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BLACK History Hotlist

The office of special programs in the Division for Student and Enrollment Services has issued the following list of events for celebrating Black History Month:

Friday, Feb. 28:

Black History Quiz Bowl

A test of black history knowledge in teams of four to six members competing for \$300 - 1st prize, \$200 - 2nd prize, and \$100- 3rd prize.

The bowl is sponsored by John B. Coleman Library, Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Science, the Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture, and the Campus Activities Board.

11 a.m. John B. Coleman Library, Public Events Room.

For further information call Dr. Louis Williams at ext. 3924.

Black History Apollo Night

Join contestants as they compete for cash and prizes.

Sponsored by the Junior Class- Class of 2004

General Admission \$3.00. 7 p.m.

Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

Cheerleaders clinch historic win in national contest

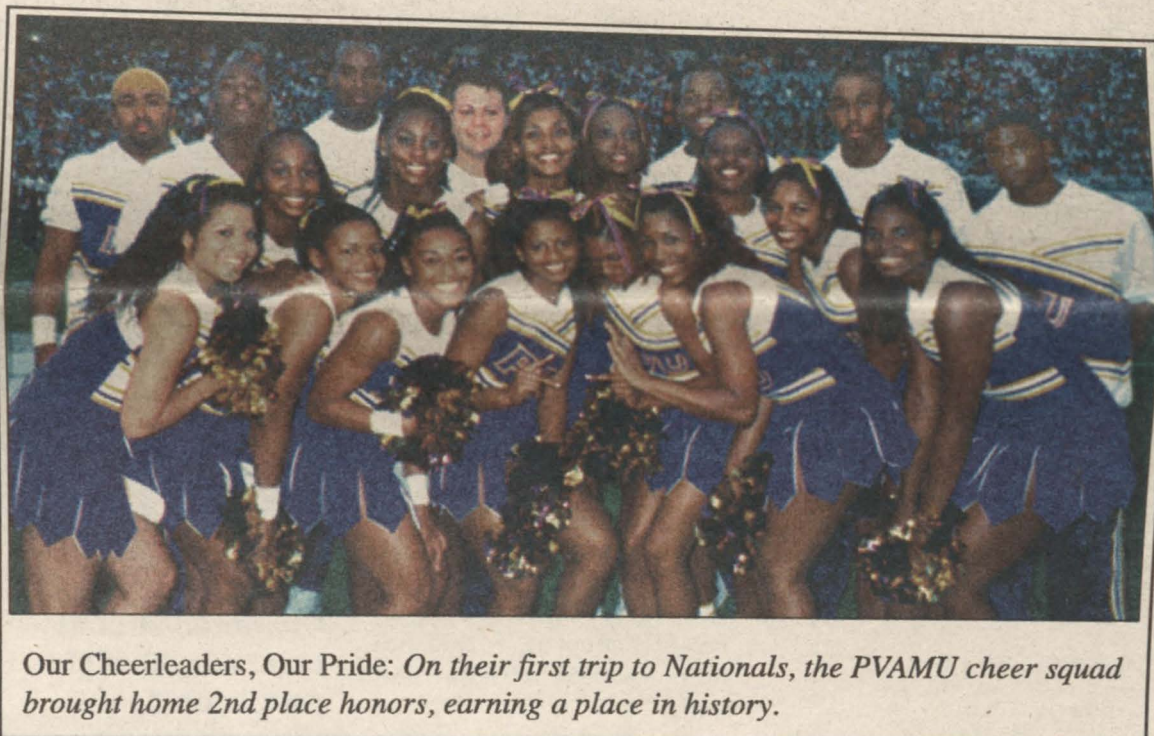
By NiRosha Smith
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M cheerleaders made history last week receiving the second place trophy after competing in the "Black College National Championship" held last week Feb. 21-23, at the World Congress Center in downtown Atlanta, Georgia.

When Ms. Janetta Gilliam was asked by Mr. Brian Dickens, Director of Student Activities and Leadership, to become the squad's advisor, she was reluctant at first, but soon agreed. The turning point for the squad was when she hired Jim Price to become the coach.

Being a former Prairie

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Our Cheerleaders, Our Pride: On their first trip to Nationals, the PVAMU cheer squad brought home 2nd place honors, earning a place in history.

Budget woes will hurt summer school Fewer classes for students, pay cuts for faculty expected

By Barbara Ramirez
Panther Staff

Recent budget cuts have created problems that will inevitably affect both students and faculty this summer.

Dr. Henri Bailey, associate provost and associate vice president for academic affairs, discussed issues related to 2003 summer school in an interview with *The Panther* on Monday, in the absence of the Provost and Vice

President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Johanne Thomas-Smith.

Bailey said, "As the regulations read right now, (Dr. Thomas-Smith is the one who pointed this out) for the ten weeks—two five week sessions, the most you can get would be ten hours. This is going to directly affect students who have been taking more than ten hours." In the past students were allowed to take six credit hours for each session of summer school.

On Friday, Feb. 18, the Faculty Senate met at 4:30 p.m. in the New Science Building to discuss budget matters and concerns on how budget cuts will affect summer school. During the meeting, Dr. Lee E. Henderson, speaker of the Faculty Senate, discussed a document he said, "has already been approved by the deans and department heads."

The document detailed plans for summer 2003

by stating, "There will be two five-week sessions, a ten-week and an eight-week session (students will be limited to eight semester credit hours, but may enroll for an additional semester credit hour with approval of the dean of the school or college. The absolute maximum for eight weeks will be nine semester credit hours.)"

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PV's Seven Day Forecast

Wed Feb 26 Showers
44°/37°

Thu Feb 27 Cloudy
55°/44°

Fri Feb 28 Partly Cloudy
66°/46°

Sat Mar 01 Showers
64°/49°

Sun Mar 02 F e w Showers
62°/49°

Mon Mar 03 F e w Showers
56°/48°

Tue Mar 04 Mostly Cloudy
69°/44°

courtesy of weather.com

Man gets life without mercy for killing WVU grad student

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) _ A Washington, D.C., man was sentenced to life in prison Monday for killing a West Virginia University graduate student.

Brian B. Ferguson was convicted of first-degree murder in November for the Feb. 2, 2002, shooting death of Jerry Phillip Wilkins, 27, of Philadelphia.

