

Fashion Show



From Left to Right: Shaneica Taylor, Wynesia Sarbage, Leteshia Mercer, and Jessie Young members of Bronco Women, who sponsored the show.



Adam Varella a member of Black Millennium Modeling Club.



Mose Harris IV, Administrative Support Associate-Technical for the Office of Career Services.

Voice Photos by Shirley Townsned

Safety gone Eco-friendly

By Barron Jamel Green

While the Global Electronic Motors vehicles, the pod cars around campus, are small, their contribution to the Fayetteville State University community is not.

The GEM is a lightweight all electronic car that was invented to take the place of small off road vehicles. It averages about 26 miles per hour when patrolling around campus. FSU owns 15 GEMs that are utilized by multiple departments across campus.

While it looks like something from the future, GEM vehicles actually have many characteristics similar to traditional cars, such as wipers, alarm brake lights and turn signals. GEMS also have multiple storage compartments along the vehicle including a glove box inside the car and a large compartment on the back of the cars. The larger compartment is used when hauling materials less than 100 pounds across the campus.

"The GEMs are ideal transportation on a college campus," said John Mckoy, the chief of the FSU campus safety department.

The state-of-the-art transporter saves money on gas since it is powered by batteries. However, they need to be charged just like any other rechargeable battery. This takes time and could be improved for performance. The average charging time for a full charge is usually all night, said Mckoy. However, a charging time of about two hours will provide enough power for a brief patrol around campus. A fully charged battery typically lasts about six hours.

In addition to cost savings, GEMS provide an unprecedented level of safety for drivers and students, Mckoy. The older golf carts used at FSU didn't have doors,

lights, or windshields. Furthermore, the GEMS operated by the police department have to be registered through the state and inspected much like the car you drive, unlike golf carts.

GEMs also offer protection to drivers from Mother Nature's harsh days while simultaneously improving the ozone layer. Mr. Mckoy said he loves driving the GEM in the summer but not so much in the winter because GEMS don't keep people as warm as traditional cars during cold temperatures.

Campus safety and other departments, including Williams Hall, Bronco Hall, as well as landscapers have GEMS. Some departments use the vehicles more than others. Chrishonda Ham, FSU business/special operations manager, said her department uses the GEMs only a couple times a month to deliver materials around campus and to travel to meetings. FSU landscapers and Williams Hall coordinators utilize GEMs to transport cargo, deliver dinner to theater, post office deliver mail etc.

GEMs come in all shapes and sizes to accommodate the user's needs. One series is the passenger car series which consists of the E2, E4, and E6. The E meaning electronic, and the number meaning the number of passenger's you can carry. The second series is the utility series which consists of the ES, EL, and EL XD. These models vary by the amount of cargo they can carry safely. The ES is capable of 330lbs of cargo, the E4 is capable of 770lbs, and the EL XD is capable of 1100lbs of cargo.

These vehicles are available online at www.polarisindustries.com and can be purchased by anyone with interest.



Voice Photo by Jennifer Lucas

Traffic Enforcement GEM vehicle parked outside of the Butler Building.

Spring Elections Results

Student Activities Council

Program Director Naadiya Hopkins; **Business Manager** Darius Willis; **Admin Assistant** Barbara Henry **Council Members** Ronald Blanks Jr., Jamille Jackson, Dara Colon, D'Aysia Gilchrist, Courtney Lowery, Tyson McDowell, Jerraye Daniels, Trashaun Johnson, Brianna Lane, Brandon Moton, Tristin Rainey, Kyanna McCall, Michelle Morman

Student Government Association

President Jermian Coble; **Vice-President** Jessica Norflett; **Secretary** April Love; **Treasurer** Tristin Rainey; **Senator at Large** Motavian Bratton, Jalynn Jones, Calvin Craig, Marquez Moore, Shaunce Smith, Montavious Holder, Chelsea Hunter, Donna Artis, Kyanna McCall, Gabrielle Braswell; **Off Campus Senator** Andrea Alexander, Erica Hargrove, Patrik Kirsch, Draey Quarries

Student Judicial Board

Members Megan Graham, Trashaun Johnson, Tiara Walker

Sophomore Class

Vice-President Ashley Artis; **Secretary** Dara Colon; **Treasurer** Veronica Hill

Junior Class

President Patrice Sease-Bey; **Vice-President** Brooke Vann

Senior Class

President Brandon Moton

Millennium Mile

By Rollsha Williams

"The Millennium Mile" is an expansion of the university that will reach to the Washington Drive School site and all the way down the southern Murchison Road corridor.

Nothing is finalized, "it is still in the works," Emily Dickens, Director of Government and Community Affairs, told the FSU Board of Trustees at last month's meeting.

However, Dickens mentioned that the expansion of university's campus could be a great way to create a "gateway to downtown".

The first step towards an expansion will be the demolition of the old Washington Drive school site to make way for a particle accelerator.

A \$500,000 grant from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development will pay for the demolishing of the old Washington Drive School. This particular land will become home to the particle accelerator being donated by the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington.