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Crisis in the Gulf strikes Florida A&M

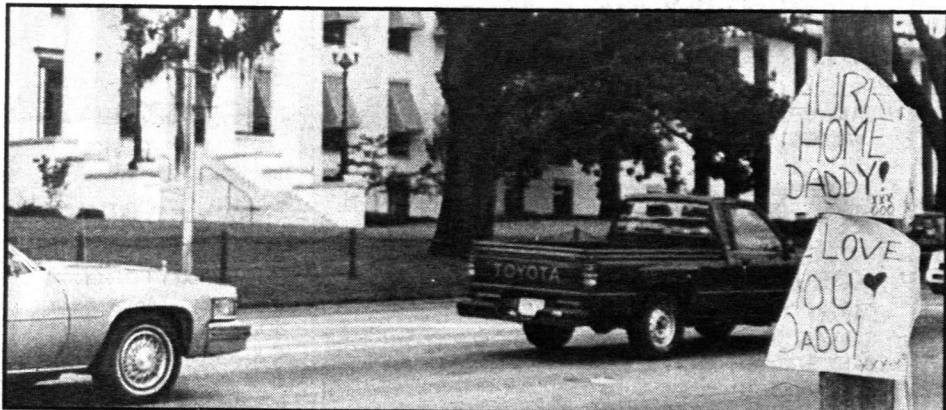


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One last goodbye

Signs express the feelings of children whose fathers are in Saudi Arabia.

By CHRISTINA A. SAMUELS
FAMUAN Associate Editor

Carolyn Taylor spent Sept. 13 cancelling her credit cards, withdrawing from her classes, negotiating a way out of her apartment lease and packing.

Taylor, a senior electrical engineering major from Chicago, was not leaving Florida A&M University because of home trouble, grades or lack of money.

She is in the Army Reserves — the U.S. Army 160th Military Police Battalion — and was on her way to Fort Benning, Ga., the next morning. From

there she may be stationed in Saudi Arabia for six months.

"I'm just devastated," Taylor said. "But like my mother said, things happen for a reason."

Taylor is only one of the estimated 187,000 college students affected when President George Bush called up military reservists Aug. 22 to support and replace troops sent to Saudi Arabia.

Joe Hanley, spokesman for the U.S. Army Reserves, said about 61 percent of the 579,000 reservists are full- or part-time college students.

Taylor estimated about 15 of her

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Male crisis center to open summer '91

By MEGAN CUNNINGHAM
FAMUAN Staff Writer

Florida's increasing black male dropout rate has prompted Florida A&M University's president to take action.

President Frederick Humphries announced Tuesday that FAMU has received \$90,000 from the Florida Legislature to support program planning and development for a black male crisis center for youths on the verge of dropping out.

Humphries said although they haven't reached the goal of \$4 million to establish the program, it will begin as scheduled in the summer of 1991.

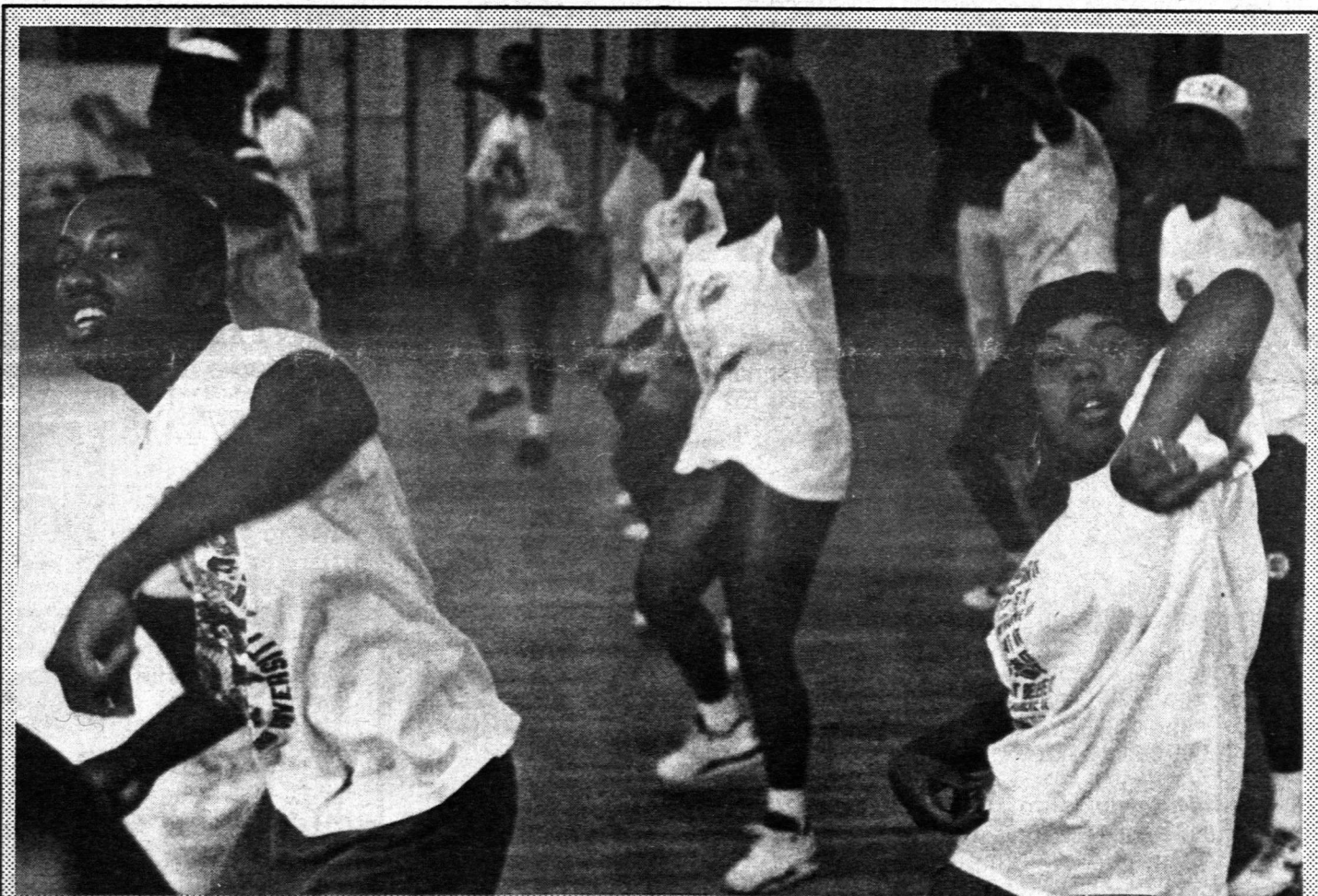
"Black males have the highest rate of homicide, imprisonment and unemployment in the nation," Humphries said.

