been identified as the player who took destiny into his own hands.

With those aspirations and mental thoughts, a dream became a reality, and a star was born by the name of Michael Jordan.

Jordan's basketball career, in essence, is remarkable from all aspects, because it's a guideline for all the ball dribblers pursuing NBA stardom.

Also, Jordan explains the transitions of his maturity from 1989 to 1993. At that point of his career he'd established himself as a dominant player, the individual who was highly respected in the league.

Jordan mentions his wife, Juanita, and three beautiful children.

Jordan also includes his three consecutive championships. In that period of Michael's life, he was very stable and sure of the endeavors he would encounter, and also certain of the direc-

"Evolution knows no bounds. Unless they change the height of the basket or otherwise alter the dimensions of the game, there will be a player much greater than me."

-Michael Jordan

In comparison, Jordan acknowledges another particular incident known as the "Jerry Stackhouse" case. Stackhouse had said that he thinks Jordan wasn't all that good and he received all the favorable calls. Jordan presented that statement, but luckily the Pistons and the Bulls were on schedule to play one another.

Jordan had 44 points after the third quarter and called the dogs off because they were so far ahead.

Jordan takes the readers on a journey as he travels back to his childhood as a basketball player.

Jordan was excited to travel back in time, reminiscing on all the fun he had as a child. This was very important to Jordan because he and his father discussed this situation prior to his father's death.

On the other hand, as time passed, Jordan never denied the fact that basketball was his first love and with those feelings, he returned to the career that put his life in the proper perspective.

However, the book goes further to reveal Jordan's stats, and those memorable highlights that serve a purpose as a memorial to all the basketball lovers in the world.

Sport fans who admire Jordan ought to consider investing in this fine piece of art. It has all the information and more about "23."

Finally, Jordan says something that's enveloped in sincerity.

Jordan said "Evolution knows no bounds. Unless they change the height of the basket or otherwise alter the dimensions of the game, there will be a player much greater than me."

ENTERTAINMENT

Music: Movies: NBA: ?

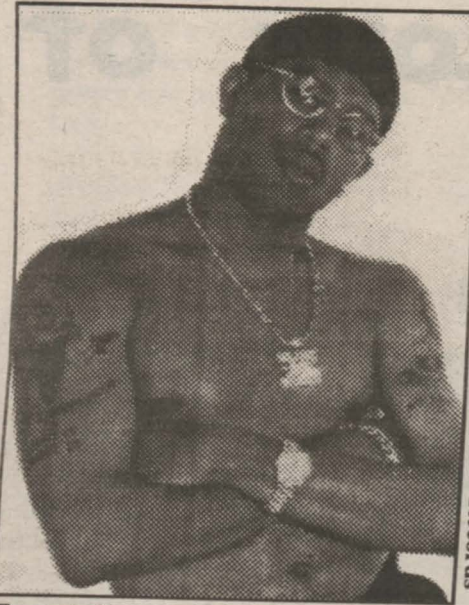


Photo courtesy of No Limit Records

ate from the underground New Orleans rap scene, making the "uncommercial" commercial.

Calling himself the "ghetto Bill Gates," Master P has locked the eardrums of the new Black south since his first record *Ghetto Trying to Kill Me* in 1991. He has been the executive producer on every No Limit release and film, and has children saying his trademark grunt and the entertainment field in a uproar, screaming

"Nahnah, nahnah" in denial, all while remaining as true as ever to himself.

Miller has come to dominate urban entertainment from "street" cinema to sports management, while churning out hit after hit and producing four records that made the Billboard Top 100 of 1998.

P began working out at the Dallas Mavericks training facility, scrimmaging with players like Cedric Ceballos and Sam Cassell, while feeling out the interest of other teams.

Entertainment impresario, Master P.

"Unnnnnngggghhhh!" Heads hear the call from all parts of the entertainment world now that Hip Hop impresario Percy Miller, CEO of No Limit Records, has begun his campaign to play professional basketball.

