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Spring registration better than fall

By Jazmin Powell and Neffetari Edmond

Saint Augustine's University's spring semester registration went more smoothly than fall registration after administrators put into place changes to improve the process.

Shawnee Brooks, a freshman, was among those who found the experience much more pleasant this semester.

"Registration was very difficult for me last semester – it took me a week to get fully registered and squared away," Brooks said. "Going back and forth between buildings was extremely tiring. But registration this semester was a lot easier, much quicker. It was sort of a breeze."

"Yeah, it was a lot easier," agreed Mike Massey, a junior.

The process did not go smoothly for everyone, and there were still com-



Students say registration was smoother this semester

plaints.

"Registration was still as stressful as last

semester, if not a little

more," said Reign Storm

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Celebration of 150 years begins

2017 is SAU's sesquicentennial year

Saint Augustine's University has kicked off its yearlong sesquicentennial celebration. The celebration was launched with the Founders' Day Convocation, held Jan. 24 at Emery Gymnasium.

Held annually as a day to honor the university's founders and their legacies, students, faculty, staff, and alumni joined Presi-

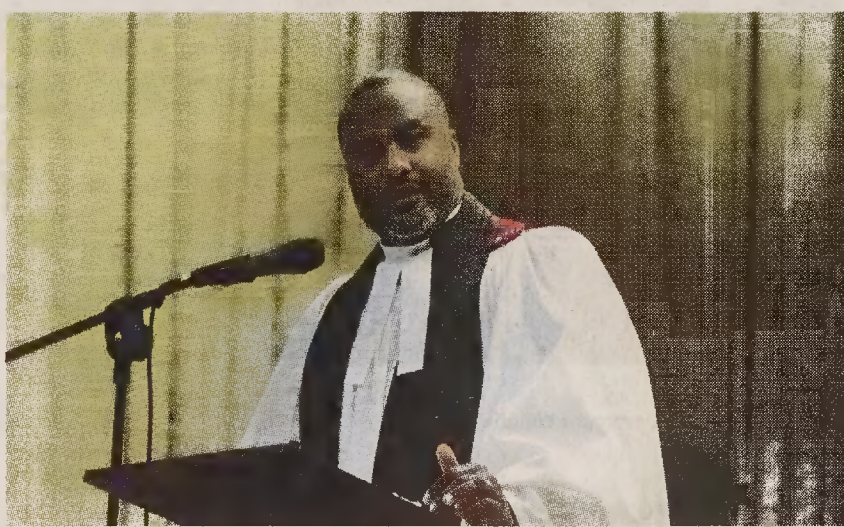
dent Everett B. Ward, board of trustee members and campus leaders for an event replete with reflection, gratitude, and inspiration.

"The 150th anniversary of Saint Augustine's University marks the beginning of a new era of leadership development and academic innovation for a new generation of

scholars," said President Ward. "Our mission to empower scholars continues to be as relevant and impacting today as it was at our founding in 1867."

The keynote speaker for the convocation was The Reverend Charles L. Fischer, III, rector of St.

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Rev. Charles L. Fischer gives the keynote address at the founder's Day Convocation. Demarcus Williams

Raleigh company establishes internship with SAU

Staff reports

A Raleigh company has established an internship for Saint Augustine's University students. The company, FirstPoint Resources, is located in west Raleigh and provides services for trade associations.

The company has taken on its first two interns, senior Kelvin Mitchell and sophomore Sharif Benis, who start work this month, focusing on a contract First Point Resources has with

the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. The Saint Augustine's University interns, who are both communications majors, will be helping with communication, social media, meeting planning and other tasks.

The internship came about after a staff member from FirstPoint Resources came to Saint Augustine's University to speak to a class in the university's Media and Communications Department. Shortly thereafter, Jim Booth, Director

of Operations & Business Development for FirstPoint Management Resources, approached the university about establishing a relationship.

"We started to look at interns and how they may be able to contribute to our projects for clients," Booth explained. "We understand that this kind of relationship needs to be mutually beneficial for our clients, for FirstPoint and for the students. By engaging with FirstPoint, not only will students be

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Left to right: Asst. Prof. Dan Holly, Monica Pittman, Jazmin Powell and Kelvin Mitchell went to FirstPoint Resources Jan. 17 to discuss establishing an internship.

Teri Saylor

Faculty Spotlight:

Adjunct professor doubles as small-town mayor

By Sterling Raynor

At Saint Augustine's University, Chris Rey is known as an adjunct professor in the Criminal Justice Department. But in Spring Lake, a small town in central North Carolina, he is known as "Mr. Mayor."

Rey has been mayor of the town of 11,000 in Cumberland County since 2011. He is not originally from Spring Lake – Rey is from St. Thomas, in the U.S. Virgin Islands. His family moved to Fayetteville, N.C., when he was 8 years old, and eventually settled in nearby Spring Lake. After graduating from high school, he attended East Carolina University on a full track scholarship, majoring in business administration. After that, Rey attended The College of William & Mary School of Law in Virginia.

After graduating from ECU, Rey joined the U.S. Army. Later, he spent



Adjunct Professor/Mayor Chris Rey

time as an intern for Congressman John Lewis. Rey began thinking about a career in politics and had ambitious plans. He explained in a recent interview with the Independent newspaper how he ended up back in Spring Lake: He ran into some friends from that town, who told him

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Student Spotlight:

SAU atmosphere lured him from small, close-knit town

By Jazmin Powell

Devante Lane comes from a small town called Ahoskie in a rural area of Northeastern North Carolina. "It has a small population with a tight-knit community where everybody knows everybody," he said.

So, when it came time to choose a college, a community feeling was important to Lane – and Saint Augustine's is where he found it. "Once I stepped on campus, I felt the love and support I needed to help me accomplish my dreams and goals," Lane said.

Saint Augustine's University's atmosphere also appealed to Lane. "I chose Saint Augustine's University because of its great historical richness," he explained. "Out of all the admissions letters I received, I knew that Saint Augustine's University was the one for me." Now a sophomore and a computer



Devante Lane

information systems major, Lane has thrived as a Falcon. He was selected

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