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# THE PANTHER

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## Communications program gets \$200,000 grant for media labs

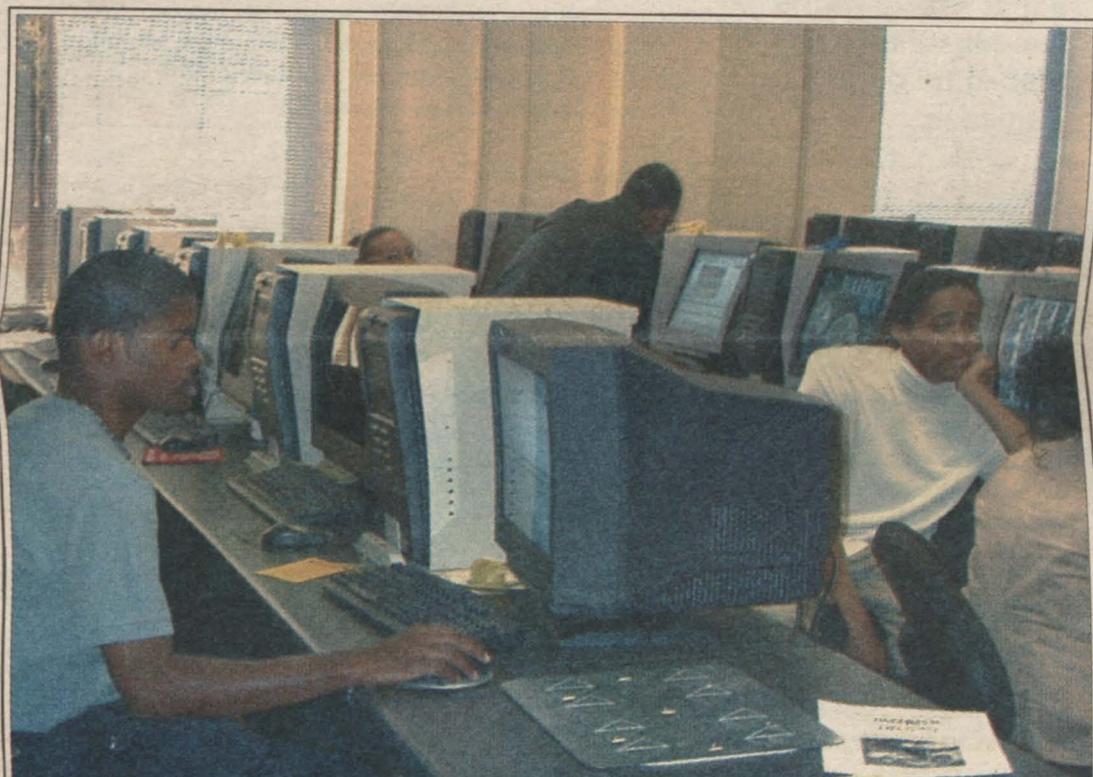


Photo by Christina Johnson

Communications students use their existing lab for projects and some regular classes. The new labs are expected to be state-of-the-art facilities.

### By Christina Johnson

Panther Staff

The department of Languages and Communications has received a \$200,000 Title III educational development grant to be used specifically for two new communications projects: a video production lab and a multimedia lab.

This was disclosed by the head of the department, Dr. Dejun Liu, during a "Student/Faculty Meet and Greet" held Thursday by the department in conjunction with two student organizations, the Association of Black Commu-

nications Majors and Sigma Tau Theta. The event, which was attended by the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Gerard Rambally, and the entire communications faculty, gave students the opportunity to interact with their professors and be updated on the status of the program.

Dr. Liu told students of the changes in store for the communications curriculum. "With funding, we are making strides to improve the courses to benefit the students and the university." He said the improvements would ulti-

mately enable the department to offer a master's degree program in communications and multimedia.

Mr. Harambe Taymullah, audiovisual specialist for the department, said the labs will be used as training tools for students. "We are working on turning studio B into the video production lab where students can learn to do program editing and produce their own projects," he said.

"The computer lab that we already have in

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## Students voice opinions on commencement

### 2 ceremonies on Saturday preferred

By Nikki Easter

Panther Staff

Commencement is rapidly approaching for students scheduled to graduate in December 2002 and to solve the problem of overcrowding in the William J. Nicks Building (Babydome), the vice-president of academic affairs and the office of the registrar conducted a commencement survey that was posted on [www.pvamu.edu](http://www.pvamu.edu).

According to Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, vice president of academic affairs, the purpose of the survey was to determine "scientifically" what type commencement exercise students preferred. "I believe we should cater to the students and the survey was to see just what they wanted," said Thomas-Smith.

"It's nice of them to ask. I picked the second option because people have lots of family members and 10 tickets are just not enough," said Jena Peevy, a senior communications major.

Students had three types of commencement exercises to choose from and the options included the following:

Option 1: One ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday with bachelor's and master's degree candidates combined with each candidate receiving 10 tickets.

Option 2: Two ceremonies on Saturday: bachelor's degree candidates

at 10:30 a.m. and master's degree candidates at 4:30 p.m. No tickets.

Option 3: Two ceremonies on Saturday: a morning ceremony at 10:30 a.m. that combines all master's degree candidates and bachelor's degree candidates in the College of Nursing, School of Architecture, College of Business and College of Education. An afternoon ceremony at 4:30 p.m. that combines bachelor's degree candidates in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Agriculture and Human Sciences, School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology and the College of Engineering. No tickets.

According to the Registrar, Ms. Deborah Dungey there are 319 candidates receiving bachelor's degrees and 151 receiving master's degrees. The capacity for the Babydome is approximately 4,800. "This is the first time the university has conducted such a survey and it will help us better serve the students in the future," added Dungey.

According to Thomas-Smith, a survey was sent to department heads as well to determine which commencement option they thought would be beneficial to students.

The result of the student survey is a Saturday undergraduate commencement at 10:30 a.m. and a graduate commencement later in the day at 4:30 p.m.

