

CAMPUS NEWS

Fayetteville State University student earns dual honors

By Lillie Bracey Booth

It's not unusual for a contestant in a pageant to earn an additional honor, i.e., most congenial, most photogenic, most talented, etc. But it is unusual for a contestant to be named more than one queen simultaneously.

Fayetteville State University senior psychology major Yvonne Thompson Early challenged the odds recently when she earned the exceptional honor of being named both Miss FSU Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base and Miss Sigma Gamma Rho. The first distinction will allow her to ride in a humvee in FSU's annual homecoming parade scheduled for October 29 as Fort Bragg's representative. She also will represent the branch at the homecoming ball October 27. As the reigning Miss Sigma Gamma Rho, she also will represent the non-profit, service-oriented organization throughout the year in various capacities.

A former Air Force "brat" and currently an Army wife, Early earned the title of Miss FSU Fort Bragg/Pope AFB based on a combination of her academic achievement and number of classes completed at the university, said director David E. Williams. The FSU student has a grade point average of 3.089 and has completed 90 credit hours. Early also earned recognition for her academic achievement during the university's annual awards program in 1992 and 1993.

"Early is an excellent student and highly deserving of the honor, especially in view of what her obligations are as a working adult and other family obligations," Williams said. "She has demonstrated what non-traditional students can do if they try."

The former Humboldt, Tenn., native, who has adopted Fayetteville as her home, graduated from Pine Forest Senior High School in 1976. She later attended Fayetteville Technical Community College for a year to pursue the dental assistant's program. After completing the course, she worked in a private practice in the Fayetteville

area. The certified dental assistant has worked at Fort Bragg for the past 13 1/2 years and currently works at Dental Clinic No. 5 in the Smoke Bomb Hill area.

Early will graduate in December and said that both she and her children are looking forward to the time when she's a full-time mother again. Her children are Claudette, 21; Nathaniel, 12; and Tia, 7. Claudette no longer lives at home. "I owe a lot to my children," the 37-year-old mother said. "They gave up their sports activities and dance programs this past year while their dad (SFC John Early) was away in Korea. I also owe a lot to my parents, William and Ethel Thompson of Spring Lake, who watched the children for me while I attended classes or participated in other school-related events. I have a good support system, and I don't know if I could have done all this without them."

Early's future plans include pursuing additional studies at East Carolina University to earn a degree in social work.

The homecoming representative said she is excited about her recent achievement. "It's truly an honor to represent Fort Bragg. I didn't know I was being considered."

While attending classes at FSU for the past two-and-a-half years, Early prides herself on taking an active part in school events while maintaining a full-time job as well. She earned the distinction of being the only student at Fort Bragg's branch to become a member of the Psi Chi Honor Society, an organization for psychology students. She also belongs to the university's Psychology Club, Phi Beta Lambda, is past basileus and anti-basileus for the Delta Iota Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and has served as a committee chairperson for several sorority programs.

"Yvonne is an exceptional young woman, an exceptional organizer, and is a hard working,

FSU'S NEW INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM

By Dan Pfohl

FSU's Chesnutt Library is currently in the process of replacing the LS/2000 cataloging and circulation system which it has used for seven years. The new automated library system from Innovative Interfaces, Inc. will not only provide users with an online catalog and circulation system, it will also provide automated acquisitions and serials control.

The LS/2000 system has served the campus well. However, the company which leases the LS/2000 software to the library decided to no longer support the system. This decision affected at least eight other campuses in the UNC system which were using LS/2000.

In order to afford the cost of migrating to new library systems, the Big 9 (as they became unofficially known) joined resources and collectively sought a replacement library system. The planned North Carolina Information Highway (NCIH) played a major part in these migration plans. Rather than each library incurring the cost of central computing equipment for the new system, three consortia were formed, each consortium having three libraries. The libraries in each consortium are linked to the central equipment via the NCIH. FSU has joined Pembroke State University and UNC-Wilmington to form the **Coastal Carolina Library Consortium.**

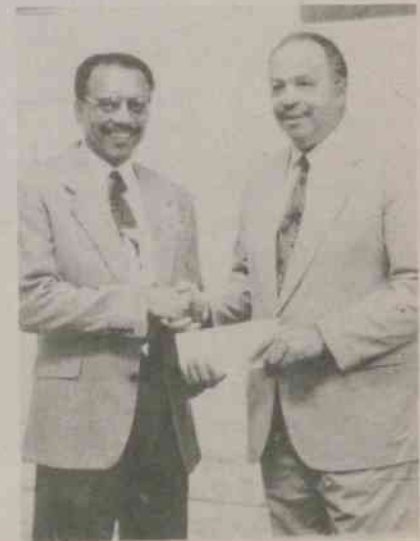
What this means for FSU students, faculty, and staff is that soon they will see-and be able to use-a new online public access catalog (OPAC).

This OPAC is easy to use, relying on single keystroke commands and on-screen directions. Improved indexes provide more access points. Keyword searches use more indexed fields which will improve depth of searching. Other searches include author, title, journal title, subject heading, call number and other numeric searches, and reserve lists.

A major improvement with this catalog is the ability to limit searches by location, language, material type, year of publication, and words in the

FSU National Alumni Association

Donates Record Gift to the University



Chancellor Hackley accepts donation from Alumni President James Paige.

Fayetteville, NC, August 18, 1994--Fayetteville State University's National Alumni Association donated a record annual gift of \$114,316 to the University in 1994. Accepting the contribution from Alumni President James Paige, Chancellor Lloyd V. Hackley said that "this is the largest annual gift donated by the FSU National Alumni Association in its history. We are very grateful to many of our FSU alumni, whose hard work, loyalty, and devotion to their alma mater made this record contribution possible."

The \$114,316 gift will be used to fund scholarships, general university operations, and the ongoing renovation of FSU's Bronco Football Stadium. To date, the National Alumni Association has contributed \$210,000 toward its \$300,000 Capital Campaign pledge to renovate the stadium.

Presenting the contribution to Dr. Hackley was the last official act of outgoing National Alumni Association President James Paige of Raleigh, who has served as head of the non-profit volunteer organization for the past six years. In addition to a national board of directors, the FSU alumni organization has 38 chapters in nine states, with close to 2,000 members and associates. There are 11,600 FSU alumni living across the United States and its territories.

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