

Alumni Thoughts on Fayetteville State

By: De'Voshia Mason
The Voice

John Reavis, class of 1959, graduated with a degree in elementary education.

As a student he was sports editor for the newspaper, an all around athlete, dean's list student, and is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

What do you believe is essential in the continuing success of FSU?

"I believe the mentoring program on and off campus needs to be strengthened. Remaining strong is going to be the necessity of expanding. It is very important that each background be touched through mentoring. Blacks, along with other cultures, have come from a lot of different past histories and each story needs to be understood. In my time a lot of us came from sharecropping families and the mentoring of each of us is the way we succeeded."

What do you think you can do to help in the growth of FSU?

"I wish the alumni could have a foundation to donate money to, so that we still feel connected to our educational roots. Also, I believe we (the alumni) should start recruiting students to become a part of HBCUs. Culture is important."

Mary Ann McLean Scott class of 1965, graduated with

a degree in elementary education.

She was a writer and member of the drama club.

What do you think needs to occur to guarantee achievement at FSU?

"I believe students need to stay united and never forget their past. Sometimes we take GOD out of everything and HE needs to be present in all things. With GOD all things are possible."

Samuel L. Greene class of 1967, graduated with a degree in elementary education.

He was a baseball player and is still a faithful sports supporter of FSU.

"I attend all football games and basketball games. This football season is a little off but I have faith that we will get back on track. Every team has its season."

What do you believe ghmccdc nt ennsakk sdl'r victories?

"I feel the focus is mainly on academics and that's great. But, athletics needs to be addressed. Without giving sports the proper funds and attention we will not be able to compete with other universities. Of course the athlete's education is vital, consequently; games and student activities are what contribute to a college's financial accomplishments."

Edgar Crook class of 1969,

graduated with a major in mathematics while living off of campus.

"Getting food was a challenge of not living on campus. There was no meal plan for off campus students."

What do you see in the future of FSU?

"Good things are in the future. FSU has grown miraculously. Feels good to say you're an alumnus. There's a sense of pride just seeing how FSU has grown. Diversity is present just looking from a far. FSU is now reaching to out of state areas, publicizing that we are expounding and becoming a better university."

Leonard McCain class of 1969, graduated with a major in sociology accompanied by a concentration in political science while living off campus.

He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

How do you feel FSU treats its alumni?

"We are treated well but I believe that there should be a more effective outreach to the alumni. We could possibly get monthly letters about upcoming events for that month or academic calendars. Communication is key. I feel a little out of touch, kind of ungrounded with my connection to FSU. I don't want that feeling. I want to be apart of FSU, always. Alumni are willing to help."

State Normal School Song, Heritage

Old Nor-mal School, State Nor-mal School; To thee our prai-ses ring. Tho time may roll thy name we hold thru the years thru the years; All hon-or praise and love to thee from loy-al hearts and true; Our al-ma-ma-ter here our voice we raise To sing thy praise. To sing thy praise.

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"Incubus Dreams" Highly Anticipated

By: Melissa Williamson
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Kia Samuels is a sophomore majoring in Mass Communications from Charlotte, NC. I had the opportunity to interview Samuels about a play that she wrote and is seeking to produce right here on FSU's campus!

The play entitled "Danger with Incubus Dreams" is about a group of college students who flourish off of rumors and stereotypes.

The play gives its audience an in-depth perspective on the extremities to everyday college life, while encouraging students not to become just another statistic.

Samuels states, "Students will get a sense of reality and a

sense of friendship."

Samuels has been writing plays since the age of fifteen. She states that her inspiration for writing this particular play came from a "Personal experience with a cousin and the way she was acting. She dropped out of high school and ran away from home. She got arrested several times and finally came back home."

Auditions for the play will be held on Nov. 29th. For any Mass Communication and Speech Theaters majors this is a great opportunity to get experience.

We encourage everyone to come out!

