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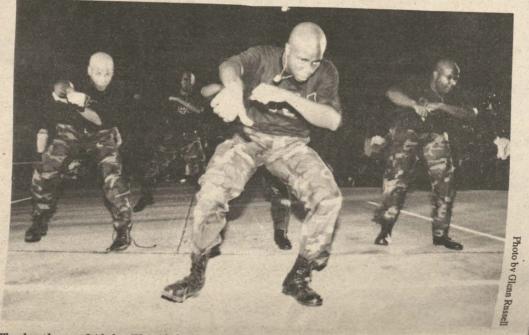
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We are family: I got all my brothers with me



The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha stepped in the Fall 2000 probate show which also featured new members of many other Greek organizations including Alpha Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma and Omega Psi Phi.

Sprint targets college of engineering students

By Kalyn L. Bullock Managing Editor

Recently, Sprint announced that it will donate \$600,000 to Prairie View A&M University.

The money will be used to build a Broadband Data laboratory and also to support student curriculum.

The research that will be a product of the lab is expected to be significant for not only students but also for the company and its customers as well.

Researchers will focus on high-speed communication systems. However, there will be a particular focus in Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) broadband technologies. Approximately 300 PVAMU students from the electrical engineering department will be the program's main target.

David Thomas, executive director of the Sprint Foundation, said, "The Sprint Foundation has provided part of the funding for this innovative project... because we know it will have a positive impact on the African American community and this great university.

"We think that the future of addressing the technological divide is to work closely with the next generation of leaders who are using the most advanced technology

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Annual pageant displays true talent

By Ayana Crichlow Panther Staff

On Tuesday, Nov. 28, six beautiful young ladies set foot on the stage of Hobart Taylor recital hall and began to proclaim their love of Krimson and Kream.

The third annual Ms. Krimson and Kream scholarship pageant held by the Zeta Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity Inc. opened with a strong drum beat played by the brothers of N'soromma.

This year's theme allowed the contestants to pay homage to Africa.

Each contestant represented an important female in African history.

The master of ceremonies was 2000-2001 Mr. 10

Eunrekea Moore, member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Moore was crowned earlier this semester at Delta Sigma Theta's annual scholarship pageant.

Gwendolyn Owens, former Ms. Zeta Beta and member of Zeta Phi Beta, Sorority, Inc. served as the mistress of ceremonies.

The six contestants competed in categories such as swimwear, talent, evening wear and question and answerwhich weighed heavily.

A variety of talents were performed.

From singing to dancing to poetry, these six women displayed many creative talents.

Contestant Pamela Brown performed a medley of songs including the gospel hits 'I won't complain' and 'God Bless the Child.'

Contestant Chanerica Turner performed an original piece discussing a few problems that face women.

The contestants looked relaxed throughout the pageant.

Each had nice stage presence and seemed confident.

However, contestants Kymbrel Mosley and Pamela Brown prevailed.

The second place winner, Ms. Zeta Beta 2000-2001 was Pamela Brown, a senior Agriculture major and member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

Kymbrel Mosley, a sophomore psychology major



Kymbrel Mosley 2000-2001 Ms. Krimson and Kream

and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., was named Ms. Krimson and Kream 2000-2001.

Both women tied in two categories - congeniality and personal interview.

The winner of the talent competition broke the tight race.

When asked how she felt when the winner was announced, Mosely said "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heavens.

"The month of November was my season and Tuesday night was definitely my time to shine."

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Guest Poem

So Much More to Me

What is the dark side, a

side that is often stepped

upon? The road where my

soul and innocents are

often left upon. A street

to intertwine and tangle as

you carefully live and

walk. At times I'm often

scared to death to walk

through my own thoughts.

Wars are fought but rarely

won, cold as snow and

there is no sun. I'm

anxious to fight off all the

sparks that the past has

just begun. New fire, a

new life! New religion, a

new fight! To ease my

pains of everyday and

please them all just right.

Like the liquid that flows

so free to keep a being

moving. Seeds need

nourishment to be strong

and face this life. That

pure and fresh water with

the refreshment of a

Sprite. No additives nor

preservatives, just the

·World•

Blind receives sight

Auckland, New Zeland

Twenty-four-year-old Lisa Reid lost her sight at the age of 14 after developing a brain tumor.