Miller, better known as Master P, is the driving force behind *No Limit* and one of *Forbes* Magazine's highest paid entertainers as of 1998, but he was recently released from the training camp of the Charlotte Hornets.

Master P has carved an entertainment conglomer-

Settling on the Fort Wayne Fury of the Continental Basketball Association, he flew to Indiana and played in nine games.

He averaged 1.9 points per game as a back up point guard. Business called, however, and he regrettably put his hoop dreams on the shelf, for the time being.

When the NBA lock-out ended, P was on the first thing smoking getting out to Charlotte, NC. Fort Wayne is a long way from Charlotte and the difference isn't just miles, as P found out when he was released on the day before the season started.

But undoubtedly, there will be more from P. He created the No Limit mentality, and once he gets tired of telling everyone how much money he's got, he'll be back on the court.

Of course, with \$56 million in personal profits in 1998, that's a lot of telling.

And let's face it, after battling the full court press of the music business, breaking down the barriers of the new, unimproved Jordan-less NBA should prove to be no problem.

By Jon Cook
Panther Staff

A 'Total' Waste of Cash

Kima, Keisha & Pam is the name of Total's sophomore album, with the jamming hit "Trippin'." But, all these divas are doing is tripping.

The long awaited album could've waited a little bit longer. The credit for this album goes to super-producer/rapper Sean "Puffy" Combs, with the help of Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott, Timberland, Heavy D, Mario Winans, and others.

Although it features artists like Ma\$e, Black Rob, and Mocha, and samples from Busta Rhymes, Curtis Mayfield, and Ginuwine, the songs aren't captivating enough to win a Grammy.

Total doesn't display their vocal ability as they did when they were new on the scene.

But, if you want to hear female vocalists go to the extreme with vulgarities and talk about sex and masturbation, well Kima, Keisha, and Pam are the ladies for you.

The majority of the album let's us know that these ladies need a man in their lives.

The "commercials" (interludes), "Masturbation," "Truth or Dare," "There Will Be No F!*@king Tonight," and "I Tried" are just a tease of what to expect in the songs.

Outside of their display to want to have much sex, Combs tries to display his want for cross-over with "Rock Track."

But sorry, Puffy, it isn't working. The beats are tight, but Kima, Keisha, and Pam aren't saying much of anything.

For a group that has been in the game for "a time or three," they should be spanked for an album like this.

Well, maybe not a spanking. After listening to this album, they might like it.

Unless you are a die-hard Total fan, you may need to save your money and keep on jamming to "Trippin'" until the radio station makes you tired of that single and replaces it with a song that you really don't like.

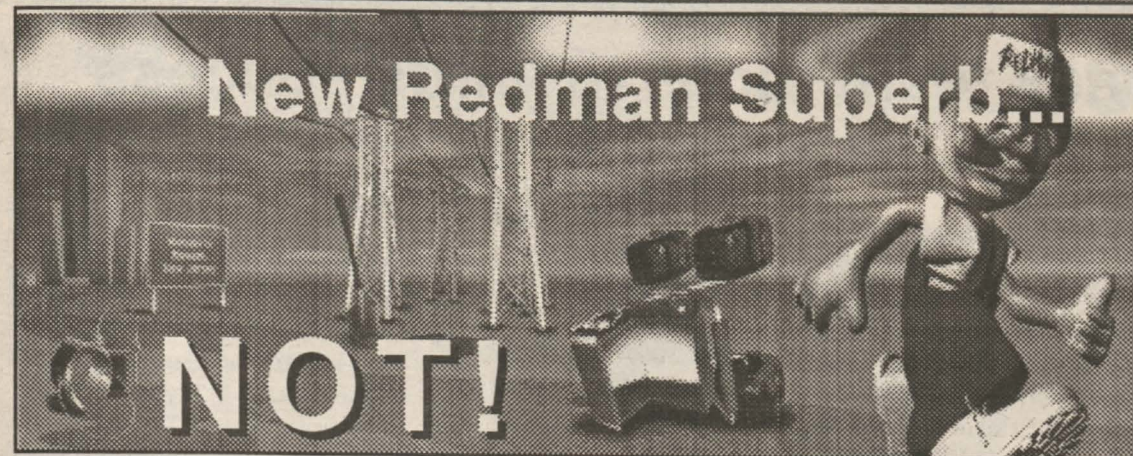
By Maurice Perkins
Staff Writer

Top 25 Hits from the 80s

The Panther's favorite hits of the 80s in no particular order.