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It Feels Like Forever... Alumni Meet at Fayetteville State

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Rocky Mountain resident Mr. Thomas Williams graduated in the class of 1946 with a degree in elementary education and his wife Mrs. Mable S. Williams graduated in 1945 also with a degree in elementary education. The couple met around 1941. They knew each other from participating in the choir. Mr. Williams was an upper classman to Mrs. Williams at the time and was infatuated with her. Even though he expressed his feelings Mrs. Wil-

liams thought he was just playing with her because he was an upper classman. Nevertheless, Mr. Williams still pursued his wife to be.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams' relationship was put through trials and tribulations as they dated. Mr. Williams joined the military and had to be stationed overseas during the years of 1943-1946. While Mr. Williams was overseas they wrote to one another in hopes of spending the rest of their lives together. Mr. Williams wrote songs of affection and Mrs. Williams wrote back faithfully. Once Mr. Williams

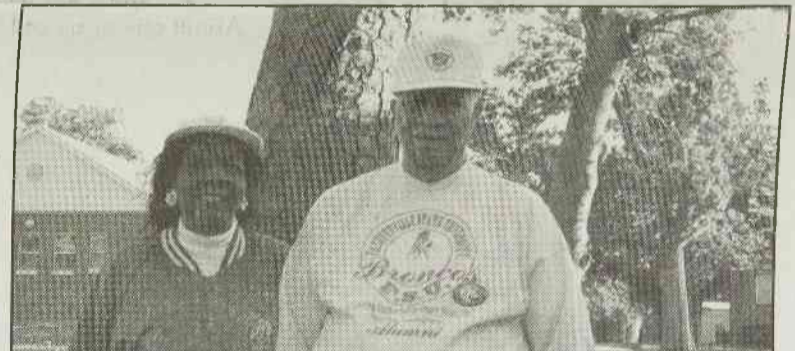


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returned and graduated in May 1946. The two of them married on December 20th in Wilson, NC at Jackson Chapel 1st Baptist. This month they will

be celebrating their 60 year anniversary. If it had not been for FSU they would not be what they are today...happily married.

It's Crunch Time for Finals

Time to Study

By: Melissa Williamson
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It's almost the end of the semester and finals are swiftly approaching. For graduating seniors upcoming finals mean the difference between walking across the stage at graduation and walking back into the classroom of a class they must retake. For all of us, finals can either stall our academic career or allow progression towards our career goals.

It's time to pick up the pace once again slackers. Hope you enjoyed it while you could. But if you're here at FSU with a purpose, then finals are just one thing you need to take time out to prepare for.

Various methods of preparation have been devised by college students when it comes to taking finals. There's the traditional study the text from front to back and know the material inside out. Shalisa Irby states that she was taught to "Just

keep going over the material everyday. Memory is the best thing."

You can take initiative and form a study group for a class you and fellow classmates may be struggling in. Kezie Mwaniki advises to "Form a study group and go to your instructors and seek more help."

Several instructors use blackboard to post class materials to help develop understanding, so now might be a good time to check it out. And when all else fails, please ask a question. There's no point in sitting in a class for a whole semester, not understanding the material, just to get an embarrassing grade engraved on your official academic transcript.

You're here to get an education, so go get it. And if paying tuition or having someone else pay it isn't motivation enough, then stop taking up the space and opportunity another individual could have had.

Get motivated and start preparing now.

By: Jasmine Walters
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During the winter season people want to know how to avoid getting sick. There is coughing, sneezing and sniffing all around you. How do you keep yourself safe?

The best way not to get sick is to have a strong immune system.

This prevents bacteria taking over your immune system and enables you to fight it off.

Studies have shown that if you eat right and exercise then you can build a stronger immune system.

Having a strong immune system is not enough though. You need to dress appropriately also.

Bundle up and keep warm in these changing conditions.

Wearing tank-tops and shorts during this weather is not the smartest thing to do.

In elementary school we were taught how to wash our hands and to keep up good hygiene.

This is because about 80% of germs are spread through human contact.

In order to wash your hands correctly you need to wash your hands for as long as it takes to sing the birthday song twice.

Clean under your nails and in-between your fingers because these are places that germs can hide. Wash your hands before you eat and after you have been in public places.

When in public places, you may come in contact with highly touched areas that can be infested with all sorts of germs.

Many people are absent



minded and forget to wash their hands after they have touched dirty areas so there is a vaccine shot that is available.

A vaccine shot will help your body become immune to the flu and build your immune system up so that if you become

infected with the flu your body can fight it off.

The winter season can be enjoyed with out getting sick if you follow my few tips to keep safe. Eat healthy, exercise, bundle up, wash your hands, and get a vaccine shot.

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