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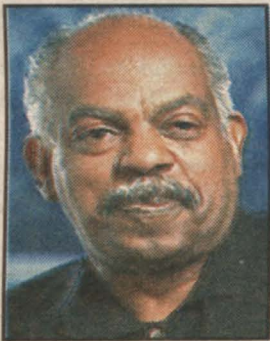
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Secretary of State responds to Waller County DA Kitzman says he is promoting "fair and honest election procedures"



Photo by Nikki Easter

Herschel Smith (center) addresses a press conference outside the Memorial Student Center to respond to a letter written by Waller County District Attorney Oliver Kitzman. Looking on are city officials and members of the Student Government Association.

By Nikki Easter
Panther Staff

The office of the Secretary of State of Texas has responded to Waller County District Attorney Oliver Kitzman's threats to stop some students of Prairie View A&M University from voting in Waller County.

In a letter sent on Jan. 23 to Kitzman, the Secretary of State's office affirmed the voting rights of students at the university. The letter reads, "As you may know, the Department initiated successful litigation in the 1970s to enforce Prairie View A&M students' right to register to vote in Waller County in a case that was affirmed by the United States Supreme Court."

The Secretary of State's office cited the court's order that allows students to vote:

"The court specifically ordered that college students of Waller County shall be regis-

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INVESTIGATE BLACK HISTORY

In celebration of Black History Month, here's a weekly list of scheduled events in February:

Wednesday, Feb. 4

African Attire Day

Show your proud heritage each Wednesday during the month of February by wearing African attire.

Black History Month Ribbons, Buttons and Wristbands

Celebrate Black History Month by wearing a ribbon, button or wristband each day in the month of February. Pick up your Black History Month ribbon, button or wristband at the Black History Month kick-off, the informa-

tion desk on the third floor of the MSC or any of the locations designated by the Black History Month banners.

Tuesday & Wednesday, Feb. 3 & 4

46th Annual Minister's Conference

Theme: "Worship, Fellowship, Stewardship and Leadership: The Ships That Sail the Church".

Conference Speakers: Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson, Memphis, Tennessee; Dr. John R. Adolph, Beaumont, Texas; Dr.

Love Henry Whelchel, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia; Reverend Reginald T. Jackson, Orange, New Jersey; Bishop Othal Hawthorne Lakey, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sponsored by Johnson-Phillips All Faiths Chapel
Opening Session- 9:30 a.m.
MSC Auditorium

Vendors on Parade

Visit with vendors for Black History books, art, Christian paraphernalia, Greek and non Greek paraphernalia, religious software, accessories, clothing for men and women. Tuesday

Feb. 3- 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 4- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MSC 1st Floor Lobby

Thursday, Feb. 5

Black History Month Kick-off

Join our President, Dr. George C. Wright, for the University's Black History Month Kick-off. Dr. Wright is a noted African-American scholar and who is renowned for his work as a black historian. "Is There Still a Need

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PV's Seven Day Forecast

Wed Feb 4 Scattered T-storms 57°/45°

Thu Feb 5 Few Showers 63°/43°

Fri Feb 6 Cloudy 67°/43°

Sat Feb 7 Mostly Sunny 68°/43°

Sun Feb 8 Partly Cloudy 65°/42°

Mon Feb 9 Showers 57°/36°

Tue Feb 10 Mostly Cloudy 65°/33°

City settles lawsuit over pregnancy tests

NEW YORK (AP) — The city has settled a federal lawsuit filed by five female students who were forced to undergo tests for pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases after they attended a "hooky party" last spring.

The lawsuit was filed by the New York Civil Liberties Union after the girls cut school last April at Intermediate School 164 in Washington Heights to attend a party involving sexual activity.

Donna Lieberman, executive director of the NYCLU, said the forced tests had violated the students' privacy and their right to attend school. The suit sought \$200,000 in damages for each student.

California to sue Albertsons

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The California attorney general's office said it will sue Boise-based Albertsons Inc. and the two other supermarket chains involved in a months-long labor dispute with Southern California grocery workers next week.

Lockyer said antitrust laws were broken when the companies made an arrangement several weeks before entering collective bargaining with about 70,000 grocery companies.

The suit is expected to be filed Monday against Albertsons, Safeway Inc. and two chains run by Kroger Co.

Stoning: a ritual of rejecting temptation

MINA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — On the third day of hajj rituals, pilgrims perform dawn prayers at Muzdalifah, then walk to an open area and collect small stones to throw at pillars in nearby Mina that symbolize Satan.

On reaching Mina, pilgrims jostle their way toward the first and largest pillar, casting seven stones at it to show their rejection of Satan's temptations. As they throw the stones, they chant "in the name of God" or "God is great." The pillar is believed to be on the spot where the devil appeared before the prophet Ibrahim and his son Ismail.

Over the next two or three days, depending on how long they plan to stay in Mecca, the pilgrims will cast seven pebbles at each of the three pillars.

Ex-con to die for murders

SHENZHEN, China (AP) — An ex-convict, who traveled from town to town on a bicycle, was sentenced to death on Sunday for the murders of 67 people and the rapes of 23 women in what was believed to be China's longest and grisliest serial killing spree.

Yang Xinhai, 38, waived his right to appeal after an hourlong, closed-door trial at a court in the eastern province of Henan, according to sina.com, a Chinese news Web site which cited reports from several state-run news-

papers.

Yang committed his crimes in Henan and three other provinces after his release in 2001 from a police labor camp where he had been sent on rape and theft charges. He was arrested on Nov. 3 in the northern Hebei province after police matched him with the description of a killer they were seeking.

"Like A Pimp..."

