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THE PANTHER



The Official Student Newspaper of Prairie View A&M University

Debut of 'Sexuality and Spirituality' opens minds of students

By LaToya Moore
Panther Staff

A senior makes his mark in the film industry with a documentary called "Sexuality and Spirituality" which was shown at Hobart Taylor Recital this past Tuesday. The documentary was shown previously and received such a huge response from administrators and students that it had to be shown again.

Alzo Slade Jr., a 23-year-old senior, is best known to many Prairie View A&M University students as the President of the Student Government Association and Mr. Prairie View A&M University 1997-98.

Slade decided to put his own questions and concerns into action and at the same time reach others who

have had the same questions dealing with "Sexuality and Spirituality".

Slade said the process of developing a concept for the documentary came from a workshop he attended with the same title.

The documentary had eleven students including the husband and wife duo, Drs. Kevin Washington and Deleso Washington.

Terence Halbert, who was one student who was interviewed for the documentary said, "I enjoyed it because it taught me more about myself."

The film was dedicated to the memory of one student who recently passed away, Empira Moore, who was also interviewed in the documentary.

Slade commented that Moore always wanted to be an actor and he is honored to ful-



photo by Glenn Russell

Alzo Slade sits with a cross at the debut of his documentary, "Spirituality and Sexuality."

fill Moore's dream.

Sex and spirit are two subjects that are usually not discussed in the same conversa-

tion. Many people do not understand the significance of sexual intercourse as it pertains to our mental and spiritual make-up of self and the effect that sex has on our sexual counterpart.

People have sex for

reasons such as to elevate their ego, to hold and take advantage of someone emotionally, to procreate and to recognize becoming one with another individual.

This documentary looks at the opinions of various individuals as it pertains to sex, spirit, and religion.

This documentary will allow people to view this controversial issue from different points of view. The Washington have done extensive research on this topic and served as the reference point for this piece.

The event was sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi, the communication department and the psychology club.

Slade is now working on developing a new documentary and after graduation he will be working at the Fox 26 news station as an editor.

Greek life is not just for Greeks

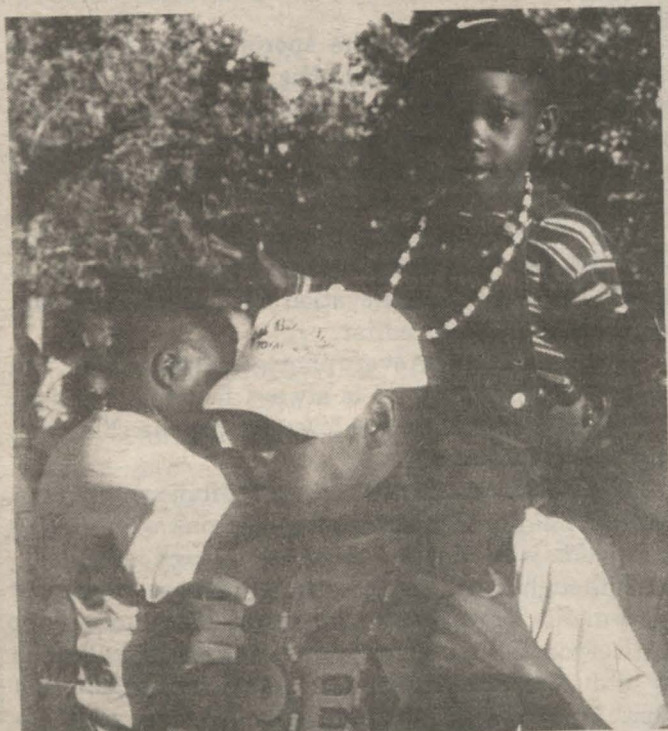


photo by Glenn Russell

Rahsan Smith, a member of Phit Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., shares the spotlight with Little Brenton "Booh" Newton II at the Spring 1999 Probate show.

MSC demolition remains on hold

By Kandyace Mayberry and Simeon Stanton
Panther Staff

In February, there was a proposal that successfully passed for the building of a new Memorial Student Center (MSC). It was said that all occupants of the MSC would tentatively be out of the building by the last week in February or the early part of March, so why is the MSC still being used?

The key word is proposal. A new MSC was just a proposal that still needs board approval. The board will not meet to approve the proposal until May.

The next step after

board approval will be to meet with the students and faculty to discuss a final design for the new MSC. A student committee has been set up to gain student input about the MSC. The committee includes the student government president and the four class presidents.

Silas Collins, Director of Student Center Operations, said the offices located within the MSC now will be relocated to other buildings around the campus. Originally, it was thought that the offices would be relocated to the West Wing of Alumni Hall. But Collins said the West Wing of Alumni will be used for student

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VIEWPOINTS

Suburban school shooting harder to swallow than inner-city crimes

By Joyce Dixon
Managing Editor

By now every one has heard of the latest school shooting at Columbine High School outside of Denver, Colo.

This no doubt is a disturbing situation to not only the people living in that community, but also to students, parents and educators across the nation. As a student my heart goes out to every one that has lived through the horrible ordeal as well as the families of the victims and the offenders.

However, I am writing about a comment I heard in the media about this and other incidents like it.

Someone was wondering why these events were going on in the suburbs and not in the inner cities.

Too many this may have just been a valid question, you may not have taken it seriously, you thought it was nothing to grumble about. I, on the other hand, am outraged that this comment was allowed to air on national television.

I feel this is blatant racism. When you look at the demographics, there are more white people in the suburbs and more so-called minorities in the inner city.

Based on this fact, it is evident to me that whoever made this statement along with

millions of other people expect horrible events to happen in areas where there are more "minorities" and less events of this magnitude to occur where there is a large concentration of whites.

White people have been doing horrible things from the beginning, however, they have always been portrayed as the good people in the media and the "minorities" have always received a bum rap. But what do you expect? If you were in control wouldn't you make yourself look good also?

When "minorities" commit crimes media coverage is much different from the coverage whites receive. When "minorities" commit crimes the public gets the "oh no, not another killing in south central" feeling. When whites commit crimes the public wants to analyze, speculate, blame, excuse and everything else that will help their image stay in a positive light.

I'm not saying this to dredge up any ill feelings over a situation that is already bad. The person who made the statement has already done that. I just want people to understand that the things they say affect not only them. I always want my peers to listen more to the things that are said on national television. If you don't like what's being said, don't just sit idly by and let things pass. Make some noise.



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Editor's good-bye Out with the old, in with the new



By Tiara M. Ellis
Editor-in-Chief

A year and a half. Most relationships don't even last a whole year. But here I am. I have never held a job for more than three months. Yet, I've been the editor-in-chief of *The Panther* for a whole year and a half.

Now I am not only relinquishing my position on the newspaper, but I am also graduating from Prairie View A&M University.

As I look back on this staff and all of the work we have put into getting this newspaper up to the standards that we knew we could achieve, I realize that I have had the pleasure of working with some very talented, hard-working students.

In the beginning there was just Dr. Kimetris Baltrip, Eric Gaither, Zharmer Hardimon, Patrina Bostic, and Gitonga M'Mbijewe and me. That semester we only had two issues go to press. Two?

More than a year later, we have an entire staff. I don't know if anyone else checks out the staff box at the bottom of this page, but the people behind those names are very important to getting this newspaper out every two weeks.

Joyce Dixon, my managing editor, keeps me calm every issue. When I start panicking, she renews my faith in the staff. She has become a great friend and wonderful leader. She'll be the new editor-in-chief next semester. Treat her well and try to encourage, not discourage.

