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Redmond wins presidency; vice presidency still undecided

By Christina Johnson Editor in Chief

Nigel Redmond, a senior management information systems major, from Dallas, Texas has been elected president of the Student Government Association president for the 2004-2005 academic year. Redmond defeated his opponent, Brian Rowland, a community development graduate student, by receiving 524 votes. Rowland obtained 231 votes.

The candidates for executive vice president were Tracie Calloway, Courtney Smith, and Eddie White. Calloway came in with 290 votes, Smith received 256 votes, and White obtained 217 votes. Sources close to the elections committee said that there would be a run off election be-



Photo by Kayla Barnett

Nigel Redmond (left) speaks at the presidential and vice presidential debates on Monday in the New Science Building. Redmond beat Brian Rowland (right) to lead the Student Government Association.

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Wilhelmina Delco, John Hope Franklin to visit Prairie View

Special to The Panther

Two leaders in education, Wilhelmina Delco and John Hope Franklin, will be on campus Wednesday, April 21st for the dedication of the Wilhelmina Fitzgerald Delco Collection. Prairie View A&M University will formally dedicate Mrs. Delco's collection on the fourth floor gallery of the John B. Coleman Library at 9 a.m.

Faculty, staff, students, and university officials will gather, along with the internationally known historian and scholar, John Hope Franklin, for the dedication. As part of the dedication ceremony, Delco and Franklin will both share reflections on their personal experiences in higher educa-

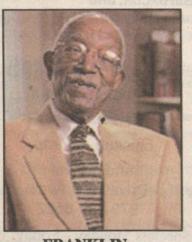
tion.

Delco, a former member of the Texas House of Representatives, was instrumental in opening up the Permanent University Fund's available resources for use by Prairie View A&M University in the 1980s

DELCO

when she served with the House Higher Education Committee.

Delco was also the first woman and the first African American to serve as Speaker Pro Tempore, the second highest position in the Texas House



FRANKLIN

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The university is particularly pleased to have Franklin participate in the dedication. The education leader and prolific author is credited with reshaping the way African American history is understood and taught. His landmark publication From Slavery to Freedom is now in its eighth edition and has been translated into five languages. Franklin has served on the faculties of several universities, including Howard University, Duke University and the University of Chicago.

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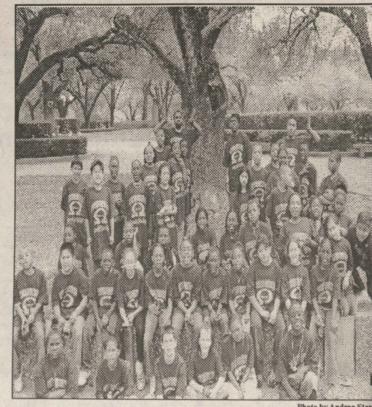
MIAMI_John Kerry, the presumed Democratic presidential nominee, holds a wide but not necessarily comfortable lead over President Bush among Hispanic voters nationwide, giving both sides room to maneuver within that critical constituency, according to a new poll.

Results of The Herald/Zogby International Hispanic Poll foreshadow an aggressive outreach effort by both campaigns as they seek to woo a coveted voting bloc that has the potential to tip key battleground states such as Florida, New Mexico and Arizona.

Texas Christian University upset over escort web ad

TEXAS_Like lawmen of the Old West, Texas Christian University officials last week gave an escort they say is posing as a school cheerleader 24 hours to get out of town, or in this case, remove her photo from the Internet.

"Gotta love the kids"



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity members pose with fourth graders from Jones Intermediate School for the annual "On the Yard with the Ques." President George Wright also participated in the event, which teaches kids the importance of college and staying in school.

The photo of "Sunny," dressed in cheerleader garb and lounging seductively on a TCU sign, remains on the escort service's Web site.

"We are disappointed that the university's image has been used in this manner," spokeswoman Tracy Syler-

Doctson said in a written statement. TCU attorneys have contacted the escort Web site and asked officials to re-

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tween Calloway and Smith because neither candidate obtained more than 50 percent of the total votes cast. A date has yet to be scheduled for the election.

Bryan Waters, who ran unopposed for vice president of research and development, won the position easily with 656 votes.

