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PV beats TSU 59-55 in close game



Jewel Stovall, The Panther

The men's team beat the Texas Southern Tigers in an intense game that will go down as a classic.

By Denzel Speights
Sports Editor

The Prairie View A&M men's basketball team snapped their 7-game losing streak on Saturday night as they defeated their hated arch rivals, the TSU Tigers, 59-55 in front of a raucous crowd inside the Baby Dome.

The Panthers sprinted out to an 11-point advantage in the opening moments of the contest as junior guard Jaryn Johnson scored 7 of the Panthers first 13 points. PVAMU was also extremely engaged on the defensive end, allowing the Tigers to convert on only 18 percent of their field goal attempts in the first several minutes of the game.

With the first nine minutes of the

game in the books, PV led by a dozen points 19-7.

But the extremely talented Tigers showed incredible resilience, scoring 11 unanswered points in the following minutes. The scoring flurry, keyed by big jump shots and layups from guard Malcom Riley, cut the Prairie View lead to just one point. The run was halted after Jaryn Jackson buried a duo

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New queens crowned Miss Black & Gold

By India Foster
Editor-in-Chief

On Friday night, junior marketing major Jocelyn Eusery and sophomore education major Christina Baltazar won the 2016 titles of Miss Black and Gold after competing in the scholarship pageant hosted by the Eta Gamma chapter of Alpha Pi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated.

Competing among 11 girls and practicing since October, the contestants were judged in the areas of projection, talent, swimwear, interview, and on stage question.

Eusery took home the title of Miss Eta Gamma and Baltazar was crowned Miss Epsilon Tau Lambda, making them the winners of the Miss Black and Gold Scholarship pageant.

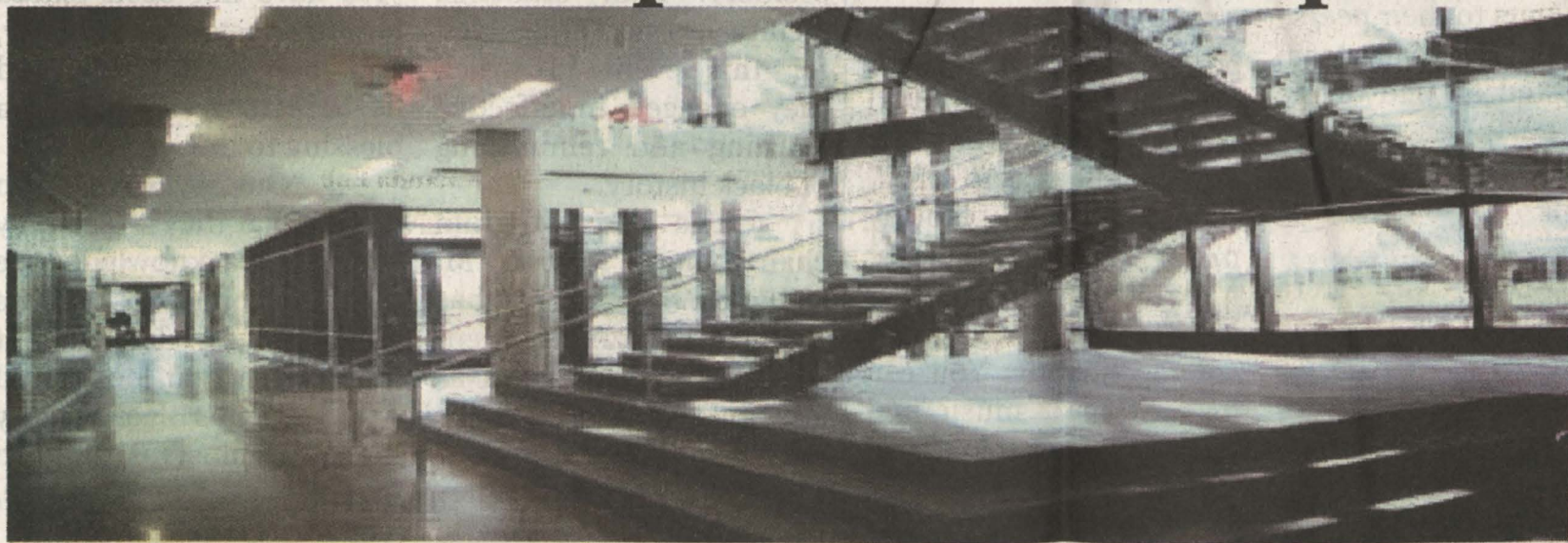
Finding out about the pageant, Baltazar knew that she wanted to possibly become Miss Prairie View A&M University so this would prepare her.

"Going to the interest meeting, the past contestants talked about how they grew from this experience and I knew I had to be apart of something like this that cultivates women," said Baltazar.

This being Baltazar's first pageant, she said the grace of God gave her the crown and the best part about the pageant was the prayer circle among the contestants before the

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Prairie View expands and brings new developments to campus



Jewel Stovall, The Panther

The new Agriculture and Business building opened this spring and relocated classes from the Hobart Taylor building.

By Chadae Sauls
News Editor

Around the university there has been many ongoing developments that have attracted the attention of many individuals on campus.

As the university continues to grow, the demand for new buildings have increased. Students fell in love with the new recreation center and the bowling alley at the Panther Plaza and they are looking forward to the upcoming stadium and new athletic training room. A few other additions have opened their doors, including the new business and agriculture building and We Proudly Serve that is connected to the Panther Plaza.

Carl Hawkins, retail manager of We Proudly Serve, said, "It feels great to have this addition here on campus; this is something that the student body and administrators have been looking forward to for over a year now."

So many students on campus felt that We Proudly Serve is not a real Starbucks, but Hawkins explained that becoming a licensed Starbucks is a process that takes time.

"Right now we are not a fully license Starbucks, there is a process that we must go through in order to obtain the full license in becoming a Starbucks," said Hawkins.

In the beginning stages, We Proudly Serve was going to be an extension of Jazzmen's, but the student body reached out to make their voices heard in wanting something different on campus. "We have

received a substantial amount of people to come into our coffee shop, those living on campus and in the community, said Hawkins.

"I hope that once we become fully licensed more people will want to stop by this establishment and hopefully we get individuals passing through 290 east or west who are motivated to venture out and tour our beautiful campus."

Students on campus seem to also be enjoying the new business and agriculture building. Eisha Hagler, junior business management major, said, "I think this building is a great representation of Prairie View; it shows the growth of the school and the transition to modernizing the university."

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Alicia Garza speaks on the start of Black Lives Matter

By Amanda Eubanks
Panther Contributor

Last night's S.P.I.T. Knowledge lecture featured activist and one of the co-founders of Black Lives Matter, Alicia Garza. As she strives to gain the respect that black people deserve, Garza has done more than just start a movement.

"Black Lives Matter began as a love note," Garza stated during the introduction of her lecture last night. After news dropped that George Zimmerman had been acquitted of the murder of Trayvon Martin in 2013, Garza decided to write a note to black people.

She wanted black people to know that despite the way the rest of the world felt about them, she still loved them, she appreciated us. She ended the note by saying "Black Lives Matter" then posted that note on Facebook. Later, her sister Patrisse Cullors, shared the post, adding the soon to be known worldwide hashtag "#BlackLivesMatter."

