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Turning back the hands of time



PVAMU alumna Katrice Offord, former Ebony Fashion Fair model, has returned to Prairie View to provide contestant development for Miss Prairie View contestants. This year's pageant will be held on April 19 in conjunction with the Mr. Prairie View pageant.

Civil rights settlement awards \$98 million

Monies strengthen university operations, recruitment

By Felicia Walker News Editor

n an attempt to equal the playing field of educational opportunity between Prairie View A&M University and sister school. Texas A&M University, the Office of Civil Rights granted the University a settlement of \$98 million for instructional and operational support.

Prairie View A&M University President Charles Hines held a meeting yesterday with all University employees to discuss the settlement and other university facts and changes.

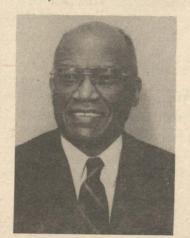
"Our fate is in our hands. It is only there if we change how we do business,"

Hines said. "The only reason we are here is to produce outstanding graduates, fully prepared and confident to enter the world of work."

In the case of the United States vs. the State of Texas, President Hines drafted a \$500 million proposal of items the University needed for enhancement.

The proposal was then sent to a committee of legislators and state representatives to create the Texas Commitment-OCR Priority Plan to enhance programs, systems, and the recruitment, retention and graduation of students.

Set to begin during fiscal year 2003 until 2005, OCR funding will be awarded to the College of Nursing to build a



Charles A. Hines, **University President**

state of the art nursing build-

OCR funding will also

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Housing prices still on the rise

By Tandy Lemmon Panther Staff

he rumor that the price of privatized housing is increasing is no longer hearsay, nor a surprise.

Since 1996, when American Campus Communities, a company that specializes in campus housing on college campuses, built the first phase of University Village at PVAMU, the cost has increased each year.

Then it was \$2300 per school year and now (for this academic year) it is \$2872 for the same duration of time.

According to Yvette Barker, General Manager of University Village I, II, III and University College, price increases cover business overhead, cost of maintenance, rising energy costs and other costs that increase annually.

Next year's increase will range between 4.1 percent and 4.3 percent.

Phase I and II four bedroom apartments received a 4.1 and 4.3 percent increase, respectively, making them as much as \$373 a month.

Students who choose to live in a two bedroom in University Village will pay \$421 a month.

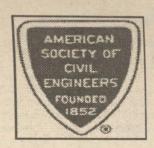
Those who choose Phase III had a 4.2 percent increase making four bedrooms

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Race forces team to find funds

By Kalyn Bullock Mananging Editor

tudents of the American Society of Civil Engineers participated in the annual Texas/Mexico Region Concrete Competition in San Antonio, Texas last weekend.



This competition allowed the students to come together as a team to build a canoe and race it against other top engineering schools in the Southwest district.

Prairie View A&M University was the only HBCU to participate among other Texas and Mexico colleges and universities.

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Volunteerism bill proposed by state representative

By Sheleah Hughes Editor-in-Chief

bill proposed by a Texas state representative will attempt to make college students better people.

Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, drew up the proposal to require all students at state universities to do 40 hours of community service to earn

their baccalaureate degrees and 28 hours to earn an associate degree.

This requirement, if passed, would affect students who will be attending school

this incoming fall semester.

According to Gallego, House Bill 791 was drawn up because he believes that students should leave college with a better sense of citizenship and community spirit.

PVAMU student Shandon Neal agrees.

"As we move to a technological society, it is impor-

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•World•

Archeologists discover mummy

Cairo, Egypt

AP-Archeologists have discovered a mummy decorated with 100 golden amulets of the wife of an Egyptian ruler in the Western Desert more than 2,500 years ago, the Supreme Council of Antiquities said.

The mummy is of Naas, the wife of Jad Khensu Evuf, who ruled the Bahariya Oasis during the period of Pharoah Ahmose II from 570 to 526 B.C., Minister of Culture Farouk Hosni said in a statement Tuesday.