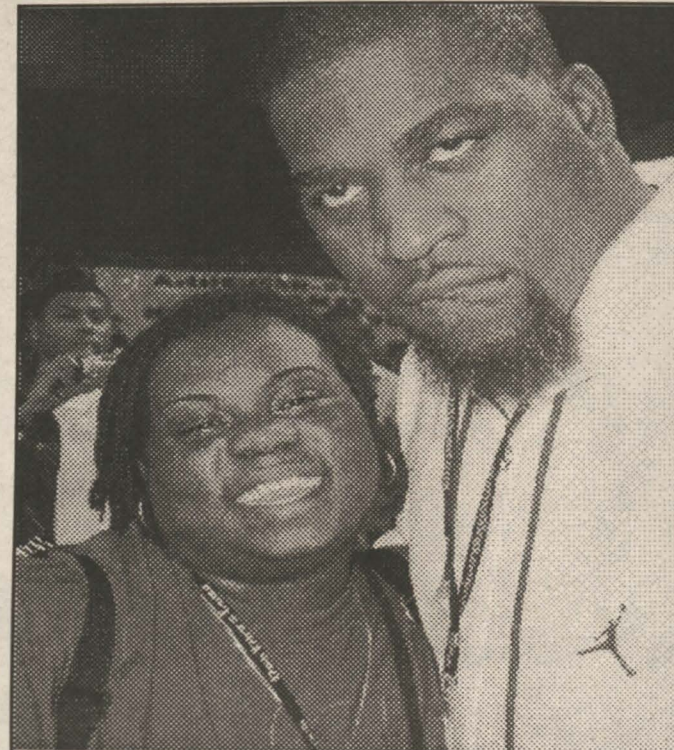


Photo By Barbara Ramirez
Staff writer Nikki Easter poses with David Banner at the Hip Hop Summit.

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Camel stops traffic in wintry Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — A camel on the run stopped traffic on a southern Sweden road in the middle of a snowstorm, police said Sunday. But it took some convincing by drivers before police finally went to the scene.

Owner Anneli Arvidsson said in a telephone interview that the 22-year-old camel might have wandered off because of the absence of his usual companion, a horse.

"On Friday, the horse had been taken inside the stable and the camel was left alone in the pasture, which probably made him feel lonely," she said.

Arvidsson bought the Siberian camel named Emat from a zoo when it was one year old.

"We were somewhat doubtful at first," said police spokesman Sten-Ove Fransson in Skoevde, 260 kilometers (162 miles) south of Stockholm, of Friday's incident. "But then more people called, so we were finally convinced that there really was a camel gone astray on the road."

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"College Hill" Is Vapid, Nauseating

By Russell Nichols
Black College Wire/ FAMU

In the first 10 minutes of BET's new reality TV show, "College Hill," Kevin Mack, a recently "born-again" football star, was caught trying to play the field off the field. It revealed the inherent contradictions destined to plague this series.

"College Hill" looks like a low-budget homemade video, with rejects from MTV's "The Real World" posing as multi-dimensional, goal-oriented characters.

Despite the show's classification, viewers get a false sense of reality when the college characters in the first episode are immediately shown in the club or behind closed

doors making up their own "anatomy" exams. Evidently the location, Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., was not critical for what the creators wanted to portray: loose, vapid excuses for intellectuals.

Kinda Andrews, the 18-year-old Baton Rouge native, who everyone calls "No-Drawers," for obvious reasons, gets more spotlight than Delano Mitchell, the aspiring rap artist, and Jabari Roberts, the eccentric computer-science student, combined.

"Everybody has a freak bag in their underwear drawer," Andrews blurts out in one scene. Each time she speaks, it becomes even more clear that "drawers" are not the

only thing missing from this girl.

The active camera was intended to create a sense of movement, but the sluggish plot along with the degrading dialogue sequences only made "College Hill" all the more nauseating. The rapid scene changes and random confessional angles make the show seem more like a dim-witted documentary than a reality TV series. Seemingly, Viacom, the parent company of BET, MTV and VH1, is using the so-called black network as its experimental lab rat. But once again, this rat is trapped in tedium.

Although some of the characters and discussions are somewhat identifiable, the

show fails to capture the essence of black college life. What about the impressionable children who will watch this show and believe it depicts all that historically black colleges and universities have to offer?

The anticipation was high for the first black college show since "A Different World." However, between the catfight in the street and Andrews' pointless "Kim Possible" rendition, this show is not a different world. It is a disgusting one. And "College Hill" will have to make quite a steep climb to redeem itself.

Why Aren't Students Honoring King?

By Marcus Calhoun
Black College Wire/ FAMU

I recently declared that I would celebrate the "observed" birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Since one of my class assignments coincided with this event, I decided to attend the "I Dream a World: A Celebration of Diversity" event on the Florida State University campus.

From previous years, I knew that FAMU would have nothing to do with the "observed" birthday of Dr. King. It's funny how during Homecoming, every club and organization on campus holds some sort of event. But during the only black holiday, campus will be barren.

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Recently, I found myself moved by Dr. King's legacy of nonviolence. When an argument broke out at a party, a friend who was the catalyst walked away from the incident. Later that evening, I questioned him about it and he told me, "I've got Martin on my

wall for a reason." He was referring to a poster of Dr. King that he had displayed.

It was an epiphany. I

felt enlightened. I had finally understood the full extent of King's message. It was not all about black vs. white; it was

more about a peace of mind. Don't let FAMU's lack of celebration discourage you. Don't let MLK Day disappear completely.



The Answers
Weekly Update for Freshmen



- You must have a grade of 'C' (OR 'S') or better in your developmental class (es) at mid-terms to be able to pre-register for summer or fall 2004.
- Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick TASP/THEA testing schedule or call 936/857-2747.

UC THANKS MR. SANDERSON WOODS FOR HIS SPECIAL EFFORTS DURING THE ATLANTA TRIP!!



- Feb. 3 UC Financial Aid Drive (in each building)
- Black History Month Kick-off
- Feb. 12 Financial Aid Awareness Week
- March 4-6 Mid-term exams

UC THANKS ALL THE ATLANTA TRIP CHAPERONES!!

- January 27th - Bldgs #36 & #38 sponsored a program on the many services offered by Career Placement. Ms. Glenda Jones provided the attendees with great information!!
- February 17th - UC will sponsor the Black History Talent Explosion, 7 PM at Hobart Taylor!!
- February 18th - UC will hold its scholars recognition dinner. Watch for details!!

SELF EMPOWERMENT.....COMING IN MARCH TO UC!!