The Monongalia County jury did not recommend mercy for Ferguson, meaning he will have no opportunity for parole.

Ball State students to pay more for room and board

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) _ Ball State University trustees approved an increase in room and board fees in an effort to cover short-term maintenance needs without charging more than students can afford.

The Board of Trustees on Friday set the fee for basic double-occupancy rooms at \$5,880 a year for 2003-2004. Other rates, such as single rooms or rooms in the campus' recently renovated residence halls, will be increased accordingly.

Returning students now on their first year of Ball State's Premium Plan _ which freezes the charge for 2 years _ will pay this year's rate of \$5,546 for next year as well. About a third of students now living in residence halls use the plan.

The increase should cover the costs of the school's immediate maintenance and staffing needs, said Thomas Kinghorn, vice president of business affairs. But he said the higher rates would not add enough to a reserve fund to cover long-term renovations and new construction needed to make Ball State's aging residence halls meet student needs.

Saddam meets with Russian envoy, promises unhindered inspections

MOSCOW (AP) _ Saddam Hussein promised a Russian envoy that international inspectors won't be hindered in their work, the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement Monday.

The statement said Saddam made the promise in a Sunday meeting in Baghdad with Yevgeny Primakov, a former Soviet foreign minister and Russian prime minister.

Primakov has mediated in Iraq on several occasions, most prominently in his attempts to stave off the 1991 Gulf War.

The statement was the first confirmation that Primakov had gone to Baghdad or met with Saddam. It said Primakov went as a representative of President Vladimir Putin.

Russia has repeatedly spoken against any military strike against Iraq to force Saddam to give up weapons of mass destruction, but has insistently admonished Iraq that full cooperation with the UN resolution is necessary to end the crisis through diplomacy.

Chartered aircraft crashes with eight people on board

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) _ A small chartered aircraft with eight people on board crashed Monday soon after takeoff from the airport in southern Karachi, a civil aviation official said.

There was no immediate information about survivors of the aircraft, which was en route from Karachi to Jazak near the Iranian border in southwestern Baluchistan.

The aircraft lost contact with the Karachi Control tower 29 minutes after take-off and it appeared the crash site was barely 30 kilometers (20 miles) from the southern port city of Karachi, said Pervez George, of the civil aviation authority that governs air traffic in Pakistan.

"I'm so happy, happy..."



courtesy of google.com
Super singing sensation Ashanti took home the award for best R & B contemporary album Sunday night at the 45th Annual Grammy Awards. Other winners included Dallas natives Erykah Badu and Norah Jones, Mary J. Blige, Usher, and Eminem.

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TAKEN FOR GRANTED
Don't forget the meaning of Black History Month



By Christina Johnson
Panther Staff

February is mostly known for the day of Eros, Valentine, but in the midst of this commercialized day don't forget the other celebration occurring simultaneously, Black History Month. Unfortunately, we

have forgotten the purpose of Black History Month and how much our culture has changed over the years.

Started in 1926 by scholar Carter G. Woodson, what began as a week-long celebration became 28 nationally recognized days for us to bring attention to the contributions of Black people throughout American history.

Our ancestors and leaders risked their lives in order for us to have the opportunities that they were denied. They struggled and fought for social change to make life better for us.

It is obvious though that we have forgotten about the struggle. How did a month designated for honoring our past become an event for advertising parties and friendly networking? We have truly taken for granted

the importance of Black History Month.

Instead of buying into the commercialism of a little fat man in a diaper, carrying a bow and arrow or throwing a retro 70s party, how about investing time into learning about your history?

Most people think that Martin Luther King Jr. is the only person who worked for change. Look up Medgar Evers, Huey P. Newton, and Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture) - you may learn something.

Read about Katherine Dunham, Alvin Ailey, and Judith Jamison and you will see that the real art of dancing cannot be defined through the scantily clad women you see in the music videos.

Do you really think that Steve Harvey and Mo'Nique are kings and

queens of comedy? Read about Moms Mabley, Bill Cosby, Rudy Ray Moore, and Richard Pryor and you'll see that real comedy is not what Comicview offers.

Listen to the music of real musicians like Duke Ellington, Ethel Waters, The Temptations, The Supremes, or the elements, Earth, Wind, and Fire who didn't have to sample beats to have a hit song.

In order to know where you're going you have to know where you've been.

Don't let this celebration go to waste. Learn your history. Learn it, love it, and respect it.

A Black History Moment

Just who is Malcolm X?

By Kory Briggs
Panther Staff

As Black History Month comes to an end, people must ask themselves what was learned? Not only is The Panther a source of recognition and education of our proud black heritage but everything on TV, commercials, and books should also provide the same. This is a black history moment to remember the famous Malcolm X

Born Malcolm Little in Omaha, Nebraska, a mouth of black pride would eventually shake the nation. Growing up in Lansing, Michigan, a young Malcolm saw his house burned down by the Ku Klux Klan. Two years later, his father was murdered and his mother was placed in a mental institution. He spent

the following years in detention homes and in his early teens, moved to Boston to live with his sister.

In 1946, while in prison, Malcolm converted to Black Muslim faith and attained a Muslim name of El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. He was released from prison in 1952 and immediately went to the Nation of Islam headquarters in Chicago. He met Elijah Muhammad, the Nation's leader. After this, Malcolm changed his last name to "X", which signified his name deriving from white slaveholders.

Malcolm went on to participate in speaking tours and founded many new mosques and greatly increased the Nation's membership. He derided the civil rights movement and rejected both integration and racial equality, calling

instead for black separatism, black pride, and black self-dependence. Because of these often-violent views, most civil-rights leaders rejected his ideas.

When President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963, Malcolm described it as a "case of chickens coming home to roost," which meant this was an instance of the kind of violence that whites had long used against blacks. Malcolm's success by this time aroused jealousy within the Black Muslim hierarchy and because of his comments on the Kennedy assassination, Elijah Muhammad suspended him from the movement.

In March 1964, Malcolm left the Nation of Islam and announced the formation of his own religious organization. He then made a pilgrimage to Mecca in April

1964 and on his return he said he believed in the possibility of world brotherhood.

However, in October 1964, he reaffirmed his conversion to orthodox Islam. The growing hostility between Malcolm's followers and the rival Black Muslims manifested itself in violent threats on his life, thus leading to him being shot to death at a rally of his followers at a Harlem ballroom.