Santee's Bowers can't seem to make up her mind. She can't decide if she wants to be an editor or the advertising manager. But she always adds that spark of attitude we need in the office.

Tina Ellis, my sister and entertainment editor, knows me like no one else. I am so glad that we have had this last year together before I have to begin living the rest of my life. I love her more than she will ever know. I hope she keeps making 20 Questions the first section of the paper everyone reads.

Brad "Tito" Ruffin, the sports editor, keeps the entire staff laughing. He, Quincy Higgins and Jon Cook add the male element to the paper. Tito is the sports expert, John is the immovable critic and Quincy will always be "Plaid Boy" who does his comic strip and editorial cartoon the final night of lay out.

Sheleah Hughes and Munir Saafir, you both are life savers. There are times when I wonder what this newspaper would be like without your innovation and dedication. Thank you news editor and copy editor.

Glenn Russell gets every photograph we ask for. The final night of publication he is always found in the dark room, trying to finish those last few photographs. You can't ask for more than that.

Doc (Dr. Baltrip) and Gitonga M'Mbijewe our eternal leaders. They guide us by letting us think we are doing all of the work, while they work for us through influence.

Although I will be leaving, I'll always remember those late nights, burning the midnight oil in the newspaper office. All of you who read *The Panther* don't realize all of the energy and time we put into getting just one publication together. There have been many nights we have stayed in this office until three and four in the morning trying to finish

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kappa Beach Party: Think About It

Would anyone choose to be in a place where Jesus is not welcomed?

Are you really a child of God? Can a man swim in the ocean and not get wet? The environment that one enters affects it. Think about it. Is your lifestyle at Prairie view an exact replica of your lifestyle at home? Of course not!

If you step into an environment that is conducive to free love, lust, dishonor, sex; a place without ethics, what can be expected?

Can you expect to be loved in an environment of hate and lust? Can you expect respect in a place without morals? If you do, then you've broken the design. What do you expect?

Do you want to be disrespected? Do you want

strangers to feel you up? Do you want H.I.V.? If you are wearing clothing that attracts flies and worms, expect flies and worms to be attracted to you.

Do people treat you different based on your at-

tire? They do because different attire attracts different attention.

Why should any

Christian desire things not of God?

"If ye live in the Spirit, then walk in the Spirit."

Think about it!
Submitted by Kendall Coleman.

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layout with Gitonga pushing us to finish and Doc warning us that Gitonga was ready to blow any minute.

It's all so worthwhile when we see people reading the newspaper. We love hearing what our peers think of all of our work; whether it's bad or good. How else will we know what needs to be improved?

This is your forum. It is for us, the students. So we now need to use what we have. This is our voice.

To this new class of journalists coming on the scene, I suggest you stick close to the veterans I mentioned.

They will not lead you astray. Kandyace, Yauna, Cornesha, Leandra, Donald, LaShanda, push yourselves and your peers to better the newspaper and yourselves. You are the future of *The Panther*.

What becomes of what we have re-created is up to you. Don't let it go.

I will truly miss all of you. Thank you so much for the laughs, headaches, tears, and love. I will never ever forget any of you!

CAMPUS NEWS

Pageants demonstrate beauty, intelligence, grace

Ms. Phi Mu Alpha represents "Total Woman"

By Lum-Awah Atang
Panther Staff

'Tis certainly the season for pageants. Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia invited all to join in an evening of beauty and elegance as they hosted their first scholarship pageant on Tuesday, April 13.

The theme of "The



photo by Glenn Russell

Jamila Jackson, the first Miss Sinfonia stands with her court at "The Total Woman" Pageant.

individual.

Phi Mu Alpha is a renowned music fraternity and the brothers of Omicron Zeta Chapter feel that any woman should be able to participate in this event, without being confronted with the ills of social ignorance.

Nikkia Sams and Tanya Williams worked diligently with the five contestants, who only had one week to prepare for competition in casual wear, talent, evening gown and oral expression.

These assiduous young ladies included Jehan Ford, Rhonda Walker, Neyoka Wells, who will represent the chapter as Ms. Ashanti, and Pamela Brown who was crowned Ms. Omicron Zeta, and Jamila Jackson who stole the show as Ms. Phi Mu Alpha.

Jackson's duties will include the promotion of the arts, and attending different functions representing the fraternity.

First-ever Lady of the Dove pageant stands successful

By Kandyace Mayberry
Panther Staff

"A Night of Majestic Dreams Begins a Legacy" was the theme for the first Lady of the Dove Scholarship Pageant hosted by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Nine young ladies captivated and treated the audience to a majestic evening.

The contestants included LaKeisha Godine, Jonte Garrett, Shalisa Duhon, Sh'Nay Collins, Shaketha Brown, DeMonica Cooper, Erica Perry, Letrice Dickerson, and Tiffany Hall.

The pageant opened with a number set in the time of genies. It then took a turn with a song by Janet Jackson. Next, the ladies charmed the audience with their sports active wear.

The ladies then captivated the audience with the talent section.

Impromptu question was the next event which had a slight twist. Contestants

were asked questions as if they were in a news conference.

The ladies then dazzled the audience with their formal wear.

At the end of the night, the big announcement was made. Dickerson received third runner-up, Collins second runner-up, and then there was a tie for first runner-up between Duhon and Perry. Garrett was announced the first Lady of the Dove.

Entertainment was presented throughout the competition. Cecily Wagner and Cicely Beckwith performed their rendition of "When You Believe", from the "Prince of Egypt" movie soundtrack. The group



photo by Giionga M. Mbijewe

Jont'e Garrett was crowned the first Lady of the Dove. Garrett will represent Phi Beta Sigma Inc. through 2000.

Element, Tamba Giles and Tonya Silmon also performed.

The master and mistress of ceremonies Chad X. Slater and Janelle Vernon added a comical touch.

Process of elimination

Organizations must complete procedures to become official members of campus

By Yauna Estes
Panther Staff

The process of creating an organization on campus is extensive.

A member of the proposed organization must pick up a packet and manual from the office of student activities. Upon completion of the proposal, all documents should be returned to the office.

The students must have an advisor or faculty member to assist them and partake in the organization proposal. The proposal will then be reviewed.

"Brian Dickens, Director of Student activities has sole authority to accept, reject or modify the organization, after the board has voted."
- Denise Simmons

The organization will receive a letter about what they need to present the proposal to a board. The presentation consists of a 7-10 minute explanation of why the organization should be on campus and its aspirations.

Based on the presentation, completion of paperwork, and response to the questions, the board which includes representatives of staff and students will deliberate and decide.

"Brian Dickens, Director of Student Activities, has sole authority to accept, reject or modify the organization, after the board has voted," Denise Simmons said.

The students will receive a letter of acceptance or rejection in the mail, stating reasons for their decision.

Organizations may be rejected for reasons such as incomplete paperwork or there is an organization already in place with the same purposes.

If this occurs, the organization can revisit the board to reapply.

CAMPUS NEWS

Inaugural Jabberwock awards more than 6,000 in scholarships

By SaKinna Thomas
and Carlos Hopkins
Panther Staff

For the first time in chapter history, the Eta Beta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. crowned their first Miss Jabberwock at the first annual Miss Jabberwock

Presentation & Cotillion, with this year's theme "An Hour of Enchantment."

