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The Storms At FSU

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On Friday, 15 Sept. 1989, over 8 inches of rain fell on the Fayetteville area. One of the hardest hit areas was the upper part of Murchison Road, about a quarter of a mile from the FSU campus. The water level at the V-Point Market was estimated to have been 12 to 15 feet deep. Although there were few visible damages on the FSU campus aside from a few areas of roads being washed away, the Butler Little Theater sustained heavy water damage. According to Dr. Herman Watson, "We had 7 feet of water in there. It was a complete disaster. The parking lot (behind the Butler Building) flooded and sent water rushing down the side stairs." The force was so strong that it pushed the steel doors open (denting them in the process) and threw everything in the theater up against the opposite wall. Cleanup was still going on 6 October, with most of the damaged items and water taken out of the theater prior to that date.

There has been no electricity in the theatre since the flood. The lightboard had been obstructed by the debris and was just reached on October 6, by Physical Plant crews and Dr. Frank Whaley who has been assisting in the cleanup. "We should now be able to tell exactly how much damage has been done to the lightboard," said Dr. Watson.

It is uncertain at the present time if such damage will delay the opening of the first play. However, Dr. Watson said, "We don't foresee this as posing a problem. Our first play opens on October 24, and we are very confident that cleanup will be complete and that things will start on schedule."

Bridging the Communication Gap

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Each day of the week, many social and educational events are organized on the FSU campus. Some of these events are poorly attended because 'nobody' heard about it. In other words, a communication exists on campus. We at the *Broncos' Voice* newspaper are committed to bridging this gap and to serve the FSU community. Bearing any usual circumstances, we intend to publish the newspaper twice a month. We are therefore appealing to the Vice Chancellors, Deans of Colleges, Heads of the Departments, Directors of Programs, fraternity leaders, heads of organizations, club leaders, secretaries, and the entire student body for cooperation. We will like you to send us information on coming events, articles from meetings, news on personal achievements, group achievements, presentations, workshops, community events, performances, and all the news that is fit to print. Our goal is to make the newspaper campus oriented, but, we cannot achieve this without your cooperation-operation and input. Help us to keep you informed.



Another scare entered the hearts and minds of all Fayetteville residents less than a week later on September 22. Hurricane Hugo, the worst hurricane to hit the east coast in several years, threatened to ravage Fayetteville with heavy rain and winds. Hugo bypassed Fayetteville, but on September 22, the campus was virtually deserted. The outer bands of Hugo kept the winds high, 25 mph with 35 mph gusts, for most of the day. But the winds were not the reason that most students were not in class. A prankster had called *Foxy 99* radio station, posing as Dr. Hackley, and said that all classes were cancelled. Without verifying this information, *Foxy 99* broadcast the message, and most FSU students heard it. Most students went back to their rooms and "slumberland," refusing to turn their radios back on in case those dreaded words, "FSU does have classes," were announced. Even students who heard, via the cafeteria PA system, that classes had not been cancelled said, "I'll just say that I never heard the corrected radio announcement. Besides, no one else will be in class today." Some faculty members left, frustrated by the lack of communication and coordination on the school's part and not wanting to risk a worsening weather situation. One instructor, who entire 8 o'clock class did not show up, said, "It is much too dangerous out there to be driving, especially for those students who must drive 20 or 30 miles to get here. People could be unnecessarily hurt or killed by driving to school in this wind. It is probably better that most students did not attempt to come to school today."

Now, blame for this unfortunate incident cannot be put completely on *Foxy 99* or on FSU, but some responsibility must be assumed by both parties. Better communications between the school and community and, more importantly, between the school and the students is imperative in situations such as this. Students must be kept abreast of what's going on in the case of unpredictable weather conditions. Perhaps if a release had been sent to the radio and television stations on Thursday evening, stating that FSU was not canceling classes, this situation could have been avoided. But all we can hope is that the lesson learned from this incident will be heeded if a similar situation should arise in the future.