"It was a desertion. It was a demand, and it was a prayer, that we all see our inherent work as people," Garza stated on what ending the note that way actually meant. She wanted black people to remember that they are worthy of living, and no one has the right to take their lives away and then say it was their fault.

Alicia had no idea that a note she wrote solely to express her love for

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Confucius Institute informs students on Chinese New Year

By Tracee Barlow
Panther Contributor

The Confucius Institute at Prairie View A&M University celebrated Chinese New Year on Friday Feb. 5.

Many students and university staff attended the event which was held on the third floor of the John B. Coleman Library.

Each Chinese New Year is characterized by one of 12 animals, which appear in the Chinese zodiac. The zodiac is divided into 12 blocks just like its western counterpart, but with the major difference being that each house has a time-length of one year instead of one month.

This year it's the Year of the Monkey, the ninth animal in the cycle.

Students engaged in the singing of the school song, as well



Courtesy of Tracee Barlow

as the happy New Year song both in Chinese.

Co-Director Huixia Pan said, "The institute was first launched on campus April 17, 2014.

We immediately started building teaching programs, including credit classes to introduce the Chinese culture at Prairie View," said Pan. "Our desire is to bring China to Prairie View."

"We also have programs

outside of campus at various elementary schools, including Jones and Holleman," said Pan.

The goal of the Confucius Institute this year is to collaborate with other departments to equip students with the Chinese language to enhance their student exchange trips.

Pan added, "Chinese cuisine will also be offered to students in the rec center very soon."

Two Prairie View faculty members, Dr. Dejun Liu and Dr. Baomei Lin, are instructors of the Chinese courses. Liu serves also as director of the institute.

The institute also offers tutoring programs for all Chinese learners on campus. Some of the topics they cover are: Chinese Tea Culture, The Essence of Confucianism, Chinese Architecture, and The Evolution of Chinese Characters.

Pan said, "We have a very good support system from both China and Prairie View A&M University; it's a joint effort in which both sides contribute to the Confucius Institute."



Courtesy of Tracee Barlow

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Some students feel as that this new building is long overdue. Alexis Harrison, junior agricultural major with a concentration in animal science, said, "I feel like this building is a good asset to the university, but when I came here in 2013 on scholarship, I was told the new business and agricultural building would be built shortly after, but overall I love the new facility very much."

"Every year the freshmen class gets bigger so naturally extra living facilities would have to be built, but why do students on campus have to pay extra for housing when alumni could pay that

extra money," said Tatiana Scroggins, sophomore criminal justice major.

Prairie View continues to grow every year and with growth comes changes. For example, one of the changes this semester is what students pay for a four-bedroom, two bathroom apartment in Phase 1 and 2. The rent went up from \$2,212.00 to \$2,412.00.

"The growth of the university will bring in more revenue, new athletes and students ready and waiting for the wonderful experience of being able to call themselves proud Panthers," said junior special education EC-12, Rogelio Fraire.

Courtesy of Tamiah Robertson



Annual Black History Month Program brings awareness to students on campus

By Tracee Barlow
Panther Contributor

The John B. Coleman Library held its annual Black History Month Program with guest speaker Dr. Clarence Talley Sr. on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

This year's theme was "Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memory." Many students, faculty and staff assembled for this event in which they engaged in effective learning and reminiscing of black history.

The program chairwoman, Marion M. Williams, said, "This has become an annual event on campus and serves as a means to celebrate black history and to educate our students on where they come from and how to embrace our heritage."

Dr. Rosie L. Albritton, director of library services, began the program with a warm welcome and gave a brief overview on how black history first began.

Guest speaker Talley is professor of art in the School of Architecture at Prairie View A&M University. Talley's career in art started with a drawing lesson in the third grade, which he later discovered was simply a divine revelation.

Talley was a Fulbright-Hays Scholar to Africa where he has traveled extensively in East and West Africa. He was also a Phelps-Stoke Fellow to the Caribbean.

Talley is also listed in the 250 Years of Afro American Art, Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Who's Who Among African

Americans, Who's Who Among America's Teachers and Who's Who in Black Houston.

At the Black History Month program, Talley spoke from the topic: "A Mosaic of Artistic Expressions." Talley said, "We have not been placed here to waste time, money, and energy, but God placed us here to grow and be a blessing to the world."

"Our eyes tend to forget what they've seen, by refusing to acknowledge the mosaic expression that we pass by every day without taking a second look," said Talley. "In this Black History Month we must take heed to who we are, whose we are, and where we have been."

One key thing that Talley wanted students and faculty to remember is that within the machinery of life, history always seems to forget what we have accomplished through the contributions of our forefathers.

Talley said, "The Mosaic of Artistic Expression is deeply rooted in the great works of the past and unhindered into the present, and they flow even here on campus."

One ending nugget that Talley shared is, "The artistic works are nothing new to us, but it appears new if we are ignorant of our history and where we have come from through the pathway our ancestors have set for us."

Wingaritas out of business

By Dominique Dillon
Panther Staff

Wingaritas officially closed at the end of the fall 2015 semester. The restaurant had a short life span, but had a great impact on the student body.

Wingaritas opened in January 2015 under the owners Danny Herrera and Lee Van Richardson, with the menu consisting of wings and margaritas.

The menu quickly multiplied as the year progressed, adding chicken strips, burgers, cheese sticks, pork chops etc.

Herrera and Richardson served the student body and the community by giving various clubs, Greek organizations, and sports teams a place to host events and enjoy themselves.

Chima Nduka, senior biology and health double major and football player, says, "They should have kept it open, it was really good, the lemon pepper wings and burgers were my favorite and the drinks got the job done."

Every other Monday the restaurant was filled to capacity with students supporting KPVKno Radio's Open Mic., PV's very own DJs, poets, singers, rappers and

musicians who showcased their talents to their peers.

The football team also hosted an end of the season party that brought out the entire school to celebrate their winning season.

Owner Herrera says, "There are many reasons why Wingaritas closed, but the main reason is the owner was set on selling a vacant building and the sales were not where they needed to be. When business was good it was great, but when the students were out of school sales were down."

There was a short window to make sales. Homecoming brought a lot of business that greatly helped the restaurant from the poor sales during the summer, but during the winter break business was dead for a month and a half.

"The only way a business can succeed in Prairie View is through students' business. They made about 85 percent of our sales. As of now, there are no plans to put anything in place of Wingaritas," said Herrera.

Herrera said, "Whoever buys that property will do what they wish with it. And for me, I plan on opening a daiquiri shop and have been exploring Houston

restaurant ideas."

"Wingaritas may be out of business, but the Panthers are excited to experience what the new Jazz Bar has to offer," says freshman biology major and soccer player Alex Fields. "I have never been to the Jazz Bar, but it sounds exciting. You can hear live jazz music and have a nice drink if you are of legal age."

Fields explained, "The outside looks kind of weird. I thought it was a house at first, but after seeing photos of the inside, it looks great. I will definitely make my way up there in the weeks to come."

KPVU Kno Radio hosted their first event 'Fat Tuesday' at the Jazz Bar in honor of Mardi Gras and plan on having various other events throughout the semester.

