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We are family: I got all my brothers with me

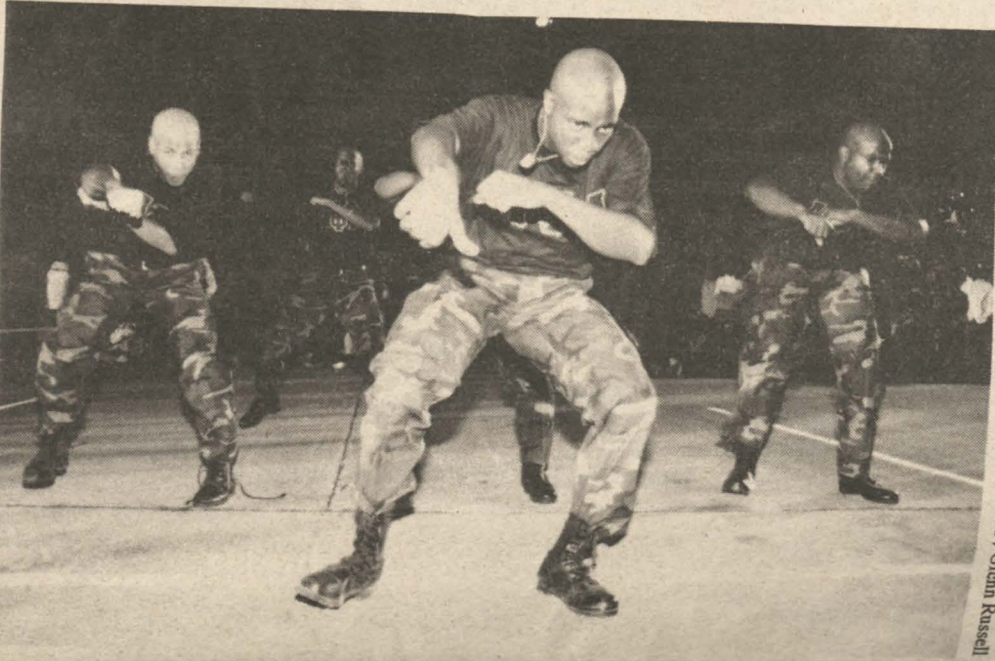


Photo by Glenn Russell

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 answer which 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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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 certification.

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 specializing in special education.

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 beginning 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.

For more information, please visit the website at www.lagrantfoundation.org or contact TLF at (323) 469-8680, ext. 234.

Students awarded international scholarships

By Yauna Estes
Assignment Editor

Several Prairie View students were awarded international studies scholarships from the PV International Studies department and the 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 educational horizons.

Students were required to submit an application and fee, in addition to researching their programs.

Towards the end of the process, they were

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 of the board.

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

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

According to Anunobi, it is very important for students to study abroad. He said students who take the opportunity to study abroad will have an advantage in the job market upon graduating.

Thurgood Marshall Scholars



The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund held its first Scholar Leadership Institute earlier this year in New York. Three Prairie View A&M University students were offered four year merit scholarships and selected to participate in corporate career training programs. Pictured from left to right: Qushanda Crawford, Charity Davis, Actress Lynn Whitefield, and Kelly Carter.

Army ROTC runs loose in nation's capitol

Special to the Panther

When Army ROTC Cadet Alberto Escobar 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



The Panther Army Ten-Miler Race runners were (left to right) Thomas Price, Karl Whitley, Melissa Payton, Alberto Escobar, and Jim Miller.

FDR Memorials, and the Washington Monument.

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

"I have no doubt that next year we will do even bet-

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

Running ten miles through the scenic capitol is a test of physical endurance and mental discipline that the cadets were willing to challenge.

Alpha Phi Alpha celebrates Founder's Day

By Felicia Walker
News Editor

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

the Johnson-Phillips All-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 American fraternity, will be among

the 700 international chapters hosting this annual event with other Area IX chapters of Alpha.

The honorable Sylvester Turner, Texas State Representative for the District of Houston is the keynote speaker for the event.

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available." Other universities that also have Sprint supported 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 engineering department of PV, and it should be honored to be a part of this elite group of universities.

Not only will the Electrical Engineering students take part in this research program, but it will also give

them the experience. This experience will help them benefit so that they will have an edge over other students at other colleges and universities when searching for a job.

Don Hallacy, president of Technology Services at Sprint said, "We pride ourselves on making Sprint a great place to work. Prairie View A&M students are among the best there are, and we look forward to creating an atmosphere where they will consider Sprint when making career choices."

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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 store.

and the number one reason
The words "Hi" and "Hello" on the yard are replaced by "Oops-Skee-Kitty" "Blue Phi-1-9-Arrf."

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Monday No Mass
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. (English) in Hempstead
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6:30 p.m. (English) in Hempstead
Thursday 7:00 p.m. (English) in Prairie View
Friday 7:00 a.m. (English) in Hempstead

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Saturday 4-4:45 p.m. in Hempstead
Thursday 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Prairie View

FAITH MOVING FORWARD

Classifieds
HEY YOU!!
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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) par-

ties. 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.

Don't just think about, be about it.



Students from ALL academic disciplines are invited to learn about newspaper reporting, editing, designing, marketing, advertising, distributing and any other print media activities.

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