JUST FOR KIDS DAYCARE

A new licensed daycare located at 17307 Waggoner in Hockley. The operation is geared to serve before/ after school care infants, and tots to the age of 5 years-old and also welcomes drop ins.

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IMMEDIATE MOVE IN!!!

Teen is community college's youngest graduate

Associated Press

Now that Sarah Keely, 16, has graduated from Hagerstown Community College as its youngest student ever, she is preparing for her next challenge: Getting a driver's license.

The license, which Sarah said she hopes to get by April, should alleviate one of the ways she differs from other students in the college: she has to get rides to school.

Sarah, who was homeschooled most of her life, was 15 when she graduated in December with a 4.0 grade-point average. Her academic focus is on math. She is the youngest graduate in the college's history, said Beth Stull, college spokeswoman.

Despite her age, grades and the fact that she scored 1300 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test at age 13, she doesn't want to be labeled as having high intelligence, she said.

"It is not like I am really smart or anything," she said.

She might have graduated at an even younger age except that she agreed to her parents' suggestion that she not take too many classes at once.

While Sarah was accepted to start taking classes in the spring at Hood College in Frederick, she has decided instead to take a break, she said.

In her case, that means she is only taking two classes at Hagerstown Community College this semester. She plans to major in math, with a minor in French, when she starts at Hood in the fall, she said.

In 2000, at age 13, she started classes at the community college, which is less than a five-minute drive from her home. She took some of her classes, including biology, with her sister, Colleen, 14.

Sarah said she enjoyed all of her time and classes at the college.

"It has been a really good experience," she said.

Hip-hop summit brings stars to Houston to encourage voting

By Nikki Easter Panther Staff

The Hip-Hop Summit Action Network convened on Saturday, Jan. 31, as a Super Bowl festivity with a good cause in Texas Southern University's H & P Arena. It was the largest voting rally of the year, reportedly registering over 20,000 people in the Houston area.



Photos by Nikki Easter From l-r: DJ Kid Capri, David Banner, and ESG during the Hip Hop Summit in Houston last Saturday.

Def Jam founder Russell Simmons, Rev. Run of Run DMC, Jesse Jackson, Maxine Waters, D-Ca, and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee sat on a panel with some of the biggest names in entertainment to answer questions that ranged from hip-hop's influence in politics to being successful in the entertainment business.

"Two Million More in 2004," was the theme of this year's Hip Hop Summit. The objective, articulated by the Hip Hop Summit Action Network President and CEO

Dr. Benjamin Chavis Muhammad, is to register two million more 18-30 year-olds by the 2004 presidential election.

Entrance into the nonpartisan summit was free with a voter registration card. The goal of the event was for music industry leaders to motivate young people

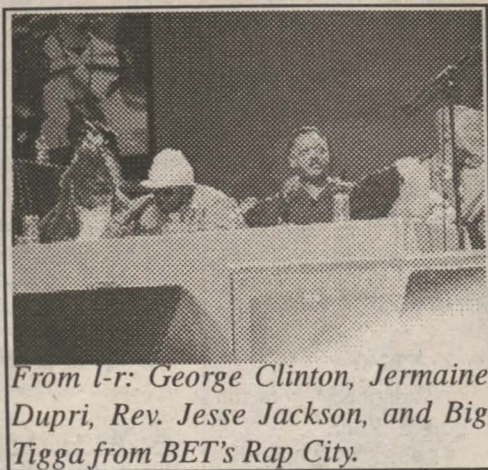
to use the power of their vote to make a difference in the community. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee referred to the hip-hop culture as the new "civil rights movement." She said hip hop is changing and more rappers are becoming more conscious of their subject.

Although this was the goal, a lot of people were more interested in hearing advice from entertainers such as Ice Cube, David Banner, Erykah Badu, Kanye West, Boris Kodjoe, Damon Dash, Talib Kweli, Chingy, Beyonce, J-

Prince, Kid Capri, and Master P., on being a successful entertainer or entrepreneur.

Reverend Run told the audience that record companies are looking for people who aren't scared to be original, and perform for love of their gift, not those that "wake up looking for record companies offering the most money."

"Your uniqueness is what makes you special," Run told a crowd consisting of all ages. "If you have something unique, you need to share it with everyone."



From l-r: George Clinton, Jermaine Dupri, Rev. Jesse Jackson, and Big Tigger from BET's Rap City.

Rapper and Actor Ice Cube told the audience that careers behind the scenes have more longevity than careers in front of a microphone or camera. He told the crowd that everyone who sat on the panel, worked hard to get there, and he advised anyone who wanted to make it in the business to do the same.

"We are just like you," Ice Cube said. "We come from the same environment you come from. Everything

we got, we worked hard for and that's all it takes."

Mississippi rapper David Banner and Dallas native Erykah Badu took a political standpoint, defining the reparations movement and urging the audience to educate themselves on the political process. Both entertainers said the last presidential election shouldn't discourage people

from voting but motivate more people to get involved and vote.

Simmons said Music World Entertainment coordinated the event, and the celebrities in attendance did so on their own time and money. The Hip-Hop Summit action network will be in Los Angeles on Feb. 14, and will continue to tour the country for the remainder of 2004.

Phase II clubhouse reopens with a bang...and a barbershop

By Tameka Dye Panther Staff

Phase II clubhouse had its grand opening Tuesday, Jan. 27 from 6-9 p.m. If you missed it, you missed out on all the fun and exciting events.

Those in attendance were given fortune cookies with the possibility of winning generous prizes such as an X-box, stereo sound system, MP3 player, and CDs and DVDs, when they walked through the door. Not only were prizes given, but new additions to the clubhouse were displayed and the barbershop was reopened. The clubhouse added a hip-hop vibe with paintings of "Barber Shop," the movie by Tony, also known as Jade; along with sounds of rap and R&B music.

The Village made it possible for licensed barbers to display their ability to cut hair. There are two barbers cutting hair at the clubhouse facilities, D.J. Kendrick and Jermaine Walker. "Walk-ins are welcome," DJ said, and the

waiting time depends on the crowd.

