

Hermitage replaces its women with men

By Lisa Johnson

Many students did not have a definite place to stay when they arrived on the campus of Saint Augustine's College Aug. 19. Some of them had to wait four days before they could be placed in permanent dormitories because Goold Hall, one of the men's dormitories, was closed. There were many entering freshmen this semester. As a result, some changes had to be made before classes began; Students were put in temporary rooms.

Barbara Broadaway, assistant director of housing, says that the bathrooms in Goold Hall were backed up and that the dorm had to be closed for renovations. "We have to think about the well-being of our students," says Broadaway. It was decided that

Marine Band strikes up fun

By Saralee Johnson

Under the direction of Major Timothy W. Foley, "The President's Own" Marine Band performed at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday, Nov. 20. The event was co-sponsored by the News & Observer and St. Augustine's College.

Comprised of drum and fife majors, and 32 drums and fifes, the Marine Band, America's oldest professional musical organization brought many to their feet.

Hermitage Hall would be a temporary residence for some students.

In tradition, Hermitage Hall has been an honors dorm for women with 3.0 GPA or better.

With Goold Hall closed and the other men's dormitories full, space was needed. As a result, they were placed in Hermitage Hall and the previous residents went to either Latham, Weston, or Delany Hall.

LTC Gilbert A. Knowles, the dean of student affairs, says that there are at least 60 spaces on campus for women, but only 5 spaces for men. "There wasn't enough space for the men so it just made sense to put the men who remained without rooms in Hermitage Hall and fill spaces in female dormitories with the women who used to stay in Hermitage," he says.

The changes don't end at Hermitage Hall; Delany Hall is included as well. Hermitage Hall will soon be the male honors dorm for 22 students and Delany Hall will be the new female honors dorm. LTC Knowles feels that there should be honors dormitories for men and women. To be considered for the honors dormitories, students with an "A" or "B" GPA.

Broadaway says that she knows the changes in Hermitage Hall surprised its previous residents, but goes on to say, "One of the things I like about the Hermitage ladies is that they always bounce back."



by Vanetta Freeman

PICTURE TIME- Tonya Tillett, public relations specialist; Dr. Graham Watt, vice-president, and Debra Derr, public relations and marketing director, are among new employees at St. Aug.

Fall brings new faces

by Kimberly Shaw

Saint Aug has some fresh faces walking around campus this semester, additions to the "Falcon Family."

The new employees in Public Relations are Debra Derr and Tonya Tillett. Derr is the Public Relations and Marketing director. Tillett's title is public relations specialist.

New employees in Public Safety include Tyrone Debnam, Christine Archibald, and Donald Halliday. Debnam and Halliday are security officers, Archibald is a dispatcher.

Telecommunications Information Systems additions include Jan Upton and Edward Donaldson. Upton holds the title of director of planning and analysis. Donaldson is director of academic computing.

Lorrinda Stewart is new in Financial Affairs as secretary to the vice president.

New to Physical Plant Services is Willie Fegging, housekeeper.

Appearing in the Bookstore/Postal Service is Glesta Ferrell. Ferrell holds the position of postal clerk and cashier.

Another new employee is Lian Wong, supervisor of the Humanities computer lab.

Thomas Hollins has been named resident director of the new men's dorm, Boyer Hall.

Sandra White has been appointed director of alumni affairs.

Poet's words paint vivid scenes

by Rica Wilson

"I arose this morning and tuned my ear to the melodic sounds of bird talk. Some birds were singing louder than others; however, I painted a picture in my mind of what each handmade creature looked like."

No matter whether the red bird was really blue or vice versa, Jaki Shelton Green maintained "reality is what you say, and it is simply because you say so."

The African-American poetess

embraced the college and community with her poetic words in late October.

In a workshop she facilitated on Wednesday, Green recalled that her early interest in writing began in church. As a child she was fascinated by the large hats the women wore. At seven years, the pious youth developed stories from the hats out of her vivid imagination. She remembers the fruit hats, feathered hats, and her favorite, a hat depicting men fishing.

What do we have to be thankful for? Plenty, say St. Aug students

By L. Michelle Fox

Thanksgiving. A time to be thankful. When we gather around the table the end of the month, we'll give thanks for family around us, for our home, for friendships, for the pumpkin pie and for the turkey. *The Pen* asked a few students to tell us what they were thankful for this year.

Giovanni Moxey

Andros, Bah.
Freshman, Engineering
"I am thankful because God has spared my life and has allowed

me to see another year. I am also thankful because I know that my family is praying for me."

Sharon Smith
Eleuthera, Bah.
Senior, English

"I am just happy that another year is gone. This means that I am much closer to my goal of graduation. Trust me, that's enough to be thankful for."

Michelle Thompson
Virginia Beach, Va.
Sophomore, Psychology
"I am just thankful for family,

friends and life. Many times I felt like giving up but my family and friends stuck close by."

Arthur Cupid Hickman
East Saint Louis, IL
Junior, Criminal Justice

"This year has been a good one for men. I really didn't think I'd survive academically but I have. God has truly blessed me every day and most of my blessings have come through my family."

Thurston J. Richardson
Fort Pierce, FL
Junior, computer Science

"I give thanks for my mother who has inspired me throughout the last year. Her advice, love and support means so much to me. I thank God for her."

Derwin Termayne Williams
Battleboro, NC
Freshman, Art

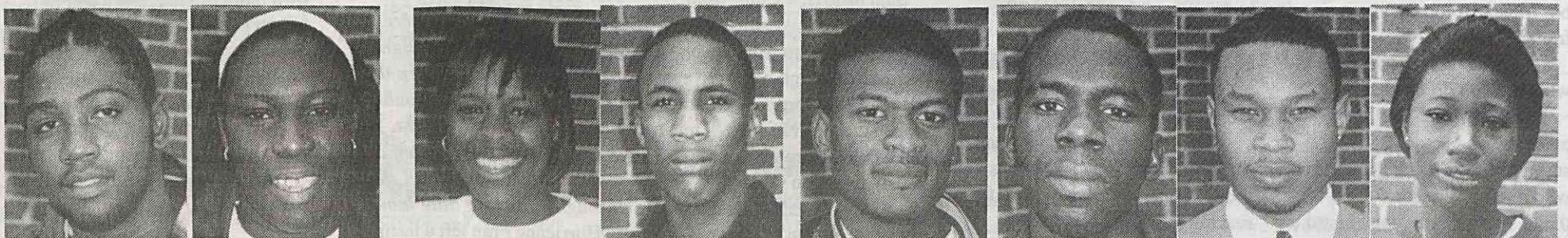
"I thank God for who I am, for my talent and for parents who have seen me through the good times and the bad times."

Steven L. Williams
Durham, NC
Senior, International Business

"I am thankful for just having the opportunity to be in school and getting an education. Many people from my area would give their right arm to be where I am now. So, I am thankful and lucky to be in school."

Joyann Eli

St. Michael, Barbados
Senior, Sociology
"I am thankful for having life, for being here at St. Aug, and successfully making it through college. I am also thankful for having a wonderful coach and beautiful family and friends."



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