It is sad to say goodbye to Wingaritas. The atmosphere was laid back and it was a place where students could congregate and socialize. It was wonderful while it lasted and patrons look forward to seeing a promising future for the Jazz Bar.

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black people would then turn into the banner for this generation's Civil Rights Movement.

After the death of Trayvon Martin, there were numerous deaths of black men, women and children to come and just as many killers of black people that got away with murder.

These horrendous acts spurred up the Oakland native's ending to her love note turned hashtag once more. #BlackLivesMatter soon was a trending topic for several weeks on Twitter along with the names of slain black victims.

As victorious and

empowering as it was to see so many black people using her slogan, Garza knew that it would take more than that for black people's voices to be heard.

"We can't tweet ourselves to a revolution," Garza said. "Meaning that despite the online platforms allowing people to connect with each other ever since my love note was hash tagged, people still haven't found a way for black lives to truly matter and stop being taken."

Garza believes that what we have done is created a space for ourselves which wasn't there at first. Now black

people have a voice. We got people listening, even if they don't fully understand.

When asked what her plans are for the future of Black Lives Matter, she stated that "Our main goal is to have a new bench of black leaders and black leadership that feels accountable to black communities and that is visionary, forward thinking and both steeped in an understanding of who we are and what we come from. But is also flexible and adaptable to the current context that we live in."

The movement is

now focused on supporting and nurturing those future appointed leaders while also making sure that those leaders have a wide range of skills to be activists and organizers.

The Black Lives Matter movement also has made sure that the 30 chapters of the movement and other supporters have all the resources they need to continue to speak out and do the work they are doing in their local areas.

In the future Garza and the founders of the movement plan to continue maintaining these connections and collaborations by continuing to nurture them.

The guest speaker wanted students to know that though her love note may have started this movement, it doesn't just belong to her. "This movement is yours. It's mine. It's ours. The direction of it depends on each of us," she stated toward the conclusion of her speech.

Though she was the start of the movement, and

we are the ones who spread it around, by tweeting it, posting it on Instagram, Vine, Facebook and other social networks.

People have to do more for an actual change to happen. There are too many names of people whose lives have been taken. Some taken by people who are supposed to protect us, and some taken by people who claimed they were protecting themselves.

Garza believes people must fill The Black Lives Matter movement with change.

What started off as a love note, a desertion, a demand, a prayer, turned into a hashtag that changed the game. But as Garza stated in her lecture, "hashtags don't start movements, people do", and it is up to us to not only appreciate the space that #BlackLivesMatter has given us, it is up to us to make sure that space is ours permanently.

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Courtesy of Tamiah Robertson

the show.

"No matter who won we were happy that we all did this together and seen each other's growth, it was great to know that we all had the same feelings toward each other," said Baltazar.

Competing in multiple pageants including the Miss University College Pageant in 2013, Eusery has competed in over four pageants.

"I enjoy pageants because I like to meet new people and I like the Alphas on campus and what they stand for

so I wanted to try this pageant," said Eusery.

Stepping out of her comfort zone with her monologue, The Gift of Tongues, Eusery practiced with the past winner of Miss Black and Gold, Adebisi Omoba to perfect her talent.

"I had a different piece at first but it didn't take me out of my comfort zone. It was too easy," said Eusery. "Adebisi took me out of my comfort zone, and suggested that I find something new and helped me chose The

Gift of Tongues."

With their titles, the women plan to uplift and inform the students on campus by uniting them and making them aware of lupus.

Baltazar's platform, F.O.C.U.S. (Finding our calling and uniting the students) is a system that she plans to implement to connect different people on campus with the same passions and to help create something larger.

Using her title for awareness, Eusery's platform

is to raise awareness of lupus by holding seminars, walks, and fund raising. She also plans to partner with the Lupus Foundation of America.

When announcing the awards Baltazar also took home the award for the best evening wear and Eusery grabbed awards for the best talent, projection and on stage question.

"Before getting crowded I was praying, but everything happened so fast so I just kept thinking about smiling because people are taking pictures," said Baltazar. "Once they called my name I had to get out of my head because I couldn't believe they called my name."

After learning how

to get out of her comfort zone, organization and patience, Eusery was excited about being crowned.

"You get that feeling that you worked so hard and you actually won so I was extremely happy," said Eusery.

The theme of the show, Black Butterfly was perfect according to Miss Eta Gamma as it described all of their hard practices behind the scenes and everyone coming out as a black butterfly on the stage on the night of the show.

The state pageant will be held in Waco, Texas on Feb. 20, where both contestants will go on to compete.



Courtesy of Tamiah Robertson

THE TIME LINE

By India Foster
Editor-in-Chief

Everyday in the media, it seems as though there's something new happening between these celebrities. Whether it's a break up, social media stunt, or an interview, this big relationship of people has been going on for some time.



2008
Kanye West and Amber Rose start their relationship



2010
Ye and Amber break up after 2 years after Amber called it off and then Kanye releases My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy



2011
Tyga performs at Kylie Jenner's Sweet 16



2012
Wiz Khalifa and Amber Rose get together



2012
Blac Chyna and Tyga have their son King Cairo and get engaged



2012
Kanye starts dating "longtime crush" Kim Kardashian and also mentions Wiz and Amber's relationship in his song Cold *Theraflu*



2013
Amber & Wiz have their baby Sebastian and get married



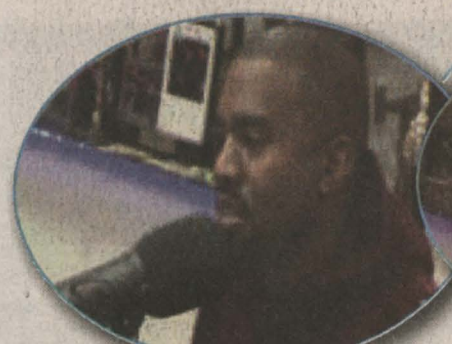
2013
Kim and Kanye have North and get married. Rob Kardashian doesn't attend wedding



2014
Chyna & Tyga as well as Amber & Wiz split



2014
Rumors of Kylie & Tyga arise of the two dating as they continue to be seen together



2015
Kanye and Amber both shade each other and their situations on The Breakfast Club.



2016
Rob Kardashian comes out of hiding and gets with Chyna

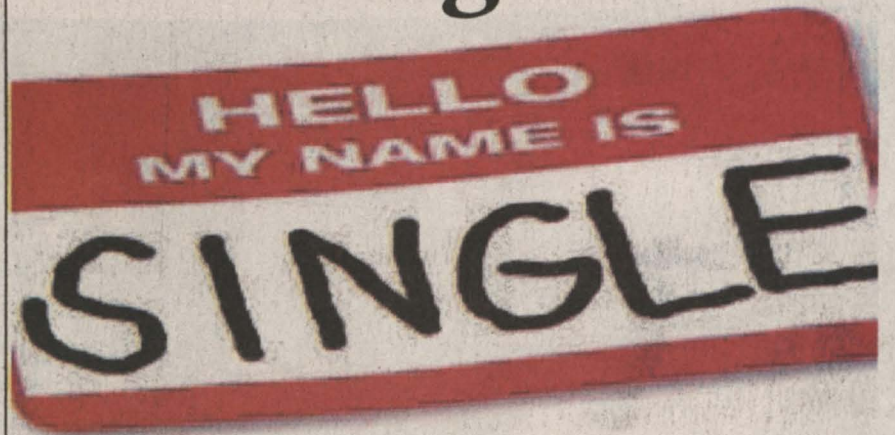


2016
Kanye & Wiz have a massive twitter beef that ended up being a miscommunication



2016
Kim & Amber post an Instagram picture suggesting everything being a stunt

5 reasons you're single



By Brooke Grady
Panther Contributor

Whether you're single by choice or not, you will be spending this year's Valentine without a significant other. This can be a good time to sit back, reflect, and ask yourself, "Why am I spending another year alone?" Here are three reasons that may give your insight to your season of loneliness.

