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SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR PHILANDER COMMENCEMENT

Dr. Myer L. Titus, President of Philander Smith College, has announced that Philander Smith College will hold its 117th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 14, 1994. The largest class in a quarter-century, approximately 150 students, will receive the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. The day will begin with an 8:00 AM Senior Breakfast in the College Cafeteria. The Breakfast will be followed by the Baccalaureate Service at Wesley Chapel, 11th and State, at 10:45 AM, and the Commencement Exercises on the South Mall of the College's Administration Building at 6:00 PM. The Baccalaureate Service and Commencement Exercises are free and open to the public. the nationally-known Philander Smith College "Collegiate" Choir, under the direction of Dr. William Powell, will perform at all three events.

The speaker at the Baccalaureate Service will be Dr. Jonathan D. Keaton, who currently serves the United Methodist Church as Superintendent for the Aurora District of the Northern Illinois Conference. He has served as Pastor at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Chicago, and Broadway United Methodist Church, Rockford. A 1968 graduate of Philander Smith College, Keaton holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, and a Master's in Divinity and Doctorate of Sacred Theology from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. While at Garrett, he received graduate and teaching assistantships in Communications, Ethics and Society, and the Black Experience, and was twice awarded the Crusade Scholarship, in 1976-77 and 77-78.

Dr. Jon Michael Spencer will speak at the Commencement Exercises. An Associate Professor for the Curriculum in African and Afro-American Studies at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, Dr. Spencer holds a Bachelor's in Music from Hampton University, a Master of Arts and Ph.D. in Music Composition from Washington University, St. Louis, and a Master of Theological Studies from the Divinity School at Duke University. He has also taught at Bowling Green State University, Duke University, and North Carolina Central University. Dr. Spencer has six published books and eight monographs dealing principally with the relationship between African American music and worship. He is currently at work on three books dealing with similar topics.



**Student Newspaper Editor
Graduates**

This year the publication staff of the Panther regretfully announce that we will be losing our right hand person to the "real world", Miss Regina Gibson.

Miss. Regina "Regee" Gibson of Seaside, California is the daughter of Mr. Ralph and Mrs. Archie Gibson. She is a 1989 graduate of Monterey High School , majoring in Business Administration here at Philander. Her Hobbies included laughing and hanging out with her sahabs, and shooting pool in the PSC retreat.

Regee was sent to Philander by the way of Ms. Rachel Whitfield, her business teacher while attending Monterey, who also graduated from Philander Smith College. She felt that this would be the best place for Regina. She was right. While at Philander Regina held the position of Editor for The Panther Newspaper.

Regina recalls her first break with the Panther Newspaper, "My first break through into publication was my Freshman year when I wrote, 'A Special Place to Be?', under the alias of Medina Ifrage. From there I worked my way to the position of Editor of The Panther, and eventually a scholarship. Thanks Dean Lane."

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NEWS

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Besides small rebuttals to articles, Regina had no previous experience with publication. As you watch Regina work with the newspaper you would think she was born to be a journalist.

Regina is not leaving Philander with her hands in her pocket. She will be entering the Dallas Institute of Funeral Services in the fall. She is taking with her the goals of owning and operating her own chain of funeral homes on the west coast, and in Mexico. She would like to leave out with this message:

"In efforts to entertain the student body of Philander Smith College, I took upon a position of Editor of The Panther to do so. During my tenure I've had some articles that didn't sit well, Fashion Criminals, Orchids & Onions. As my editing days are over let me let you in on a secret. I only did it to make you READ!(laugh)