Not only did the barbershop get a new look but the clubhouse did too. With new manager Ronald Dupree, assistant general manager Zeb Carry, community assistants, and the support of residents, the grand opening was a success. "325 residents attended, and if it were not for the support of the residents this event would not have been a success."

It was a team decision to create a new beginning for Phase II clubhouse to mark a new era and to provide better service and opportunity for the residents to enjoy their stay at the Village. There were 18 new Dell computers added, a big screen television, new work out equipment, and a pool table so residents will have something to do to occupy their time and to bring a positive vibe to their surroundings," Carry said.



Photo By Otis Clayborn II

Jermaine Walker cuts Todd McClelland's hair in the new and improved Phase II clubhouse.

When new ideas are developed for the betterment of a community as a whole, members excel in the provision of services and the creation of a comfortable environment. The Village grabbed this idea and decided to develop positive surroundings for their own residents.

The barbershop is open Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday and Monday only by appointment, and Saturday 12-5 p.m. The working hours for the clubhouse are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 12-5

PURPLE & GOLD POLL

Which Super Bowl celebrities did you see this weekend?



Karlon Jackson Sophomore/Health

"Trick Daddy at the Galleria."



AT Davis Freshman/Health

"Magic Don Juan at the Waffle House."



Samantha Jones Senior/Criminal Justice

"Murphy Lee, Nelly, and Janet at the Astrodome."



Anita Gray Sophomore/Nursing

"Ludacris on the red carpet at the Mercury Room."



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Did You Know? Super Bowl XXXVIII ends in thrilling way

By Steven Kennedy
Panther Staff



By Leona Aaron
Sports Editor

The New England Patriots closed out the 2003 season Super Bowl campaign, winning 15 straight in the Houston Reliant Stadium and their second Super Bowl title in three years.

The New England Patriots came into the game as heavy favorites, anchored by tough defense and star quarterback Tom Brady.

With all the hype the Patriots came into Super Bowl XXXVIII with, it was easy to forget who they were even playing, but the Carolina Panthers rose to the challenge and almost won.

What was one of the closet Super Bowls in history, coming down to game winning 41-yard field goal by Patriots kicker Adam Vinatieri in the game's closing seconds.

With all the parties around Houston during the week approximately 71,525 crazed football fans packed into the main attraction at Reliant Stadium on Feb. 1.

Houston's own Grammy nominated recording artist Beyonce Knowles kicked off Super Sunday with a magnificent performance of the *Star Spangled Banner*, receiving a standing ovation.

That's when the New England Patriots and the Carolina Panthers' took the field with the Lombardi trophy in their sights.

Both teams struggled to score any points in the first quarter, accredited to both of their tough defenses. Both Brady's offense and Panthers quarterback

Jake Delhomme just couldn't seem to get a feel for the game early on in the contest.

The two week layoff before the big game could've been a prime factor in why the game

yard touchdown with 1:07 to go in the first half to even the score at 7-7.

During this point of the game, Carolina Panthers were trying to send a message to the Patriots that it wasn't

fans were more concerned about who would be crowned champions of Super Bowl XXXVIII.

Like the first quarter, both teams were unable to score in the third quarter, leaving the game up for grabs, as the score remained very close.

The fourth quarter kept fans on the edge of their seats as there were a combined 37 points scored between the Patriots and Panthers.

Former University of Houston running back Antowain Smith of the Patriots scored on a 2-yard touchdown run to close the gap at 21-16.

Carolina then went for a 2-point conversion, but failed, giving the Patriots a slight advantage.

Tom Brady, who is one of the most calm quarterbacks in the NFL, threw a crucial interception to Carolina cornerback Reggie Howard to put Carolina right back in the hunt.

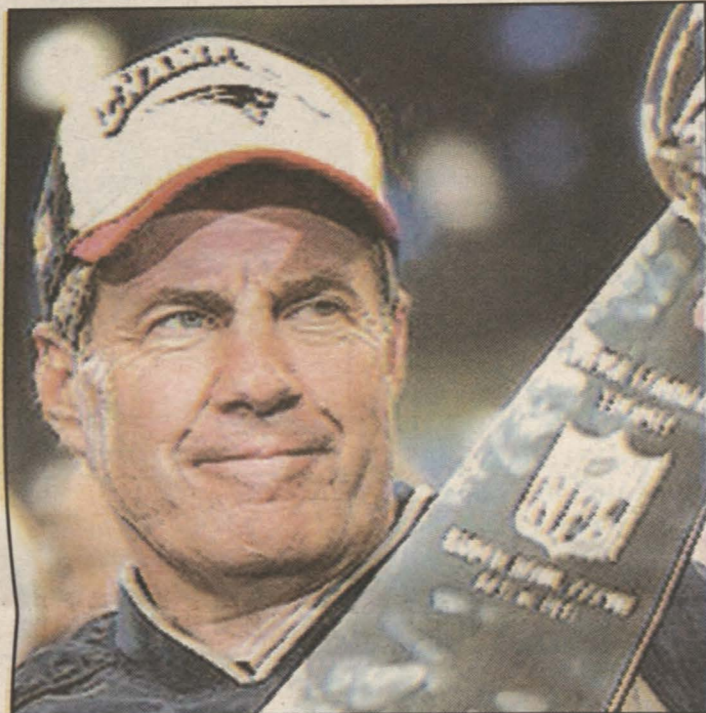
The Panthers took advantage when Jake Delhomme threw an 85-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad giving Carolina the lead at 22-21 with 6:53 to go.

Brady threw his third touchdown pass to wide receiver Ricky Proehl, tying the game at 29-29 with only 1:08 to go in the game.

At this point it was anyone's game, but Carolina kicker John Kasay made a crucial mistake by kicking the ball out of bounds on the following kickoff that gave the Patriots excellent field position.

This helped set up Adam Vinatieri's game winning field goal, giving New England a 32-29 victory.

But with a second half still to be played, most



Bill Belichick wins second super bowl championship with New England Patriots.

started off in scoring drought, but most would agree, that when you're playing on a stage as big as the Super Bowl, even the greatest athletes will be a bit nervous.

