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2000-2001 Lady of the Dove Pageant winner.

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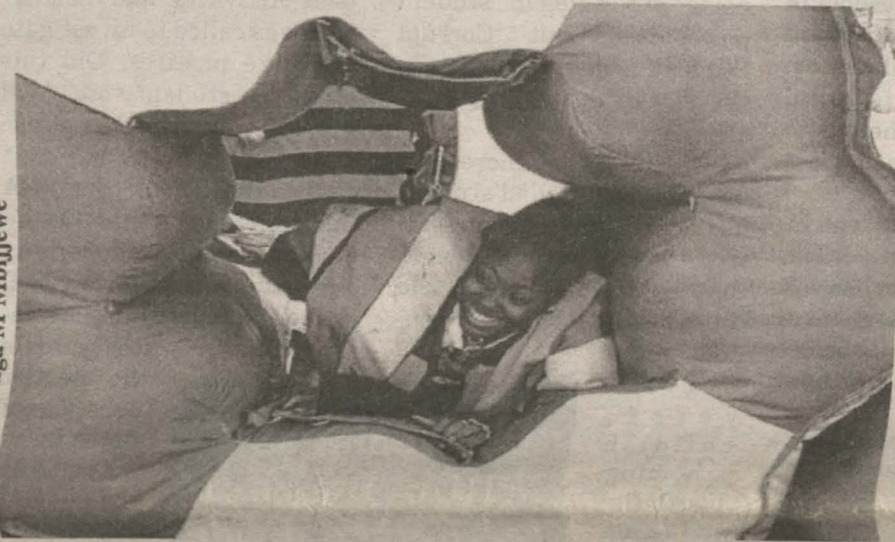


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Springfest 2000

Stop the violence, start the love

photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe



Student enjoys Fun-day activity during Springfest.

University crowns new king

A new era of awareness about drug and alcohol abuse was ushered in with the crowning of Mr. Prairie View 2000-01.

Deonta Daniels, a 22-year-old psychology major at PVAMU, will reign as Mr. Prairie View next year and has planned a platform concerning drug and alcohol abuse, intervention and resistance along with an emphasis on spiritual stability.

Daniels said, "(Being crowned Mr. Prairie View) was an awesome feeling, knowing that I'm now in a position to make things better around here.

"It's important for students to do less complaining and talking about problems and more time working to-

ward a solution. Follow me as I follow Christ. Let's make the school an even better place."

Daniels plans to become an officer in the Army, earn a MBA and eventually work at a marketing firm.

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Gamma Phi Delta Christian fraternity, Baptist Student Movement and the Army ROTC.



Deonta Daniels, Mr. Prairie View 2000-01

PVAMU has history of adding space to aid campus life

Donald Kegler
Panther Staff

March 16, 1959 marked the beginning of landmark construction on the campus of Prairie View A&M University.

The Student Center would be the facility that

would shorten the social problems that PVAMU was encountering.

Approximately 41 years ago, students and faculty realized that social life on campus could be better when the Panther student body could come together in a posi-

tive way.

The addition of the building would eliminate problems such as space for student socials, club activities, and conferences.

The half story structure would replace temporary facilities students used as cam-

pus recreational centers.

Dr. E.B. Evans described the new building as our greatest need. One of our major objectives at Prairie View is to develop the individual student as a person.

Student life at the college is centered around the

objective of preparing the student "for worthwhile life and a respectable living."

Emphasis is placed upon such attributes as cleanliness and health, proper decorum and character building.

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NOTICE

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Kirsten Tarver

University mourns again, student's death touches many

On April 11, 2000, Prairie View A&M University suffered another great loss.

The campus community, especially the School of Architecture, was saddened by the recent death of architecture major, Kirsten Tarver.

Tarver was a part of the Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success (ACCESS) program in 1996. Not only did she excel through this program, but she also planned to graduate from the College of Architecture in Au-

gust of this year, completing a five-year degree program in four years.

According to Dr. Ikhlas Sabouni, Dean of Architecture, Kirsten was a person "who loved life, loved people and wanted to make a mark in this world."

"Her fondest dream was to become an architect and it is our joy to believe that in another place, she will have the chance to be an architect throughout eternity," Sabouni stated.

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Student's will prevails despite tragedy, death

Ozzie Banicki
Special to the Panther

Kirsten Tarver lives as a martyr for individual's right to dissolve a relationship absent of love. There is no place for possession of another on their grounds of personal will. The will of two makes a relationship, not the will of one.