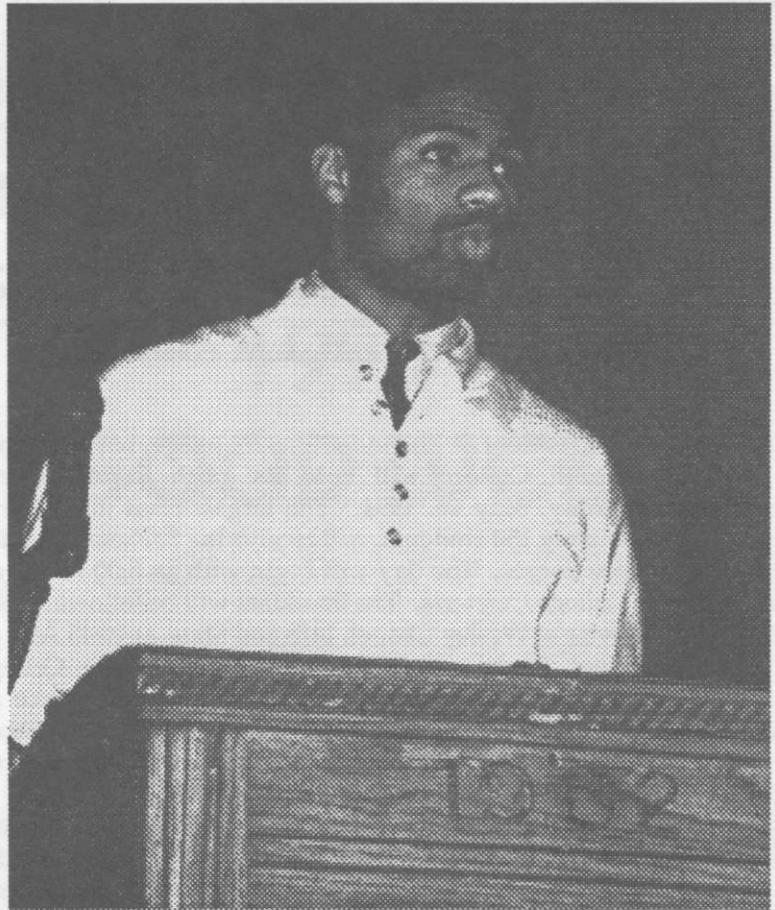
Peace love, and strength to the remaining Seaside Posse, and everyone else striving for higher education. For my Sahabs, always take time to put it in the air!"

Miss Regina "Regee" Gibson
Class of 1994

The publications staff along with our advisor Dean Vernon K. Lane wishes Regina all the luck in the world. We want her to know that we are going to miss her and we will always cherish her great works. Thank you for all your hard work, we could not have done it without you. We would also like to encourage you to forever put God first and keep in mind that all things are possible through him.

Love Always

The Student Publications Staff.



McNeal To Represent Graduates at Commencement

Graduating senior and Senior Class President, Jerrold McNeal will represent his fellow graduates in making his comments at this year's annual commencement ceremony. McNeal a Business major from Kansas City will speak on behalf of the graduating class during the 117th Commencement. Jerrold a former U.S. Marine, is the ideal person to recall his experiences while at PSC. He has been a member and captain of the basketball team, President of the Student Government Association, President of Beta Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and served a summer as a Whitehouse Intern.

Work and graduate school are among Jerrold's goals after departing PSC. He's been very involved and a positive influence while at Philander. We'll miss Jerrold and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

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NEWS

PSC
WE MADE
IT
IN
94!



TO THE GRADUATES

As you are about to cross the threshold of training to the theater of opportunity, first and foremost, carry with you the admonition of St. Paul's teaching, that, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13). This admonition is well-worth your pondering.

As you face life, you will be confronted with problems that you least expect. You will be called upon to solve these problems and make your imprint in the Sands of Time.

You have come upon the path that you now must take and we encourage you with our Love, Patience and Understanding.

Continue your quest in righting the evils and the wrong that we face today. Never fear to challenge the problems at hand. You will overcome them and they will be your springboard to personal achievement.

Your adult life is just beginning and you can and will make it what you want it to be.

Trust in God, first!

Never forget the instructors at Philander who have given you nurturing and guidance through your educational years. Their leadership, kindness and love has given you impetus through these formulative years of your life.

Again, to all of you, please accept my heartiest congratulations and may GOD BLESS YOU!

