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Honda Campus All Stars take Jones Invitational

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On Saturday February 18, Fayetteville State University was the host of the Jones Invitational.

This invitational pitted two Fayetteville State teams against Morris College, NC A&T University, St. Augustine's University, Shaw University, Virginia State University, and Winston-Salem State University.

The Varsity Team was led by Shari Williams, consisting of Victor Barrett, Kaity Parson, and Jerry Wilson. The Junior Varsity team was lead by Gavin Myrick, consisting of Jeff Cox, Traci Holder, Chase Lowe, and Jerrell Nelson.

The tournament consisted of two qualifying rooms, in which a drawing determined who would enter the room. In a cruel twist of fate, both FSU teams drew the same room.

These rooms were a round-robin, in order to determine seeds for the next round of play. The Junior Varsity team finished third in the room, and the Varsity team finished second.

The Junior Varsity lost to Shaw and Winston Salem in the second round. Thus, placing them sixth overall in the tournament.

The Varsity team beat

Morris and St. Augustine's in the second round, placing them in the semifinals.

The semifinals consisted of top ranked NC A&T taking on fourth-ranked Shaw, and second ranked Winston Salem taking on third ranked Fayetteville State.

The Broncos handed a decisive victory over the Rams, winning 255 to 145. Fayetteville State's next challenge was Shaw University.

Shaw was a dark-horse the entire tournament, as it has not been good in

previous years.

Last March, FSU hosted a friendly against Shaw, giving both teams a chance to practice.

Since then, Shaw has practiced hard and they surprised many, upsetting A&T in the semifinals. However, their efforts were not enough.

The Broncos decisively beat the Bears 275 to 80. The Bears have another crack at FSU, when both schools will compete in the Mary Church Terrell

division at the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge National Championship Tournament in late March.

Even though the Broncos did win the Jones Invitational, they still have a long way to go before the Championship in Orlando.

A fatal flaw of the Broncos during their last two games was their rate of bonus conversion, sometimes resulting in getting no bonus points at all.

They concede that the packet they received was lucky, as normally a game cannot be won on toss-up questions alone. In the game against Shaw, FSU could have easily achieved a score well over 400 points.

Their saving grace was their buzzer speed. In the final game, Barrett scored nine toss-ups; getting the first six toss-up questions consecutively.

Wilson scored three, and both Lowe and Parson scored one each.

On the HCASC bulletin board, an observer commented that "Fayetteville looks final four ready again."

The Broncos have plenty of time between now and March 30 and are cooking up strategies to fix holes in their existing game play.

After finishing third in the NCT last year, the Broncos are now shooting for a NCT championship.



The Honda Campus team poses for a photo during the Jones Regional Tournament

Dr. Maya Angelou challenges students to look inside for words of wisdom

Alltel Press Release

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – In conjunction with Black History Month, Alltel and Dr. Maya Angelou today announced the Words of Wisdom Scholarship Program, which asks students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) across the country, "What words of wisdom will you pass on to those who come after you?"

"Young people have a fresh perspective and can express their insights in ways the next generation will appreciate and respond to," said Regina Wozniowski, director of multicultural marketing for Alltel. "We are proud to provide them with a forum through the Alltel Words of Wisdom Scholarship Program as well as the once-in-a-lifetime experience of meeting Dr. Maya Angelou."

Ten Grand Prize winners will receive a \$4,000 scholarship to a participating HBCU institution of their choice and a trip to Little Rock to meet Dr. Angelou. Participants will be judged based on their ability to adhere to the theme as well as strike an emotional chord and exude passion through writing.

"I am pleased to be a part of a program that empowers young people to voice their opinions. Wisdom lives in all of

us and the world will be wonderfully served if these students share what they have and know," said Dr. Angelou. "I am proud of this program and gladly support Alltel's commitment to African-American students across the country."

Alltel supports a number of annual sporting and multicultural events that make an impact within the African-American community, including: the HBCU Football Classics and several athletic departments at HBCU institutions; a Martin Luther King celebration in Cleveland and a MLK parade in Jackson, Miss., the largest in the United States; the Lynch Street Festival in Jackson, and the Jazz Series and Pride Awards in Charlotte, N.C.

An internationally respected poet, writer, civil rights activist and educator, Dr. Angelou has authored best-selling titles such as "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," "Gather Together in My Name," "The Heart of a Woman" and the collection of poems "Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Diie," which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. The first black woman director in Hollywood, Dr. Angelou has written, produced, directed and starred in productions for stage, film and television.

Essay submission forms are available on-line or at any participating Alltel retail store. Contest rules and entry

forms will be available beginning Jan. 27 at www.alltel.com/wordsofwisdom. Entries must be post-marked by March 3, 2006, and winners will be presented with their awards on March 28, 2006. Graduating high school seniors who will be attending

HBCU institutions also are eligible to participate.

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Chancellor T.J. Bryan, of Fayetteville State University, and President Chen Zhongyong, of Inner Mongolia Normal University, pose for a photo following a press conference held to honor new agreements between the two schools. Chancellor Bryan hopes to send FSU students to China in the new future. (See Story Below)

Fayetteville State hosts delegates from Chinese University

By Ashley C. Smith
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A press conference was held Wednesday, February 15th by Chancellor Bryan to celebrate the visitation of Fayetteville State University by officials from the Inner Mongolia Normal University, in China.

The visit by Inner Mongolia Normal University president, Chen Zhongyong, marks culmination of negotiations between FSU and

IMNU to begin an exchange program and offer a Chinese language program at Fayetteville State.

During the press conference Chancellor Bryan announced that Fayetteville State University will begin offering classes in Mandarin Chinese this fall. The class will be taught by Dr. Yan Yan.

Dr. Bryan, as well several other FSU officials visited IMNU in 2004. The

provost for Fayetteville State, Dr. Juliet Bell, stressed to President Zhongyong that "we are happy to reciprocate by having our guests with us at Fayetteville State University."

President Zhongyong extended his university's goodwill by offering five scholarships for FSU students to study abroad at Inner Mongolia Normal University.

IMNU and FSU share certain ties other than their dedication to higher education;

both schools were started as Normal teacher's colleges for minority students.

Fayetteville State University began as a college for African-American students and Inner Mongolia Normal University was formed as a school for Chinese minority students.

Currently, Inner Mongolia has over 25,000 students in programs ranging from bachelors to doctorate level.