

## News

### President Robinson addresses "Falcon family" on recent campus concerns

By TONETTA SPENCER

About 200 students and administrators gathered in the Emery Gymnasium, Wednesday, March 25, for a student body assembly with President Robinson.

Robinson focused on campus violence, improving security, and other problems that are becoming prevalent on campus.

"Just as the head of his family calls them together to talk, I consider you my children, and that makes me the 'Daddy Falcon', and we need to talk about what's going on our campus," Robinson said.

"I am sad when something happens to a member of the falcon family, because it affects all of us," Robinson said, referring to the death of Theodore Edwards, who was killed in February.

"When you come here as young adults, we want to treat you as such, but we do have a responsibility to provide a safe

and conducive atmosphere, so learning can take place, and to make the dormitories safe. But students also have a responsibility and should not engage in the buying, selling, or distribution of illegal substances, because you will be sent home," he said.

"We have your interest at heart. If it were not for you, neither I nor the other adminis-

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trators would be here. We believe you deserve the best our resources can offer, because you are the most important element at the college," Robinson said.

"You are not aware of the people in society that clap their hands when we kill one another, and think that drugs are related to the black community," he said.

He spoke of the many positive things that occur on campus, and said that there are always a few "rotten apples" who create a problem.

Among the many changes the school plans to make is the placement of a new security booth between Atkinson and Lynch Halls, which will monitor the activities of those dorms, and of Washington Terrace. Also, there will be a fence placed around the school, more security walking around on campus, and more security placed on the force. "The security guards will be walking more and sitting less," Robinson said.

"We cannot tolerate the type of behavior that has been taking place, and you wouldn't want me as your president if I didn't do anything to solve these problems," he said.

"We need to work together. We are the 'Aug' family: one for all and all for one," Robinson concluded.

### Students marooned by east coast storms

By STEVEN MINGO

The last weekend of this semester's spring break caused many students to extend their March 15 return date unwillingly.

Snow, hurricane winds and frigid temperatures left students vacationing along the east coast marooned.

The storm was the result of an intense low-pressure system that brought warm air moisture from the Gulf of Mexico to New England, according to the National Weather Service Center.

Most major airports were closed. Amtrak halted all services south of Washington. Greyhound also canceled all bus services March 13 and 14, according to the Washington Post.

The storm also spawned at least 50 tornadoes in Florida and dumped more than a foot of blowing snow from Alabama to Maine.

Because of this, many students did not return to school until it was safe to travel.

"I traveled to Charlotte for the spring break. I planned to have plenty of fun the last weekend, until the storm came. Due to the bad winds, which caused trees and power lines to fall, I had to come back Tuesday," said Philip Owens, a junior.

"It snowed so much in Washington, D.C., that travel on I-95 was impossible for two days. I waited until Wednesday for everything to clear up, before even thinking about coming back to school," said Tonetta Spencer, a communications major.

Requel Addison flew to New York City. She did not come back by March 15, because La Guardia Airport canceled all flights until Monday afternoon. "It snowed over a foot in New

York. I was disappointed because I had to stay in all weekend," she said.

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Dean Irwin, a communications instructor, explained that he understood that students from up north, such as Washington, D.C. and New York, had to delay their return to school because of the bad weather. "I excused students that returned no later than March 18. Any day after Wednesday was questionable," he said.

Through the path of the storm, 13 people were killed. Associated Press reported. North Carolina reported one death.

### Psychotic Neurotics visit St. Augustine's campus



Diamond and The Psychotic Neurotics recently promoted their debut album, *Stunts, Blunts and Hip Hop* on St. Aug's campus. Picture: courtesy of Mercury Records.

By STEVEN MINGO

Diamond and The Psychotic Neurotics, known for their hit "Sally Got A One Track Mind," along with St. Aug's Yagg Fu Front, visited the campus during a promotional tour, March 23.

Diamond D, lead rapper of Diamond and The Psychotic Neurotics, said that his group is on a one month tour along with Dougie Dee, Nefertiti and Yagg Fu Front.

"The tour kicked off March 13 and will end April 13. So far we have toured Washington and Virginia at Howard University, Virginia State University and Virginia Union University," said Diamond D.

Diamond D is well known from producing tracks for Brand Nubian, Show Biz and AG, Run DMC, Fúschinekens and Ed O.G.

Later that night all groups performed at Kamikaze, a popular night club for college students.

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