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Campus food options to expand in January

Library kiosk, refurbished grill are coming

By Kia Isom

When students, staff, and faculty return after the holiday break, there will be more food options: a food kiosk in the Prezell R. Robinson Library and a refurbished grill on the second floor of the cafeteria.

The kiosk will be a "grab and go" facility serving coffee, soda, sandwiches, salads and snacks, said Jane Bass of ABL Management, who is in charge of cafeteria food service. It will give the campus an alternative to outside options, Ms. Bass said.

"You won't have to stand in line at Starbucks or Krispy Kreme or McDonald's," she said. "You can get it right here on campus."

The new kiosk will be located on the main floor of the library, and will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., she said.

The refurbished grill will be "faster and more efficient," Ms. Bass said. The fryer will be larger, allowing more space for workers to cook, and the cash register will be moved away from the fryer, giving workers more room. Also, a new refrigerator will be closer to the fryer.

All of that will allow more food options, Ms. Bass said. "The chicken wings and chicken fingers are coming back!" she said. The new equipment at the grill will include a juice machine, she said, adding: "Everyone doesn't like soda."

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Both the kiosk and the expanded grill will be open when classes begin in the spring semester, Ms. Bass said.

The changes are part of an overall effort to improve food on campus. Earlier this year, the cafeteria adopted a new menu that provided healthier options such as fish tacos and vegetable casseroles. "We are moving on up!" Ms. Bass said.

A U.S. Army veteran and as a culinary school graduate, Ms. Bass reminds many of a tough-but-loving grandma. She takes her job of feeding the campus as a mission. "You have to be tough serving about 900 students a day," she said. "I treat your food the same way I treat the food that I serve to my two sons," she said. "I take food service very seriously."



Jane Bass, cafeteria manager

Dormitory troubles continue for students

Boyer to Falk Crest; now back to Boyer

Cianna Fisher

The disruption in living arrangements that has been part of students' lives this semester is continuing: Students living in Falk Crest have been moved to Boyer Hall due to structural problems in Falk Crest.

The moves feel like *deja-vu* all over again to many students who had been living in Boyer earlier in the semester before they were moved to Falk Crest due to low enrollment.

According to Ann Brown, Assistant Dean of Student Leadership and Campus Life, an engineer inspected Falk Crest recently and verified that the first floors of Falk Crest A and B buildings have structural damage and deterioration. University officials were advised to move the students living on these floors immediately to ensure their safety, Ms.

Brown said. All students, male and female, who were living on these floors were moved to Boyer Hall, which was originally an all male dorm and has communal bathrooms.

Asked about this disruptive back and forth, Ms. Brown explained, "We didn't know about the structural damage to the buildings earlier in the semester, otherwise we would not have placed students on the first floor."

When Boyer was shut down earlier this semester, it was the fourth dorm that Saint Augustine's had closed during the past year and half, joining Lynch, Baker and Atkinson. School officials attribute the closings to safety issues and declining enrollment.

The affected students were not happy, especially with the end of the semester

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The Falk Crest A and B dormitories have structural problems on the first floor.

SAU wins national scholarship fifth straight year

By Christian Roberson

Gentel Blair, a senior majoring in journalism and mass communication, has won the 2016 Ailes Rising Apprentice Scholarship from Fox News. She will receive a \$10,000 educational scholarship and a two-month internship at Fox News in New York City next summer.

Blair is the fifth Saint Augustine's student in a row selected for this prestigious scholarship, which is awarded to two minority students from among candidates across the nation. She follows in the footsteps of Sakeeda Freeman (2012), Princess Goodridge (2013), Naomi Afari (2014) and Clayshawn Moore (2015).

Blair credited J. Peder Zane, an assistant professor in the Media and Communications Department, for encouraging her to apply. "I was really excited about the internship but nervous also," she said. "It wasn't in my original plans this summer but I trust in God and he makes no mistakes in ordering my steps. I am glad

I received this amazing opportunity and I will make my SAU family proud this summer."

Noting that Blair was one of several strong candidates from Saint Augustine's considered for the prestigious scholarship, Mr. Zane said the Ailes award benefits far more than the single winner.

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Gentel Blair

Student Spotlight:

After four years of support, time to go separate ways

By Jakeina Sutton

Being in college and away from home and family can be difficult for some students, especially those who come from other countries. But few have the kind of support that the Bramwell sisters have. Colliet, Colleen, and Cadine Bramwell are triplets and have had one another to rely on to get through their four years at Saint Augustine's University.

The seniors from Kingston, Jamaica, major in biology, history and political science respectively. Coming to a foreign country can be difficult, they agreed. "International students would love for the school to have more international support for international students, and to help them transition into becoming more responsible for themselves," Cadine said. "It's not easy to just leave your family and friends from home one day and wonder when you might see them again."



The Bramwell sisters (left to right): Colliet, Colleen and Cadine.

It was comforting to have each other's company eating in the cafeteria and during other college activities, but the biggest benefit of being triplets came during holidays, the sisters said. Traveling back and forth to their homeland

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Faculty Spotlight:

Outside activities help her inside the classroom as well

By E. Ophelia Johnson

Alissa McElreath deftly keeps pace as a working mom, assistant professor of English, and program coordinator at SAU, but her toughest laps aren't always in the classroom or at home; it's the grueling miles she spends on hot asphalt and along wooded trails as a long distance runner. In a recent interview, Prof. McElreath shared her thoughts on the benefits of running.

Q: What inspired you to take up long-distance running?

A: I spent my 30s having kids, and tending to their needs when they were very little, and I wanted to do something for myself. I never thought I would ever like running. I started the week before I turned 40, and I didn't think I could make it one mile, but I also knew I needed to do something for myself, and to get out there and get moving.



Assistant Professor Alissa McElreath

Q: How many half-marathons have you done?

A: I've done six half-marathons, a handful of 10K races, and over a dozen 5k races. I ran my fifth half-marathon three days before I turned 46!

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