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# Campus undergoes changes to welcome upgrades

By Jo-Carolyn Goode Panther Staff

Many returning students had a hard time locating KFC, Taco Bell and the Panther Mart because they are no longer in the MSC which is scheduled to be redent Charles Hines first introduced the blueprints of a new students center, which some thought would be a long time

Surprisingly, the University has taken several positive steps toward construction of the new student center in-

Drew Hall will now house the Office of Student Activities and Auxiliary Services. The Office of Student Publications which publishes The Panther and Pantherland will also move to Drew Hall along with the Student Government Association's offices.

While Alumni Hall will continue to be the central dining point, it has been enhanced by the addition of

In the past, Farrell Hall was only used by students for its computer center and laundry facilities. Now its also the place of business for vending machines and other conveniences. The ATM, stamp and calling card machines from the MSC have been placed in Farrell Hall, and the convenience store, also known as Panther Mart, has been remodeled and has its own area behind the game room.

Future planning for

the Panther Mart involves expanding its selections to include the sale of fruit bowls and deli style items.

Despite all of the changes and moving around, the University Exchange Bookstore will remain in its present space but students will now have to enter from the outside instead of using the inside hallway.

Some relocations will remain permanent and others may be duplicated in the new student cen-

Other additions to enhance the campus of Prairie View include the

University College, an all freshmen housing complex which opened this fall.

The complex is managed by American Campus Communities, the same company that manages University Vil-



Students sit in front of Alumni Hall, now the center of all campus dining services.

lage and University Village North.

So what should PV expect for the new student center?

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University College is one of PVAMU's newest additions.

built starting in Fall 2000.

Students may remember the day when Presi-

cluding relocating all of the stores and offices in the building to various places on cam-

# Panther success still hard to catch

## PVAMU loses in Dorsey's debut, classic

By Ryan McGinty Sports Editor

The Panther football team opened the Larry Dorsey era with a 42-0 loss at the hands of Texas Southern last Saturday at the 16th annual Labor Day Classic.

The game marked the unveiling of new passing offenses by the Panthers.

However, the problems that plagued the Panthers of the past still loomed. plete six passes in 23 attempts Marcus Ballard and for 133 yards.

The TSU defense. which had 10 sacks, overwhelmed the Panthers offensive line and forced Foster to run more than he should.

The Panthers struggled in all aspects of the game.

They fumbled two punts, one which led to a safety, and failed to take advantage of their field position.

> Junior receivers

Deontay Wilson, the bright spots of the Panther offense. put the Panthers in scoring position with huge gains but the team could not capitalize on it.

"We felt like special teams was going to be a big question mark for us, Dorsey said. "We didn't get a chance to do a lot of work on our special teams. We snapped the ball over the heads, but that's part of the

A pleasant surprise was senior running back DeMelvin Kelley. Kelly, who rushed for 25 yards, broke for several long runs and took some pressure off of the passing game.

Defensively, the Panthers struggled to contain TSU quarterback Adam Lamb.

Lamb passed for 262 yards, rushed for three touchdowns and passed for one. The Panthers were forced to play a lot of newcomers due to the loss of 30 lettermen. Dorsey hopes they learned from this experience.

"It was a tough night," Dorsey said. "We played a lot of freshmen. We had a chance to evaluate them. This is behind us. It's history."

The Panthers return to the Astrodome this weekend to face McNeese State. The Cowboys lost 61-10 to University of Miami last week.

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# Calendar of events

8 Friday Pick up your copy of The Panther

9-10Sat./Sun. Panthers vs. McNeese St., Astrodome-Houston, 7pm

11 Monday Houston Ballet's "Without Words", "The Miraculous Mandarin" and a work by choreographer Stanton Welch, Wortham Center

12Tuesday Panther Meeting - 5:30pm Dave Matthews Band - Cynthia Woods Pavilion, 7pm

**3**Wednesday Census Date (12th Class Day)

14Thursday Houston Ballet's "Without Words", "The Miraculous Mandarin" and a work by choreographer Stanton Welch, Wortham Center



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# Welcome back to the new and improved PVAMU



By Sheleah Hughes Editor-in-Chief

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the students, inform the bring you 20 questions The College of Arts and transferred to the launpresident's new address. plete.

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lege officially opened to we find the news, you'll freshmen. The ATM was be the first to know. We hope The students, and every- and stories that inter- Sciences has a new dean dry mat and some classes Panther will be an imthing else that YOU, the est you. But we WILL and the new science were relocated. But provement that will students, want us to NOT disclose the building is nearly com- those minor changes please you like the rest weren't so bad, right? of PV.