"We believe that education is the key that will unlock the door to opportunity that has been closed to black teenagers because of poverty, lack of proper health care and drug addiction," he added.

He said he hopes the program will grow to accommodate 600 or more black males in the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades over the next five years.

The participants will spend eight weeks during the summer following daily class loads. Behavior problem and personal development seminars as well as tips on test-taking skills are also scheduled. Each participant will be evaluated on his progress.

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Joseph Brown III/The FAMUAN

Live

The Strikers, along with the Fly Girls, prepare for their show *Live and In Living Color* scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 27 in Gaither Gymnasium.

The Moon owner under fire

By HENRY FITZGERALD JR.
FAMUAN Staff Writer

The owner of the Moon, one of Tallahassee's premier night spots, has been accused of remarking "this isn't nigger night" at a Thursday night party by a group of unnamed Florida A&M University students.

Scott Carswell, the owner, denies making the remark and said if he could find out if one of his employees said it he would take action.

"If someone identifies one of the employees in this building making racial slurs, we'll take care of that in a minute," he said. "I think over 50 percent of my employees are black and everyone here gets along. If someone said it, it would get around internally. I think we would've heard about it."

The students claim they heard Carswell make the remark in reference to the Wednesday night dances sponsored in accordance with radio station WFHT, Hot 101.5. The rumors are unsubstantiated at

present.

Efforts to contact the students involved in the protest were unsuccessful.

A loosely organized protest against the Moon has been in the form of flyers handed out at the Moon. It is not known if there are plans for a full-fledged boycott, but some students are aware of some type of problem with the Moon's management. However, they don't know what to think.

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National News

Draft registration up 67 percent since Iraqi invasion

(CPS)-- Voluntary registration for the military draft has skyrocketed since the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the Selective Service System reports.

The number of men signing up has increased 67 percent over the amount who registered before the invasion, said Selective Service spokeswoman Barbie Richardson.

There are no current proposals to reinstate the draft, which would happen only if Congress were to order it.

"Historically," Richardson said, "there have been hikes before conflicts" such as the recent U.S. invasion of Panama.

There could be any number of reasons for the dramatic increase, Richardson said, such as students finishing up tasks before heading off to school.

Federal law, although haphazardly enforced, requires young men to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Additionally, students have to certify they've registered before they can receive any federal college aid.

Texas Lt. Gov. suggests closing black campus

Houston (CPS)-- Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby suggested the state close financially ailing, predominantly black Texas Southern University Aug. 27.

"If you believe in an integrated society," Hobby said at a legislative committee meeting, "you cannot also be intellectually honest and advocate black universities any more than you can advocate white universities."

Former TSU Regent Mack Hannah replied, "I am shocked. He is dead wrong about Texas Southern."

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IN LIVING COLOR

The Strikers are presenting "Live in Living Color" on Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. in Gaither Gym. Tickets will be \$2.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from Student Activities, Student Government or the music department.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

All student leaders must come and register their organizations with Ms. Renee Washington in the Student Activities Office located in William H. Gray, Jr. Center/Plaza Core. All organizations can pick up their mail at the same location.

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Marching 100 Bahama bound

By ORENTHAL SUMPTER
FAMUAN Staff Writer

The Florida A&M University Marching 100, also called "America's Band," has had the pleasure of bringing Paris to its feet.

Now they will have the opportunity to do the same in Nassau, Bahamas.

Charles Mackey, Jr., a founder of Mackey & Sons Enterprise Unlimited, extended the all-expense-paid invitation to the band. Mackey & Sons is a multiple business corporation in the Bahamas.

The band will also be hosted by the government of the Bahamas, the U.S. embassy and the Ministry of Tourism for the Bahamas.

The band plans to leave Tallahassee Nov. 16, perform Nov. 17, and return on Nov. 18:

"Anytime the band performs in such a remote area it is an inspiration to the people — something for them to be proud of," said William P. Foster, band director.

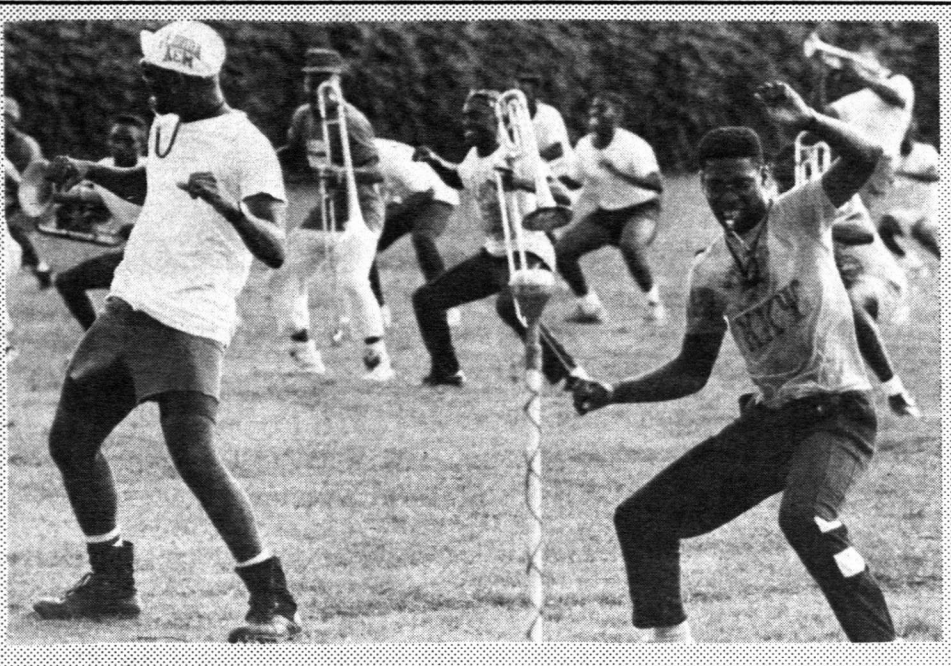
Mackey is hoping the event will attract people from all parts of the Bahamas, making it a family event.

The program will also serve as a recruiting trip. Representatives will

Set it off
'100' style

With drum majors
Julius Wilson
and Ellis Gainey
in the foreground,
The Marching 100
practice to a
tune of perfection.