Kirsten Tarver defeated the will of one. Her courage to stand for personal freedom in the face of death celebrates the value of love in any relationship. Love embraces the will of God and her flight from a relationship absent of love was indeed freedom's flight to the will of God. God is love. He embodies not only the spiritual ideal of man and woman, but the temporal happiness of man and woman. Without love, there is no relationship with God, and there is no relationship with man. Love is not a mere heartbeat possessed. It is respectful for a heartbeat distressed.

The assailant of Kirsten Tarver took her life, but he could not take her freedom, and he could not take her will. Her will was to be the best she could be, to be glory in the eyes of God, fulfilling the parable of the talents, fulfilling her life. No one could take that away from her, not even an assailant. God's love is greater than the will of one. It's more powerful than the will of one. Kirsten Tarver was walking with the will of God, the will of being the best one could be. No one could put that asunder, no one could take away her will, no one could possess her love without her will. She is walking with God.

Let assailants be aware of God. Taking a life is not repossessing a love, repossessing a will. Taking a life is merely walking without love, walking without God. It surely hurts to lose a love, but sometimes it is the will of God, absent of the will of you and me.

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Alleged corruption infiltrates student government elections

Jesse Muhammad
Special to the Panther

I am writing to express my deep disappointment of the recent Student Government Election proceedings. I am a strong supporter of the slogan "student power exists" but "Corrupt Student Leaders Exist" was the slogan during the SGA elections.

First of all there have been many so-called student leaders who are showing hatred toward fellow students that are trying to uplift the consciousness of the PV student body. Controversy, childish scheming, backbiting and deceitful tactics were used against one of the candidates for SGA president. At the SGA

candidate debates on April 11, I witnessed a childish attack on Mr. Kendall McDonald from students that were supposedly representing us. Foolish argument, wicked attacks, and twisted lies were used in an attempt to assassinate the character of Mr. McDonald. The same corrupt politics that are used to abort the spiritual birth of blacks, are being used by our so-called student leadership. Who are the real student leaders?

According to the 2000 SGA campaign rules and regulations, "on the day of the election all signs must be removed from and around Alumni Hall by 7:45 a.m. Failure to comply will result in automatic disqualification." Mr. McDonald, with a witness, removed all of his flyers from Alumni on the night before election day. But someone secretly posted one of his campaign signs in Alumni on the morning of election day.

Someone wickedly sabotaged his campaign because of personal attacks toward him by so-called student leaders. The Director of Student Activities and Leadership was called to investigate and take pictures. Did this affect the student vote? Will the real student leaders please stand up?

Rule #5 of the SGA Campaign rules states "On the day of elections, campaigning nor campaign materials will not be allowed within one hundred yards of the election polls. Candidates in violation will be immediately disqualified." On the day of the election, many of the SGA candidates had signs posted in Hilliard

'It seems as if Willie Lynch is teaching a "divide and conquer" crash course at PVAMU'
-Muhammad

and Evans Halls. These two buildings are within 100 yards of Alumni Hall which means that they violated the rules and should have been disqualified. It was reported but not investigated. It seems as if Willie Lynch is teaching a "divide and conquer" crash course at PVAMU.

A government can not exist without the people. So all student leaders must put personal grudges and hate aside to unite the PV student body. Being popular doesn't make you a leader but being a servant to the people qualifies one to represent the people. No longer can we allow people to broaden their resumes, while they are ineffective in their positions. Speak out and let your voice be heard. We must hold our leaders accountable if we want to see revolutionary change at Prairie View.

Will the real student leaders please stand up?

Campus housing official responds to students' comments

University actually owns all resident communities, company aims to provide best possible housing

After reading Keitrick Williams' guest commentary in the March 31 issue of *The Panther* and Santees Bowers' article in the April 14 issue, we at American Campus Communities felt an obligation to respond.

While we recognize and support the right of every resident at our properties to voice an opinion, we felt it necessary to provide more extensive information regarding our involvement in the privatized student housing facilities at PVAMU and to respond to several inaccuracies noted in Mr. Williams' article.

University Village and University College - the new Freshman-only living/learning center - are the result of an exemplary partnership between PVAMU and American Campus. Every phase was developed at the request of the University in order to improve and enhance the quality of student life. The University actually owns all the communities with American Campus having a leasehold interest until all debt required to develop the facilities has been repaid. We take great pride not only in our relationship with PVAMU but also in the University Village apartments and the standards that we've set for them. American Campus Communities has invested more than \$52 million in PVAMU student housing, which includes both University Village and University College.

The residents of University Village enjoy a substantially lower annual rent structure than at UT-Arlington, one of the schools mentioned in Mr. Williams' article. As an example, if the 2 bedroom, 2 bath units are compared, the residents of University Village fare quite well with an academic, school-year cost of only \$3240 per person vs. the \$3694 paid by students at UT-Arlington.