The scoring then cranked up fast and often, with 24 points being scored in the last 3:05 of the second quarter.

Wide receiver Deion Branch of the New England Patriots scored the first touchdown of the Super Bowl, with a 5-yard reception from quarterback Tom Brady with 3:05 left in the first half, putting the Patriots up 7-0.

Panther quarterback Jake Delhomme didn't wait long to reach his arsenal that featured speedy wide receiver Steve Smith, as they connected for a 39-

Athletic program headed in right direction

By Dustin Daniel
Panther Staff

Under the current tenure of athletic director Charles McClelland, Prairie View A&M University athletics has taken several turns on the journey toward respectability.

From the oft-maligned \$150 athletic fee, and the coaching carousel, McClelland's ultimate purpose is to establish a tradition of excellence at PVAMU.

Although the collective student body of PVAMU greeted the athletic with displeasure, "McClelland said the fee was imperative for future

success." "This fee gives money to the athletic department," McClelland said.

"Not only does it provide funds for scholarships, but it allows the students to have free admission to games."

While many point to the disappointment suffered by this past season's football team as the key cog in student frustration, the success in other sports shows that athletics at PVAMU has made a significant uprising during McClelland's tenure.

Last semester, several PVAMU teams enjoyed successful seasons. The soccer, volleyball, and cross-country teams did well.

The emergence of the softball and track squads, along with a talented baseball unit displays the steady improvement of the PVAMU athletics program.

During McClelland's three years, the university has seen several victims in the coaching carousel, including C.L. Whittington and Elwood Plummer. In their places are Henry Frazier III and Jerome Francis.

Citing the ability to graduate student athletes, as well as teach the game as a few of the instrumental characteristics, new head man Henry Frazier possesses notable abilities that made him a prime candidate.

"We needed someone to teach on the field," McClelland said. "They (Bowie State) had not had a winning season in 8 years, yet he turned their programs around in one season. He has the ability to turn programs around."

In Jerome Francis Jr., McClelland saw a coach able to take programs to another level.

"Our last winning basketball season before coach Francis was in the late 1960s, and we never finished above seventh in the regular season," McClelland said. Currently holding the sixth spot in SWAC, McClelland is pleased with the progress of

the basketball team, and isn't disheartened with their struggling season.

"We're in a rebuilding mode this year. Last year's team was composed of seniors, while this year's team has several freshmen making the distinct transition to playing division one basketball."

With the strong overall progression made thus far, McClelland is poised to bring PVAMU athletics back to its days of victory.

PV dancers show their stuff at the Super Bowl

By Lorie Mason
Panther Staff

On Super Bowl Sunday, the New England Patriots and the Carolina Panthers weren't the only patrons to take the field to show their talents.

During the pre-game show, six hundred ladies from across our great state showed their moves in front of a sold out crowd at Super Bowl XXXVII.

Under the direction of choreographer Lesslee Fitzmorris, the girls performed to the sounds of Country, Latin, and Rock N Roll music.

Eight of the six hundred girls who performed were Prairie View's own Ariel Arington, Donielle Ryals, Monae Stancil, Constance Sharp, Jadie Gill, Carlecia Wright, and Tamara Fields.

These eight young ladies were chosen out of some three thousand girls who tried out for the Super Bowl performance.

The girls practiced practically all day. From Monday thru Thursday, the girls practiced from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Texas Southern

University and on Fridays they practiced from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. at Reliant Stadium. They have also been practicing every Saturday and Sunday since November.

The girls had to learn the dance in ten minutes and be ready to perform it right afterwards in front of three judges in groups of ten.



In the Country Western number, the girls performed with Willie Nelson and Toby Keith.

They performed the Latin number with Mango Punch and the Rock N Roll number with Aerosmith.

Melissa Greggs, Tamara Fields, and Carlecia Wright also performed in the player's introduction routine.

The girls were eye candy to a lot of people along

the freeway wanting pictures. They really felt like celebrities.

They enjoyed the whole Super Bowl experience. Midset and loved being in the mist of all the celebrities.

Some of the celebrities they saw were Holly Robinson Pete, Snoop Dog, Nelly, Janet Jackson, Kid Rock, Barbara Bush, Jamie Preston, Deion Sanders, Dan Marino, and Houston's own Miss Beyonce.

"We had a great time and met lots of new people," said Jadie Gill. Carlecia Wright said she wouldn't mind performing again and maybe even teaching a dance next time around.

"It was a great experience, but I wouldn't do it again," said Tamara Fields. Ms. Ariel Arrington said, "all the hard work and preparation was worth it when we finally stepped out on the field."

We want to say congratulations to these eight young ladies for representing Prairie View A&M University at Super Bowl XXXVIII.

Baseball season begins with a 3-0

Special To Panther

Five Prairie View A&M pitchers combined for a two-hit shutout over the Jarvis Christian Bulldogs in a 13-0 victory.

During the finale of a three-game series Saturday, at the William J. Nicks Baseball Complex.

Prairie View A&M starter Terrance Sparks set the tone for the team with six strikeouts in three scoreless innings of work.

The Panther offense rewarded Sparks for his effort with 10 runs in the first two innings and cruised the rest of the way.

PV went scoreless for four innings after their 10-run outburst, but got back on the board with three runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Panther pitchers Terrance Sparks (Huntington, TX/ Angelina JC), Jacob Gibson (Houston,

TX/ Cy-Springs), Joshua Herrmann (D'Hanis, TX/ D'Hanis), Joshua Terrell (Houston, TX/ Spring Woods) and Phil Gooseland (New Roads, LA/ Catholic) held the Bulldogs to two hits in nine innings of work.

On the offensive side, junior catcher Ralph Ramon (Snyder, TX/ Phillips JC) led the Panthers with four RBIs and one home run.

Senior first baseman Byron Carter (Amarillo, Texas/ Phillips JC) and freshman designated hitter Ricky Thomas (Spring, Texas/ Conroe Oak Ridge) added three and two hits respectively.

For the series, the Panthers outscored Jarvis Christian 55-6. It took the Panthers 15 games last season to score 55 runs.