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PV's seven - day forecast

**Wed Nov 06** Partly Cloudy  
69°/47°

**Thu Nov 07** Mostly Sunny  
70°/49°

**Fri Nov 08** Partly Cloudy  
73°/54°

**Sat Nov 09** Partly Cloudy  
73°/56°

**Sun Nov 10** Partly Cloudy  
71°/53°

**Mon Nov 11** Partly Cloudy  
68°/52°

**Tue Nov 12** Partly Cloudy  
66°/51°

courtesy www.weather.com

•National•

**Student's parents sue district over transfer to private school**

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) - The parents of a boy who has enrolled in a private religious school say he was forced to do so because of bullying at public school and is being denied a free public education, according to the lawsuit.

In their federal civil rights suit, Rodney and Valorie Erickson of Clearfield County said their son, 13, had to transfer this year to the Clearfield Christian Alliance School after enduring physical and psychological harassment from other students since first grade.

They are seeking unspecified compensatory and punitive damages from the West Branch Area School District. This is the first student-on-student discrimination suit in the district.



•World•

**'P. Diddy' marks 33rd birthday in Marrakech**

RABAT, Morocco (AP) - Rapper Sean "P. Diddy" Combs and 300 guests spent the weekend celebrating his 33rd birthday Moroccan-style, partying in a marble palace and shimmying with belly dancers.

Guests, flown to Marrakech from New York and Paris, included Naomi Campbell, Ivana Trump and Gerard Depardieu.

Combs, once known as Puff Daddy, turns 33 on Monday.

**Saudi Arabia warns non-Muslims to be respectful during Ramadan**

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Saudi Arabia warned non-Muslim residents Sunday not to eat, drink, or smoke in public during the fasting hours of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

A statement by the Ministry of Interior said violators could face "deterrent measures" that include losing their jobs and deportation.

Fasting during Ramadan - the holiest month of the Islamic calendar - is one of Islam's five pillars. Muslims believe that it was during Ramadan that the Quran, their holy book, was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad some 1,400 years ago. During the month, devout Muslims abstain from eating, drinking, smoking, and sex between sunrise and sunset.

**Philippines to host international anti-terrorism conference**

PHNOMPENH, Cambodia (AP) - The Philippines will host an international meeting this week aimed at tackling terrorism and its devastating effect on tourism, officials said Sunday.

Representatives of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations,

R.I.P. Jay...



www.blackcollegewire.org  
Hip Hop fans are mourning the loss of rap pioneer DJ Jam Master Jay, one-third of legendary rap group Run-DMC. Jason Mizzell a.k.a. Jam Master Jay was gunned down at a New York studio. He was 37.

the United States, Britain, Australia, Canada, China, Japan and South Korea have been invited to the Nov. 8-9 meeting in Manila.

Participants will discuss proposals to revive the tourism industry, which has been battered by the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks in the United States and the deadly bombings last month in Indonesia and the Philippines.

**University of Iowa receives \$5 million osteoarthritis grant**

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) - The University of Iowa Health Care Department of Orthopedic Surgery has been awarded a grant to study osteoarthritis.

The \$5.3 million Specialized Center of Research grant was awarded by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease. It will provide funding to four projects that will advance the understanding, prevention and treatment of post-traumatic osteoarthritis, ac-

ording to a release from the University of Iowa.

Osteoarthritis is the pain and stiffness that frequently develops in joints after an injury.



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Up in smoke: Students prefer "Blacks" over Cigarettes

By Tiffani Turner  
Black College Wire

When someone has had a trying day, he or she might go for a smoke. But some have turned in their cigarettes for another kind of smoke, one called "Black & Milds."

Black & Milds are a smaller version of a cigar, but cheaper. Better known as "Blacks" and becoming widely accepted by everyday college students, they can be bought for as little as 65 cents each.

Yet there is another cost. The box reads, "Surgeon General Warning: Cigars are not a safe alternative to smoking cigarettes."

"If cigarettes and cigars had a baby, it would be a Black & Mild," said Brandon Roberto Carter, a junior advanced marketing major at Howard University. "What I mean by that is it is the best of both worlds; it's a hybrid, so to speak."

The product is 100 percent tobacco, and there is a certain skill to smoking it. "You don't inhale cigars," Carter said. "But you better

believe you inhale Black & Milds the way that you would a square (cigarette)."

William Wilson, a Howard sophomore psychology major, says he smokes "Blacks" because "Black & Milds are something you smoke to relieve stress; they make you feel good, they relax you, and they smell better than cigarettes."

Wilson also noted several other reasons: "In L.A. they are 75 cents. There are about five in a pack and they cost somewhere around two dollars. I don't really buy packs, I buy one or two. Black & Milds are bigger than cigarettes and are like mini-cigars"

Others say they appreciate the lower cost and an aroma they consider sweeter and more comforting. But none of that impresses Caroline Dennis, a junior music education major at Howard. "Deciding or choosing to smoke is like signing your own death certificate and purchasing your own coffin," she said. "Smoking is dangerous to the person inhaling the toxins and the people that they are around. I am not the type of person who would like to endanger others or myself. I'm clean."

Should laptops be provided for engineering students, other majors?

By Nasha Ross  
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University has one of the most prestigious schools for engineering. A couple of years back there was an article published in The Panther which presented some false information to the students of the university. The article stated that technology is the key to the future. The university was going to become a technical university.

Most universities do registration, as well as offer courses all on the Internet. Prairie View was going to gradually make that change also.

Another thing mentioned was how majors such as engineering, business, architecture, computer science and a few others would be provided with laptops to help students while studying at the university. The only students who have received the laptops are architecture majors.

It is true that funds are being available for other labs to be upgraded with new equipment. In the engineering labs it's not all top of the line equipment. The engineering labs are not available for usage 24 hours. Also throughout the day the labs are used for the instruction of courses.