Reid regained her sight 10 years later after bending over to kiss her seeing-eye dog goodnight and bumped her head on a coffee table.

Doctors can not explain how this happened, but they reported that Reid has gained 80 percent of her vision in her left eye.

Owner finds stolen car on Internet

Tokyo, Japan

A Japanese man found his stolen 1997 Porsche Boxer for sale on a used car lot's web site.

His car was stolen from his home in a wealthy area of Tokyo in September.

After months of searching through Tokyo's used car dealers' web sites and searching through about 100,000 cars, he narrowed his search down to 20, and successfully found his car.

Police suspect an organized crime was behind the

Pizza delivery from jail cell

Sao Paulo, Brazil

Little Tutu pizzeria and bakery, run by a convict, Thenys Chagas Pereira, operates out of the Dutra Ladeira

Pereira received a vision when having problems getting pizza delivered to the jail on visiting days when families came to visit.

The bakery is operated by convicted drug traffickers, thieves and killers. The pizza became popular when prison officials started taking pizza home and the community started ordering.

Tallest tree erected

Itu, Brazil

The tallest artificial Christmas tree was created, covering 250-feet.

The town of Itu in Brazil has hopes of being in the Guinness Book of World

Currently the tallest tree is in Seattle, Washington, towering over 215-feet.

•National•

Eves glued shut

Jefferson Township, NJ

A northern New Jersey woman accidentally glued her eye shut with superglue.

She reached for some eyedrops, but grabbed the bottle and glued her eyelids together.

The woman immediately called police, and was rushed to the hospital. No major damage was done.

Sony pulls Christmas ad

New York, New York

The U.S. division of Sony Corporation has pulled it Christmas ad because it insulted Santa Claus.

In the ad, Santa was held ransom, and their were concerns that this might not be in good spirit with the Christmas holidays.

Six television commercials had been created showing Santa being abducted in a shopping mall by two men.

Doctors warn of paint gun hazard

Chicago, Illinois

According to the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, a highpressure spray gun used in games can inject paint into the finger once the nozzle is cleared, which can require immediate surgical proce-

Cleaning the clogged nozzle of the spray paint gun can cause serious infection leading to amputation of the

Bank robber surrenders to case

Los Angeles, California

Derrick Alan Stevens, surrendered to the FBI after 17 years on the go.

Stevens took part in a 1983 robbery at the Family Savings and Loan Association, stealing \$228,000. During the robbery one person was killed.

A total of four people conducted the robbery, including a teller of the bank. Three had been arrested, and now Stevens completes the set

•Regional• **Imitation cops tricks** bank customers

Dallas, Texas

According to the Dallas police department, a man allegedly dressed as a police officer and took deposits from

The man told the customers that he was hired by the bank to collect deposits because their overnight deposit box was out of order.

At least four people were victims of the robber, and he escaped with several thousands of dollars.

Snoring more than a nuisance for kids

Houston, Texas

According to Dr. Max Hirshlowitz, associate director of the Sleep Disorders at Baylor College of Medicine disturbances during sleep can prevent a child from reaching a true rest state.

Signs of not enough restinclude a child acting restless at school.

Parents are urged to get their child a check-up so that any serious conditions may be diagnosed.

Discussions can help everyone

Houston, Texas

Studies show that parents who seem to take interest in their kids by listening to their feelings, thoughts, and concerns can better understand the behaviors of their

If parents then asked thought provoking questions, kids would begin thinking and acting more mature.

New station joins radio broadcast

Houston, Texas

Houston gets another radio station given competitors a "run for their money."

97.1 FM, plays songs that the all-time favorite KBXX plays, and songs from

The difference between this station is that it attracts all hip-hop listeners, and has less commercials and

Calendar of events

LFriday

Pick up your copy of The Panther Phi Mu Alpha Party, Alumni Hall, Prairie View, TX, 7pm

2-3 Sat./Sun.

