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Freshman crowned Mr. Debonair



Courtesy of Rob Taylor V

By India Foster
Editor-in-Chief

Four students competed in the annual Mr. Debonair Scholarship Pageant yesterday in the Memorial Student Center. The OOB-themed pageant was hosted by the

Zeta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

The winner of the Mr. Debonair title was 18-year-old freshman computer engineering major Ulises Bennett. Bennett is a part of the NROTC and plans to become an officer in the Navy. He took away the highest

title and the top prize of \$1,000 scholarship.

Winning the title of Mr. Zeta Gamma and a \$500 scholarship was Scherard Linday, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering. Scherard aspires to work for NASA in the future and work to make cars safer and more efficient.

Sophomore agriculture major Kendrick Jones won \$250 and the title of Mr. Ivy. Being involved in a number of organizations on campus, Jones plans to start a foundation specifically for African-American middle school males who are raised by single parents.

PV Girls Rock celebrates women



Jewel Stovall, The Panther

Williams came up with a double double with 16 points and 14 rebounds to make the final score 60-56 against the Tigers.

By India Foster
Editor-in-Chief

Miss Prairie View A&M University, Miss Ivy Walls presented the first PV Girls Rock ceremony highlighting various women on campus for their contributions to the university.

"There are so many productive, educated women here on campus who have talents out of this world, so I wanted to give them a ceremony to really just express themselves to the world," said Walls.

"My platform is L.E.A.G.A.C.Y. which is leaving everlasting gifts of art and culture for the years, so I hope that this program is just a platform and years from

now I can return and just say that PV girls rock."

The recipients were chosen through an online survey with paragraphs written by peers, and later picked by a committee based on points of who was voted for the most.

Some of the categories for awards were Beauty and Brains, Boss Lady, Greek Goddess, Visionary, Living Legend, and the Prairie View Woman award.

"I hope that people were inspired [from the event]," said Walls. "I want to change people's lives through inspiration, not only of their talents, but that they express others to believe in themselves, so I really hope people were not only inspired by others

but themselves as well."

Students and alumni came together to put on the event in hopes to recognize all those who have made a difference on campus like DJ SupaStar and former SGA president Jarren Smalls, who came to support the ladies.

"I saw the event on Instagram and I wanted to do something," said Smalls. "It was long overdue especially since the majority population of the campus are women so I loved it."

Some accolades that were given out were Hustle & Flow to Erin Watson, Humpday

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LGBTQ community starts PV Spectrum

By India Foster
Editor-in-Chief

Prairie View's new LGBTQ organization, PV Spectrum, made its debut with their Out on the Hill Week from Feb. 29 through March 4.

The week included a panel discussion, reverse Humpday, HIV AIDS awareness health fair, ally safe training, and a drag show.

Being a new organization the members were not expecting the big turn out that they had.

"I felt like the week went extremely well," said junior mass communication major Mark Robinson. "I was glad I could make history at my HBCU for the first ever LGBTQ week."

PV's Spectrum is an organization to help individuals to become expressive and feel comfortable with their sexuality.

"I hope the campus learned respect for the fellow brothers and sisters in the LBGT community," said Robinson.

"I also want the campus to know that we are out there if needed, so if anyone needs support or has questions they know whom to come to." Robinson is the Officer of Social Media and Public Relations.

The organization started when faculty member Eveadean (Evie) Myers, J.D. came from two past campuses that had a

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University Village hosts annual Academic Awards Banquet

By Felicia Banks
Panther Contributor

The Annual University College Advisement Center Academic Awards Banquet is one of the most student-centered engagements available to first year students at Prairie View, hosted by the University College Professional Advisors.

In its 12th year, this year's celebration kicked off at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, in the Memorial Student Center with over 250 celebrants. The fall 2015 recipients earned excellence in achievements ranging from 3.5 to 3.9 (Gold) and 4.0 (Platinum) grade point averages. A total of 181 recipients earned the Gold Level Award and 69 recipients earned the Platinum Level Award.

