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Black mayor of Dallas runs for U.S. Senate

Ron Kirk Campaign Special to the Panther Staff

In the history of the United States there has never been an African American United States Senator.

Ron Kirk, former mayor of Dallas and now a candidate for the United States Senate has built a reputation of bringing people together and getting things done.

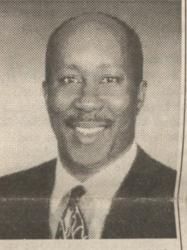
First elected mayor in 1995, and reelected in 1999 with 74% of the vote, Kirk helped put an end to the divisive politics that had dominated of the city of Dallas.

Kirk, the first African American Mayor of Dallas and of a major Texas City, united the city across racial and party lines to rebuild the Dallas economy and get the city moving again.

During his tenure as mayor, Kirk passed seven budgets, which focused on the critical needs of the city while maintaining and even lowering taxes.

While he was mayor, Dallas saw its lowest crime rate in twenty years. Kirk's work to ensure the world-renowned Nasher Collection remained in Dallas resulted in the donation of an outdoor sculpture garden to the city from the Nasher Foundation.

During his tenure, \$600 million was invested in the long-neglected southern part of the city, bringing 13,000 jobs. As a means to closely interact with citizens, Mayor Kirk utilized a unique one-on-one town hall meeting format, allowing him to meet with them individually.



U.S. Senate candidate Ron Kirk

Zeta Phi Beta: Community conscious and action oriented La Donna Martin Panther Staff



It was out of love that Brother Charles Robert Taylor, a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., looked into the eyes of Arizona Cleaver and saw the embodiment of everything that is beautiful about African-American women.

On January 16,1920 Brother Taylor's dream was fulfilled when five women formed a sisterhood that they dubbed Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Today, Zeta Phi Beta extends to over 600 chapters and 100,000 + members worldwide unified under the founding principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love, and Finer Womanhood.

Omega Gamma was founded on January 9,1969 at the home of soror Odessa Tinsley.

The Omega Gamma Chapter began building a foundation based upon Ser-

COMING NEXT WEEK

Greek Fraternities and Sororities recognized for Black History Month

Since the beginning of the 20th century Greek Organizations have been a part of African- American History. Continuing next week with the fraternities and Sorority Kappa Alpha Psi, Iota Phi Theta and Sigma Gamma Rho.

vice, Scholarship, Charity, Civil and Culture Endeavors, and Finer Woman. Omega Gamma is active within the community and on campus.

Omega Gamma is especially proud of its Storks Nest program in which young expecting mothers are mentored on the importance of prenatal care, and given guidance on what to do once their child has arrived.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is a community conscious and action oriented organization committed to effectively and compassionately meeting the needs of the communities it serves.

The sorors of the Omega Gamma Chapter are equally committed to improving the quality of life in our local communities, while embracing the transitions needed to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

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Texans draft builds a foundation.

Letter from SGA President Ronnie Davis.

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Greater Houston Area weekend forecast: Mostly Sunny and cold nights

Celebrating 88 years of Excellence in Brotherhood

Darian Levi

Panther Staff

The Sigma's Celebrate 88 Years of Excellence in Brotherhood.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. is an organization of professional and college men that work to promote Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service.

It is their motto to provide, "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity."

The Delta Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma has been in existence since 1966, but wasn't officially recognized until 1969 thus becoming the first Greek letter organization on the campus.

Since that time Sigma's have worked diligently to uphold the ideals of true brotherhood. There has been extensive array of programming and activities held by Delta Theta in the past few years. With the evolution of a Lady of the Dove Scholarship Pageant and the Blue& White Ball, the chapter has suppressed many of its other national counterparts to obtain such honors as "Chapter of the Year", "Collegiate of the Year", "Best Chapter Display", "Alumni of the Year", and many more.

In addition to the numerous awards, being crowned the "Largest Chapter in the Nation" has also made a big impact on Delta Theta as well.

Theta as well. This spring Phi Beta Sigma will foster programs that promote the overall well'being of the entire student body. Resume writing, H I V / A I D S Awareness, and the Mad Men Seminar are just a few that have been done. Nevertheless, there is more to come. January 09,1914

played a vital role in the development of the black man and all that is encompassed, with the works of three great men a fraternity was born. A fraternity that has survived world wars, a great depression and racismon every hand. Which only leads us to believe that the saying is true-" If there are great men to be made, Sigma will make them."