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| "Freaks Come Out at Night"
Whodini | "Rock the Bells"
LL Cool J | "Doin' da Butt"
EU | "Purple Rain"
Prince | "Friends"
Whodini | "Mercedes Boy"
Pebbles | "Wild, Wild West"
Kool Moe Dee | "Word Up"
Cameo | "Sweetest Taboo"
Sade | "Atomic Dogg"
George Clinton | "Cool It Now"
New Edition | "You Be Illin'"
Run DMC | "Night and Day"
Al B. Sure | "Before You Turn Off the Lights"
Michellé f/ World Class Wrecking Cru | "Fire and Desire"
Rick James & Teena Marie | "Poison"
BBD | "Computer Love"
Roger and Zapp | "It's Your Thang"
Salt 'n Pepa | "Can't Touch This"
MC Hammer |
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ENTERTAINMENT



Here's an original idea! Let's release a new CD, center that CD around smoking blunts, and living that "hard knock" lifestyle in a "hard knock" city and hope people will buy it.

Hey Redman, wake up! At the very least, follow the current trend set by fellow rappers Method Man and Busta Rhymes. Stay true to the armchair prophet, Armageddon, forecasters for future global destruction format. Redman's latest release, "Doc's the Name 2000," is not without its tight tracks and guest appearances, but... THIS STINKS!

You've seen his latest video-you know the one where the girl launches her head into the back window of a parked car after flying off of her bicycle? "I'll be Dat" is a tight track that has an even tighter video, but the remaining cuts on the CD are a few drags away from being high. Maybe Redman got hooked on some Bluegrass, or some Bermuda. What ever the case, it was without a doubt some bad s*#t.

The in between track skits are far more appealing than most of the tracks. Skits like "Million Chicken March" and "Ghetto Psychic Network" are the high points of this CD.

Fellow Def Squad members Erick Sermon and Keith Murray insult the intelligence of anyone from the south by trying to appeal to their rap senses with "Down South Funk." At least Redman didn't include any No Limit family members on his CD. We all have 97.9 FM for that, thanks "Doc."

Before utter panic ensues, there are some earworthy cuts on this CD. Tracks like "I Don't Kare," "Da Da DaHHH," and "Da Goodness" featuring Busta Rhymes, can hold their own. But with no support from the other tracks, this Newark, NJ native needs to move to Kansas and rap about the wheat crop or something equally as boring.

Weak samples and played out themes are a dime-a-dozen in the rap industry. Redman could've produced a better CD if he had jumped off of his smoke-induced stupor. Any wannabe rapper with a Sound Shack microphone, and a 0.5 watt, AAA battery, super mono clock radio can make a better offering than this CD.

Songs like "D.O.G.S. Beet Drop" is nothing more than "Paul Revere" as done by the Beastie Boys in the earlier 80s.

Simply put, this CD moves slower than the MSC chicken line, but faster than the taco line. You may ask, "What's the difference?" My only response would be, "Exactly."

By Brad "Tito" Ruffin
Sports Editor

20 Questions

1. Is President Hines' new motto for the student body "Have I ever lied to you?"
2. Can we honestly answer that?
3. Why does Marriott have PV by the *juevos*?
4. Why does Tommy Jones' hair look better than most girls' on campus?
5. How many more patches are they going to put on that road in front of Phase I?
6. Did anyone know we still have members of Sigma Gamma Rho on campus?
7. What was the purpose of the State Troopers at the TSU game?
8. Speaking of that fateful day, why do our so-called "Panther Fans" only come to that game?
9. Can everyone who borrowed money while on line please start the process of paying people back?
10. Hey, Lottery Winner, can we get a buck or two...million?
11. Why are the dudes on 290 still trying to sell beef jerky?
12. Why did I just get here and I'm already ready to go home?
13. Why does it seem like Phase II maintenance is always on vacation?
14. Marching Storm...if it isn't your fault, whose is it? (That you're still playing that tired a*@ song.)
15. Can KFC please have chicken the next time I'm hungry?
16. Does anybody think the new water tank by Hobart-Taylor is really going to help?
17. Do any of you know what morals are?
18. Do you have any?
19. Why did the majority of students think it was so important to get a new MSC?
20. But, even more important, what do you think?