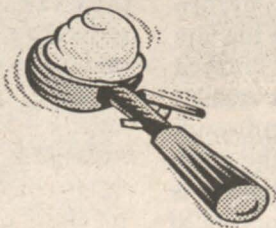
Prairie View moves to 3-0 for the season and will return to action next weekend with a three-game series against the Jackson State Tigers in Jackson, Miss.

The Panthers will play a seven-inning doubleheader on Friday, Feb 6 and a single nine-inning game on Saturday, Feb 7.



Today in black history

In 1897, Alfred L. Cralle invented the ice cream scooper, patent #576,395



Courtesy of: BlackFacts.com

Health Hints

Dependent Personality Disorder

Definition

An inability to function without significant reliance on a forceful or dominant person providing direction.

Causes, incidence, and risk factors

The cause of this disorder is not known. The disorder usually appears in early adulthood.

Symptoms

People with this disorder do not trust their own ability to make decisions, and feel that others have better ideas. They may be devastated by separation and loss, and they may go to great lengths, even suffering abuse, to stay in a relationship. Other symptoms include:

- *Unable to make decisions
- *Passive
- *Avoids personal responsibility
- *Avoids being alone
- *Feels devastated or helpless when relationships end
- *Unable to meet ordinary demands of life
- *Preoccupied with fears of being abandoned
- *Easily hurt by criticism or disapproval

Signs and tests

- *History
- *Psychological evaluation

Treatment

There is no specific treatment for this disorder. Psychotherapy may be useful in gradually helping people to make choices that affect their own life. Medication may also be helpful.

Expectations (prognosis)

Improvements are usually seen only with long-term therapy or treatment.

Complications

- *May suffer from depression
- *May abuse alcohol or drugs
- *May be abused

Top 10 percent rule sending students to other states

Associated Press

Anxiety among parents whose children aren't in the top 10 percent of their classes is driving Texas students to look out of state for a college education.

Recruiters from some of those out-of-state universities are looking to capitalize on the panic.

Many are offering early acceptance letters and some like the University of Arkansas will soon announce a scholarship specifically for Dallas-area students.

Janet Miranda, a counselor at Trinity Christian Academy in Addison, said half of her 135 seniors have applied to the University of Oklahoma.

"Parents are anxious to get an acceptance letter in hand," Miranda said.

All but a handful were accepted.

The out-of-state money generates about \$1 million for some out-of-state colleges, making them aggressively seek Texas students.

The universities of Tulsa and Missouri have recruiters based in North Texas. The University of Alabama has for the first time requested permission to recruit at Frisco schools, The Dallas Morning News reported.

These students are

very capable, high-achieving, but they've been eliminated from the flagship schools in Texas," said Don Pitchford, OSU's interim director of recruitment. "We identify kids who meet that criteria and we actively recruit them."

Critics of the 10 percent rule say the university system is not giving capable students who aren't at the top of their classes an opportunity to be admitted to Texas' flagship schools. The rule also allows automatic admission for students who score 1300 on their SATs.

This year, 70 percent of the freshman class at the University of Texas at Austin were admitted under the top 10 percent rule, The Dallas Morning News reported in its Sunday editions.

Since the rule went into effect with freshmen in 1998, the number of Texans enrolled as undergrads at Oklahoma State has tripled and at Louisiana State University it has doubled.

Higher Education Commissioner Don Brown said the trend of Texans heading out of state needs to be monitored. However, he said most students continue to attend colleges close to home.

Noted scholar to explore black life at PVAMU arts presentation

Special to The Panther

Edmund Barry Gaither, historian, Boston museum curator, and arts institute founder will explore the struggles and joys of African Americans through an exciting visual arts presentation at Prairie View A&M University on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 3 p.m.

Edward Bannister, Henry O. Tanner, Jacob Lawrence, John Biggers, Elizabeth Catlett, and Romare Bearden are among the noted African American artists being featured in Gaither's slide presentation in the Public Events Room of the John B. Coleman Library. The presentation is a joint undertaking by the John B. Coleman Library Lyceum Series and the School Architecture and Art.

Harold Dorsey, professor of art at PVAMU, strongly encourages everyone to make an effort to see Mr. Gaither's presentation. "Black art is one

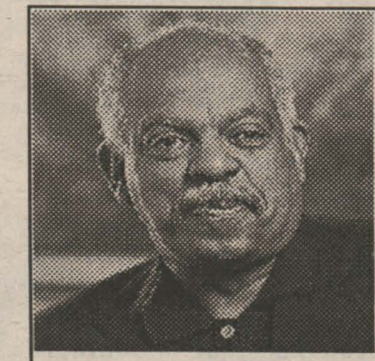
of the most important cultural experiences needed to develop a positive self-concept in the African American community." "Art is the essence of

African American life takes the audience on a trip through history from the early 19th century through the present, with Gaither as the expert navigator.

Gaither has been a curator at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston since 1969. He is also founder of the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American artists in Roxbury, Massachusetts, which is considered a vital cultural presence for African American art in Boston and the nation.

No stranger to college campuses, Gaither has taught at Spelman College, Wellesley College, Harvard College and Boston University. He serves as panel chairman for the National Endowment for the Arts and on President George Bush's Advisory Board for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

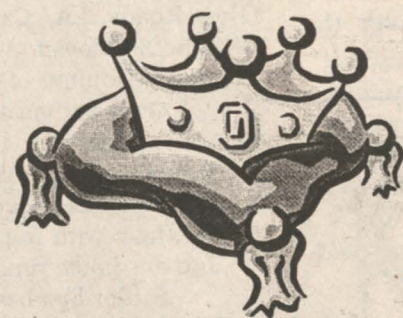
The South Carolina native has a B.A. from Morehouse and an M.F.A. from Brown University.



Edmund Barry Gaither
Photo Courtesy of google.com

being civilized. A part of slavery was to deny African Americans their humanity. One way of restoring their humanity and a positive self-concept in our students is through visiting our rich visual heritage," said Dorsey.

The exploration of Af-



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SPRING 2004

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For more information

Visit www.pvamu.edu/studentactivities "Special Item - MIP Info."