Vernita Alexander/FAMUAN File photo



accompany the band, encouraging students from the Caribbean to attend FAMU.

The band will also be auditioning several students who will have a chance to attend FAMU through scholarship donations sponsored by the Bahamas.

Foster is excited about the trip to the

Bahamas after a long absence — "I think it was in 1956 when we last went to the Bahamas to celebrate their freedom."

Some band members have already started making plans for the trip.

Jonathan Kelly, a junior band member, said, "I am very excited about the trip. I was in the Bahamas this past

summer and I enjoyed myself, even though I didn't get to leave the port. However, the little bit that I did see was nice."

William Herriot, a sophomore band member, said, "It should be nice, the Bahamian women, the beaches and the food."

Bill Cosby cancels concert slated for Homecoming weekend

Bill Cosby will not be stopping in Tallahassee Oct. 21 because of a lack of ticket sales, said Laura Widmeyer, marketing director of the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center.


Cosby's concert, which was scheduled to coincide with Florida A&M University's Homecoming weekend, sold a little less than 2,000 tickets, said Widmeyer. The seating capacity is 13,000.

People who bought the tickets can go back to the place of purchase for a full refund. The tickets cannot be used at any other Cosby concert.

Col. Bernard Hendricks, director of student activities, said the Student Government Association is trying to schedule the groups Digital Underground and Bell Biv DeVoe to perform at Homecoming, but the plans have not been finalized.

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CRISIS

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unit's 56 members are college students. Students join the reserves for many reasons — money not the least of these — said Sgt. 1st Class Allen Ferguson, of the U.S. Army 351st Adjutant General Company, a postal unit in Tallahassee. The actual purpose of the reserves, defending the United States, tends to be downplayed in recruiting, Ferguson said. The Reserves offer several scholarships to help students pay for college expenses. Ferguson said The 351st has been activated and will be leaving Tallahassee. Several FAMU and Florida State University students are in the unit.

Stacy Broussard is in Taylor's reserve unit. A senior from Miami, Broussard had only six more hours to complete in her major, criminal justice, before graduating and marrying in the spring. She was notified of her unit's departure three days in advance, a standard practice.

"Nobody knows how long . . . nobody knows what's going on," said Broussard. "Basically, I'm struggling."

Theotis Stallworth is Broussard's fiance. A Navy ensign stationed in Pensacola, Stallworth said, "When she called me that Wednesday night, my first reaction was disbelief. I just sort of collapsed on the couch and tried to collect my thoughts."

"American support will be high, until someone dies. I just lost my fiance over something that I support but don't believe in."

Now that Broussard is gone, Stallworth said, "It hurts now — your consciousness is raised to a whole different level."

"I felt like someone took my life away. When I woke up that next morning . . . I felt like Moses in the wilderness."

Broussard said, "Keep all of us who are going over there in your prayers . . . I would really appreciate it."

Owen Hardy, a senior broadcast journalism major from Monticello, has already been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army. He is also in the 708th Maintenance Unit of the Florida National Guard.

"I signed up knowing it would come sooner or later."

Hardy is now facing the possibility his National Guard Unit will be called to active duty, three months before he graduates and enters the army under the terms of his ROTC scholarship.

Gary Carter, a sophomore music major from Lake City, agrees with Ferguson that the role of the Reserves in the defense of the United States is downplayed. Carter is a private in the 273rd Ordinance Company in Perry.

He said the thought of dropping out of school had not crossed his mind until his unit was told to pack all its things and prepare to leave for Fort Stewart, Ga. However, the unit was able to stay.

Carter said, "I turn to CNN and they have 'The Crisis in the Gulf' . . . you see two dudes talking [about the situation]." He shrugged his shoulders. "They don't really tell you much."

"I just think of the worst and hope for the best."

The College Press Service contributed to this story.

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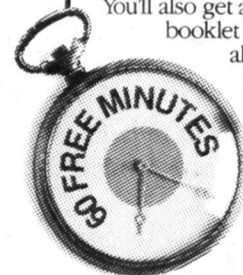
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Whom can you trust?

This shouldn't be too hard for college students to imagine: Your parents deposit \$200 into your bank account to help you pay for rent. Instead, you go and blow the money buying new clothes for Homecoming.

It is not illegal to do this (though your parents might think so), but it would be a violation of their trust.

Now imagine this: The students of Florida A&M University give the administration about \$280,000 a semester, the so-called "health fee," to pay for the expenses of running the Student Health Clinic. Instead, part of it is used to complete renovations on the Child Care Center.

It might not be illegal, but it still violates the students' trust.

That is what our administration has done.

The Child Care Center is funded in part by the Student Government Association, which uses a percentage of our tuition called Activity and Service Fees. Other organizations funded by A&S fees are the Marching 100, Army ROTC and the Gospel Choir.

The Child Care Center was budgeted \$45,500 for this year, according to SGA President Daryl Parks.

The remainder of the funding for the center comes from the Auxiliary Trust Fund. The money in this fund comes from "user fees," like room and board money. The trust fund is used to pay the expenses of other auxiliary campus organizations, such as the Health Clinic, the Bookstore and the Cafeteria.

However, a memorandum included with a lawsuit filed against FAMU by Dr. Edward Holifield, director of Student Health Services, shows a transfer of \$123,254 from the Student Health Clinic to the Child Care Center for renovations.

Richard Flamer, vice president of student affairs, said the transfer was within the university's rights.

It might be.

However, on our class and fee printouts, the \$35 health fee is separate from all other fees, giving the impression that it will be used only to fund student health services. Otherwise, why separate the item that way? Is the Child Care Center a part of student health services?

Also, if there is enough money in the Health Clinic account to fund the Child Care Center and still not affect the service, why do we pay \$35? Why not \$25? \$10?

It seems as if students are paying three times for the Child Care Center — once through A&S fees, once through the Auxiliary Trust Fund, and once through the Student Health Center account. Paying three times, for a Child Care Center that cares for 66 children — 20 of whom are the children of students, according to our SGA president. Paying three times — and students cannot receive a vital measles shot without extra expense.

This is not a matter of legality; it is simply a matter of right and wrong. If you cannot trust the administration to spend money marked "health fee" for student health services, whom can you trust?



Apathy "SCAARS" FAMU

Students should get involved



Students at Florida A&M University have been criticized on more than one occasion of being apathetic towards the world around them. In general, one can hardly argue with this opinion.

When one looks at specific examples of this apathy, one gains a better understanding of just how uninvolved students are at this university.

