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## Greeks express concern over plots

Planned \$20 million science building will force groups to relocate their space



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Tyreece Brown, a member of the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., relaxes on a bench on the Greek Plots on campus recently.

## Q&A: Reactions are mixed

by Courtney "NuNu" Taylor  
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About 50 years ago, Fayetteville State University paid tribute to the National Pan-Hellenic Council Greek fraternities and sororities by giving them a substantial amount of land to place historical information and value to represent them. Over the years, the plots have been a place for the members of each organization to fellowship together; host events, and even entertain-

ment. The plots are a representation of each organization and what they stand for. With the expansion of the Lyons Science Annex, the plots will be relocated. Rumors of complete removal are floating around, although University plans state that this is not true. The Voice was curious as to how each organization felt about such a significant change.

Karltan Austin, Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Alpha

Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

**The Voice:** What are the significance of the plots?

**KA:** Well, each Greek plot has its own significance for each organization, but to us, as far as Alphas, it is for us to meet and a place for other Alphas from various schools to fellowship.

**TV:** Where would you suggest the plots to go?

**KA:** I like the idea of where the

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In February 2011, construction on a \$20-million, 6,200-square-foot science and technology building will begin replacing FSU's Greek plots which are currently located in the heart of campus.

This impending change and what effect it will have on campus has sparked conversation around FSU especially with members of the Greek organizations. Not everybody is happy about the changes.

"I think FSU's alumni will be upset to come back and see that the plots aren't where they've been for so many years and I personally think that moving them isn't right," said Jamar Armstrong, member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

According to the Fayetteville Observer, Rentenbach Constructors and R.J. Leeper Construction are the two contractors for the project but are currently looking for subcontractors to help as well.

On the west side of campus, facing north of the Lily Gym and south of the Lyons Science Annex, this new building will be four stories and will consist of two wings.

One wing will be for classrooms and offices. The other will be used for math and science facilities, which include a CSI forensics floor, chemistry classrooms, and computer labs.

The Greek plots will be relocated next to SBE Building.

Jeffrey Womble, FSU's Director of Public Relations, said that the new science and technology building will be used for teaching laboratories, classrooms, support spaces and faculty offices for the disciplines of Computer Science, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Forensics.

After speaking with a few Greek organization members, the decision to build a new science building in place of the Greek plots is one that some disagree with.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. member Tiffany Hinton said that the new building is just an extension onto an extension that can be placed elsewhere.

"If it's a must that the building is built in that spot, they could've at least designed it so it wouldn't be as big and take up the entire space," she said.

When asked how the plots being moved will affect the people on campus, Ms. Hinton said that next year's homecoming will definitely be negatively affected.

After speaking with alumni of both sororities and fraternities, Ms. Hinton said that they have also expressed that they disagree with the move and feel it will have a negative effect on the campus as a whole.

"I believe it is unfair because right now the plots are in the middle of campus where they are easy to get to and see," said Marques Damon, member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

He also said that with them being moved it will not provide the same pleasant environment that the colors and members of Greek organizations illustrate because the new location is not somewhere students pass by daily while walking around campus.

Construction on the new science and technology building is estimated to end in the summer of 2012.

Although there are many pros and cons to such a sizeable change on campus, hopefully the new building and the relocation of the plots will be two changes students, faculty, and alumni can all easily adapt to.

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