Redmond, 21, said he was blessed with this opportunity to serve the student body. "It was in God's plan for me to get this position," he said. "I've been an undergrad for four years and I've dealt with the problems of other students, such as financial aid, housing, and parking. I'm working for all of these improvements."

Redmond said, "One of the first things I want to do is implement housing for families, students with children. I also want to get a daycare started. These are major things I want to start on campus."

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CORRECTION

In last week's edition of *The Panther*, there were errors in the story, "CSO returns with exciting carnival." Thamar Wilson is president of the Council of Student Organizations and a member of Epsilon Gamma Iota.

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- BLDG #35 honored its 3.0-3.49 students with a Pizza party!
- BLDG #38 hosted Mr. Tracy Andrus who presented a seminar on Tolerance and Self-Control for the residents.
- BLDG #48 is holding a "Brother to Brother Seminar April 14th.
- BLDG #41 is conducting a "Sister to Sister" Seminar April 7th

Congratulations to the UC Self-Empowerment Organization for a great event. You make a positive difference!!

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Minority Association of Pre-Health Students holds second annual health conference

The Minority Association of Pre-Health Students held its second annual Health Conference and College Admissions Workshop, Saturday, April 3, in the New Science Building.

The conference was community about different ways to better their health," according to Shana Stoddard, organizer of the event. The Minority Association of Pre-

Prairie View A&M Uni-

versity College of Nursing will

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Hill St. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

explained why African optic nerve, which transmits Americans do not always get the best health care.

The event started with free eye tests from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. that was provided by Prevent Blindness Texas, a non-profit voluntary health organization that provides free eye screenings in the local communities for individuals "inform the who cannot afford quality

There was an eye test for individuals 35 years of age or older to check for glaucoma.

Glaucoma is a disease Health Students wanted to in which there is excess address the "discrepancies in pressure in the eyes that can adults aged 19 and older to the health system" that wear on the cells that form the address the health issues and College of Nursing to recruit in Brazos Valley

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visual information from the eyes to the brain. "Glaucoma is prevalent in African Americans," stated Janine Rhinehart, the contact person for Prevent Blindness Texas

cial aid, and scholarships. They eas of Texas. They also hope to

will also have academic advise- help alleviate the nursing

The future home of the Col-

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of Negro Women. There also were eye screenings for all individuals. If the acuteness of perception was 20/40, the person was referred to a doctor by Prevent Blindness Texas.

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After the eye exams, the conference was divided into two parts. One was for

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the other part was for teens organization that collects and aged 13 to 18 discussing the distributes organs all over admissions process and Texas. The session was exploring careers in health

1:10 p.m. to 2 p.m.

After that, came the session about the Living Bank Organ Donations, which was provided by Beta Beta Beta, the honor society for the biology department and Life Gift, a non-profit organ procurement

intended "to increase awareness on organ donation" There was a discussion because it is seen as a "shunned on "Minority Health, a subject," according to Lakiesha Community Concern" from Day, the leader of the session.

summer study in China

Press Release

View A&M University has been awarded a grant of \$64,000 for a five- week program of extensive academic study about life in

This latest award brings the total awards received from the Fulbright-Hays Group Abroad Project of the U.S. Department of Education to \$356,000.

The China award will be used to study life in that country from a historical and contemporary perspective.

from Prairie View A&M University, area high schools, and community colleges plan to explore when they embark on a summer trip that is being scheduled.

Workshops, visits to local museums and historical sites and sharing living experiences with Chinese families are also on the agenda for the group of about

Dr. Jianjue Chen of the History Department will lead the group to China.

He was instrumental in writing the grant proposal with full support from Dr. Walle Engedayehu, director of the CIAS and head of Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political

University receives \$64,000 for

The Center for nternational and Area Studies (CIAS) at Prairie China today and vesterday.

Geography, politics and economics are among a myriad of subjects educators 15 academic travelers.

PURPLE & GOLD POLL



What do you do to celebrate Easter?



Akua Zellner

Tophomore/Criminal Justice "For Easter I usually spend time with my family. We have a big dinner and go to church."