In addition, it is lower than several other universities in the area. For instance:
- Texas A&M International University costs \$3924 for each person
- University of Houston costs \$5152 for each person (for unfurnished units)

Also, the amenities at University Village far surpass those available at the above-mentioned properties. University Village's impressive list of features includes: three clubhouses consisting of more than 15,000 square feet with state-of-the-art fitness centers and computer rooms, social lounges, big screen TV rooms, a self-serve hair salon, a basketball court with sport court flooring, a sand volleyball court and a picnic/pavilion area with grills.

It is also worth noting that in the privatized transactions at UT-Arlington and the University of Houston, the University does not have control over how much the developer can raise rents. To the contrary, in the ground leases between American Campus and PVAMU, both parties agreed that the annual increase in rents could not be greater than the actual increase in operating expenses.

Why is University Village raising all the prices? This is happening due to increases in operating expenses. Approximately 3 percent of the rate increase is based on normal inflation, as stated in Mr. Williams' article. The remaining 2 percent will help pay for sizable increases in utility, maintenance and bad debt costs.

Bad debt costs are created when less responsible students choose not to pay their rent forcing University Village to implement eviction proceedings. It is an unfortunate fact that when some residents do not pay their rent, other residents help cover the costs in order for University Village to meet its lending requirements.

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Mr. Williams also noted that construction for Phase III took only six weeks. This is a grossly underestimated time frame. Contracting for Phase III began in December 1997 and the property was completed in August 1998. University Village's construction meets or exceeds all standards for residential construction and has raised the bar for quality at other universities across the nation.

Also, University Village is one of the nation's most well maintained student properties and our entire staff is dedicated to that goal. It is the policy of University Village to fill all maintenance requests within 48 hours. All students are urged to fill out a work order regarding any maintenance issues in their unit. We need those living in University Village to assist us with this process by immediately notifying us of any needed repairs.

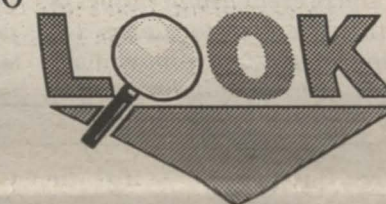
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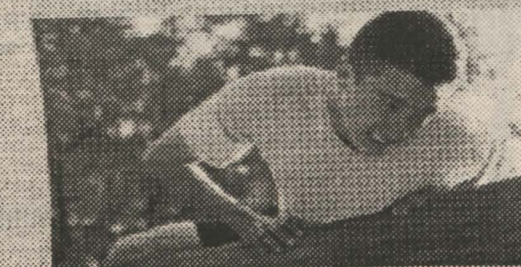


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CAMPUS NEWS

70 years of great success

By Clarence L. Turner
Special to the Panther

History is an important part of Prairie View A&M University and the Charles Gilpin Players are deeply rooted in this history.

This school year, the CGP celebrates 70 years of theater excellence.

Founded in 1929 by Dr. Earl K. Sasser, this performing arts troupe is the oldest, consistently performing minority theatrical company in Texas.

Its purpose is to organize, rehearse, promote, and present a high caliber of theatrical experiences for the education, enjoyment, and literary enlightenment

of the campus of PVAMU and the community.

Through its many awards and honors, CGP con-

tinues to bring prestige to PVAMU.

PVAMU is the only school in the Southwest Region to win the regional competition of the American College Theater Festival and perform in the national fes-

tival at Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. The Gilpins have also performed as special guests for the Inauguration gala of Governor Ann Richards and the National Black Lawyers and Black Engineers Convention.

Many of the graduates of the Theater Arts Program have gone on to encumber successful careers in theater, film and television.

Famous names such as Terry Spivey, Tyrone Grant, and Terry Ellis are some former PVAMU greats.

The CGP will be performing "The Cotton Club Musical" on April 30 and May 1, 2000 at 5p.m.

Come out and support the CGP.



Photo courtesy of CGP
Mandell Butler, Crystal Stone, Phaedra Payne, Shonda Malone, Monet Wright, Chanina Mwikuta, Charles Ware and Ron Hall are all CGP members.

CAMPUS NEWS

RON LEVERETT

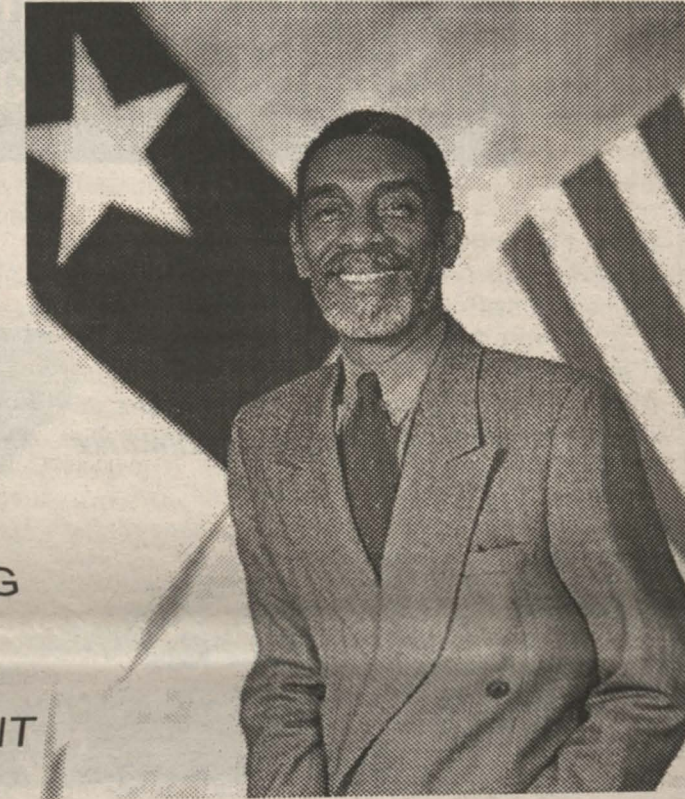


May 6, 2000

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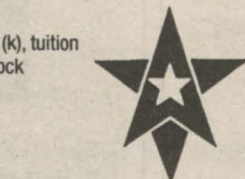
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3. What is the name of the PVAMU yearbook?
4. Name the past 3 SGR presidents, including the 1999-2000 president?
5. What six buildings were added in 1924 & 1925?
6. In what year did the PVAMU football team win their first game after 80 losses and who was it against?

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CAMPUS NEWS

Smith flies away as Lady of the Dove

By Sheleah Hughes and
Managing Editor
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Grace, glamour, and glitz surrounded six ladies of courage as they vied for the distinguished title of Lady of the Dove 2000-2001.

The Delta Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. hosted its 2nd annual Lady of the Dove scholarship pageant in the recital hall of Hobart Taylor on April 19, 2000.

"Reflections," the pageant's theme, allowed pageant coordinator Wayne D. Johnson II, President Terrence Jackson, and other members of the organization to reflect on the making of this year's production.

The opening act allowed

contestants to showcase their own expressions as they introduced themselves.

Emcees, Braylon Wilcott and Gwen Owens, escorted guests through the sports activewear category which included a motorcycle-riding diva, a flip-flop gymnast and an athletic ball-player.

The talent segment showcased the creative energies of all the ladies. Masheika Jackson, Lady of Oasis, serenaded two lovebirds by saxophone with a version of Kenny G's Love Ballad. Carolyn Hutchins, Lady of Vibrance, touched the audience with her interpretation of the pageant, and Lady of Sincerity, Rona Smith, took the talent segment away after she played the Titanic Song to museum goers.

After dazzling the audience with their evening gowns, the contestants and the audi-



Lady of the Dove 00-01

Photo by Gitonga M'Mbijjewe

ence anxiously awaited the results.

Dorothy Smith was crowned Ms. Lady of the Dove, Rona Smith took 1st Runner-Up and Carolyn Hutchins came away with 2nd Runner-Up. Along with the ladies' performance, members of Phi Beta Sigma, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Inc. provided entertainment.

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Rollins will not let anything get in her way of success.

By Kacey Russell
Special to the Panther

Beautiful, talented, and blessed are some of the words used to describe Jennifer Rollins.

Jennifer Rollins is a 21-year-old junior Biology/Pre-med major with a double minor in Dance and Chemistry. She is from Longview, Texas.

Recently, Rollins was a contestant in the Miss Prairie View Pageant. This annual pageant displays some of Prairie View's most talented and sophisticated women.

Leadership is a characteristic that can be affiliated with Rollins. Offices held by Rollins include: Wesley Foundation vice-president, Alpha Lambda Omega Christian Soror-

ity vice-president, and Beta Kappa Chi Honor Society vice-president. Memberships include: Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society, Mime of America Praise Dance Team, Anointed Instruments of Praise Dance Team, and the University Scholars Program.

Rollins has reigned as the queen for Beta Kappa Chi and the Wesley Foundation. She was also the second runner up for the Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant, 1999-2000.

Rollins uses Christian principles and spiritual guidance to serve as a mentor to her peers, and to render countless hours of service to the community.

She aspires to become a pediatrician specializing in the treatment of benign diseases.

Jennifer Rollins is indeed a remarkable young woman. She has definitely proved herself as a successful leader and role model.