Angolan separatists release one hostage

Lisbon, Portugal

AP-An armed group that has held three Portuguese hostages in an Angolan enclave for nearly a year reeased one of the men on Tuesday, the Portuguese government said.

The separatist group FLEC-FAC kidnapped the three men last May in the oilrich enclave in Cabinda, a wedge between the Congo and the Republic of Congo. Another five Portuguese men were kidnapped last month by a different group, called FLEC-Renovada. Both groups are fighting for independence for Cabinda.

Angry Kenyans dig for bodies

Sabaki, Kenya

AP-Frustrated by the failure of authorities to raise two buses from a river into which they plunged two days ago, dozens of young Kenyans waded into the swirling Sabaki on Tuesday, digging furiously with their hands and shovels to get to the bodies.

Ali Rashid, one of those digging, said some bodies had been located, but they were buried in silt.

Minister lashes out at EU criticism

Johannesburg, South Africa

AP-In a letter accusing a European Union delegation of making a "condemnatory public statement" about South Africa's handling of the AIDS crisis, South Africa's Health Minister, Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, defended the country's prevention efforts.

The letter, dated March 29 but released to media Tuesday, criticized statements made by an EU delegation that visited South Africa in late March.

•National• Temple student sentenced for calls Dovlestown, Pa.

Paul Soong Lee, 26, of

Northampton, repeatedly told a Bucks County judge that he

was trying to get a date.
The Delaware Valley

College students said that they

were frightened by the inces-

sant calls which sometimes

AP-A Muscatine man

William Brad Swain,

Police said officials

AP- A Manassas man

The pilot of the plane

Police had not re-

AP-A Williamson pa-

The charge stems

Pope said Barnes filed

trolman has been charged

with false swearing.
Michael T. Barnes

was arrested Friday by Chief

Roby Pope and Lt. W.E.

Looney and taken before Chief

Magistrate Dee Sidebottom.

He was released on a \$5,000

personal recognizance bond.

from a complaint filed by

Robin Maynard alleging false

false criminal complaint

against Maynard, charging

her with driving under sus-

pension and failure to stop.

survived a night on a north-

west Virginia mountain after

crashing his plane into a tree.

died Sunday, several hours

after search teams found him

and the wreckage of his plane

on Paris Mountain, Virginia

leased the victim's name.

Officer charged with

State Police said.

false swearing

Williamson, W. Va.

numbered 50 in one night.

is accused of having an improper relationship with a 15-

35, is charged with third-de-

gree sexual abuse following a

with the FBI arrested Swain in Ontario, Calif., on March 6 when they alerted Muscatine police. The girl and Swain

fled shortly afterward to avoid

prosecution, police said.

Manassas man

crashes plane

Paris, Va.

year-old Illinois runaway.

lengthy investigation.

Muscatine man

Muscatine, Iowa

abuses runaway

Valley College

produce gas Houston, Texas

AP-Natural gas drill-AP-A department store security guard, who was also a Temple University stuers are finding that digging more wells doesn't necessardent, was sentenced to 10 to ily translate into more gas, a 23 months in prison after Houston-based investment pleading guilty to making bank's study says. hundreds of phone calls to female students at Delaware

The study by Simmons & Company International says gas production by the nation's 21 largest publicly traded exploration companies hasn't increased even though drilling has increased by 50 percent in the last year.

•Regional•

Wells may, may not

Television station receives videotape

Houston, Texas

AP-A television station has received a copy of a videotape that police say could aid an investigation of the rape of a teen-ager on Crystal Beach during spring break.
Mike Devlin, news di-

rector of KHOU-Channel 11 in Houston, told The Associated Press on Sunday that the station received the tape Friday night. He said the 18year-old victim's parents confirmed Saturday that she was the young woman on the 50-

Jarret grabs **Texas victory**

Fort Worth, Texas

AP-Dale Jarrett raced from sixth place to the lead in 13 laps Sunday, passing gambling Johnny Benson and pulling away to win the Harrah's 500 at Texas Motor Speed-

The NASCAR Winston Cup points leader had been racing at ornear the front throughout the 334-lap event, but slopped from second to sixth during the final pit when he took four tires while most driver's put on two.