In a heartfelt and inspirational welcome address, the academic scholars were recognized and challenged by Phyllis Spates, a seasoned professional advisor in University College.

Spates enthusiastically congratulated them for their academic achievements and encouraged them to reach even greater heights.

"It is a pleasure to welcome you to this most spectacular occasion. It becomes necessary

that you attempt to stay on course and finish this academic race that you are so fervently running, said Spates. "We congratulate you for your ability to filter out foolishness and take a futuristic view of success and prosperity. It is University College's heart's desire that you realize this is the beginning of your journey."

She further challenged the honorees to be the best that they can be in their chosen career and triumph in educational levels from the undergraduate bachelor's to doctoral or professional degree levels.

The 2015 celebrants are an excellent representation of all areas of the university, including students pursuing majors in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Engineering, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, College of Education, College of Nursing and the School of Architecture.

A representative number of the award recipients also are members of the Marching Storm, and various athletic teams here at Prairie View.

The Academic Awards

Banquet featured a variety of distinguished keynote speakers, including Chelsea Hill, assistant director of the Honors Program and Andrea Wilkins, scholarship coordinator, of the Office for Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Each speaker encouraged the student honorees to take advantage of the financial resources available, by getting a college degree in one hand and avoid mounting loan debt of thousands of dollars in the other.

The Interim Associate Director of University College, John Gardner, congratulated the celebrants for their levels of academic success and encouraged them to continue their pursuit for excellence in achievement throughout their matriculation to graduation. Further, he shared his heart warming gratitude to the guest speakers for their valuable financial insight on scholarship information.

The Annual University College Advisement Center Academic Awards Banquet is one way of celebrating and valuing the rigor of educational achievements.

March of Dimes brings students together

By Daric Cottingham
Panther Contributor

On Friday, March 4, several Prairie View organizations hosted an awareness event on campus in honor of March of Dimes.

The different organizations who came together to put on this event was Mentoring Incoming Freshmen, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Panther Support Team, Epsilon Gamma Iota Fraternity, Inc., and The Society of Women Engineers.

March of Dimes was originally created on the eve of World War II under the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The foundation was founded by polio victim, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who intended to research polio and help those who suffered from it. The foundation was successful in creating an effective vaccine for the disease called Salk vaccine.

March of Dimes decided to have each person send in at least 1-10 dimes to show their support. One person could send in 10 dimes equating to \$1, and if a million people did the same it would equate to \$1,000,000.

"If there is a need for community service or an outreach of volunteer work in the community, we are willing and ready to help," said Tia Reed of Advocates of Advocacy.

March of Dimes sought out a new way to help the world. The new mission would be focused on studying birth defects and prevention.

Many individuals were inspired by the organization and conducted their own fund raisers in

support of March of Dimes, with the foundations mission in mind.

"We support women's health and healthy babies, while supporting anything to do with women," said Ashley Henderson of the Society of Women Engineers.

March of Dimes shows the widespread reach as well as the foundation offering many different ways of awareness that can be shared though fund-raising.

"Given that Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. is a major national program, March of Dimes is here to donate our service and money," said Berry Taylor of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

The event was set up to reach fellow college students

"If there is a need for community service or an outreach of volunteer work in the community, we are willing and ready to help." -Tia Reed of Advocates of

Advocacy

with many games, music, food, and awareness information. Each organization had a reason to propel them to come together for a greater cause whether it was obligation, service, or simply the kindness of their heart.



Courtesy of University College

Students at the banquet to receive awards for achieving academic excellence.

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Courtesy of Jewel Stovall

Jodeci Wheeler accepting her award at the ceremony.

Fresh to Alajasia Apponey, and Twist outs Poppin to Angel Duncan.

The highest award, the Prairie View Woman, was given to senior mass communication major Kristen Williams for living the example of what a Prairie View woman should be. Williams also won a scholarship for the award.

"To me a Prairie View woman is someone who embodies all of the qualities that the university requires and more," said Williams.