The computers available are outnumbered by twice as many engineering students and not all function properly. At critical points of the semester such as mid-terms, final exams and projects the labs are over populated. Laptops would allow students not to have to wait and to be able work elsewhere. Computer labs in the new science building and library are open for usage at extended hours of the day. The only problem with that is that there are certain applications that engineering students use. Applications such as Microsoft C++ Visual Programming, Autocad 2000, and Electronic Workbench, are not available in laboratories outside the engineering building.

Many students have complex lifestyles. Some students commute from lengthy destinations while others balance school and work schedules. The engineering lab hours are not in compliance with all student schedules. Outside of school most students do not have access to personal computers. Engineering is a very time consuming field and demands vast use of computers. This article clearly defines the need for engineering students to be provided with laptops.

Fall 2002 Commencement

Two ceremonies...  
one graduating class!

Saturday  
December 14, 2002\*

10:30 A.M.

Bachelor's Degree Candidates



4:30 P.M.

Master's Degree Candidates

The change to two Commencement exercises on Saturday was the result of a broad-based survey of prospective candidates. Given the number of applicants for the December 2002 graduation, the University is able to honor the preference without requiring tickets or violating the fire code.

\*The deadline to apply for Graduation was Monday, Sept. 23, 2002.

All students who expect to receive their degrees at the end of the semester for which they are enrolling must make formal application for Graduation through the Office of the Registrar, Evans Hall, Room 110.

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# Back to Normal



By L'Rhonda Boyd

News Editor  
One morning I was watching *Live with Regis and Kelly* and Kelly made the comment that she thought that New York City had lost its chivalry that it had gained after 9/11. This made me think.

After the 9/11 attacks people took notice of other people's attitudes and behavior towards their fellow Americans.

It seemed that at that time we, as Americans, smiled and laughed more.

After a little time had passed some people thought that some Americans were "going back to normal", meaning that the attitudes of the past were starting to surface.

Then came the one year anniversary of the terrorist attacks. It was during this time that we started to see the pride and chivalry of American come back.

Well it is now November and my question to my fellow students is, where's the love? (In my opinion) is a sad but true statement that we are only nice after tragedy strikes.

Do not take what I am trying to say out of context; it's just that I notice things and then when I see them happening on this campus, I speak about it. To bring this closer to home, will it absolutely kill some of you to smile?

It seems that when we thought that our entire existence was in danger we were the nicest and friendliest people and now that we are comfortable in our settings, we change.

As students we should strive to maintain a positive attitude towards life at all times, not just when society says we should.

# What did you think about the PV documentary?

## Student Poll



Kimika Holmes  
Business Information Systems

**The documentary was inspiring, It gave me a sense of school pride that I couldn't get from the classroom.**



Robin Birt  
Education

**I thought that it was informative and that it did PV justice.**



Ashley R. White  
Accounting

**The documentary was important to understand just how far Prairie View has come, and the great future that we will have to look forward to.**

# PV's own stands the test of time

### Poindexter reigns as nation's longest practicing black veterinarian

By: Barbara Ramirez

Panther Staff

Practice makes perfect and Dr. Alfred Nelson Poindexter proves that as he discusses his 57 years of service to PVAMU.

"I have the longest tenure, I have been tenured ever since tenure was available," said Poindexter.

Poindexter is the college veterinarian and professor of Animal Science. He has held these positions for 54 years. Poindexter graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, with DV M.D. in 1945.

Poindexter and his wife Rachael, along with two small children came to PV in the spring of 1945. As a veteran of the university and the Prairie View community, Poindexter has seen many changes. Poindexter explained the overall changes at PVAMU throughout the many years. "There weren't many buildings.

The entire faculty

lived in frame houses surrounding the campus and there were no paved roads, no curbs, no gutters, it was just different."

Poindexter has seen many roads paved and has paved some roads for himself. He has been the recipient of a plethora of awards such as the Longest Practicing Black Veterinarian in the nation, one of the first two African-Americans to be admitted to the Texas Veterinary Medical Association in 1947.

He has also established a \$300,000 scholarship endowment to assist students to pursue careers in veterinary medicine.

Also, he is one of four outstanding black agriculturalists. He was selected by the Commission of Texas Agriculture.

To add to his many achievements, he is the co-founder of the Prairie View Trail Riders, which consists of over 500 cowboys/cowgirls who have traveled to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for



Photo by: Marques Allen

Dr. Poindexter is seen doing what he does best and that is attending to the needs of the Prairie View community.

40 years.

Poindexter is considered a living legend. He has been on the "Eyes of Texas"—a KPRC television show twice. He and his wife have had the privilege of raising five children.

Two of his children are medical doctors, one is an engineer, another is an

architect, and one has a Ph.D. Poindexter says that he has always believed in hard work and being honest, and that is what he tries to instill in his children and students.

He explained that his longevity with PVAMU has been enjoyable.

He is planning to retire after this year.

### Grant from page 1

Hilliard Hall will be updated and turned into a multimedia lab.

"We will offer programs using equipment, such as Apple G4 and Adobe Premier, to help the students learn the skills they need in media production."

Also during the meeting, Mr. Taymullah stated that he and Dr. Afif Arabi, professor for video production, are trying to get the television station running again.

"We are working to get at least one access channel to air the students' productions across campus," he said.

"We will also be trying to get the station to show in Hempstead and Waller so that when special events such as Homecoming occur, people can watch them from their homes."

Another issue Dr. Liu addressed was trying to get the radio production program back on the degree plan.

"We are trying to rebuild our radio production program," he stated.

"The program was phased out; it hasn't been offered in three years.

We are trying to get it back in the program and offer updated courses."

A question was raised at the meeting whether or not the communications program is seeking accreditation.

"The program does not necessarily have to be accredited but we are seeking accreditation from the American Communications Association," Liu replied.

"When a program is accredited and has met certain standards, our students and school will have more credibility and visibility."

Dr Liu and the faculty of the communications program feel that the changes will be beneficial to the department.

"I feel confident that with the new programs we will be implementing, our students will be able to compete with the best students in the nation and will represent our program and Prairie View well."