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#### **Alumnus moves** into management

Prairie View A&M University alumnus, Lawyer through endless hours of C. Jolley was recently named Plant Manager of the Phillips Petroleum company's Philtex-Ryton Plant in Borger, Texas.

Jolley has served as an employee for Phillips since 1979 when he started as a maintenance engineer at the company's Houston Chemical Complex.

He has fulfilled many engineering roles including design engineer, and has also served as an Engineering and Maintenance Superintendent.

Since working for the Phillips Petroleum Company, Jolley has twice been awarded the Distinguished Community Service Award.

Jolley received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

While at PVAMU, he was a member of the Tau Beta Pi Honor Society.

#### NASA offers scholarship

The NASA Center for Applied Radiation Research (CARR) is offering scholarships for students majoring in the following: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science. Computer Engineering Technology, and Electrical Engineering Technology.

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# CAREER FOCUS Summer internships offer life experience

April Russell Panther Staff

Though knowlegde may seem to be gained through textbooks and examinations, work knew what I did."

Seniors Jamie Fowler and Cedric Carpenter really help students engage in real job experience to put their knowledge to the "hands-on" test.

This summer senior Information Systems major Jamie Fowler, interned at Marathon Oil Company in field, there are other Houston, Texas.

Fowler agrees that involving the actual application of textbook lessons and lectures enhances a student's acuity during internships and co-ops.

During his internship at Marathon Oil Company, Fowler tested and evaluated a wireless and local network based on previous course work

happened at one of the about that particular field," business meetings that we Carpenter said. had." Fowler said.

me, in dead silence, and information asked me What is it that you do?' I was shocked because I thought he

Fowler said that summer jobs can in more than just providing experience.

Although Fowler's experience put valuable insight into his chosen career perspectives

internships senior Communication and him the physical energy that Information Systems major, he expected as a engineer. The learned that the line of work job required developing, to five years of experience, he wanted to do was not at all what he imagined it to be.

"Internships are very important in selecting jobs because you get to market "A funny thing yourself and find out more

Carpenter's co-op in

managers were just sitting Laboratories, Inc. changed his internships at different around and my boss looked at view of the job arena as a places, just to "test the waters

> "Internships are very important in selecting jobs, because you get to market yourself and find out more about that particular field "

> > -Cedric Carpenter

summer professional.

Cedric Carpenter, a creative engineer did not allow help maintaining and updating Microsoft applications.

"I was bored, but my co-workers made it a lot better," Carpenter said. "I was a little prepared when I got and there, but the employees tremendous difference when trained me."

Carpenter advises job," said Fowler.

"All the interns and the Fort Worth, Texas at Alcon students to do many different systems of a broad spectrum."

Fowler seems to believe that internships prove that a student is really interested in that field.

Carpenter disagrees that every job is not for everyone when dealing with a field that has several different career and design

options. Carpenter's work as a agree that summer work can students

Most jobs require four and being a college student, it is important to gain as much training in the field as

"Summer internships co-ops make a the time comes to apply for a

#### MSC from page 1

Thenew studentcenter will be a threestory building with many more luxuries.

MSC manager Silas Collins said the first and second floors will be packed with entertainment.

Students can view films in a movie theater which will be equipped to seat 850 students in theater style

The ATM, bookstore. and convenience store will also be placed on these floors along with a student lounge and student computer center.

The new ballroom will hold 879 students seated in chairs and for affairs that require tables and chairs, 600 students can be well accommodated. Aportable stage and special lighting will also be available.

With the opening of the new student center, Alumni Hall will be destroyed and all dining of any kind will be found in the center.

Collins said construction of the new building is scheduled to begin on Sep. 14. 2000 with an expected completion date of December 2001.

# Cheerleaders excel in summer camp Panthers place third in 2000 NCAC competition

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By Donald Kegler Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M University cheerleaders exhibited the spirit to win this summer at the National Cheerleaders Association Collegiate Camp held from July 28-30 at Southern Methodist University.