Rollins believes that "as long you have breath in your body, you have the ability to change."

Jennifer's favorite Kool-Aid®: Ice blue

This feature was added to give recognition to outstanding campus leaders, organizations and individuals. The Panther solicits any nominations from students, faculty and staff honorees for this section.

Project P.E.A.C.E. increases unity

By Sylvia Cedillo
Special to the Panther

The month of April is sexual assault awareness month and Prairie View A&M University's (PVAMU) gender violence prevention project hosted more than 20 university and community representatives for an introductory meeting.

The gender violence prevention project addresses sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and sexual harassment.

Ron Jones, vice-president for student enrollment services, gave opening remarks and described the history of the project's development from a concept to a two-year endeavor.

Director Sylvia Cedillo announced the project's permanent name, The Preparation Education Awareness Courage Elimination (P.E.A.C.E.) Project, and provided an overview to the audience.

The tasks for P.E.A.C.E. are to offer a mandatory orientation component for incoming students, training peer educators to facilitate workshops, and providing instruction to campus

judicial services.

The P.E.A.C.E. Project hopes to make numerous informational resources available to students such as fact sheets, telephone stickers, book marks, door hangers and brochures.

The materials will be accessible throughout the campus.

In the meeting, campus and community partners briefed the audience on its own efforts toward preventing and eliminating gender violence.

Curtis Clay, a violence prevention specialist, designs workshops for fraternities and athletes.

With experience in public policy and the political process, Darryl Johnson will coordinate student, staff, and faculty focus groups.

Kelly Young who supervises counseling services in the area of sexual assault, described his role in ensuring offender accountability in domestic violence cases.

Sanderson Woods, Director of Campus Judicial Services said the meeting was outstanding. The P.E.A.C.E. project depends on partner collaboration.

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BLACK HISTORY

Book sheds light on African influence on society, holidays

Tony Browne
Panther Staff

Many of us are waking up from a deep sleep of ignorance and apathy. But as a people we still have a long way yet to go. It is necessary that we realize that as Afrikan people we are the creators and founders of civilization, and to this very day we are still knowingly or unknowingly taking part in practices that are merely mutated versions of that which was introduced by our Afrikan ancestors.

A book that is highly recommended for students who are interested in shaking off the chains of mental slavery is "Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization" or any other book by Anthony Browder. In this piece, lies and misinformation are effectively shattered, strengthening us mentally so that we may be better prepared to defeat the enemy without and within.

One interesting section of this book is one that deals with some of our common religious practices. Did you know that one of the elements most duplicated in Eu-

rope was that of the African concept of God? The original "trinity" was that of Auser, Auset and Heru, symbolic of a man, woman and child. Their names were changed by the Greeks to Osiris, Isis and Horus, and they were later to be referred to as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The recognition of Auset and Heru as the Black Madonna and Child was widespread throughout southern Europe until the convening of the Nicean Council in 332 A.C.E. The Nicean Council was a group of Europeans that translated and altered the biblical text so that they could use it as a means of controlling the people through religion. After that meeting, the images of the African-born Auset and Heru became European in appearance and their names were changed to Mary and Jesus. Despite this action, many churches in Europe continued to secretly acknowledge the "Black Madonna and Child." There are shrines of the Black Madonna in Italy, Spain and Russia, and whenever Pope John Paul II was to visit the shrine in Poland, he would pray at the feet of the

Black Madonna.

The current portrayal of the angel is a carbon copy of an African image derived from Maat of ancient Africa. Maat is a winged feminine representative for the principles of truth, justice and righteousness.

Furthermore, the cross is said to be derived from the ankh which is the ancient symbol for life. It represents the unification of the masculine and feminine forces in the universe and the creation of birth or new life. The cross was initially used to symbolize resurrection or rebirth, and was later used to portray the death and suffering of Jesus on the crucifix.

Even the current holidays of Easter and Christmas

or so called "Holy Days" have clouds around their true origins. December 25 is symbolic because the sun, rather than son, was said to be born at or around that time. What does this mean?

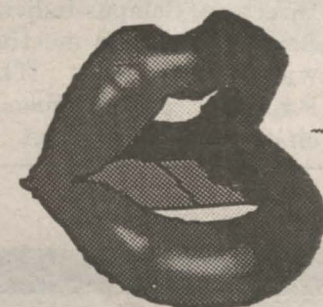
During the middle of December, usually around the 21st, there is a solar event referred to as the winter solstice. It is the shortest day of the year, meaning that the sun is out for the shortest amount of time. After the solstice, the sun gradually begins to extend the amount of time it shines.

On or about the 25th, the sun shines for a long enough time for it to be considered being born, because it is measurably extending its amount of time in the visible

sky, thus the birth of the sun.

