

VOICE EDITORIAL PAGE

Crime on Campus vs. Student Restrictions

by Ronnie Nichols

Today on the FSU campus we are faced with crime. The students must pay for damage done to the properties of the campus. The student center director Irving K. Veazie, stated that from July 5, 1972 to May 28, 1974 the center has been broken into approximately 10 times. The thieves entered the center by breaking windows on the ground floor and took anything from cigarettes to candy, and in one instance, removed the safe from the office.

In each case of the break-ins the thieves have used the front ground entrance. The patio in the canteen area has been the factor for crime increase in the student center. Also, when activities on campus are at the Seabrook Auditorium or the women's gymnasium the security on campus is elsewhere. This aids thieves in attempting break-ins.

The administration decided that in order to stop this type of vandalism, steps must be taken. At this time, the following steps have been taken: bars have been boarded on all doors and windows on the ground floor; mesh wire on the doors and windows of the student center have been installed; and additional flood lights have been installed on the outer grounds.

Veazie stated that the wire screening on the doors and windows of the student center will not aid to beauty but help control crime.

The cost of this crime factor is estimated to be \$1,000.00.

I am sure the crime factor is the main reason for the wire screening of the doors and windows of the ground floor of the student center. At least we may come to a conclusion that some good will come from the screening of the doors and windows of the Union.

Some of the students have given some of their own personal views concerning the Union's new prison-like look.

"Really don't like it, makes the school look bad." - May Compell. "Don't like it, waste of students' money." - Roosevelt Fort. "Think it's ok. Students don't act their age." - Johnny Cooper. "Don't like it. Keeps some students out of trouble, though." - Frank Edmond. "Makes you feel like you are in a prison." - Candis Douglas. "It does not make any difference to me." - Robert Major.

In general, in the student survey I have taken I have found that no one wants to feel like that they are in a prison.

However, due to problems that have arisen, the students must suffer and have some of their freedoms restricted to safeguard the student center.

The student center activities will also be increased when the crime factor is decreased. There will be more activities and lower rates for the services of the student center. Let's all work to safeguard against future vandalism.

A Look at the Local Minority Bank

by Cheryl Alexander

Aside from carrying on regular banking procedures, United National Bank of Fayetteville plans to aid and unite the minority community. It hopes to accomplish this by being established as a minority controlled bank. Milton Harvey, vice-president of UNB defines the word "minority" as "not pertaining to any one ethnic group. It is the old, the young, the poor, divorced, etc." As a minority controlled bank United National Bank will be in a position to help these people and this will, in turn, make other banks compete for minority customers, who have been so long overlooked.

Also, once established, United National Bank would like to sponsor various projects such as providing student loans, loans to parents to finance their children's education, jobs and internships to enable students to serve as well as learn about banking before completing college and setting up a branch on FSU campus for student convenience.

Mrs. Gloria Blackwell, owner of G. Blackwell Realty and chairman of the board for United National Bank says that the students at FSU stand to benefit quite substantially from the bank and the activities it plans to engage in. She also added that buying shares in UNB could be one of the best investments students can make as a future benefit.

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"SUMMER AWARENESS"

by Sheryl Alexander

It seems to me -- this summer creates an excellent opportunity for our students to become involved and to lend a hand in the activities which affect their lives and the state of the nation as a whole. Just how do you go about doing this? Well, first of all it will involve giving up a bit of your time. This shouldn't cause too much of a problem. It's true enough that the majority of you here in summer school are taking no more than six hours a session which leaves ample time for a little exploring on your part. All right, many of you are working part-time to pay for the cost of going to school. What I am asking is not equivalent to an arm and a leg, I simply wish to convey how much more you can get out of your summer if your activities are varied; explore, and don't hesitate to ask questions. This is especially helpful to upcoming freshmen and transfer students.

Those of you who live on campus have an added advantage over off-campus students. You will be informed of activities taking place on campus when off-campus students will be dragging behind, if not left completely in the dark.

I would like to say that, for the most part, the staff at FSU is an excellent one. These people would, no doubt, be more than happy to help in any way possible. Learn just who does what and how they can best serve you. Another point to be considered is national involvement. By that I don't mean protesting for the sake of breaking the monotony. Read! Decisions are being made which will affect your life and could change your outlook on a number of subjects. There is nothing more useless than the ideas and opinions of an uninformed person. So, do yourself a favor.

Margaret Lewis (Continued from Page 1)

for it.

The recipient of a vocational rehabilitation scholarship, the middle-aged Mrs. Lewis, had had domestic problems and made sacrifices for her children.

"My kids are real proud of me. They were kept by my mother while I attended

school and I returned home on weekends," she said. "My mother has really stuck by me and I really don't know what I'd do without her."

Mrs. Lewis started at FSU in 1955, over twelve years ago but had to drop out. But she was determined to get an education or skill in some

area.

She is a competent beautician having completed a degree in cosmetology.

Mrs. Lewis has come a long way and she manages to smile and encourage many people along the way of life.

She is truly a "Profile In Courage."