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

Missing in Action A Civil Action lacks action and entertainment

Greed is a terrible thing.

This is the thesis of the film *A Civil Action*, and one of the horrible recurring truths of my life.

The editors of this paper have many articles due every week and not enough able people to report them. I am glutton for this kind of punishment and volunteer for everything I can get my hands on.

"Who wants the sewer story?" OOOOO, oooo, me, me!!

"Who wants to cover the bathroom remodeling going on in Drew Hall?" (Yeah, right.) OOOOOOO, ooooo me!!

"Who wants to review this movie, *A Civil Action*?"

OOOOooooo, me!!

Thirty minutes into this boring monstrosity, I was wishing I could do like Superman in that movie and fly around the world backwards to make things go in reverse, and slap the spit out my mouth.

This movie is terrible. I mean it, just terrible.

It is a David and Goliath story of a lawyer who sinks his teeth into a fat, juicy case and starts shaking it, and then realizes that his morals are being offended by his poor put upon clients, and gets angry and shakes the case harder.

The film is based on a true story about a town in New England that is plagued with contaminated water, which has infected the populace.

I won't give away the conclusion, but if you've ever seen a Rocky movie, you can guess who wins in the end.

John Travolta plays Jan, Robert Duvall is his evil adversary (think the big Russian cat from Rocky IV, with no hair and a drawl) and William H. Macy, the oaf from *Fargo*, is the always put upon sidekick who loses his house for his friend's crusade.

There are a few good points. There were no car explosions, which made for really good napping. However, there was a lot of sanctimonious screaming while one character or the other explained what they thought. Blahlahlah.

The popcorn was ex-

cellent, or maybe I was just hungry, or as I've heard it said "hungry." And the parking lot was empty so my car was easy to find.

On the old funk-o-meter, when funkiness is a good thing, this gets a 0. The film is crispy clean, like a pair of snow white socks. In fact, I don't think it can get much whiter. I saw no ebony faces at all whatsoever. I mean none, it was like watching a episode of "Friends."

Save those winnings from the Super Bowl and see *Down in the Delta*, or take someone important in your life out to eat. Do it now so when she finds out she is getting buttkis for Valentines, she wont blow up too bad.

But don't waste your

time on this one. Unless you have nothing whatsoever better to do with your time and money.

And if that's the case, I have something better you can do with it. Just get back at me, in care of *The Panther*. I'm the one picking the week-old vegetables out the stir-fry in Alumni Hall. Makes me say "unnnnnngggghhhh!" Until then, listen to at least one Tupac song, preferably off of *Me Against the World*, and remember my motto: "Just cuz I hate you, don't mean you're a player..."

And on that note, I'm out.
By Jon Cook
Panther Staff

SPORTS NEWS

To Ad or Ad not
Some Super Bowl ads hit
while others miss

By Brad "Tito" Ruffin
Sports Editor

Without a doubt the Super Bowl is the single most important advertising day of the year.

Months and months of tireless concepts and ideas, all for what?

Think of these Super Bowl commercials as reintroducing themselves to the consumer.

Products that you've known about for years, but perhaps never took notice... until now. Unfortunately all of the commercials aired won't be mentioned, but they can be tucked away in the back of our strange minds.

During the game the FOX Network, showed approximately 30 new commercials. Everything from E.T. to Cracker Jacks, with your standard beer, soda, and suggestive selling in between.

Let's begin with Louie the lizard (Budweiser) suffered a tongue lashing from his frog co-stars in one of the beer giant's latest commercials.