Discount stores growing popular

McAllen, Texas

AP-Dollar discount stores are finding a profitable niche in many Rio Grande Valley communities.

With low overhead costs and a loyal base of lowincome, elderly and Hispanic shoppers, the nation's top five dollar store chains generated sales of \$8.83 billion in 1999, according to figures from the National Retail Federation.

Dollar stores typically are housed in strip malls in middle- and low-income neighborhoods. They carry basic household goods like baby food, clothes hangers and plastic cups

Calendar of events

OFriday

Pick up your copy of The Panther

7-8 Sat./Sun.

Zeta Phi Beta recreational day, Student Park, Prairie View, TX,

Alpha Lambda Omega seminar, Panther Room, Prairie View, TX, 3 p.m.

9 Monday

Army recruiting mission, Alumni, Prairie View, TX, 11 a.m.

10 Tuesday

Panther Meeting, Harrington Science Bldg. Rm 105, Prairie View,

Club Flava Fashion Premier 2001, Animal Industries Auditorium, Prairie View, TX, 7:30 p.m.

Dress for Success, Hobart Taylor, room 1c129, Prairie View, TX,

L Wednesday

Toastmasters elections, Hobart Taylor, Prairie View, TX, 5 p.m. Baby Blues, Library, Prairie View, TX, 7:20 p.m.

12 Thursday BET Hits, Alumni Hall, Prairie View, TX



SGA Election Results

President	Ronnie Davis
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SEEING

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Cloning surpasses sheep, goats Humans next on scientific agenda



By Sheleah Hughes Editor-in-Chief

aving a clone could be a decent idea. With one person in two different places at the same time, a lot of things could get accomplished.

I could sleep late and be in class at the same time. I could go shopping and read a book or watch a movie at the same time and maybe I could have two boyfriends.

But then on the other hand, things could get sticky. What if Sheleah A

was confused with Sheleah B and said the wrong thing to Professor Smith A or Professor Smith B.

Sheleah A's boyfriend may think Sheleah B is his girlfriend and who knows what may happen.

This is getting to be too much, maybe cloning humans won't work.

Clones are created when the genetic material from a single cell is injected into an egg cell that has no

All this process may seem logical and unharmful but many scientists and legal experts question the longterm impact of this science.

There are concerns whether the clone will undergo the same evolution as a normal human would.

Most scientists say cloning is immoral and unreasonable, and the majority of the American population

Even President George W. Bush does not feel that cloning or cloning research should be in America's

Just recently members of Congress asked Bush to testify during legislative sessions that he denounces cloning re-

Sure, cloning has already helped to discover pharmaceuticals for heart attacks, cystic fibrosis and strokes but unless scientists who support cloning can guarantee that nothing harmful will come from the research why con-

Many people began to wonder just how far science would go after the creation of Dolly, a Scottish sheep that was created from another adult sheep in 1996.

Since the cloning of Dolly there have been cloned cows, mice, pigs and goats but no one has actually made a complete human being.

FOR THE RECORD

Would you want a human clone?

No "People are supposed NO "First, of all you couldn't take another me. Second, when it comes to giving life that way you are acting like God. There is only them?" one God and God gives life. In somethings we need to step out of our box -- there,

from Dallas

NO "If God meant for there the experiences would not be the same."

> - Dr. Henri Bailey Associate Provost and Vice President

FOR

to be different not the same. at one time, allowing me to Who would want someone get more things done." walking around looking like

- Jennifer Terrell freshman education major

NO "Life is sacred. We are fooling around in areas where we should not. Although we would have the same person,

Yes "I could be two places

- Tonja Smith junior communication major

from Marlon

Yes "That way there would be two of me to

bother everybody."

- Walter Gauthier senior human performance major from Beaumont

The Panther staff randomly asked 30 students and administrators their opinions on the subject of human cloning. Of those 30, only two students responded yes.