Three Black Muslims were convicted of his murder. Malcolm's views were often extreme. His words were often conflicting. His ways were often bold. He was Malcolm X and his quote of "By any means necessary" still floats in the minds of African Americans young and old, everywhere. Malcolm X, a true black history moment.

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Reverse Racism?



Denise Cohen
Panther Staff

It is important to see how far African-Americans have come. Through affirmative action blacks have gained opportunities and experience to better themselves educationally.

Affirmative action originally was meant to correct racial discrimination that stemmed from slavery and segregation. It was believed to bring progress to minorities but in 1973 Alan Bakke, a white student, sued the University of California at Davis after he was denied admission to medical school because of his race. Situations like this one are referred to as "reverse racism". In 1978 the Supreme Court ruled in his favor saying, "The university could not hold a quota of places for minorities".

Today, the University of Michigan is making headlines. Three white women are suing the university for denying them acceptance to their undergraduate programs and medical school as a result of their race.

The women want the school to eliminate race from the application process and make getting into the school a fair procedure. What is wrong with eliminating race from an admission application if you are qualified for the school you are trying to apply to? If your GPA is on point and your application is outstanding then what difference does it make if you are white, black, or other?

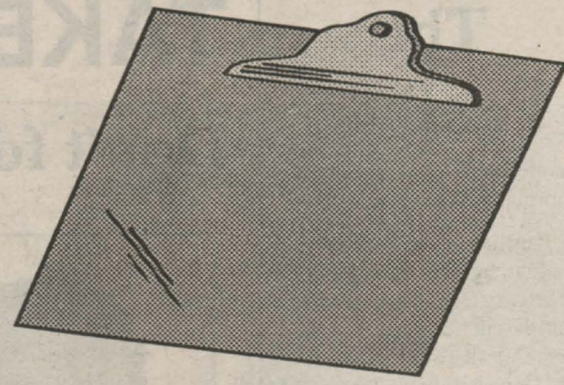
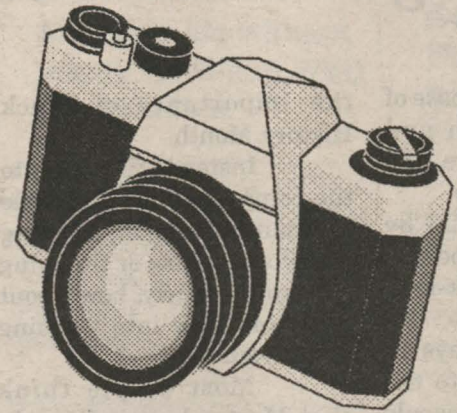
Unfortunately the Supreme Court will not rule on the University of Michigan case until June. Until then the fate of affirmative action is still unclear.

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How do you think the budget cuts will affect you next year?



Natasha E. Davis
Freshman/Nursing and Education

"It is not only going to affect me. It will also affect other institutions of higher learning."



Edrick Harrison
Senior/Communications

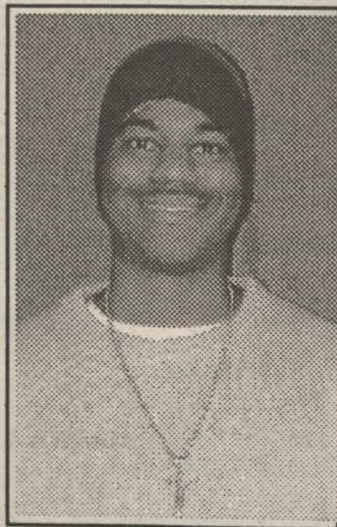
"Budget cuts affect the school privileges of students financially and educationally."



Deeqa A. Hussein
Senior/Biology
"Budget cuts will affect everyone especially students. The students will suffer not only financially but also educationally. The school should do something about it, to promote the excellence in school and academics."



Barbra Martinez
Junior/Psychology
"The budget cuts will affect everyone, especially those with scholarships."



Lashumba Robinson
Senior/Communications
"It will affect everyone who's on financial aid. You and me."

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View cheerleader, Price brought along experience in the sport as well as a Panther bond. Gilliam describes the union as her "buying the vehicle" and Price "putting the gas in it". Price became the technician and pushed the potential that they didn't know they had. The increase in audience participation was proof.

"The cheerleading squad is the nucleus for school spirit. If they don't have it, the university won't have it. It's transmitted through energy," said Gilliam.

The squad couldn't win on desire alone. They were judged on a list of fundamentals including motions, jumps, stunts/pyramids, dance, and tumbling. They were also scored on overall performance in projection, choreography, timing/transition, spacing/formation, and crowd appeal. Many of the judges were from the surrounding areas and most had NCA experience.

They competed against a number of schools including Southern University, Tennessee State, Jackson

State, Florida A&M, Xavier, and Morris Brown, who won first place.

With their current standing in 2nd place, there is no direction for the Panthers to take except upwards toward 1st place. The squad does plan to return to the competition next year and do just that. They will be holding tryouts on Saturday, April 26. Because of their newfound glory and more interest from male cheerleaders, tryout participation is expected to be at an all time high.

Gilliam and the squad say they are thankful to Dr. Doris Price, interim vice president for Student and Enrollment Services, interim President Willie Tempton, as well as many other university departments and organizations for helping them on their journey to success.

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credit hours)." According to reliable sources, faculty will also suffer an eight to ten percent decrease in pay this summer.

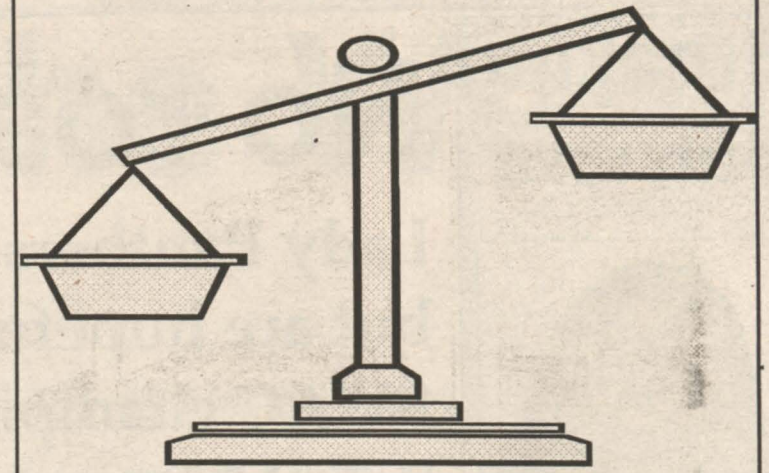
One suggestion mentioned in the docu-

ment is that faculty rotate—which means if someone works one summer, he/she won't work the next.