Sincerely,

Dr. Alphonse Robinson
Class of 1939

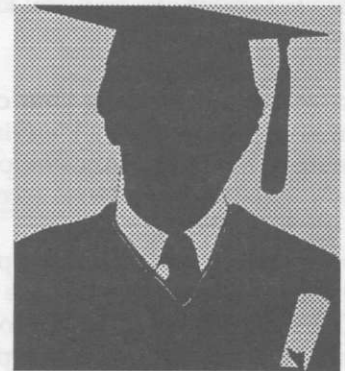
GRADUATING SENIOR REMEMBERS PSC

JOHN HENRY FORD

Major: Business Administration.

"During my years at Philander I served as Vice-President for the Phi Beta Lambda, Rho Alpha Chapter, Business Fraternity' member of Alpha Kappa Mu Honors Society, Parliamentarian for the Class of 94' and a respectable man who developed professionalism within the Division of Business.

Many thanks to my peers, instructors, and especially my beloved mother who was always there when I needed her."



Going to Summer School?

Did you know the Dorms will be open for Summer Session I?
Space is limited because of other programs, but you can reserve your room if you act now. What are you waiting for? Hurry!!!

FEATURES

Student Loan Repayment Guidelines for Seniors

Washington, D.C., April 29, 1994 -- If you borrowed money to help finance your education, you should start planning now for your first student loan payment, which typically comes six months after graduation.

"Many students don't think about repaying their loans during school, but it's important to remember that the money you borrow comes due shortly after graduation," says Allison Smythe, academic services representative at Sallie Mae. "Try to put some money aside each month to cover your payments."

Towards the end of your senior year, to help you understand your repayment responsibilities and the repayment options available to you, you will be required to attend an exit interview with (school name's) financial aid adviser. Before you graduate, your lender will provide you with a disclosure statement outlining the amount you owe each month and your total principal and interest payment over the term of your loan(s). Read this document carefully. You don't want any surprises.

"Be sure to keep all loan documents you receive in one place -- especially the disclosure statement, which gives you all the information about the terms of your loan," notes Smythe. "And, notify your lender regarding any changes in your address or if your name changes. It is up to you to let your lender know your whereabouts, so you won't get behind in your payments."

Many lenders sell their student loans to secondary markets, such as Sallie Mae, before students graduate. The lenders do this to free up cash, which enables them to make more student loans. If your loan is sold, don't worry: your terms remain the same and, additionally, you may be able to benefit from an expanded array of repayment options.

About one in three loans is sold to Sallie Mae, the nation's largest holder and servicer of student loans. If your loan is one of them, you will receive a letter from Sallie Mae and a "Select Your Terms" guide, which provides an outline of all of the repayment options available to you to help you compare the plans and determine which one is right for you.

Your lender or loan holder may offer you a number of repayment options upon graduation, including automatic payment deduction from a checking or savings account, a graduated repayment plan, and loan consolidation. All of these programs can help you keep on top of your student loan payments, which will ensure that your credit history remain good.

One incentive to keeping your credit record unblemished is the Great Rewards program offered by Sallie Mae, which can save you money by lowering your interest rate by two percentage points if you make your payments on time for the first 48 months. Another program offered by Sallie Mae, Direct Repay, automatically deducts your monthly payments from your bank account and reduces your interest rate by 1/4 percentage point.

For borrowers who find it helpful to lower the amount they owe in the first years out of school and consolidate their various student loans into one monthly payment, loan consolidation may be the right choice. Sallie Mae's SMART LOAN Account enables you to consolidate all outstanding loans into one account and extend the term of your loan from 10 to up to 30 years, keeping payments low throughout the repayment period. And, for shorted term relief, Sallie Mae offers a graduated repayment plan, making your loan payment a more manageable part of your budget for the first two or four years of repayment without extending the term of the loan.

If you plan to attend graduate school in the fall, notify the holder of your loan. You can apply for an in-school deferment, which will postpone repayment of your student loan as long as you are a full-time student.