•State•

Killer escapes prison Abilene, Texas

AP-A convicted killer overpowered a correctional officer and escaped from a Texas penitentiary Sunday. John William

Roland, 33, took Sgt. Wesley Hurt's uniform, handcuffed and beat him before escaping in Hurt's pickup truck about 4:45 a.m., said Larry Todd, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He said there was no weapon in the truck.

Jurors decide fate Houston, Texas

AP- The fate of Andrea Yates hinges on everything to Sierra Leone's whether the jurors who start feared rebels, Emmanuel hearing evidence Monday will Kwashie was finally starting believe she knew the to rebuild his life in difference between right and neighboring Liberia. But wrong when she drowned her when the gunfire started five young children in their again, he didn't hesitate. bathtub, then called the police and told police what she had and two small sons, he took done.

woman faces two capital West Africa's most savage 20 deaths of three of her five declared over last month. children, ranging in age from 7 years to 6 months.

•World•

Vancouver, B.C.

AP- The mother of a 5-month-old boy who died after being rushed to a hospital was charged with second-degree murder Saturday.

Brandyn Samson was pronounced dead after paramedics rushed him to British Columbia's Children's Hospital Thursday morning. His mother, Darlene

Trick, 28, is scheduled to make Monday.

Refugees take chance Sinje, Liberia

AP- After losing

Gathering his wife to the road this time back to The 37-year-old Sierra Leone, where one of murder charges in the June conflicts was officially "If we are going to die, it is better to go home and die there "

National Mother gets charged Climber contributes

Golden, Colorado

AP- Jim Whittaker. the first American to climb Mount Everest, is donating most of the gear he used in the 1963 ascent to the American Mountaineering Center.

His ice ax, boots, pack, parka, wind pants and the U.S. flaghe carried are among items that will be displayed when the museum opens next year.

"This is the first ever her first court appearance museum in the United States," Whitaker stated.

Threats impossible

Elmendorf AF Base, Alaska AP- In a starspangled send-off, President Bush told hundreds of fatigueclad U.S. soldiers Saturday that "America will not blink" in the fight against terrorism and Osama bin Laden. He vowed to bring that message to Asia.

Amid cheers of "USA! USA!", the commander in chief made a quick refueling stop at this snowy Air Force base to rally U.S. troops and headline a \$400,000 fundraiser for the Alaska Republican Party.



Photo by AP/ Paul Sancya

IN BRIEF

Halle Berry shows her Silver Bear award after she won the prize for the best actress with her film "Monster's Ball" at the 52nd Berlianale International Film Festival in Berlin Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002.

Gays and lesbians speak out

AP Wire

At age 73, Terry Lawrence is fighting for the right to get married.

It's not about walking down the aisle in a white dress or pledging lifelong commitment. Lawrence and her partner, 77-year-old Carolyn King, have been together 34 years.

They celebrated their 25th anniversary with a "recommitment ceremony" and a dance at church with 75 friends.

The couple's motivation to push for a state law allowing same-sex marriage or civil unions is decidedly less romantic.

They want the legal protection married couples have: hundreds of statutes covering inheritance, civil rights matter."

property benefits, work leave, access to family in hospitals and a myriad of other matters. "I became more aware that for us _ and especially for younger people_it makes such a difference," Lawrence said. For King and Lawrence, retired professors

who live in Hamden, official recognition of their relationship means an easier time setting up inheritances, health care and other end-oflife issues

More importantly, Lawrence says, a state law would provide protection for gay couples raising families including lesbian friends of theirs who have asked them to serve as grandparents to their 5-year-old son.

Lawrence said. "It's really a

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The Revolution will not be televised Has America become a more organized form of the K.K.K?

By Tenesia S. Mathews Editor-in-Chief

As Americans, We have the right to fight and stand up for what is right.

But when America has oppressed others, do they have the right to stand up to us?

Countries such as Afganistan, Cuba, Somalia and many other nations in Af- plan to open our eyes. rica and in other parts of the world are oppressed daily by America, but is it fair?

Can we really blame Osama Bin Laden for standing up for his beliefs? There is no way for residents of those countries to hold rallies or march to the nation's capital in Washington, D.C.

It was very unfortunate that many people had to lose their lives for the United States to wake up.

