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Survey indicates students in favor of non-smoking policy

By Deanna Harris
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Are the residents of Barge, Cone, Jones, Merner, Pfeiffer, Player, and Reynolds concerned about the smoking policy at Bennett?

According to the results of a recent survey conducted by the Office of Residence Life some students are not.

Of all the students who participated in this survey, the majority does agree with Bennett adopting a non-smoking policy. As of now residents are allowed to smoke in their rooms only.

"There is not a strong percentage of students that are for the policy, and there is not a strong percentage of students that are against it," said Amanda Williams, director of residence life.

A total of 279 residents from the seven dormitories participated in a smoking survey Feb. 17.

The survey contained two ques-

tions. The first question asked whether students should be allowed to smoke in the rooms, bathroom, or parlor.

The second question asked whether the College should have a non-smoking policy in all buildings on campus.

One hundred and thirty-two respondents said students should be allowed to smoke in their rooms. Only 9 percent (24 students) agree with the students smoking in the bathroom. Less than 1 percent (18 students) think that students should be able to smoke in the parlor.

In response to the second question, 61 percent (169 respondents) agree with the idea of Bennett having a non-smoking policy in all the buildings on campus (See chart.) The results also indicated that Reynolds had the largest number of respondents that said residents should be able to smoke in their rooms.

The majority of the respondents from Pfeiffer said they do not think

Bennett should have a non-smoking policy in all the buildings.

"I am fine with the policy as it is," said Dana Hunter, a freshman English major from New York. "Students should be happy that they are given that privilege."

"The policy is fine the way it is," Brandyn Alexander, a freshman biology major from Arizona said, "I just think that the Residence Life should start to pair smokers as roommates."

Carol Cheston, residence director of Barge Hall, said "Since the freshmen in Barge Hall have done a good job respecting the smoking policy, I am fine with it."

Smokers may not be aware of the consequences of smoking.

"People who suffer from second hand smoke may end up with lung disease, or life threatening cancers," said Linda Watkins, the director of health services. "There are many dangerous allergic reactions. Women who are taking birth control and are smokers, increase the risk of heart attacks."

WLI providing 'town meetings' in Living Learning Centers

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Earlier this month the Women's Leadership Institute began providing town meetings in the Living Learning Centers.

"The town meetings are just one way of reaching the students," said Dr. Lea E. Williams, director of the WLI.

Kimberly Foster, director of Outreach, and Center for Families which one of the operating Centers at the WLI, said that another goal of the town meetings is to stimulate students to think criti-

cally about personal issues.

The format for each of the meetings is the same.

Each meeting is facilitated by different faculty or staff members so the students can interact directly with those who have experience in these areas.

The format encourages student interest and participation.

"Each meeting is opened with presentations by members of the Reader's Theater, and followed by discussion," said Dr. Linda Beatrice Brown.

Brown is the director of the Reader's Theatre and of the Center

for Women and Spirituality which is another WLI Center.

Reader's Theatre will perform a skit involving the issues of the slave's personal empowerment even while in servitude -- even over her own body while in the midst of abuse and maltreatment by her master.

The discussions center around leadership development for the Belles in various aspects of life.

The town meetings are March 31, Player Hall, at 7 p. m.; April 16, Jones Hall, at 6:30 p.m; and April 20, Reynolds Hall, at 7 p.m.

Mass comm students, professor attend 2nd annual FCC conference

By Delanissa Moody
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Five mass communications students and one assistant professor attended the Telecommunications Conference '98 presented by the Federal Communications Commission and the National Association of Broadcasters.

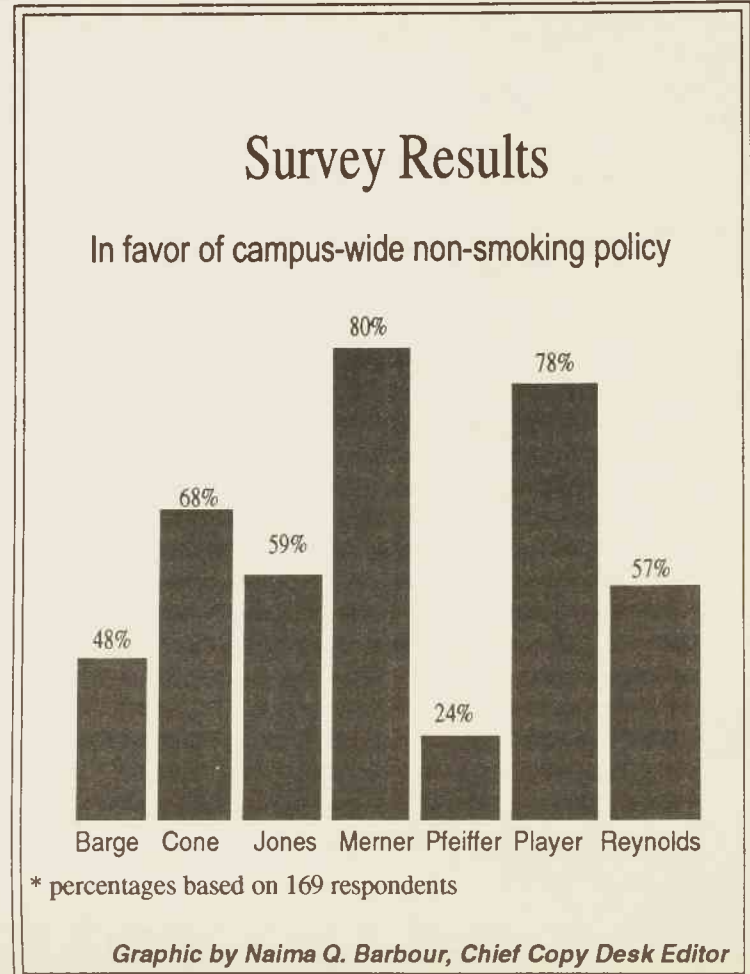
The conference was hosted by Fayetteville State University March 19-20.

This is the second annual conference featuring powerful media outlets at an HBCU.

It featured keynote speaker Adam Clayton Powell, III, vice president of technology and programs of the Freedom Forum. Panelists included Dwight M. Ellis, vice president of Human Resource, Development of the National Association of Broadcasters, Jack Gravely, director of Of-

fice of Workplace Diversity of the FCC, along with representatives from MCI, Department of Commerce, NASA, AT&T, Bell South, and Native American Public Telecommunications.

Charmaine McKissick-Melton, an assistant professor in the Mass Communications and Speech and Theater Department took the students and also served as a moderator for one of the sessions.



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