Alpha Phi Omega Party, Alumni Hall, Prairie View, TX, 10pm "Phenomenal Woman" Series, Library rm 210A, Prairie View, TX,

4 Monday

Panthers Basketball vs. Texas College, Babydome, Prairie View,

5Tuesday

Panther Meeting, Drew Hall 2nd floor, Prairie View, TX, 5:30pm

6Wednesday

Panther Basketball vs. Texas Tech, Lubbock, TX,7pm

7 Thursday

"Sexual Assault Awareness and Campus Programming," Evans Hall, Prairie View, TX, 9am Panther Basketball vs. Wright State, Dayton, Ohio, 7pm



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Shopping while Black

Prairie View students urged not to shop where they are not welcome



By Sheleah Hughes Editor-in-Chief

When I think back to the first time I ever saw a white person, I can truly say that I did not know the difference between the two of us. I never thought about the fact that I had kinky dark hair and the white lady had light flowing locks. I was not taught that I was different, so to me

I'll never forget the day I learned that being black was being different. As I sat in the front row of my third grade class, I remember smiling at the other kids as they ing treated according to their walked in the door. The teacher smiled at the other

me my name or smiled at me; can Americans caught 'driv- ued to walk toward the exit of she only acknowledged me ing while black' I must admit the mall. When we questioned with a stern yet blank face. Despite this, I was the first to that it could actually happen lowed, the mall's manager and raise my hand whenever she to me. Sure I have seen it hap- an African American security asked a question. Instead she asked all the black kids to raise their cretly I just couldn't see it hap-

hand. I did proudly. So did the lone other black girl in the corner of the room.

found out about my teacher's behaviour she was furious and went to the school with me the next day. It was on that day that

I saw just how important it was to my mother that I am treated fairly. According to my teacher I was smart for a black girl and her asking the black girls to raise their hand was only part of her job. Today, I am outraged

by the thought that it is nearly

pen, I even know some friends pening - until I was caught 'shopping while black.'

While shopping we were sepa- that situation. rated in groups of threes and

I never noticed that a security guard was following students have been treated by us. Neither did the other rudely by the security at groups of girls. Once one young lady noticed that she was being followed she questioned the officer of his actions. He velled at her and never gave her an answer. The officer stated that 2001 and people are still be- he had the right to ask groups of four or more to leave. The spendyour hard-earned money funny thing about the situa-Although I under- tion is that no one was ever in can not afford to shop.

kids and welcomed them to stood what happened to that large of a group. While her class, but she never asked Rodney King and other Afrithis was happening we continthat it never dawned on me again why we were being folguard approached us. Again that it happened to but se- neither had an answer, we were forced to leave.

been treated so rudely. At no Two weeks ago, 11 time was I ever disruptive or Once my mother other African American disrespectful to anyone that women and I went to day and I still do not under-Willowbrook mall to shop. stand the reasoning behind

Because this shopping

It makes no sense to there and be treated as if you

Snakes claim people as friends



By Kalyn L. Bullock Managing Editor

Have you ever evaluated yourself, to see if you are worthy of being a true friend? Before you can evaluate yourself you must first acknowledge the definition of a true about everyone who crosses selves. friend.

This definition must be determined by each individual, but there are some standards. A true friend is one who is sunshine for an- and I always wondered why. other on a cloudy day. A true friend is there to help the be "friends hurt you in the long other in a time of need. A true friend is truly one who cares!

Many times people tend to get this confused with the term associate. An associate can be described as someone you work with on a professional basis. I have not really care about my well- of your life, but only true found myself calling just being but just about them- friends leave a footprint!

my path a friend, but in reality they were really associates.

I hear a lot of people around the yard always saying, "I don't have any friends," Their response would

run, so I choose to stay my distance from everyone." I find this to be true

thought were "friends" but re-

Although I feel there are still a few people in life who cross your path that are really true friends, don't be mislead by the 'snakes' that act as if they are your friend.

If you feel like you are one of those people who have smiled in someone else's face, and talked about them behind their back like a dog, then can for some of the people I you consider yourself a true

> I read in a poem once, I found that they did many people walk in and out

I have never in my life

I can almost guarantee that this is not the only incident where Prairie View Willowbrook mall, and if nothing is done it will be the last.

centeris so close to our campus many of us support the mall on a weekly (if not more) basis.

natural taste of essence. A blessing that is pressing and I know just how to accept it. I scare myself at times, all the time, with emotions I can't control. I have ice cold breezes that surf my soul and at times I cannot hold. Patrol my thoughts and search my heart and I'm sure the world will see. That no matter what comes out of this, THERE IS SO

By Ayyo_jah

MUCH MORE TO ME!