1. You don't have time: This is more than often a major component to the downfall of many relationships. In college we find it hard to balance academics with our extra-curricular, and even the slightest hint of a boyfriend/girlfriend. Relationships require time and when one person is willing to give that and not the other, there becomes imbalance. Time is precious and something we can't get back, some people may not be in a relationship simply because they do not want to waste their time, or someone else's.

2. You are not the person you want to be with: When looking into a significant other we tend to seek qualities we possess ourselves. We

look at values, religion, goals, etc. If we are not a reflection of our partner, there will never be a common ground because the foundation is unequally yoked.

3. You're too busy looking: STOP! We are young, and have all the time in the world. This is our time to create the foundation of our life. If love comes your way, that's great, but don't hound people in the MSC trying to find someone "fit" for you. Fate will bring the two together, just be patient.

4. You have too many defenses up: A lot of people are hurt in their past relationships and are scared to start new ones. With time and painful experiences, we all risk building up varying degrees of bitterness and becoming defended, but in order to find love you at least have to want to find love.

5. Finally, we may all be single because of the new age commitment-phobic generation we're living in. Nowadays everyone wants multiple partners but no real relationships.

Well, those are my five reasons.

Beyonce, Bruno Mars steal Super Bowl show



Courtesy of time.com

By Paloma Johnson
Panther Contributor

Midway through what was soon to be the Denver Broncos victory in the NFL's Super Bowl 50, some of the biggest stars in music graced the football field. Headlining was Coldplay with supporting acts featuring Beyonce' and Bruno Mars.

Coldplay kicked things off by running through a sea of colors, over 70,000 fans and a full band of children musicians. Chris Martin performed classic hits such as "Viva La Vida" and "Paradise" while keeping the energy high in the stadium by jumping and having what seemed to be the time of his life.

Martin's high energy performance became a bit lackluster as Bruno Mars and Beyonce intercepted and really took the halftime show to another level.

Mars, who has been stamped by some as the future King of Pop, brought life to the stage as he got down to "Uptown Funk." Dressed in all black leather and gold, Mars and his crew showed off their dance routine filled with old school moves.

Then the highly anticipated Queen appeared and used the actual

football field itself as her stage. Beyonce and her backup dancers also followed the black and gold theme but her dancers wore attire symbolizing the Black Panther Party of 1966.

Beyonce's ode to the Black Lives Matter and Black Panthers added huge shock value to her performance. She slayed to her new single "Formation" released just the day before the Super Bowl.

Queen Bey's choreography was nothing less than fierce. Her performance was filled with tons of symbolism but did anyone catch the "Ivy Park" words on the drums of her female drummers as they marched? She may be hinting the title to her upcoming album.

Beyonce and Mars then met center stage and ended with an incredible dance battle. It was obvious that they stole the show from Martin and social media definitely made it known.

Martin seemed a bit out of place and Coldplay fell short of becoming Super Bowl half-time legends, but his performance was still enjoyable. As for the Super Bowl half-time show veterans, Bruno and Beyonce, they definitely have another unforgettable performance under their belts.

Miss PV starts cause PVAMU CARES



Courtesy of Ivy Walls

By Brooke Grady
Panther Staff

Recently, our news channels and media outlets have been flooded with stories concerning the Flint, Mich., water crisis.

In early January all of America gained knowledge of this horrific event.

Two years ago the state of Michigan switched Flint's water supply from Lake Huron to the Flint River to conserve money.

Shortly after the transition residents started noticing a funny smell and discoloration in the water. What seemed to appear, as a small sewer problem was a detrimental attack to the city.

This sparked curiosity and later the whole city suffered. With a city's cry for help Prairie View A&M University and its royal court lent a helping hand by starting the

movement PVAMU CARES.

Our very own Miss Prairie View Ivy Walls said, "PVAMU CARES is a program that is seeking items in order to help those in Flint Mich. Fixing the water in Flint is not an overnight fix and it is not something that we can ignore or let disappear from our minds.

Walls said individuals in that community will feel the effects of contaminated water for the rest of their lives. "We, as a royal court, feel that clean water is a right and not a privilege so we are doing all we can in order to assure that we can help those in need, she added. "We will be collecting donations in the student engagement office for the rest of the month of February."

Walls said the Prairie View student body has to be aware of what is going on around us and make a contribution.

Album Review: Anti and Islah exceed expectations



By Amanda Eubanks
Panther Contributor

Last week two of Hip-Hop and R&B's most anticipated albums were finally released: Rihanna's ANTI and Kevin Gates' Islah. Even though Islah has only been out for a few days it has already received rave reviews. Rihanna's ANTI, first released digitally on Tidal Jan. 28, hasn't even been released to physical retailers yet, and it's already ranked at #1 on Billboard's R&B/Hip-Hop songs chart. Both artists are a favorite among many, and are notable chart toppers, so it is no question why their albums were highly anticipated.

Rihanna made the world wait four years for this album, and I'd have to say, it was definitely worth the extensive wait. With her 2015 release of "BBHMM" and "ForFiveSeconds," (which featured Kanye West and Paul McCartney), Rihanna had "The Nav" and other Rihanna fans positive that this album was going to be just as phenomenal as her previous ones.

ANTI, Rihanna's eighth studio album, is unlike any album she's ever done. The singer, who usually has songs filled with sexual innuendos, starts of ANTI with a personal song that sets the pace for the rest of the album. "Consideration", begins with Rihanna singing over the scratchy sample of Common's "Be (Intro)". "I got to do things my own way darling. Will you ever let me? Will you ever respect me?", she sings at the beginning of the chorus, while SZA chimes in, angelically supporting Rihanna's request. The song is Rihanna's way of asking to be considered a real artist, opposed to everything else she has been considered as in the past.

The first single off the album is a vibrant dancehall-ish song called "Work" which samples Alexander O'Neal's "If You Were Here Tonight," and the 1998 riddim "Sail Away," by reggae artist Richie Stephens. The song gives off a vibe similar to Rihanna's 2010 single "What's My Name," and Drake being featured on it makes that vibe stronger. The following tracks on the album range in various themes, but love, relationships, and Rihanna's personal side are the most common themes of the songs on the album. She showcases her vulnerable side in "Desperado," and gives an ode to her exes in "Woo," featuring Travis Scott, which based on its lyrical content, is sure to be a favorite among many. She sings about female empowerment in "Needed Me," which according to Twitter, is already considered a "female anthem" to many. Notable producer Timbaland blesses ANTI with his talents on the track, "Yeah, I Said It," and Rihanna covers Tame Impala's "New Person, Same Old Mistakes" in the next track title, "Same Ol' Mistakes."