State School Students Fight Tuition Hikes with New Tactics

Students Fight Tuition Cuts at State Capitols

Where there has been no judicial route to fight tuition hikes, students have gone directly to state lawmakers for relief. This March, for example, approximately 800 State University of New York (SUNY) students held a silent vigil, gagged and blindfolded, on the steps of the state capitol in Albany. The protesters sought to urge the Legislature and Governor Mario Cuomo to add \$70 million to the state education budget and halt a \$300 tuition hike.

Jim Cullen of New York's Student Association of the State University (SASU) says that united students can win support for higher education from legislators. "(Legislators) was to cut taxes and look good politically," explains Cullen. "But none wants to be called an enemy of higher education." SASU leverages legislative support by capitalizing on that concern. "Cuomo says tax cuts attract industry," says Cullen. "But we argue that industry stays out of New York because the most competitive, best education graduates are not here. We say Japan is a force because they invest money in an educated workforce."

In Massachusetts last month, 300 students traveled to the state Capitol in Boston to meet individually with each of the state's 160 House representatives. The student lobbyists urged an increase of \$31 million for Massachusetts' higher education budget. At the same time, 400 students from Southeastern Massachusetts University (SMU) held a rally on the main stairway beneath the State House dome. John Theriault, a student regent at SMU commented, "The noise we made scared a lot of legislators, and let them know we won't let their inadequate proposal go through."

In Illinois, where tuition is up 19 percent and higher education appropriations are up only one percent, students are choosing a lower-profile route. Dan Schramm, the student body president at Illinois State University, describes higher education in Illinois as "pitiful." But, unlike student leaders in other states,

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Clean-up crew at work.

Picture by Sharon Carr

Student Leadership Conference

BY DR. G. SEXTON

Approximately 90 students attended the Student Leadership Conference on Oct. 5, 1989, presided by Mr. Richard Sumpter, sophomore political science major. The conference was opened with remarks by Dr. Lloyd V. Hackley and Dr. Henry A. Gardner. Dr. Hackley stressed the importance and need for leaders to exhibit strong ethical standards. "If you cannot at first lead yourself, socially, morally, or ethically, then you better not stand in front of others and state: 'I'm in charge.'"

The keynote speaker, introduced by Mr. Roger Pilgrim, a senior political science major, was Mr. Vernon Wall from the University of Georgia. Using humor in his dynamic presentation, Mr. Wall was well-received by the students. He used a survey to divide the students into four groups with different leadership styles and then illustrate the need for all four types of leaders in an organization. At the end of this session, students applauded

loudly. They seemed to have received a wealth of knowledge about personal leadership styles.

The reminder of the conference consisted of mini-sessions and a tutorial luncheon. The Tutorial Luncheon was a very special part of the conference where appropriate dining etiquette was explained along with lunch. Ms. Mary Blythers, senior political science major, introduced the Tutorial Luncheon which was presented by the FSU Women's Guild. Mrs. Brenda S. Hackley presided and Mrs. Arnetta T. Robinson presented the program.

Mini-sessions provided for small group discussion on a wide variety of topic. These mini-sessions included the following: "HELP-I feel like a fried egg!" by Ms. Iris Hunt-Smith; "How to Promote Campus Organizations and Events" by Mr. Eric Moore; "Responsibilities of Greek Organizations" by Dr. Marye Jeffries, Dr. Moses Walker, Mr. Adrian Carver, Mr. Trebor Jackson, Ms. Dawn Shopshire;

"Looking Like a Leader" by Mrs. Sallie Monroe and Mrs. Brenda Johns. These sessions were also well-received by students. The "Responsibilities of Greek Organizations" mini-session lead to thoughts about an additional conference based entirely on topics appropriate to Greek students.

At the end of the day, students completed evaluations. These evaluations were extremely positive. Students appear to be looking forward to the next Student Leadership Conference which be an annual event. This conference was sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs; however, it was planned and implemented by a student committee consisting of Mary Blythers, Tansy Cooley, Nichelle Moore, Roger Pilgrim, Paul Sharpless, and Richard Sumpter. The work and enthusiasm of these committee members is greatly appreciated.



Participants at the Conferene.

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