In March, another solar event called the equinox occurs. During the equinox, the sun extends its amount of time to the sky to the point that there is equal day and equal night. And in April the "SUNday" corresponding with Easter is representative of the resurrection of the sun, meaning that it has now triumphed over darkness, shining light for a period of time longer than that of the period of darkness.

Want more? In disbelief? Then go to Amistad Bookstore and pick up "Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization" by Anthony T. Browder, and "To Heal a People," edited by Erriel Kofi Addae, to research these and other things.



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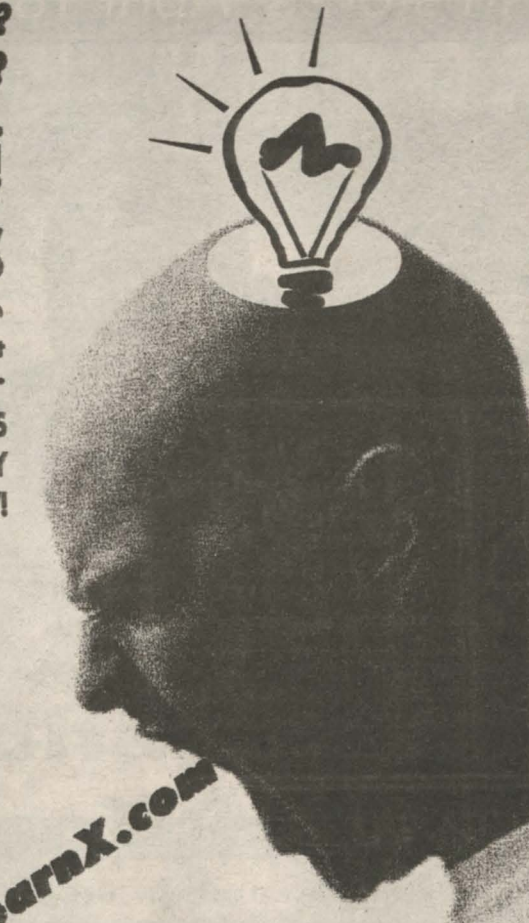
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Unrestricted

Da Brat continues to bring 'What Chu Want'



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Keeping the audience on the edge of their musical seats, Da Brat unrestricted the private sectors of her life by commenting on them in several of her songs. In one song titled "Pink Lemonade," she speaks about people commenting on her life and questioning her sexual preferences.

She let's her listening audience know through

Crazy, Sexy, and Cool. Yes, it's the title of one of TLC's albums, but it can also be used to describe Da Brat as she hits us once again with her new album entitled

indirect lyrics that people should stop questioning her unless they are ready to find out the truth. Nevertheless she does let it be known that she is bisexual.

Aside from the hot--- lyrics, the CD is hyped up by a variety of beats.

The artists included

in the project combined with the Da Brat bring slow and fast rhythms to 'kick it' to.

It's like one continuous party, non-stop *crunk* beats.

Critics rate this as one of her best albums yet. It leaves them wanting more and expecting it from her next CD which she has started working on.

After a two year absence, she is back and better than ever.

The one thing most of us may notice about her now is that she has traded in her baggy pants and large shirts for tight dresses and short skirts to show off the sexy side she has always been hiding.

In her music video with artist Tyrese, she shows off 'a little something something' extra by wearing a bi-

kini. Still spitting out wild and crazy lyrics, Da Brat demonstrates that she can still be a lady in the male-dominated industry.

After reaching platinum status on her last two albums, Da Brat looks to follow up on past success.

Featured on *Unrestricted* is a who's who of the hip hop industry.

She kicks things off in the intro with the ear confusing rhythms of Twista to make you get out of your seat and shake something.

Next, she goes toe to toe with No Limit Records recording artist Mystikal in "Raise Your Hands in the Air" and follows up with songs including Tyrese, Millie Jackson, Kelly Price, Ja Rule, and the CEO of So So Def Records

Jermaine Dupree.

The Chicago native brat, who entered the rap scene in 1994 with her first album *Funkdified*, has been one of hip hop's most entertaining women.

When not making albums of her own, she can be found appearing on other artist's songs or be seen around and about with superstar boyfriend Philadelphia 76ers point guard Allen Iverson.

With her doing well in album sales in the past, Da Brat plans to bring in the noise and yell out the funk.

By Lance Berry

Panther Staff

& Santee's Bowers

Editor-in-Chief

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Sweet slam dunk

'Love and Basketball' romances, entrances viewers

I am what you would call a hopeless romantic. I cry at weddings, funerals and some game shows that have anything to do with love. I must admit that *Love and Basketball* was the movie that made me cry the hardest.