On April 10, 1999, Waller High School junior, Deneys Kirkpatrick, received the highest honor of being crowned Miss Jabberwock along with a \$3,200 scholarship to the university of her choice. The first runner-up, Dashaonda Nunn, was presented with \$1,200. The following scholarship were also awarded to participants: Vivian Spikes \$900; Jerusalem

Ghebretatios \$500; Tina King \$400; and Keisha Thompson \$200 book scholarship.

The Mistress and Master of Ceremony, Rockell Williams and Desmond Thomas, guided the guests through the program with their elegance and charm.

The presentation began with the entrance of each young lady as they graced the stage with their grand bow, following with an elegant waltz with their escorts, and a toast by Tiffany Reeder to their success. Adrian Judge danced to the song "Black Butterfly" as a salute to the ladies for their various achievements.

The presentation was a formal affair where ladies wore formal floor length gowns and gentlemen wore tails or tuxedos. The stage was set with a black and gold star backdrop, towering white columns draped in gold gossamer, and

mammoth twelve foot clock to set the evening. Guests were invited to dine and mingle to beautiful candle light as they swooned to the melodious tune of PVAMU's Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

The presentation is the highlight of "Delta View". The idea of Delta View, an original name, was conceived in 1998 by senior Khaleiah Taylor. Delta View stands for "Developing, Educating, Leading, Teaching and Achieving."

Since its inception in September of 1998, participants have been exposed to various seminars and activities such as: dinner etiquette, health awareness, SAT workshops paired with mentors, and free tutoring. They also served the community by adopting a needy family, participating in voter registration, and School America.



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The contestants for the 1999 Miss Jabberwock Presentation & Cotillion are presented with their escorts as they await the announcement of the winner.

Prairie View prepares to accept another queen

By Corey Johnson
Panther Staff

On April 23, 1999 under the theme of "A Whole New World" the annual Miss Prairie View A&M University pageant will be held. The night has an interesting agenda, including a dance performance by the Classic Dance Ensemble and talent performances by Norton Campbell, Melanie Finley, and the gospel according to Miine America. The smooth sounds of Prairie View's Phi Mu Alpha jazz ensemble will also complement the evening.

Contestants for the crown include Yolanda Brown a junior psychology major from Galveston, Texas.

Patricia Greenleaf a junior biology major from Galveston, Texas, Lamika Joseph sophomore nursing major from Missouri City, Texas, Latoria Maura a junior English major from Houston, Texas, Ebony Mitchell a sophomore nursing major from Orange, Texas, Shiresa Pittman a sopho-

more computer science major, and Jessica Rainey a senior education major both from Houston, Texas.

"It's not the crown that makes you a queen, but the things that you accomplish and what you believe that define who you are," reflected Lum-Awah Atang, who currently reigns as Miss Prairie View A&M University.

Atang considers her position not only a title but also a responsibility and advises her successor to uphold the standards of Prairie View with grace and dignity.

Atang hopes that she has inspired Prairie View students to be more supportive of one another. Her platform reflected her interest in the cultural development, and upliftment of the college woman. She used her position to conduct seminars on campus and even represented Prairie View on the Debra Duncan television show.

As we move into the "Whole New World" of the new millennium, the next Miss Prairie View will surely have a great task to bear.

-On page 9 of the April 9, issue of the Panther Brian Jordan was mis identified as Brian Barefield. We would like to officially apologize for this misprint.

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REGIONAL NEWS

NCOBRA organizes economic development commissioners

By Tony Browne
Panther Staff

From April 17-19, national elections for Economic Development Commissioners (EDCs) were organized by the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCOBRA) with the assistance of many volunteers.

On April 18 the PVAMU chapter of NCOBRA conducted, with the help of Dean Lewter, the April 18 EDC elections at the All-Faiths chapel. Then on April 19, they held EDC elections at Memorial Student Center and Alumni Hall.

The purpose of the EDC elections was to put a powerful economic structure

into place in the black community. EDC representatives from various cities and geographical locations will represent their respective communities. They will be able to directly collaborate with others in the struggle for reparations and self determination, and help to develop a strong economic structure.

There were three Prai-

rie View A&M University students and several PVAMU professors out of the nine candidates who accepted nominations to take on the responsibilities of the EDC representing the Houston/ Prairie View area. The results of the election are still being calculated.

The EDCs will not only aid in the fight for repara-

tions, but also help to refine the form that these reparations will take, so that they may be effectively used toward the upliftment and strengthening of our communities on all levels. This strengthening could come in the form of educational funding, and the organization and

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Fine art museum honors volunteers with exhibit

By SaKinna Thomas
Panther Staff

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston presents *The Art of Volunteering: Celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the Guild* exhibition on view May 1 through July 4, 1999. This exhibition marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Guild, Volunteers of the Museum of Fine Arts (MFAH), Houston, and honors the thousands of dynamic volunteers who have given enthusiastically of their time, energy and resources since 1900 to make the MFAH a vibrant part of the artistic, cultural social life of the Houston community.

Each guild President during the past 20 years chose a work of art from the museum's collection as her signature piece for the year to be used on that year's guild application and Guild Directory. In celebration of its 20th anniversary, the Guild presents this exhibition which brings together the works of art chosen by its Presidents along with a personal statement from each museum President.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to tell our story and to bring new meaning to twenty of the Guild's favorite pieces from the permanent collection that are brought together in this unique exhibition. The pieces speak to us about the common thread that binds our volunteers together - the love of art," said 1998-99 Guild president Melva Meronek.

Pieces in the exhibition date from as early as 800-1000 BC (*Ulua*, a marble vase

from Honduras), to 1955 (*Road and Poplar Trees*, a photograph by Minor White). The exhibition also includes paintings, drawings, sculpture and furniture.

In honor of its 20th anniversary, the guild purchased *Diana*, a bronze sculpture by Frederick William MacMonnies, for the museum's collection of American art. *Diana* will also be on view in the exhibition.

Since the founding of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston in 1900, volunteers have played a key role in its activities and programs. In 1979, the volunteers created the Associates, a membership organization, "to serve the MFAH to foster interest in the museum." In 1984, the Associates changed its name to the Guild, volunteers of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Today more than 2,400 volunteers support the activities, programs and behind-the-scenes activities of the museum, the equivalent of 30 full-time professional staff members. In addition to the exhibition, *The Art of Volunteering*, another of the Guild's major projects in 1999 will be the publication of a new cookbook. It will be available in the MFAH bookstore in the fall.

Since 1900, volunteers have given more than a million hours of time to the supporting every area of the museum's activities and programs from education to fundraising and membership. As the museum nears its 100th birthday in the year 2000, volunteers are the vital force that will sustain the museum's activities and inspire its future.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Candlelight walk marks beginning of Awareness Week

By Shana A. Miller
Panther Staff

The Division of Student Enrollment Services, the Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Violence Prevention Program, and various organizations sponsored an Awareness Week April 18-22, 1999 dedicated to those who have lost their lives to drugs, alcohol, and violence.

On April 18, 1999 the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. co-sponsored the Candlelight Walk from the university flagpoles to the chapel. They along with members from other campus organizations participated in the walk and an informative seminar titled "Choosing to Live" held at All Faiths Chapel.

The sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the ladies of Alpha Angels served ice cream along with the message to remain free from the use of drugs.

A town meeting titled "What's Really Going On?" hosted by the brothers of

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in the Administrative Auditorium was designed to find out why certain drug and alcohol related incidents occur on campus.

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Rho Chi Psi, Omega Psi Phi, and the Fraternal Order of Classy Gentlemen stomped against alcohol and drug abuse in the min-step show held in front of the MSC on Wednesday.

