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Frank Toliver, Jr., Vice-President for Financial Affairs, relaxes for a moment from his busy schedule. Pic. Ishmael Smith

Toliver speaks on improvements

By Tonetta Spencer

Frank A. Toliver, Jr. was Saint Augustine's College bound from the start. His father was the head of the Teacher Education department, and his mother was chair of the English department many years ago. Toliver himself, who is an alumnus of Saint Augustine's and a Raleigh native, has worked at other institutions, but now finds himself back at his alma mater as the Vice-President for Financial Affairs.

When asked about the

changes he has made to the campus since taking office, Toliver said, "All of the changes that have been made on campus were done to improve the quality of life for students, as well as faculty and staff. We [administrators] have the students' best interest at heart," he said.

Among the many changes are a 12 foot fence around the campus, better lighting, improvements in the cafeteria, and the recruitment of more public safety officers.

"As with any project,

money is the main issue at any school. Our spending to make the changes was budgeted. We spent over \$600,000 on maintenance and repairs," he stated.

Toliver said students bring in a large amount of the school's \$21 million budget through grants, scholarships, and federal funds, but President Robinson also raises over \$1 million a year. The 1993-94 school budget was reduced because of low enrollment, which is a problem with most of the

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Campus gets face-lift

By Gelize Ferguson

As the students of St. Augustine's College returned to campus to begin the 1993-94 school year, they were greeted with a campus which appeared to have had a face-lift.

The campus is entirely fenced-in, the security force has increased, more lighting has been placed on the campus, and one main entrance has been established.

Ernest Lee Adams, director of public safety and a security officer at St. Augustine's College for 27 years, said, "The improved security measures will increase safety on our campus, and are assets which will assist the security guards a great deal in living up to our responsibility, which is to protect the campus of St. Augustine's College."

The security measures were implemented to monitor visitors and decrease the number of crimes that occur on the campus.

Students are aware of the reasoning behind the security

methods, but some say that the fencing around the school is a little extreme. Yvette Miller, senior, business administration, says, "There should be more entrances on the campus, because these conditions can lead to a fire hazard. A way to work around these two issues is to utilize the security booth which sits in the middle of Lynch and Atkinson Halls."

Danielle Green, sophomore, English, says, "Security has improved, but there should be identification checks for every person who comes on our campus, at every entrance, so that security can know the number of visitors on the campus. If ID checks are started, then the entrance at Lynch and Atkinson Hall can be reopened."

Adams and the security staff are aware that the students want more back entrances to the campus. Adams explained, "The entrance at Lynch and Atkinson Halls was closed because the residents of the male dorms were vulnerable to visitors." Adams attributes most of



Newly erected 12-foot fence at the back gate of Saint Augustine's College campus, as part of security measures to protect students. Pic. Ishmael Smith

the crimes on campus to visitors to the campus.

Students who reside at Washington Terrace, which is outside of the male dorms, feel inconvenienced by the entirely fenced-in campus, because they can only enter the campus from the front entrance of the school.

Adams highly recommends the shuttle services, which were implemented to transport students from Washington Terrace, Glascock, and Addison to the main campus of the college.

"This can help prevent some of the violence towards our students off the campus," he said. Adams made a reference to the shooting of two St.

Augustine's College students, which happened on Delaney Drive, last year.

With these new security measures, students enjoy more visible security at events and activities on the campus, and can use more telephone lines to contact security.

Adams emphasized that if further changes are needed, then other measures will be taken. "Students should give these measures a chance to succeed, and this can only happen if students help security protect the campus and its residents," he said.

Students can contact the security switch board by calling (919) 516-4640 or 516-4392.

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