Believe it or not, the frogs can talk. Judgment is still out on this ad. The tongue lashing was entertaining, but enough is enough.

"Hey Budweiser,, maybe the trees can form a chorus line and perform some sick swamp dance." Have I gone overboard yet?

Bud Light, had a mouse with sunglasses getting placed into a slingshot, and shot through the window of the beautiful lady neighbor.

In theory the neighbor is scared by the mouse, runs over to the man's apartment, and just happens to have a six pack of Bud Light with her. In reality the plan is flawless. In reality, the beautiful woman is stuck cleaning one dead mouse from her floor, after using a de-rodent whacker (broom) and taking the situation into her own hands. In the meantime, the man is still thirsty.

The FOX Network began promoting their coverage of summer baseball by showing a catcher in training getting kicked in the head by a horse. Something about getting a feel for that particular position. Violent, but effective.

Speaking of violence, the WWF aired a commercial during the big game.

It wasn't politically correct. It made fun of the wrestling business, used sex as a selling point, had explosions, and made great use of the often underrated human flying through the window from countless stories up effect. All in all an outstanding commercial. Two thumbs up.

Ever wonder why Cuba Gooding Jr. is doing Pepsi commercials? Do you see any other Academy Award winners doing soft drink ads? I still don't have any reason or desire to drink "Pepsi One."

Victoria Secret ran an ad for its internet broadcast fashion show. All these stunning women strutting down the runway in suggestive under garments.

"Hey Tyra, if your still desperate for a man feel free to visit Prairie View A&M University." Here at PVAMU there are a number of brothers ready, willing and able to get BUCK'ED NAKED at your request. Yes indeed, sex sells. At the very least it gains your attention for about thirty seconds.

Finally Halle Berry appeared in a new M&M's, crispy commercial. Relaxing in the pool on a care free beautiful day, drops of water glistening off smooth skin in the sunlight. Floating on the water. Moving with the light breeze across the pool. Looking so sweet and tasty. Absolutely good enough to eat. Ahhh yes, life without M&M's, would truly be devastating. You really didn't think I was talking about Halle...did you?

Track team races towards success

By Perry Kay and
Lance Berry
Panther Staff



On your mark, get ready, set, go.

Look out Prairie View your very own track team is on the rise! Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) is known all over the country for its track team.

In fact, last season PVAMU won the SWAC indoor meet, and placed second in SWAC outdoor competition.

With a #3 national ranking and setting a new PVAMU record in the mile relay, the men's track team is sure to continue making a lot of noise by the time the sea-

son gets underway.

On Friday, Jan. 15 PVAMU traveled to the University of Houston to participate in the season's first track meet.

Highlighting the competition for PVAMU was Lewis Turner who placed first

in the 200-meter dash and finished second in the 60-meter dash.

Nathaniel Gross and Ron Nelson also had first place finishes with Gross blowing away the competition in the 400-meter race and Nelson skying above everyone in the high jump.

John Henderson also had a nice outing with a second place finish in field events and the 4X4 relay team came through with flying colors as they placed third.

Of the 18 teams who competed in the meet, PVAMU took second place overall.

Track and field coach, Clifton Gillard said he expects the men's team to win the SWAC again this year in both indoor and outdoor meets.

Recognition long over due

Women honored nationwide for contribution is sports

By Tina Ellis
Entertainment Editor

For decades men have been praised and put on pedestals as half men, half god for their athleticism. However, women play just as an important role, if not more so.

On Thursday, Feb. 4, the women athletes of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) celebrated National Women in Sports Day. The day has been observed nationally for years, but PVAMU has failed to place emphasis on the day until this year.

Sports honored include softball, volleyball, basketball, golf, tennis, bowling and cross country/track and field. Student representatives from each team spoke briefly about their respective sports and teammates.