If you are unable to find employment, you may also be eligible for a deferment for up to three years. Again, talk to your loan holder to make sure you know all of your options. If you are not able to make a full payment during any given month, contact your loan holder and work out a repayment plan. The alternative -- possibly going into default -- can irreparably damage your ability to get another loan or even a mortgage.

"If you have questions about your student loan while you're in school, talk to your financial aid administrator," says Smythe. "Your FAA has a wealth of information on the best way for you to repay your student loan."

FEATURES

ORCHIDS

by Regina Gibson

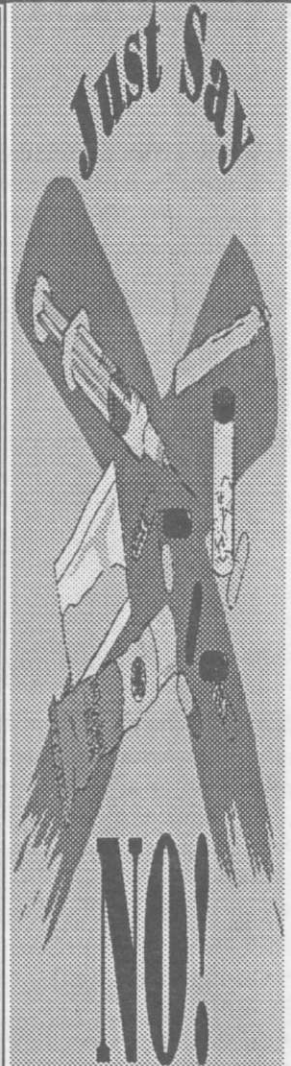


1. Jesus Christ
2. May 14, 1994
3. Academic Suspension, C-Ya
4. Just Kickin It
5. 93 til' Infinity FA93
6. LaShawn Neal's B- Day
7. Ramona -n- Kevin
8. Prettie azz Keith
9. Omega Psi Phi
10. .25 cents soda
11. Leaving
12. People who wear their own clothes
13. "Cookie"
14. Mr. Essence, Craig
15. Fall 94'
16. Detroit- Eastside
17. Cheryl Kelly
18. Editors
19. James baby picture
20. Yodi's Movie Rental
21. Breakfast Club
22. Regina's Choker
23. My little sister, Mishi
24. Alpha Phi Alpha, We're Back
25. Good habits
26. Freedom of the Press
27. First Amendment
28. Summer
29. Invitations
30. People who knew Regina

ONIONS



1. Arkansas Weather
2. Always eating free- Keith
3. Always sleeping free- Sharon
4. No mail
5. Nosey than a MF
6. Wussy men
7. Thieving OOO's- 2nd Floor
8. Shot out to the musty people on 3rd ward
9. Strugglin'
10. Laron, TKO II
11. Ms. Chicago, Purple & Gold
12. 1st Floor Troublemakers
13. Acid Wash Hair
14. Girls who look LIKE Boys
15. New people in the caf.
NO THANK YOU!
16. Borrowing for good
17. Begging for weave, buy your own!
18. Off with her head, Chera
ARRIVE ON TIME
19. Using ANOTHER PERSONS deodorant
20. Ms. Memphis, leave me alone
21. Violence
22. Seniors who didn't pay \$10.00 dues
23. Panther Retreat Closed
24. Mississippi's Burning
25. If you don't live in dorms, GET OUT
26. Damion, AIN'T NO LOVE
27. Ghost Town on weekends
28. 1978-1994, NO BREAKS
29. Expulsion
30. NO MORE ORCHIDS & ONIONS



FASHION CRIMINALS

By The Fashion Police

A warrant has been issued for the female in the cafeteria sporting the latest Bell Grande gear from Taco Bell. Honey run for the border and get up out of here!

A warrant has been issued for the Greek female who wears the same tired paraphernalia shirt everyday. What's happening- Rerun!

A warrant has been issued for the O.G. (over gold) brother with the turd in the back of his head. Your series the A-Team was cancelled long time ago Mr. T., take off all them gold chains.

