

FSU Students Get Carded

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Move over American Express! Here comes Fayetteville State University's own Bronco Express Card! This card is a part of the "One Card System" currently being implemented on our campus and will replace the current student ID cards.

The U.S. Department of Education Title III provided funding for the project, which began work in April. FSU is spending an estimated \$500,000 on the project, which will be completed in two phases. The project has been spearheaded by Mrs. Olivia Chavis, Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs.

In Phase I, students will be required to use their new cards in the ARAMARK

dining hall and the Chestnutt Library. They will also need to swipe their cards at the little black boxes, called readers, which will allow them access to their dorms. "This will help to enforce safety in the halls," Chavis says.

Our school is also looking into giving the students 24-hour access to the open-use computer labs. Once again, the Bronco Express card would be used to monitor usage of the labs. The card will be used to gain entrance to student social activities and athletic events on campus.

Eventually, as part of Phase II, the card will possibly be used for campus laundry services, vending and copying machines, and entrance to the campus' gated parking lots. FSU faculty and staff will also be

covered in Phase II.

Conroy Campbell and Willie Bradshaw II, who have been instrumental in the implementation of the system, agree that "the possibilities are endless." Phase II is set to begin in the spring.

The card works almost like a debit card. It already has two of a possible 16 accounts that may be placed on the card. There is the ARAMARK dining hall account with 25 ARAMARK dollars and the Bronco Express account.

Monies may be added to the Bronco Express account by way of the One Card office, online, through the Value Transfer Station, check or money order, or through the business office. Parents are encouraged to add money to accounts online or during orientation

after Phase II has been completed. All monies placed on the account can only be exchanged for services or products. If an account is closed, an account with a balance of more than \$5.00 will be refunded.

Students may also request temporary cards should they forget or misplace their original, which are valid for 24 hours only.

A press conference was held on November 25 to welcome the new card. Students were able to receive information and have questions answered. SGA vice-president, Tiffany Carmichael presided and stated that she was "very excited about the new card."

Photographers also traveled to the dorms last

month to take student pictures for the new cards. Students who have yet to receive a new card can go to Room 230 of the Rudolph Jones Student Center, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. to have their new card made.

The Broncos' Voice thanks Olivia Chavis, Robert Jones, Deon Winchester and SGA, Willie Bradshaw, Conroy Campbell, the Department of Residence Life, and everyone who has worked behind the scenes for making the One Card possible on our campus.

Students can direct any questions by calling 672-1702 or 672-1704 for more information.

Mandatory use of the Bronco One Card began December 2.

BroncoScopes Tell The Story

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct.23) 'Tis the season to be single. You know who's worth your time and who's not. Patience is a virtue. Stop chasing so that you can be chased. You'll feel better about yourself in the long run.

Scorpio (Oct.24-Nov.21) Depressed? That Hershey's Bar (with almonds) will not solve your problems, girlfriend. Get out and do something. Try shopping, it always works for me.

Sagittarius (Nov.22-Dec.21) If you are taking your new girlfriend to get her hair and nails done and you haven't paid your child support this month, You've got a serious problem.

Capricorn (Dec.22-Jan.20) You reap what you sow. The bad shall be treated badly. Remember

that.

Aquarius (Jan.21-Feb.19) You are spending too much time with your friends. Realize what you have and get serious before you end up alone. That special someone can only take but so much. While you are out partying, someone's trying to take your place.

Pisces (Feb.20-March 20) If it walks like a chicken, looks like a chicken, and acts like a chicken, be careful because it's probably a chicken-head. And those are even worse.

Aries (March 21- April 20) Why are you spending money you don't have? Put down the plastic and pick up the paper—(classifieds).

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Graduation is approaching and you have no clue where your life is headed. You need some

advisement and some prayer. Ask a Pastor for help and stop relying on these 'scopes.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) You claim to be "Real," but are you? Be an adult and talk to people face-to-face instead of behind their backs.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Your friends are beginning to worry. When alcohol is in your blood, you start acting ignorant. Put down the bottle and go to an AA meeting. Vomit cologne doesn't suit you.

Leo (July 23- Aug. 22) Has the club become your favorite spot? Perhaps that's the reason you can't make it to your morning classes.

Virgo (Sept.23-Oct.23) Real game will recognize game. Stop being a statistic and fight fire with fire.

HBCUs Offer Quality Education

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"There's an experience gained from attending an HBCU that can not be matched anywhere else."

I'm not sure who first said this, but I know there's truth to it. Whether or not this "unique experience" contains enough elements to properly prepare students for life after senior year...I am still debating.

I, however, believe that I will be ready to conquer anything that I set my mind out to do after my senior year. This is mainly due to my learning experiences during my years in college. However, the concern that I have is that so many of my colleagues do not believe that they too can accomplish their hearts' desire.

I remember having a discussion with a former high school classmate concerning the education of HBCU's versus that of the larger universities. He of course, attended the larger

university. At the time, my GPA was a considerable amount higher than his and instead of congratulating me or deciding to do better himself, he blamed it on the unchallenging environment of my school. "If I was at that easy black school, I'd have a 4.0," he taunted.

This happened during my first two years of college and his statement brought much trouble to my heart. Was I really attending an "easy black school?" Is the money used to help me through college really being thrown all down the drain? Although I swore to him that I could perform as well at his school as at mine, uncertainty still plagued my heart.

FSU professor, Dr. Kimon Constatas, explained things clearly to my class one day. "Don't let anyone tell you that you are restrained because you attend FSU. There is good education here and one must only choose that he or she wants to learn." His statement was only a part of