The rest of the album continues to shift between Rihanna's personal struggles, such as in "Never Ending," and her love life, which is recounted in the slow ballad, with a 1950s "doo-wop" vibe, "Love on the Brain." The song describes the "highs" a person can feel when in love, but

then takes a shift when it describes the lows in the chorus. A song that many who have ever been in love can relate to, the instrumental sounds similar to Al Green's "For The Good Times," giving the song a calming feel, that many of the ballads from the 1970s had. "Higher" which was written in 20 minutes, according to songwriter Bibi Bourelly, (the same writer of "BBHMM") is another love story from Rihanna, explaining how her love interest takes her higher, followed by the ballad "Close to You," which describes Rihanna losing touch with an old flame.

ANTI not only recounts different excerpts from Rihanna's love life, but it also shows a personal side to the singer, and the many struggles she has with her past and her present. If Rihanna was hoping to show a different side of herself, a side that people can relate to, while still showcasing her raunchy, rambunctious side that we all know and love, she did just that with ANTI.

Next up is Kevin Gates' debut album Islah, which is his oldest daughter's name, means "To inform, to improve, and to make better" in Arabic. Believing that his daughter, improved, informed, and made him better, Kevin saw the name befitting enough to be the title of this first album, and hoped it would do those three things for its listeners.

"Lay me for a brick layer slangin' weight. Fell in love, made a new mistake," the first line of the first verse of the track "Not the Only One" depicts how dangerous it is selling narcotics, but falling in love while selling drugs can only make things worse. It appears that Gates wanted to start the album off displaying his raw rapping abilities, which is what he is known for. Keeping the hook simple, though a woman has told Kevin that she

song was a major banger before the album was released, and has received even more air play now.

As far as the content goes, the 29-year old's raw lifestyle is the basis, which when you think about it, wouldn't be anything a person would want to share with the world. But it translates phenomenally into hits, and makes the listener want to get on Gates' level. Some songs that are sure to be the album's next bangers are "Pride," "Ain't Too Hard," and one of my personal favorites, "Hard For," where Kevin has a hard time understanding why his girlfriend wants his heart, when he feels unworthy of being loved. "Ask for More," which is another one of my favorites, is where Kevin talks about being so blessed by God, and in "La Familia," he shout outs all the people in his life that he considers family. Lust is the theme for "One Thing," and "Kno One," while wanting a relationship but having commitment issues is the theme for "Time for That." "Thought I Heard" (Bread Winner's Anthem), which was produced by N!ght\$ky, Ben Billions, Metro Bommin, & Mixx, not only has enough bass to ride to, but it like its title, is considered an anthem. "You gotta think I make a lot of music about the struggle I don't mind going through the struggle This just another one, ya heard me," is the first line of the intro to "The Truth."

On the track Kevin briefly recounts his incident with a fan at his show in Florida last year. The basis of the song is that he doesn't mind a struggle because he came from one. This song, like many off Kevin's songs, has a nice bass beat, mixed with Kevin's rapping capabilities. Yet it also shows more of the struggles Kevin has faced in his past and the struggles he still faces with his success. In "Told Me," there are various themes, ranging from, Gates' taking pain killers to control his depression, feeling that someone he once called a friend, is now fake, living everyday like it's his last, and remembering his friend Julio, that he met when he was incarcerated.

The last song off the standard version of Islah is "I Love It." Here Kevin talks about how much he loves and appreciates life, especially now that he can financially support his family, and that he as now found success. With this song being the last song on the album, it made me realize that Islah is basically a version of Kevin's life story. He stared off selling drugs, fell in love along the way, then out of it, then fell back into again. He was prideful, yet never forgot the struggles he faced in his past and the ones he faces now. Then in the end he made it out of the "storm," even though he may not be completely happy now, he knows that he is a lot better now than he was. A listener would only know that by Kevin informing them of that, showing how all of his struggles and his



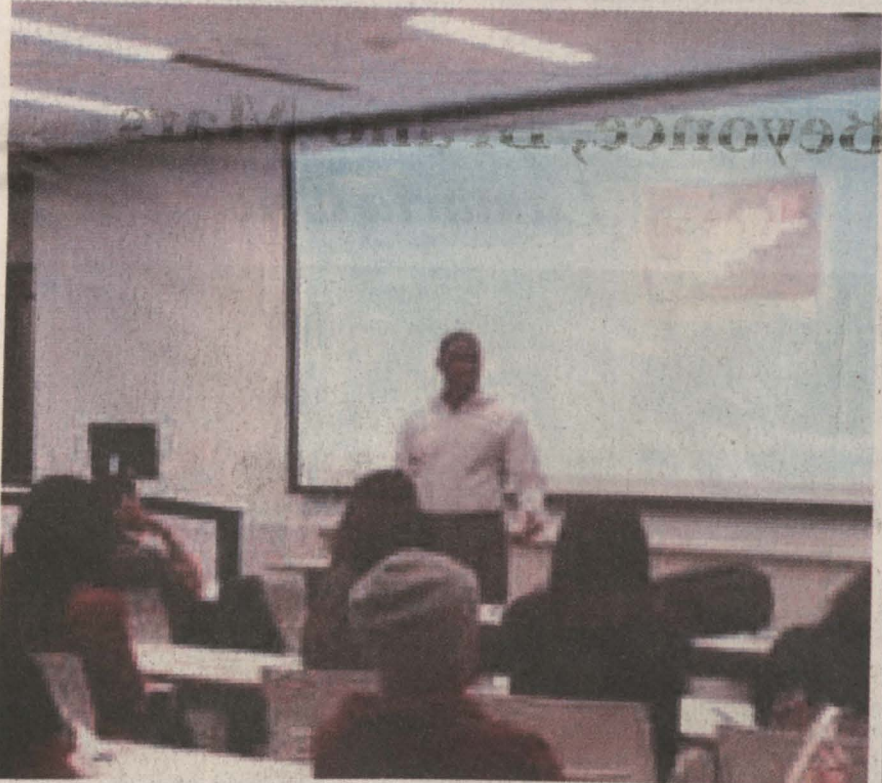
loves him, he's sure that he's not the only one she's said that to. "Really Really", is the fourth single off the album, where Kevin explains how he's really "bout dat life", and for those who don't believe him, he can show them better than he can tell them.

Throughout the rest of the album, the Baton Rouge rapper, continues to rap about who he is as a person and his life. He's opened about his love life, his struggles with depression, and his past lifestyle of being a drug dealer. For instance in the song "2 Phones" the fifth single off the album, he raps about the fact that he's so busy he has to have two phones, "One for the plug and one for the load." The

lifestyle improved him, then in the end coming out a better person. That was his intent by naming the album Islah, and he did just that. To some listeners, Islah might not show a different Kevin Gates, but it definitely shows a better one.