For many years America has taken advantage of smaller countries, forcing their leaders into corners that there is no way out of, and it took one simple, treacherous

nations that are tired of the 1930's U.S. and soon we are not going to just be worrying about fly- power to be the most influening. We are in the middle of a tial countries in the world cultural revolution, and the but until Americans start to Revolution will not be tele- realize that taking advantage vised.

to oppress countries we will be and, next time they may left alone in world, and have cause much more damage. to fend for ourselves.

than it exports, so just think right to retaliate on America if all the countries that we when they've been oppressed steal from like Kenya and or taken advantage of, or has Yemen stands up to us and America become a more orrefuse to take our dirty money ganized form of the Ku Klux that we've stolen from senior Klan, and if so what do we do citizens

Americans will prob-There are many other , ably have a relapse of the

America has the of other countries will soon If America continues come up back to haunt us

So, the real question America imports more do other countries have the about it

Bringing I.M.P.A.C.T to student power SGA: the ultimate voice of PVAMU students

rie View A&M University:

Greetings! It is my ancontinued success for you. The Student Govern-

ment Association, which is the ultimate voice of the student body at Prairie View A&M University, is working diligently this spring to ensure that all of your needs and concerns are being met.

During the last school year, you elected me, and several others to remind university administration, federal, state, and local officials that we can I.M.P.A.C.T the Student Body'.

To The Student Body of Prai- Therefore, I issue this letter of times. endurance.

leaders, we have a tendency to ticipation that the spring se- become so involved with extra mester has been and will be a curricular activities that our academic course load may get neglected or even go undone.

There is no excuse for negligence of academics, after all the reason we here is to obtain an education.

At the same time, upon accepting the position of Student Body President, I was aware that there were certain tasks and needs that might over extend my personal and academic capacity.

Hence, I had a supportive staff and advisement to guide me through my trying DENTS of Prairie View A&M

Lately, there have Sometimes, as student been misconceptions about my academic standing and my position as SGA President, I would like to inform and clarify all minds so that we may progress and see an I.M.A.C.T. on the student body.

> I experienced an academic downfall this past fall semester, which was not substantial enough that it would warrant a resignation from my position as President.

The misconceived notion was that I had to resign and that is untrue. I am still working hard as your SGA President and look forward to continuing to serve the STU-

University until my term has expired.

The goals of the Student Government Association include 'Bringing I.M.A.C.T to Student Power', which stands for Innovation, Motivation, Participation, Anticipation, Connection, and Tradition

We believe if these areas are strengthened then our problems we encounter with the university can be solved easily.

Humbly submitted,

Ronnie Davis Jr. Student Government President

I am: A Black woman

Dear Editor.

The power that a sister beholds is strong enough to be the source of energy, light, and life to the lives she imprints. Just wanted you to know what a Black woman is.

I am:

- the friend who will help you read and study the true Word and purify your

- your sister who lives crabs" and faces the struggle with

- the woman who respects and adores your masculinity, confidence, and intelligence.

- the one who will always hold you down even after your boys dip you out.

- the hand that pulls you up and out of that seemingly immortal "bucket of

-your inspiration and driving force in a world of discrimination and bigotry

- that sister you admire and love for her passion, independence, and strength.

- the bearer of life who delivers courageous minds, unrelenting fire, and elements

of Africa. I am:

- the very essence of beauty that catches and holds your breath, when you see me smile

- that delicate being who possesses an aura so classy and sensual that your heart skips a beat just to let you brain know I've entered the room

- the fragrance that

Black Woman on page 8

Black History Month display recalls Oregon's racist past It used to be illegal to be black in Oregon

By Joseph B. Frazier Associated Press Writer

OREGON CITY, Ore. (AP) _ Being black in Oregon to hoe. It was illegal.

Amid the covered wagons and other memorabilia of Oregon's pioneer past at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, a Black era many would rather ignore. Oregon's liberal reputation.

The first blacks to enter Oregon probably were Marcus Lopez, the cabin boy noticed in the Oregon Constiof Capt. Robert Gray, who dis- tution for decades. It requires covered the Columbia River in 1788, and York, the slave of and voters will have a chance William Clark, who spent the to do that in November. winter of 1805-06 with the Lewis and Clark expedition near present-day Astoria.

The exhibit, "Black

Pioneers of the Oregon Coun- adopt the constitution whether try," which runs until March they favored slavery or "free 13, highlights the lives of sev- Negroes" in Oregon. eral blacks from the pioneer era who distinguished themselves in different ways despite efforts to drive them from the state

There was Moses Har-

ris, an expert guide who director emeritus of the Orhelped lead Marcus Whitman and Henry Spalding to the the changes can teach Orego-Oregon Country in 1836, and nians a great deal. in 1844 led a wagon train of 500 settlers to Oregon.