LaClent Sowells Junior/Music

"A play for the sunrise service and spend time with my fam-



David Harris Sophomore/Music Education

"Attend church service and eat dinner with some



Demetria Wormley Sophomore/Nursing

"Attend church and be with



Carietha Johnson Sophomore/Chemical Eng.

"For Easter I go to church and have dinner with my family."

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Performances at Texas Relays fulfill expectations

By Steven M. Kennedy Panther Staff

Austin, Texas was the place to be last weekend as the 77th Annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays got underway March 31 to April 3. Approximately 22, 000 fans crammed into Mike A. Myers Stadium on Saturday to witness various records on the high school, college, and professional level be broken right before their very eyes. The University of Texas lady longhorn's track team was the highlight of the day in front of their home crowd, on their

Houston native and former Westbury High School track star Raasin McIntosh who now is a senior hurdler for the University of Texas won the Most Outstanding Female Athlete title of the relays. McIntosh repeated as champion in the 400m. Hurdles with a time of (55.29), ran second leg on UT's 4x100 meter relay that finished second in the Olympic Qualifying event of the relays with a time of (43.58), and concluded an outstanding day by running the 2nd leg for UT's 4x400 meter relay that set a new NCAA, meet, and stadium record with a winning time of (3:23.75).

The University of Texas women weren't the only ones that were burning up the track on Saturday. Along with the lady longhorns the LSU men's track team also amazed the crowd with their performance in the Clyde Littlefield College men's 4x100 meter relay. LSU men's 4x100 meter relay featured 3 Houston natives in Kellie Willie (Sterling), Marvin Stevenson (Elsik) and Bennie Brazell (Westbury). Willie, Stevenson, Pete Coley, and Brazell who ran anchor leg for the tigers blew away the rest of the field clocking a blazing (38.93) to take the 4x100 meter relay title.

The LSU men's track team have won the last two national titles in the 4x100 meter relay and are looking to three-peat in June at the NCAA track and field championships. Along with the men the LSU women who feature national champion sprinter Muna Lee showed the crowd at Myers Stadium why they are regarded as one of the toughest in the nation to compete against. The LSU women won the 4x100 meter relay (43.34), with the quartet of Lolo Jones, Monique Hall, Nadia Davy, and Muna Lee. The Lady Tigers later returned

to the track to capture the 4x200 meter relay crown with a time of (1:30.42). Other standouts at the relays were sophomore sprinter Brendan Christian of the University of Texas who won the 100 meters with a time of (10.13) in the Olympic Qualifying event of the relays. Although the high

schools and colleges were large in numbers at the relays, there was no doubt that the most anticipated athletes were the members of the USA Olympic Track Team. On the men's side Olympians Maurice Greene, Jon Drummond, Larry Wade, Allen Johnson, Terrence Trammell, Bernard Williams, J.J Johnson, Jerome Young, Ato Boldon, and Charles Austin all competed at the relays. The team of Drummond, Williams, Darvis Patton, and J. J. Johnson won the 4x100 meter relay in the Olympic qualifying event of the relays with a time of (38.14, edging out Maurice Greene's team who ran a (38.30) that finished in

USA hurdler and former NCAA champion for Texas A&M Larry Wade won the 110-meter hurdles and set a new meet, and stadium record with a time of (13.13).

On the women's side the likes of Inger Miller, Chryste Gaines, Torri Edwards, Allyson Felix, and many other members of the USA team were witnessed at the relays. The team of Angela Daigle, Gaines, Miller, and Edwards won the women's 4x100 meter relay in the Olympic qualifying event of the relays with a time of (42.70) setting a new meet record.

Other award winners of the Texas Relays were

Bershawn Jackson (Most Outstanding Male Performer), University of Texas women (Most Outstanding Women's Team), and the Long Beach Wilson High School women (Most Outstanding High School Women's Team). Prairie View's own Lewis Edmonson who now runs professionally also competed at the relays in the 110-meter hurdles, and in the Olympic Qualifying 4x100 meter relay with the USA team.



The 4x100 relays were very competitive.

