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## St. Aug's moving up in technology with NC Live

By Edward Ward  
Opinion Editor

There is a new and impressive way in seeking world knowledge and it is right here on Saint Augustine's College campus.

The NC Live program is comprised of nine members and one li-

brary director position in North Carolina.

"NC Live is a partnership of NC libraries to provide students and the public access to a new world of information and education," said librarian director Linda Simmons-Henry.

Universities, community colleges, state, public libraries and indepen-

dent college are involved with this program. Schools such as NC State, Shaw, NC Central, Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill and many others are associated with the program as well.

Many students here on campus feel that the program could have been promoted in a better way.

Mike Nelson, sophomore, busi-

ness stated, "Some of the teachers should talk to their classes and give assignment in order for them to learn the new program."

"NC Live is one of the greatest tools that I have used for my research, it is less time consuming then going through the card catalogs and books," said Jeffrey Lunsford, senior, Office Manage-

ment Systems.

"North Carolina libraries shared a vision for each library in the state. It is served as a gateway to the total library resources in the state as well as to a rich array of electronic information which carries a great deal of electronics resources," says Henry.

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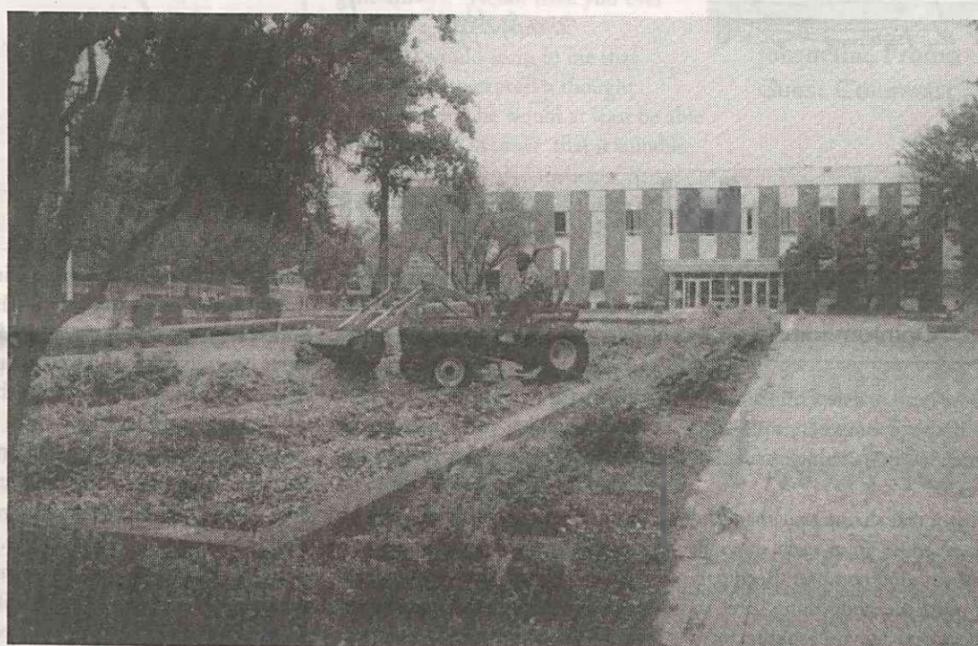


Photo by Neice L. King

The fountain in front of the Seby Jones Fines Arts Building is being covered up with dirt and mulch to finish off the project.

## Campus gets face lift

By Shontia Taylor  
Correspondent

Recently there have been some changes on the campus of St. Augustine's College.

The first change took place with the filling of fountain in front of the Seby Jones Fine Arts building.

According to Stephen Sylvester, head of physical plant, the fountain was closed due to the deterioration at the base of the fountain. To restore the fountain to full working condition, it would

cost 17,000, an amount too expensive for St. Aug's already tight budget.

The problems with the fountain consists of a cracked liner, which is causing the chemicals used to clean the fountain to seep through the cracks. To take away the problem, increasing tuition a few dollars can help, or squeezing out an over exhaust budget is even better, but Sylvester and his crew has decided to fill the fountain to save from resulting to such actions.

Bryan Gaddy, senior said, "the school should allocate it's funds to

help beautify the campus, because some things are well worth the money!"

"I think that they should level off the fountain and put bricks down for concerts and events of that sort," said Dr. Frank Godfrey, professor of business.

Yet, Lake Gause, senior, says that, "the college should repair the fountain, because it is part of the schools historical foundation."

In addition to filling up the

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## SGA President on the move this year

By Billy Williams, Jr.  
Staff Writer

Even though many still don't know who Carmela Cohen, student body president is, she is making an impact on the student government this year.

Some of her plans for this year includes, helping in restructuring registration, seeing that the library gets automated and help to build student moral.

Cohen stated that leaders from organizations, including herself, have already met with Dr. Bernard W. Franklin, president of St. Augustine's College, to discuss ways to restructure registration. They also heard Franklin's plans to get the library automated, hopefully by the next academic year.

Cohen said that building student moral would be easy to plan for, but it is the individual student who has to show the spirit.

One example would be a spirit week, in which students do something different each day, such as wear the same colors to show unity, as well as spirit.

"Personally, I started out with asking students what they expect from school," stated Cohen. It is by this way Cohen figures she can see if students really want something out of St. Aug, other than a degree showing that they graduated from here.

"I can't do it all on my own," said Cohen. She is looking to student body forums and possible suggestion boxes, as ways to help her get a sense of student issues and what the students want to see done.

Another avenue Cohen wants to utilize is her student representatives and student government officials. The last few years have been hard for the student government.

Two years ago, the student government was shut down by Rachel Pridgen, assistant to the vice

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## Enrollment take St. Aug \$1 million under

By Neice L. King  
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St. Augustine's College has lost \$1 million in annual revenue due to higher standards in enrollment.

This year's freshmen class is 90 students short of last year's 1,545 enrollees. Due to changes in the admittance policy, which went into effect in May of this year, the open door policy was dismissed.

The new policy consists of, 20 units of the required courses in high school, 2.0 grade point average and a least a 800 on the SAT.

According to President Bernard W. Franklin, this success had to come with a price.

The price being in the fiscal impact, which required cuts to the College's budget. But Franklin says that, "the loss of revenue will be made up with a reduction of expenses in physical supplies, academic programs, unnecessary travel, and laying off nonessential positions."

The results of the change has attracted talented students to the Aug.

For example, the SAT scores for first-time freshmen is up ten points

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## Greenhouse restored for next semester

By Billy Williams, Jr.  
Staff Writer

The greenhouse, on the backside of the Penick Hall of Science building, which has not been in operation since the early 1980's, is being cleansed and renovated, and should be ready for use in Spring 1999.

The greenhouse will be used by botany and ecology classes, as well as by middle school students participating in the science program on campus on Saturdays.

"The purpose of the greenhouse is to provide and grow plants for buildings and offices on campus, and they are also for sale to the community," said Dr. Kenneth Alston,

Chair of the Division of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Allied Health. "I have also initiated the Saint Augustine's College Environmental Program, with one of its goals being to enhance the knowledge of student, faculty and staff on plants."

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