The exhibit has a photo of Louis Southworth fondly gazing in his dotage at a portrait of Abe Lincoln.

Southworth arrived in Oregon a slave and settled in Marysville, now Corvallis, with his owner in 1854. His Oregon to mine for gold but he did poorly.

However, as a fiddle player in the mining camps in California and Nevada he did well, returned to Oregon in 1858 and bought his freedom for \$1,000.

Southworth wound up in the Waldport area where he gave land for a school and eventually headed the school board.

The only thing he apparently couldn't do was join the Baptist Church, not because of his race but because was once not only a tough row the Baptists didn't like his fiddle-playing.

But the exhibit notes that racist laws abounded in the state constitution and survived well into the 1900s.

They haven't been en-History Month exhibit re- forced for well over a century, minds Oregonians of a racist but some remain today despite

> They have lurked una public vote to remove them,

Included in wording that would be dropped is language that asked settlers, where they voted in 1857 to

Also rescinded would be provisions basing the number of Supreme Court judges on the number of "white inhabitants" of the state.

Historian Chet Orloff. egon Historical Society, said

"All of these people now have rights in Oregon. ... It's taking out of the document language that would be anachronistic,"he said. "These are very good civic lessons for us because they remind us of attitudes that Oregonians once held and remind us that we've come a long way."

Many early leaders owner let him go to southwest were pro-slavery Democrats, and many pioneers were not the flinty New Englanders of legend, but white southerners who brought their politics, their prejudices and sometimes their slaves, with them.

> Confederate sympathies ran high in the state during the Civil War.

In 1844 slavery in the Oregon Country was declared illegal, but adult blacks already here were ordered out. Those

who remained were to be whipped with between 20 and 39 lashes every six months until they left.

The punishment was

quickly amended to forced labor before anybody was whipped, and there is only a record of one black ever being ejected from the state.

On the other hand, the

settlers who brought slaves with them were not forced to free them despite the law.

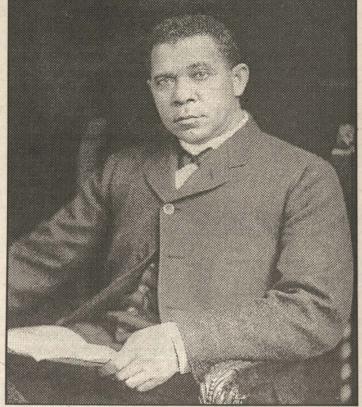
There were three exclusion laws banning blacks from the state that passed before statehood in 1859.

In 1849 it was ruled

illegal for blacks to settle in the new Oregon Territory at all, a law that remained until 1854

The last was added to

the state's Bill of Rights by popular vote in 1857, and two years later Oregon became the first state admitted to the union with an exclusion law in its constitution. It was removed in 1926.



Booker T. Washington an activist in the fight for racial equality for African-Americans

"Whites and halfbreed Indians" could claim land under the 1850 Donation Land Act. Blacks could not. In 1862 the state im-

posed a \$5 tax on all blacks,

Courtesy of Google Images

between whites and anyone more than one-quarter black.

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Chinese, Hawaiians and "Mulattos" and banned marriages

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Black man who pretended to be white gets posthumous honors

By John Flesher Associated Press Writer

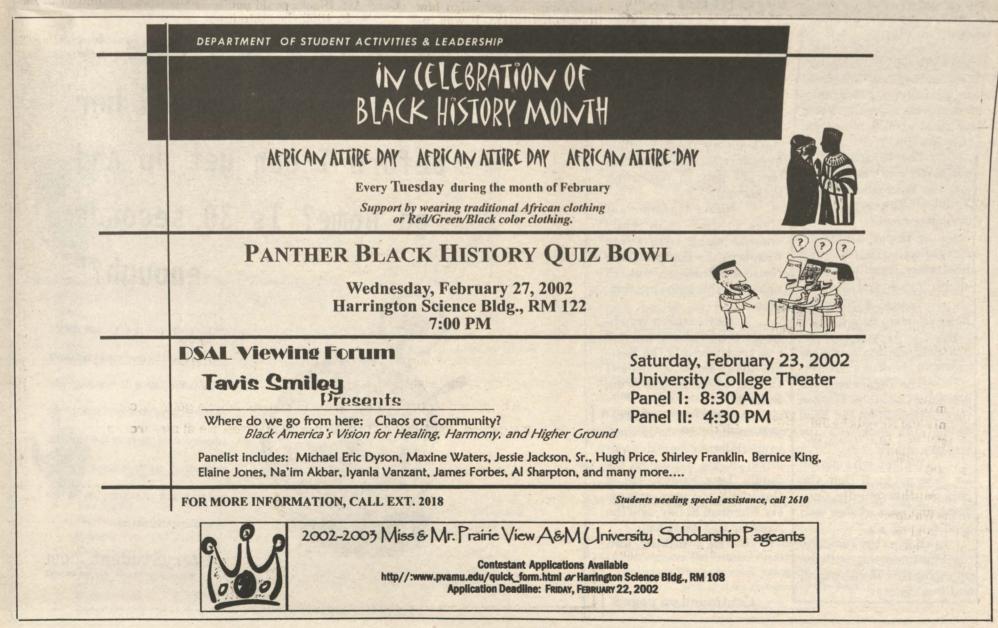
BEAR LAKE, Mich.