It's clear that Rihanna and Kevin Gates both were going for something different this year. Staying true to who they are as artists and people, but giving their fans an insight into their lifestyles, and struggles. If I had to choose whose album is better, I'm leaning a little more toward Kevin Gates, but then again Rihanna is always loved.

Seminar informs students about achieving goals



By Amber, The Panther

Norman N. Brown II spoke to students about maintaining short and long term goals.

By Amber Diehl
Panther Contributor

Prairie View's Finance Association (PVFA) hosted a 'Goals Seminar' on Monday, Feb. 8, in the new Agriculture and Business Building with guest speaker Norman N. Brown II.

PVFA hosted the seminar to inform Prairie View students about the importance of setting goals and how finances and goals go hand in hand.

Accepting the invitation Brown came to give students his knowledge and methods as to ways he created and how he stuck with goals from all aspects of life whether setting New Year's Resolutions to graduating college.

Considering that Brown received his MBA from University of Texas and his BBA from the Stevens Institute of Technology both on full scholarships and has helped put multiple students through college it can be said he knows a thing or two about obtaining goals.

Brown gave a presentation called "Make Magic Happen: Achieving Your Goals." A few key points Brown stressed during the seminar were "Use everything available to figure out what you need to do" meaning whether we as goal setters have to use social media to have others hold us accountable

for reaching our goals or whether we have to use simplistic methods like food journaling to track our weight loss progress do whatever is necessary in order to reach your goals.

Another key point Brown talked about was to "have someone hold you accountable" referring back to having social media as a tool. Brown gave an example about his colleague posting her daily workout routines on Instagram and having her followers flood her account if she missed a session. He advised students to have people in their corner who are going to push them.

Brown said, "Likeminded is always better" meaning that having likeminded people in your corner who have been in your shoes and obtained your same goals are the people to look for and take advice from.

He also quoted Maya Angelou: "Nothing will work unless you do" at the end of the presentation, basically saying you can set all the goals you want but without action they're just dreams. All in all, PVFA had an amazing seminar and Brown gave an exceptional presentation leaving the audience with these five steps: Set the Goal, Make a Plan, Get to Work, Stick to It, and most importantly, Reach the Goal.

Basketball

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The run was halted after Jaryn Jackson buried a duo of three pointers to put the Panthers ahead by two possessions with 5:01 remaining in the first half. The Tigers of Texas Southern continued to fight, scoring 6 consecutive points to cut the lead to one point.

But the Panthers, responded with a scoring burst of their own. A pair of jumpshots from Jordan Giddings and a layup from Johnson provided Prairie View with an eight-point cushion as the first 20 minutes of action came to a conclusion. As the teams headed to the locker room, the PVAMU held a 32-24 lead.

Following halftime, the Tigers started fast in the second half, making the tally 34-30 with 18:24 left, thanks to a pair of baskets

by Chris Thomas and converted free throws from Derrick Griffin. Jordan Giddings and Zachary Hamilton of Prairie View subsequently responded with baskets of their own to give the Panthers a seven-point advantage with a little less than 15 minutes remaining.

Prairie View led by as many as eight during the first dozen minutes of the second half, but in every instance when it appeared that the Panthers were on the cusp of pulling away, Texas Southern's key players made timely baskets, and other momentum shifting plays to keep the Tigers within striking distance. Going into the final 8 minutes of the game, the Panthers were ahead 48-42.

Jaryn Johnson continued his red-hot shooting as he drained

his 4th three-pointer of the evening with 6:31 to give PV a 3 possession advantage. However, as they did all evening long, the TSU responded. Texas Southern senior forward Orlando Coleman buried a three pointer to cut the lead to 7.

The Panthers faltered on the offensive end, failing to find the bottom of the net on their next 3 possessions. The Tigers pounced and cut the lead to three, making the count 52-49, with less than 2 minutes left thanks to free throws from Brian Carey and a layup from Malcolm Riley.

With the game hanging in the balance, both the Panthers and the Tigers struggled to convert on their shot attempts in the final minutes of the game. With less than 30 seconds on the clock, a missed Orlando Coleman three-point attempt was rebounded by Prairie View's Ja'Donta Blakely. He was promptly intentionally fouled and

the Louisiana native calmly sank both free throws to give the Panthers five point lead.

Riley promptly responded by draining a clutch three-pointer over the outstretched arms of Avery Lomax to make the count 54-52 with 20 seconds remaining. Straight jacket tight defense by the Tigers nearly forced a turnover on the ensuing inbounds play, but luckily for the Panthers it was ruled a kickball. Prairie View regrouped and successfully advanced the ball across to a streaking Admassu Williams who was fouled.

Williams converted on both attempts from the line to give the Panthers a 56-52 lead. However the Tigers refused go quietly as Chris Thomas raced down the floor and converted a layup. With less than 10 seconds left the Panthers clung to a two-point lead 56-54.

Tevin Bellinger

subsequently sank one of two free throws to give Prairie View a three point lead. A missed free throw by TSU's Chris Thomas set the stage for Avery Lomax, as he sealed the victory for the Panthers, converting two clutch free throws with 3 ticks left on the clock.

Following the game Johnson, who led all scorers with 21 points, said, "Coach gave me confidence and my teammates put me in a great position to shoot the ball and get open shots." When asked about the key to the victory he commented, "defense, we've been preaching defense since Coach Smith took over and our defense has soared, and we are playing a lot better."

The Prairie View men's basketball team will look to win two in a row for the first time this season when they take on Grambling State Saturday inside the Baby Dome.

Byron Smith takes over operations for Panther basketball



By Denzel Speights
Sports Editor

Assistant coach Byron Smith was named interim head coach after the resignation of veteran coach Byron Rimm's.

Smith is currently on his third year with Prairie View basketball.

"I coached at Texas Southern and Texas A&M, so I had a little bit of a relationship with

coach Rimm over the years out of recruiting and seeing him around. Someone that I worked with at Texas Southern was on his staff. They thought that I would be a nice addition to help out and complete their staff so he [Rimm] offered me an opportunity in 2013 and the rest is history," said Smith.

Prior to Smith being named head coach, the Panthers started out the season with a 1-18 record.

"The biggest challenge was trying to help them [Panthers] with their confidence," said Smith. He added that because Rimm gave him an opportunity to have a vocal presence, his players didn't have a difficult time transitioning to his coaching demeanor.

Smith also mentioned how important the students are to the home games at Prairie View.

"I love the students of Prairie View. The student body is very respectful. You soundly walk by anyone and not hear them say hey coach good morning, good afternoon, good evening.... They're kind of like our sixth man and I just wanted to tell them that I appreciate everything they do."

In 2001-02, Smith served as an assistant coach at McClellan Community College in Waco, helping the team to the regional finals. In 2000-01, he was the interim head coach at Texas Southern. Smith was the director of basketball operations at his alma mater, the University of Houston, under Clyde Drexler from 1998-2000

He was also head coach of the Harlem Globetrotters from 2002-03.

Surprisingly, in his humble beginnings, Smith wanted to go into broadcast in the game of basketball.

"I love the game so much, I've been doing this since I was 7 years old and I feel like I have a lot of knowledge in it."