Placing third in the All-Girl Cheer and Dance competition, PVAMU cheerleaders received the "Most Spirited Award" along with several other honors.

mance qualified it for an upcoming competition in

The purpose of the camp was to provide instruc- Brown, Bethany Norwood,



Cheerleaders taking a break while at summer camp.

tion concerning National Col- Nella Mupier, Shannon rules, cheering routines, Brandie Henson, Tamika achievement in dance perfor- stunts and proper timing Bradshaw, Gia Arrington,

The members competing were cheerleaders Brandi Shaw, Renelda were Cherbrale Hickman,

lege Cheerleading Association Manous, Victoria Catchings, Courtney Wallace and Clarestes Scott.

Other participants See Cheer on page 7

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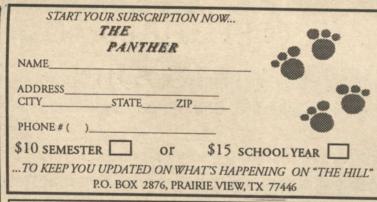
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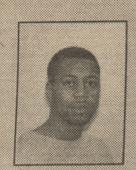
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# Panther football has potential with support



By Ryan McGinty

New head football coach Larry Dorsey said it would take time to build a winner at Prairie View. He has fielded winning teams at Mississippi Valley, but will be have the time and commitment to do so at Prairie View?

The difference between Valley and Prairie View was the scholarship situation. Dorsey has had the luxury of coaching NFL caliber athletes during his Valley tenure and they attributed to the program's turnaround.

The Valley administration allocated Dorsey the resources to find the players and he proceeded. Again I ask you, will the PVU administration do the same?

I am not going to sit and whine about the scholarship situation. It has become old news and now I am going to let the results on the field do the talking.

Including last weekend's loss, Prairie View has lost 11 consecutive Labor Day Classics.

However, the 2000 football team shows some prom ise. Albeit, they lost big last weekend, they played hard and displayed more athleticism than they have in previous years.

The offense, which was expected to carry the team in 2000, lived up to its expectation.

Although no points were scored, the team did manage several big plays and displayed a rushing attack that was sorely missed the last few years.

Defensively, the Panthers struggled but that was expected due to the loss of several top players.

As a result, Dorsey is forced to throw his 2000 freshmen into the fire right away. Even though mistakes will be made, this class looks pretty good.

After reviewing the game tape, freshmen Paul Rhodes, Reggie Robinson, Allyson Sheffield and Chris Thomas stood out despite the game's outcome.

Dorsey has his work cut out for him in 2000. With the schedule he has to endure this season, he will probably wonder what has he done to receive this kind of treatment.

The Panthers next opponent, McNeese State, lost 61-14 to national powerhouse Miami U. last weekend and will be in town with the intent to kill.

Again I ask, will the administration see the potential and try to capitalize on it or will Dorsey face the same problems his predecessors endured?

#### Cheer from page 5

Elvis Efamba, Josh Clay, Andre Sherman, L' Juan Hale, Jerek Banks and Derrick Griffin.

Ms. Pamela Thomas, sponsor of the PVAMU squad, said she motivates the members of the cheerleading

team by spending time and awarding them for their positive achievements.

As the fall semester gets underway, PV can look forward to seeing the prize winning cheerleaders rock the field to get the crowd pumped up for the forthcoming season.

Classic from page 1

"It was a tough night," Dorsey said. "We played a lot of freshmen. We had a chance to evaluate them. This is behind us. It's history."

The Panthers return to the Astrodome this weekend to face Southland Conference member McNeese State.

The Cowboys (0-1), are coming off of a 61-14 defeat to the nationally ranked time defending champion of canes last week.

The Southland conference already holds a 2-0 lead over SWAC teams this

Last weekend, nationally ranked Troy State (1-0) defeated Alabama A&M (0-1) in the season opener for

University of Miami Hurri- the SWAC, Southern University (0-1), was upset by the Demons of Northwestern

SWAC games that will have an impact on the conference standings this weekend include TSU at Jackson State and Southern at Arkansas-Pine Buff.

BET will air the In addition, the three UAPB and SU contest live.



# Bring It

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### Cheerleading movie brings laughs, action

Bring It On, starring megaphone yelling, Kirsten Durst, Gabrielle spirit stick squad Union and the members of they can be. She bethe singing trio Blaque, is about two rival cheerleading squads trying to make their if they watch swing way to the top of the pyramid.

Toros and the East Compton even country and Clovers will duke it out to the western line dancend to prove they are the best ing. Her team does ! squad in the nation. Torrance, eventually recover played by Durst, is the captain of the Toros and plots to figure out a way to bring her by Gabrielle Union, team to victory after they are terribly humiliated at the state competition.

