

Broncos in Hollywood

by Timothy A. Jessie

This past May, the quiz bowl team from FSU ventured west to the bustling sun-drenched metropolis of Los Angeles. Actually, Los Angeles and its surrounding metropolitan area, including Universal City and Hollywood was only the backdrop for the National Championship Tournament (NCT) of the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge. I had the honor and privilege of captaining that FSU contingent to the opposite coast and it is my duty to fill all of you, the FSU community, in on how the trip went and what was done.

In case you did not know, FSU earned its place in the eight-team NCT by finishing second out of 16 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HCBUs) in the Southeast Sectional of the Challenge which was hosted by

North Carolina A&T. The first place team from that Sectional (that also qualified for the NCT) was FSU's dreaded nemesis--North Carolina Central University. The remaining six teams earning spots in the NCT were Norfolk State, Morehouse, Xavier (LA), University of the District of Columbia, Jackson State University, and Tuskegee (more on them later). Also, the members of the FSU quiz bowl team were Tyrone Battle, Dennis Allman, Xavier Priest, Clifton Cunningham, and yours truly. The institutional representative was Albert Johnson and the coaches were Jerry Williams and Gene Carroway. Keep watching for the FSU All-Star Challenge Team and show your support.

Homecoming '94: No "Buck\$" Left for the Broncos

by Albert S. Johnson, IV

Homecoming '94 is now behind Fayetteville State, so everyone can look back and reflect upon how much fun they had. Yes, our football team "bucked" up the Bulldogs of Bowie State, and there were enough parties going on that students could actually say they were tired from partying too much. Yet, in the midst of all the excitement, little did most FSU students realize what a financial disaster Homecoming '94 turned out to be. All Homecoming activities with the exception of one event had great turnouts. The exception just happened to be the most expensive activity that many students had been asking for which was of course, the Homecoming Concert.

The FSU Homecoming '94 Concert featuring Queen Latifah, Zhané, and Fu-Schnickens didn't turn out

to be what was promised to be "all that" because very few people attended. Of course one of the rumors about the Homecoming Concert was that the featured acts would not show up due to FSU's troubled history with concerts. This year, though, the acts showed up and performed well at the concert which was held at the Cumberland County Civic Arena on Wednesday, October 26, but very few FSU students and Fayetteville residents turned out for the event. The official attendance of the Homecoming Concert was 720 people. However, the 6,000-seat capacity of the Civic Arena and the number of cars in the parking lot, described by an Elliot Company bus driver that night as "being as many as the parking lot of New Residence Hall," made it seem as though there was an empty crowd. The estimated costs of the Homecoming Concert totaled \$35,000 with Queen Latifah earning \$15,000, Zhané - \$10,000, and all other concert expenses - \$10,000. Of these costs, the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Student Activities Council (SAC) paid out \$25,000, and the Office of Student Activities and the Lyceum Committee paid out \$5,000 apiece. The revenue from gross ticket sales totaled \$5,220, leaving Fayetteville State with a loss of approximately \$30,000.

Originally, the SGA and SAC did not plan to buy out a concert worth \$30,000 or more because in the past the SGA has been allocated an annual budget of no more than \$40,000 out of student activity fees. Due to this and requests from many students for a concert, the Office of Student Activities decided to help out the SGA. At the first Senate meeting on Aug. 31, Ms. Olivia Chavis, the head of the Office of Student Activities, proposed that the SGA allocate \$20,000 toward a Homecoming Concert featuring Queen Latifah and Zhané to be held on Wed., Oct. 26 at the Cumberland County Civic Arena, and the Office of Student Activities and the Lyceum Committee would cover the

FSU holds mini-convocation

by David E. Williams

The faculty and staff of Fayetteville State University's Fort Bragg branch held its first mass meeting of the 1994-95 academic year on September 27th at the John F. Kennedy Academic Facility. About forty-five part-time faculty and staff members attended. Dr. Eldridge Starling and Dr. Ernest Morine, of the Army Education Center; Dr. LaDelle Olion, Dean of Graduate School and Continuing Education; and Dr. Bertha Miller, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the main campus, also attended the session.

David E. Williams, Director of the Fort Bragg branch, conducted the meeting. During the introduction of faculty and staff members, Williams singled out two instructors, Dr. Marion Brown, a humanities teacher, and Gordon Armstrong, a criminal justice instructor. Both were cited for either authoring or co-authoring textbooks in their areas. Armstrong's book is being used in his classroom.

Williams also presented statistics and enrollment numbers that showed continued growth in the areas of recruitment, enrollment, and

retention at the FSU Fort Bragg branch. The fall term cited the highest enrollment in the past 10 years (during similar periods) with a record number 737 students attending regular and weekend classes.

"Approximately 50 percent of our faculty at Fort Bragg hold terminal degrees," Williams said. "Several other faculty members are working on theirs."

"Faculty members will be recommended for a pay increase," Williams said.

Morine addressed the group and asked the faculty and staff to continue to do their best to take care of the academic needs of the soldiers and their family members.

After Morine's presentation, Dr. Starling cited the growth of FSU's program and instances when FSU's staff has gone out of the way to accommodate soldiers.

"During the past year, I have not received any complaints, only compliments on your performance here at Fort Bragg," Starling said. "By earning the Ray Ehrensburger Award for academic excellence, you have set and maintained high standards of academic performance

for which you should be proud."

Starling also commented on the caring and cooperative attitude exhibited by FSU.

Dr. Olion told the group that they are an integral part of a rapidly growing university. He said that he was impressed with the diversity of the faculty and the international experiences that they bring to FSU. Olion commended their performances, particularly the accomplishments of Williams and his tireless efforts and ability to get the job done.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Miller, congratulated the group for their contributions to FSU, the military, and nation. She challenged them to strive for even greater accomplishments and emphasized that every person had an important part to play in educating our students. Dr. Miller stated that the program was in good hands under Williams' creative leadership and pledged her continued vigilance and support as FSU fulfills its motto: "From Excellence to Greatness: Our Progress Continues."