Failure of the requested individuals to attend the minimum one (1) MIP Forum will forfeit his/her opportunity to participate in the university's SPRING 2004 Membership Intake Program.

Things You Should Know

Get Ready! University Village will be accepting applications for next semester beginning Feb. 9.

Don't forget to show your pride. Celebrate Black History Month by attending the university sponsored programs and events.

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BET brings college reality to TV

By Cory Donley
Panther Staff

On Jan. 27 college students from all over the country tuned in to BET to catch the first episode of the first African-American based reality television series which may not be the hit that everyone expected.

Recently, reality television has taken over the programming time slots for every major broadcasting station in the world. From Survivor to the MTV classic The Real World it seems that everyone enjoys viewing people under the microscope of a camera twenty-four hours a day. Well, it seems that the producers at BET had an idea for a reality show that was similar but in a way different from the usual run of the mill reality series. BET decided to display the daily lives of 8

black students at Louisiana's Southern University, which competes against Prairie View in the Southwestern Athletic Conference, for the pilot of their new reality show College Hill.

This first episode was a chance for the viewers to be introduced to the characters, learn a little about their background and gain the first impressions of the cast that will follow them until the end of the show. The cast includes four girls and four guys who were chosen to live together in a dorm room on the campus of Southern University.

The female roommates include Kinda, a freshman from Baton Rouge, La. who said that she enjoys sex and is not ashamed of her sexual relationships that have earned her the nickname "no draws." Next we were introduced by Veronica, to the

"nerdiest guy I have ever met" when the roommates first met each other. The fraternities of Kappa Kappa Psi and Alpha Phi Alpha were represented by Gabriel a senior from Dallas, Texas. Gabriel plays the trumpet for the university's marching band and is a member of the Alphas step team who participated in the national step show this past year. Finally viewers met Delano, an up and coming rap artist from Los Angeles who took time during a segment to tell of his life after losing his mother at a young age. Delano shared the struggles he had to endure without his mother and how he has to support his younger brother. After the roommates met each other they were introduced to their Resident Assistant, Avery.

The remainder of the show followed Veronica to a well-known nightclub, Club Studio 201, where she had a

good time and experienced the "usual club activities." Viewers also got a chance to see what Kinda keeps in her "freak bag" and watched as her attempts to sneak into a guy's dorm room were foiled by alarms set on the doors.

The new reality show did not get the reviews from students that some expected. Sophomore communications major Jeremy Allen said, "the characters were dull, I expected more but I will continue to watch the show because know it was the first episode."

Sophomore criminal justice major James Warren said, "The show was tight for what it was. I hope that it gets better because so far it is just a low budget Real World".

Tune in to BET on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. so you can be the judge.

College Hill debut causes rampage

By Jacqueline Dix, Dominique Gibbs, and Nikki G. Bannister
Black College Wire

Rampaging students at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., damaged university property, raided dormitories and rocked the car of one of the cast members of Black Entertainment Television's new reality series, "College Hill," after the show's Jan. 28 premiere.

The 13-part series, which BET said had the most-watched premiere in BET's 24-year history, originates at Southern.

Students began shooting fireworks, throwing trash cans from every floor -- one was set afire -- and male students ran through the halls of female dormitories.

When cast member Kinda Andrews arrived back on campus, she parked her car in front of the Camille Shade Hall dormitory, where she attempted to get out. After a student shouted, "There's No-Drawers," students flocked around Andrews' car and began rocking it from side to side. An officer from the East Baton Rouge, La. Sheriff's Department used mace on two male students to prevent them from entering her car. The 18-year-old freshman sat calmly inside her car smiling and waving to the rowdy crowd.

"I was overwhelmed that so many people were out there. I saw all the students outside as a warm reception," said Andrews.

An escorted Andrews had to sneak into the back of Shade Hall, where Director Barbara Campbell ordered the lobby closed.

Andrews said that she did not attend class the next day, nor did she leave her room. She said she might not do so until things calmed down.

"I am happy about the show and was very aware that I was going to receive mixed reviews," said the self-proclaimed "wild child," who ignited conversation and controversy around the campus.

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IN THEATRES FEBRUARY 6



LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING
by James Weldon Johnson (1900)

Johnson wrote this song as a presentation to Abraham Lincoln on his birthday. It was originally performed in Jacksonville, Florida, by children

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our GOD,
True to our native land



The Panther's WORD OF THE WEEK

MISUNDERSTANDING

Syllabication: mis•un•der•stand•ing
Function: noun
Synonyms: confusion, quarrel, dispute

Definition: 1) to understand incorrectly. 2) misinterpret. 3) lack of comprehension. 4) minor dispute

EXAMPLE: "The next time someone tries to steal my parking space in front of the MSC there will be a **misunderstanding!**"

- When will the police run out of violation stickers?
- Who's tired of the speedbumps around the MSC?
- Did you know that it's not sandal weather yet?
- Don't you think the bathrooms on the 2nd floor of the MSC are inappropriate?
- Which Sigma got punked by a Kappa?
- How many guys wished they'd taped the half time show?
- Why did the bands from UH and TSU perform during halftime at the Super Bowl?
- Did they forget that PV is the top band in the country?
- How many Alpha boppers are trying to be on the next Delta line?
- Should men pay?
- Which two sorority girls were fighting over an eight piece nugget?
- Who's in the fake Brook's Landing frat, KFC?
- What does that stand for anyway?
- Are they members because they can't be Greek?
- Shouldn't we have rollover meals on our meal cards?
- How many girls are upset about being called boppers last week?
- Don't you know you're obvious?
- Which girl in Phase III was so lazy that she carried her trash on top of her car?
- How did the band get on the red carpet at the Mercury room?
- What do you think?

This is for Entertainment Only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail panther @ pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther

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tered and allowed to vote on the same basis and by application of the same standards and procedures as non-students, without reference to whether such students have dormitory addresses, whether or not they resided in Waller County prior to attending school, and whether or not they plan to leave Waller County upon graduation.”

A copy of the Mar. 3,

1979 injunction was attached to the letter, which was also forwarded to the Texas Attorney General, the Secretary of State Geoffrey Conner, and other state officials.