At FAMU there is no chapter of the Student Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism (SCAAR). Why is this? It could not be because FAMU students are ignorant or oblivious to the situation that our brothers and sisters face in South Africa. There are plenty of Mandela t-

shirts and African medallions on this campus. There is a definite willingness to form a "cult of personality" around Nelson Mandela. Yet, students just talk about the issue. In the meantime no one is doing anything.

The average FAMU student may have learned something about the situation from some rap song, but so few truly know what is happening in South Africa. Think I'm lying? Well, take a look at a list of U.S. companies currently involved in South Africa. Were you one of those people not drinking Coke a couple of years back? Well -- guess what? Pepsi is there, too, along with half of your friendly neighborhood grocery stores.

Yet, FAMU, a predominantly black university, has no SCAAR chapter while Florida State University, a university with a single digit percentage of black students, has one. It makes no sense that FAMU should fall behind in this respect. Last year, inspired by an in depth

debate about apartheid in Humanities class, a group of students became interested in forming a chapter of SCAAR here. After talking with the president of the FSU chapter a tentative plan was formed for group action. However, the organization never managed to get off of the ground. Thus, FAMU remains without a chapter.

The SCAAR issue is just one aspect of the general apathy that is present on this campus. With abortion rallies, local white supremacist "hotlines", and Tadiran right in FAMU's back yard, there is not a great deal of feedback from the student body of FAMU.

However, as college students we have plenty of opportunities not available to the majority of Americans. As minorities we should want our voices to be heard. It would be a shame to waste the opportunities that exist for us. If things don't go our way and we don't do anything about them, who else can we blame but ourselves.

Women deserve more respect from their counterparts

ERIKA N. DUCKWORTH
FAMUAN Features Editor

The 2 Live Crew obscenity issue that erupted this summer did two things for Americans. It made us re-examine the limits of our freedom and it also made us sick of hearing about 2 Live Crew.

While the Crew operates on the extreme end of the popular music spectrum, there's an underlying subject in the industry that could prove to be more damaging in the long run. "Mainstream" acts are getting away with the same sentiments under less graphic auspices. At least 2 Live Crew never claimed to be clean.

Popular songs' description of women as little more than sexual objects — with varying degrees of chest size — have been overlooked for years. Now, more than ever, black male singers are being shockingly overt with their tired and outdated views on the roles and worth of black women.

Bell Biv DeVoe are a case in point, though they are not alone. BBD is a sub-group of New Edition, which recently left the kiddie-soul genre to New Kids on Block in favor of harder-edged material (i.e. switching from "Candy Girl" to "Do Me (Baby)."

How innovative.

Their new album, "Poison" has already released two hits, and both have "chauvinist" written all over them. Now, girl-watching is probably a favorite pastime of most guys, but BBD took it upon themselves to term it "Clockin' the hoes."

And it doesn't end there. They go so far as to describe one woman in the song as a "low pro hoe."

As if that weren't enough to trash the entire BBD philosophy, one version of "Do Me" includes the heartfelt request "Spin the booty in my direction." Morals here are a moot point. It's a free country and you can spin parts of your body wherever you want to. What cannot be ignored is the implication that women are something less than men; interchangeable, disposable toys with no feelings.

There are people who will defend BBD and groups like them by saying that their songs are intended as dance tracks, not social commentaries. Others will say that they aren't interested in the words, just the beat and the bass. Although it's unreasonable to analyze every club hit (you'd never get any dancing done). Some things demand pause for thought.

Black women have already been stereotyped as having questionable values in white folklore. It's shameful that we receive a similar lack of respect from our own.

Letters

All men don't bark

There's a problem here that needs your attention. For quite a while now, I've heard the ladies on this campus refer to the entire male gender as "dogs." The last time I looked in the mirror, I did not see a creature with four legs, a wagging tongue, or a tail. I saw a person who tries to do the right thing.

I will not try to defend the few males who have shown behavior of an animal nature. Yet, all I ask is ladies, watch the generalities you speak. Please try to support the men who are respectful, considerate and true gentlemen because I am here to say that stereotyping the male gender is wrong. In addition, it does not help the morale of those who are trying to be good men.

There are some eligible gentlemen out there who are discouraged by the things that you say. These gentlemen are the ones who open doors for you on your way to class, assist you when you drop your books in the hall, and rush to your aid as you bring those big bags of groceries to your dormitory room.

They are also the ones who listen to you call the entire male gender animal names. The "dogs" that you ladies often speak of seldom hear your comments because they are out doing "canine" things.

WARNING: Dogs beware! The ladies are on the look out for you. They

have quite an arsenal at their disposal. They intend on giving you a severe case of the Mo' Better Blues.

Derrien A. Bonney

Words to live by

Read them as many times as needed. Take them with you in case of emergency and you will easily be able to become associated with new people as well as adjust to such the tremendous social atmosphere here at FAMU!

Step 1: A kind word goes a long way. Don't be too proud to say thank you or how are you.

Step 2: Follow your own mind. Be your own person. It is always much easier to follow the crowd than to be different.

Step 3: Pettiness is a waste of time. Don't get hung up or gossip and negative feedback. It takes more time to worry about foolishness than it does with positiveness.

Step 4: Be thankful for the little things in life. There are always others who are worse off than you.

Step 5: Always be leary of how you treat your neighbor. Who knows? Your neighbor could very well be your help in distress.

Step 6: Don't be so concerned with self. It is not until you have sacrificed for someone else that you have done a real deed.

Step 7: Always acknowledge Christ and give Him the praise. For he made us and without Him we would be nothing!

Sheryl Davis

In defense of the media

Everyday the media are bombarded by few dissatisfied people who feel our every whim should cater to them. It is apparent that it is these people who try to find little things to complain about. I am referring to a letter submitted to the Tallahassee Democrat on Sept. 13th by Everett B. Broussard, III.

Broussard said he was disillusioned by the media because the headlines are clearly biased against whites. He said he often sees headlines like "Man dies defending mother against gang of youths" or "Female jogger mugged and raped by gang of youths," only to find months later the "gang of youths" were actually a gang of blacks preying on "another white victim."

While on the other hand he said we (the media) outdo ourselves with headlines like "Black teen murdered by a gang of white racists" or "Whites terrorize blacks on outing."

Come on, Broussard is showing a tad bit of racism himself by making such a ludicrous statement. As an African-American journalist it seems to me that it would be the black community who would raise such a ruckus about negative publicity. Broussard is definitely picking at straws too short for his argument.