# Cashier makes robber pay

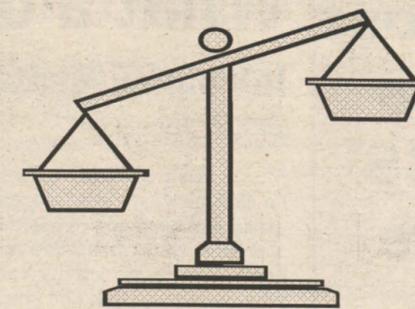
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — A cashier at a convenience store dropped the crash drawer on the floor when a robber demanded the store's receipts, then tossed a stapler at him as he fled, police said.

Cathy Harris, who has worked at the 7-Eleven store for 20 years, was angered when the robber sneaked up behind her Monday. She was robbed three years ago.

"She told him, 'If you want the money, you pick it up,'" store owner Katie Nelson said.

The man, who said he was armed and was wearing a bandanna over his face, helped himself to \$36 and left, but not before Harris hit him with a stapler in the shoulder, Nelson said.

She said she reprimanded Harris, telling her, "You're supposed to be scared, not angry" during a robbery.



# SGA Speaks Out

International Awareness Day: The Ambassador of Jamaica will be the guest speaker tonight at 6:00 p.m. in Hobart Taylor.

Senator of Political and Social Sciences, Vernon Blanson, will be having a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7, in Rm. 203 at 6:30 p.m. Issues or questions concerning the College will be addressed. Dean Rambally is scheduled to be there.

COPS Meeting: Administration Bldg. Auditorium Thursday, Nov. 7, at 5:30 p.m.

General Meeting; Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7:00 p.m. The entire student body is invited to talk to administration about issues. All senators are required to be at the general meeting.

Pep Rally: Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Baby Dome at 7:15 p.m.

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# Irish loss shakes up BCS picture

By Andrew Roberts  
Sports Writer

The Fightin' Irish of Notre Dame dropped their first game this season losing to Boston College 14-7.

The Irish came into the game controlling their own destiny and holding strong to the number three spot in the AP rankings.

A record crowd of 80,935 showed up to show support for the Irish. Notre Dame fell behind early turning the ball over twice in the first half of play.

The two turnovers turned into Boston College scores. Irish Quarterback Carlyle Holiday was ineffective early in the contest and was replaced. Pat Dillingham came in and was ineffective as well.

The Irish were dominated by the Boston College defense the majority of the game. The loss shakes up the BCS picture.

Texas still has an outside shot at claiming a spot in the national title game. Oklahoma and Miami still remain unbeaten. A loss by any team in the top five could be costly.

The loss for Notre Dame brings back memories of their 1993 season where they upset Florida State. After beating the Seminoles the Irish held the number one spot in the AP poll. The next week they faced Boston College. It was their last regular season game of the year. The Irish were upset by Boston College and their title hopes vanished.

Despite the loss coach Ty Willingham has still had an excellent first season. The Irish have already won three more games than last year.

The last couple of games will decide what teams go to what bowl games. Oklahoma is currently sitting in the driver's seat.

# What a difference sports make

## Intramural sports play key role in campus life for many

Cory Donley  
Panther Staff

What is the one activity on campus where everyone can experience a safe environment of sportsmanship with a fellow student? This is an activity that puts the student first and keeps many students out of trouble.

That activity is intramural sports. An intramural sport is the perfect place for recreational sport lovers to exercise and meet people.

Many students need somewhere to get away from homework, stress or any other problems that they feel are overwhelming them.

The intramural sports program is made up of 17 different programs that take place throughout the week. Students can participate in many activities like soccer, swimming, weight lifting, aerobics, tennis, racquetball, and basketball.

Most of the activities that take place in intramural sports are year-round although

some sports remain seasonal.

All equipment is provided for the intramural sports and the best thing about this organization is that most of the activities are free of charge. Coach Raymond Burgess, the head director of the intramural sports department at Prairie View, became part of the program in 1991. Since that time the program has done nothing but succeed.

Burgess views the intramural program as not just any other sports activity but as an organization to bring students and their community together and closer with sportsmanship. Burgess believes that the intramural sports program is "a good way to get to know your fellow student, have fun and respect your neighbor."

"The intramural program is a good place for the average, every day person to come and participate in daily recreational sporting events," says Burgess.

Most of the intramural sports is run by students for students. The program is part of the student activity organization, so Burgess is able to hire students to work under work-study or on campus work.

One issue concerning Burgess was the need for adequate facilities. He expressed the need for new facilities.

The intramural sports program is currently working on improving the current gymnasium in which they are stationed.

Burgess always wants to look at this situation in a positive manner. "Hopefully with the help of students and the administration, a common ground for the furnishing of adequate settings can be met," he said.

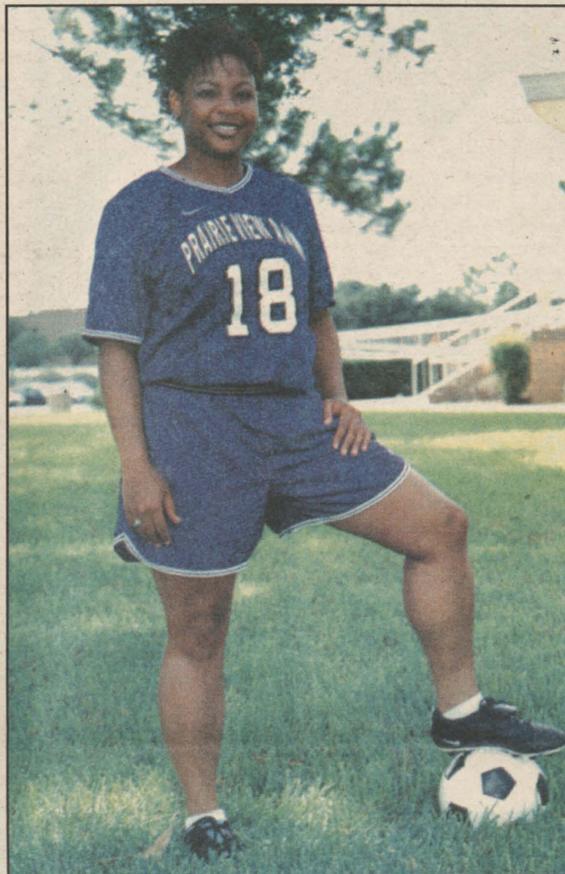
This is one reason why student support is very important. Burgess and the entire intramural sports department asked that stu-

dents stop by and get involved with this rewarding organization.