On Thursday Health and Human Performance administered drug screening tests in the New Gym. Health and Human Performance majors along with students from Prairie View's Nursing School passed out informative booklets and flyers about the effects of alcohol. Documentaries were also shown to illustrate how alcohol damages people mentally, physically, and emotionally.

"If you will not stand up and discourage your brothers and sisters from using drugs and violence, then you will," asked Nicole Bradford.

Gilpin Players celebrate 70 years

By Jon Cook
Panther Staff

The Charles Gilpin Players, Prairie View's own award winning troupe of entertainers, are set to perform the highly acclaimed play, "God's Trombones."

The play will be performed in conjunction with the voices of the University Choir in Hobart Taylor's Little Theater, April 27 - 29.

The Charles Gilpin Players will celebrate 70 years of theatre excellence in the fall of 1999.

The troupe, which consists entirely of PV students and faculty, has won awards and accolades from coast to coast.

Active since 1929, the troupe was formed by Dr. Earl K. Susser and has performed on stages from the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. to the World's Fair in New Orleans.

Toastmasters produces 'Voices of Distinction'

By Kalyn Bullock
Panther Staff

Toastmasters International is an organization that works to improve the communication skills of its members by offering help with better speech writing, presentations, and helping students overcome stage fright.

Prairie View A&M University's Toastmaster team, which was started by the College of Business, is called 'Voices of Distinction'.

There are many advantages associated with being a member of Toastmasters. One such advantage is its effectiveness on resumes.

According to Craig Williams, Vice President of Education for Toastmasters, an interviewer was impressed with his involvement with Toastmasters. The interviewer expressed to Williams that being a member takes courage.

Toastmasters also help improve interviewing skills. The group participates in table topics in which members are required to do impromptu speaking.

Voices of Distinction holds meetings once a week. At these meetings the Toast-



master is recognized as the Master/Mistress of Ceremonies and three speakers present speeches.

The speakers are members of the group working toward the Competent Toastmaster Award (CTM). This is obtained by presenting ten speeches. After the CTM has been obtained, ten more speeches are given in order for a member to obtain the Advanced Toastmaster Bronze Award.

Members of Voices of Distinction are currently working on more round table discussions, greater recognition of speakers, and increasing membership. There are currently about 20 members in Voices of Distinction.

Recruitment for Voices of Distinction begins the second week of the Fall 1999 semester and all students are welcome to join.

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Deltas incorporate entertainment with service



Danielle Skinner, Akeice Sampson, Tonya Silmon, Yvette Harden, Jayana Aguillar and Rebecca Johnson celebrate the one-year birthday of their line, Evolution of Spring 1998.

By La Shanda Lombard
Panther Staff

Through all of their activities, the divine ladies of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. exemplify the strong standards of their sorority: scholarship and service.

The activities of the Eta Beta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta are built upon their "Five Point Thrust,"

which include economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement.

To carry out the elements of the "Five Point Thrust" the Delta's have held various seminars, such as "Respecting Your Womanhood."

They have hosted rallies to increase voter registration on campus and provided women with information on breast campus and free mammogram screenings.

These hard-working

ladies of Delta hold an Elephant Walk in the fall and the Walk for Literacy in the spring of each year.

Entertainment even has the underlying significance of community service for Delta. Through the Baby Dome party that was co-hosted with the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., the organization was able to donate a portion of the proceeds to the Miss Jabberwock Scholarship Presentation and Cotillion which provided more than \$6000 in scholarships (see page 5 for more information).

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NATIONAL NEWS

Texas towns combat gangs

By Leandra Henderson
Panther Staff

Criminal gangs are growing and moving from larger cities to smaller towns like the surrounding communities of Waller and Hempstead.

Many law enforcement agencies don't rate gangs as being their biggest problems in the city but in smaller towns gangs are a growing criminal threat.

"Compared to surveys and reports issued in 1995, gang affiliation in Texas' larger cities has increased but not as much as in smaller jurisdictions," said Attorney General Dan Morales.

Across the state, police agencies reported 3,200 gangs in large cities with an estimated 107,000 members compared to 1,600 gangs in smaller cities and towns with 105,000 members.

Female gang membership has also increased dra-

matically. Reports indicate that females represent over 13 percent of all gang members.

Morales said that police officers are doing everything in their power and domain to crack down on this rising situation before it gets out of hand.

"Law enforcement agencies are making advances. They have begun removing graffiti, community policing and profiling potential gang members," Morales said.

Profiling is a strategy used by officers to sort through potential gang members who range between the ages of 13 to 21 years of age but can be as young as 6-years-old. They usually wear one certain color, wear baggy clothes, have tattoos, are unemployed and skip school periodically.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDJC) recognizes the threat of gang members and other threat groups so they have

New antitheft device protects vehicles

By Leandra Henderson
Panther Staff

begun to take action like tracking convicted and well known gang members and forbidding new prison releases from associating with other gang members, wear gang clothing, throwing gestures or other forms of gang communication.

Police will also inform the communities in which the members reside of their release.

"Police will see the TDJC gang parole division officer as a team member to monitor release activities and other gang activities," Linda Bosby, a representative from TDJC said.

Law enforcement will be contacted within 24 hours after a gang member has been released from prison to present information to the community.

The new cooperative effort between the parole division and law enforcement is expected to expand and strengthen the network of communication and increase community knowledge and awareness.

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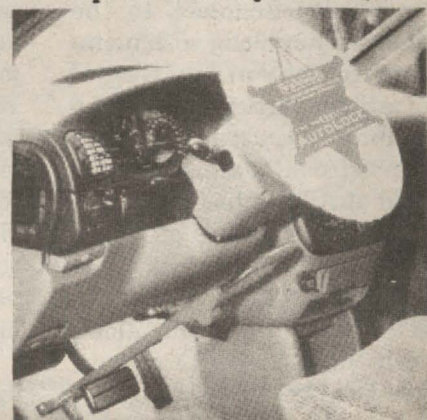
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BLACK HISTORY

Dark skin color prevents aging

By Eric Blaylock
Panther Staff

"Yo mamma so black she sweat oil." "Yo family so black I thought the car had tinted windows until they got out the car." These are some of the negative connotations used when "capping" (putting each other down). What we fail to realize is that the very darkness we ridicule is scientifically the essence of our very existence.

Found in all living organisms, melanin is derived from the Greek word melanos, meaning black.

According to author Charles Johnson, melanin is black, brown and yellow pigments responsible for the pigmentation of people of color.

The earliest humans were Africans near the equator in hot or humid climates. The earliest humans had to have dark skin in order to absorb the heat from the sun. Scientist have found melanin in 5,000 year-old mummies.

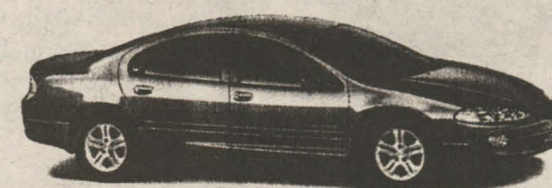
Having the ability to absorb sunlight and heat, melanin reduces the chances of skin cancer because high melanin concentrations screen out ultraviolet light from the sun. Black skin absorbs 30-40 percent more heat than non-black skin. This is why dark-skinned people look more youthful than non-dark skinned people. The more melanin in the skin, the less it ages from sunlight exposure.

