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Ivy Walls wows judges, wins Miss PV title 2015-16



Raven Moody, The Panther

By Raven Moody
News Editor

Ivy Lorraine Walls will reign as 2015-16 Miss Prairie View A&M University. Walls was crowned last night in the Opal Johnson Auditorium in a stellar competition with three other beautiful women, Jourdan

Kerl, Mykala Taylor, and Kimberly Mahoney.

This achievement was a great way for Walls to celebrate her 21st birthday which occurred April 14, just one day before the completion.

Walls, a junior biology major, hails from Houston, Texas, and loves everything about PVAMU. Prairie View students

designed all of Walls' outfits, shoes, and props used in the pageant.

"My win means the world. I brought Prairie View to the stage. I had many different artists and designers. I was able to take everyone else's gifts and talents and put it into something great. I wanted to prove that Prairie View could produce their very

own Miss Prairie View."

"This was an exciting experience. It was great to see the contestants in their true colors, talents, and feeling free to express themselves," said senior mass communication major Vince Balkcom.

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Seminar teaches students how to interact with police



India Foster, The Panther

Students role-playing how to react when an officer pulls them over with other passengers present.

By India Foster
Panther Staff

The Eta Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. collaborated with the College Democrats to educate students with the Freeze! You're Under Arrest seminar.

Guest speaker Tarah Taylor representing the American Civil Liberties Union shared knowledge about how handle an encounter with the police.

"When you leave this seminar I don't want you to feel as if you need to rally against the police but to do the opposite," said Taylor. "It's really about learning how to survive at this point."

Learning your citizen given rights and what to do when getting pulled over was needed the most among the crowd. Taylor

taught the students their first through Fifth Amendment, which protects someone from the police force.

"You have the right to not incriminate yourself," said Taylor.

The phrases "I do not consent to any searches to myself or my belongings," "I cannot speak with out my lawyer present," and "Am I being detained or am I free to go?" were taught because anything that you say will be used against you.

"With any situation try to not talk to the police and try to get out of the situation as fast as possible," said Taylor.

Chief Zena Stephens and Sergeant Stive of the campus police department came out to give the flip-side advice from their point of view.

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Parking lieutenants defend ticketing

By Shalun Wells
Panther Staff

Parking on the campus of Prairie View A&M University has continued to be an issue.

Many students have expressed their opinions on the parking management style on the campus. This includes the cost of citations and the reasons behind students receiving certain fines.

However, many people don't look at it from the parking lieutenants' view.

Anthony Thompkins, one of the current parking lieutenants on PVAMU

campus, said their main job is, "to make sure everyone on campus has a current, up to date parking decal."

Many students said they view the parking lieutenants as the "bad guys" on campus, due to the number of parking violations they record during the course of a day.

"They pass out a lot of unnecessary tickets. I got a ticket just because they said my decal wasn't visible enough in my windshield," said senior criminal justice major Brea Scott.

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Research symposium highlights students' creativity

By Tracee Barlow
Panther Staff

Many faculty and students gathered April 9 for the 10th Annual Research Symposium sponsored by the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center and the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology.

Since its inception in 2005, this symposium has showcased the research, creativity, service learning, and other scholarly activities of hundreds of undergraduate, graduate students, and faculty.

Students were well-dressed and prepared for their presentations and displayed a professional image that showed outside guests that Prairie View is not only

producing productive Panthers, but also teaching them how to maintain a reputation of integrity and professionalism.

This day-long event provided many different sessions that allowed students to sit in on and get first-hand experience of how to properly conduct research and what steps are necessary to take while doing so.

University President George C. Wright says, "This annual symposium offers a challenging yet supportive arena for students to present their research and develop their professional presentation and networking skills. We celebrate the work of our talented students and faculty highlighting their achievements for our campus as well as the broader community."

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Low funding threatens existence of some HBCUs

By Brooke Grady
Panther Staff

Shows such as The Cosby show, Martin, and A Different World were huge advocates for HBCUs. HBCUs are known as a sign of appreciation and excellence to the black community.

These institutions go as far as public, private, and also hold the position as law, medical, and business schools. Out of 106 schools 15 are defunct and three are not accredited. To some, this may not seem bad but all institutions should be open not because of a race but because of the history, culture, and stories that are instilled in such great institutions.

In the past decade many HBCUs have been in a heap of

trouble and most of that is simply due to lack of funding. Without money it is very difficult to run businesses such as colleges and universities.

The economic issues that agitate higher education in general are even more troublesome within the HBCU community because most students are first time college attendees.

More than 45 percent of students who attend HBCUs come from homes that are low-income. This often affects graduation rates and funds that go into certain Colleges and departments at a university. At most public universities, there is a lack of academic resources to preserve history, proper facilities, and salary pools.

A solution to help increase

funding in the HBCU community is to reach out to their alumni. Their contributions help aid their alma mater in such a great capacity. Institutions have to do a sufficient job of making sure that students are academically on track.

This plays a big role in the way government decides how much they are going to provide an institution for the year. Also, social behavior outside of the class room should always be prominent just to keep a sage and clean record. If these small things are more carefully taken into consideration and discipline is enforced, there will be a change for schools that grapple with issues like financial support and accreditation.

Freeze

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"Young police officers are trying to get home every night to their families just like everyone else, they're scared too," said Stephens.

She kept reminding students to follow Taylor's tools because officers are trained to get all the information out of you to build probable cause to make a case against you.

"Knowing your rights is the most important thing because it's an officer's job to prove you're guilty," said Stephens.

When getting pulled over by the police, Taylor gave out step

by step directions of: rolling the windows partly down but enough to create a barrier, keep your hands where they can be seen, stay in the car, and to turn on the hazard lights. Another thing to remember is to record everything that happens on your phone whether it's a video recording or a voice recording and saving it to the cloud. Taylor reassured that it's your right to record a police officer and it is not necessary to make them aware of your recording.

Coming to a close, Taylor made sure students understood what needed to be learned by actual role-play with students and officers.