Lady Panthers' offense overwhelms Grambling

By Rodney Palmer

It seemed more like batting practice than a conference game, as the Lady Panther softball team took on the Lady Tigers of Grambling State this weekend in a lopsided back-to-back double

The Lady Panthers racked up run after run, including a deep shot to centerfield by junior shortstop Laura Quezaba in the bottom of the 2nd inning, putting the game out of reach hastily at 6-

The highlight of game one came in the bottom of the third inning, when junior second baseman Amanda Launer sent a monstrous three run home run over the leftfielder Rosaline Ash

and sophomore Kimberly Brooks played key roles with RBIs late in the game, helping PV close out game one, 14-

Jaime Cain pitched a stellar game two, allowing no hits and striking out five batters through four innings, before going on to complete the shutout. Appalling pitching by GSU freshman pitcher Kerri Luxton brought

the Lady Panthers up 5-0 in the

left field wall, putting the Lady smacked a colossal grand helped take over the reigns af-quickly retiring GSU's hitters. Panthers up 10-0. Junior slam, adding the exclamation ter the resignation of coach A deep centerfield rip by

Junior pitcher in three runs, placing

point to a 10-0 PV victory. "Consistency is the In the bottom half of key," said co-head coach the inning, Amanda Launer Raymond Burgess, who

first baseman Christina ing ahead 9-0. Reyes, and senior

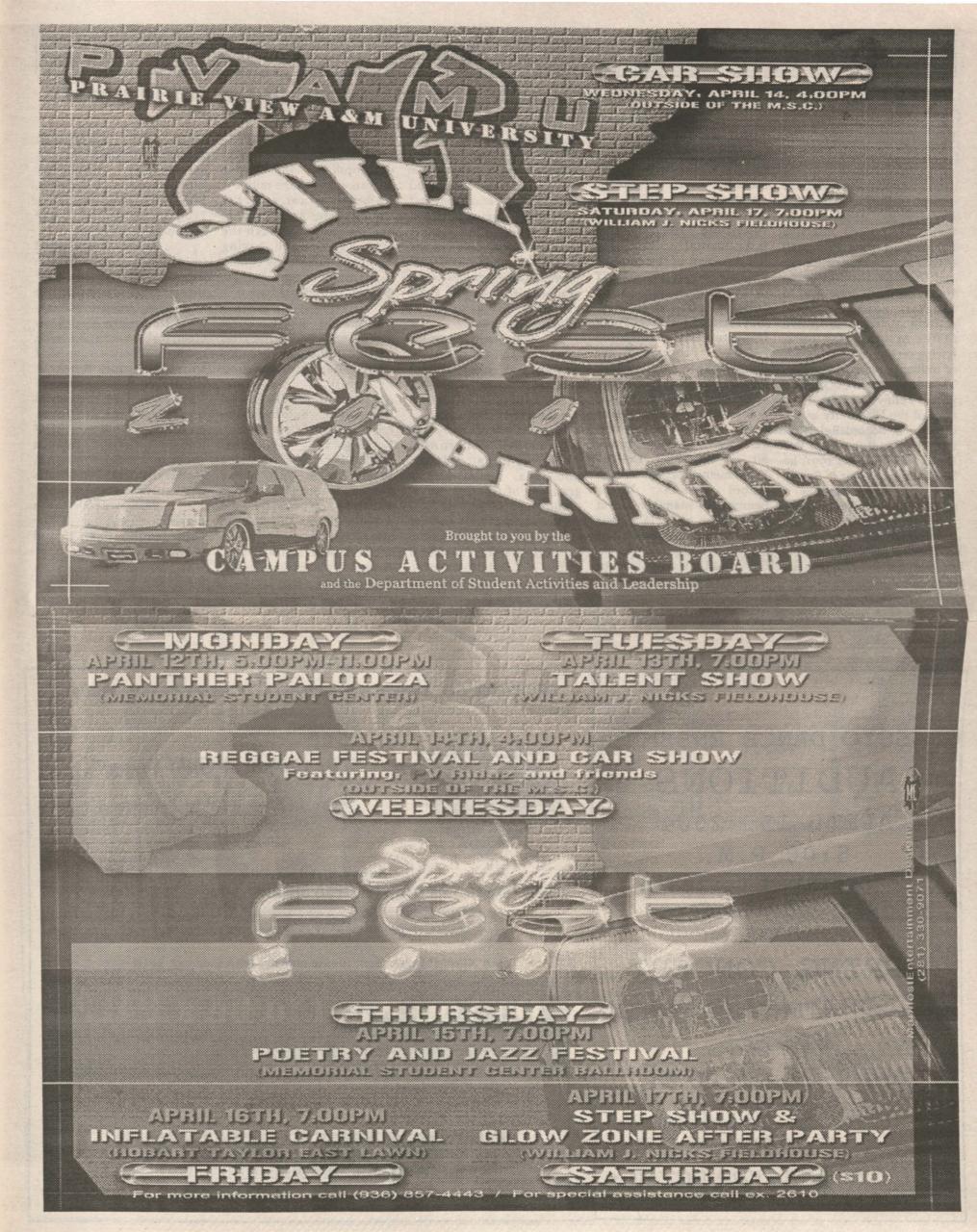
great example for our the SWAC tournament." team," said graduate asplaymaker and a great kid."

