

**FSU**

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**Not your average student**

University officials are proud of the type of students FSU attracts. Gillis-Olson said the chancellor usually asks during Commencement how many students are the first in their families to graduate college.

"More often than not, we've had the majority of students stand up," she said. "We target that student who might be leery of going to college."

But the university has taken steps to broaden its student base with the formation of an honors program just last year; 42 students enrolled in the program's first year.

**Sharing the spotlight**

FSU shares its status as one of the largest employers in Fayetteville with another looming force: the military. Home of Fort Bragg and

**FSU ACADEMIC OFFERINGS 2003-04**

Baccalaureate degrees in 32 major fields:	40
Masters degrees in 11 major fields:	21
Doctoral degree in educational leadership:	1

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located about an hour from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Fayetteville is teeming with military personnel.

Shari Williams, FSU student body president, said the military's presence can be overbearing.

"The fact that this is a military town takes over," she said. "It's not as college-friendly as ... Chapel Hill."

Williams added FSU can sometimes get lost in the shuffle.

"The alumni that do live here have enormous pride for Fayetteville State, but it can't be seen in the city," she said. "Once you leave campus, you don't know that FSU exists."

But Gillis-Olson said the university works hard to maintain a mutually beneficial relationship with the military in the area.

FSU has a center at Fort Bragg that offers classes for military personnel and their families. And the main campus has eight-week courses geared toward the military.

FSU also opened an office at Seymour Johnson that offers courses in business administration.

Gillis-Olson added that Chancellor T. J. Bryan supported a 2004 bill allowing military personnel to pay in-state tuition at system schools and community colleges.

**Working together**

Town-gown relations have improved during the years, and both the university and the town can look forward to new collaborations, said Fayetteville Mayor Marshall Pitts.

"Dialogue is good, and it has been for several years," he said.

A product of this dialogue includes a new fire station adjacent to the FSU campus to be completed in December. The station will house a fire science program to train future firefighters and public safety officials in fire safety and homeland security, among other things.

Overall, Pitts said, the university is an essential aspect of the city's vitality and prosperity.

"It's one of our largest employers," he said. "They have a huge economic impact on the city's economy."

Pitts said university professors bring knowledge to the table that otherwise wouldn't be available. Professors are participating on a grant coalition team to get funding for city needs. They will work with city officials on a study to determine the feasibility of creating a trolley system in downtown Fayetteville.

"(FSU professors) add not only to the expertise, but to the diversity of thinking," he said. "A university does that for any town that it's a part of."

**High expectations**

FSU has set high goals for enrollment growth. Gillis-Olson said the university hopes to enroll more than 6,000 students by 2006. In anticipation of that growth, the university has improved several facilities.

A state-of-the-art dormitory is set to open next fall. The university also is in the process of renovating the dining hall, which will include the student book store and office space. And overall aesthetic improvements to the campus are a high priority.

Williams said improvements to both course offerings and the physical campus are welcome changes.

"We're in a university community," she said. "People live here, people work here, people play here."

"We have to help make this experience the best one possible for those who matriculate here at FSU."

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downtown Chapel Hill," she said.

Rohrbacher said she would be willing to work with Lone Star, provided that executives give the corporation specific information about when they plan to develop the property.

But White said his company would not engage in those types of discussions. "We're not going to telegraph our ideas or the time table."

Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy said Thursday that the property owners have been "irresponsible" and applauded the corporation's attempt to get results.

"We want something done about (the building)," he said.

But Foy also said there could be more than one solution.

He said the town would most likely take a multilateral approach in dealing with the problem.

Council members will receive the resolution Monday.

Foy said the council likely will refer the resolution to Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos for review.

But Karpinos said he first needs more clarity from the corporation about its intent to condemn the property.

"It's not clear to me, based on my understanding of the situation, what they are asking," he said.

He said that condemnation could mean boarding up the building for health and safety reasons.

But it could also mean the acquisition of the property through eminent domain, which allows public agencies to claim private property for public use.

While it is unclear what action the town will take, Rohrbacher said dealing with the problem is of utmost importance to the corporation.

"The overall issue is that something needs to be done with that space."

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**EXHIBIT**

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Battle said he hopes the exhibit can be taken to local schools in order to remind black students of Chapel Hill's history.