Love and Basketball was written and directed by Gina Prince-Bythewood who has made two movies that were not as publicized. She has been a writer for hit shows such as "A Different World," "Felicity" and "South Central."

Producers Spike Lee and Sam Kitt split this movie into four quarters while telling the stories of Quincy McCall, played by Omar Epps, and Monica Wright, played by Sanaa Lathan. These two lovebirds fall in love with each other while experiencing the stress of a basketball lifestyle.

The story begins

when the characters are young with Monica moving next door to Quincy, the son of a famous N B A player. Quincy is shocked to find out that Monica can play basketball better than most guys including him. Their quick 60-second relationship foretells the rest of the story. His masculinity won't let him continue without her being herself.

After confessing their true love to each other

following an annual spring dance, the two continue to let their relationship blossom



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Young Monica (Kyla Pratt) and Quincy's (Glennond Chatman) first encounter of love.

throughout college.

To spare readers the ending of the story, I won't go into any more of the storyline. I must admit that although many say this is a long movie there was not a time that I thought about how long I had been sitting in my



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Older Quincy (Omar Epps) reassures an older Monica (Sanaa Lathan) of his love for her.

seat. I was merely concerned about what would happen next.

I think that I was too busy laughing at the extras wearing hammer pants, suede vests and rayon flowered vests, while doing "the wop." Or I might have been

singing "Candy Girl," "My Prerogative" or any of the other songs from way back when.

I t could of been m e imagining h o w u n - c o m - f o r t a b l e O m a r E p p s m u s t h a v e b e e n s l e e p i n g i n a twin size bed at 6-foot-5-inches, or how easy it was for him to slip his long legs out of the window at the drop of a hat.

This is one of the most tender love stories that I have seen. It has to be better than *Love Jones*, *The Best Man* and *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*.

Despite the obstacles that are placed in front of each character, they overcome them. There are scenes that allow viewers to relate and care about the characters. The look Monica has during their initial love making and the sparkle that is in her eyes at the close of the movie force the audience to reminisce about their own pasts.

This has been proclaimed as the best date movie of the year and I must agree. Make sure you take a box of Kleenex and someone you love.

By Santee's Bowers

Editor-in-Chief

20 Questions

1. Since money is taken out of our fees for the Student Park, could we possibly get a swing set or a seesaw?
2. Out of all of the men on campus, why were there only three contestants for the Mr. Prairie View pageant?
3. Did anybody else notice that Mr. PV is an Alpha and Miss PV is an AKA?
4. Was this a Greek conspiracy?
5. Didn't the AKA in the blue Mustang graduate?
6. Then why is she still here?
7. Whatever happened to all of the good cartoons like Thundercats, He-Man and She-Ra?
8. Why is everybody making such a big deal about this Elian Gonzalez thing?
9. If he was African, don't you think he would be chillin' in Africa by now?
10. How many girls on campus need one of Alene's "Don't Stop Trying" shirts?
11. How many of you are wondering what happened to the Spring Fest Comedy Show and Concert?
12. How much money did you lose at Casino night?
13. When will the volleyball team get their SWAC rings?
14. Why didn't any of the football players show up at the athletic banquet?
15. Why did they suddenly decide to let the gates down and make you show ID to get on campus at night?
16. Do people in Greek organizations remember that they were Panthers before they pledged?
17. Why do people think they know karate just because they bought the Tae-Bo tapes?
18. Are we the only ones who will be sad to see the May 2000 graduates go?
19. When will the College of Business get a permanent dean?
20. Why is number 20 of 20 Questions always "What do you think?"

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

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SPORTS NEWS

A recap of the 1999-2000 athletic season



By Ryan McGinty
Sports Editor

The season of 1999-2000 has been a pleasant year for Panther athletics. The majority of the athletic teams finished up the year strong and have a lot to look for in the upcoming season. Here is a team by team recap of the 1999-2000 athletic year.

Football: The Panther football team finished the year 2-8 under the direction of interim coach Clifton Gilliard.

Baseball: The former head coach Greg Johnson at the beginning of the season and led the team to their best record of the decade. Next year features a harder schedule for the Panthers and an increased home schedule.

Men's Basketball: The youthful men's basketball team ended their season with a two point loss to Southern in the SWAC tournament.

The Panther men experienced an up and down season and hope to improve on that in the 2000-01 campaign. The Panthers only lose one senior and expect to make a serious run for the SWAC title. If the team recruits some more big bodies, they will be ready.

Women's Basketball: The women's basketball team advanced to the second round of the SWAC tournament before losing to eventual champion Alcorn State.