"I would tell incoming Prairie View girls to always remain humble, to always strive to be your best in everything you do, and always come in with the mind set that you have to leave a legacy for the next generation of girls to come."

The mistress of ceremony, Tierra Chapman, and the different performances kept the event in uplifting spirits to create a comforting vibe.

"I really enjoyed the



Courtesy of Jewel Stovall

Kristen Williams cries tears of joy after award.

event. I feel like there was a lot of encouragement coming from the women that I can carry on with my life and things I can keep with me," said junior social work major Tay Reggans.

"For the future women of Prairie View, I would say stay active and stay focused, don't let anyone tell you what you can't do, just grind

hard."

Closing the ceremony all of the women stood to recite the PV Girls Rock Pledge written by Aaron Fowler. Black Girls Rock was established in 2006 to promote women of color in entertainment, medicine, entrepreneurship, and visionary aspects.

The Office of Special Programs and Cultural Series is looking for energetic and motivated students who have completed at least 30 credit hours of undergraduate work to serve as

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2. Hosting special visits and serving as guides to VIP crowds
3. Hosting S.P.I.T. Knowledge guests upon their arrival to campus
4. Participating in tours, recruitment events, new student involvement, promotions and other university visits
5. Assisting with the following programs: Cancer Awareness Programs, Red Ribbon Week, National HBCU Week, Can YOU Run This Institution, Relay For Life, Panther Pride Camp, Black History Month, President's Lecture Series, Constitutional Day, Alumni Initiation Pinning Ceremony, Homecoming Week, and collaborative programming and events with other university entities.

Application Requirements:

- Complete and submit application
- 2 References (1 Faculty and 1 Staff)
- Attach resume
- Fall 2016 detailed schedule (by June 1, 2016)
- Minimum GPA of 2.7 (as of August 15, 2016)
- Good standing with the University

For more information, contact Special Programs at 936-261-3566

Applications are due: April 1, 2016 4pm

Reference Sheets are due: April 1, 2016 at 4pm in Evans Hall - Room 310



The Office of Special Programs & Cultural Series
Presents SPIT Knowledge
with

Paula Williams Madison

Thursday, March 31, 2016
6:30pm

Opal Johnson-Smith Auditorium
On the campus of Prairie View A&M University

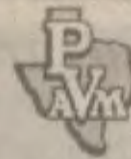
Paula Williams Madison is Chairman and CEO of Madison Media Management, LLC. She spent twenty-two years with NBC Universal and was most recently the Executive Vice President of Diversity as well as a Vice President of the General Electric Company. Honored for corporate leadership and community outreach, Madison was named one of the "75 Most Powerful African Americans in Corporate America" by Black Enterprise Magazine in 2005 and was included in Ebony magazine's "Power 100". She recently served as Vice President of the Los Angeles Police Commission. On the occasion of the 2013 Centennial Anniversary of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Madison was inducted as a member of Honorary Centennial Six, a great career achievement. A native of Harlem, she and her husband reside in Los Angeles.

Book: *Finding Samuel Lowe* – A powerful debut which tells of Paula's Chinese grandfather and his romantic involvement with her Jamaican grandmother. The book is an emotional memoir of Paula's search about her family legacy after her only grandchild raised questions about the family and the family history. *Finding Samuel Lowe* is a remarkable journey about one woman's path to self-discovery. It is a story about love and devotion that transcends time and race, and a beautiful reflection of the power of family and the inter connectedness of our world.

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Spectrum

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LGBTQ group and saw that Prairie View did not.

"At my other campuses in the fall, the LGBTQ organizations would have a coming out week and when I asked around, staff members were telling me that we didn't have one, so I was encouraged by administration to post a flyer of interest to see if there was a need," said Myers.

"About 20 to 25 students showed up to the Baby Dome for the interest meeting, some ranged from transgenders to student supporters who were really excited to start up the organization."

With the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer community apparent on campus, students started the organization and later went to the Creating Change Conference in Chicago where e-board members participated in workshops and seminars to educate the student body on how to be knowledgeable of and accept different sexualities.