(AP) _ Calvin Clark Davis encountered little racism skinned black in an almost entirely white community. But he knew it would

be a different matter in the U.S. military, then strictly segregated. So when World War II broke out, he enlisted Davis in the Army Air Force, claiming to be white.

Davis flew 50 missions in the Pacific theater, enough to exempt him from further combat. Instead, he volunteered to fight in Eu-Germany

ily received seven medals



at Bear Lake High School, where Davis graduated in 1932

"This is one of the most during his childhood, even incredible stories of dedicathough he was a light- tion to country I have ever heard," said U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, who read a description of each medal as Rep. John Convers, D-Detroit, presented them to Calvin Murphy, a cousin of

> He said Davis was one of many blacks who passed themselves off as white so they wouldn't be relegated to noncombat duty.

"Even (with) the imperfections and the hostility rope, where he was killed that was shown to them by during a bombing run over their country, they loved America," Hoekstra said. "And On Monday, in a cer- they were willing to fight and emony coinciding with Black to die for this country that was History Month, Davis' fam- treating them so unfairly."

Bert Burns, 67, a honoring his service. Two cousin of Davis' from nearby members of Congress and Brethren, said it was underseveral hundred students standable that black servicewitnessed the presentation men would conceal the truth

about their race if they could.

"I had several cousins who did that," said Burns, who served in the Army after the Korean War and experienced racismeven though the military was officially desegregated by then. "It was rough.

Davis was descended from a white plantation owner and a black slave, according to Murphy, who worked for two years to obtain the medals in honor of the relative he never knew.

Orphaned as a child, Davis was raised in poverty by his older sister. He set a regional record in the halfmile run and placed first at a state track meet.

"He could run like a deer," said Lester Reed, 88, who attended school with Davis and still lives in Bear Lake, about 30 miles southwest of Traverse City. "We always tried each other to see who could wrestle the hest '

He enlisted in the 5th U.S. Army Air Force in May 1941. He was among a bomber crew that received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism during an attack on a Japanese airfield in 1943. They had left their formation to protect other planes, even though theirs had been damaged.

On Nov. 30, 1944, his plane and another collided during an attack on oil refineries in Merseburg, Germany. Six of the bomber's nine crewmen, including Davis, were

Murphy, 54, a retired National Park Service employee, came across an old newspaper article a couple of years ago that said Davis might have been in line for the Silver Star and the Congressional Medal of Honor.

He contacted numer-

ous agencies, including Hoekstra's office, which determined Davis was eligible for a number of awards. Presented on Monday were the World War II Victory Medal. the Purple Heart, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal. the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He should be honored not only for his heroic efforts as a soldier, but for his willingness to serve a country that did not necessarily want his service," Conyers said.

Murphy, his eyes red-

dening as he received the medals, said he would put them on display in the local library.

"I'm so proud of his accomplishments," he said. "I just wanted him to get what he's entitled to, and I wanted to make sure his story would live on after I'm gone.'

Picking up the Pieces



By Marvin Anderson Sports Editor

In Monday's expansion draft the Houston Texans solidfied their roster for the upcoming NFL season, by drafting some quality players.

The Texans drafted the Jets starting cornerbacks Aaron Glenn (a Houston native), and Marcus Coleman, (a Dallas native).

Glenn is a small speedy corner, with big play potential who is excellent in man-to-man coverage.

Coleman is a big pun ishing corner (6'2", 210lbs.) capable of run stopping, and making big plays.

The selection of tackles Tony Boselli, Ryan Young, lineman Matthew Campbell. and guard Jeremy McKinney will provide a great nucleus for what should be a good offensive line.

