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COLLAPSING DORMITORY CEILING INJURES STUDENT

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In FSU's Hood Hall on February 4, at approximately 8:30 A. M., sophomore English major and dormitory Residence Assistant, Shelley Robinson, suffered a head injury when the ceiling of her dormitory room collapsed upon her head. This incident has ironically occurred in the two year wake of \$6 million in dormitory renovations that were designed to improve the then substandard living conditions of FSU on-campus students. A stunned and dismayed Robinson, as well as other dormitory residents, now wonder if anything was really done and if anything has really changed.

In early January, Robinson reported a leak that was in her room to Florence Mitchell, the Residence Supervisor for Hood Hall. The complaint was forwarded to Residence Life, a department that is responsible for the management of all campus dormitories. On February 3, a second leak was reported that was severe enough to force Robinson to spend the evening with fellow Residence Assistant and sophomore English major, Donise Knight.

The following morning, Robinson returned to her room to prepare for classes and was getting dressed when the ceiling suddenly collapsed on her

head. Stunned by what had happened, she called Knight. While Knight attended to Robinson, she directed another unnamed Residence Assistant to notify Mitchell (who was off duty at the time), but the call was never made. Ms. Moore (Mitchell's assistant) was on duty that morning, but was out attending to a family emergency at the time of the incident.

Robinson could not be persuaded to go directly to the infirmary and instead elected to attend her morning classes. During lunch she became dizzy, fainted in front of the campus dining hall, was taken to the campus infirmary and was subsequently diagnosed as suffering from flu symptoms (it is not clear that Robinson informed the infirmary that she had been struck on the head).

After leaving the infirmary, Robinson was taken to Highsmith Rainy Hospital where she was diagnosed as suffering from head injuries and placed on two weeks bed rest.

The next day Robinson, Knight, and a group of other concerned dormitory residents met with Dr. Harry Ghee, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and Mr. Walter Patterson, Director of Residence Life, to discuss the incident. In a telephone interview, Ghee stated that he tried to relieve the students' distress amid claims that he had no concern for their well being. Negative comments and responses from students after the meeting indicated that his efforts were less than successful.

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Left to right: FSU Trustee Chairman Julius Fulmore, Chancellor Willis B. McLeod accept a \$50,000 Wachovia Bank donation from Keith Love, Senior Vice President for the Sandhills, and Joy Paige, Vice President of Wachovia in Raleigh

Wachovia Bank Awards \$50,000 for FSU's Chancellor's Scholars Program

Fayetteville, NC, February 9, 1998 — Wachovia has awarded \$50,000 to Fayetteville State University in support of the Chancellor's Scholars program, which provides scholarships to academically talented students who are involved in their communities.

"Scholarships funding is our most critical need at FSU," commented Chancellor Willis B. McLeod about the Wachovia gift. "Contributions such as Wachovia's help us to support our 250 Chancellor's Scholars in their pursuit of a college education, and to encourage them to develop a lifelong commitment to serving the communities in which they live."

FSU Chancellor's Scholars receive substantial four-year scholarships. Chancellor's Scholars must maintain academic excellence in their studies, and they perform six to eight hours of community service as tutors and mentors for children in the public schools and church tutorial programs, and as-

sist nonprofit organizations with volunteer work. The Chancellor's Scholars program is funded with donations from corporations, foundations, and individuals.

C. Keith Love, Senior Vice President of Wachovia Bank for the Sandhills, and Joy Paige, Vice President of Wachovia Bank in Raleigh, presented the contribution to Dr. McLeod during a recent Bronco basketball game. Mr. Love said that the Chancellor's Scholarship program allows Wachovia "to assist very deserving young people in a very direct way."

He went on to say that "the recipients of these scholarships are proven high academic achievers, proven leaders of their peers, and maybe most importantly, proven servants to their communities....this contribution allows Wachovia to expand its partnership with FSU's ongoing mission of excellence in education."



Broncos mix it up with Buster Rhymes during Homecoming 1997, more pictures in the "Year in Review Pictorial" on page 9

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Freedom is being free of the need to be free.

-George Clinton
A Parliament Funkadelic Thing

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