*As I retire as Chief of the Fashion Police, I want everyone to know, NO HARD FEELINGS!

-Regina Gibson

HEALTH

**Arkansas
HIV/AIDS Report**

HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, has been reported from each of the state's 75 counties. Reports received at the Arkansas Department of Health in April confirm that AIDS is indeed a statewide epidemic. For the thirty day period ending April 20th, 53 new cases of HIV were reported from 20 counties around the state bringing the statewide total to 2,684 cases. 12 counties reported multiple cases. Counties reporting multiple cases included:

Pulaski	12
Crittenden	7
Craighead	4
Lee	3
Washington	3
St. Francis	3
Union	2
Garland	2
Jefferson	2
Miller	2
Lawrence	2
Mississippi	2

Many of the cases reported this month were of East Arkansas residents who have been receiving treatment in Tennessee. The Arkansas Department of Health has recently concluded discussions with the State of Tennessee that will allow better access to the medical records of Arkansas residents who are being treated in Tennessee.

* 24 percent of HIV reports received this month were females; (13 of 55 reports).

* 4 of the 55 HIV reports received this month were teenagers.

* Garland County (Hot Springs area) this month reported its 100th case of HIV.

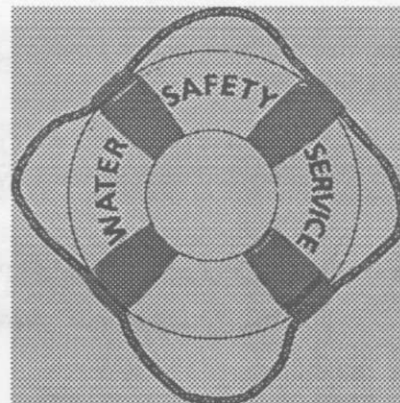
* Of the 55 reports, mode of transmission was reported in 36 of the cases. 23 (of 55) were infected by male/male (homosexual) sexual contact. 8 (of 55) were infected by male/female (heterosexual) contact. 2 (of 55) were hemophiliacs. 19 (of 55) had no risk documented in the initial report and have been assigned for further investigation.