The letter stated that the United States expects Waller County to abide by the terms and requirements of the permanent injunction order by the federal district court.

The head of the Waller County Leadership Council,

Herschel Smith, said the Secretary of State’s opinion, which is in total opposition to Kitzman, is going to hold. According to Smith this is already law and if Kitzman violates this law, he would be held responsible.

In a press release issued Jan. 19, Kitzman said he is promoting “fair and honest election procedures,” by ensuring that bona fide voters are not disenfranchised.

“It is also my duty to

administer the law in a prudent manner and see that justice is done,” Kitzman said in the press release. “I deem it far better to advance honest elections than to prosecute and punish violators. I am convinced that willing adherence to the law is to be preferred over prosecution and is far less expensive.”

Kitzman cited the dissenting opinion of Justice William Rehnquist (an associate justice in 1979 and now chief

justice), who said it was not within the jurisdiction of the federal court to hear the case. Kitzman continued by saying the United States Supreme Court decision of 1979, did not affirm student-voting rights. “That case did not define residency for students of universities for voting or any other purposes and annunciated no special privileges,” Kitzman said.

Kitzman’s interpretation of the voting laws states that a person can have only one residence. A new residence can only be attained when the previous one is abandoned. A citizen must go there with the intention of making that place his or her new home.

“My considerable experience tells me that the registration of students to vote in Waller County is not the problem,” Kitzman said.

“Infectious problems arise when the students are used by political operatives who bribe them to vote by rewards of barbeque sandwiches, discounts for dinners, CDs, excused absences from class and the grant of additional grade points. Those same political operatives, who express no support for the concept of honest elections, resort to monotonous charges of racism, insults and intimidation when they find that neither the law nor the facts support their position.”

Events from page 1

for Black History Month? is the title of Dr. Wright’s address.

9:30 a.m.- MSC Auditorium

Movie Night

“The Road to Brown”

The Road to Brown tells the story of the Brown v. Board of Education ruling as the culmination of a brilliant legal assault on segregation that launched the Civil Rights movement. Sponsored by TIPHC (Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture) and the Ragland Scholars.

7 p.m. – MSC Ballroom

Tuesday, Feb. 10

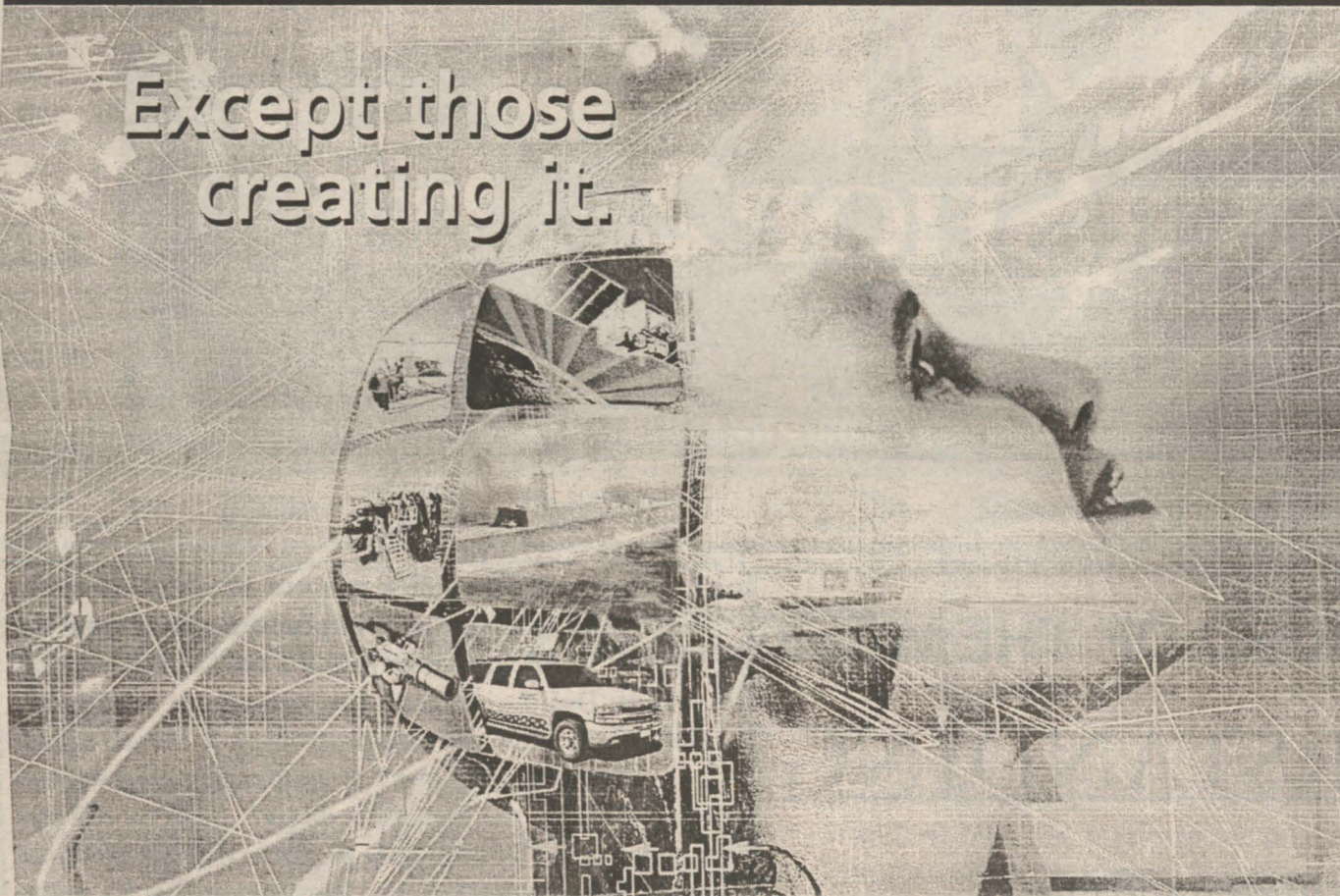
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