In game two, Cain con-doubleheader. tinued her impressive pitching,

A.D. James. "We have Launer brought in a quick run to work on being consis- and gave PV an early 1-0 lead. tent at competing and The Lady Panthers were streaking offensively, beginning with The Lady Panthers an RBI single by Rosaline Ash, dominated in a 9-3 win reeling in two runs. A deep fly in game one Sunday af- to right field by freshman outternoon. Significant fielder Nikki Lilly forced the RBIs by Launer, junior game to be called, with PV be-

"I was pleased with the centerfielder Kimberly way we were able to come to-Hayden late in the sixth gether, and our defense was inning ended the outstanding," said co-head chances of a GSU come- coach Alicia Pete. "If they can back. "Kimberly is a keep it up, we will be ready for

The Lady Panthers will sistant coach Carolyn return to the diamond to host Hutchings. "She's an amazing conference foe TSU April 16 and 17 for another back-to-back



Jay Pennywell retires from Prairie View as Director of Career Outreach

Special to the Panther

University, Johnson E. percent during the period Pennywell retired, effective 1984-1989. He was also February 29, 2004. Pennywell instrumental in the served as Director of Career improvement of the entering and Outreach Services at the students' average SAT and ACT University from June 1991 to scores state averages from February 2004. Upon his 1984 to 1989. In 1984 he retirement from the United implemented the Texas Youth States Army in May 1984, Opportunities Unlimited having served as the professor (YOU) Program for of military science at Prairie disadvantaged youth, which View A&M University for four served more than 2,000 high years, Pennywell joined the school students during the nine staff of the University as the director of School Relations and coordinator of the Pre Pennywell helped to centralize College Institute. In 1991, he all of the Pre- College became the director of Career Enrichment Programs for high and Outreach Services a school students. Under position he held for thirteen Pennywell's management of years. He also served as the the Career and Placement interim executive assistant to Center, the number of Prairie View A&M University's employers recruiting Prairie President Julius W. Becton in View A&M University students

After twenty years of included an increased years of the program at Prairie View A&M University.

Pennywell's than 600 over seven years. development, and strategic Team to strengthen significant achievements as Additionally, Pennywell served students to achieve their Asia and the Middle East. professional goals was

fulfillment for him. relations from George Fraternity, education from Southern A&M Employers, University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Naval

When asked what was his and progressed through the greatest achievement in the ranks of Colonel, having position, Pennywell said, that completed many tours of duty to Juanita Freeman of Muscle providing opportunities for the in the United States, Europe,

held membership in several Pennywell earned his professional, social and civic master of science degree in organizations including Phi public and international Delta Kappa Education Washington University, Association of College and Washington, D.C. and a Employers, Southwestern bachelor of science in biology Association of Colleges and National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, United Way Inc., and Life member of Alpha Command and General Staff Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and College and the U.S. Army War a Regional Area Director. He his new freedom to spend time College. His career spans more also served as a member of the with family, fishing and than forty years of professional White House Initiative for enjoying his "honey dos." administrative Historically Black Colleges and significantly increased to more experiences, organizational Universities (HBCU) Task

planning, budgeting and fund government and private sector director of School Relations as the principal investigator for development in higher employment, University two grants that supported education and in the military. representative to NAFEO, service to Prairie View A&M enrollment of thirty-one student co-op education and He began his career in the Black Executive Exchange pre-college science program. United States Army in 1962 Program sponsored by the National Urban League. Pennywell is married

> Shoals, Alabama; they have three sons- Rodney, an Pennywell holds or has engineering graduate of Texas A&M University, Darryl, an electrical engineering graduate of Prairie View A&M University, and Brock, a physical therapy graduate of University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas. and an adopted son MAJ Ronald Gilliam, a finance graduate of Prairie View A&M University. The Pennywells also have three grandchildren.