The Texans drafted two players with Superbowl, and Pro Bowl experience in Jamie Sharper, and Jermaine Lewis.

Sharper, a 2001 Pro Bowl selection, is a cat quick linebacker equally impressive in blitzes, and coverage. Lewis, a 2002 Pro

Bowl selection as a kick returner should produce favorable field position, as well as provide a spark as a receiver.

The Texans received defensive line stability when they drafted 2002 Pro Bowl defensive tackle Gary Walker.

Walker who played for Texans Coach Dom Capers in Jacksonville, is a dominant pass rusher and solid run stopper.

Expect the Texans to continue improving with the upcoming NFL Draft in April, and free agency.

Nelson's game outgrowing his surroundings

By David Benezra and Mark Mayemura Special to ESPN.com

One of the hottest young recruiting prospects in the country is a junior forward named Tyrone Nelson, who plays his ball for Hempstead High School in Hempstead, Texas.

Just how hot is he? Check out these numbers 42-15-15-15-28.

No, that's not his locker combination. That was the 6-foot-10, 205-pound Nelson's stat line on Feb. 8 when Hempstead -- ranked No. 1 in Texas' District 25, 3A Division -- faced their rival, No. 2 Halletsville High

In leading Hempstead to a blowout win, Nelson scored 42 points, had 15 rebounds, 15 blocks and 15 assists in 28 minutes of play.

Olympic wrestler

By Kersten Swinyard

hospitalized

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) A gold medalwinning Olympic wrestler was being treated for possible frostbite after surviving a bitter cold night in Wyoming's backcountry

Rulon Gardner got stuck in deep snow while snowmobiling with three friends in the Bridger-Teton National Forest about 15 miles from his home in Afton. Wyo.

He was taken by helicopter to a local hospital and was transferred to the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, where he was being treated

Hospital spokeswoman Amy Stevens declined to give information on his condition at the request of his family. Late Friday, one of Gardner's business managers, Shannon Kelley, said the wrestler was doing well.

'He's talking and

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While Hempstead (enrollment 420) isn't a big school power, Nelson obviously has big-time upside. That's why high major programs are flocking to Hempstead (25-4), hoping to get in on the Tyrone Nelson recruitment.

"He's an outstanding player and just an outstanding young man," said Herschel Taylor, the head coach at Hempstead. "Tyrone can do it all. In high school, with his size, we play him in the post quite a bit. But in college, with his skills and athleticism, he can play the small forward."

He's agile, very mobile and a very good athlete," Taylor continued.

'Tyrone has good spring in his legs, he's a quick leaper. Nice touch on the ball, he can really shoot the basketball. He's a very good scorer. Very good feel for the ball and

a very good passer. Tyrone's the most coachable young man I've ever had in 27 years of coaching."

Nelson, who is shooting 60 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free throw line, is averaging 24.3 points, 12.4 rebounds, 5.3 assists and 6.2 blocks per game.

For Nelson, the big turning point was his play last summer with the Houston Superstars club program.

"His skills were just starting to come on at the end of last season," said Taylor

Tyrone got a great opportunity last summer to play against the best players in the country in AAU ball and it was a great experience for him. Very positive. He really improved significantly."

"It was a very posi-

tive summer for me," said Nelson. "It was hard, but it was something I'm looking forward to again. I'm just trying to work hard, accomplish some goals and get to the next level."

SPORTS

"Last summer really did a lot to develop him," said Hempstead assistant coach David Miles. "He was a whole different player, much improved, from playing with the Superstars. Before he was a little hesitant, but now he's a warrior. You better be ready to play when you step on the court with Tyrone."

For being a thin, wiry young man with a finesse game, Nelson also has some toughness

"But don't let that fool you, on the court he can be as mean as a snake. And

Nelson continued on Page 8

"How long do I have to lie here and hold her before I can get up and go home? Is 30 seconds enough?"



Just because they say it's safe doesn't mean sex can't be dangerous emotionally. While you're saying "I love you," your partner may be thinking "I love it." For some different ideas on love, sex and relationships, see the feature article "Sex and the Search for Intimacy" on the Web at www.EveryStudent.com.

EveryStudent.com

By Yolanda Hadnot Panther Staff

First published in 1903 and republished in 1969 "The Souls of Black Folk" tells the story of the twentieth century "color line".

level of racism in our society.

