

community," Bray said. "It's not just to get into the games, but they feel like part of the school."

Plans are in the works for the band to visit high schools and in return, have the high schools perform at FSU at times other than homecoming.

"We may invite a band where we want to recruit some of their

students," Bray said.

Bray has a national reputation for building quality marching band programs. He turned Alabama State University in Montgomery, and Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., into two of the premiere black college bands in the country. He feels he can do the same with the FSU band.

"As old as I am, I don't have any long-term goals," Bray said. "But for the program, it is to get the caliber of recruits we really want as opposed to those who just want to come. We also want assistants who want to be part of a totally comprehensive band program, and cultivate the community to allow our constituents to know what a college band does."

Speaker

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for Zodiac, your place in the sun," McCloud said.

McCloud received a standing ovation. Dr. Willis B. McLeod, chancellor at FSU, recognized the

students of various ethnic groups who attend the university.

He then presented the Chancellor's Medallion Award to Cumberland County's Legislative Delegation and to

McCloud.

McCloud was also recognized by the Delta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. They presented her with a music box.

Greeks

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Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc., has a motto which states, "Greater Service, Greater Progress." This year, the chapter plans to do just that. Their vision for the year 2001-02 is getting the community involved with their choice of service projects.

"Our primary goal is getting involved with community-based projects designed to bring the students and community together as a whole," said Devian Blocker, president of FSU's Sigma Gamma Rho Chapter.

Some of their projects include "Operation Big Bookbag," a program to get school supplies to needy children, "Wee Savers," a project which educates youth on budgeting their money and other financial matters. In November, expect to see the chapter involved with politics.

"We want to overall provide a positive representation to impact the student body for the better," Blocker said.

The Delta Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is known for their contributions to academics and political activism, concentrating on women's rights and social action.

Andre Toussaint, vice president of the Fayetteville Graduate Chapter of Iota Phi Theta Inc., said the fraternity is currently in the process of reactivating Xi Chapter on FSU campus.

"There will definitely be a line Spring 2002," exclaims Toussaint. "Other events that

are in the making are several forums on, 'Financial Management,' and 'A Need for Greek Presence on Campus.' The Graduate Chapter of Iota Phi Theta Inc., is having a cookout during homecoming, in which everyone is invited to fellowship and eat free."

For more info contact Toussaint at 527-3015 or check out the website: www.iotaphitheta.org.

Omega Psi Phi returned to FSU Spring 2001, presenting 23 men. The Omegas are working hard to dispel stereotypes and erase the doubts that people may have about them. Many people are expecting them to repeat those past mistakes, said Claymonte McNeill, president of the Delta Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi.

"It's expected, because of what happened in the past. But now we are maintaining an image of what OMEGA men are instead of the stigma of Q's," McNeill said.

The Delta Gamma Chapter held an HIV-AIDS Forum, Sept. 20 at Shaw Auditorium at 5p.m. There's also a raffle for a Playstation 2 and an electronic hand-held organizer, ending Sept. 28. In October there will be a forum on Sickle Cell and a Haunted House. The dates will be announced later.

Epsilon Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi at Fayetteville State University are officially back on campus as of September 15, 2001.

The chapter was suspended for five months for allegedly hazing.

The chapter was required to perform community service to get back on campus. They were involved in a program with tutoring at risk kids in the community called "Guide Right Project." At this time there are no activities scheduled because of the suspension.

The Epsilon Zeta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha's theme for this year is the "EZ Initiative," trying to better the FSU student body.

In October, the Alphas will be hosting a voter registration drive and sponsor a public speaking forum in conjunction with the Speech Department.

"Many students, especially freshmen, do not know how to speak properly in a public forum. This program will enhance those type of skills," stated Anthony Raphael, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Phi Beta Sigma, Pi chapter, is lending a helping hand to the community through food and clothing drive. The members of Pi chapter will be sponsoring the, "Giving BAC Program." BAC standing for Blankets and Cans.

Boxes were placed on buildings on campus Sept. 17. Instead of throwing away extra blankets and excess canned goods, please drop them off in one of the boxes around campus.

Enrollment Causes Housing Crunch

By Toshanika Moore
Staff Writer

The number of new freshmen at FSU is 767, a 40.5 percent increase over fall 2000. The number of freshmen currently residing on campus has also exceeded the amount from fall 2000, which are approximately 570 students.

Every spring semester returning students have an opportunity to go through the room assigning process for their room the following fall. This then determines how many spaces can be used for first time freshmen. After receiving freshmen applications, which were well over the amount of allotted space available, the Residence Life department made a decision to use Hood Hall as a freshmen female hall this year, along with Williams Hall.

Upper class females from Hood and Harris Halls moved to the Best Western hotel on Bragg Blvd. "The girls loved it, they didn't have a problem with moving," stated Florence Mitchell, the Resident Director for the Best Western.

There are 589 upperclassmen residing on campus and 86 upper-class women at the Best Western.

Another new setup this year at FSU is Bryant Hall being a coed dorm. Bryant Hall is a majority sophomore hall along with Harris Hall. This was done to try out a new program initiated this year called Sophomore Hall. Fred Sapp, the director for the Center for Personal Development, coordinates the program.

"The Sophomore Hall program is designed to meet the needs of the second-year students, the Halls will provide academic support, intellectual and social activities and other opportunities for its occupants," explained Mr. Sapp.

The Sophomore Hall program will address the concerns that have continued to pose problems for sophomore students: declaring a major, choosing careers, enhancing study habits, etc.

The Hall will also have an academic advisor and a counselor for personal concerns.

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