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CAREER FOCUS

Former graduate leads school

Linda Smith Pelton, graduate of the class of 1971, is making her mark in history. Pelton graduated from PV with bachelor's degree in elementary education with special education certifica-

Since earning her degree, Pelton obtained a Master's in Education Administration at the University of May Hardin Baylor. Pelton has traveled across the country and around the world in Germany.

She is currently the principal of Haynes Elementary School in Killeen, Texas.

While attending PV, Pelton was very active in many organizations She was a member of the Bryan Club, Gilpin Players, Baptist Student Movement, and the Young Women's Christian Association. Pelton was also recognized for being an

outstanding student spe-

cializing in special educa-

Pelton is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in which she served for three years as chapter president.

The Lagrant Foundation Scholarship

The Lagrant Foundation will be accepting applications for the 2001/2002 academic year beginnning Jan. 2, 2001.

Ethnic minority undergraduate students, who are U.S. citizens, and pursuing a degree in advertising, marketing or public relations are encouraged to submit an application.

Applications are due to TLF no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2001 for consideration.

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By Yauna Estes Assignment Editor Several Prairie View

students were awarded international studies scholarships from the PV International Studies department and the of the board. College of Agriculture and Human Sciences.

Recipients were Paul Jackson, Yauna Estes, Brittany E. Bethea, Richard E. Toney, and Regina L. Williams. All are attempting to travel abroad to Brazil, London, Spain, and other countries to expand their apply early.

quired to submit an application and fee, in addition to students who take the opporresearching their programs.

end of the process, they were market upon graduating

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required to go before a panel of board members consisting of Prairie View A&M administrators. They will be evaluated based on their contributions to the program, cost, availability of funds, and the assessment

"This trip is the opportunity of a lifetime and we should learn a whole lot," Senior Paul Jackson said.

Dr. Fredoline Anunobi, a member of the review board explained that students interested in the program should

According to Anunobi, Students were re- it is very important for students to study abroad. He said tunity to study abroad will Towards the have an advantage in the job

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The Panther Friday, December 1, 2000 page 5 Army ROTC runs loose in nation's capitol

Special to the Panther

When Army ROTC Cadet Alberto Esocbar sped into the final turn and headed to the finish line, hundreds of cheering spectators gave him a standing ovation.

Running ten miles in 58 minutes and 19 seconds is quite a feat and the physical prowess displayed by this Prairie View Army ROTC paratrooper inspired the crowd

Five Army ROTC Cadets represented Prairie View at the largest ten-mile race in the world.

The Army Ten-Miler Race was held earlier this year in Washington, D.C.

The scenic race course passed the Arlington National Cemetery, the Kennedy Center, the Lincoln, Jefferson and

right) Thomas Price, Karl Whitley, Melissa Payton, Alberto Escobar, and Jim Miller.

FDR Memorials, and the Washington Monument.

Athletes competed in 16,000 and at the end, the Panther Battalion proudly held the high ground, placing 12th out of the 55 Army ROTC teams present.

next year we will do even bet- lenge.

ter," said Cadet Karl Whitley. "We just need to train for the hill terrain of the course and this event estimated over next year we will be ready to

> Running ten miles through the scenic capitol is a test of physical endurance and mental discipline that the "I have no doubt that cadets were willing to chal-

Alpha Phi Alpha celebrates Founder's Day

By Felicia Walker News Editor

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that also have Sprint sup-

ported labs include: Harvard

University, University of

Kansas, Georgia Tech,

UCLA, MIT, Stanford, and

The University of Missouri

in Kansas. This says a lot for

the highly accredited engi-

neering department of PV,

and it should be honored to

be a part of this elite group of

trical Engineering students

take part in this research pro-

gram, but it will also give

Not only will the Elec-

available."

universities

The Eta Gamma chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will be celebrating their Founder's Day Observance Program, Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000 at 3 p.m. in

Other universities

the Johnson-Phillips All- the 700 international chapters Faiths Chapel.

The organization will celebrate its 94th anniversary since the founding at Cornell University in 1906.

Eta Gamma, a chapter of the oldest African Ameritrict of Houston is the keynote can fraternity, will be among speaker for the event.