Like their male counterparts, the women will not have to rebuild because their nucleus returns. If the team recruits well, they should contend for the championship instantly.

Volleyball: The women's volleyball team had an outstanding year, which resulted in them earning a spot in the NCAA tournament. The team has become an annual contender for the SWAC title and the trend should con-

tinue into next season.

Softball: As I am writing this, the softball season is still in progress.

The Lady Panthers goal is to seek the NCAA tournament bid in the SWAC tournament next weekend. They have participated in the SWAC tournament finals on a consistent basis and should have no problem reaching it again this season.

Baseball: The baseball team has had an up and down season. This weekend, they close out the 2000 season against defending SWAC champion Southern University. A win against the Jaguars should give the Panthers momentum going into the next season.

Track: The men's track team continued its winning ways by capturing the SWAC indoor meet earlier this year. The outdoor meet is approaching and the Panthers are the favorite again.

The team has qualified one member for the Olympic trials and hopes to qualify more as the season goes on. The women's track team has had an up and down season, but they should regroup by the SWAC Championships.

Tennis: The men's and women's tennis teams both finished fifth in the SWAC. This year was a learning experience for both teams, but both teams will be ready come next year.

Golf: The men's and women's golf team did well in the SWAC championship this past month. The golf team's goal for next season is unseating defending champion Jackson State.

It has been an outstanding year for Panther athletics, and the SWAC will be on the lookout for Prairie View athletics next season.

Panther tennis finish season on a positive note

By Ryan McGinty
Sports Editor

Last weekend, both the Prairie View A&M men's and women's tennis teams tied for fifth place in their respective divisions at the annual SWAC tennis championships in Montgomery, Ala.

The men's team finished the championship tied with Grambling while the women's team tied with Mississippi Valley State. Alcorn State University captured both the men's and women's championships and both teams have earned the conference's bid to next month's NCAA championships.

In the overall team competition, both Panther teams advanced to the second round of the tournament with hard fought matches. The men, who were seeded eighth, defeated no. 10 seed Arkansas-Pine Bluff 4-3 to earn the right



Prairie View A&M tennis team members for the 1999-2000 season

photo by Ryan McGinty

to play eventual champion Alcorn in round two. The men lost 4-0 to Alcorn which had the no. 1 seed.

The women drew no. 9 Texas Southern in the first round and defeated them with an easy 5-2 victory. In the second round, the ladies faced the no. 2 seeded and defending SWAC champion, Alabama State. The ladies lost the match 6-0 to the defending champs.

Despite the losses, several Panther members had impressive performances, and both teams return with the majority of their players next year and expect to compete for the SWAC title again.

Team members who are graduating this year include Solomon Pendleton, ChiQuia Robinson and Maya Jackson.

See Tennis on page 13

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Tennis from page 12

"We have done very

well this year and expect to improve next year," said head coach Robert Vanderbilt.

"The players returning next year learned a lot this year and I look forward to coaching them next year. I will miss this year's seniors and the hard work they put in over the years."

The team looks to schedule more out of conference games to improve their standings the next time the SWAC championships are held.

With the nucleus of the team intact and the increased experience of its members, the 2001 tennis season should be a prosperous one for the team.

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Senior Sports Spotlight

Solomon Pendleton

Age: 22

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Fantasy Dinner: Grandfather Andre Agassi Nia Long

Favorite Movie: The Matrix

Favorite Food: All Kinds

Major: Biology



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Maya Jackson

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MSC from page 1

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In the center's early stages it also encompassed auxiliary services such as the campus snack bar, post office, and campus barber and beauty shops.

In September 1961, the long awaited student center became a reality. When this structure was completed, it relieved other facilities and provided additional spaces for new activities and programs that were going to be held.

Now it is 41 years later

and sources say that the landmark facility is going to shut its doors forever, giving rise to a new student center on the campus of PVAMU.

Sources say that this project has been in the making about four to five years.

The University President and Vice President of Finance and Administration were among the first individuals to work on this project. At the end of the Spring 2000 semester, the once anticipated student center will cease to be.

As of October 21, 1999 the itinerary concerning this project has been in motion.

Construction for a state-of-the-art facility will commence September 2000.

The building is ex-

pected to be in construction for 14 months and completed October 2001.

The completion of furnishings and equipping of the student center is expected in November 2001.

The move in date is anticipated to be December 2001.

Furthermore, in the semester of spring 2002, an inauguration of the new student center is tentatively scheduled.

The MSC will have up to four floors. Furnishings such as a bank, theater, auditorium, and a bigger ballroom will be housed in the center.

Offices such as Campus Advisory Board (CAB), the Office of Student Publications, and the Office of Student Ac-

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Village from page 3

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