Melanin is also found in the eyes. Melanin absorbs excessive light that might blur vision. Lesser amounts of melanin in the eyes increases the risk for eye cataracts. Found in hearts, livers, nerves, muscles and brains, melanin is the most complex molecule in the human body.

Melanin in the human body is similar to chlorophyll in plants. Melanin is not only the pigment on the body's surface, but it is also found internally to assist in maintaining a healthy organism. Scientist believe melanin is the basic protein that orchestrates all living systems including DNA.

Understanding melanin is one part of liberating our minds from the negative connotations of blackness.

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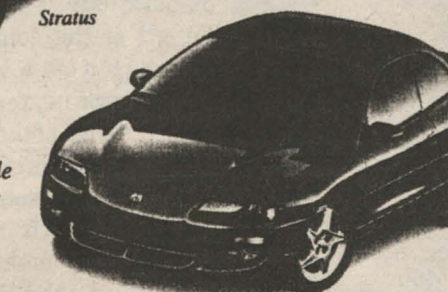
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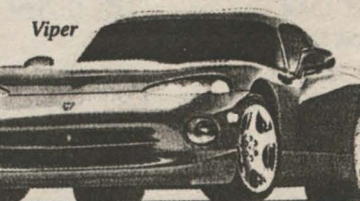
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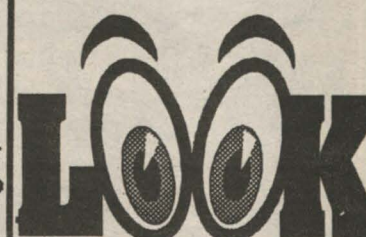
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Life, Life, Life, Life, Life, Life

Soundtrack sounds spicy, while movie needs more salt

As we delve into the turn of the century, music is constantly evolving. From the evolution of country music, to the creation and ever rising hip hop, music is taking a new form.

Recall the days when rap was just rap, country was country, blues was blues, and rhythm and blues was the smooth sounds of Earth Wind and Fire, and the Commodores. All of that has changed.

There are now many performers who are able to own their own record labels, as well as tour and perform. Although a lot of music from the 1990s to the present is recycled music and lyrics, there are truly extremely talented artists on the rise. In the mostly male dominated business, producers are now male and female.

Some examples of wonderful producers are Missy Elliot, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopez, Kenneth Babyface Edmonds, Sean Puffy Combs, Wyclef Jean, Busta Rhymes, and R. Kelly.

Kelly has repeatedly demonstrated his talents, by writing, producing, and ar-

anging many artists cuts. In 1998, his song with Celine Dion "Angel" remained at the top of the charts for months.

Kelly has done it again! He recently wrote, produced and arranged all of the songs on the "Life" soundtrack, the CD that coincides with the movie starring Martin Lawrence and Eddie Murphy. The CD ranges from rap to rhythm and blues. It features artists ranging from Juvenile and DJ Quik, to newer artists such as Mya, Maxwell, Kelly Price, and country music singer Trisha Yearwood.

After listening to this CD, I would like to give it a thumbs up, and four stars out of five. He has truly outdone himself. The differences in the music demonstrates that musicians can get together and speak the universal language of love, and promote harmony all over the world. Music can bridge the gap of generations.

So far, there have been several hits off the newly released "Life" CD. Maxwell's "Fortunate" (written by R. Kelly) is at the top of the

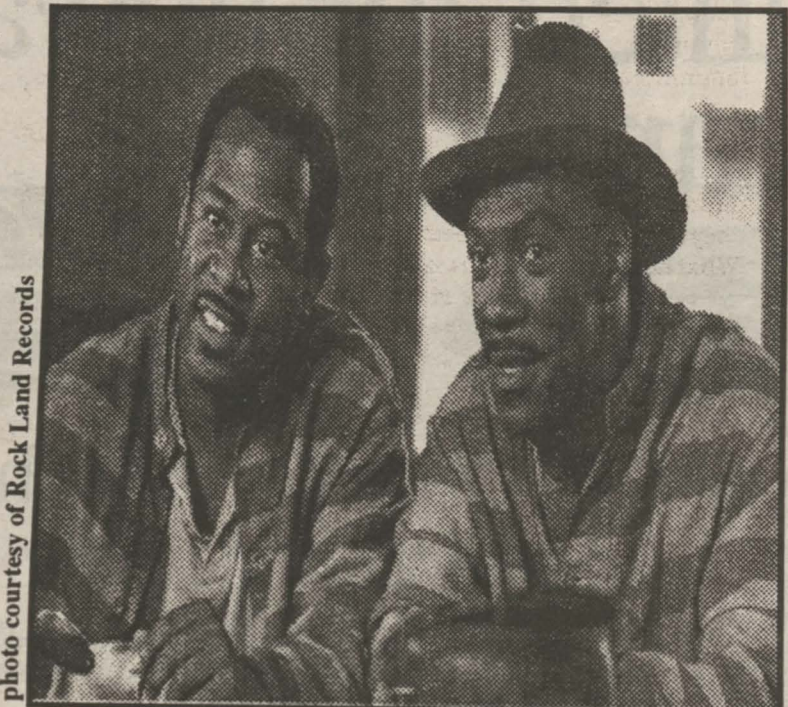


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Since this is the last issue of this great paper, I feel like reminiscing a little bit, forgive me. Remember when you were young, and "Eddie Murphy Raw" came on cable and you had the volume down low, with one hand on the remote and the other over your mouth to keep from laughing out loud?

Remember when "Martin" first came on and people would stop whatever they were doing and run to the nearest television set, because BruhMan from the fifth floor, Hustle-Man, and of course Shanae-nae would be tripping?

Man, those were the days.

charts; K.C. and JoJo's "Life" (written and produced by R. Kelly), is also on the top of the charts. There is also a remake of the classic song "Loving You" (originally by Minnie Riperton) sung by Sparkle.

Other hot tracks featured on the album include "Speechless," by the Isley Brothers, and "Stimulate Me" performed by Destiny's Child and Mocha.

Other artists featured are City High, Brian McKnight, Reptile, Khadejiaf/Marie Antoinette and more.

This CD is one to go out and buy. I did not care for all of the songs on the album, but as a whole, the soundtrack is great!!!

Most of the lyrics are great, the words of the songs, from the rap songs to the sweet, smooth and slow songs, really make you feel them, and take you to another place. They are songs that men and women can relate to. From the words of Mya "Baby Why Should I Believe You?" to Maxwell's "I am fortunate to have you girl, I am so glad you're in my world," the poetry of the music deeply pulls in the audience. The CD is definitely a gold.

By **Yauna Estes**
Panther Staff

Then came "Metro," "Holy Man," and "Nothing To Lose," Martin waving his pistol on a street corner in LA and Tisha Campbell, not to mention a certain ride given to a transvestite prostitute on Sunset Boulevard (Yikes!). All of a sudden, the laughs stopped coming for two men whose whole careers were based on being funny and now they are forced into making their "comeback" movie. And such is "Life."

Released on April 16, "Life" is the story of two men, around the early 1930s who are convicted of a murder they didn't commit, with a truck full of bootleg whiskey in Mississippi (!). Ray, played by Eddie, who sounds like he stepped right off the set of "Harlem Nights," is a friendly pickpocket with big dreams. Martin is Claude, a square bank teller, who gets caught up in a nightmare. The funniest thing Martin does during the film is allow someone to cut a part in his hair from the forehead to the back of his neck, like someone wanted to chop him in half, swung the ax, then changed their mind. We watch a half century in these men's lives, from World War II to the early 90's. The guards come and go, fellow convicts live and die. And life goes on.