At the Faculty Senate meeting, some faculty members expressed displeasure with current developments.

Dr. Kevin B. Simms of the Health and Human Performance Department said, "I'm going to have to be honest with you; they [administration] are not paying any attention to us. Our Faculty Senate is supposed to be a powerful entity—we're not! We're not taken seriously by administration, we've got to stand up and start doing something or else we're wasting our time coming to these meetings, — it's useless."

Bailey responded to faculty concerns by saying that it is the right and duty of the administration to make final decisions. He said that faculty inputs are taken into consideration but in the end administration will make the decisions.



SGA Speaks Out

Wednesday, Feb. 26 6:30 p.m.
Administration Auditorium
President Tempton will be in attendance to answer questions and respond to comments regarding the Designated Fee increase.

**You have a choice,
You have a voice,
GET INVOLVED!**

Feb. 25 - Mar. 4
11a.m. - 4p.m.
Come out and Register to Vote with SGA, PAN, and CSO!

Election Packets for the 2003 Student Government Elections will be available in room 115 in Delco. If you did not attend the interest meeting you can still pick up an application!

"Take the challenge...join the Student Government Association!"

Wednesday, Feb. 26
11a.m. - 2p.m. Alumni Hall
The Sophomore Class will be selling T-shirts.

Student Government Association would like to thank students for their cooperation and understanding. Let us not wait until a designated month to love, appreciate, and unify with one another.

Celebrate Black History every day!



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

Celebrate Black History Month!!

University College thanks all of our Learning Community Managers and Community Assistants



- You must have a grade of 'C' or better in your developmental class (es) to pre-register for Fall 2002.
- You must take the TASP at least once every academic year.
- Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick TASP testing schedule or call 936/857-2747.

March 6-8 Mid-term exams
March 10-15 Spring Break

UC Activities:

UC Talent Explosion, 2/27/03-Auditorium of the AI Building-7:00 pm
Thanks to Dr. Henri Bailey, III for his presentation at the Transitional Information Seminar.



Breaking Barriers



Leona Aaron
Sports Correspondent

As February comes to a close, it's time to reflect on blacks who paved the way for us in sports. One sport that blacks scarcely play is baseball. However, in the 1860s, the Negro Leagues were started. Blacks couldn't play in the "big leagues", because they were for "whites only". Although the Negro Leagues were operating off and on during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, they flourished, and boosted the careers of some of our best black baseball players.

Moses "Fleetwood" Walker was the first African American in major league baseball. Everyone thinks Jackie Robinson was but Moses was actually before Jackie. Moses played for Toledo Blue Stockings in 1883. He was a barehanded catcher who had a batting average of .251. Moses suffered a great deal of racism from his teammates even more so, than Jackie Robinson. But through it all he helped his team win a Northwestern League Championship and establish a place in black history.

James "Cool Papa" Bell was a very popular Negro League player during the 1930s. He was said to be the fastest man in baseball.

February is not the only time you should acknowledge your African American heritage.

No road to perdition

Lady Panthers struggle but are hopeful about SWAC championship

By **Tenesia S. Mathews**
Editor in Chief

The road for the Lady Panthers (5-9) has been hell, and a very tedious one. Plagued by minor but important injuries, these young women have fought alongside their Coach and Asst. Coach, Robert Atkins and Felicia Tarver, to keep their championship hopes in perspective. "We're short-handed right now because of injuries, but I believe if we're able to stay healthy then we'll definitely be a contender in the SWAC championship," explained Atkins after Monday Night's win against the Golden Lions of Arkansas Pine Bluff.

Despite all the negative energy that has been geared toward the Lady Panthers from both critics and the lack of fan support, these ladies have been steadfast in their goals for the season. "Every night of each game we cut off all the lights in the

locker room, and we get focused. We then speak about what we're not going to do wrong in the game, and set goals for the things that we are going to do right in the game," said junior forward Alayniaj Teverbaugh.

This focus has to be one of the key elements in why the Lady Panthers have been able to keep the spirits up. In Monday night's game the Lady Panthers lead by as much as 22 points, and ultimately creamed the Golden Lions. "I don't care about the negative things that people say about us. We haven't lost one game because the team was better than us. We've lost games because we've beaten ourselves with turnovers and missed attempts. So, when we make it to the SWAC tournament there is not a doubt in my mind that we won't be the last team standing," said senior center/forward Tanisha Lee. Lee has been one of the leading scorers along with Teverbaugh.

The Lady Panthers



The Lady Panthers fought and proved everyone wrong by beating Arkansas Pine Bluff on Monday night. They now have a chance at the SWAC championship.

have definitely proved that the road to perdition is not the path that they plan to continue to follow. With focus and dedication, these ladies plan

to be one of the top contenders in the SWAC championship tournament this year.

Bowling gaining momentum in Pantherland

By **Dustin Daniel**
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University is expanding its athletic horizons. One of the newer sports is its bowling team. Under the guidance of head coach Valerie Nickerson and assistant Alicia Pete, bowling is slowly gaining exposure in the world of PVAMU athletics.

Bowling was first introduced on campus in the fall of 1997 under current Assistant Coach Alicia Pete. Since that time, bowling has been a sport that has been searching for exposure and popularity. The fruits of its labor are now showing

proud.

As a result of Title 9 "Gender Equity," an abundance of scholarships are available to talented female bowlers. These talented bowlers can now compete on the "grand scale."

Next year, bowling will officially be as a NCAA sport, complete with a seeding system in its post-season format. The increasing popularity of this loved and enjoyed pastime is now crossing the gender barrier. Under Title 9 "Gender Equity," bowling at PVAMU is a female-only sport. There is now a growing interest in the concept of a men's bowling team.