"I definitely learned my rights and how to assert my rights to show the officer that I do know my rights while complying so I don't end up killed," said junior ac-

counting major Gerran Harris.

Everyone in the seminar left with a memoir card from the ACLU stating what to do step by step if the police stops you in your car, in your home, stopped for questioning, and even arrested.

"I want students to know you don't have to give the police everything. Knowing your rights is a big deal," said Khanay Turner, president of College Democrats and social action chair of the Eta Beta chapter.

"They do come at you a different way when you know your rights because if you don't they will bully you and you will take it to a different level and they will act in a way that may harm you."

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Students present their research projects to other students and faculty.

By Tracee Barlow, The Panther

"This 10th Annual Research Symposium continues to bridge our Prairie View A&M University family and students, alumni and the community for innovative ideas and inspiration," Wright says.

"It is an honor to host this event each year. One of our primary goals is to provide venues outside of the classroom for both graduate and undergraduate students to continue their intellectual development, apply what they learn inside the classroom to tangible projects outside the classroom, and hone their skills and competencies in research, professional delivery, critical thinking, creativity, and networking," said dean and executive director Tamara L. Brown.

The students who attended this event showed a very high level

of interest and participation in the sessions as well as the presentations in which they led. "I really enjoyed all of the presentations and sessions. It broadened my view on the legal systems and the criminal justice as a whole," said junior Mia Hall.

The keynote speaker was Professor Sacha M. Coupet. Her research focuses on policy and practice issues in child and family welfare, particularly kinship care. Her approach aims to incorporate empirical inquiry into legal discourse with a particular emphasis on the use of social science research in the development of law and policy.

During Coupet's presentation she said "I have always been the type of person to volunteer for

anything that had to do with the legal system because I was always curious to know more. Cultivating intellectual growth isn't getting to a destination, but is the ability to zone in by seeking to gain a better understanding of how one is to do something while at the same time applying their skills to get it done."

The students, as well as faculty members, asked Coupet many questions following her presentation of how she personally views certain aspects of law and policies.

The organizers say this symposium will continue to serve as an enlightening experience for students who plan to pursue legal studies or psychology as a future career and those who are just interested in further learning of criminal law and justice.

Parking

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Parking lieutenants, Jerry Gillock and Thompkins stated that from their viewpoint of being looked upon negatively it "feels bad sometimes."

"We are actually not the bad guys," says Thompkins, "we are working to protect our students and the campus from unwanted visitors."

"I feel bad when I'm writing a ticket to a student, but I'm doing what I have to do," says Gillock, "I don't look at it as students not having decals, but who is it that is on the campus."

To make a change regarding the parking situations for students, something more needs to be done by the student body. There is a limited amount of parking spaces for commuter students as well as the students who live on campus.

Gillock agrees that,

"there's not enough parking spaces on campus. That's why we need (more parking spaces)."

"We can complain about the parking, but it doesn't do any good if the students aren't complaining as well," says Gillock.

In order for there to be a change in the parking issues on campus, students will have to go to the board to complain and voice their opinions regarding the parking issues.

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By Raven Moody, The Panther

Constants patiently await the announcement of Miss PVAMU 2015

Miss Congeniality: Jourdan Kerl

Most Ads: Kimberly Mahoney

Talent: Ivy Walls

Swim Wear: Tie between Ivy Walls and Kimberly Mahoney

Evening Wear: Kimberly Mahoney

Interview Questions: Jourdan Kerl

Question and Answer: Ivy Walls

Runner up: Mykala Taylor

"I am supremely proud of all 4 contestants in the 2015-2016 Miss Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Pageant. This was a joyous occasion that welcomed a new queen into our royal family. Tonight was truly memorable and I look forward to supporting the 2015-2016 Miss Prairie View A&M University Royal Court" Ashlee Elouise Sherman, Miss PVAMU 2014-2015

After conviction, many court cases left for Aaron Hernandez

By Michelle R. Smith
Associated Press

Former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for a deadly late-night shooting, sealing the downfall of an athlete who once had a \$40 million contract and a standout career ahead of him.

Hernandez, 25, who had been considered one of the top tight ends in professional football, shook his head, pursed his lips and sat down after the jury forewoman pronounced him guilty in the slaying of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old landscaper and amateur weekend football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée.

Hernandez's mother, Terri, and his fiancée, Shayanna Jenkins, cried and gasped when they heard the verdict. Hernandez, his eyes red, mouthed to them: "Be strong. Be strong." Lloyd's mother also cried.

Jurors deliberated for 36 hours over seven days before rendering their decision, which also included convictions on weapons charges.

"The jury found that he was just a man who committed a brutal murder," District Attorney Thomas Quinn said after the verdict. "The fact that he was a professional athlete meant nothing in the end."

Lloyd was shot six times early on June 17, 2013, in a deserted industrial park near Hernandez's home in North Attleborough. The motive has never been explained. Police almost immediately zeroed in on the former Pro Bowl athlete because they found in Lloyd's pocket the key to a car the NFL player had rented. Within hours of Hernandez's arrest, the Patriots cut him from the team. The team declined to comment on the verdict.

Prosecutors presented a wealth of evidence that Hernandez was with Lloyd at the time he was killed; including home security video from Hernandez's mansion, witness testimony and cell phone records that tracked Lloyd's movements.

Hernandez's lawyer, James Sultan, acknowledged for the first time during closing arguments that Hernandez was there when Lloyd was killed. But the attorney pinned the shooting on two of Hernandez's friends, Ernest Wallace and Carlos Ortiz, saying his client was a "23-year-old kid" who witnessed a shocking crime and did not know what to do. Wallace and Ortiz will stand trial later.

Prosecutors have suggested Lloyd may have been killed because he knew too much about Hernandez's alleged involvement in a 2012 drive-by shooting in Boston that killed two. But they were not allowed to tell the jury that because the judge said it was speculation.