"I was surprised and excited at the same time when I first heard about the LGBTQ organization on campus because when I first came to PV I was excited to join an organization but there was none," said president Kacey Nguyen. "One of my goals is to break the stereotypes that people might have toward the LGBTQ community. I'm planning on educating people by hosting events on LGBTQ issues, such as health, education, and professionalism."

After leaving the conference, the e-board and staff members brought back skills to teach the community about becoming allies to help comfort students on campus who may not be as open.

"For those who aren't out, I would say be true to who you are,"



Courtesy of CAB

Photos from the PV Spectrum week "Out on the Hill."



Mark Robinson, The Panther

Drag performers answering questions after their showcase.

said Myers. "PV is a safe place, there are allies on campus and we want to make sure everyone feels safe and supported on our campus."

20/20 on the Hill Drag Show ended the week with having Drake Ross-Dickerson and Sha'Niya Ellis, Mr. and Miss Austin Sweetheart, performing a variety of songs. Being students at PV and Texas Southern, the performers were open to hold a question and answer portion where attendees were able to ask coming out and transitioning questions.

"The drag show was a new and exciting event," said senior mass communication major Symphony Webb. "It was entertaining as well as informative and I look forward to seeing more things like this on campus. It was a great way for people of the LGBTQ

community to share their stories with others and get clarity on some of their unanswered questions."

After only starting their organization last semester, the PV Spectrum group members want to keep being a positive light for those around them.

"I was shocked at how much great feedback we received because nothing like this has happened at Prairie View. It felt so amazing to be a part of history in the 140 years of being around. I hope to inspire future members to keep these events and make them more positive changes for our school."

Meetings for the organization are held every other Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Senate Chambers, Memorial Student Center.



Mark Robinson, The Panther

Some Madness in this year's 2016 NCAA Tournament!

Tuesday	March 22	3:35 p.m.
Wednesday	March 23	3:35 p.m.
Thursday	March 24	3:35 p.m.
Tuesday	March 29	3:35 p.m.
Thursday	March 31	3:35 p.m.
Saturday	April 2	2 p.m.
Tuesday	April 5	3:35 p.m.
Thursday	April 7	3:35 p.m.
Friday	April 8	Coaching Clinic (Marriott W)
Saturday	April 9	10 a.m.
Tuesday	April 12	3:35 p.m.
Thursday	April 14	3:35 p.m.
Saturday	April 16	SPRING GAME (4 p.m.)
Tuesday	April 19	3:35 p.m.
Thursday	April 21	3:35 p.m.
Friday	April 22	3:35 p.m.

HOME GAMES OF THE WEEK

FRIDAY, MAR. 25

SOFTBALL VS. ALCORN ST.
@3:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAR. 26

SOFTBALL VS. ALCORN ST.
@12:00PM & 2:00 PM

The ACC set NCAA record, six teams make it out of the first and second round

By Andre Davis
Panther Staff

It is apparent that anything can happen in the NCAA tournament. After a dramatic first week of March Madness, the 2016 NCAA Tournament field has narrowed down to 16 teams.

All four of the No. 1 seeds advanced to the sweet 16. That has not happened since 2012.

The ACC set an NCAA record, having six teams make it out of the first and second round.

Although the top four teams have made it to the sweet

16, there has definitely been some madness in this year's NCAA tournament.

No. 2 Michigan St. of the Big Ten Conference took a hard loss against Middle Tennessee in Round 1 in this year's tournament. Battling hard from start to finish, the underdogs of Middle Tennessee defeated a team that was predicted to advance to the final four.

Junior forward Reggie Upshaw of Middle Tennessee was unstoppable, putting up 21 PTS. 4 REB and 4 AST against Michigan St.

Another key upset was No. 3 West Virginia of the Big 12 Conference falling short at the hands of No. 14 Stephen F. Austin in round 1.

Thomas Walkup scored 33 points as the lumberjacks walked away with a rugged, 70-56 victory against the Mountaineers in the NCAA tournament.