The bowling team consists of eight players, two extras

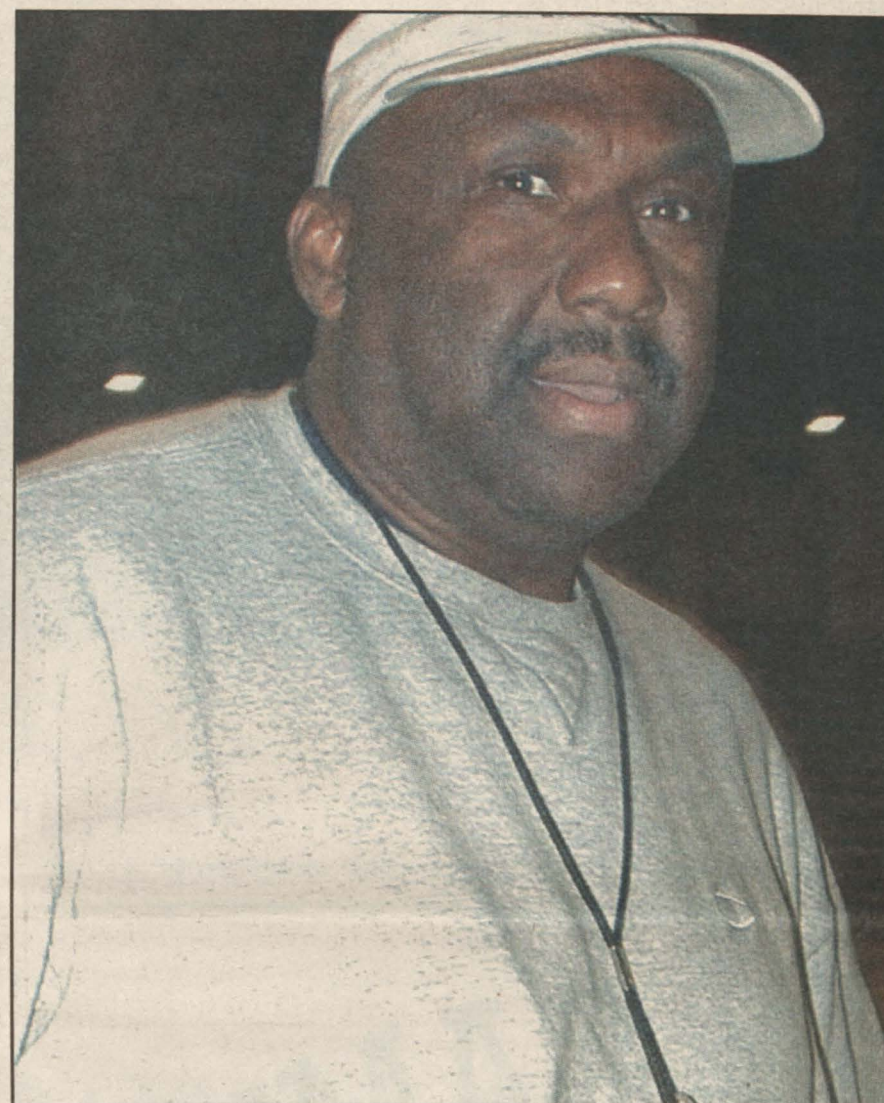
(in case of an injury), and the two coaches. They play games of singles, bakers, and doubles. In singles, six players bowl three games. The total score of the six players is added to the scores of the doubles, and bakers, giving you the highest scoring teams.

With doubles, the two highest singles scorers are added to the next game, bakers. Bakers involves the top six scorers lining up in their own "frames." The first bowler is in first and fifth frame, the second bowler in the second and sixth frame, and the third in the third and seventh frame. The fourth bowler is in the fourth and eighth frames; the fifth bowler is in the fifth

and ninth frame, and the sixth in the sixth and tenth frame. These scores are compared to find the highest score, which decides the winner.

This season, the team finished with a 0-5 record. "Most teams in our conference had their players together for a year or two. This year's team had a lot of good bowlers, but they had to adjust to the leadership of new coach Nickerson. We lacked the chemistry necessary for success," says Pete. With a year under the belt of head coach Nickerson, and the addition of numerous scholarships, the future of the bowling program at PVAMU is looking bright.

Panther of the Week



Name: Robert Atkins

Position: Women's Head Basketball Coach

Hometown: Atlanta, GA

Achievements at PVU:

Atkins has built a special bond with his players. He makes sure that they are successful both on and off the court.

PVU's 2003 football recruiting class shows talent, promising future

By **Stephen Kennedy**
Panther Staff

Prairie View's football program is beginning to show major progress by upping its recruiting class to 12.

In the past Prairie View A&M has been limited in the number of scholarships that they could give out to high school prospects. As a result Prairie View has not had a winning football season since 1988, when they finished at .500 at 5-5. But that is about to change dramatically.

The football program has recently gathered 12 new prospects to National Letters of Intent, on the first day available to sign high school

football players. The 12 current prospects are Corey Barrett DE (Smiley), Quincy Davis OL (Smiley), Daylan Deal OL (Smiley), Gibb Dungey DB (Cy-Fair), Carlos Horn DE (Waller), Kenard Hughes ATH (North Shore), Jeremy Tubbs OL (North Shore), Antonio McMillian WR (Killeen), Alex Porterie WR (Memorial), Cory Roy OL (Memorial), Chandre Ward LB (Klein Forest), Chris Williamson (Klein Forest).

Head coach C. L. Whittington is a Prairie View alumnus, and NFL, defensive back for the Houston Oilers. Coach Whittington is already taking steps in the right direction in trying to bring winning

ways back to . Unlike previous years, football program is allowed to field the maximum total of scholarships allowed for NCAA I-AA programs.

In the future Coach Whittington expects to sign many more prospects, and is pleased with his first group of recruits. Whittington plans to bring back discipline.

Last season Prairie View finished 1-10, last in the SWAC. In the season before (2001), the Panthers finished 3-7. Coach Whittington put a major emphasis on recruiting offensive and defensive linemen because he said those areas are critical to competing in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. "Our first re-

cruting class is a group that I and my coaching staff feel can help us get bigger and stronger," said Whittington. "We know that we have several players that can come in and make a difference right away."

Although the football program and coach Whittington are making strides to add more talent and depth to the team, there are many returning lettermen from last season who will make a difference as well.

