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FSU's nursing program returns

Nursing courses to begin in 2013

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After a two-year hiatus, Fayetteville State University's new generic bachelor of science in nursing program was approved in May by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

In 2007, FSU's passing rate for the national board exam was 64 percent and was followed by a sharp decline in 2008 with a 39 percent passing rate.

In May 2009, Chancellor James Anderson suspended the program because of its lack of internal organization and low test scores on the nursing board exams.

The UNC system requires that each nursing class have a passing rate of at least 75 percent to remain accredited. If the percentage falls below 75 percent for two consecutive years the North Carolina Board of Nursing reserves the right to shut down the program.

However, because of its recent improvement in test scores of over 90 percent passing rate FSU has been given the opportunity with a new nursing program to replace the old one.

The new nursing program is here and will start admitting students into upper division courses in 2013.

"I'm excited to be here," says Dr. Arhin, chair of the program. She says that she chose to lead the program because she likes challenges. She is very optimistic about the program.

The program has adopted a "caring philosophy" according to the chair, by fostering an environment where every student is important and will be given the tools they need in order to not just be successful in the program, but also in the health care field. The program is more

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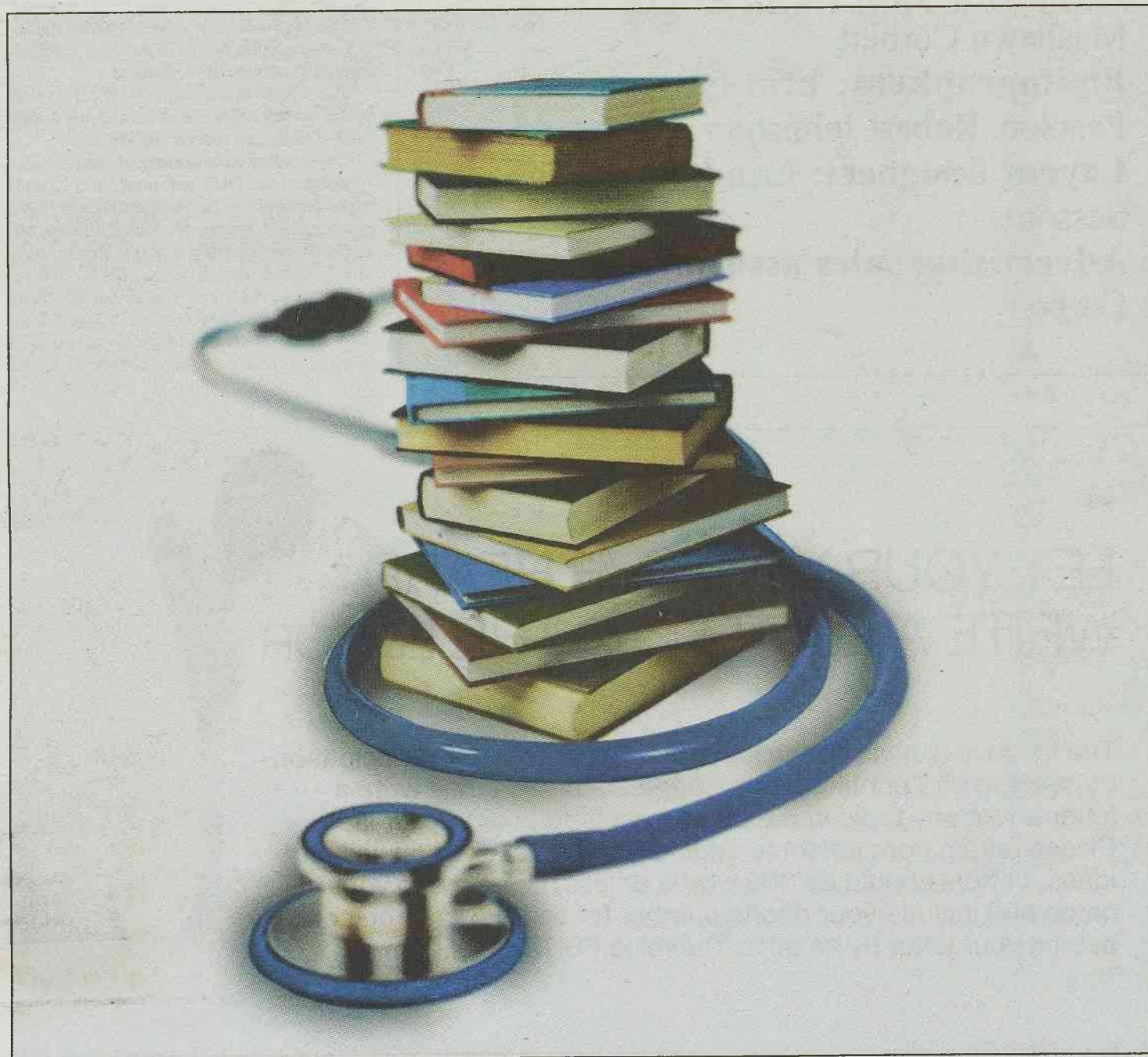
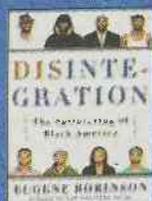


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