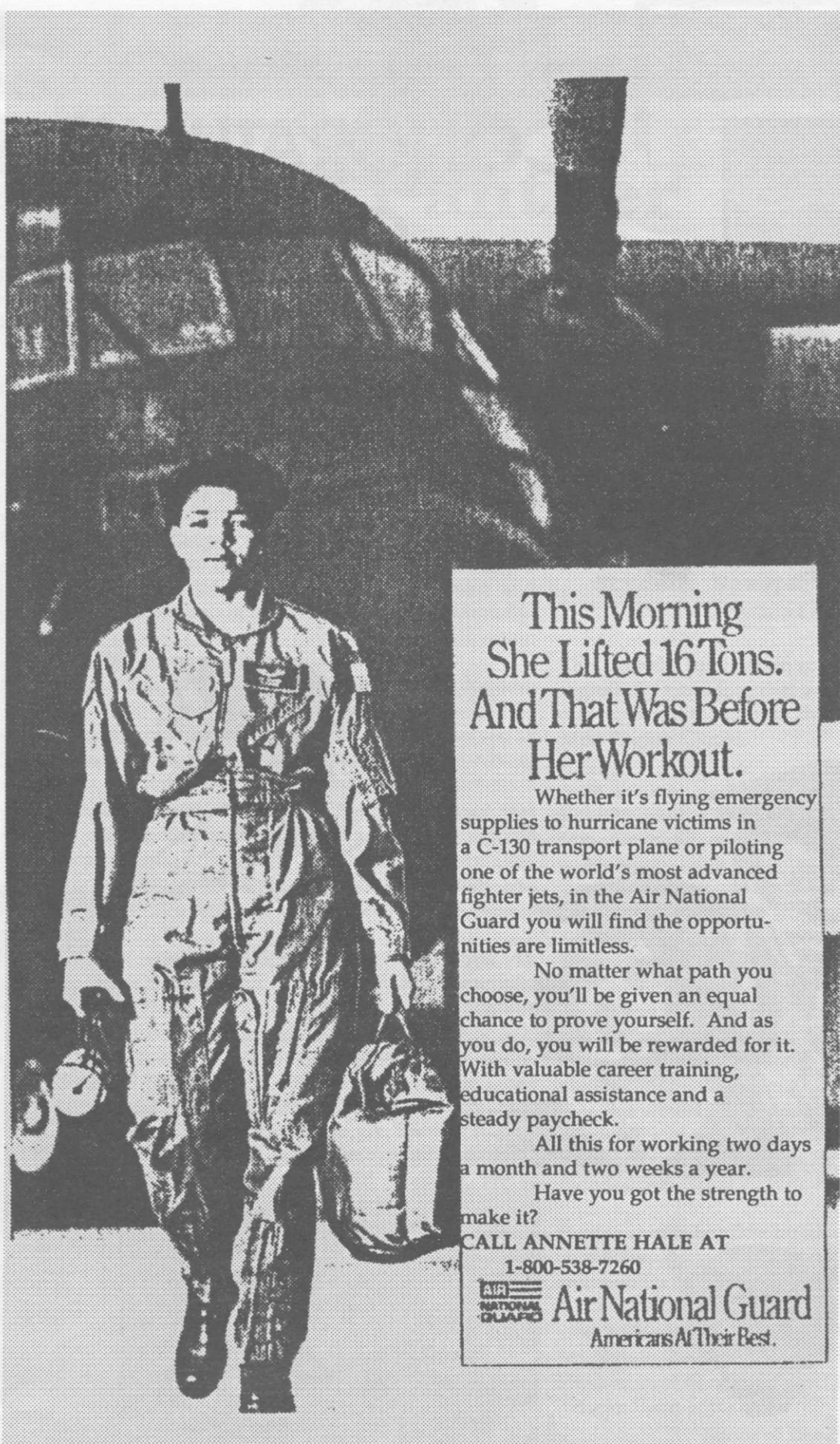
* Individuals who are involved in unprotected sex outside a monogamous relationship should consider themselves at risk for exposure to HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), the virus that causes AIDS.

* Testing and early treatment can lengthen the lives of persons who are HIV-positive.

* HIV testing is provided at all county health units of the Arkansas Department of Health.

THIS SUMMER, IF YOU INDULGE IN WATER
SPORTS, MAKE SURE YOU PRACTICE
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BACK IN AUGUST 94.





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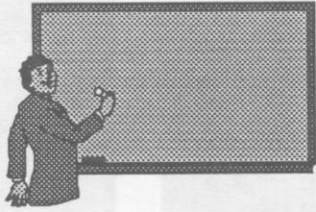
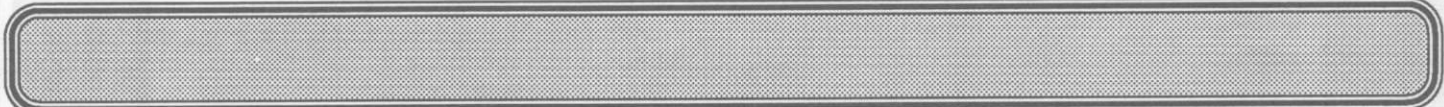
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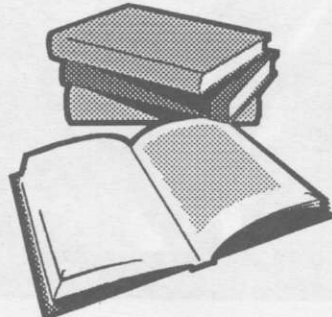


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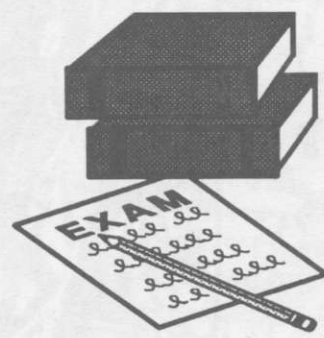


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