WR Charles Washington (5-10, 193), WR Robert Douglas (5-7, 165), WR Bertrum Jackson (5-10, 161), KR Chris Peters (5-7, 140), TE Jason Ford (6-6, 215), K Charles McCall (6-

0, 205), QB/TB Darrell Walker (5-11, 170), LB Chris Mercer (6-1, 224), NG Sammie August (6-0, 263), and many others along with the strong recruiting class can produce a different outcome for the 2003 season.

In the 2003 football season there will be many home games, which can play a big role in the team's success.

Last season, the team was faced with a very difficult road schedule playing in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas. The Panthers only had one home game, and that was homecoming against Alcorn State. Next season should bring a positive difference for the football team.

4 still held in College Station after Greek Olympiad Bail set at \$83,000 for aggravated robbery charge

Christopher Ferrell
Eagle Staff Writer

Four Dallas-area men remained jailed Monday on aggravated robbery charges after police said they stole up to \$1,115 following a fraternity-sponsored party at the Reed Arena.

Authorities said the event grew out of control, making the armed robbery just one of several incidents linked to attendees of the Greek Olympiad, which was sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Bob Wiatt, director of the Texas A&M University Police Department, said the list of crimes includes several fights, seven gunshots fired into the air behind Reed Arena, 19 vehicles being burglarized or vandalized behind G. Rollie White Coliseum, and

numerous reports of alcohol and marijuana use.

Wiatt said University Police called in officers from College Station and Brazos County to help control the crowd of up to 7,000 people inside Reed Arena.

"We got the people out of the area and eventually away," he said. "There were a number of fights, but no arrests were made, simply because we didn't have the manpower to take anyone down to the county jail."

Wiatt said officers were unable to get to any of the fights on the dance floor because the crowd was so large.

"There were supposed to be college students from all over, but we do know that a number of the people were non-college students," Wiatt said, adding that none of the

four arrested were students.

Wiatt said the four men taken into custody on aggravated robbery and marijuana possession charges include: Marcus Leon Givens, 21, Rynel Denard Dozier, 18, Cornelius Quana Ferrell, 20, and Alex Ramane Freeman, 21. All remained jailed Monday on \$83,000 bail each.

Court documents state that the four approached two men in the Reed parking lot and Ferrell asked them if they had change for a \$100 bill.

The men told police they did have change, prompting one of the assailants to point a handgun at them and demand money, according to court documents. The two men told police they gave Ferrell between \$890 and \$1,115.

Court records state

that the victims told police Ferrell had the gun, while Givens and Freeman acted as lookouts and Dozier drove the car.

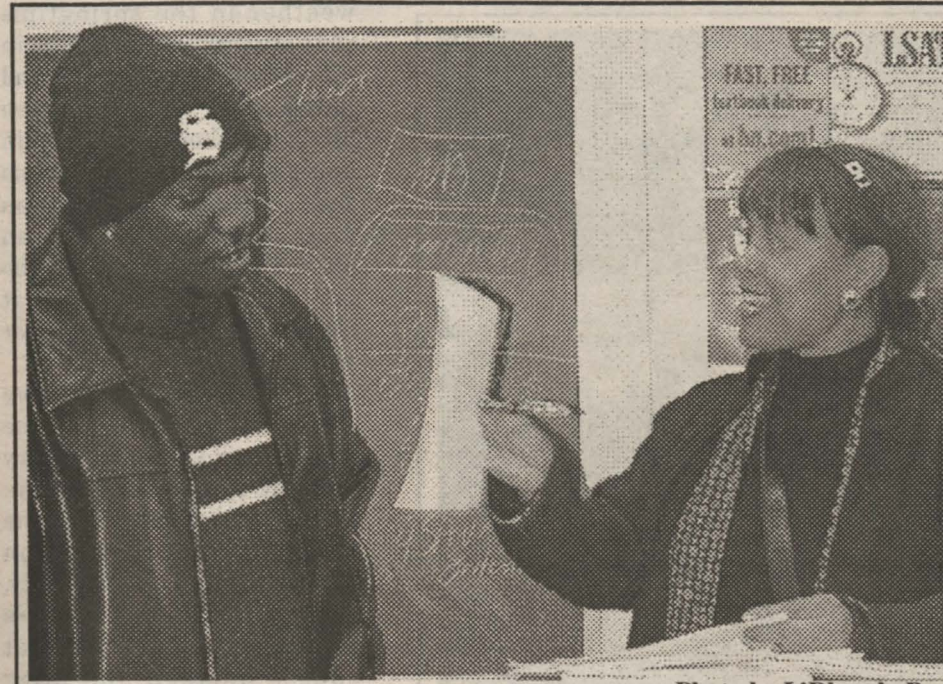
A tip one of the four gave the victims led police to the accused. The victims told police that before they were robbed one of the men asked if they wanted to go to their hotel and party. He then named where they were staying and even gave the room number.

Wiatt said police accompanied the two men to the Ramada Inn on Texas Avenue where they identified the four men who had robbed them. Court documents state that a gun matching the one used in the robbery was discovered during a search of Dozier's car, along with less than two ounces of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Wiatt said A&M's administration would have to decide on whether or not the Greek Olympiad would be allowed back on campus in the future. Over the years, there have been a number of crimes and altercations committed during the annual event, police said.

"Everybody at the university is trying not to inhibit people from having a good time, but when it comes out that there's just one series of fights after another and after another, then the good times does not exist," Wiatt said.

Fallis continues to inspire students to learn, achieve



Ms. Fallis continues to pave the way by instructing PV communications students on their futures.

By Stephanie Fantop
Panther Staff

Becoming the first means breaking down the bar-

riers for those who have only dreamt the dream. It means finding ways to overcome the obstacles

in liberal arts from Sarah Lawrence College, and her master's in journalism from Columbia Uni-

versity. In 1973 Fallis came to Houston, interviewed with KTRK-TV channel 13, and the rest is literally history. She started as a reporter, doing interviews around Houston, and eventually, Channel 13 gave her a regular weekend anchor spot.

In 1975, Ms. Diana Fallis, a communications instructor here at Prairie View, became the first African American to anchor prime time news in Houston.