On the contrary, for far too long blacks have been exploited because of how they were portrayed in the media and movies. This is why it is virtually impossible for a black man to walk into a store with raggedy clothes on and not be labeled a thief. What difference would it have made if the headline was "White man murdered by a black man?"

The crime is the issue, not the color of the criminal. Technically, blacks are punished far more harshly than whites for crimes of the same nature.

Get a life, Broussard, and stop crying wolf.

Glyndell Presley

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Fund kicks off

By BRIAN KEITH BISHOP
FAMUAN Staff Writer

Florida A&M University President Frederick S. Humphries kicked off the 1990 Faculty/Staff Scholarship Endowment Fund this summer, during the annual state of the university address.

Humphries said the university will reach its goal of \$200,000 within the three-to-four week run of this event, which began Aug. 20.

"We expect to generate approximately \$30,000 annually in interest for scholarships from the endowment," Humphries said.

Humphries said this event will be an on-going event to aid FAMU students with the financial burden of college. He also said it's important that those who work at FAMU give something back to the university.

An added incentive is from the state of Florida, which will match every

\$100,000 the school raises with \$50,000, raising the endowment to \$300,000.

Humphries started the event with a personal donation of \$1,500. The pledges from faculty and staff range from \$100 to \$1,200 annually.

The fund will be a general scholarship source without preference to any majors. Most of the scholarship money given by FAMU is allocated by the donors to specific majors and schools.

FAMU distributes \$3 million annually to qualified students throughout the various schools and majors of the university.

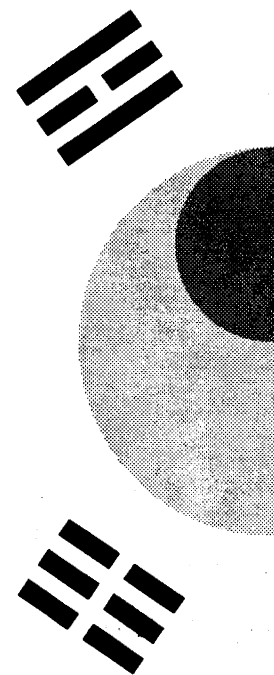
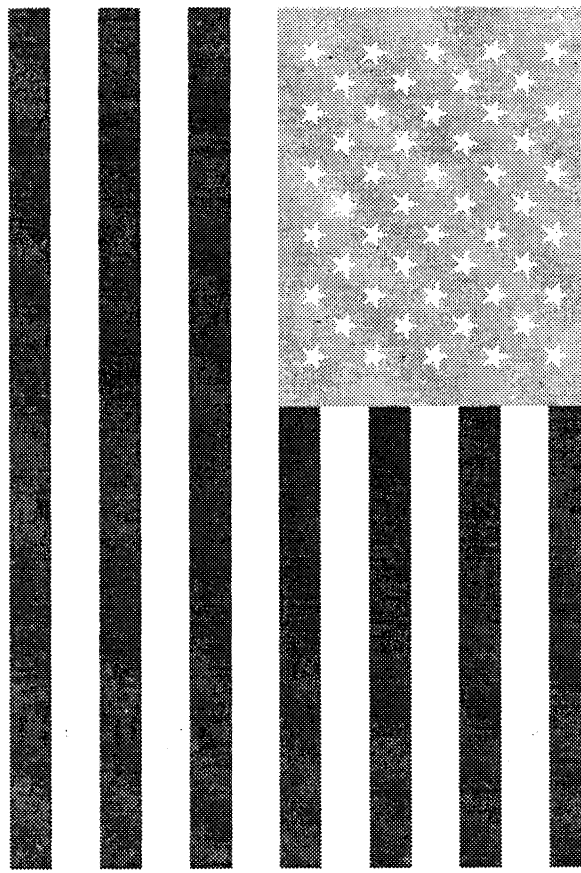
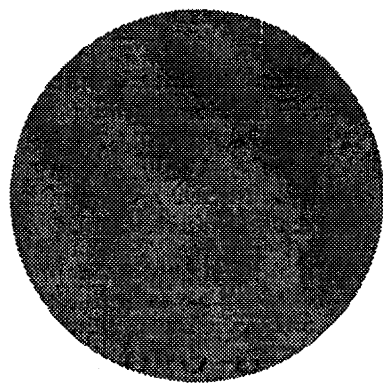
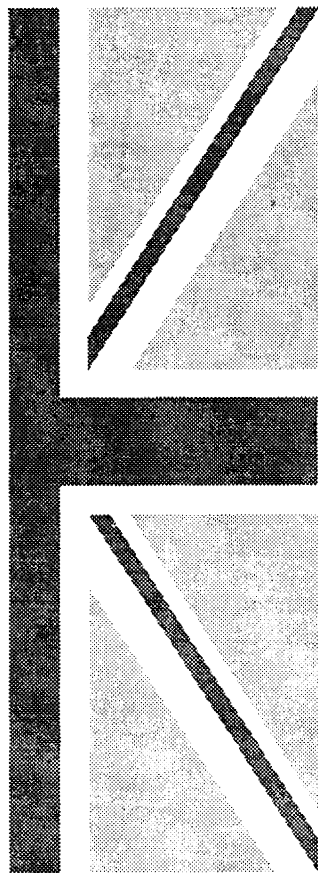
"Most scholarships are specific, and

exclude a lot of students," said Rose Hill, a 1956 graduate of FAMU. "I think the scholarship fund was met with a lot of enthusiasm. The faculty and staff of FAMU have always been student oriented," Hill said.

Leo P. Sam Jr., vice president of university relations, cited the efforts of President Frederick Humphries to bring FAMU's private endowment to an all time high.

"People are concerned here at FAMU," said Sam.

The fund is now at \$90,000, almost half way to the goal of \$200,000. Humphries will decide on the distribution of the fund when the drive is over.



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MOON

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"I was at the Moon this summer when the remark was supposedly made, but I didn't hear it," said Sheldon Sneed, a Senior Graphic Design major from Orlando. "It was a Thursday after the M.C. Hammer concert (June 28). I think it's a one-sided story."

Sneed said he's surprised the whole issue came up after a protest planned for the summer didn't kick off.

Cooler heads will prevail if some of the people who spoke on Carswell's behalf are to be heard. One of the speakers is the Rev. Ernest Ferrell, president of the Tallahassee chapter of the Urban League.

He doesn't believe the rumor.

"I don't think Scott is a racist," Ferrell said. "I've known him professionally for a while. He was the

best man at my brother's wedding, and he hosts the Urban League's Apollo Theater at the Moon."