Now I came in the theater expecting the best, I mean Eddie and Martin in the same movie? It had to be funny, and it was...until real life started seeping into the film. The subject matter is what throws it all off, because when you get right down to it, what is funny about serving a life sentence in prison? When was the last time you heard laughter coming from death row? Stop lying, you NEVER have, because, for one, nobody wants to get NEAR Death Row, and two, the people there really don't find much to smile about concerning their situation.

There are moments when you'll crack a smile. Bernie Mac is a riot as a lecherous pervert (then again maybe that's not so funny after all). But that's about it. Eddie's fast talking hustler act has been worn down to the ground. If I hear him laugh that choking Babe meets Redd Foxx laugh one more time, there's no telling how crazy I'll go. Martin seemed confused as to whether he should be in a drama, a tragedy or what. You know something's wrong with a comedy when, in a theater full of black people, no one is talking to the screen. By all means, see the film yourself, make your own decision and support the brothers but don't be upset when you walk out thinking "Where is Shanae-nae when I need her?"

By **Jon Cook**
Panther Staff

Girls on Guys

What men still haven't figured out

In life, there are two things one needs to know about men and women in order to survive. The first is that women are smarter than guys. The second is that, as the smarter sex, women can not act like they know it. This damages the manhood and self-esteem of boys, I mean, men.

Ladies often entertain the idea of finding "The Perfect Man," but, in all actuality, he does not exist. Certain guys can possess certain characteristics of this man, but never all. Besides, if a guy ever had all of these traits, women still wouldn't think he was perfect. We're always looking for better.

"The Perfect Man" has a sense of romance, a life outside of the relationship, and a backbone - and being cute and fine always helps. Any guy who spends more time thinking about his relationship than he does breathing is either psycho or he has an obsessive-compulsive disorder. It is very important for men to have a backbone. Nobody wants a wimp.

It seems that some guys can't quite understand the difference between sensitivity and "punkitivity." A sensitive guy is not any less of a man. If anything, he is more of a man. Sensitivity is simply an attempt to understand a woman's feelings and emotions.

On the other hand, a cry baby, softy, punk is the guy

that cries because he broke a nail. Punks are not homosexual!!! They are just extremely in touch with their feminine side - maybe a little too in touch.

Sometimes brothers try to run game on females thinking we don't know what they are really after. We know. What most men don't realize is that we have a game of our own. You know that guy we're always hanging out with who you thought was gay? You don't care that we are hanging around him all the time because he is no threat to you. Just know that he is always there to pick up the slack when you are not doing your job.

Since there is a constant quest to find the perfect man, we are forced to create one. To create the perfect man, we find several brothers that have qualities we like. By the time a woman is finished, she has everything she needs.

Guys do it to us all the time. Now it's time for the tables to be turned.

And fellas, what's up with the dudes who value their homies' opinion more than being sincere to a woman? The purpose of having a relationship is taking a friendship to the next level. Healthy relationships are based on personality compatibility and common interests, not simply sexual attraction. Men need to realize that having your friends respect you will never replace

having a partner in the true sense of the word. This is integral to understanding how to really relate to women.

By **Chyna Storm,**
Ebony Syn, and
Holly Wood
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- 5) Baby Dome

The Best of 20 Questions

1. What's the value of the washateria lady's mouth?
2. Shouldn't we call Spring Fest "that little thing during spring that they hype up for nothing?"
3. What ever happened to those great CornNuts commercials?
4. Will all of the out of control students please stay away from MSC? (strippers, vandals, etc.)?
5. Do any of the scoreboards in the Dome have all of the lightbulbs?
6. Why are the May 1999 graduates so hype?
7. Could it be because some of them have been here since 1989?
8. Is President Hines' new motto for the student body "Have I ever lied to you?"
9. Why is the bookstore always out of books?
10. Why is the band still catching heat from "The Fall Brawl?"
11. How "new" is the New Gym?
12. Why is everyone walking around singing those Old Navy commercials?
13. What genius, and we use that term loosely, discovered the Southside Fade?
14. Shouldn't there be a limit to the number of pageants you can win?
15. Will our new MSC look like the one at Texas A&M?
16. Why did some people come to the Red & White Gala in their 1992 prom dresses?
17. When we won the football game, why didn't we tear down the whole stadium so we could get a new one?
18. Speaking of "The Win," why is PV now known as the school that can only win one football game?
19. Is the AKA in the blue Mustang a racecar driver?
20. What do you think?

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| "Zion" Lauryn Hill | "Shorty" Donnell Jones | "Fortunate" Maxwell |
| "It's Not Right, But It's Okay" Whitney Houston | "Thug Mentality" Krayzie Bone | "Bills, Bills, Bills" Destiny's Child |
| "Chante's Got a Man" Chante Moore | "Wanna Be a Baller" Lil' Troy | "You Can Hate Me" NAS f/ Puff Daddy |
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SPORTS NEWS

'Welcome to Burger Shack my name's Dennis can I help you'

By Brad Ruffin
Sports Editor

Dear Worm,

It has been said by some that gamblers lead a dangerous life. A wise person once said, "don't bite the hand that feeds you."

What I'm trying to say is...you're both. You've literally gnawed and chewed at the hands feeding you. The life you're living, if not dangerous, is definitely stupid and now all you have is to look forward to talking to some counselor at the unemployment office who wishes they made a tenth of your total salary.

Are your priorities backwards? Did your wires get crossed up during you latest tattoo session? Did you bump your head while riding butt naked on your Harley?

Did basketball make you famous or was it the other way around?

You are arguably the best rebounder the NBA has ever seen, but you prefer to take red eye flights to Las Vegas in order to support your gambling habit (yes you do have one), party in Hollywood Hills with the stars, and make up silly elementary school excuses for not coming to practice.

Do Hollywood stars quit acting during the middle of a movie production in order to party with you. Do you really think that your freaky colored hair is the reason the ladies flock to your side? Don't worry if you can't find an answer, I'll help. No, no, and no you jackass!

I admit you are a different breed of human life, but your colored hair and tattoos are nothing more than attention getters. The NBA puts money in your pocket and food on your table. If you had never played in the NBA, you'd be nothing more than a multi haired colored, multi pierced, multi tattooed after thought.

With the exception of the Detroit Pistons, you've warmed out your welcome with every NBA team you've played for. In all honesty it's not the hair, the tattoos, or the piercings. The problem is your attitude towards the game. Basketball is played by five teammates who work towards a common goal. I know all of this sounds foreign to you, but trust me.

I know you're probably thinking to yourself, "I'll just concentrate on my movie career."

I don't want to be the bearer of bad news, but... "Double Team" wasn't and you're not. Your antics are old news. Nobody's surprised or shocked by your appearance or your actions. Here's what people say about you. "Oh I can't believe Dennis is a Laker. I'll have to check out a game before he gets kicked off the team."

Every time some "sucker" gives you another chance and another team to play for, you play right into the hands of your critiques and screw it up.

Many moons ago, in a galaxy far far away I was a Dennis Rodman fan. I watched your unstoppable rebounding talent and your incredibly stupid antics slowly push me toward the dark side.

In the future you might want to remember that it's okay to be a character and enrich your life, but it's better to have character and enrich us all.

Sincerely,
Fan, not a fan, fan, not fan!