Stephen F. Austin achieved their biggest victory in school history and increased their winning streak to 21.

A shocking upset in this year's NCAA tournament was No. 5 Indiana defeating No. 4 Kentucky of the Southeastern Conference in round 2 of the NCAA tournament.

Although Indiana was ranked number 5 coming into the tournament, beating Kentucky was a huge surprise given Kentucky's recent national championship in

2012. Kentucky was definitely a team predicted to at least advance to the elite 8.

The NCAA tournament resumes with the Sweet 16 Thursday, 24 and Friday, March 25. In the South, No. 1 Kansas will face No. 5 Maryland. No. 3 Miami will square off against No. 2 Villanova.

In the West, No.1 Oregon takes on No. 4 Duke. No. 3 Texas A&M will face No. 2 Oklahoma.

In the East, No. 1 North Carolina is set to do battle against No. 5 Indiana. No. 6 Notre Dame will face No. 7 Wisconsin.

In the Midwest, No. 1 Virginia will take on No. 4 Iowa St. and No. 11 Gonzaga will face No. 10

Syracuse.

The highly anticipated game in this year's Sweet 16 is North Carolina vs. Indiana. The Hoosiers and the Tar Heels have met a total of 13 times in the NCAA tournament.

These two historic teams going head-to-head is a game you do not want to miss!

As for this year's Cinderella story for Northern Iowa, Stephen F. Austin and Middle Tennessee, it's definitely a shame that we will not see them in the regionals. However, it is proof in this year's tournament that once you give a team just an ounce of confidence anything is possible.

Panther Spotlight

Edgar Sanchez



As a Panther Sanchez is 2-1 with 25 strikeouts and eight walks in 27.2 innings..

By Dominique Dillon
Panther Staff

While the Star Spangled Banner plays Edgar Sanchez stands at attention as he pays tribute to our country.

Sanchez is thankful for the men that put their lives on the line each day to protect our country and he understands the importance of serving in the military as a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Edgar Sanchez, was born in Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 13, 1994, to George and Claudia Sanchez. He is the second oldest of three children.

Sanchez attended Everman High school where he played baseball and soccer. His love for baseball was much stronger, "I want to say when I was four years old was when I first started playing. I do not remember my first time playing. My dad wanted me to play soccer, but it was too much running."

Upon graduation Sanchez decided to join the Marines and not continue playing baseball and soccer.

He aid, "When I enlisted into the US Marine Corps I no longer wanted to attend school and

thought that school would be too tough. When I stopped playing I really missed playing and was not ready to let my love for baseball go when there was still a way for me to continue playing. While in boot camp I missed the World Series in 2013. I couldn't watch any baseball and went through withdrawals. I came home and said I really wanted to go back to school because education is very important and having that degree and being military helps you with opportunities."

This is his first year as a Panther. Sanchez transferred from Cedar Valley College where he led his team to the playoffs playing in field and pitcher. At Cedar Valley College he recorded 31 strikeouts in 48 innings, and also had two complete games.

As a Panther Sanchez is 2-1 with 25 strikeouts and eight walks in 27.2 innings pitched. Sanchez had a phenomenal game, striking out nine batters and allowing only four hits and single unearned run to pick up his second win of the season. Sanchez struck out the first eight batters he faced in record time.

He also led the team to a victory over Texas Southern University.

"The brotherhood and team like aspect of the military is much like a baseball team. I truly enjoy serving my country I have

an opportunity to do things you normally don't get to do in civilian life. You get to shoot all these weapons and train to be in the best shape of your life. You learn a lot of hands-on skills. The most difficult part of serving is being away from your friends and family. If they needed me, they'd call and I'd have to serve. But it's great to have the opportunity to do what I love to do — and that's play baseball."

Sanchez is a radio operator for the US Marine Corps Reserve and has four years remaining to serve.

He reports to his base once a month for raining then returns to school. He's not the only enlisted member of his family; his brother is currently serving in Kuwait.

