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DEPARTMENT BRIEFS

English Department

Dr. Helen Othow thanks all who supported the Fifth Annual African American Festival and wishes all a Merry Christmas and a festive Kwanzaa.

Education Department

The Education Department congratulates all students who passed the NTE, and reminds students that, for those who have yet to complete all sections of the NTE, next year will be the last time to do so, as beginning 1995, the Praxis exam will be test-administered.

Foreign Language Department

The Foreign Language Department reminds those students preparing to participate in the "Partnership in Learning"/Study Abroad program Spring '95 that there will be a meeting early next semester. Kandra Gardner will be going to Quayaquil, Ecuador, Jan. 8 and Elnita Tyson to Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 23.

A new ruling "party"

For the first time in over 40 years, the Republicans control both the Senate and the House.

What this means for an already besiged President Clinton is that he will have to play the role of conciliator that much harder.

Since attaining office two years ago, Clinton has seen his popularity with the American people dwindle even lower than past President Bush's prior to the Gulf war.

Clinton's efforts have been redirected to staving off accusations of sexual harrasment and the now infamous "White Water" scandal. When not battling prosecutors, Clinton watched his political efforts nosedive. Plans, such as his proposed health bill, have been stalled with little help to be expected from the present political mix on "the hill."

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Franklin to succeed Robinson as President

Press Release -- The Board of Trustees of Saint Augustine's College, on Friday, December 9, announced that Dr. Bernard W. Franklin, president of Livingstone College and Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, NC, had been named president-elect of Saint Augustine's.

"It was a long and demanding search process that required the board of trustees to carefully examine the credentials of many outstanding candidates," said Marshall B. Bass, chairman of Saint Augustine's Board of Trustees and Search Committee.

"I speak for the entire board," Bass added, "when I say how delighted we are that the search for a new president culmi-

nates today with the selection of Dr. Franklin. He is a highly qualified educator who will continue the record of academic excellence that has distinguished Saint Augustine's for more than 125 years."

"The board of trustees stands firmly behind Dr. Franklin as he prepares to open a new chapter in the splendid history of this outstanding institution of higher learning," Bass said. "In addition, we extend our best wishes and profound gratitude to Dr. Prezell Robinson, who has provided Saint Augustine's with distinguished leadership since 1967."

Dr. Robinson pledged his support to Dr. Franklin as his successor, saying, "I want to welcome

aboard the new president-elect as I am rounding out 28 challenging, rewarding and exciting years as president of this college. It has provided me the greatest opportunity in my entire life to serve it and I am, indeed, grateful."

"As I transition from my beloved alma mater as president," Dr. Robinson continued, "I would quietly suggest to my successor that he is, indeed, fortunate to have been selected as the next chief executive of this wonderful institution."

The board, in consultation with Dr. Robinson and Dr. Franklin, will immediately establish a mutually-acceptable date of appointment of the new president and a transition team from the

board will assist in the orderly transfer of responsibilities.

"I am deeply grateful for the trust and confidence placed in me by the board of trustees. Given the stellar history of Saint Augustine's and its many accomplishments under the leadership of Dr. Robinson, I am deeply honored to have been elected president," said Franklin.

Saint Augustine's is clearly on the cutting edge of educational advancements among historically black colleges and universities. I look forward to such major challenges as completion of the community wellness center, which

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NCATE accreditation for Christmas

Although received in October, the Division of Education celebrates its NCATE accreditation this Christmas.

Saint Augustine's College is the latest school of education in North Carolina to receive accreditation under a new, rigorous standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Saint Augustine's Division of Education is one of approximately 500 schools across the country that NCATE accredits. The schools are a select group.

Seventy two percent of the

institutions that sought accreditation during the past four years have been fully accredited.

Dr. Beverly Downing, Division of Education Chair says, "Saint Augustine's College has a long history of excellence in the field of teacher education and participation in the accreditation process. We view NCATE accreditation as further validation of our ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of teaching and learning in America's schools and in preparing mentors as a part of the educational process."

St Aug students recognized for excellence

Female students Elnita Tyson, Chamus Burside and Dixie Dawn Griffen were honored recently in their respective fields.

Tyson was selected to present a paper at the meeting of the News of the Association of Historians in North Carolina.

Both Burside and Griffen

were selected to receive \$1,000 incentive scholarships from the Glaxo Foundation, as encouragement to continue in the field of the sciences.

Additionally, St Aug received a \$25,000 endowment to provide funding for future Glaxo Women in Science Scholars.

8th coronation of a Queen

On November 12, Natasha Hewlett was officially crowned Queen of St Aug.

During the parade of queens, queens from various departments and organizations were presented to the audience by Master and Mistress of Ceremonies Frederick Faison and Ruth Segres.

Each member of the Queen's court was saluted by the Sabre team of the Falcon Battalion with drawn sabres. At the approach of Hewlett, escorted by S.G.A. president Brian Boulware, the Sabre team



Natasha Hewlett, Ms. St Aug '94-95

dropped to one knee in salute of her, and only rose when she was seated.

Hewlett was serenaded by Faison and led in the first dance by her father.

Two days of arson

In what can only be termed a night of arson, two buildings and an area between the Greek plots was set on fire Friday, December 2.

At approximately 7:30p.m., a fire was started in the washroom of Lynch Hall. Raleigh Fire Department extinguished the fire and

reported that the fire had been started in a trash can.

Earlier in the afternoon, security extinguished a fire started near the Heta Phi Beta plot.

At 12:15 Saturday morning, the fire department was once again summoned to extinguish a fire, this time in the Penick Hall of Science. Worried about the chemicals stored in the building, fire-fighters proceeded cautiously

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