Burgess and the staff are trying to get a few new ideas started. Guys, it is not too late to sign up for flag football. Get your team together and sign up for this year's season. Ladies, start getting ready because powder puff football will be here soon. For all of the cheerleaders out there, Burgess is tossing around the idea of having cheerleading squads for the flag football teams.

The annual Prairie View 'Streetballin' Contest will begin the 22nd through the 24th of this month. So be sure to go by the gymnasium to talk with Burgess or his staff to sign up or get more information about any upcoming events that you may be interested in.

# Athlete of the Week



**Name: Christina Chevis**  
**Hometown: Spring, TX**  
**Major: Communications**  
**Classification: Junior**  
**Sport: Soccer**

# Grant Hill's recovery creating dilemma for Magic

Mike Branon  
AP Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)

The Orlando Magic are prepared for the questions surrounding Grant Hill's bad ankle.

How many minutes are too many? When the star forward says he's sore, is it pain that's to be expected from the NBA's daily grind? Or is it a sign that he's taken a turn for the worse yet again?

The Magic knew the queries would come when Hill finally took the court after undergoing three surgeries in 2 1/2 years. Now, after a weekend scare where Hill felt pain in the joint and was sidelined for the second half of the Magic's win at Milwaukee, the Magic are answering the questions by keeping cool.

"It may happen again it may happen a couple of times where I have to sit out a game," Hill said Monday, sweat beading on his brow following a light practice. "The only bad thing about it is, it messes up my stats."

Hill was referring to his two points, one rebound, one assist line he posted against the Bucks in 10 minutes. Aside from that, Hill has looked like the five-time All Star he is, averaging 16 points, 4.8 rebounds and 4.8 assists in 25 minutes during the Magic's 3-1 start.

Orlando hosts Sacramento on Tuesday night, and a win would give the Magic their best start in a non-lock-out season since 1996.

Hill is expected to start against the Kings. His finishing the game, however, is a different matter and will be a decision made by Orlando's coaches and medical experts.

"Later in the year, we'll be less cautious," said coach Doc Rivers, who had the final say in ending Hill's night early on Saturday. "But right now, we just want to keep managing his minutes."

Rivers' handling of Hill was challenged Friday at Minnesota. The Magic fell behind by 26 points in the second quarter, but Hill's ability to draw fouls slowly brought the team back.

As the game wore on, Hill's scoring piled up, as did his playing time. He finished with 27 points, including a franchise-record 17 foul shots without a miss, in 33 minutes. However, Orlando lost 111-105. "That was a coach's nightmare, more than anything," Rivers said. "It was like Minnesota was teasing us enough to keep all our guys on the floor and expend them."

There was another reason for Rivers to hold his breath during the loss to the Timberwolves. Hill, en route to his record performance at the free-throw line, was repeatedly pushed, pulled and knocked to the floor.

"In my opinion, he

should've went (to the line) 30 times. He got fouled almost every time he drove," Rivers said. "Unfortunately, that's how Grant Hill plays; that was the real Grant Hill. So, he's going to get beat up a lot."

Hill didn't see it that way. He thought his performance, needed on a night when star teammate Tracy McGrady couldn't get off his shot, was long-awaited proof that he can carry the Magic. "I haven't done that since I've been here," he said. "It was good for me just to know that I can do that."

Aside from Hill, the Magic have other injury worries. Forward-center Horace Grant may be placed on the injured list because his left knee hasn't yet healed from offseason surgery. He said last week that he may be sidelined until December.

The 37-year-old Grant has missed the last three games after playing just 13 minutes in the season-opening win over Philadelphia.

If Grant is disabled, it is likely that forward Olumide Oyedemi would be activated from the injured list after the game against the Kings. Oyedemi has a low back strain.

Also, point guard Darrell Armstrong sat out Monday's practice because of a strained right shoulder.

## SWAC SCORES

Last week's football scores

Miss. Valley 26  
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# UTMB clinic at PVAMU is open to all

By Candice Grizzell  
Panther Staff

with women's health and do women exams, which include the Pap smear, breast exams and offer contraceptive management," said Billups. "If male students have an STD problem we can see them as well. We also treat students who have basic problems such as ear and urinary tract infections."

Billups noted that anyone who comes to the clinic is welcome to request the "brown-bag special," which includes free condoms, medical brochures on STDs and information on the proper use of the condom.

"Education is very important when it comes to health issues," said Billups. "A lot of people don't really understand the proper use of the condom and that's why individuals have so many problems."

According to Billups, she enjoys conducting seminars for the university and the community and is a "big promoter of abstinence."

The clinic director for the Regional Maternal and Child Health Program, A. Janis Billups, wants students to be aware of the services provided by the University of Texas Medical Branch health clinic on the second floor of the Owens-Franklin Health Center.

"Our second floor operates under the University of Texas Medical Branch and was invited in 1994 to provide services for the community as well as for the students," said Billups. "We also offer family planning, the WIC program and the HAWC program, which handles childcare."

According to Billups, in past years a lot of areas in Texas had no availability for people to get prenatal care or well women exams, so many in the county looked toward the university for providing health services.

"We deal primarily

"Students have been so bombarded by the wrong information and the best I can do is counsel my patients with correct information," said Billups. "People's lives are ruined by a one-time incident."