This experience will

Don Hallacy, presi-

help them benefit so that they

will have an edge over other

students at other colleges and

universities when searching

dent of Technology Services

at Sprint said, "We pride our-

selves on making Sprint a

we look forward to creating an

atmosphere where they will

consider Sprint when making

them the experience.

hosting this annual event with other Area IX chapters of Al-

honorable Sylvester Turner, Texas State Representative for the Dis-

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4. Professors gain more students, because while they were on line their GPA became non-existent.

3. All the neophytes post up on the yard from 11:00 to 1:00 on M, W, F forgetting that they had not been to their 12:00 class since late October.

2. At 11:00 everyday, Alumni looks like a Greek

and the number one reason

The words "Hi" and "Hello" on the yard are replaced by "Oops-Skee-Kitty" "Blue Phil-9-Arrf."

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

SWAC championship participants enter game with plenty of doubts



By Ryan McGinty

This weekend marks the second annual SWAC championship game in Birmingham, AL. Participants in the 2000 edition of the game are Grambling State University from the SWAC West and Alabama A&M from the East. To the casual fan, it looks like a regular championship game with no bells and whistles, but let me tell you it is far from it.

Neither team was a dominant team in the conference and their respective divisions. Grambling (9-2, 6-1 SWAC) is entering the game off of a loss to rival Southern University. The Tigers, who were supposed to be unbeatable when it came to conference opponents, played like a team fighting for its last life last weekend.

They were exploited in all areas of the field by Southern and several of their all-conference players did not live up to the billing in the game, which was televised nationally. Grambling fell behind early against the Jaguars and blew its comeback attempt on a two-point conversion that turned into a Southern score.

Grambling survived several close calls throughout the season to make it to Birmingham. They had to come from behind to defeat AAMU in their earlier meeting this season. pray for some close calls to defeat Texas Southern Pine Bluff and rely on a last second field goal to defeat rebuilding Jackson State.

The East representative, Alabama A&M, is no better. The Bulldogs failed to defeat any of the conferences upper echelon teams except rival Alabama State. They lost to Grambling, Jackson State and Southern and get to earn the right to go to Birmingham. They barely defeated division 2 Morris Brown this season, and dropped longtime rival and division 2 power, Tuskegee in favor of cream puff Henderson State earlier this year. And you can tell me they deserve to represent the conference?

The only reason they are there is due to several teams blowing close games which AAMU benefited from. If Alabama State and Jackson took care of business early in the season, AAMU would have been sitting at home where they belong. That is what you call entering from the backdoor.

People are not sure whether the game will generate as much interest as the inaugural game last season which featured stalwarts Jackson State and Southern U.

Jackson State and Southern are known for their strong traveling bases while AAMU and Grambling feature

bandwagon fans who watch the team only if their winning. Grambling fans are still furning from the loss to their rival last weekend and will probably save their money this

weekend and stay home. AAMU fans claim they are strong supporters of their team but their numbers do not show it. They have failed to

sell out their brand new stadium on several occasions, including homecoming.

Stuff like this makes me roll my eyes as I type. I hope the game attracts a large crowd and generates more interest as the week goes on. You will find me at home checking out the big playoff game featuring Katy and Aldine this weekend. What does that tell you?

Men's basketball loses home opener

By Ryan McGinty

Despite a 26-point performance from Greg Burks, the Panther men's basketball team fell to the University of Maine 94-79 Monday night at home.

Maine (3-1) built an 11point halftime lead against the Panthers and held on for the victory.

The thorn in the Panther's side all night was Maine center Julian Dunkley. Dunkley torched the Panthers in the paint and on the perimeter for 27 points and eight rebounds along with five as-

the Panthers was ball control. They turned the ball over 23 times, which led to several points by Maine.

Prairie View went into halftime with a 36 percentage on 11 of 30 shooting. They were 3 of 6 on three point attempts and missed only one free throw in 10 at-

ing and managed to hit only 4 of 11 three-point attempts.

The Panthers shot much better in the second half, but Maine remained one step ahead. The Panthers made 50 percent of their shots in the second half and also added

However, Maine responded to the Panthers hot hand by shooting 59 percent and hitting 5 of 7 treys.

Burks led the Panthers with 26 points on 8 of 18 shooting and also added nine assists in 38 minutes of action. In addition, he was perfect from the free throw line.

Forward Xavier Lee The Achilles heel for was the second leading scorer percent. with 17 points on 6 of 13 shooting. Starting guard Sadit Montgomery also chipped in 11 points on 4 of 6 shooting.