Carswell has also hosted several other events over the last five years including sponsoring the group rap project done by rival groups this summer. The Moon provided the space, recording studio and the producers, Carswell said.

Others who have worked with Carswell agree with Ferrell.

"He (Carswell) solicits too strongly in the black community to say things like that," said Col. Bernard Hendricks, director of student activities. "I've had a very good professional relationship with him. It just does not sound like him."

Eric Wilson, whose on-air personality is Eric "The Electric Angel" at Hot 101.5, is the D.J. for the Wednesday night party. He said he has heard the rumors, but Carswell has done a number of things in the black community that belie a racist attitude.

"I think the students who have a problem with Carswell and the FAMU Student Government need to sit down and open up the lines of communication," he said. "It's not open now and the situation needs to be resolved."

Carswell said he thinks the problem could have been resolved by now.

"I've set up meetings since this summer to talk about the problem with the people involved with the protest, but no one has shown up," he said.

He also said because no one has admitted hearing him make the remarks, and there is still a loosely organized protest against the Moon, many FAMU students may be upset about several shows at the Moon that have been free to Florida State University students but not to FAMU students.

"FSU's student government pays the band and rents the Moon, and since it's their SGA function the students get in free. I've done the same thing for FAMU's SGA sponsored events."

MALES

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Thomas Mitchell, Sr., former director of alumni affairs, will be the center's director. Mitchell said once the youths are shown that someone cares, then they'll be the ones who will try the hardest.

"Most want to get out of their predicament," Mitchell said.

Humphries said he realizes that FAMU cannot solve the problem itself, but with the implementation of similar programs at other universities, there should be a significant increase in the education of these youths beyond the secondary level.

Students complain about financial aid office

By JUANITA N. HARRISON
FAMUAN Staff Writer

If you're hearing a persistent buzzing in your ear, don't worry. It's just Florida A&M University students complaining about financial aid, something heard every year around this time.

Freshman Terri Boswell said she has had several problems at the financial aid office this semester. After Boswell and her mother made several inquiries, she finally got the information she needed.

"I stood in two lines where I was numbers 88 and 52."

Simona Brown, sophomore, said the financial aid process is too slow. "It takes too long for the office to process loan papers."

However, Sandra Inge, assistant director of financial aid, said the loan process is timely and students are being careless.

Inge said, "Many times they [students] do not fill in the information such as correct zip codes, home addresses, or current mailing addresses. This causes a delay in processing." These incorrect applications lengthen the six to eight weeks it takes to process a loan.

Inge said it does take a long time to get a loan, but the students are also turning in loan applications too late.

Eric Pierce, junior, said, "I do admit that some of my financial problems have resulted from my failure to complete things on time. Sometimes we (students) do wait until the last minute to get things done."

Nicole Jones, a sophomore, said she has had repeated problems with the financial aid office both of her years at FAMU and the workers are often discourteous.

"They have bad attitudes and need to be more professional. Parents are the only people who can get things straightened out," Jones said.

Inge said she regrets that sometimes workers have bad attitudes with students.

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Features

FAMU professor visits Africa

By PHOEBE FILLIS
FAMUAN Staff Writer

Anita Baker's concert tour may not take her to Ghana, but according to Florida A&M University physics professor Herbert Jones, she's big news there.

Jones encountered many similar surprises during his stay in Africa for the second Edward Bouchet International Conference on Science and Technology in Ghana.

The conference, named in honor of the first African-American Ph.D recipient in 1876, is a gathering of both African-American and African scientists.

Jones cited Dr. Abdus Salam, Nobel prizewinner in physics from Pakistan, as the godfather of the conference. Salam believes the third world countries can best be developed by encouraging study in theoretical physics.



Photo by Herbert Jones/Special to The FAMUAN

Conference attendants (from l-r) Prof. Habtamu Zewbie (Ethiopia), Dr. Reda Izzam (Egypt) and Prof. Herbert Winful (University of Michigan, originally from Ghana) take a break.

Jones presented a paper, "Analytical Methods Applied to Three Center Molecular Integrals", at the conference.

"Everything is molecules," said Jones. He said he is working on how to make more effective calculations and how molecules interact.

He noted a good exchange of information on developing solar energy and a great interest in theoretical physics in Africa.

"Africans still want to come to the U.S. to study and exchange teachers and students," Jones said. "Many African

professors have degrees from the U.S. or Russian universities."

After leaving Ghana, Jones spent a week in Nigeria and lectured at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria. Jones also said Africans want access to American technology, are doing research in all areas and have some excellent computers.

Other discoveries of Jones' were the weather, which was much cooler than that of Tallahassee's, the friendliness of the locals and the ladies' hairstyles ("just as varied . . . as they are in America.").

The Edward Bouchet Conference is slated to repeat itself next year at another African host country, and Jones hopes to be there. "The meeting was a wonderful experience and I do hope to return," said Jones.

The conference included more than 130 physicists and mathematicians from 18 countries and was the first meeting of its kind held in Africa.

CRITIC'S CORNER

By JOHNATHAN M. THOMAS
FAMUAN Staff Writer

BDP educates and entertains with its new release, "Edutainment"

Boogie Down Productions has again demonstrated why it is on the cutting edge of socially-conscious music with its new release, "Edutainment".

BDP's front man and hip-hop philosopher KRS-ONE (Kris Parker) has put together a masterful album, re-establishing the fact he's one of the industry's most creative, intellectual and articulate artists.

The title, "Edutainment," is exactly what the album is: educating and entertaining at the same time. This

time around, KRS brings the poignant lyrics of "Blueprints" and the dense beats of their classic second album, "By All Means Necessary," to put together "Edutainment," the best of BDP's four releases.

Proof of KRS's intellect is abundant throughout the album but especially on the album's first cut, "Blackman in Effect." As on his remix of "You Must Learn," KRS packs much knowledge about the black race's rightful place in history into the song's four minutes and 40 seconds.

KRS also shows his exceptional skill at lyrical social commentary. All of the songs make you think, but "The Homeless" and "Love's Gonna Get Cha (Material Love)," the album's first release, are two of the best efforts he has put forth.

For BDP fans, "Edutainment" is a must. For hip-hop fans, ditto. For everyone else, you know the rules.

FAMUans will dance up a storm this fall

By ANGELIQUE S. C. GRANT
FAMUAN Staff Writer

THE STRIKERS

From step shows to basketball games to halftime performances, those Strikers seem to be everywhere.