Billups also wants to inform students on the Human Papillomavirus and Hepatitis C virus, because some people have no signs or symptoms. She noted that HPV is escalating and is one of the leading causes of cancer in young women age 20 to 30. In last year's Centers for Disease Control report there were 500,000 new cases. Although there are 48 types of viruses there are four that are extremely high risk.

Hepatitis C is the second rising virus, which is sometimes caused by body piercing and tattoos.

"I advise students to buy their own needles, because although some needles are sterilized and reused they might not have been in the autoclave long enough to kill

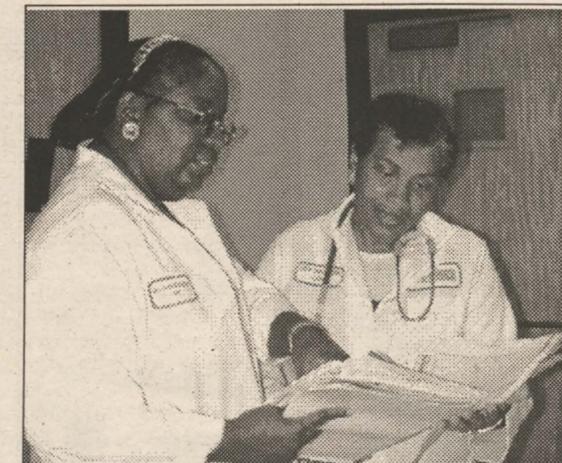


Photo by Leona Aaron  
Clinical director A. Janis Billups (right) wants students to be aware of the services offered by the UTMB clinic on campus.

all the viruses," said Billups. "When tattoos and piercing are performed the viruses can go directly into the blood stream and then it's transmitted sexually."

Billups noted that students are welcome to the second floor of the health center with or without insurance.

"Our services are covered with title 10, title 20 and grants," said Billups. "When the grant money runs out we still see our patients."

Clinic hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tue-Fri.

# PVAMU graduate becomes Navy's newest three star admiral

## Vice Adm. Brewer is evidence that Prairie View produces productive people

### Special to the Panther

Vice Adm. David L. Brewer III, USN, became the U.S. Navy's newest three-star admiral when he was promoted Oct. 23, 2002, by Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Vern Clark at a ceremony on the historic Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C.

Vice Adm. Brewer began his Navy career as a member of the first graduating class of a Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the historically black university, Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas.

He is the fifth Prairie View A&M graduate to achieve three stars in the military.

This is the highest rate among historically black universities.

Vice Adm. Brewer is currently the com-

mander of the Navy's Military Sealift Command, the command responsible for the Navy and Department of Defense's 120 non-combatant ships operating worldwide.

Brewer becomes one of only 32 officers who hold the Navy's second highest rank, and only the fifth African-American to achieve this rank in the history of the Navy.

As commander, Brewer has led the MSC support of the war against terrorism. MSC has been at the forefront of the U.S. response, delivering a variety of services and supplies to U.S. and allied forces around the world.

MSC's Naval Fleet Auxiliary Force ships are replenishing Navy ships at sea with fuel, food, ammunition, spare parts and other supplies enabling the ships and aircraft to operate at sea for extended periods without returning to port.

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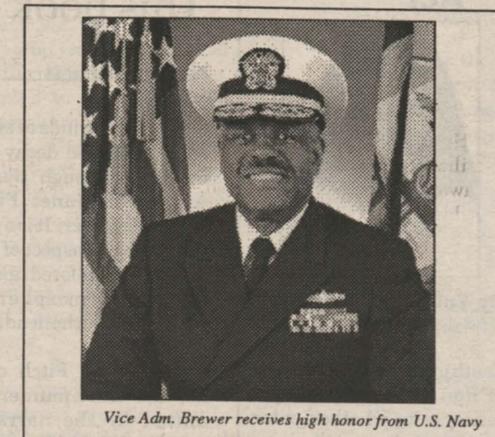
ships are standing ready to move enormous quantities of U.S. combat equipment to any theater of operation if called.

More than 95 percent of all equipment and supplies for a war or contingency operation move by sea on ships controlled by Brewer's command.

Brewer came to MSC from Pensacola, Fla., where he was the vice chief of Naval Education and Training.

His initial tour as an admiral was as the commander of U.S. Naval Forces Marianas/Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command Representative Guam/Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands/Federated States of Micronesia/Republic of Palau.

That tour was followed by duty as Commander, Amphibious Group Three in San Diego, Calif., where he was promoted to Rear Admiral (Upper Half).



Vice Adm. Brewer receives high honor from U.S. Navy

He has served in a variety of afloat and shore positions throughout his 32-year Navy career.

Vice Adm. Brewer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Brewer II, retired educators who taught in Orlando, Fla. schools for more than 30 years.

He is a graduate of Jones High School in Orlando, and is a member of the Jones High School Hall of Fame.

Photos are available on the MSC web site at [www.msc.navy.mil](http://www.msc.navy.mil).



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**A Senseless Act**



**By Yolanda Hadnot**  
Lifestyles Editor

With the recent death of Jam Master Jay (d.j. of Run D.M.C.), the question arose as to whether entertainment is a dangerous lifestyle. When did making music become so risky?

While Jam Master Jay is not known as the so called "gangster" type, he is still involved in the entertainment community. With recent deaths over the years of legendary artists, such as Tupac, Freeway, and Notorious B.I.G., is it the rappers' lifestyle or just a coincidence?

I don't think we should throw Jam Master Jay in the same bucket with these others, but more in the category of the beloved Aaliyah and Left Eye. Not to diminish the other deaths, or to even hint that they deserved it in any way but Jam Master Jay's death was a senseless act. He helped launch a whole genre of music and in doing so inspired and gave back to numerous artists.

He had no rivals such as east coast and west coast enemies or issues of stolen beats. Jam Master Jay is described as a legacy and a pillar in his community. Music is supposed to enlighten and entertain in my opinion, but it's turned into an avenue for personal grudges and advertisements for sex, and drugs. Now the hip hop community is pulling together because one of the greatest has passed. Why does it have to come to that?