Jamar Miles was the only player off of the Panther bench to score in double figures. The bench provided 19 points for the night and 12 of those points belonged to Miles, who shot 5 of 9. Reserve Maine shot 45 percent Reggie Walton pulled down line for 68 percent

for the half on 15 of 33 shoot- nine rebounds for the game but had seven turnovers to go along with them.

> Maine received a solid performance from their starting lineup and their reserves. In addition to Dunkley's 27 points, they also received strong performances from forwards Errick Greene and Derrick Jackson

> Greene managed 12 points for the night while Jackson provided 14. Maine reserve Tony Cavalieri came off of the bench and provided a game high 10 assists.

> For the game, Prairie View shot 43 percent on 28 of 64 shooting and was 12 of 21 on three-point attempts for 57

Maine was 34 of 65 for the night and hit 50 percent on three-point attempts. Prairie View out rebounded Maine 38-30 and led in the block department with a five to one advantage.

this like you don't already know? If this disc were a dia- mics, if it were a DJ, it would The Panthers shot 84 mond it would be flawless. If percent from the free throw it were a basketball player, it line on 11 of 13 attempts. Maine was 17 of 25 from the

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R. Kelly pulls another winner with his fifth release, TP-2.com

Not just a shot in the dark

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It's not often that a

Just when you

Kelly has the uncanny

sequel supersedes its original,

but with TP-2.com (Twelve

Play 2) R. Kelly does just that.

thought it couldn't get any

better, it does, not that we

would expect anything less

from Mr. "Bump and Grind."

ability to be whoever we need

him to be, whether it be a thug

on "I Wish" or a saint on "The

Storm Is Over." He fluctuates

between the role of the kinky

playboy and the angel asking

for sex without missing a beat.

He speaks to the soul with

songs like "How I Feel" and

"All I Want," while the

songtitles "Strip for You" and

"Feelingon Your Booty" speak

Why am I telling you

for themselves.

Kelly is what Joe would be Jordan. If this were wants to be and what Aaron The Source it would get five Hall wishes he still was. If

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R. Kelly's fifth release scores off the charts

you didn't get TP-2.com the day it came out, you waited too long.

> By Lee Tillman Panther Staff

Panther football players make All-SWAC team

By Ryan McGinty Sports Editor

Defensive backs Anthony Carr and Bobby Perry, both members of the Panther football team, were selected to be on the annual All-SWAC team by SWAC coaches.

Carr, a senior from Houston, made the first team defense while Perry, a junior from Miami, Fla. made the second team.

Both Alabama A&M University and Grambling State University placed four players on the first team units with Southern University equaling that number.

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Anthony Carr All-SWAC 1st Team Defense

Bobby Perry All-SWAC 2nd Team Defense

selections, Texas Southern with two and Alabama State University, Alcorn State University, Jackson State, Mississippi Valley State and Prairie View A&M University each landing one player apiece on the first team unit.

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ern also placed special teams players on the All-SWAC first

The 2000 All-SWAC second team was dominated by Jackson State, which had six players on the offensive and defensive units.

The Coach of the Year honors will go to the coach who wins the 2nd annual SWAC Championship football game which will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Birmingham, AL.

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TABLE for work

Badu's latest, 'Mama's Gun,' debuts on top The University of Alabama State. Arkansas at Pine Bluff fol-Southern and Texas South-Erykah Badu, the charts with the single "On never loses sight of what she

Grammy-winning singer and &On." songwriter whose triumphant 1997 release Baduizm helped launch a whole new school of contemporary R&B, knows her Mama's Gun and hit the ceremony. hearts of R&B listeners everywhere.

Born Erica Wright in and sister by her mother.

Declaring that Erica Wright was her "slave name," she changed the spelling of wrong." Her last name Badu is a Arabic word that means new album at all. "to manifest truth and light."

signed with Kedar highway of her life. She posi-Massenberg who is also manager of the R&B star D'Angelo the songs and in the liner to grab a gun, make sure it's and soon after she flew to notes Brooklyn to record her debut album, Baduizm. It hit the and vulnerable, "an analoggirl shelves in February 1997 and in a digital world," she sings

Besides music, Badu has appeared on ABC's One Life to Live just prior to winning four honors at the Soul how to squeeze the trigger of Train Lady of Soul Awards

Badu was also blessed with the birth of her son, Seven, whose father is Outkast Dallas, Texas, Badu was member Dre, whom Badu has raised alongside her brother described as her "beloved partner and best friend."