Folk" combine some of the most lasting reflections of emancipation, and African American culture.

sinks the eight ball in weekend debut By David Germain

AP Movie Writer Denzel Washington, fresh off his latest Oscarnomi-

nation, found a captive audience at theaters "John Q," starring

Washington as a desperate dad who holds an emergency roomhostage to secure a heart transplant for his dying son, debuted as the top weekend film with \$20.6 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Britney Spears had a solid big-screen premiere in "Crossroads," avoiding the box-office pitfalls encountered by some pop stars _ notably Mariah Carey with



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Old book still new in minds

This book exposes the "The Souls of Black

In the book W.EB.

such as "the veil" and double consciousness, although these terms are already explored within the African American community

Dubois criticizes the racism that engulfed America after slavery.

He also criticizes Booker T. Washington as beblack identity, the meaning of ing compromising to white racist

One of the best sections of this book is his auto-Dubois introduces concepts biographical account of teaching in rural black schools.

Dubois captures the spirit of Black America and allows his readers to understand what caused black consciousness to be in a state of disaster.

This book is a collection of essays and narrative pieces on the African American experience.

This book is a collaborative blend of history, political science, and memoirs. "The Souls of Black

Folk" both anticipated and inspired much of black consciousness and activism of the 1960's.

"The Souls of Black Folk" is a classic in any day and time.

W.E.B. DuBois, one of the most controversial leaders of the early 20th century



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No. 2 with \$14.6 million.

Disney's animated "Return to Never Land," a sequel to its classic "Peter Pan," opened in third place with \$11.8 million.

Bruce Willis' "Hart's War," a World War II POW drama, had a so-so opening of \$8.3 million, coming in at No. 7. The weekend's other new movie, the police parody "Super Troopers," tied "Black Hawk Down" for No. 8 with \$6.2 million.

Last week's Oscar nominations gave a box-office bounce to best-picture

over to film. "Crossroads" was climbed to \$8.5 million, up 35 percent from the previous weekend. "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" grossed \$5 million, up 38 percent. "In the Bedroom" doubled its take to \$2.5 million. "Gosford Park" took in \$2.45 million, a 30 percent

> next five weeks, in order to feel like a part of Oscar night, people love to go and catch up with all the films nominated in major categories," said David Kaminow, senior vice president of marketing for "In the Bedroom" distributor

"Glitter" _ when they cross nominees. "ABeautiful Mind" Miramax. "It becomes a participatory sport, watching the Oscars.'

"Moulin Rouge," the only best-picture nominee already out on video, also gained from the Oscar nominations. Since the nominations, DVD sales jumped 160 percent and VHS rentals rose 40 percent, said Bruce Snyder, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox, which released "Moulin

Films with acting nominations benefitted.

"Iris," which earned a best-actress nomination for Judi Dench as writer Iris

Murdoch, reopened in 31 theaters and grossed \$300,000 after a limited run in December to qualify for the Oscars.

"Monster's Ball," which brought Halle Berry a best-actress nomination as a death-row widow, expanded to 472 theaters, up 130, and took in \$2.8 million, a 21 percent increase

The Oscars also likely gave a boost to "John Q," with past Oscar winner Washington cited in the bestactor category for "Training Day."

John Q continued on page 8

1. Did anyone see Hines trip up the stairs at Pantherland day? 2. Did anybody really wanna step at Pantherland day? 3. Why are the Persian Rifles so confused about their purpose on campus? 4. Are the Persian Rifles an alternative to Rho Chi Psi? 5. Hay Hay Hay was that Rerun at the end of their line? 6. Did the AKA's not know they were supposed to step? 7. Why is every organization talking about unity on the campus when their is no unity in the organization? 8. Why was the music skipping at open house? 9. Why do people do the Josephine Johnny to every dance? 10. Who did G.T. resemble the most Prince Akeem or Semi in his Afrikan attire? 11. Why did the Kappa's have an expedition in front of their tree? 12. Will they ever stop wasting their money on frivolous things? 13. Where will the parking lot for the new M.S.C. be? 14. Why do you have to pay to be a P.A.L.? 15. Don't they need your help? 16. Why is the Prairie View A&M sign on 290 west still broken in half? 17. How many girls wear a backpack and a gucci purse? 18. Why was the omegas party cancelled? 19. Who actually showed up? 20. What do you think?

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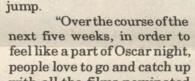
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Another UC Academic Superstar: Krystal Bigham!!

