

Interession proves to be successful

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According to students and faculty, Fayetteville State University's interession "experiment" this summer went well.

All nineteen interession courses combined received an average of 4.77 out of 5 on the course evaluations required of students. The faculty also had great things to say.

Was the interession a success? "Amen!" said Dr. Jane Smith, interim director of summer school. "It turned out better than we hoped." The intense 12-day summer session has received nothing but praise.

Quite a few interession classes travelled as a part of the curriculum. The biology 350 class took trips to a marsh for hands-on experience with nature. Professor Gammans took his business class to New York City where they visited the New York Stock Exchange and met with Morgan Stanley advisors. Professor Hatcher's dance class also visited the Big Apple where they had the opportunity to meet George Faison, a famous dancer who has worked for the Alvin Ailey Dance Company.

The trips were fun, but more importantly they allowed students to see the opportunities they have career-wise. In fact, one student realized after meeting with the Morgan Stanley advisers that she needed to

work harder. Travel wasn't the only perk of the interession. The small classes created a sense of community where everyone was fully involved. Students could rely on each other, and not just the professor for help. And because students are limited to one course, they're able to focus easier.

At the end, the faculty participated in a 'hot wash'. They expressed their thoughts and concerns concerning the interession experiment. One professor said it was the best class he had taught in years. Another said they actually had more time to teach. All the professors agreed that the interession gave them more freedom which allowed for the use of non-traditional teaching methods.

Students and faculty can look forward to participating in the interession next summer. Dr. Smith wants to advertise earlier so more people can take advantage of the program. She plans on having the summer school Web page updated with summer 2012 information by November. Students should also be on the lookout for flyers.

With the victory of this interession there could possibly be similar opportunities during fall, spring or winter breaks in the future. But these are just ideas. As for now, any students interested in taking summer school next year should consider an interession course. It is intense, but based on the feedback, it's worth it.

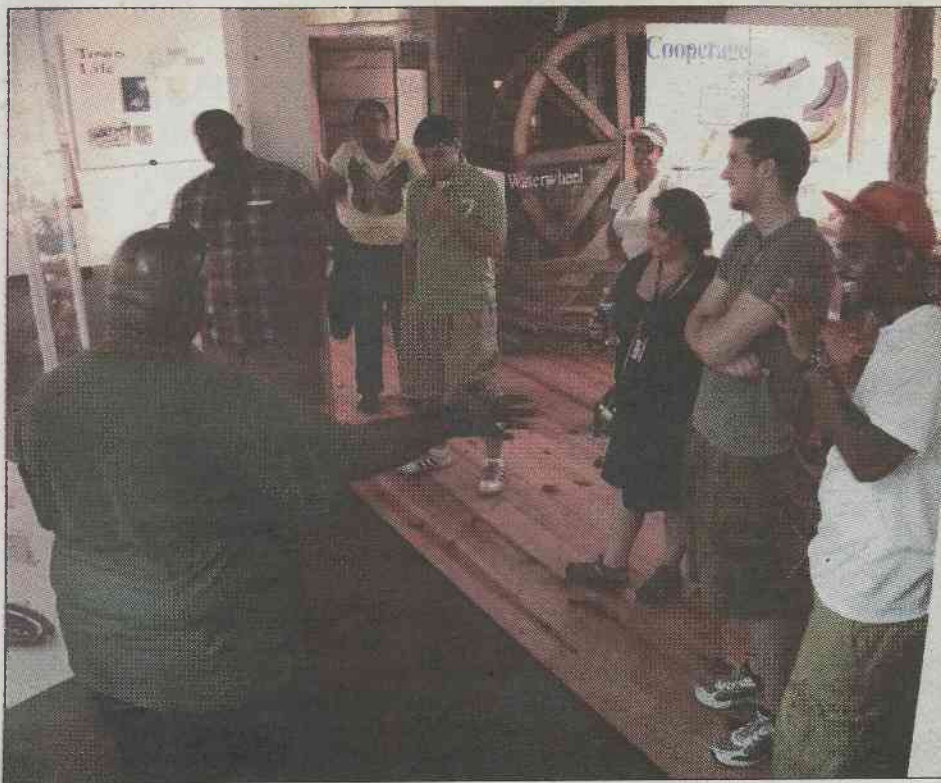


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Museum of the Cape Fear tour guide and historian Charles Anderson (back to camera) explains some of the hardships experienced by the war torn Fayetteville community during the mid 1800's, to FSU assistant professor of history Kelli Cardenas Walsh's summer interession class on May 25.