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AGAINST

we need to stay in."

- Dean Charles Lewter,

Dean, All Faiths Chapel

to be two of me, then God

would have made two."

- Nikki Robinson

freshman psychology major

from Houston

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NCOBRA marches to Prairie View city hall Students demonstrate for reparations

By Tony Browne Special to the Panther

The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations marchers went on to meet in America (NCOBRA) called for a national school walk out and march on all government offices this week, with the focus of demanding repara-

On April 4, 2001 (the date of the assassination of demonstrations took place across the United States in cities including Atlanta and

In conjunction with the walk-out, the Prairie View NCOBRA chapter lead over 50 students on foot to Prairie View city hall.

Reparations are payto be used toward repairing the damaged and unhealthy condition of Black people as the direct result of the enslavement of their African an- at extension 2018.

Chanting reparations centered ryhmes and accompanied by police escorts, with Prairie View Mayor Ray Carreuthers on the front steps of city hall.

The Mayor presented a resolution in support of repa-

NCOBRA is the only national grassroots organiza-Martin Luther King), major tion with a plan for reparations acquisition and disburse-

> The organization also conducts national surveys, polling the Black community on its wants and needs.

NCOBRA also has nationally-elected representatives from cities across the United States and provides ments to African-Americans active recruitment of students for leadership positions.

For more information on NCOBRA activities contact the Office of Student Activities

Thieves steal university lap-tops

By Torrie Richardson Panther Staff

Theft is a deviate crime in any situation, but it becomes that much more appalling when it affects the education of an individual.

Whenever an incident of this nature strikes, it reaches everyone. Such is the case with the architecture department at PVAMU.

During spring break, a number of laptops were stolen from the architecture storage facil-

Architecture administrator, Charles McClelland, said there have been break-ins in the past, but never of this mag-

McClelland also

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said that in this particular case, locks were cut to provide access to the storage

The Prairie View A&M University campus police, in conjunction with the Texas Rangers, are investigating this incident.

Sergeant Sands, who is heading the recovery team, is not allowing any further information to be released until the investigation has been completed.

Police are positive that they are very close to catching the vandals

As a precautionary measure, McClelland and other architecture staff have installed an alarm system and video monitors to help deter any future would-be

At the present time, there is no discussion of a reward of any kind.

Baptist Student Movement attends national retreat in Virginia

By J.L. Nemons Jr. Special to the Panther

Members of the Baptist Student Movement (BSM) traveled to Norfolk, Va. to attend the 56th National Baptist Student Union Retreat.

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The theme of the retreat was "Living as a Citizen of the Kingdom."

BSM members represented Prairie View in the National Baptist Beautillion and the National Choir Competition, under the direction of Tera Mitchell, minister of

"At the retreat I gained a knowledge and a new understanding of what it truly takes to become a virtuous woman," said BSM

"Even if we didn't win, we got our message across and that is the most important victory of all."

- Allicia Upshaw

member Shaniva Johnson.

Students were also given the opportunity to attend retreat seminars. Topics ranged from "Dating: A Christian Perspective" to "The Traits of a Virtuous Woman.'

Jena Pevy, Miss BSM 2000-2001, won first-runner up in a talent competition for her rendition of "Precious

Prairie View's Baptist Student Movement received an award for the largest attendance by a choir.

BSM also competed in the National Choir Competition where they won first place for their melody "You Oughta Been Their" by Ricky Dillard and "Never Would Have Made It" by Curt Carri.

The choir often uses props to enhance its perfor-

This year, members wore blindfolds to demonstrate that without God, they would be lost.

"Even if we didn't win we felt we got our message across and that is the most important victory of all," Allicia Upshaw, president of Prairie View's BSM, said.

The Baptist Student Movement has attended the national retreat every year since 1970.



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AKA 'Dorm Step-Off' shows freshman talent, creativity

Aqueelah Anderson Panther Staff

The fifth Annual Dorm Step-Off gave the freshmen class a chance to shine once again.