As a result, they never offered jurors a motive beyond saying Hernandez appeared angry with Lloyd at a nightclub two nights before

the killing. In the 2012 case, Hernandez is accused of gunning down a pair of men over a spilled drink at a nightclub. All 12 jurors and three alternates spoke to reporters Wednesday, saying they were shocked by the defense admission that Hernandez was at the scene of the killing - an acknowledgement that they said helped confirm that he was guilty.

They also described how the judge talked to them privately after they reached their decision and told them about other allegations and evidence not presented in the case, including the 2012 slayings and the last texts Lloyd sent minutes before he died saying that said he was with "NFL."

The jurors said that information reaffirmed their feeling that they had made the right decision.

In the Lloyd killing, the defense argued that investigators fixated on Hernandez because of his celebrity and conducted a shoddy investigation in their zeal to confirm their suspicions.

Prosecutors said Hernandez organized the killing, summoned his two friends to help carry it out and drove Lloyd and the others to the secluded spot in the industrial park. During closing arguments, prosecutors also accused Hernandez of pulling the trigger, though under the law it was not necessary to prove who fired the shots to convict him.

Security video from inside Hernandez's home showed him holding what appeared to be a gun less than 10 minutes after Lloyd was killed. The surveillance system also captured Hernandez, Wallace and Ortiz relaxing at his home hours after Lloyd was shot, hanging out in the basement "man cave," lounging by the pool and cuddling Hernandez's baby daughter. The conviction carries a mandatory sentence of life without parole and automatically triggers an appeal to Massachusetts' highest court.

Hernandez was initially taken to the state's Cedar Junction prison, a maximum-security facility less than a 4-mile drive from Gillette Stadium, where he once caught touchdown passes from Tom Brady in front of tens of thousands of fans.

He was to process there and eventually taken to Souza Baranowski prison in Shirley, another maximum-security institution, according to Darren Duarte, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Department of Corrections.

Lloyd's sister, Olivia Thibou, said Wednesday that prosecutors in the trial were her "dream team." Lloyd's mother, Ursula Ward, told the judge she forgave Hernandez and everyone else "who had a hand in my son's murder, either before or after." Defense lawyers left the courthouse without commenting.

Hernandez, who grew up in Bristol, Connecticut, was an All-American from the University of Florida who was drafted by the Patriots in the fourth round in 2010.

Maxo Kream: Alief's best

By Robert Taylor V
Panther Contributor

Straight out of "South West Alief Texas" and always holding down his clique; Kream Clicc CEO, Maxo Kream, stays vivid and specific with his gruesomely handsome punch-lines, and detailed bars on his third mixtape, Maxo 187.

The Alief made MC makes sure you know that he keeps true to his gang life and drug slinging lifestyle throughout the project.

He leaves no subject around his lifestyle untouched and untold for you to listen. Subject matter of Southwest Houston gang and drug life come from the Hoover banger's personal experiences and triumphs over those who try to threaten him and prove disloyalty.

There are repeated punch-line driven bars and a lean influenced flow. Some more specific on tracks like, "Paranoia," when he

says, "Don't need 30 n*ggas got a 30 on the Glock Don't need no circle got a infrared dot," words proving that SouthWest spitter is utterly nothing to play around with.

The rapper comes assisted with underground peers including the Brooklyn Poet Joey Bada\$\$, Houston locals Sauce Twinz and Le\$, and also ATL rapper Father, featured on tracks "1998," "Astrodome," "Endzone," and one of his leading singles "Cell Boomin."

Tracks that are mostly popular with seasoned listeners of the rapper and listeners that have recently taken a ride on the Kream Clicc wave.

The MC's tightening grip on Houston helps bring a new sound with an added variety to the city's currently growing catalogue.

Maxo Kream is spreading within the city of Houston and state of Texas, and aids in spreading the New Houston sound throughout the country.

Iotas come back with Greek Olympics

By Chadae Sauls
Panther Staff

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. hosted the Greek Olympics Tuesday evening with hopes of bringing together numerous Greek organizations with a chance to compete in some friendly competition.

DeMarr Holmes, a junior mathematics major with a minor in business management, said being the president of his chapter comes with a lot of responsibility and can be challenging at times.

"I want everyone on campus to know who Iota Phi Theta is and having the Greek Olympics is just one way for us to get our names out there," said Holmes.

The Greek Olympics was a great way to bring every one of Divine Nine together in practicing unity and what it is like to be a part

of something amazing.

Holmes said, "I wanted everybody to have fun, while getting to know each other. One thing I have noticed in life is when you are in a fun environment things seem more relaxed making it easier to get to know someone."

This event was the perfect way for people to not only let their competitive side loose, but also know what it feels like to work as a team.

Everybody had a chance to compete in different activities, said DeLesa Davis, a junior human performance and education major.

"I was really excited to see all the Greek organizations compete against each other, the Zetas surprised me the most; having had the most participants they walked away as the champions."

Holmes said that one thing he loved the most about the Olympics was when everyone participated in tug-a-war and the

relay race, everybody's competitive side came out making the games interesting to watch.