Moving words from Felicia Tarver inspired applause from audience members. "No matter what your record may be, it doesn't necessarily add up to the talent on your team," Tarver said.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• SOFTBALL •
FEB 13 VS. SAM
HOUSTON U
1 p.m. @ HUNTSVILLE

• BASEBALL •
FEB 7 VS. LAMAR U
1 p.m. @ PV
FEB 8 VS. JARVIS
CHRISTIAN
3 p.m. @ PV

• WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL •
FEB 6 VS.
GRAMBLING ST.
1 p.m. @ GSU
FEB 8 VS. JACKSON ST
8 p.m. @ PV

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FEB 8 VS. JACKSON ST
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SPORTS NEWS

Missed opportunities

Men's and Women's Basketball comes up short against back-yard rival Texas Southern University



By Brad "Tito" Ruffin
Sports Editor

Lay up... missed, lay up... missed, lay up... missed, get the picture?

This past Tuesday the men's basketball team played host to crosstown rival Texas Southern University.

After a loss on Saturday to the Tigers, Prairie View A&M was eagerly awaiting the return matchup.

The Panthers were hopeful for a 1-1 game split in city bragging rights. After missing countless lay ups, PVAMU's key players slowly took control of the first half.

Gregory Burks kept Prairie View within striking distance during the half by hitting three free throws and sinking a three point shot with 1:21 remaining. Ivan Coulter scored nine points in addition to Burks' team leading 31. At half-time the Panthers had the lead.

Although PVAMU's clawing defense forced TSU to turn the ball over 15 times, the Panthers could not capitalize on those opportunities.

At times, the game appeared to be played with no rules, and at other, times the referees blew their whistles during every play.

Questionable officiating did help both teams put points on the scoreboard throughout.

More intensity defined the second half. After a slow start, the Panthers seemed to run out of gas in the latter stages of the game.

With 4:15 left in the contest, TSU's Leland Redman tied the game at 53. With just over three minutes left, TSU hit a jumper that would give them the lead for the remainder of the game.

The PVAMU women's team fared no better Tuesday suffering a loss to TSU at the "Baby Dome."

Three Lady Panthers scored in double figures. Tenopra Sheppard lead the way with 17 points. TSU was out rebounded by the Lady Panthers 43 to 41 during the game.

The Lady Panthers also out shot TSU 68 to 53, but could not get the lucky bounce during the final moments of the game. Despite repeated comeback attempts in the second half PVAMU could not make up the difference in the score. Free throws made by TSU solidified their control and eventually helped them to a 10 point victory.

In the Sports Spotlight

Jocquinn Arch



Guard Jocquinn Arch embarrasses two Grambling State defenders.

Height:
6'4"

Hometown:
San Antonio, Texas

Age:
22-years-old

His Fantasy Dinner
Michael Jordan
Magic Johnson
Stacy Dash

Position:
Guard

Personal Best:
At St. Gerard's High
School 40 points.

Favorite Movie:
The Usual Suspects

Major:
Social Work

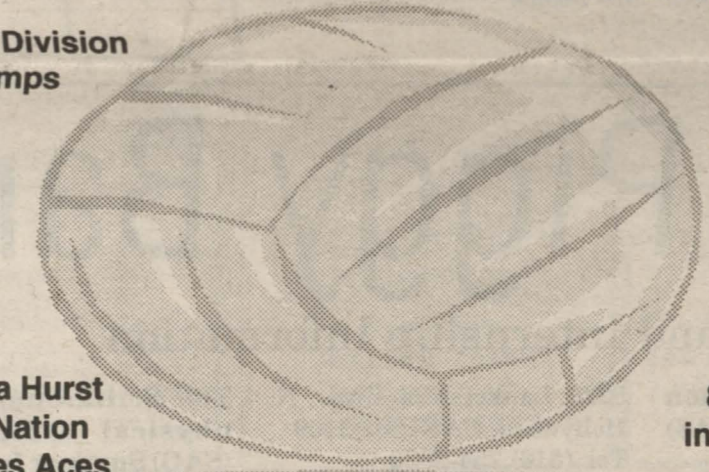
"If you like it,
I love it !!!"

Jocquinn Arch

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LaMonika Hurst
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in Services Aces

8th in Nation
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Gender Equity: Does it end at the Courtside?