Born and raised in Harlem, New York, she received her bachelor's degree

for the second, third, and fourth. Most of all, it means never being forgotten.

In 1983, while anchoring, she began teaching part-time here at Prairie View. "Shirley Staples, the first head of the communications department was looking for teachers. I liked the small town, family-oriented environment, and the good students," stated Fallis.

In addition to teaching and anchoring, in 1987, Fallis became the co-founder of the award-winning newspaper *The Houston NewsPages*. She also hosted an entertainment-based talk show, called *Strictly Personal*, in which she interviewed entertainers such as Sammy Davis Jr., Farrah Fawcett, and Bob Hope.

"That opportunity gave me the chance to do something that no one was doing at the time, and the opportunity to meet different and interesting people. It covered a whole range of situations."

She is the recipient of countless awards such as the John H. Sengstacke General Excellence Award and Women on the Move Award.

Fallis said, "My real interest was in writing, I just happened to end up in television because it was available at the time. It's important to stay flexible, you must learn how to adjust to whatever times we are living in."

Fallis has been an inspiration through her actions and achievements. She is not only a woman on the move but a woman who has moved many others to climb the ladder of success.

In Celebration of Black History Month...



- The Dept. of Student Activities & Leadership invites students, administration, faculty, and staff to support "African Attire Day" every Wednesday in February by wearing traditional African attire or Red, Green, and Black clothing.
- The Campus Activities Board, along with the John B. Coleman Library, Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Science, the Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture, presents the Annual Black History Quiz Bowl, Friday, February 28, 2003 @ 11:00 AM in the Public Events Room, John B. Coleman Library.

A test of black history knowledge in teams of four to six members competing for \$300.00 - 1st prize, \$200.00 - 2nd prize, and \$100.00 - 3rd prize. All entries must be received by Tuesday, February 18, 2003. For further information, please call Dr. Louis Williams @ ext. 3924.

health hints

Anorexia Nervosa

Anorexia Nervosa is a serious, potentially life-threatening eating disorder characterized by self-starvation and excessive weight loss.

Anorexia Nervosa has five primary symptoms:

- * Refusal to maintain body weight at or above a minimally normal weight for height, body type, age, and activity level.
 - * Intense fear of weight gain or being "fat."
 - * Feeling "fat" or overweight despite dramatic weight loss.
 - * Loss of menstrual periods in girls and women post-puberty.
 - * Extreme concern with body weight and shape.
- The chances for recovery increase the earlier anorexia nervosa is detected. Therefore, it is important to be aware of some of the warning signs of anorexia nervosa.

Health Consequences of Anorexia Nervosa:

- * Abnormally slow heart rate and low blood pressure, which mean that the heart muscle is changing. The risk for heart failure rises as heart rate and blood pressure levels sink lower and lower.
- * Reduction of bone density (osteoporosis), which results in dry, brittle bones.
- * Muscle loss and weakness.
- * Severe dehydration, which can result in kidney failure.
- * Fainting, fatigue, and overall weakness.

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Let love find you

By NiRoshia Smith
L&E Correspondent

The Bachelor, Married by America, Joe Millionaire, and the Bachelorette. What do all of these so-called "reality" shows have in common? They're all attempting to create destiny while teaching the wrong morals.

According to Nielson statistics, Joe Millionaire, drew an average of 40 million viewers, beating the Michael Jackson interview to become the most watched show for that week. Is it necessary to lie to someone to find out their sincere feelings?

Whatever happened to old-fashioned conversation? Are shiny jewels and expensive gifts a must have to find true love. Take the star of the recent Bachelorette series. She was eliminated from the first Bachelorette series. When men sent numerous letters and videotapes saying they wanted to date the "hot blonde", the network rushed to start the new series. This teaches young girls that when many men show interest in them, they become valuable assets. Young men are learning that being a millionaire opens a gate to a flood of women.

Reality relationship programming supports casual kissing and random sex with numerous people. Can you be certain of a decision to marry someone when they've spread affection to everyone around you? The whole scenario is ridiculous.

Love is best experienced when it's unrehearsed and natural. It takes time, privacy, and understanding to build a true foundation. There's someone for everyone. Sit back and wait for each other. Remember, if you don't love yourself, you can't love somebody else.

Simple steps to healthy and lovely skin

By Katrina Massinburg
Panther Staff

Well ladies, it's rather apparent that spring is in the air, and with the change of seasonal weather comes new obstacles to overcome with one of our most precious commodities — our skin.

With Texas weather being so inconsistent, we must be prepared to care for our skin under any possible conditions, and with the help of the following few basic guidelines, we all can acquire effective and exceptional results:

Make-Up: Almost every female uses make-up in some way, shape, or form, be it a light shade of eye shadow, or a simple layer of foundation. However, at night, it's crucial to remember not to go to bed with it still on. Make-up left on overnight has a tendency to clog the pores, and congest the skin, resulting in blemishes. Be sure to wash your face twice before bedtime, the first time to remove make-up, the second to wash the skin itself.

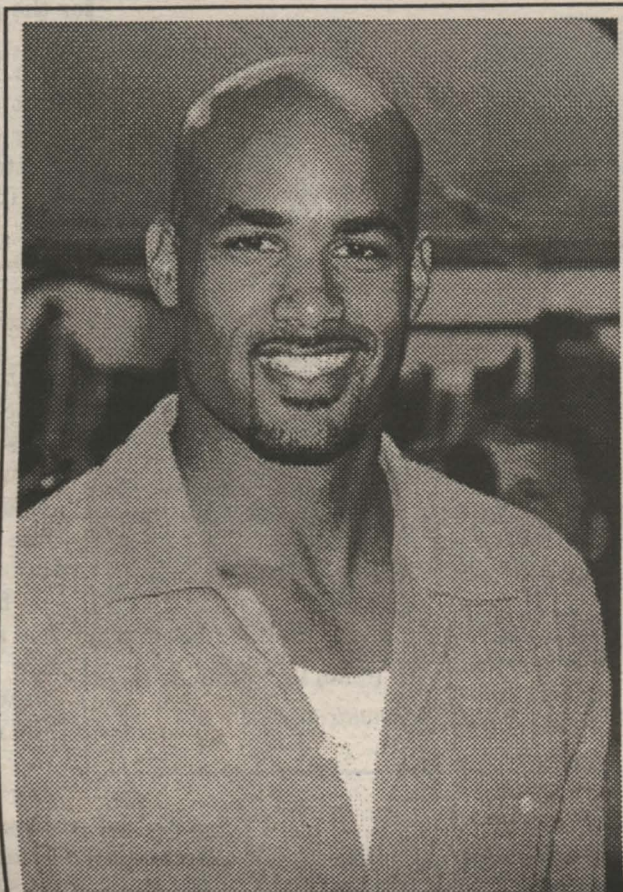


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Models are said to have some of the healthiest skin, and Actor/Model Boris Kodjoe star of Showtime's series Soulfood is an example of the beautiful skin that models maintain.

weather in the springtime says otherwise. The sun is in no way good for the skin, and harmful UV rays have been directly linked to early skin aging and serious conditions such as skin cancer. So, if you must be out in the sun for an extended period of time, be sure to choose a lotion that contains a SPF of about 15 or more.