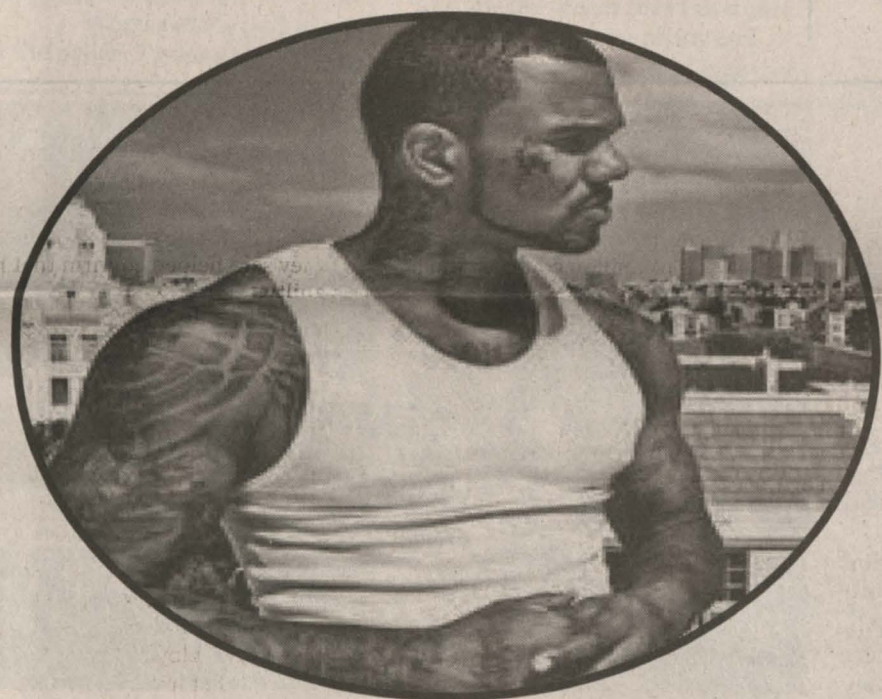
Putting together this event required a lot of time and preparation to make it a success. The rest of the week the Iotas plan to have a BBQ, show the campus love and a community service project where they will go around the campus and help clean up.

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-DeMarr Holmes

"Look out for the Iotas we are coming back," said Holmes.

Streets Talkin'

#She'sGotGame



Jayceon Taylor, The Game, is set to have a new reality show in the summer hosted by VH1 called, "She's Got Game." The rapper will have his celebrity friends help him select women to be alongside him on his tour this summer. The show will be an hour long.

#DrakeDisgust



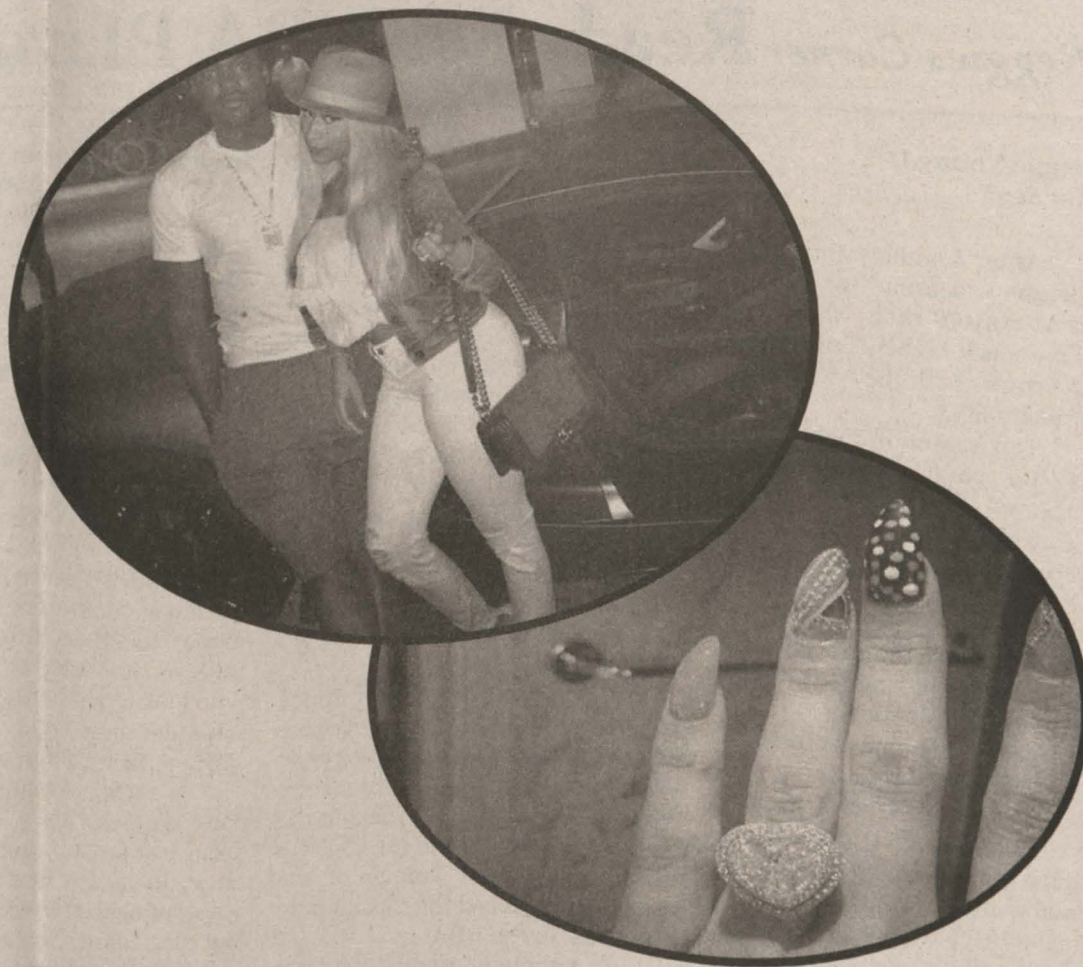
During Coachella performance, Madonna took Drake's face and snuck a long kiss from him on stage. The public was very confused with the reaction whether Drake was in complete disgust or just surprised. He then went to Instagram to make the statement, "don't misinterpret my shock!! I got to make out with the queen Madonna and I feel 100 about that forever." Drake also released a new song "My Side" along with the Jungle tour dates with Future.

#ThinkTink



Chicago artist Tink blew The Breakfast Club hosts away by her old soul along with her flow. Tink was the first ever artist on the show to do a freestyle. She's a 20-year-old rapper and singer who is currently working under producer Timberland. Timberland believes that Tink is "the one" because he says Aaliyah came in a dream and told him so. Tink's album is to debut in the summer.

#NickiMillForreal



There has been speculation if Meek Mill has proposed to Nicki Minaj. Nicki posted a tweet with a ring emoji, a heart emoji, and a diamond emoji saying "I'll post it later." Nicki and Meek have been heavy on social media their whole relationship.