Big Baller, Shot Caller

Lady Panther balances busy schedule, while taking aim at the WNBA

By Keisha Smith
Special to the Panther

The 1998-99 basketball season held a lot of ups and downs for the 'Lady Panthers', but in the words of the Rockets head coach, "Never underestimate the heart of a champion." Those words certainly hold true for Lady Panther Erica Smith. Even though basketball has ended for the school year, it has not stopped for Smith who says "I still love this game". Smith has her sights



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- Erica Smith

on the Women's National Basketball League. Earlier this month (April 8-11) Smith traveled to Los Angeles, Calif. to participate in the NBA Free Agent Pro Tournament. The tournament is by invitation and hosts some of the top up and coming talent in women's basketball. Smith said she was "...excited and somewhat nervous..." when invited to attend the tournament.

The first day in Los Angeles consisted of registration and team assignments. There were a total of four teams with seven to eight players on each team. Smith, along with her new teammates were coached by Michael Cooper (former LA Laker and teammate of Ervin 'Magic' Johnson). Day two of the tournament was all business, consisting of skills, drills, and heavy conditioning. The rest of the weekend the participants played a total of three vigorous games-hoping to dazzle the scouts- while displaying an array of talent.

Of course Erica Smith is no stranger to the game of basketball, having played most of her life. Smith said "...(basketball) was the only neighborhood sport I really knew...it gave me self esteem, self discipline,

and confidence."; all of those attributes she displayed on the court this season. Having played point guard and shooting guard for the 'Lady Panthers', Smith averaged 12-13 points per game (with her highest score at 27 points

"I would like to just concentrate on graduating this year and thereafter (I) would like to teach and coach basketball at the junior and high school level..." Smith said. In the same breath she also teased "... of course I wouldn't mind playing for the WNBA. In light of all this Erica Smith has already proved herself a champion in the game of life and perhaps the same will hold true in the pros for this WNBA hopeful.

With all that said, there's an old saying that comes to mind...Prairie View A&M University- still produces productive people.

against Jackson Southern) and was in contention for SWAC newcomer of the year. Prior to her transfer from the University of Texas El Paso, Smith played point guard for the 'Lady Miners' at UTEP where she sharpened her ball handling skills even more.

Besides her love for basketball, this busy student maintains her grades while volunteering and working with kids. She joined the mentor program at Jones Intermediate School and for the past four years, has worked as a counselor at the Johnny Holland Sports Camp. In addition to sports and working with kids (as if her schedule is not hectic enough), Smith has two sons to raise.

So how does she maintain? "It's tough sometimes, but I love my children dearly, so to me it's all worth it...I try to instill the same values and morals that I've learned and if I had to give up basketball I would because my kids come first." Smith said.

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SPORTS NEWS

Annual ritual marks the end of spring football

By Jarrod Franklin
Special to the Panther

Last Thursday evening the Prairie View A&M spring football season came to an end with its annual "Purple and Gold" game at Blackshear stadium.

Providing the early fireworks were sophomore and potential starting quarterback Jamal Foster. Foster hit receiver Marcus Ballard on the game's first play from scrimmage for a 50- yard plus strike across the middle. Unfortunately the play was nullified due to the fact this was a controlled situation scrimmage.

One of the greatest showcases of offense during the night came from junior tailback Kevin Bell, who made one of the most awe - inspiring six yard touchdown runs that a person will ever see in college football. Bell took the toss sweep to his right and proceeded to juke and cut, all while reversing his field and getting around the corner to score the touchdown. The offense also got a final score from freshman walk-on Damien Terry.

As for the defense, they became very stingy after the first drive of the game. The defense consistently made the offense attempt three plays and and punt the ball away.

This is a great indication for Coach Rory Barnett's defense and could be a great sign of things to come.

In the Sports Spotlight

Tina Ellis



With perfect technique, Tina Ellis throws the discus during this year's Prairie View A&M Relays..

"Tina's ability to adjust to the toughest of situations make her a dedicated and true athlete."

Tiara M. Ellis

Height:
5 feet 9 inches

Hometown:
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Age:
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Trainers hold healing powers

By Santee's Bowers
Advertising Manager

People skills, dependability, a positive attitude combined with work ethics and patience describes what the athletic trainers at Prairie View A&M University have and it definitely makes them successful.

"Patience is very important," graduate student Alec Hawkins said. "As a result of dealing with a variety of people, trainers deal with a variance of attitudes."

When it comes to athletic training/sports medicine many people are not aware of the impact that is actually made upon all sports.

Compared to the other schools in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), the universities' facilities would rank "15 out of 10" according to director of Athletic Training/Sports Medicine John A. Mayes.

"untouchable" and have improved along with the facilities every year. Doc Mayes, as he is more popularly known, feels that he and his associates have come a long way since 1989, when the office was a "matchbox" in the Babydome, and when the whirlpool and ice machine were side by side in the same room.

Expanding horizons and opportunities, graduate students Hawkins and Christopher Williams are moving from collegiate training levels to professional.

Hawkins and Williams, both belonging to the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA), have applied for internships to prepare players with the Dallas Cowboys.

Hawkins is one of three finalists being considered, and if chosen he could join Williams, who already qualified, during the upcoming season.

They will subsequently miss the fall semester at PVAMU but will return in the spring to continue their educations.

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CAMPUS NEWS

In Brief

TAMU chancellor speaks at Spring Commencement

Prairie View, Texas



Prairie View A&M University will hold its Spring Commencement exercises Saturday, May 8, 1999, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the William J. Nicks, Senior Health and Physical Education Building. The commencement exercise is open to the public. Commencement rehearsal will be held Friday, May 7, at 8:30 a.m., also in the William J. Nicks, Sr. Health

and Physical Education Building. Dr. Barry B. Thompson, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, will be the featured speaker for the Spring Commencement program.

Student enrollment services announces final exam dates

Prairie View, Texas

Thursday-Saturday, April 29-May 1 is the final exam period for graduation candidates. Monday, May 3 grades are due for graduation candidates. Saturday-Friday, May 1-7 is the regular final exam period. Saturday, May 8 commencement will be held.

The division of Student and Enrollment Services wishes you a good summer and looks forward to your return.

Navy, Army ROTC honors excellent students

Prairie View, Texas

Under the beam of a gorgeous Texas sun, many of the top Navy and Army ROTC students were recognized for military and academic excellence. The April 20 ceremony, held behind the Memorial Student Center, included distinguished guests from various area military organizations, university officials, family and friends.

The ceremony allowed the Navy midshipmen and Army cadets an opportunity to work, as well as, shine together.

The Office of Student Publications wishes everyone a happy and safe summer. See you in Fall 1999.

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

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| | "God's Trombones" Little Theater Hobart Taylor 7:30 p.m. | "God's Trombones" Little Theater Hobart Taylor 7:30 p.m. | "God's Trombones" Little Theater Hobart Taylor 7:30 p.m. | Graduation Candidates Final Exams | Graduation Candidates Final Exams |

The Piggy Bank



Scholarship and Internship Information

City of Houston Internship

Deadline: June 15, 1999

Description: Intern will write feature articles, choose art, help design and take photos for three newsletters that are distributed to the city's 23,000 employees. Intern will help on the Combined Municipal Campaign, the city's charitable giving drive. This involves working with volunteers, organizing agency fairs and writing and designing booklets, posters and flyers.