A group of 14 male dancers, they have been together for two years and have made a name for themselves with their slick, precision moves. Original member Brian Johnson, a junior from Tampa, Fla. gives his definition of their style as "clean but funky."

Choreographer and founder Shapiro Hardemon, a senior psychology and criminal justice major from Miami, Fla. said that the team has emerged both "bigger and better" from the previous semester.

"Hardemon is a good choreographer," Johnson said. "He listens to everyone's input and adds what the members want to add to the show."

The Strikers have performed at places such as Leon High School and The Walker/Ford Community Center. FAMUans will be able to catch the

Strikers' dance, comedy and musical performance, "Live and In Living Color", Sept. 27 in Jake Gaither Gymnasium at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available from any Striker, in the Student Activities Office, on the the second floor of the Foster-Tanner building and in the Student Government office. They are \$2 in advance and \$5 at the door.

THE FLY GIRLS

Keenan Ivory Wayans has his Fly Girls, and so does FAMU's Shapiro Hardemon.

Hardemon, founder and choreographer of The Strikers formed The Fly Girls for a new approach to dancing. The Strikers auditioned over 30 ladies for 16 openings to dance in the new group.

The female group was added to make the shows more appealing.

"By adding females with male dancers, it intensifies our image and makes it more interesting to both males and females," said Hardemon.

The Fly Girls will make their debut at "Live and In Living Color" musical.



Photo by Joseph Brown III/The FAMUAN

Strikers and Fly Girls get busy during a rehearsal for the first performance.

PRETTY POISON

The name has changed, but Pretty Poison still has a lot of Venom in 'em.

Formerly known as Venom, the Pretty Poison dance group is an energetic ensemble of 15 ladies that performs during halftime at basketball games.

Member Patty Campbell, a junior from Miami, Fla., said that there is

more to the change than a new title.

"Our dance style has changed since the past year," Campbell said. "We were doing street dances but now we are doing a combination of jazz and street dancing."

The group is only one year old but we are still growing and moving forward."

Pretty Poison will be performing later on in the year and will have tryouts Sept. 23-24. For more information call 575-7234.

Sports

Rattlers won't play '91 Bold City Classic

By HEIDI RENEE WILLIAMS
FAMUAN Sports Editor

This year's attendance of 10,930 at Florida A&M University's Bold City Classic in Jacksonville included not only the people who paid, but also FAMU students, who got in free, VIP's in the press box, several high school bands, the parade participants and the press.

That means FAMU defeated Mississippi Valley State 28-13 before a paying crowd under 10,000.

FAMU athletic director Walter Reed said the Rattlers will not play the Bold City Classic in Jacksonville in 1991 due to poor support from Jacksonville's Chamber of Commerce and a decline in the paid attendance.

The Rattlers, however, will return to Jacksonville in 1992 to resume the Bold City Classic, hosting South Carolina State College.

What is the logic in taking the game back to Jacksonville in 1992?

"We're hoping they will miss us and the revenue we bring them and want us back in '92," Reed said. "After some planning we will return the classic in '92. You don't miss your water 'til the well runs dry," he said.

If that is the case, why did the

Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce guarantee the University of Southern Mississippi a half a million dollars to move its home game against Florida State University to Jacksonville, but not make a similar offer to FAMU, which has been a regular tenant?

"I have no response to that," Reed said.

The Bold City Classic began in 1978 in an effort by FAMU to take Rattler football to all of Florida's major cities.

In the first game, the Rattlers defeated Maryland-Eastern Shore 45-0 and proceeded to win for the next two years, defeating Morris Brown 55-14 and Howard University 42-25.

The first Bold City Classic defeat came the following year against Murray State 14-11, but the Rattlers bounced back the following year defeating Howard again, this time 62-3.

From 1983 till 1986, the Rattlers suffered a four-year losing streak that was broken in '87 against Georgia Southern 17-14. In 1988 and 1989, Georgia Southern avenged its loss.

This year, however, the Rattlers changed the pace, defeating Mississippi Valley State 28-13.

Danielle McBeth contributed to this report.

Cross country goes the distance

By CHARLES TRAHAN
FAMUAN Staff Writer

Relying heavily on new talent Florida A&M University's cross-country team will be looking to climb back to championship status this season.

The team won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship Meet in the 1988-1989 season. Head coach Bobby Lang said they had a "fair season" last year. They came in third in the Championship Meet last year.

Lang, also FAMU's track and field coach, has coached the cross-country team since it joined FAMU's athletic program ten years ago. In those ten years, FAMU has won the conference championship four times.

This season, the team has a lot of new faces and talent.

"It's a young team," said assistant coach Pearl Davis. "Most of the runners are freshmen."

The top returning runners are sophomore Siphon Buthelezi, who made the All-Conference team last season, junior Corey Massey, sophomore Donya Andrews-Little, and senior William Banks.

In the cross-country meets, the men run five miles and the girls run 3.1 miles.

Lang feels the team can do better this season.

"We expect to improve on last year. We were defending champs last year," he said.

Since the Sept. 15 meet, the team is on its way to reaching Lang's expectation. "Both the guys and girls did pretty good," said Davis. "The result at the meet this year was an improvement from last year."

Some of the runners have goals they want to reach.

"Our main goal is to win the MEAC Cross-Country Championship," said senior Rodger Muschett.

Buthelezi said he is expecting to do better than previous seasons.

Some of the runners are just training themselves for the approaching track and field season. Most of the runners, middle-distance track runners in particular, were asked by Lang to run cross-country to help them build their endurance.

Freshman Jason Henderson said he runs cross country to build up the strength and the base he needs to run during track season.

Cross-country at FAMU, however, is not as popular as track and field. "We may not be considered a cross-country school," Lang said. "Runners are more track and field oriented."

Intramural football starts new season

By DENISE MARTIN
FAMUAN Staff Writer

Not all the football action on this campus happens at Bragg Memorial Stadium.

Intramural football gives the men of Florida A&M University the opportunity to rough it out in an organized league.

Supervised by Robert Carroll, intramural sports director, the teams consist of students who form their own teams and teams formed by Greek organizations and military auxiliaries.

Intramural football is different from competitive college football because it is really flag football. Each player wears a belt with three flags attached to it. Instead of tackling, the opposing team tries to snatch the flag off the person with the ball.

Since its primary concern is the safety of the players, metal and screw cleats are not permitted and since players do not wear pads, blocking is also not allowed.

The game is much faster than regular football because the field is smaller, there are less players, halves are 20 minutes, the clock does not stop. Halftime is only a five minute.