When asked who he looked to as model in coaching he named football coaches Bill Parcell and Nick Saben. His {Saben} 4 5 step process to be successful, I try to pattern a lot of stuff off what we do based on what he does."

The native Louisianan stood out as an outstanding player for the University of Houston from (1989-91) (winning All-Southwest

Conference honors) under Pat Foster. Smith was an all conference player while playing for Tyler Junior College (Tyler, TX) and Northwestern State '87-88.

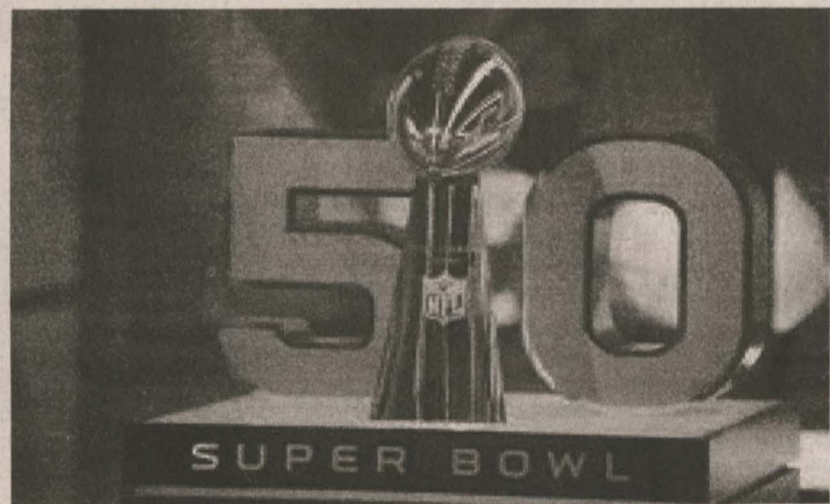
"I live by the motto 'Tough Time don't last forever, Tough people do'," said Smith

Last Friday that motto was put into effect as Smith got his first victory against Texas Southern.

"We want to treat every game as if they were Texas Southern in terms of our preparation, in terms of our focus, the sense of urgency. Every team we face is a big challenge and a big game. Grambling this Saturday will be no different than last Saturday in how we prepare."

That game starts 5 p.m. in at the Baby Dome.

Super Bowl 50 Under Review



This year's Super Bowl was held in Santa Clara, Calif.

By Andre Davis
Panther Contributor

To some it is recognized as the most important game in NFL history. It is typically referred to as "the top of the mountain," and it's viewed as an unofficial national holiday known as "Super Bowl Sunday."

All three metaphors share the fact that one day out of the year, millions of fans get a chance to witness the most fascinating extravaganza in the history of football.

On Feb. 7, 2016, the National Football League (NFL) celebrated 50 consecutive years of phenomenal football. This year's super bowl featured the Carolina Panthers from the National Football Conference (NFC) and the Denver Broncos from the American Football Conference (AFC).

Super Bowl 50 was set off at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif. The Carolina Panthers entered super bowl 50 with a 17-1 record while the Denver Broncos entered the game with a 15-3 record. These two teams appeared at Levi's Stadium in an attempt to walk away with the greatest trophy in the history of football: The Vince Lombardi trophy.

the Carolina Panthers in super bowl 50. As for Peyton, rumors were buzzing all season long that his plan to retire was going to take full effect after the 2015-2016 football season due to the fact that he has not played at full health all season long.

We witnessed one of Manning's worse performances in week 10 against the Kansas City Chiefs. The future Hall of Famer QB was benched during the game after passing 5/20 for 35 yards and throwing 4 interceptions. After battling injuries during the season this was definitely not the same Peyton Manning we were used to.

As for the young QB Cam Newton, who has been facing controversy throughout the season for celebration style of football, this was Cam's first super bowl appearance. With the team on his back and many fans rooting against him, the young QB had to show why he was the chosen one.

After trailing the entire game, the Panthers came up short against the Broncos, who were the underdogs coming into the game, by the score of 24-10.

All season long, the MVP QB Cam Newton has been a dual threat to any team he has come across with his ability to throw the ball as well as his desire to take off down field whenever he felt it was necessary to do so. However, on Jan. 7, 2016, he ran into a brick wall as the Bronco's defense put on several blitz packages that effectively destroyed the offensive line as well as the Panthers' MVP QB.

Although, it was not the ideal super bowl Cam was looking forward to, he definitely has time in ahead of him to re-evaluate this last game and break down what it is going to take to make it back to "the big dance."

As for the veteran QB Peyton Manning, if this was his final football season, it is safe to say that the two-time super bowl champ will walk away as one of the greatest quarterback's to ever play the game of football.

This year, according to USA Today, the number one super bowl commercial was Hyundai's 'First Date' featuring 36-year-old actor/comedian Kevin Hart. Overall, the commercials are designed to keep viewers and others across the globe interested and amused throughout the game.

The stakes were intense for both Peyton Manning of the Denver Broncos as well as Cam Newton of

Panther Spotlight Lamaria Cole



Cole is averaging 15.8 points, 3.9 assists, 3.1 steals.

By Calvin Fitzgerald
Panther Staff

"Keep a cool head because you never know who's watching," is the most important advice given, according to Lamaria Cole, 22, PVAMU women's basketball guard. Not only does she keep a cool head, but a cool record of experience in the world of basketball.

The Bryan, Texas, native has done outstanding things during her tenure as an athlete. During her younger years, she was a member of the AAU team, the Houston Elite.

In 2008, she was fortunate to travel and play overseas in Switzerland. However, it was her time in high school when she proved to specialists the might of her athletic skill. She was a four-year starter averaging 14.8 points, 5.4 assists, and 1 steal per game in her final season at James Earl Rudder High.

She was named a 2012 McDonald's All-American game nominee, was ranked the 25th best guard in her class of 2012, and was named All-State by the Texas Girls Coaches Association and Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. (KU Athletics)

Standing 5 foot, 7 inches tall, Cole is a force of courage and precision as a defender and

offensive leader. According to an ESPN player evaluation, "She really attacks the ball handler defensively and challenges them to make a play. She carries her strength and aggressive style to the offensive end... Navigates traffic with ease and handles the inside feeds like a pro." As a class of 2012 graduate, she signed a two-year contract with the University of Kansas Jayhawks.

Soon after, she found herself eager to move closer to home due to the illness of a respected family member. As a result, she joined the Lady Panthers here at Prairie View A&M where she would eventually average 15.8 points, 3.9 assists, 3.1 steals, 2.8 rebounds, and be recognized by the Southwestern Athletic Conference as the women's basketball Player of the Week, twice in one 2015-16 season.

Currently, her top three respected pro-athletes are Michael Jordan, LeBron James, and Kobe Bryant. She listed watching highlights of Chris Paul, Kyrie Irving and others alike, and listening to music as pre-game rituals. When asked what special ingredient fuels her game, she mentioned the people's "trash-talk" as one of them. The Lady Panther, Ms. Cole, has projections of wanting to play overseas again in her near future.

What is your hashtag for the year?