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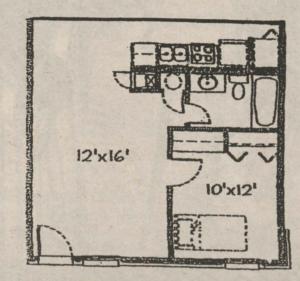
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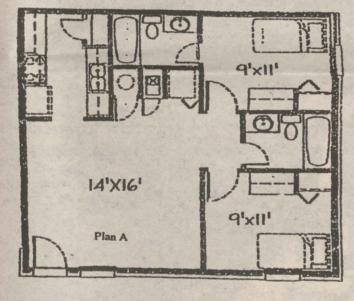
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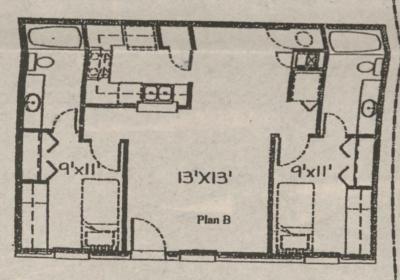
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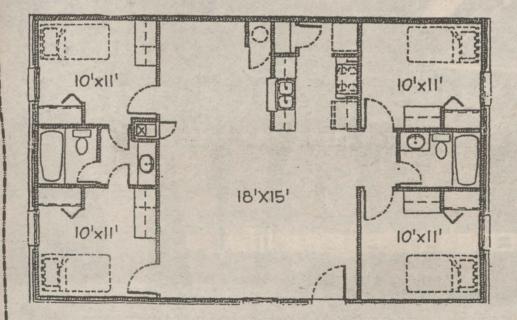
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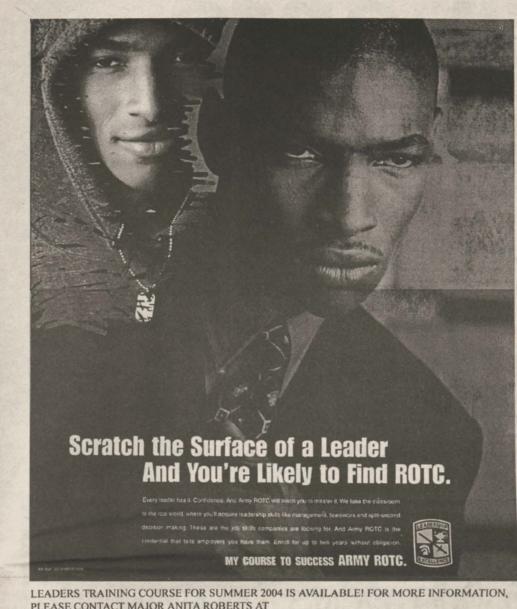