The Zeta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. hosted its annual Dorm Step-Off in the Baby Dome on April 3, 2001.

Seven groups of freshmen with themes such as "Charlie's Angels" and

"The Storm is Coming" came together from the University College to compete for 1st and 2nd place prizes.

"The Dorm Step-Off gives the freshmen class a chance to show that they also have talent," said Natasha Fowler, Dorm Step-Off chair.

Judges Cameron S. Fowler, Letrice Dickerson, Corey LeDay, Michael Davis and Erin Stevenson evaluated contestants on the following criteria: 20 percent crowd appeal, 30 percent originality, 20 percent appearance and 30 percent for

The Ladies of The Marching Storm, C Phi C, were the first on stage to compete with the theme from "Car Wash." Second were The Divine Angels whose theme came from the hit movie "Charlie's Angels."



"The Storm is Coming" was the theme for the C Phi C freshmen males

Next the G's From That 41 gave the audience a show that included twirling canes. Ladies from different buildings in the University College came together to form a group called the Ladies of

graced the audience with their cat act and showed the crowd what unity in the University College and freshmen class is all about. Last on stage were the young men of Esquires who were portray-

"I thought that all groups did their very best, said Nicole Flonory, a junior communications major who said she enjoyed the show.

Second place trophies went to the Divine Angels and the G's From That 41. First place prizes of \$150 and a group trophy went to the Ladies of UC and the young men

All contestants in the Dorm Step-Off were given certificates of participation.

ROTC Cadets participate in 'real life' field training

Special to the Panther

Members of the Prairie View A&M University core of cadets participated in a joint exercise this past weekend at Texas A&M University along with Texas Army ROTC college programs from across the state.

The Field Leadership Reaction Course (FLRC) is held annually at TAMU to train third year cadets in leadership, squad movement and navigation.

The cadets spent the weekend without the comfort of showers and warm beds, but sleeping outdoors in tents and eating meals ready to eat (MREs) three times a

'The ground was hard and the MREs weren't anything to write home about," Cadet Chris Beal

The cadets are preparing for the end of a cycle skills test called Advanced Camp. The camp is the last requirement before a senior cadet can be commissioned.

"This weekend was a good experience for me, and beneficial towards my career as an Army officer. I was able to get a feel for what Advance Camp will be like this summer," Cadet Staff Sergeant Marie Carroll said.

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- What happens if I don't take the TASP every year? Your ability to continue enrollment at PVAMU may end. PVAMU wants students to make satisfactory academic progress toward meeting TASP requirements, failure to do so may result in a TASP hold.
- I took the TASP on August 1, 2000, am I ok? Yes, a TASP test taken between August 1, 2000 to April 2001 makes a student eligible to pre-
- My last TASP test was on January 14, 2000, what happens to me? Students with current TASP test scores before July 31, 2000 must retake the TASP before they will be allowed to pre-register for the Fall 2001 semester.

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'White Shadow' looms in SWAC head coach search



By Ryan McGinty

For those of you who do not follow college athletics, Texas Southern University is on the verge of making some big waves in the world of college basket-

In a list released to the public on Wednesday, the Tigers announced that a 23-year-old Caucasian graduate assistant from the University of Arizona has been named as a finalist for TSU's vacant men's head coach position.

The finalist, whose name is Josh Pastner, was selected out of the 50-plus candidates who applied for the job. You mean to tell me everyone else was below

Now to the big picture-- his race.

Do you think a 23-year-old white suburbanite is cut out for that job at a historically black university? The caliber of players Pastner now coaches at Arizona is ten times different from the players at Texas South-

All he is doing at Arizona is babysitting NBA caliber talent and sending them on their way once they're NBA ready. At Texas Southern, NBA caliber athletes rarely pass through the doors.

Personally, it would be a bad decision for TSU to bring him on board. The guy would be put under intense pressure and I really doubt if he has the capabilities to deal with that at such a ripe age.

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On Your Mark . . .

Nicole Cottman is set to run first leg in the 4x400 meter relay team at the 72nd Prairie View Relays. Cottman and her teammates placed first in the 4x400 event.