"I want to be put on the spot so I can see how I perform in clutch situations," said Sanchez. Whether that be on the field or serving my country "I put my trust in my teammates when I pitch to connect and let my defense do what they do best and that gets the outs behind me. I just focus on doing my best on the mound and am confident everything else will fall into place."

The Panthers will be back in action at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 25, away against Grambling State.

Football team kicks off spring practice Tuesday afternoon

Thursday, March 24

- No. 2 Villanova vs. No. 3 Miami (7:10 p.m., CBS)
- No. 2 Oklahoma vs. No. 3 Texas A&M (7:37 p.m., TBS)
- No. 1 Kansas vs. No. 5 Maryland (9:40 p.m., CBS)
- No. 4 Duke vs. No. 1 Oregon (10:07 p.m., TBS)

Friday, March 25

- No. 1 Virginia vs. No. 4 Iowa State (7:10 p.m., CBS)
- No. 6 Notre Dame vs. No. 7 Wisconsin (7:27 p.m., TBS)
- No. 10 Syracuse vs. No. 11 Gonzaga (9:40 p.m., CBS)
- No. 1 North Carolina vs. No. 5 Indiana (9:57 p.m., TBS)

On April 16 PV football will play a spring game at Waller ISD stadium.

By Sports Information

The Prairie View A&M football team will begin spring practice on Tuesday afternoon at the practice field.

The Panthers will hold 15 practices over the next five weeks with the spring game on Saturday, April 16 at Waller ISD Stadium.

On Friday, April 8, the second annual PVAMU Football Coaching Clinic will take place in Houston at the Marriott Westchase.

This marks the first spring under head football coach Willie Simmons as the team didn't conduct spring drills in 2015.

Offensively, all eyes will be on the backfield with the loss of its top three rushers from 2015 but reinforcements won't be in place until the summer.

The Panthers return quar-

terback Trey Green and a slew of receivers but will have to develop depth and fill the hole of three starters on the offensive line.

Defensively, the Panthers turned the corner in the second half of the season and returned nearly the entire unit from last fall as junior Jalan Coleman led the way with 71 tackles.

The Panthers lost two coaches in the offseason and reshuffled their coaching staff in terms of duties along with several new additions to the staff.

The Panthers closed out the season with an undefeated home record and seven consecutive wins under first-year head coach Willie Simmons. The team finished 9-2 and had five players earn All-SWAC honors. Senior Johnnta' Hebert earned FCS All-American honors and the team finished with the No. 2 ranked recruiting class among HB-CUs..



Spectacle and Speculation

By **Ronald Coleman III**
Panther Contributor

With the end of March also ends arguably the busiest month in politics.

Over half of the primaries are finished with surprisingly, not so surprising results; Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump leading the pack by an overwhelming margin in their respective primaries.

Although each candidate may have a platform and plan to deal with current issues of America, it seems like they are going back and forth constantly tearing each other down. Every now and then, one will step forward and begin reminding the crowd what the primaries are about.

That moment will then be duplicated and followed by every other candidate; a brief moment of genuine virtue overruled by the spectacle of politics.

The Democrats currently seem to be rallying around Hillary Clinton despite the appeal Bernie Sanders seems to have, especially with the youth. The former First Lady, New York Senator, and Secretary of State seems to have a lot to offer, being the first woman to receive such votes and offices in her tenure.

Bernie Sanders is clearly much older, yet seems to appeal to our generation more than any other candidate. It seems that the pictures going around on social media on his involvement with the Civil Rights Movement and the mention that the assumed and proven corruption on Wall Street should pay for college, made him quickly gain our generation's vote.

Yet he is still losing to a résumé some would wish to have in the political arena, despite being tainted by the looming FBI investigation surrounding the Benghazi attacks.

On the other side, the mantra has universally become "Stop Donald Trump." Most would agree. The Republican Party has attempted to come back strong with 17 candidates from all walks of life, yet after the primaries began, we are now down to three candidates

to choose from.