The sleepy-eyed, 20something singer has been described to have a voice like her first name to Erykah be- Billie Holiday and a musical cause, as she explains, "Kah is sensibility that melds 70s soul the inner self, which can do no with jazz and hip-hop, and she has not lost that voice in her

Across the album's 15 Badu eventually tracks Badu travels down the tions herself as a "warrior" in

Badu is both tough quickly rose to the top of the in " ... & On." However, she

wants from her lovers and friends

Over the halting, jazzy constructs of "Booty" she rejects the advances of another woman's lover and his infidelity, while the spare, dry funk of "Kiss Me on My Neck" tells us what pleases Badu most.

With the hit single "Bag Lady" which is topping the charts everywhere, this CD is another million dollar seller for Badu.

If you like cool, soulful jazz mixed with a pinch of hip-hop this should be the CD for you. It leaves plenty of room for Badu's vocal weaves and for the touches of flute, keyboards and percussion that color the arrange-

If you are planning your Mama's Gun.

> By Brit Bell Panther Staff

Why was the Delta probate show just a shortened version of the one from Spring '98?

Why did the Zetas throw up all of the other sororities' signs?

Did they not have enough history to learn on

Is it true that the Alphas stay low key because they only choose unknown people?

Are the AKA neophytes sad because their stretch Excursion entrance was not so grand?

Didn't the Sigmas look like a bunch of little blue thugs?

Now, who will be bold enough to play the Phi Beta Thugs in another football game?

Is the Iotas frat house in building 20? What kind of music did they play at the Gamma

Phi Delta party?

10. And if you went, did you dance?

11. Why were the AKA and Delta rejects running around saying "Skee-Oop?"

12. Why did the old Zetas tell the new probates to just go find some jeans and get a blue or a white shirt?

Why was the hostess of the Krimson and Kream pageant so rude?

4. Will we ever see that many Zetas again?

15. And where were the Sigma Gamma Rho's in the midst of all this madness?

16. Why doesn't everyones' tree look like the Alphas?

17. Why are the Iota's the 'oldest' fraternity on the

18. Did the whole track team go over for Sigma?

19. How many juniors and seniors went over Me Phi Me?

20. What do you think?

We want to know what you think. Please submit any questions you may have to The Panther, Suite 23 Drew Hall. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.





To be ghetto or not to be...that is the question

By Jim and Dubb Panther Staff

Did "University College" give interviews for the residents like they did for the staff? If not, they should have.

The freshmen in University College watch "A Different World" reruns and expect Prairie View to be the same.

As we observe this "Great Class of 2000." we often wonder do they understand that going from high school to college is a dramatic change, mentally and physically!

These freshmen have perfect attendance at 12 p.m. when it is time to eat in alumni.

We are glad the freshmen have decided to take full advantage of the study hall and after hour tutorials because we would sure hate for their final grades to look as bad as their midterm grades.

Let's not forget that freshman's first priority is to

"Respecting yourself is a major part of life."

do their work, then claim their building! They are not here to throw "block" (building) parties

Stop telling your parents to call the head office because their financial advisor still can't change anything by hearing their parent's voices.

Also, in case they didn't know, parking fines do cost, so many freshman should stop lying by telling their parents the reason they still owe money is because their loan did not cover all of their fees.

Respecting yourself is a major part of life.

The female freshmen strut around here charging up all of the freshman males about how to respect them, while they don't know how to respect themselves.

Using profane language, getting on the ground and backing it up to every song played is not the best way to demonstrate the way a female should be respected.

Remember, you never hear males knocking females with "class."

There is more to life than materialistic things.

College is an institution of higher learning, why are you all fighting on the yard or in the freshman areas like this is the backyard of Jerry Springer University.

It is okay to have your own style, but some of you have gotten out of control with the thin line between ghetto and just plain soulful.

We understand the saying, "You can take me out of the ghetto, but you can't take the ghetto out of me", but also don't forget the saying, "There is a time and a place for everything."

We are going to have to start acquiring skills that will exemplify a college graduate aspiring to take on any challenge that may come their way.

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