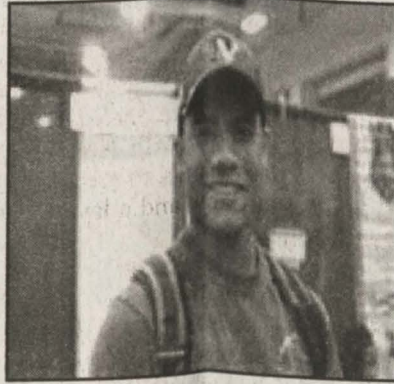
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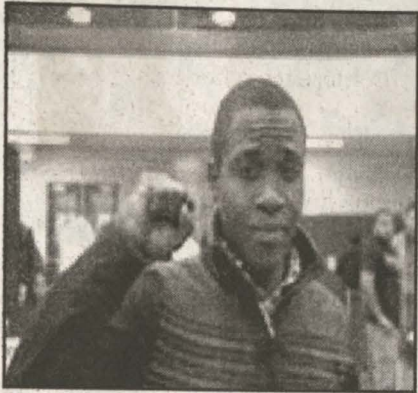
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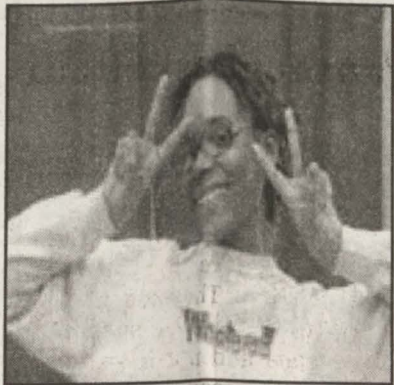
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Health Major
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Diandra Rowell
Nursing Major
Freshman

Songs From Symphony: Words of encouragement to help you through your week

By **Symphony Webb**
Panther Contributor

Song: "What God Has for Me It is For Me," by The Miami Mass Choir
"What God has for me, it is for me.
What God has for me, it is for me.

I know without a doubt,
that He will bring me out;
what God has for me, it is for me.
Often times as human beings we
grow tired of situations that occur in
life and you look at others prosper,
then you ask yourself "when will it be
my turn?" You begin to second guess
the plan that is mapped out for your
life. We expect things to be done as
fast as microwaved popcorn instead
of waiting on God, the person who
knows your beginning and your end.

But thankfully, life doesn't work
that way, if it did we may just end up
in the right place but at the wrong
time. Once we, as individuals, begin
to set aside egos and focus on the
plan that God has designed for our
lives then and only then will things
begin to change for the better. Like
the song says, "What God has for me
it is for me," which simply means
that no one can take away or alter
the purpose and plan that God has
for you, not man, woman, child nor
beast. Of course, there will be times
when you feel as if your struggle will
never end and you'll never see the
light at the end of the tunnel, but
just know that you are exactly where
you are supposed to be. Ecclesiastes
3:1 says, "To every thing there is a
season, and time to every purpose

under the heaven. ~~And this means~~
be patient and wait on your time
when you will shine and know that
God hasn't forgotten about you nor
has he forsaken you. Take in every
moment as an opportunity to learn
and grow. You're going through a
storm now but just know that you
will grow from it later. Every test
is a setup for a testimony, your
story of struggle and strife will help
shape the next person's triumph.
When it is all said and done you will
know that it was nobody but God.
"And we know that all things work
together for the good of them who
love God, to be called according to
his purpose" - Romans 8:28. So the
next time you are feeling doubtful
about something in life, remember
what God has for you it is for you.

20 QUESTIONS

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1. Who went to Battle of the Bands? 2. Who got caught smoking by the Office of Student Conduct? 3. What band member went to jail? 4. Why did a bus driver go to jail? 5. Was the trip that lit? 6. Was Miss Black & Gold rigged? 7. Who is going to be a Sigma? 8. Will the line have 75 members? 9. Are the Iotas still lame? 10. Will they find new members? 11. Are the AKAs really sisters? 12. Why aren't they having a line? 13. Can they not get along? 14. Will they be the only one to not have a line? 15. Are the Ques coming back? 16. Who thought they were going to be a Kappa but missed Rush? 17. Who was the girl walking around with powder stains on their pants? 18. Why are people hating on Beyonce? 19. Is it because they're scared of the truth? 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 news2pvu@yahoo.com

Words from Miss PVAMU



Hello fellow Panthers,
as Miss Prairie View, I am
implementing my platform for
LEGACY (leaving everlasting gifts
of art and culture for the years.)

For Women's History
month we are having a program
entitled " PV GIRLS ROCK"
This event will celebrate and
showcase the beauty, talents,
intelligence, and achievements of
the women who have graced and
currently grace the Hill.

PV Girls Rock awards
are given to honor women across
all aspects of campus. The award
ceremony and awards were created,
to recognize exceptional women
who embody the success of the
college experience with balance
in participating in extracurricular
involvement, commitment to
academics, and pride for the
university.

PV Girls Rock will be held
Saturday, March 5, 2016 @ 2:00pm
in the Opal Johnson Auditorium
located at the Willie A. Tempton
Memorial Student Center (MSC).
2:00pm - 4:00pm - PV Girls Rock
Award Ceremony
4:00pm - 6:00pm - PV Girls Rock
Networking Mixer
Event is open to the Entire Prairie

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Please visit eventbrite.com "PV
GIRLS ROCK" for tickets and voting
for you sisters. A few awards
Living Legend: A PVAMU Senior
who has left her mark here
at PVAMU. Throughout her
matriculation everyone has said
nothing but great things about the
effort she has put into the PVAMU
community.

- The PV Woman
A young woman embodies all
the core values of the university.
Excellence, Civility, Integrity,
Accountability and Diversity.

- Greek Goddess
A young lady, a sorority member,
who has demonstrated active
campus involvement. When you
think of this organization you think
of her.
Prairie View Mother
A faculty member who goes out her
way for her students and makes
sure that students are her number 1
priority.

Follow me on Instagram @
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PV GIRLS ROCK!

University Exchange Bookstore Helps Students Save Big with Rental and Price Match

Prairie View, TX, 1/8/2016 - University Exchange Bookstore is helping to make college more affordable for students this spring with two major cost-saving initiatives, text rental and price match. As part of Follett's network of 1,200 campus stores and 1,600 virtual stores, University Exchange Bookstore is offering Follett's text rental program to help save students up to 80 percent compared to purchasing new. Follett's rental program has already saved Prairie View A&M University students more than \$20,000 last semester alone.

University Exchange Bookstore also launched a price match program to further drive down costs. If students find course materials that they purchased at the campus store advertised at a lower price from a competing retailer, they are eligible to receive the difference in price from the campus store. This ensures students get their materials at the lowest cost possible and allows them to apply price match funds to supplies or other needed materials. See your campus store team for full program details.

"We understand that students need to stay within budget, and we're committed to helping them do that while also ensuring they are prepared for success," said Susan B. Sloan, University Exchange Bookstore manager. "The campus store already offers the largest selection of used books in the industry and a huge rental library; the price match program is the next step in our affordability and access commitment to students."

Since Follett's rental program began five years ago, students across the nation have saved more than \$1 billion in course materials. For more information on rental, the price match program and other ways to save on course materials, visit the campus store or go to <http://www.pvamu.bkstr.com>.

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