

Campus News

AKM holds back-to-school picnic

by Johanna Weyant

Companionship, fun, and food, were the orders of the day for the members and families of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society as they held their first official get-together of the year Mazarick Park on Saturday, September 26. The picnic was well attended. Along with other AKM members and their families, AKM's president Maria Ford, Dr. Evelyn Burrows, and Dr. Rodney Burrows were present to enjoy the event.

Thanks to former member and volunteer chef Ron Walker, who cooked some of the best hamburgers and hot dogs ever, and the homemade goodies brought by members of AKM, no one left hungry.

The weather was beautiful and getting reacquainted and thoroughly enjoying each other made the time pass much too fast. A good was had by all.

Town meeting notes

by Timothy Jessie

The subject of the last town meeting, held September 17, was the contract of Shaw Food Services, Inc. which ends at the close of next semester (Spring '93). Shaw Foods happens to be the Fayetteville-based company that operates the H. L. Cook Dining Hall and the Broncos' Corral (formerly the Canteen). More specifically, the town meeting was used by the university to solicit opinions, complaints, and concerns from students about mainly the quality of food services and the feasibility of creating alternate meal plans -- all of which will factor into whether the administration will sign Shaw Foods to a new contract next year or take bids from other food service companies.

The administration sent a panel of people figuring prominently in the Shaw Foods contract talks. This panel consisted of: Mrs. Barbara Cathey, who runs the H. L. Cook Dining Hall, Mr. William Neal, Dr. Benson Otovo, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, Mr. Shaw, owner and head of Shaw Foods, Inc., and Chancellor Lloyd V. Hackley.

At the beginning of the town meeting, the emcee, Ms. Sonia Brinson (SGA President), called the meeting to order and introduced Chancellor Hackley, who then gave a brief, prepared speech. This speech emphasized the fact that FSU is a university on the rise and that its total enrollment had jumped from approximately 3700 last year to nearly 4000 at the start of this semester. He concluded his speech by saying that just as the school is reaching a new level of excellence, the food services here at FSU should also strive to keep up. Next, Dr. Otovo came to the podium, ut-

tered his brief statement and then opened the floor to questions from the audience.

All in all, not much was accomplished at the meeting which seemed to be held just for the sake of holding it. However, the administration now knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that the students of FSU will not settle for the status quo. Also, the administration seems to be taking the position that either the overall quality of food services here must noticeably improve or the university will take its business elsewhere.

The next town meeting will be held October 22 at 7 p.m. at the Shaw Auditorium in the School of Business and Economics. The subjects of discussion will be housing and security.

FSU dorms receive renovations

by Albert Johnson

During the summer, Fayetteville State University began remodeling of its student dorms. These dorms were old and in need of repairs. FSU received a loan from the federal government for approximately \$1.5 million to go ahead with renovations for the first time in over 20 years. The dorms that received most of the renovations were Harris Hall, Hood Hall, Joyner Hall, Smith Hall, and Williams Hall.

Iris Hunt-Smith, Director of Student Life, described some of the changes that took place. She said most of the money from the loan went towards fixing on plumbing and electrical systems. Cable and telephone wires were also added to the dorms.

Some of the major work of the dorms was performed at Harris Hall and Joyner Hall. Air conditioning was installed and there were changes made for precautionary reasons. For example, a fire escape exit was added to Harris Hall, which is the largest of all the dormitories. Harris Hall was the hardest dorm to make an exit in case a fire occurred, so the new fire escape was very necessary. A new exit was also put into the basement of Joyner Hall.

In the boys' dormitories, Bryant Hall and Vance Hall, new looks for the lobby areas are noticeable. New furniture was added, while some of the old furniture received paint jobs. Big-screen televisions are in place for people to watch.

Despite the renovations that took place during the summer, there were still problems at the start of the new academic year. Painting and remodeling

were not complete when students arrived at the dorms. Because of the unfinished work, 20 women from Harris Hall were temporarily housed in New Residence Hall. Ms. Hunt-Smith stated that the extra time taken to complete the renovations "was not the University's fault." She said that contractors were on a tight schedule, and the weather problems contributed to delays in the work.

There are still a few areas the school needs to work on that will take more time and money. A lot of students have showed interest in having cable television installed in their rooms. However, that process has yet to be completed. Ms. Hunt-Smith said that new roofs are needed for each dorm, but they would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

As far as the complaints have been about the dorms, Ms. Hunt-Smith said, "We (Student Life) have experienced less complaints than last year so far." Students are still adjusting to all the changes, so it will take some time before everyone on campus is completely satisfied.

Canteen gets a new look

by Albert Johnson

FSU's restaurant, the Canteen, is showing a new look for this year. Shaw Food Services added some new equipment that gives students a different view of the "Bronco Corral."

When students walk in the Canteen,

they now get to look at a new electric light menu board. Last semester, a student had to stand in line first before he could look at the menu and make an order. Now, people can see what they want to order before they wait in line to purchase their meals.

After a student takes a look at the new menu, he can get in line and mark down the order they want on a note sheet. The new meal sheets were provided so services can be faster for the customers. While a student waits for his meal, he can notice some new equipment behind the counter. A nacho machine, soup kettle, and a new cooking machine were all installed during the summer.

Finally, when a student receives his meal, they get to sit at tables with beautiful scenery. Each table has one blue and one orange flower. While eating, a student can look around the room and see plenty of plants hanging from the ceiling. Also, the "birthday club" of Shaw Food Services has provided cards for each table, so a person can register and receive a free gift for his or her birthday.

Mrs. Elsie Covington, manager of the snack bar, said that students seem very pleased with all of the changes. She said that people like a scene that is very nice and clean.

Teacher of the year

by Andrea Lattin

If you attended Fall Convocation on September 10, you may have seen Dr. Annette Billie. She is Fayetteville State University's teacher of the year for the 1992-93 school year. A teacher must exhibit leadership abilities through teaching, research, participation on committees, and extra-curricular activities involving the school to be chosen as the teacher of the year. As teacher of the year, Dr. Billie will lead all academic processions and serve as a representative for FSU throughout the year.

After graduating from high school, Dr. Billie wanted to attend medical school. She was unable to go to medical school because she did not have the funds. She then decided to become a teacher. She graduated from South Carolina State University, with a Baccalaureate in mathematics. She then went on to teach public junior high and high school for sixteen years.

Dr. Billie describes herself as a "people person." She enjoys working with young people and describes them as full of energy. Although Dr.

Frankly Speaking

by Phil Frank

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