Welcome back students

Today Is Just the Beginning

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Being back on campus for some of you means reliving old memories with friends from last semester, and looking forward to creating new ones. While for others walking through these familiar buildings brought back the dread of all the hard work that is to come with calculus homework, five minute speeches and mid-terms. However, for some of you, this is your first year on the campus of Fayetteville State University and you are both excited and a little anxious about what we have in store for you this semester. No matter which category you fall into, I hope that you all enjoy your time here and have a very successful semester.

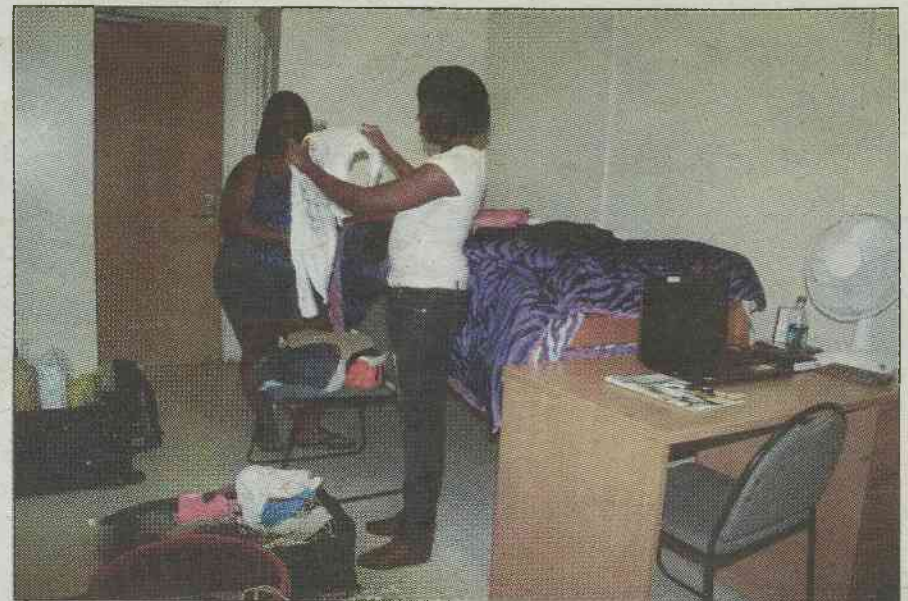
Members of The Voice staff thought it would be a great idea to give you a few tips or words of advice on what you're in for. From relationships and addictions to your studies and Homecoming, I want everyone to know

that there is a lot of help for those who need it, and opportunities for those of you who are hungry enough to seek them. Explore your options. This year your major may be biology but if you have a passion for dance, enroll in a dance class. Trying new things is a part of the college experience.

Get involved in something, anything, or everything you can. FSU has so many different organizations and clubs, there is sure to be something that interests you. Four years seems like a lot, but it goes by fast. You all have the opportunity to be the next Miss or Mr. FSU, editor-in-chief of The Voice, program director of an organization or a club president if you apply yourself. Saying the sky is the limit is still putting a cap on all the potential you have right now.

There was a reason why you all have decided to attend FSU or to even bother coming back to it. Whatever your reasons were, don't let them go. Turn those reasons into actions.

Remember our motto broncos, *res non verba*. Deeds not words.



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Antonia Williams, 17, freshman and Maya McEachern, 17, freshman converse while Antonia unpacks her new dorm in Joyner Hall.



Dennis McNair, FSU's photographer, takes Kelly Whitted's yearbook photo.