Athletic department honors athletes at 2015 sports banquet

By Dominique Dillion
Panther Staff

The 2015 annual All-Sports Banquet occurred Monday at the MSC 2nd floor ballroom. All Prairie View sports were represented with high hopes of being recognized in a positive light that night.

The All-Sports Banquet is an event that every athlete looks forward to as the athletic department showcases appreciation to the students for all their exerted efforts throughout the season.

The night began with host Tierra Chapman welcoming students and coaches.

Following her welcoming Sodexo served the attendees breaded chicken, green beans, and potatoes, with cheesecake for dessert. While everyone enjoyed their food and conversed with one another, the presentation of special awards began.

Each team had various athletes they wanted to recognize; however, two notable recipients were Jeanette Jackson of the women's basketball team and Jerome Howard of the men's football team.

Jackson led the Lady Panthers and SWAC in scoring this season, averaging 16.9 points per game. She was named SWAC Player of the Week twice and College Sports Madness Player of the Week five times. She also leads the conference in assists, and is a member of the 1000 point club (PVAMU Sports Information). She received two awards for her performance in the 2015 season, MVP and athlete of the

year.

Jackson says, "I feel like all my work, late nights in the gym, and early morning workouts with my coaches has paid off. I am humble about the award and thankful. I was surprised about being awarded athlete of the year, but not MVP because I put my all into my craft and my coaches were very involved with my progress. I would like to dedicate my award to my coaching staff and teammates, because without them none of this would be possible. They motivated, pushed, and kept me lifted throughout the season. Allowing me to mold my craft and become the person/leader that I am now."

Howard's award was based on his being named SWAC's 2014 Defensive Player of the Year. Howard also had a career season at linebacker as he finished with 118 total tackles, 15 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks. He ranked fifth nationally in tackles per game with 12.2 and 10-plus tackles in eight of the team's 10 games (PVAMU Sports Information).

Howard said, "I feel great about winning the award. It's always a great feeling knowing your hard work and dedication was worth it and paid off. I was not surprised about being named MVP because I worked very hard. I would like to dedicate my award to my grandma and teammates Arthur Lockett and Jovante Ham. We all put in a lot of hard work behind the scenes and I want them to know their time is next. The season played a role in me being chosen because I am a team player at heart. Despite having a rough start and things not going as

planned, we still had a shot at going to SWAC up until roughly week 7. So I was always giving my all with the SWAC championship in mind."

Athletes were not only recognized for their performance in the game but also their performance off the field. Some 133 student athletes were recognized for their accomplishment of being on the university's and dean's honor roll.

Coach Garcia, of the women's soccer team says, "The purpose of the athletic banquet is to recognize students' hard work on and off the field. The department puts a lot of effort in organizing the event and each year they try to make it more special. We have never had the band play, the black foxes dance, a wand twirler, and Mr. PV perform spoken word all in one night. That alone shows how much the department appreciates the students and would like them to know. I hope this is a time that the athletes can come together with the other teams and enjoy the event. In order to decide who receives an award for my team, my staff and I evaluate their performance throughout the season. When deciding who will receive athlete of the year. The entire athletic department nominates nominees, then we meet, and pick the best possible person."

Overall everyone enjoyed the event and although many seasons have come to an end, these student athletes continue to work hard for next year, in hopes of winning a championship and being recognized for their hard work and dedication.

HOME GAMES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 18
SOFTBALL VS. SOUTHERN
@12PM
&
@2PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 19
SOFTBALL VS. SOUTHERN
@12PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 21
MENS BASEBALL VS TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN
@3PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
BB VS HUSTON-TILLOTSON (DH)
@2PM

Panthers snap losing streak with swept series vs. Okla. Panhandle St.

By Denzel Speights
Sports Editor

The Prairie View A&M men's baseball team swept Oklahoma Panhandle State Aggies with the score 7-3 in Game 1 and 19-12 in Game 2.

Leading the way for the Panthers was sophomore OF #16 Cody Den Beste with 4-5 at bat going along with double and triple for the day and senior SS #2 Walter Wells leading the Panthers with a average .307 in Game 1 and .313 in game 2. For the day Wells produced 3 hits, 3 RBIs and a homerun in Game 2.

"I haven't hit a home run in my four years of college baseball, and everyone knew that going in. So I think by me just hitting a homerun and being the leader for the team just acted like a spark plug and it got us going and got the guys

excited," said Wells.

In game 1 the Panthers scored early with an RBI single by junior 3rd baseman #28 Connor Wrye. The Panthers would score an additional run, but the lead didn't last as Okla. Panhandle followed up with two runs of their own in the top of inning 2.

In the 4th the Aggies briefly took a 3-4 lead with a run of their own, however Prairie View would score insurance runs on their own leading up to bottom of the 4th and 5th inning.

Leading pitcher for game 1 was freshman #26 Jordan Johnson. He pitched 3 innings without any runs and produced 4 strikeouts. In addition Johnson earned his 1st win of the season.

In game 2 the Panthers were in the jam as the Aggies scored 6 runs off walks based on loaded bases.

"We defiantly had a shaky start with the pitching and [#4 Jordan] Foster came in and did a good job to hold them at bay and Grant [#12 Dougherty] did a good job as well, so the pitching did better as the game moved along," said head baseball coach Waskyla Cullivan.

The Sports Information Office said, "With the score tied 9-9 going into the bottom of the fourth, the Panthers continued their hitting assault and claimed a lead they would not relinquish when Macias drew a bases-loaded RBI, scoring Den Beste. Robledo followed with a single to score Wrye, which was then followed by Wells drawing an RBI walk to score Jeanlouis. The Panthers got two more runs when Carson Lee grounded into a double play. Macias scored from third, while Robledo scampered home almost undetected after the Aggies recorded the second out."