Additional Information: Graduate and sophomore through senior undergraduate journalism or communications students considered. Must be willing to work 24-29 hours a week, M-F, August-December, 1999. Beginning date in August is flexible. Contact: To be considered for an interview, send a resume to David Webb, Human Resources Department, 611 Walker 4A, Houston, Texas 77002 or fax to David Webb (713) 837-9447.

due by June 1, 1999. Additional Information: Winners will be notified in August and must be present at the National Inventors Hall of Fame, as guests, on Friday, September 17 for the awards luncheon. Contact: For a competition packet, contact Paul Kunce at 1-800-968-4332 or e-mail him at pkunce@invent.org. Additional entry information is available on the website at www.invent.org/bfg/bfghome.html.

The National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF) is searching for collegiate inventors willing to challenge their creative sparks of genius. Winners could receive up to \$7,500 in this year's competition, with prizes totaling over \$42,000. Deadline: Applications are

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (Lena Chang Scholarship Awards) Deadline: July 1 Contact: Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (Lena Chang Scholarship), 1187 Coast Village Road, Suite 123, Santa Barbera, CA 93108-2794.



MSC from page 1

activities that would have taken place in the ballroom of the MSC.

If the proposal is approved, it will take eight months from the time of move out to complete the new MSC.

Many of the students around campus feel having a new MSC will be a great idea. Unlike other campuses, Prairie View is still far behind others that have bowling allies, a variety of eating places, and several rooms for student entertainment.

Other students feel

the money should be spent on other facilities on campus that are also in need of desperate remodeling. Such dorms as Drew and Fuller are in need of interior repairs. Phase I and II have also been reported to need repairs.

So is there a need for the new Memorial Student Center that will have approximately 73,000 square feet of space for student government, campus activity board offices and other student facilities?

Senior student, Veronica Rice, said, "I don't think that it would be a bad idea. The new facility will

give students that are not fortunate enough to own cars something constructive and entertaining to do."

Other students are concerned with the fact that fees are being increased and construction of the new building has not yet begun.

"PVAMU should be more efficient with the funds that they already have and maybe there would not be an increase in fees," said junior Lashonda Turner.

Some believe that like churches, there should have already been a building fund started for the project.

Fees have already been assessed to fee receipts of students who have already registered. If the proposal is not approved, Collins hopes the fee will remain and be used to renovate the current MSC.

See EDC on page 15

and establishment of institutions which will be dedicated to the restoration and empowerment of the Black community.

NCOBRA is a grassroots organization that is demanding reparations from the United States government for African-Americans.

Reparations are defined as "compensation supplied to a nation (ethnic group) as a result of damages and hostilities done by another nation."

Another recent effort from the PVAMU Chapter of NCOBRA was the April 17 reparations rally which was organized to raise reparation awareness of reparations and EDC elections.

MAGIC MAZE

BOYS' NAMES STARTING WITH "W"

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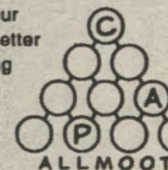
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Wade Ward Wendell Willie
- Waldo Warner Wilbur Winthrop
- Wally Warren Wilfred Woodrow
- Walter Wayne William

Panther Comics



CHAIN REACTION! Take the 7 letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight 4-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



MAMA'S BOYZ by JERRY CRAFT



"Just Chillin" BY: Quincy Higgins



HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fence is needed. 2. Ball is higher. 3. Ball is different. 4. Shoes are different. 5. Tree is gone. 6. Screen is black.

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- 12 Bulling bravo
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- 14 Like Santa's laundry?
- 15 Milne's "Now We Are --"
- 16 Team's dressing room
- 18 Eventual aces
- 19 Book after Daniel
- 20 Total disarray
- 22 Chaps
- 23 Comedian Foxworthy
- 27 Jalopy among watercraft
- 29 Nonsensical talk
- 31 Counterfeit
- 34 Each
- 35 Garland
- 37 Prouette pivot
- 38 Depend (on)
- 39 "Long..."
- 41 Basketball tactic
- 45 Itty-bitty bits
- 47 Refusal: prefix
- 48 Beef cut
- 52 DXXX
- 8 Card game
- 9 Bud's partner
- 10 "Monty Python" opener
- 11 Pinkerton Agency logo
- 17 Flex
- 21 Den
- 23 Teased
- 24 Leading lady?
- 25 -- de-lance
- 26 Emulate
- 28 Put to work
- 30 Old Olds
- 31 Slot-machine symbol
- 32 Indivisible
- 33 Guy's companion
- 36 Bryant's successor
- 37 Plum or cherry
- 40 "Whither thou --"
- 42 "I give up!"
- 43 Completely different
- 44 Heals, as a fracture
- 45 "sow, so shall..."
- 46 Distort the data
- 48 Tea variety
- 49 Arcking shot
- 50 Acapulco article
- 51 Play the ponies

THE FINAL WORD

PV AMU students remember when

By Maurice Perkins
Panther Staff

Picture about 17 seniors sitting outside in front of Alumni around 12:05 p.m., wondering why Prairie View is not the same as it was in '93, '94, or even '95.

People often ask why are the seniors so hype and "krunk" on their upcoming graduations, whether in May, August, or December. So, we came up with a list of "Remember When's" that can maybe explain the way things were back in the day. For all of the old heads, this is to spark those old memories!

Remember...

the old PV suds in front of Farrell Hall and sliding your ID card in the computer on the wall to wash & dry clothes?

the outdoor tent parties? When we had water fights

every Spring?
when the front of Suarez/Collins and Drew was an all day & all night hang out with 100+ students?

when the Newman Center was a church?
when students got more serious after their sophomore year?

when there was a jukebox upstairs in the MSC? the MSC played the radio all day?

when the store in the MSC was the gameroom and the ATM was in front of the bookstore?

when the fire station was on campus?

when Alumni was a daily fashion show? every meal was off the hook in Alumni?

no visitation? when nothing was coed? climbing through windows to see someone?

females starting the

dorm raids in Alexander and Holley?

Alzo Slade Jr. doing stand up comedy?

when you spoke to everybody on the yard?

when the water fountain worked everyday & night?

Hump Day on the Hill & Yardshows were in front of the water fountain?

when people got dumped in the water fountain directly in front of Alumni?

everyday at 11 a.m. watching "the stories" upstairs in the MSC?

every Wednesday night, everybody and their grandma was chillin' on Thompson St.?

PV Grocery gave you Ranch dressing with your six piece?

when B.A.B. was on the yard? when 2.0 was all you needed to join anything on the yard?

when KPVU played music for students?

the Pine Island parties, the Log Cabin and ABC House?

Waller County Fairgrounds being the "off the hook" party spot?

Zippy's, Jelleystone Park, Fat Joe's, and Divine?

when the campus was closed at 11p.m., and "Mr. Otis" had to wave you through the front gate?

"The Storm" practicing right next to the MSC?

290 went through downtown Waller?

playing football next to the All Faiths Chapel?

when students were allowed to eat in the Underground with their professors?

when men respected women? women respected themselves?

when we were issued keys and lockers for our bookbags before being allowed

to eat upstairs in Alumni Hall? when students opened the newspaper only to read what Jaquita had to say?

Baby Dome parties were off the hook?

Spring Fest was an event the student body looked forward to?

students had to pay cash to eat anywhere other than upstairs in Alumni Hall?

Rap-A-Lot wasn't the only entertainment at campus events?

there were community showers in Alexander?

people used to eat in Alumni?

the parties in the West Wing of Alumni Hall?

when Homecoming was live?

when it cost \$2-\$3 to get into any party?

freshman year in Drew or Holley?

when Delco was the New Classroom Building?

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