This year's league boasts 28 teams with Phi Beta Sigma topping the preseason poll, compiled by Carroll and his student assistants.

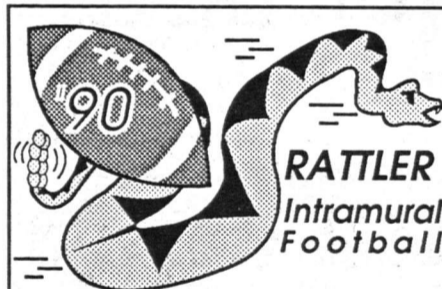
The Sigma's, who were last year's champions, finished the season undefeated with a 14-0 record.



Joseph Brown III/The FAMUAN

Football action outside Bragg Stadium.

Also included in the top five of the poll, are Omega Psi Phi, B.A.F., The Underground and The Beta Nu Wrecking Crew.



Teams *Field/Time

Thursday, Sept. 20

Deputy Dogs vs. Storm 1/5 p.m.
Phi Beta Sigma vs. Phoenix 2/5 p.m.
Beta Nu Wrecking Crew vs. Da Fellas 1/6:15 p.m.
A.K. Crew vs. Raiders 2/6:15 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 21

Top Gun vs. L Riders 1/5 p.m.
Juice Crew vs. Legion of Doom 2/5 p.m.
AROTC vs. Black Power 1/6:15 p.m.
Krimson Krushers vs. Lauderdale 2/6:15 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 24

Underground vs. Heat 1/5 p.m.
Lukes Bays vs. Syndicate 2/5 p.m.
2-Row vs. Omega Psi Phi 1/6:15 p.m.
B.A.F. vs. Miami Boys 2/6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Strictly Business vs. Da Fellas 1/5 p.m.
Ohio Players vs. Deputy Dogs 2/5 p.m.
Squares vs. Beta Nu 1/6:15 p.m.
TNT vs. Storm 2/6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Phi Beta Sigma vs. Krimson Krushers 1/5 p.m.
A.K. Crew vs. Black Power 2/5 p.m.
Top Gun vs. Phoenix 1/6:15 p.m.
Juice Crew vs. Raiders 2/6:15 p.m.

*Held on football practice field

Source: Robert Carroll, Intramural sports director

Christopher Smith/The FAMUAN

Sports Shorts

Intramural Tennis

Any persons interested in tennis may sign up for the Intramural Men's and Women's Singles Tennis Tournament in room 136 of the Gaither Athletic Complex. Deadline to sign up is Sept. 28.

Tournament play begins at 10 a.m. on Sept. 29 at the FAMU tennis courts located by the University pool. Entry fee is one can of Penn or Wilson tennis balls.

*Awards for the top three players in each division.
For more information call 599-3785.

Intramural Slow Pitch Softball

Any students, faculty or staff interested in signing up for intramural slow pitch softball, roster forms are available in room 136 of the Gaither Athletic Complex and the Student Activities Office. Deadline is Sept. 26.

A mandatory captain's meeting will be held Sept. 26. at 6 p.m. in room 216 of the Gaither Athletic Complex. The season begins Sept. 27.
For more information call 599-3758.

Sports

Rasul's goal is the Rattlers goal

By HEIDI RENEE WILLIAMS
FAMUAN Sports Editor

Florida A&M University running back Amir Rasul, last years Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year, rushed for 135 yards against Mississippi Valley State this past weekend making this his sixth straight 100-YARD game, his seventh in his last eight starts.

The former FAMU High football player, finished last season with 940 yards and eight touchdowns, while catching 29 passes for 228 yards and 3 TDs. He is close to becoming the school's fifth 2,000-yard man with a career total of 1,361 yards.

Rasul, who scored three TDs against Mississippi, also has a career total of 18 TDs, which places him in a position to close in on the school's all-time scorer Al Frazier who scored a career total of 28 TDs for 205 points.

"Rasul is probably the hardest working player on the team," said Kent Schoolfield, running back coach and offensive coordinator.

"He is a non-selfish, intelligent football player who stays after practice to

do extra work. His attitude is always team, not I," he said.

"My goal is the team goal of a 10-1 season," Rasul said. "I have no personal goals and the ones I do have, I keep to myself," he said.

Along with being named the 1989 offensive player of the year, Rasul was a member of the Sheridan Broadcasting Network's Black College All-American team, and a candidate for the Walter Payton Award for the Top Division 1-AA Player and the Jake Gaither Award for the Top Black College Player.

When asked if he was affected by the attention, Rasul said, "what do you think?"

The obvious answer is "no."

Rattler head football coach Ken Riley said, "Amir hasn't let the attention affect him. He's been on the cover of local sports magazines and on the front pages of the newspapers, plus he's won numerous awards. Some kids listen to that fan fair and play along with it, Amir hasn't done that," he said.

Rasul said that his team concept is, "if the offensive line does their job and the receivers do their job, then they help me do my job," he said.



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Rasul

In a winning effort against Mississippi Valley, FAMU's Amir Rasul carries the ball on one of his 24 carries for 135 yards and 3 touchdowns. Saturday's game marked Rasul's sixth straight 100 yard game. The Rattlers defeated the Delta Devils 28-13.

Intramural swim meet has only two females



Bruce Brewer/The FAMUAN

Stanley Scott II races to the finish in the men's Breast Stroke at the Intramural Swim Meet.


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The fourth annual Florida A&M University Intramural Swim Meet and Swim Suit Contest was held Sept. 13 by the University pool.

The competition was open to all students, faculty and staff. The events were organized by intramural sports director, Robert Carroll and George Ellis, FAMU swim coach.

The singles competition was in the diving events, while the team competition was in the swimming events.

The teams participating in the swim competition were Phi Beta Sigma, the Deputy Dogs, and the Mo' Better. The majority of the participants were males with only two female participants.



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| <p>Freestyle Norvell Davis</p> <p>Backstroke Female Remera Jones</p> <p>Breaststroke Cranston Harris</p> <p>Low Dive George Brown</p> | <p>Butterfly Norvell Davis</p> <p>Backstroke Male Norvell Davis</p> <p>Freestyle Relay Deputy Dogs</p> <p>Swimsuit Edgard Ambler Remera Jones</p> |
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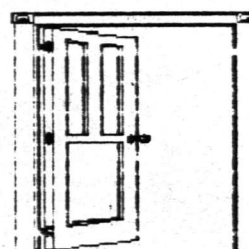
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