They are offered a enough issues of her chance to redeem themselves own. Afterher squad at nationals because they are the reigning champions for an opportunity to at- Isis (Gabrielle Union) at competition. five consecutive years. She feels that it is very necessary find out they do not

Torrance and Isis meet up at the national championship.

lieves her team will become even better dancing tapes, kick The Rancho Carne boxing exercises, and from their bad break. Isis, played

> portrays the captain of the East Compton Clovers. She has finds out they have tend nationals, they

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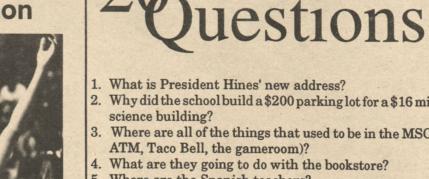


solved when they write a letter to a talk show host who was born and raised in East Compton. The talk show host gives them the money to fund their trip and they are on their way to the big league to compete for the title of the number one squad in the nation.

The end of the movie, will remain a secret but the film is highly recommended for a good laugh. Let's just say the winners Bring It

> By Tiffany Walker Panther Staff





What is President Hines' new address?

Why did the school build a \$200 parking lot for a \$16 million science building?

Where are all of the things that used to be in the MSC (i.e ATM, Taco Bell, the gameroom)?

What are they going to do with the bookstore?

Where are the Spanish teachers?

Did you know you can use your points at the new store in

Is it just me or is it getting hotter when it should be getting

And why are we all so happy when the temperature is at least under 100 degrees?

How many of you wised up and moved off campus?

10. Does it really matter if you turn in your financial aid on 1. How many of you still haven't seen Kings of Comedy?

12. If no one stayed in Phase I and II this summer, why does

it still look like that? 13. Isn't the object of football to score a touchdown?

14. Why are the rooms in University College the size of

15. Exactly what song was the TSU band trying to play at the

16. What drunk ran into the security gate by the flag poles? 17. Why did all of the businesses by 3 Panthers close down?

18. How can you condemn Drew Hall and then open it back up

for use as office space? 19. Wasn't the new science building supposed to be open by the start of this semester?

20. What do you think?

We want to know what you think. Please submit any questions you may have to The Panther, Suite 23 Drew Hall. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

#### "JUST CHILLIN" by: Quincy Higgins









# Clubs, activities dure fleshmen homesickness

Christy Thorton
Panther Staff

Many students who have been here at PV for a while can remember being dropped off by their parents and waving good-bye.

Before leaving home they were so excited that finally they could do what they wanted to do and would not have to hear their nagging parents saying, "do this...", "be in by 11p.m.," or "clean your room."

Every limitation at home was now gone and the time had finally come to roam freely like an "adult."

A day or so passed and for some reason your parents voices began to ring in your head and that is when homesickness set in.

This is the most common sickness among freshmen students.

It is caused by suddenly being separated from everything and everyone you are familiar with including a zillion rules.

Luckily, this condition is only temporary for most freshman.

It tends to last longer for those who hook up with the wrong people who are the same people your parents warned you about before coming to college, but you insisted on proving that you were grown.

One common factor that many freshmen girls run into is meeting an upperclassman "man" who's eager to show her what college is all about.

These girls tend to feel that this is now a cool trend and are willing to proceed with whatever may come their way through this male, because they have a mindset that everyone will think they are cool.

No, I'm not intending to bash upperclass males, but they do know that these freshmen girls are vulnerable, and they are also 'fresh meat'.

The only advice I have for young girls is to stay safe and beware.

The fear of having no friends, not fitting in, or being alone are the usual fears of newcomers, but there are many ways to meet people on campus who display your interests.

One way is to join one of the many clubs and activities.

Organizations such as The Panther, Student Activities, technical clubs and even Christian organizations are ways to get involved to take your mind off the many struggles of school.

The more involved you

are, the more people you meet and the less likely you will be sitting in your room thinking about how you wish you were at home.

College is a much needed experience that will change you into a real adult.

It teaches you how to be responsibe, time-management skills, the importance of getting along with others and the importance of valuing the things you have.

Prairie View is known for its family -like environment

Instructors treat students like adult, but are there if you need someone to talk to.

Everyday you see exchanges of hugs and friendly greetings, and most people are willing to assist those in need.

In the overall picture, finding friends on campus should be the least of anyone's concerns.

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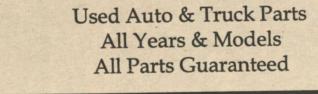
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