

First Annual iMusic Festival

The festival was a great success, said Charnell Harris, FSU junior and Bronco iRadio program director. Approximately 200 people attended the Sept. 22 event under sunny skies and a temperature of 87 degrees. The event was held at the gazebo on campus from noon to 5 p.m. to celebrate the student radio station's first broadcasting birthday.

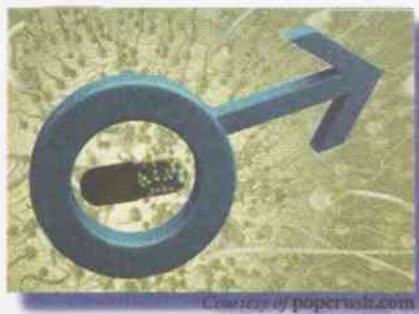
The event was a celebration of the local, independent, and global artists that the station broadcasts on their platform. One of the special features of the event was fitness diva Sonya D. and special guest Fantasia, 2004 American Idol winner. Several students also performed their own music.

"I think students were surprised to see that the kids that sit next to them in class have that much talent," said Harris.

Ray Thomas, general manager and adviser to the student radio station, expressed thanks to all FSU organizations and local businesses who helped make the event a success.

"It's only the beginning" Thomas said. "Stay tuned for next year's event. It will be even bigger and better."

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He's on Birth Control

By Tanesha Slaughter

In five to seven years, researchers believe that a daily male birth control pill will be available by injection. Implants may be available even sooner.

The million-dollar question is, will women trust men to take birth control?

Male hormone contraceptives have yet to be approved by the FDA, however, in the near future researchers will have a more marketable method that is as safe and effective as female birth control pills.

Researchers at the University of Washington have discovered ways to block the signal from the brain that causes the testes to make testosterone. By blocking testosterone production, it will cause a decrease in sperm count during ejaculation, according to the US National Institutes of Health.

Testosterone injections were given to Chinese men every eight weeks for two years. This research, supported by the World Health Organization, proved to be 95 percent effective at preventing pregnancy. The research in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism, reported, however, that there is about 20 percent of men, whose sperm production can not be suppressed by hormones and there isn't

enough research to determine which men are in this category of unsuppressed sperm production.

Side effects are weight gain, acne, shrinkage of the testes, and a twenty percent drop in good cholesterol levels.

Seven out of 10 male students at Fayetteville State University were given a survey and said they would consider taking male contraceptives while the other 30 percent opposed.

Those who opposed say that they have a fear of having hormonal symptoms like women and this would deter them from taking male contraceptives. The young men who agree, say that they are more interested in having sex right now rather than being fathers.

Some young aspiring athletes say that this is a great way for men to protect themselves from scandals involving women who want to become pregnant because of his atheletic, professional, and financial status.

Whichever personal choice is made, male contraceptives will soon be a method to possibly reduce the incidence of abortions and unwanted children.

Our Ebony Queen

By Desiree Brady

Barbara Henry, Miss Fayetteville State University, was one of the 10 HBCU queens selected to appear in the September issue of Ebony magazine.

Miss Fayetteville State University's appearance in Ebony Magazine is an excellent opportunity to showcase our university," said Juanette Council, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

Henry is FSU's 2012-2013 pageant queen winner. She said her experience throughout the Campus Queens weekend with Ebony magazine was amazing. "I felt so honored to be meeting such inspirational and motivational men and women," Henry said.

Prior to 2008, Ebony Magazine published an annual feature of all of the 150 HBCU queens. In 2008, they implemented a new process where only 10 queens who received the most on-line votes were featured in the magazine, according to Council. Barbra Henry is the first queen from FSU to be chosen since the new policy was implemented, Council said.

Henry said the application and selection process for Ebony Magazine took nearly a month and required a completed application as well as a video submission. The information was posted on Ebony's website. Readers were then given the chance to vote for the queens they wanted to see in the issue. In all, 1.8 million votes were tallied for the contest according to Ebony's website.

The competition was held by Clear Ultra Shea and gave the queens the chance to represent their universities, not based solely of their flawless beauty, but their effort to

maintain a positive outlook on life and dedication to their goals.

"The large number of votes Barbara received is a testimony to the loyalty and dedication of the FSU students, alumni, faculty, staff and university friends who supported our queen," Council said.

The other nine HBCU queens who were chosen represent Florida A&M University (FAMU), Tuskegee University, North Carolina Central University, Delaware State University, Fort Valley State University, Xavier University of Louisiana, Jackson State University, Tougaloo Univeristy and Hampton University.

