

FSU Board of Trustees Convene

Athlete GPA's Are A Highlight

by Cortney Slaughter

On March 25th, inside the J.C. Jones Board Room of Charles Chesnut Library, Fayetteville State University held a Board of Trustees Meeting. The Audit Committee, Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee, Business and Finance Committee, Student Affairs Committee and the Institutional Advancement Committee all presented their plans and goals.

The Athletic Department brought in 2010 CIAA Women's Basketball Coach, Eva Patterson-Heath, who shared her experience as a first year coach at FSU. Heath said she

felt welcomed the moment she was hired. Fayetteville State University is the 2010 CIAA Football and Women's Basketball Champions and according to the reports announced at the Board Meeting, FSU athletes are also winners in the classroom. Some of the highlights include a 2.7 GPA for the volleyball team, a 2.8 GPA for the bowling team, and a 3.3 GPA for the golf team. This put a smile on Chancellor James Anderson's face when he heard it. The Athletic Department released the date of the Athletic Sports Banquet, April 21st in the Capel Arena.

The Institutional Advancement Committee emphasized their strategic planning with statistics of when they began their plan to fundraise for the University and where they stand now. This committee also recognized the future corporate connections that would help them reach their fundraising goals. The committee discussed the Tom Joyner Scholarship initiative that awarded eight recipients a total of up to \$14,500. The Institutional Advancement Committee stressed a concern to do something FSU has yet to do, promote and start a phone-a-thon for a multi-year capital campaign

in the near future. Though Dr. Anderson expressed the need to be patient about the campaign he seemed convinced this could in fact be done and generate more revenue for the University as a whole.

The Audit Committee is in the process of reviewing the dorms to check for accuracy of files, if procedures and rules are carried out and other work that should ensure the validity of information documented and the work ethics in the dorms. The Student Affairs Committee recognized all of their helping hands in their successes this year. Moreover, a tentative

schedule for Rodeo Week was also discussed among those in attendance.

Board of Trustees Meetings are important because they provide the students, faculty and staff of FSU with pertinent information about various projected goals in the many departments of the University. Equally important, the general and beneficial information publicized from these meetings can answer a lot of questions many students may have. Students can also get answers about their concerns and needs.

Spring Career Fair Draws Hundreds

by L'Asia Brown

On March 25th the Office of Career Services hosted its first bi-annual Career Fair of 2010. The event, which is highly anticipated by both students and alumni, attracts a diverse group of young and old students. They attend to actually find a job and for professional networking. Skirt suits and polished loafers crowded the lower area of the Capel Arena as hundreds of prospective employees shook hands and made conversation with possible future employers. With critiqued resumes, reviewed for free by Fayetteville State University's Office of Career Services, and positive, professional attitudes, students were able to get a glimpse of corporate America, while alumni were able to strengthen their connections and once again search for the career they haven't had the chance to get.

Companies at the career fair included Coca-Cola, Hershey, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Bed, Bath & Beyond, BB&T, and Kraft Foods. A few government agencies included the IRS, US Census Bureau, US Customs and Border Protection, and the Social Security Administration.

North Carolina's unemployment rate nudged to a new high in February, 11.2 percent. February's jobless rate is the highest since states started their current calculation method in 1976. Still, national corporations and government agencies traveled from up and down the East Coast to attend Fayetteville State University's Career Fair. Even students who still have two to three years before graduation were there, hoping to network or find mentors and even to speak with several company representatives to see what they may be interested in. David Gray, a sophomore from Winston-Salem, seemed excited to mingle with professionals. "I'm not sure what I want to do yet but I wanted to just talk with some of the corporate reps. Plus, I actually meant a couple of alums who gave me good advice. It's [career fair] a good thing."

Perhaps the most important sights at the career fair weren't students engaged in conversation with company reps, but students and alums engaged in conversation with each other. The professionalism, positivity, drive, and innovation lingering in the air at any job fair is enough to fill

even the most dire of unemployed mentalities. "I met a lady who is leaving her job as a social worker to become a teacher. I'm an education major but I want to do social work! It was such a coincidence but we did some great networking!" explained Senior, Courtney Michaels.



FSU Alumni Matthew Wynne speaks with a representative from a police department.

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