Zero Stress: Remove any elements of your daily life that cause an unnecessary amount of nervous tension. Stress immediately affects the skin and can show up on obvious parts of the body, mainly the face. If there's something in your life that causes anxiety, and after further examination you discover it has no needed purpose, let go of it! Be sure to participate in enjoyable, relaxing activities that take place in laid-back environments. Take time out to chill and watch TV, or indulge yourself in a day of shopping. Try anything as long as it will minimize your worries.

I cannot, and therefore will not, stress to you enough the importance of obtaining and maintaining healthy skin.

Healthy Diet: Eat plenty of fresh foods and, though you have probably heard this time and time again, drink lots of water. Fresh vegetables, fruits, and nuts are ideal sources of nutrition. Try your best, hard as it may be, to limit the amount of fried foods and rich, overly sweet foods that you intake (which means visiting KFC only about two times a week).

Moisturizer: The skin cannot get enough moisture, and with the anticipated temperature climb, it's important to keep all areas, especially the face, filled with moisture. Choose a simple, none-greasy moisturizer with a formula that won't clog the pores and create any undesired damage.

Suntan Lotion: Though most generally do not need suntan lotion until well into the summer, the Texas



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Naomi Campbell is also an example of how beautiful the skin of some models can be.

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Benzino vs. Eminem: More Than Idle Words

By D.M. Becton
Black College Wire

Another beef is brewing in the rap world, and this one is a little more than a few idle words and disses. Raymond "Benzino" Scott, co-owner of The Source magazine and one-third of the rap group Made Men, has declared war on Eminem.

The Source's February issue had Ja Rule on the cover, but the lower right hand corner featured a caricature of Benzino holding Eminem's head, with his spine still attached, an image that would give Mortal Kombat fans cause for a

double take. The question is: Of all rappers, why is Benzino calling out Eminem?

The beef started from an out-of-nowhere Benzino diss song titled "Pull Your Skirt Up." In it, Benzino had many unfavorable things to say about Eminem. One line stated, "... this 2003 Vanilla Ice/ how is you playing it?/ If you ask me/ you really ain't that nice/ you're overrated." He also asks the rap world to "go back to the streets," and realize that Em is playing by a "different set of rules." Benzino also took jabs at Eminem's new proteges 50 Cent, Obie Trice and his crew,

D-12. Eminem questioned The Source's credibility in judging rap records.

Not wasting time, Eminem went into the studio and crafted two response records, "The Sauce" and "Nail in the Coffin." "The Sauce" questioned The Source's credibility in judging rap records. Benzino has been accused of advertising more for some rap records and less for others, making the magazine's coveted "Record Report" and "Mic Rating" columns questionable.

One of Eminem's lyrics stated, "No more Source for street cred/them days is dead/

Ray's got AK's pointed at Dave Mayz head/every issue there's an eight-page Made Men spread," a reference to Source co-founder David Mays. Eminem said that when he was trying to start his career, he couldn't get a record because he was white. Now, he said, the irony is that he is being criticized for becoming successful.

The song "Nail in the Coffin" hit Benzino twice as hard, stating, "I would never claim to be no/Ray Benzino/an 83-year-old fake Pacino," and "What you know about being bullied all your life/oh, that's right, you're half-white." Yet, the line that made Em shine was, "If you were really selling coke/what did you stop for?/Dummy, if you stew some crack/you'll make a lot more money than you do from rap." Benzino wrote the final installment of the diss-series with a song called "Die Another Day," that begins with a taped conversation between him and Eminem's manager, Paul Rosenberg, who seemed to call for a resolution of the conflict. But Benzino clung to his position to "bring hip-hop back to the streets," calling Eminem "the rap David Duke,

the rap Hitler," and himself "the rap Huey, the rap Malcolm, the rap Martin."

These remarks, along with the February issue of The Source, show that Benzino is not backing down. In that issue, an article aimed at Eminem, "The Unbearable Whiteness of Emceeing," claimed that Eminem is "the refinement of white supremacy."

From the other side, Em spoke to WQHT-FM New York's Angie Martinez about the Benzino situation, saying, "You can't play two sides of the fence. You can't be a rapper and own half of a magazine, because then what happens is you call rappers that you like and you want to make guest appearances on your album, and they don't want to do it because you suck... he gonna take you out his magazine."

Benzino is playing the race card. Em, on the other hand, is trying to trump as "an underground emcee that rose on rap skills, not color." We'll have to wait and see how Eminem replies in the February issue of XXL magazine. This battle is far from over.



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4. Should fighting be a major now?
5. Who was the boy caught brushing his teeth at the water fountain?
6. Didn't the Ques look like the 5 heartbeats?
7. Do boys with one bead on their braids really think they have hang time?
8. Do you really want to keep that PVAMU sticker on your car now?
9. Why doesn't Alumni ever have Twisters?
10. And why do they advertise items they don't have?
11. Why didn't the Kappas step in a Kappa step show?
12. Why do girls still wear side ponytails?
13. Who was the boy in 38 who was thrown through the window?
14. Who was the girl stopping traffic?
15. What baseball player got punked in Alumni by a girl?
16. Do the baseball players really plan to go pro?
17. Who really pays their light bill?
18. Since when is it a prerequisite that you work at DIAMONDS to be a mascot?
19. To be a foreign language teacher, shouldn't you also know English?
20. What do you think?

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