The exhibition includes many pieces from Lincoln High because the Lincoln High School Association kept so many objects well-preserved.

Other pieces include chronicles

of local black bands, politicians and protests. Several police reports displayed cite the reason for arrest as "going limp" and protesting.

Mayor Kevin Foy will speak briefly to open the exhibit to the public, and the St. Joseph CME Male Chorus will perform.

Refreshments will be served while visitors are encouraged to peruse the exhibit, which will be on display in Town Hall from Feb. 11 to March 25.

The showcase is open to the public during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The pieces are displayed on the first and second floors in hallways and other open areas that are not used for daily business.

"We wanted people to be able to view the artwork without feeling like they were intruding," Dickens said.

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dent, I'm going crazy 24 hours a day, so I don't even have time for things like this," she said.

Bushman expected a higher turnout because of GPSF's recent outreach efforts. She has been using online discussion forums and brochures to foster communication.

She said she thought GPSF's e-newsletter, sent to more than 10,000 graduate and professional students, would engage the hard-to-reach crowd.

"I really thought that would have an impact because we've usually had better luck getting hold of graduate and professional students electronically more so than any other approach," Bushman said.

But GPSF's efforts weren't evident in the voter turnout, she said.

"I think we've improved how GPSF touches the lives of the average graduate or professional student, and I think that isn't reflected in the election," Bushman said. "But I don't think the election turnout is an indication that we failed in our attempt to connect."

Only 540 graduate students — about 5 percent of the population — voted in the uncontested GPSF presidential race, won by Mike Brady. "People don't feel they need to vote if there's only one person running," Bushman said.

Brady said the low turnout in Tuesday's election will just force him to reach out more to graduate students about University issues.

"I'll certainly work harder to get the word out to them."

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that the program would be able to continue.

"We would be able to expand our program to serve more people and a wider area," she said of receiving a grant.

Because of the increase of 2,500

volunteer spots in Americorps, Scott said, students should seriously consider joining Americorps after graduation.

"We're a great program. ... We're offering a chance to change the world."

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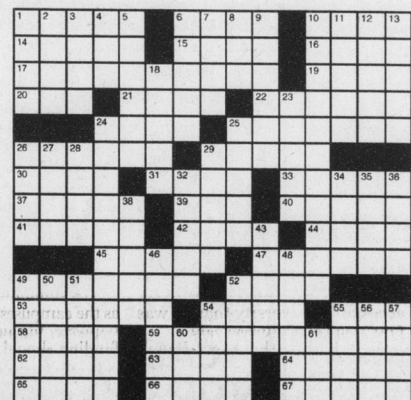
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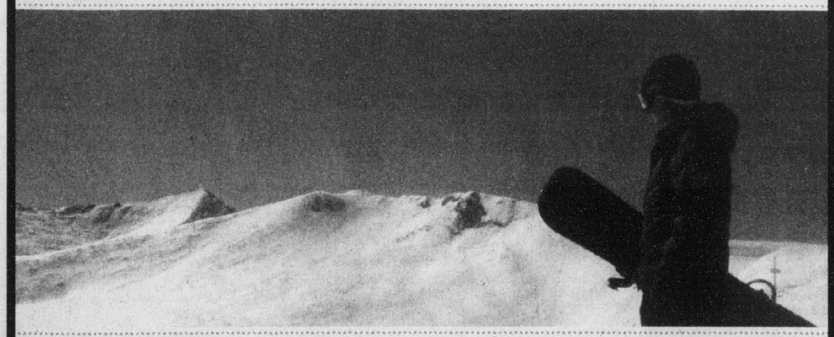
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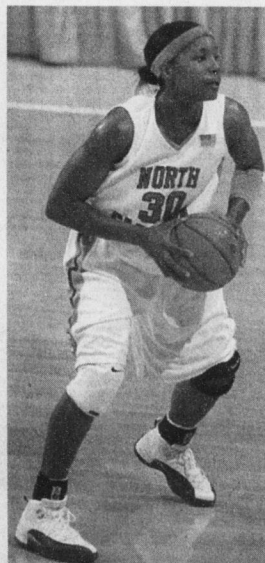
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