After the midterm elections during President Obama's tenure that put a Republican majority in Congress, the GOP consistently claimed to undo the "unconstitutional" policies of Barack Obama. One would think they would have more to show, but even the Republican National Committee seems to be having trouble coping with the strong possibility that they might have the spectacle of Donald J. Trump running on their party ticket.

Despite the false statements, racist remarks, sexist comments, instigative language and just lack of class he has shown, Trump has stirred a lot of anger in the country. The scary part is that it is actually getting him enough votes to where one cannot avoid talk about him possibly being our next President.

The only thing hindering that process is the process; John Kasich and Ted Cruz maintain their platform and actively engage in stopping Trump by staying in the race and chopping at his delegates hoping to see him in a contested GOP Convention, something that hasn't happened in 40 years.

Ironically, that same convention saw the defeat of the beloved Ronald Reagan to Gerald Ford. All of this just scratches the surface of the spectacle the Republicans have shown and the speculation of the Democrats.

At the end of the day, the general population is heading toward a Hillary vs. Trump general election in a faction-type setting. I'm positive Our Founding Fathers never saw this as a possibility of the democratic process.

Not the fact that anyone could have an opportunity or the people having a voice, but the fact that maybe the "voice" of the people could be misleading or even wrong? A strong statement only reflective of a strong uncertainty of what we as a people do with our right as a citizen of this nation.

Old, young, man, woman, white or black, we as a people need to become knowledgeable in order to avoid throwing away that precious right; the right to vote.

What was your favorite part of Spring Break?



"Having a break and hanging with friends."

Ariel Augustus
Nutrition Major
Junior



"Going to Alabama for Nationals"

Trayvon Barnett
Agriculture Communication
Major
Junior



"My birthday."

Na'Shon Edwards
Agriculture Economics Major
Senior



"Spending time with my daughter"

DJ Say Dallas
Music Major
Junior



"Practicing with the bowling team."

Destiny Velez
MIS Major
Sophomore

Alexis Borman
Architecture
Junior



"Running in the TSU relays."

Tyler Smith
Nursing Major
Freshman

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

By **Symphony Webb**
Panther Contributor

Song: Favor by Karen Clark Sheard

"Favor
I give you favor
You will never want for anything
When you pray I will answer
Ask for rain and watch it fall
This is the hour
I'm pouring out My favor."

"Favor isn't fair, but it's on you" is something that I would hear my grandmother say many times growing up. I never really understood what she meant until I became an adult and good things happened to me that I couldn't explain.

It was the favor of God that would always prevail in my life. Sometimes when things happen out of the blue we want to believe that it's a reward from the universe, but for believers of Christ, we call it favor.

In the midst of our mess

and when we're not doing the things that we were called to do, God will still step in and grant us his merciful favor.

"For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor you will surround him as with a shield -Psalms 5:12." When you ask for something from God you will receive it, not to say that there won't be stumbling blocks in your way but God's favor will be there to help guide you along the way to ensure you triumph in the end.

However, you have to be open and willing to be receptive of God's grace and favor.

Joyce Meyer said it this way: "The grace of God is the favor of God. And the grace of God causes good things to happen in our lives through the channel of faith. It is not by human power or might but through God's Spirit of grace that we find favor with God and man."

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20 QUESTIONS

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1. What's really going on at PV? 2. What happened to Coach Brown? 3. So do the girls on the basketball team get along with each other? 4. What happened at The Jungle? 5. What is the real story? 6. Why isn't anyone talking? 7. Do others have things to hide? 8. Who is the girl in 47 that has the clap? 9. Did the girl from Padre get her clothes back? 10. How many times did her suitcase get ran over? 11. Who is the guy with butt injections? 12. Who is Who's Nia? 13. Whose friends have been missing? 14. Why do we know who's all on the Delta line? 15. Are they not being made? 16. Who's excited for the High Life pajama party? 17. Will it be like Too Much Liquor with pajamas? 18. Have y'all noticed the extra "diversity" on campus? 19. Why is PV now a melting pot of HBCUs? 20. What do you think?

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