If the artists remain united, maybe some of the senseless killings and foolish acts won't happen. In life you live and learn. Most celebrities still haven't learned what it's all about: the music.

# White Oleander is a journey of self-discovery

## This book will soon hit the big screen as a movie

**Melody Barnett**  
Panther Staff

The winds of suburban and moral decay blow non-stop through the Los Angeles of Janet Fitch's *White Oleander*. It is a place that bares no aspect of itself under rose-colored glasses and its atmosphere is fragrant by the deadly oleander plant.

Janet Fitch opens her tale with a murder committed by the narrator's mother, Ingrid Magnussen, a self-involved poet who poisons her ditching boyfriend, Barry. With her arrest, Ingrid's 12-year-old daughter, Astrid, becomes a ward of the state being bounced around from one foster nightmare to another while battling the destructive mind games of her incarcerated mother.

Even throughout her prison sentence, Ingrid maintains the status of role model to her daughter, always standing as the ruler

to which Astrid will measure herself. Though Astrid never thinks she measures up to her mother, she also learns to hate Ingrid for her manipulative ways and unwavering cruelty. It is because of this that Astrid will spend her stint as ward of the state searching for a maternal replacement.

Astrid's first foster mother is a former topless waitress named Starr who buys Astrid new clothes (a tight pink dress and pink high heels) and has her baptized as Christian. Later, Starr will shoot Astrid with a .38 caliber pistol for having sex with Starr's boyfriend, Ray.

As a result of that incident, Astrid is sent to live with Ed and Marvel Turlock who use her as a baby-sitter and a maid, then on to a wealthy Argentine named Amelia Ramos. Ms. Ramos starves the children sent to her. After this, Astrid is given to one Rena Grushenka who teaches her wards to rum-

mage through people's trash.

For a while Astrid finds happiness with a Hollywood couple named Ron and Claire Richards. He is a producer and she is an actress and life is perfect. Claire nurtures Astrid's artistic gifts by enrolling her into classes at a local museum. She even encourages Astrid to take honors classes in high school.

When Ingrid gets wind of her daughter's happiness, her controlling nature drives her to extremes. Astrid learns of her new foster mother's manic depression which Ingrid will use to play into Claire's insecurities. Ingrid tells her daughter that she would rather see her "in the worst kind of foster hell than with a woman like that," marking the end of that era in Astrid's life with Claire's suicide.

Distraught and finally fully knowledgeable

of her mother's evil nature, Astrid blames her mother for Claire's death and later has to decide whether she'll help her mother appeal her prison sentence. With such dramatic development *White Oleander* becomes a narrative roller-coaster spiraling and dipping until the very end.

Janet Fitch has a knack for story punctuality signifying turning points in Astrid's life with startling incidents all the while underlying the tale with a smooth vernacular. An excellent narrative, I give it five panther paws.

# Some movies should not be remade

## "The Ring" is not as scary as it looks

**Erika Myers**  
Panther Staff

When I asked several friends and acquaintances for their opinions on the movie "The Ring", a remake of one Japan's biggest box office hits, they all seemed to agree that the movie scared the you know what out of them.

Some went so far as to say that they could not sleep alone or with the lights off after seeing the movie.

Needless to say, I was very intimidated since they all seemed to be so scared; so intimidated that I begged several friends to go see the movie with me.

To say that we were all highly disappointed is putting it mildly. I sat for the first two hours (the movie is about two hours and ten minutes long) of the movie, impatiently waiting for

something to scare the you know what out of me and nothing happened.

The movie was basically about people dying seven days after watching this really weird video tape. Immediately after viewing the tape, they would receive a phone call where some little girl would say "seven days" implying that they would die in seven days.

In the beginning of the movie, a girl named Becca dies because she had viewed the tape seven days prior and her friend is sent to a mental hospital because she witnessed Becca's death. Becca's aunt, who happens to be a journalist, immediately begins an attempt to uncover the mystery behind her niece's death and the video tape.

She finds the video tape and also receives the phone call after viewing the

tape. She confides in a close male friend about the video tape, who of course does not believe anything that she is saying, but views the tape anyway.

He soon begins to believe what she is saying and together they uncover the mystery behind the strange tape. The most memorable and maybe even tad bit scary part came within the last fifteen minutes of the movie. I will not give that part away.

The movie was a good mystery, at best, but it was not scary. You really have to judge for yourself. As for myself, I laughed throughout the movie.

If you are looking for a scare, I recommend that you all save your money. However, if you are just looking to go see a decent movie with a pretty good twist, this

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# CD burning record sales are at an all-time high

**Ron Harris**  
Associated Press Writer

The growing popularity of CD burning and illegal song-swapping over the Internet has cut into online music sales, sending them tumbling 25 percent this year, according to a survey released Monday.

Internet sales of prerecorded music, such as CDs and cassette tapes, reached \$545 million through the third quarter, well behind last year's total of \$730 million for the same period, according to

the study conducted by research firm comScore Networks.

The study found former Napster users flocked to alternative file-sharing networks such as Kazaa and Morpheus after Napster went offline in the summer of 2001. Morpheus' user base grew from fewer than one million in June of that year to 7.2 million by March 2002, comScore said.

Consumers increasingly are seeking the instant gratification of free downloads, and the ability to burn those downloads to blank

CDs offers even more personalization and choice, said Phil Leigh, an analyst for Raymond James & Associates.

"The primary message of the CD burner is the consumer doesn't want to be straightjacketed into buying a prepackaged CD," Leigh said. "I think what we're seeing is not only the death of the physical form factor, but the death of the prepackaged concept."

There are legitimate ways to buy downloads online, such as Listen.com's Rhapsody service, as well as

MusicNet and Pressplay, two joint ventures launched by the major recording companies to counter illegal song-sharing.

But those services have yet to release any figures on how many people have actually signed up, and it is hard to gauge their popularity in the face of free downloads from Morpheus and Gnutella network programs.