Lack of support at women's basketball games raises questions

Corey Johnson
Panther Staff

We are all aware of the ability of a university's athletic programs to determine the popularity or infamy of a school.

Right or wrong, certain schools are often strictly associated by the successes and failure their sports teams. The success of a team can be directly related to the public support athletes receive.

This semester KPVU (the university radio station) will resume airing female basketball games.

KPVU station manager Larry Coleman admitted

that the station had ceased announcing the Lady Panther games in order to keep a continuum of music on the air. However, Mr. Coleman said the station would promote the Lady Panthers for the remainder of the semester on the university's airwaves by announcing at their games. Coach Madison, the girls' assistant coach, noted that support for the Lady Panther teams must come not only from students, but also from the university.

Female athletes could not reply when asked about their thoughts about the lack of support. The

team's weekly schedule is rigorous, consisting of around three hours of practice per day, a course load of at least twelve hours, and study hall, but the results of their hours of hard work are largely unappreciated by their peers.

Anyone who has attended a Houston Comets game (WNBA) knows that sports can be entertaining regardless of gender.

The level of excitement at a game largely depends on the size and spirit of the audience. If there was a large attendance to the female games on a consistent basis, then the games would be more exciting.

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CAMPUS NEWS

In Brief

Dress up days commemorate black history

Prairie View, Texas

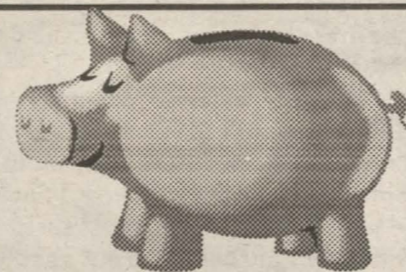
The Office of Student Activities announced several days throughout the month of February for students to dress up and show their support for black history. Every Tuesday is African Attire Day. Wednesdays are Black Western Cowboy Day and Thursdays throughout the month are Purple and Gold Days. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to dress accordingly on these days to show their support for Black History Month.

Author, historian to discuss civilization

Prairie View, Texas

Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. and the Student Government Association is pleased to announce that Anthony Browder, an internationally renowned African historian and Egyptologist will be speaking on Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization on Monday, Feb. 15, 1999 at the All Faiths Chapel beginning at 7:06 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. Browder, who has authored several books including *The Browder Files* and *Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization* will be available after the talk to sign and autograph copies of his books.

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over?" It could be the radical changes occurring all around campus.

Although we have one of the most beautiful campuses in Texas, so much is being done to get rid of the old, historic buildings on campus. Down with the old and up with the new, huh?

Change is not always an improvement, but it is also not always negative. For example, tearing down old buildings and putting up new buildings would not be looked on in

such a negative manner, if the newest buildings on campus were built with the same quality as the older buildings.

The first phase of University Village was put up in the fall of 1996 (I know because I have lived there since then) and you can't take a step without hearing it echo throughout the apartment. So, you know the people living under you hear your every step. The walls are so thin that even the lowest setting on your radio disturbs your neighbor. After not even three years of existence, the price of living

in University Village will increase again.

Even the new gym is no longer new and has been condemned. The lists goes on and on.

Ultimately, all of these changes seem to be occurring for a reason.

Some students feel that maybe the changes are taking place for our future replacement of another race of students.

It has happened at other universities and there is no reason to think that we are exempt from this occurrence.

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Residents also aired their grievances about the visitation policies.

According to White, the hours of visitation were created to allow residents who want to study, the opportunity to do it in a quiet environment.

"We set the visitation hours the way they are so that residents could have quiet study time and won't have distracting visitors," White said. "The weekend was the best

time because less studying is taking place."

"Someone can easily go to the village or off-campus. They are not stopping anything," said Martin.

Banks hall staff reiterated that they are not trying to restrict residents' privileges.

"College is a learning environment. We are not trying to keep them from having fun, our goal is to help them manage college's stressful burdens," said White. "Our goal is to lower the retention rate and increase the graduation rate."

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