The Making of an African American Lawyer, presented by Mr. Rawle Andrews of Howard University Law School and Jonathan Cox of Southern University Law School: Feb. at 6:00 PM in the Animal Industries Auditorium

Remembering the Past... Dr. Richard Watkins, TDJC: Feb. 26 at 7:00 PM at UC Buildings #45 and #41 sponsored a discussion on "Love or Lust?" on Feb. 18th. Calling all first year freshmen living in the Village...be on the lookout for your invitation to an URGENT meeting.

Bldg# 45 will sponsor a Rap-A-Taste session on Feb. 25th in UC.



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Black Woman from page 3

invades your nose and then stimulates all of your senses. - those ways that keep you mystified and suspended

5 levels above heaven. - that sweet, so sweet,

lady who can touch you once and have you feeling me for the rest of the day.

- the one who will take you deeperthan the depth's of Love Sea.

- the vision of grace that makes you think you're floating, but it's really just me.

- the honey dripping from your fingertips that's sweeter than candy kisses.

- the <u>one</u> whose name gives you goose bumps and leaves you dizzy and stumbling.

- the sensation that sends your world spinning then leaves you stuck, trying to comprehend whatever it was that I did to you.

Nelson from page 6

Hempstead assistant, Miles agrees, "Hegets triple-teamed all the time now and he still scores. Most teams zone us now, but Tyrone doesn't care,

he just plays. He's aggressive, but it's a quiet aggression, he doesn't talk any noise."

His list of schools is growing by the game. Already showing major interest in Nelson are the likes of Alabama, Texas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Baylor, Kansas, Michigan, Texas A&M, Arkansas, TCU, Houston, and Illinois. Most of these schools have already made the 40mile drive out of Houston to pay their respects.

Nelson, who professes that Duke and North Carolina were his childhood favorites (neither school has shown any early interest yet), considers Kentucky, Oklahoma, Alabama, Texas, and Baylor among his early leaders.

"Tyrone is a late bloomer who's gonna be an NBA player if all goes well," said Eurey. "He had 18 points and 10 rebounds in a matchup early last summer against Amare Stoudamire, who many people consider among the top three players in the country, at the Atlanta Basketball Classic. He dominated Jason Fraser at the end of the summer at the Pump tournament; Fraser only had six points.

Tyrone has very long arms, he's very quick, mobile, has leaping ability, shoots the ball well and he's a tough kid. He's gonna shock the world this summer."

Nelson will once again be playing for Eurey's Houston Superstars, the team which previously featured Texas' T.J. Ford and Duke's Daniel Ewing. And he's scheduled to compete at this summer's adidas ABCD Camp, held on the campus of Farleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck New Jersey, this July.

"For being a no-name last summer, he's gonna be one of the best players nationally in his class this summer," said Eurey.

"Kansas loves him. Alabama absolutely loves him. And Texas was there when he had the quadrupledouble last week."

Nelson's name may not be showing up on many of the top junior lists throughout the country, but a lot of the right people, those who really matter, the college coaches, seem to know who he is. He's got a world of upside, or at least that's the opinion of more than one college coach, who have seen him play.

"I really like his athleticism, he's got great feet," said one college assistant coach" Tyrone has very good feet, he's light-footed, active and he's got decent hands. He's definitely a very good prospect to have on your junior list."

Olympic from page 6

laughing and cutting up here and there as Rulon always does," Kelley said. ``I can tell you that he was talking with our office this afternoon. If you're not in good shape, you can't talk."

Rescuers on snowmobiles and snowshoes launched a search in the dark after Gardner's friends reported himmissing at about 7:40 p.m. Thursday, said sheriff's Lt. Tim Malik.

A search plane pilot spotted him at about 8 a.m. Friday.

Gardner was wearing several layers of clothing but was not adequately dressed for an overnight stay outdoors, said Lee Gardner, Lincoln County (Wyo.) sheriff and a distant relative of the Greco-Roman heavyweight wrestler.

John Q from page 7

Distributor New Line had been hoping Washington would score an Oscar nomination when it put "John Q" on the mid-February schedule last fall, said Russell Schwartz, president of domestic marketing.

The film's main appeal was that the "subject matter resonated with a lot of people, the idea of the Everyman against the system,"Schwartz said. "With the little bit of a thriller element and Denzel being nominated, it was a great mix."

Playing in 2,466 locations, "John Q" averaged a healthy \$8,364 a theater, compared with \$6,134 in 2,380 theaters for "Crossroads" and \$4,526 in 2,605 cinemas for "Return to Never Land." "Hart's War" had a so-so average of \$3,361 in 2,459 theaters, and "Super Troopers" did \$3,487 in 1,778 locations.

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