The comScore study only considered online purchases of recorded media such as CDs and tapes and did not look at paid music

downloads.

In September, the chief executive of the Recording Industry Association of America, Hilary Rosen, testified at a congressional hearing on music piracy and peer-to-peer networks, saying public education about the illegality of unauthorized file-sharing was of the utmost importance.

"I wish I could tell you that there is a silver bullet that could resolve this very serious problem," Rosen said. "There is not."

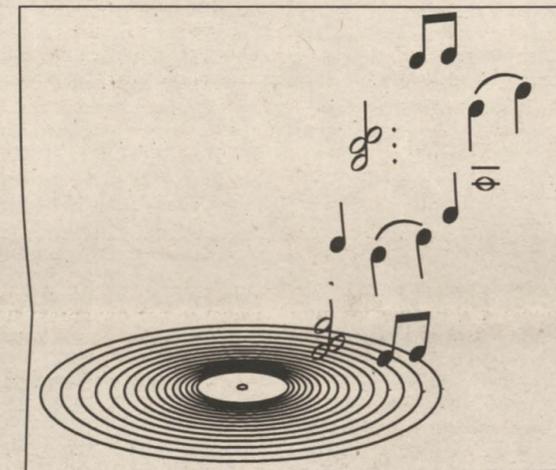


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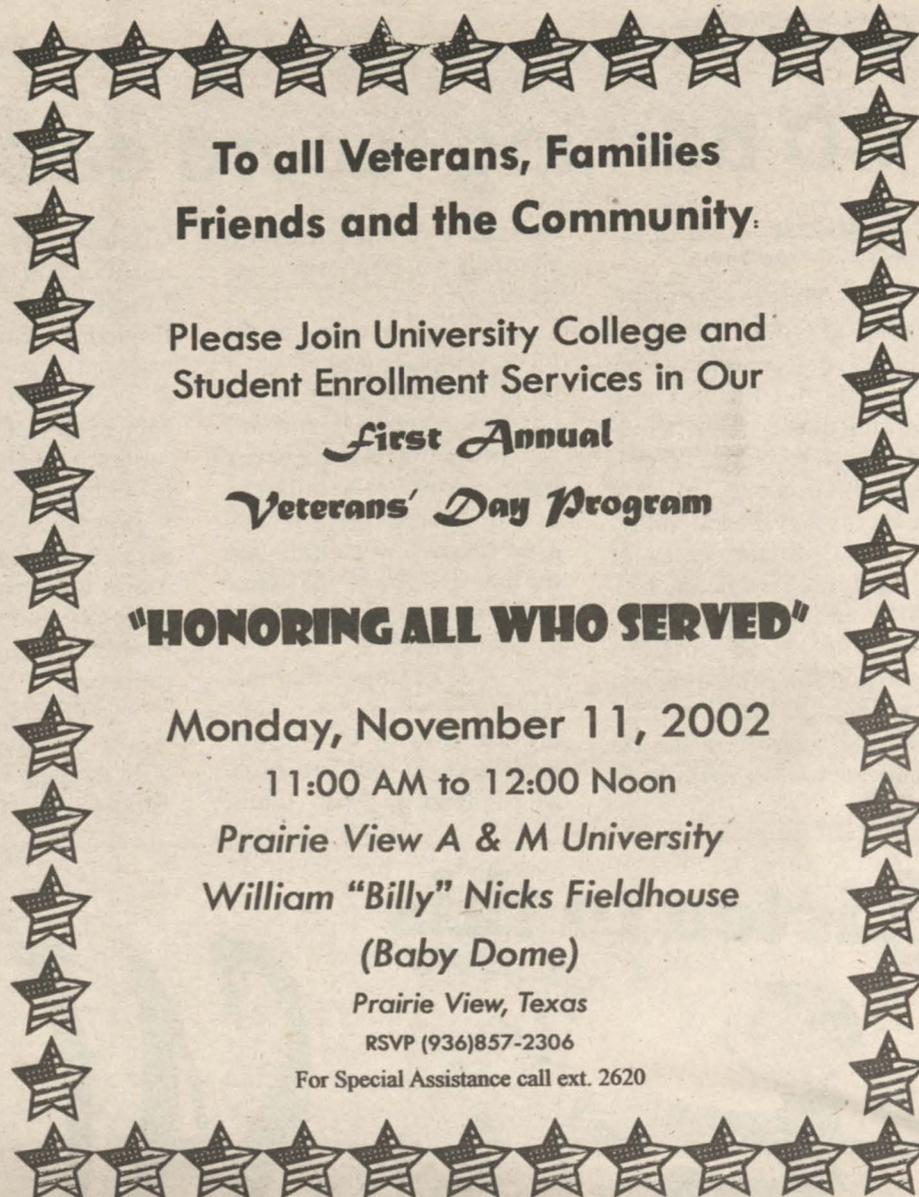
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2. Who really voted for him?
3. Did someone really have to give you \$2 off at Williams' just to vote?
4. Who was the girl that fell in front of U.C. running after the transit?
5. What time does the Office of Student Activities really open and close?
6. How many ways will they serve the same meals in Alumni?
7. How many times will they serve the same meals in Alumni?
8. Will they ever try to make something new?
9. Were those the same hamburger patties from last week?
10. Do people realize that the Sigmas did the basketball skit before anyone in the fall of 1998?
11. Who is still here from fall of 1998?
12. Why was the SGA president written up by the sheriff for encouraging people to vote?
13. Who were the freshman girls following the Omegas around at the party last weekend?
14. Who was driving around with the bull horn screaming at people to vote?
15. Aren't the Lady Panthers great this year?
16. Can somebody please vote for the band to go to Atlanta for battle of the bands?
17. If they do go, can the Black Foxes not wear those God awful ponytails?
18. How about tightening up those mid-sections before you go?
19. Isn't it time for Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas - Smith to become the president of PVAMU?
20. What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not necessarily the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 105 Harrington Science or email panther@pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

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