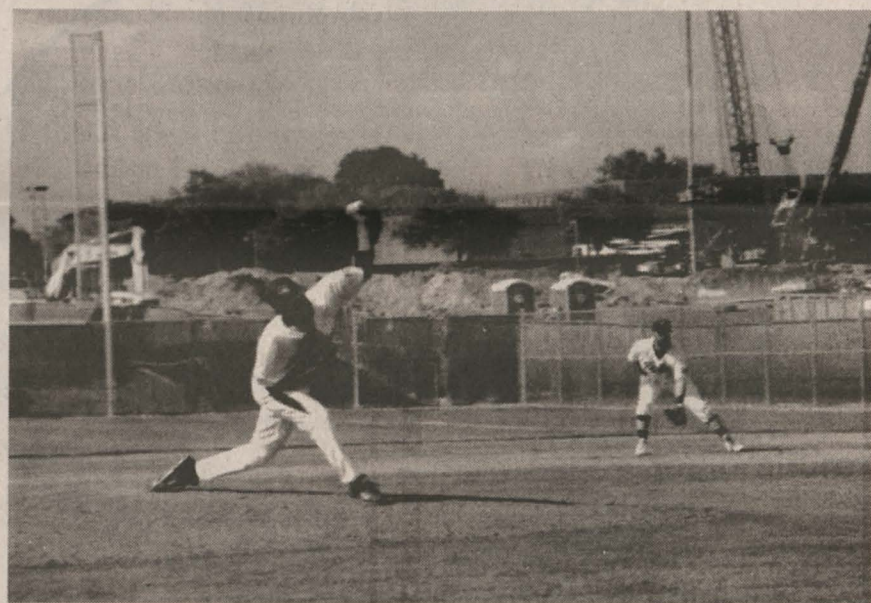


Photo by Denzel Speights

Pitcher Phillip Gay in motion with strikeout pitch v. Panhandle

The Panthers would score 3 additional runs in the bottom of the 6th as they closed any chance for the Aggies to mount a comeback.

Foster came in to relief at the 2nd inning and pitched 3 solid innings coming up with 2 strikeouts total. Foster would earn his 2nd win

making his total 2-1 for the season.

Next home game at the Prairie View will be on Saturday, April 18, @3pm and Sunday, April 19, @ noon for women's softball vs. Southern.

Reggie's Corner Ready For NBA Playoffs?

By Reggie Young II
Panther Staff

After another intriguing and lengthy season we finally approach playoff time where the stakes are much higher. Teams now take the courts with the "win or go home" mentality.

This season brought much joy as star point guard Stephen Curry played the season at what most consider to be a mvp level. His increased leadership role helped lead Golden state to the NBA's best record.

Houston's James Harden also displayed the ability to play at a very high level as this season he too inserted his name into MVP talks. As playoffs approach though, many wonder can these players prove to continue their dominance on a much higher stage. The western conference playoff race is loaded with so many teams that could make a run for the ring.

Kawai Leonard and the Spurs are red-hot entering playoffs as they always are. The Portland Trailblazers are a team nobody wants to face as they swarm teams with their defense and

overwhelming size. This matchup will be quite interesting as two premier defenders, Leonard and [Memphis], look to control the game.

The Dallas Mavericks look to face the Houston Rockets in the first round. You could bet to see tremendous guard play by both teams from experienced players Rajon Rondo and James Harden. Houston Rockets look to get out to the second round since 2007.

Lastly, many want to see how Anthony Davis responds to his first post season action as he prepares to take on a loaded Warriors team.

On the other side of things the eastern conference most have only on or two teams in which they feel will make it to the championship. Those teams most likely include the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Chicago Bulls. Prior to the launch of the season many picked the Cavaliers to be the best in the NBA.

Although they have not lived up to those expectations, the team is on the right path at the right time led by no other than LeBron James. They will be taking on a young inexperienced Boston Celtics

team in the first round.

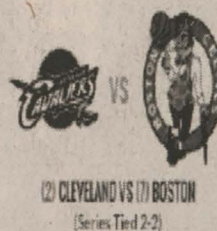
To everyone's surprise the Atlanta Hawks without a superbly dominant leader climbed to be the top seed nearly all season. It has been amazing to watch them play so unselfishly. They will be battling the Pacers first round who slid in playoffs with two late wins.

The Chicago Bulls are also a team who has the potential to make a playoff run. The Bulls have shown major depth as they have maintained the three seed while being injury plagued once again this season as the starters only played 15 games together all year. They will take on a young Milwaukee team who look to get better as of late even without their stud rookie Jabari Parker. Lastly John Walls

The Washington Wizards look to pass their playoff marks from last season. In the first round they look to face the Toronto Raptors, who started the season red hot carried by Kyle Lowry.

Playoffs start Saturday, April 18, with Washington at Toronto, 12:30 p.m., ESPN.

EASTERN CONFERENCE



WESTERN CONFERENCE



How did you feel about the Miss PVAMU pageant?



MISS PV EDITION!



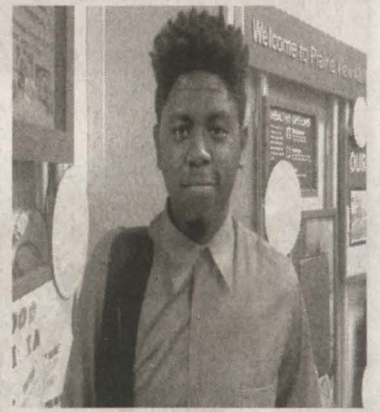
"I enjoyed the talent and decorations. I am glad my CA won."

Quiarre Stafford
Health major
Freshman



"It was great, and we'd like to congratulate Ivy on an awesome performance. She is the definition of a PV woman. Her intelligence shall inspire others to commit to upholding the standard of productivity."

Blessed Males
Various majors
Various classifications



"All of the women were beautiful, and would have been great representatives for our school."