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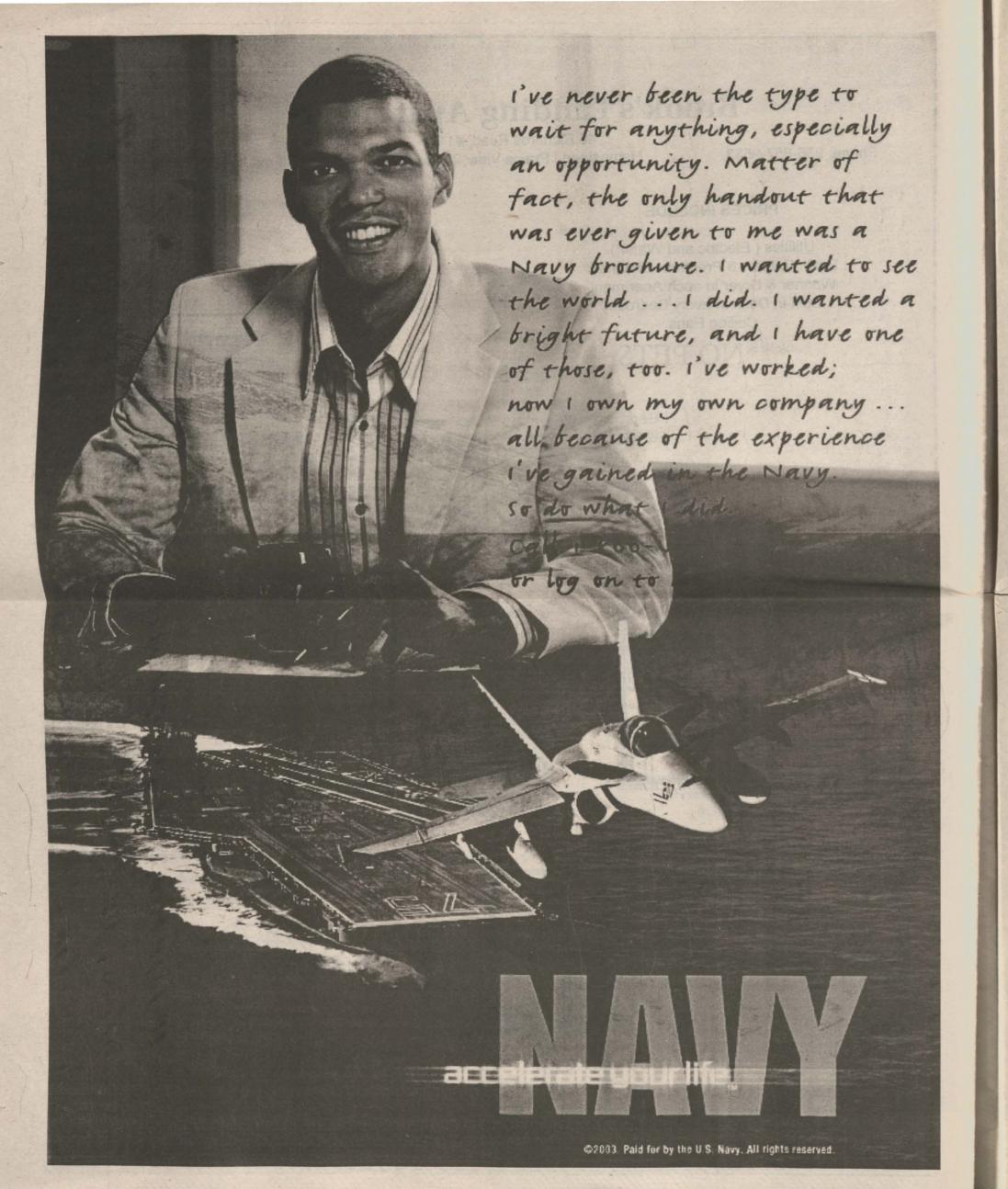
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1. Was SGRho extra crunk because they had more than four girls cross? 2. So is that why they thought they needed to diss the Deltas? 3. Who thought it was necessary for the Deltas to have a misunderstanding? 4. Wasn't that childish? 5. Who thinks the SGRhos threw up the dynasty sign? 6. Who was happy to see Gamma Phi Delta after all that drama? 7. Is the student election another Bush vs. Gore scandal? 8. Who's happy the Q Dogs gained weight? 9. Maybe they've been taking vitamin Q? 10. Does Brian have the Florida vote? 11. Who's voting for the cuter candidate? 12. Are Iotas becoming an endangered species? 13. What's up with the internet cafe that doesn't allow food and drinks? 14. Why didn't the Kappa Kittens probate? 15. Did anyone show up at the interest meeting? 16. When is the international line in the cafeteria going to become international? 17. Did we ever vote for the new constitution? 18. Who's rollin in the mis-matched, gold-rimmer, 1960s Impala with stuffed animals in the backseat? 19. Who's happy that McDonald's finally started taking credit cards? 20. What do you think?

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