

## Bronco Community Announcements

### Victoria Ruffin needs your support!

Make plans to go to the CLAA and cheer her on as an FSU contestant at The Apollo Event, scheduled for March 2nd at 10 p.m. in Charlotte, NC.

Ms. Ruffin is a native of Goldsboro, NC. She is a Chancellor's scholar who became the "Lady Bronco Mascot" as a community service requirement in 2002. She is a university choir soloist; she was Miss FSU 2005-06 1st runner up, a local radio personality in Goldsboro, a senior music education major, and serves in the school cafeteria.

Among her many talents, she credits her successes to God. She says that He "is the love of her life, conspirator of her gifts, and her motivation for enduring so many of life's tasks." Visit "<http://www.ciaa2006.com>" for more

information as to where the event will be held. The website also has a flyer about the performance and Pattie Labelle. If you have any questions, please call ext. 2677.

### FSU Approved for New Master's Degree

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors approved Fayetteville State University's request to award the Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. The approval was granted during the board's monthly meeting Feb. 10 in Chapel Hill.

The new degree program will begin in fall 2006. It is designed for students with a baccalaureate degree who wish to further their education in criminal justice at the graduate level, perhaps to establish a foundation for pursuing a doctoral degree in criminal justice or criminology.

The program is also for criminal justice

professionals and researchers seeking to advance in their careers, individuals who want to teach criminal justice at the community college level, and criminal justice and social justice advocates seeking the knowledge and skills to improve the quality of justice in their communities. FSU is now accepting applications for the new program.

To obtain a graduate degree application, call (910) 672-1374 or visit the university's website

### Black Millennium Finishes Second in Competition

Fayetteville State University's Black Millennium Modeling Club placed second during the first-

annual North Carolina's Top Runway Modeling Competition Feb. 18 in Greensboro.

Of the seven troupes competing, six represented Historically Black Colleges and Universities. For its second-place finish, Black Millennium won a cash prize and trophy. Advisors for the modeling troupe are Sharon Evans and Sir Walter Hemphill. Troupe president is Aisha Smith.

Black Millennium will compete in a modeling competition during the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Tournament March 2 in Charlotte.

For more information, please call (910) 672-1474.

## The joke's on you

By Phillip Gatling Jr.  
*The Voice*

"Who could ask for a better cast and a better atmosphere to work with?"

These were the overall feelings expressed by the cast. Nothing but positive feedback, excitement, and an over exceedingly amount of energy, as I witnessed first hand backstage, and interviewed the cast of "Anansi and Friends," adapted by Phoebe Hall. As I had the pleasure of watching these brilliant and talented actors, actresses, and dancers of this theatrical masterpiece, I couldn't help but pick up my pen and paper and begin to write.

The first person I interviewed was, Anansi, himself, played by Dwight "DJ" Johnson, a junior majoring in Mass Communication. I asked him what he liked most about this play, and his reply was: "I enjoy entertaining and making people laugh."

Johnson also stated, that his character, in a glimpse reminded him of himself, because he likes to grab the audience attention by making them laugh.

I was delighted to see how one of three of the Assistant Directors felt about the show. April Asheford, who also played a Narrator in the play, stated that she looked forward to seeing the glorious expressions on the kid's faces when they

see the play.

Asheford was confident that this would be a fun and hilarious children's play that differs from most. Timothy Caldwell, freshman, was among many characters that played more than one role in this dynamic play.

When I questioned, the difficulty level in playing four roles in this play, he stated that "It is not that difficult at all; I just have to concentrate extra hard, and make sure I change into the right role." Chase Lowe was most fond of the fact that Ms. Phoebe Hall adapted this story into a stage play to fit the actors and actresses that were presented.

Terrell Bolden, also played multiple roles in the play, when asked what he like the most about this play, he said "I enjoyed having fun with the cast members, and I look forward to having more fun on opening night and making the audience laugh." There were many more cast members, including: stage managers, the technical crew and numerous people who helped to make this play a wonderful experience; not only for children, but for everyone that attended this play.

The people who were apart of this play deserve their credit; because it is certainly due.

## The true meaning of Valentine's Day

By Jessica Glover  
*The Voice*

One day out of the year, people find fascinating ways to show their boyfriend or girlfriend how much they care about them or even love them. They go out and buy cards, stuffed animals, and jewelry. Some people mistake this day as a day to become competitive. People try to see who will get the most stuff and the biggest gifts; but this is far different from what the holiday began as.

It all started in the third century. A.D. Claudius, a Roman emperor, expected men to join his broad army. Like most men, they refused to join because they wanted to be home with their wife and kids. Being that few people joined, Claudius decided not to approve of any more marriages.

Valentine was a priest who loved marrying couples so you know he did not support that law. So what did he do? He kept marrying couples secretly.

One day he got caught and was sentenced to prison with the punishment

of death. Various people heard about this tragedy and came to visit him. Some people threw notes and flowers to his window, letting him know that they still believe in love. One of his many friends happened to be the prison guards daughter.

On February 14, 269 A.D., Valentine was to be put to death. He left his friend a note saying that he was thankful for their friendship and signed it by saying, "Love from your valentine." And that is how Valentine's Day began.

Why is Valentine's Day the only day where people express their true feelings to their partner? Why is Valentine's Day the only day where they tell each other they are in love and mean it? Why is Valentine's Day the only day we remember how special we really are? Valentine's Day should be every day. It should also be for your family as well as your friends. Many people became so obsessed with getting gifts that they forgot the true meaning of Valentine's Day. Love... Love is the true meaning.

"Come on and go with me...  
There's something new for you to see..."



## Ghana Study Tour

June 20, 2006 – July 11, 2006



This trip will allow students to learn about and experience  
Ghanalan history and culture through three weeks of  
intensive study

This trip will cost approximately \$3000 (includes 3 credit  
hours, airfare, lodging, breakfast, transportation, tours,  
tips, instructional guide, visa, and health insurance)

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