Jahi Harrison
Theatre major
Junior

Good Eats: Cooking with Miss Prairie View

They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day, but is that really true? According to statistics, people who eat a healthy, balanced breakfast have a more nutritionally complete diet, improved concentration and performance in the classroom, more strength and endurance to engage in physical activity, and lower cholesterol levels. So even if you're not a fan of eating breakfast, I highly encourage you to at least grab a granola bar or a yogurt (something that you can take on the go with you). Eating breakfast is your body's way of signaling your metabolism to start—hence the name "break-fast". If you don't eat until lunch time, that can be up to 18 hours without food. Yikes! Love yourself enough to eat something healthy when you wake up. In case that's not convincing enough, studies show that 80% of people who have lost weight AND kept it off for more than a year included breakfast in their eating plans.

So now that we're all going to try to incorporate a healthy breakfast into our daily routine, let's get started cooking with a healthy recipe! The 'Good Eat' for this week is Banana Bread Pancakes! Here's what you will need:
Pancakes:
1/2 cup whole wheat pastry flour
1/2 cup oat flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/8 tsp. salt

2 tbsp. maple syrup
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup unsweetened almond milk
1/8 tsp. nutmeg
1 tbsp. yogurt butter (Brummel & Brown)
Sweetener, to taste- I used an additional 3 tbsp. Stevia*
1 large ripe banana, mashed
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Maple Cream Sauce:
1/4 cup 0% plain Greek yogurt
2 tbsp. unsweetened almond milk
1/2 tsp. maple syrup
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
Sweetener, to taste

Directions:
1. In a mixing bowl, mash together the banana and yogurt butter.
2. Once thoroughly mixed- pour in milk, vanilla extract, and maple syrup.
3. In a separate bowl- combine flours, baking powder, salt, sweetener, cinnamon and nutmeg. Combine the banana mixture into the flour mixture and stir very well.
4. Spray a large skillet with non-stick cooking spray (I used butter flavored spray) and place over medium heat.
5. Once the pan has heated- use a 1/3 cup measuring cup and pour onto the skillet.
6. Smooth out the batter with the bottom of the measuring cup and allow each pancake to cook until they start to bubble.
7. Once the bubbles appear- flip each one and cook an additional 2-3 minutes.

8. While you are waiting on the pancakes, combine all ingredients for the Maple Cream Sauce in a mixing bowl and stir well. Pour over pancakes once finished. Enjoy!

Also, I would like to send a special congratulations to Ivy Walls for being crowned Miss Prairie View A&M University 2015-2016! Congratulations and welcome to our royal sisterhood! Be sure to check The Panther each week for a new healthy recipe! Happy Cooking!

Ashlee Elouise Sherman
Miss Prairie View A&M University
2014-2015



Panther doll Spring show entertains

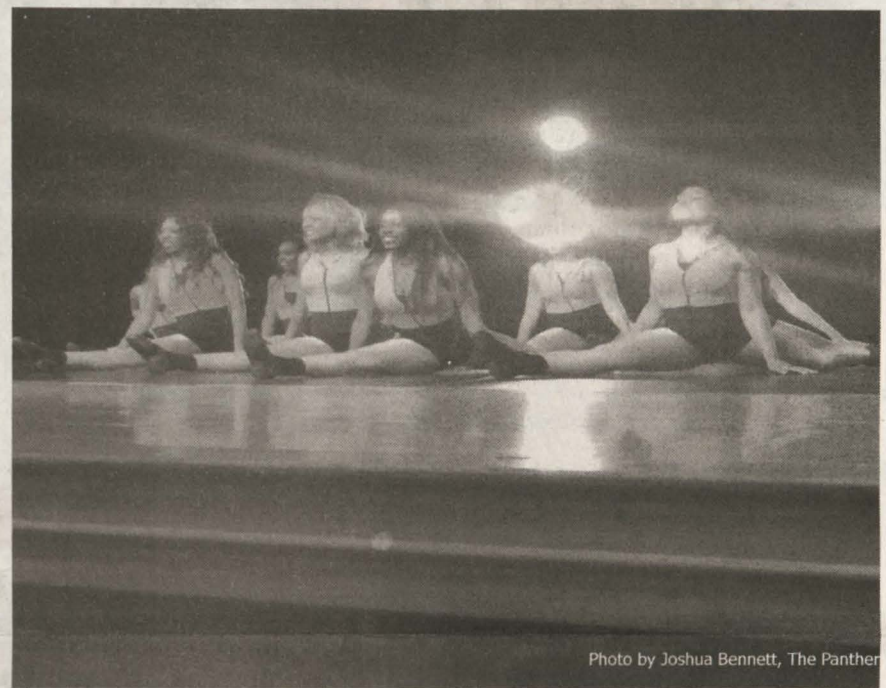


Photo by Joshua Bennett, The Panther

Monday at 6:26 p.m. a line formed outside the Opal Smith Auditorium. A crowd of at least 50 curious students waited as the Spring Panther Doll Showcase began. The lovely Jazzi Black hosted the show with PVU-Kno Radio's own, Ariel Thomas, better known as Dj Ari.

At first the crowd seemed a bit dead, the audience wasn't packed, so the two hostess made it their duty to liven the crowd with random trivia questions that would surely make the people think on their feet. After several questions, like planned, the crowd was definitely more lively.

After moments of waiting, it was finally show time. The curtains drew back and there they were, 12 of our very own Panther Dolls ready to give us a wonderful performance. To open the show, the girls did a Burlesque themed dance that seemed to grasp the audience's attention.

In between each dance number, the Dolls had other performances set up to keep the crowd engaged. Gary Walker was the first to impress everyone with his melodic voice as he sang Tank's remake of "I Can't Make You Love Me," a song originally written by country singer Bonnie Raitt.

During down time I asked questions about the show. Mostly

everyone that I questioned stated the same concern. The event wasn't promoted enough, and that played a major part in the attendance.

Senior Gee Becton said that he had heard from the captain about the show. When asked what about the show he was looking forward to, he responded, "Basically a half time show on steroids."

Next up was solo by Captain Jaleesa Williams who did a hip-hop style dance to Rihanna's "Better Have My Money." Williams, who is a graduating senior, will be leaving the team after three years of dancing for the Panther Dolls. She says that being a Doll has made her a better person. Even with practices being tough, pushing through to have a great performance for the school was a must. "I've always worked hard for everything I wanted in life," she added. Being a dedicated Panther Doll captain, Williams hopes to inspire people with her passion for dancing.

