

# Briefs and Reviews

## For Your Information

### Summer school scheduled

It's official. Summer school has been scheduled from May 23-June 30. Tuition is \$165 per credit hour. For more information contact the registrar's office.

### Time to go home

All students except graduating seniors are urged to exit dorms 24 hours after their last exam. Dorms will close for seniors participating in commencement at noon May 21.

### Tuition to increase

The Board of Trustees has approved a three percent increase for the 1995-96 tuition. Other fees, including room, and board were also increased. The tuition increase will be used to upgrade and strengthen the faculty and academic programs.

### African American Essay contest offered

The Association for the Study of African-American Life and History is offering its sixth annual essay contest. The purpose of the contest is to encourage student research and writing on Black life, history, and culture. Any undergraduate student may qualify. Three winners will be awarded \$500 cash prizes and invited to the ASALH annual meeting in October. Deadline for completed papers is May 15. Entries should be sent to: ASALH Essay Contest, 1407 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005.

## This month in Black Herstory

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Banner Chief Copy Editor

**2-1806** Lelia Walker was a great philanthropist, civic worker and humanitarian. She was born in Tchula, Miss.

**5-1950** Gwendolyn Brooks wins Pulitzer Prize in poetry for "Annie Allen."

**10-1944** Judith Jamison was born in Philadelphia. She is one of the most dedicated artists in the field of dance. "I dance basically for myself because I love doing it," she said in an interview for *Essence* magazine. "It's my best form of communication."

**18-1955** Mary Mcleod Bethune, educator, dies.

**19-1930** Lorraine Hansberry was born on Chicago's South Side. She is remembered as one of the most important black American writers of the century. She was one of the sharpest observers and most brilliant intellects, talented theater artists, of her time. Hansberry was also an activist.

**21-1906** Kay Stewart Flippin was born Harriet Catherine Stewart. She was known for her work in atypical and early child-

hood education and as a socialite.

**22-1942** Marguerite Ross Barnett was born in Charlottesville, Va. She became the first black and the first woman chief administrator of the flagship of the four-campus Houston system, when she was appointed president of the University of Houston in 1990.

**24-1940** Mary Hatwood Futrell was born in Alta Vista, Va. She is an educator, political activist, reformer, and an organization leader. Futrell is a 20-year-veteran classroom teacher of business education in Alexander, Va. She moved through the ranks in the NEA to become president of the 1.9 million-member organizations and was twice reelected, serving an unprecedented third term. She is regarded as a tireless educator who has spent almost all her adult professional life providing and attempting to assure quality education for the youngsters in the nation's schools.

**24-1966** Leontyne Price opens Metropolitan Opera season.

**29-1965** Vivian Malone is first black to graduate from University of Alabama.

### Critic's Corner

## 'Panther' is excellent

Tamu Johnson  
Banner Reporter

The recently released film *Panther* provides a compelling tale about the organized group of militant African Americans called the Black Panthers.

The film depicts how the Panthers, founded in Oakland, California, promoted the use of guns and violence to protect themselves against what they thought was unjust treatment by the U.S. government in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

The film also shows how government officials used various tactics — including infesting the

black community with drugs — to stop the growing influence of the Panthers.

### Movie Review

*Panther* presents very powerful message. Unfortunately former Panther leaders Eldridge Cleaver and Bobby Seals don't agree with the film's producer Mario Van Peebles' interpretation of their organization and its activities.

According to an interview published in the *News & Record*, Cleaver and Seals said that the movie focused too much on the violent aspects of the group and

failed to show the positive activities such as providing meals for school children. The Panthers were militant, but they did want what was best for black communities.

Despite this controversy other criticisms *Panther* is indeed an excellent movie. I encourage everyone to see it and do some research about the Black Panthers.

The film's all-star cast includes Kadeem Hardison, Courtney Vance, Marcus Chong, Rapper Nefertiti, Jo Don Baker, Tyrin Turner James Russo, and M. Walsh Emmet.

## 'Friday' offers laughs, lessons

Sherry Jones  
Guest Reviewer

A lot can happen in one day, especially on the weekend. The outrageously funny new comedy, *Friday* brings to the screen the story of a relaxing day turned chaotic, with a moral lesson learned.

Craig, played by Ice Cube, is the serious, 22 year-old who likes to do two things: watch the pretty girl across the street and chill with his friend Smokey. He has just lost his job and has nothing better to do. Besides, he has no money.

Smokey, on the other hand, is a wisecracking hustler, played by Chris Tucker, who makes his

money by selling weed for the neighborhood drug dealer. His only problem is he's smoking the profits.

What starts out as a relaxing day of sitting on the porch, smoking weed and dodging the neighborhood bully, turns into an evening of chaos when the dealer finds out what Smokey is doing.

There is one major problem. Smokey gets Craig involved in the situation. The result is a threat to their lives and one Friday they'll never forget.

### Movie Review

In a desperate attempt to protect himself and Smokey, Craig grabs

his gun. But before he can do anything stupid, his father teaches him an important lesson about a less violent and life saving form of self defense.

The moral lesson in *Friday* teaches us that there are better ways to handle situations such as Craig and Smokey's. But the fact remains that if Smokey hadn't been involved in an illegal act, maybe there wouldn't have been any trouble.

Ice Cube said in an interview on BET's *Screen Scene* that he wanted to show a lighter side to the hood. Based on its comedy, *Friday* is a lighter side indeed. But where there is an illegal act, there is trouble.

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