Blue Devils beat Wildcats for NCAA title

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- Mike Krzyzewski didn't want to let go of Shane Battier.

Coach K hugged him for what seemed to be an eternity, a farewell embrace for his national player of the year and team leader. Battier's work is done.

"It's complete," Duke's all-everything senior forward said. "All that's left forme is to ride off into the sunset on a white horse."

With a national title in his hand.

The top-ranked Blue Devils won their third championship -- and second in the day night.



Photo by Bob Jordan/AP

Metrodome -- with an 82-72 Duke players celebrate after their victory over Arizona on Mon- championship title game win by a score of 82-72 on Monday.

Baseball

Last Game Texas Southern 6 Prairie View 2

Texas Southern 19 Prairie View

Today 4-6 Arkansas-PB 3 p.m.

Saturday 4-7 Arkansas-PB 1 p.m.

Softball

SWAC Standings

Alabama State	12-4
Miss. Valley	3-11
Jackson State	1-6
Alcorn	0-9
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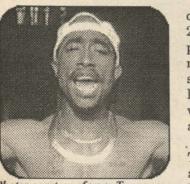
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Resurrecting a rap star

Tupac Shakur releases another posthumous album



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Photos courtesy of www.Tupac.com

s if we needed another reason to believe Tupac was still alive, he, or should I say, Suge Knight and Afeni Shakur, released "Until the End of Time."

Every year since his death in 1996, 2Pac has revisited us in one way or another.

In 1997 "R U Still Down" was a release of 2Pac's old material from his "Strictly 4 My N... Days." By 1998, Tupac's greatest hits were re-

Then in 1999, listeners heard 2Pac with his Outlaw brethren on "Still I Rise."

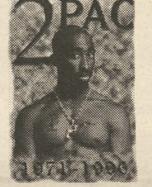
Last year a host of talented artists translated 2Pac's poetry into spoken word on "The Rose That Grew From Concrete.

Not counting "Makeveli," which was released four days after his death

on Friday the 13th, none of 2Pac's new material had been previously released. And finally Tupac fans get to hear a seemingly never-ending catalog of his new music. This guy works harder than most living artists

"Until The End Of Time" is the first of two double albums of new material from Pac's "Makeveli" period. The second installment is due out

the ironically titled "Ballad of like "Let's Be Friends," "Happy a Dead Soulja." "Until..." com-



bines the playboy lifestyle he portrayed on "All Eye's On Me" and the aggression he displayed on "Makeveli." Songs like "Why U Turn" are reminiscent of the infamous "Hit



"Makeveli" 2 through 6 have already heard most of these songs before but now there The opening track is are more gritty productions Home" and "When I Get Free." At times the new production is a little weak but Pac always pulls through

While disc two is much better than the first, this album deserves to be in any fan's collection. What makes this posthumous album better than most is that it isn't a collection of unfinished songs or songs he didn't want us to

2Pac knew he didn't have much time left and he made that painfully obvious in his music. It is for that reason that he will be loved and remembered... "Until the End of Time."

By Lee Tillman Those of you who own Asst. Entertainment Editor

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Ouestions

Who did you vote for?

Did you think the Deltas and the Sigmas were going resort to fisticuffs over the election?

Did anyone know Slimm Calhoun before Wednesday?

Does anyone care who he is now? Was Wednesday supposed to be the return of Hump

Day on the Hill?

With no computers in Farrell Hall, what are we supposed to do while we wait for our clothes to wash?

Did they take the computers out because students were leaving their clothes in the dryers too long?

Why did the Mr. Black Collegiate Pageant use the backdrops from the AKA pageant?

And why wasn't Mr. PV in the pageant?

Why did a girl get rejected as a Black Fox for having a navel ring when all of the girls who made it have various body piercings?