"Being a Panther Doll is a different organization that goes through many obstacles. But I'm very delighted with how passionate they are to get the job done. Never give up and keep good faith for the future of the team. They are all awesome," is what Williams had to say as farewell to the Panther Dolls she will be leaving behind.

By: Shelby Daniels-Williams



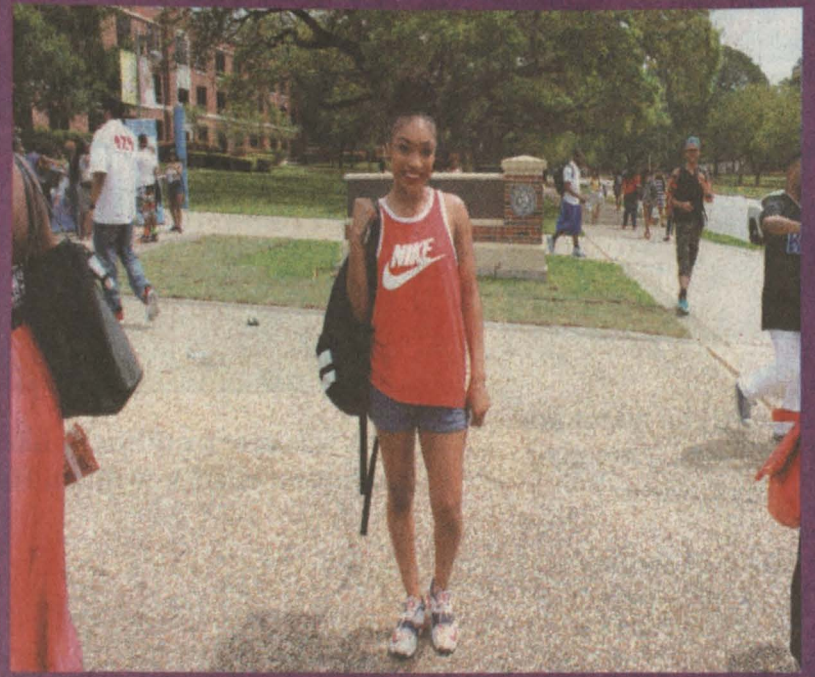
1. Did anyone participate in Iota week? 2. Who enjoyed the Miss PV pageant? 3. Why did they ask the Alta Vista plantation question? 4. Do you think the contestant should have answered it better? 5. Who is happy Miss PV isn't Greek? 6. Was anyone surprised the Kappas won the Greek Olympics? 7. Are they slowly making a comeback on the yard? 8. Who is the finest Kappa? 9. How many THOTs are going to be at the Kappa picnic? 10. Who went to the PALs interest meeting? 11. How many freshmen want to sleep with their PALs? 12. Are the new Alphas lame? 13. Who's going to be the star of that line? 14. WHEN IS TOGA COMING BACK? 15. What's wrong at the MSC? 16. Why are they so mad about swiping cards? 17. Who still got panther bucks? 18. Who is ready to turn up for the PV Choice Awards? 19. What are you going to wear? 20. What do you think?

These questions are for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. They should be read as gossip only, not as fact. Want to tell us what YOU think? Please bring YOUR comments and questions to Rm.219 MSC or e-mail us at panther@pvamu.edu.

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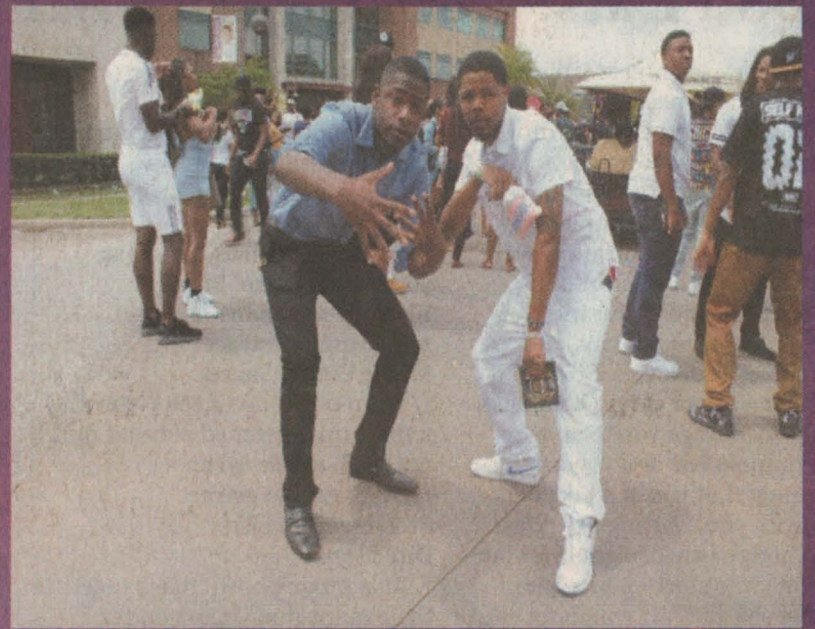
Sophomores Kaanan Onyehualam and Olumide Afolabi are dressed to impressed.



Sophomore Edrice Gills is wearing a NIKE Jersey and KDs.



Seniors Kiana Thomas, Romesha Brooks, Jazmyne Williams, Taelor McNealy being stylish.



Seniors Grundy Wiley and Sidney Taylor pose in excitement.

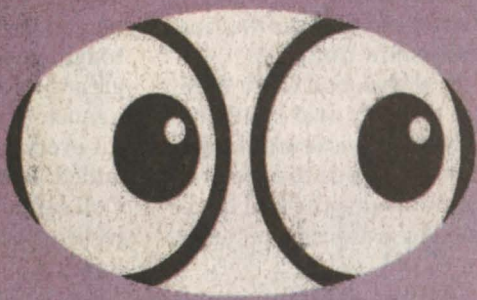
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