1. Can we all get together and help them tear down the

2. Why were they able to build four phases of the Village faster than they can tear down the MSC?

3. Why were the communications students protest ing because they didn't get any money when they really did?

4. After all of these big changes, will we still be a

5. Who was the girl at the dorm step-off that split her 16. Why are the Panther Dolls practicing in the Phase

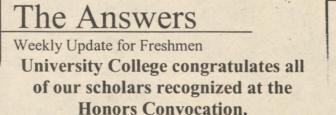
III parking lot? 17. Since SpringFest is coming so late, can we call it

SummerFest?

18. Will Elena and Ronnie please host a carwash? 19. When are they going to build the Denny's by Exxon?

20. What do you think?

We want to know what you think. Please submit any questions you may have to The Panther, Rm. 105 Harrington Science. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.



Can UC yourself as a CA?

University College will have Community Assistant positions available fall 2001. Successful candidates must have a minimum of 60 earned semester hours, a 2.5 cumulative GPA, and must have passed all parts of the TASP. Interested applicants may pick up an application in the business office of University College. All applications must be returned to the business office by 5:00 PM, April 13th. Applicants will be contacted for an interview.

When is pre-registration for the summer and fall?

Pre-registration is scheduled to begin April 17, 2001. See your advisor to sign up for an appointment.

Can anyone pre-register?

No, the following students must wait for final grades to be posted to pre-register: 1)students on academic probation and 2)students with a grade of "U" or less than a "C" in developmental education classes. Students must clear all holds, in order to be able to pre-register.









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increase making for bedrooms \$431 and two bedrooms \$487.50 per month.

Incoming freshmen who will live in University College will pay \$395 a month.

Beside the increase, changes have been made to the installment plan.

Instead of nine payments there will be a total of eight payments over the entire school year due on the first of each month, excluding August.

Barker added that this change is an effort to cut down on the number of accounts left delinquent.

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University of Houston, Lamar University, Texas A&M University and Texas Tech competed in the competition.

Preparing for competitions of this nature takes an

ample amount of money. Compared to the University of Texas at San Antonio's \$5,000 allotment, PVAMU students were only alloted \$1,000 from the Department of Civil Engineering to aid them through the project.

Through solicitation, students not only were able to obtain materials for the trip but enough supplies for the department to use in labs.

PVAMUhas been participating in this event for 25 years, and each year of participation brings on great improvements. According to ASCE president Kevin Hardaway, "This year PV made the best showing ever."

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be awarded to the Department of Engineering for renovations as well as to the School of Architecture for the construction of a new architecturebuilding annex.

The Department of Psychology and Juvenile Justice will be awarded funding for the construction of a juvenile justice building to complement its newly established doctorate program.

Funding will also provide \$15 million in miscellaneous University renovations and operations.

Although funding was not secured by OCR to enhance all of the academic departments on campus, Hines still plans to enhance and expand remaining departments with other university funds.

"Their future is not linked with OCR but that does not mean they will be left behind. We will now have the use of other resources that have been set free by OCR to help everyone," Hines said.

During his address to Prairie View faculty and staff, President Hines also emphasized a goal of creating better public relations between both students and co-workers.

"We don't need OCR money to treat people with respect and dignity," Hines said. "One of my goals is to make this University a Tier 1 university. In order to do that, we must raise our standards of customer service and appreciation."

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tant that we are people that care for its community," he said. Neal currently serves as president of the Pan-Hellenic counsel. All members of the organizations represented on the counsel are required to complete at least 15 hours of community service per semester to stay eligible.

The same requirement is given to any organization that is officially recognized by the campus.

If passed, the bill will require students to complete activities for a non-profit organization, governmental entity or other entities that will benefit the "needy or deserving" individuals of the public. But students would have their overall choice of where the hours would be completed.

Each university or college will have an office to coordinate the service program.

Tiffany Carr, senior business management major, believes that people can't be forced to do things for others; service must be something that they want do on their own.

"How can you force some one to do volunteer work?" said Carrwho has opted to miss the popular Texas Relays in Austin to do work at a shelter. "To volunteer is to do just that—volunteer. It is unreasonable. If a students wants to go out and do volunteer work then they should be able to do just that."



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