

Hearth in Hendricks Hall restored with family's gift

The family of William Allen Frazier donated \$7,500 to the University

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The hearth in Hendricks Hall was renamed the "Frazier Hearth" after University alumnus William Allen "Al" Frazier in a dedication ceremony Tuesday morning.

"I think it's a fitting memory," said Joan Frazier, Al Frazier's wife. "His career really started here."

Frazier, who died in January 1995 at age 59, earned a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1963 and a master's degree in public affairs in 1968 from the University. After

graduating, he moved to Rochester, N.Y., where he worked for 26 years as the associate planner in the Monroe County Planning Department.

A \$7,500 gift from Joan Frazier and Jean Frazier-Geist funded the refurbishments to the hall, which houses the planning, public policy and management department.

Jean said refurbishing the hearth area properly commemorated her brother because the job required students to work together.

"He was very good at getting community participation and consensus in projects where there was the possibility of very strong, differing opinions," said Jean Fra-

zier-Geist, Al Frazier's sister. "He was a master of getting people to come together."

People involved in the department, the project and the University said they believe the work has paid off.

"It's a great improvement. It was a real dump," said Bryan Downes, professor and head of the planning, public policy and management department.

Prior to the renovations, the walls in the hearth area were covered with bulletin boards, the fireplace tiles were falling out and the mantle had been removed. Some doors were missing and others were covered by pipes. The ceil-

ing was crumbling.

The original mirror that once hung over the fireplace was returned to its place, the fireplace tiles were repaired and a new mantle was installed. The area now has new artwork, carpeting and furniture, among other things.

"The room doesn't look like the Palace of Versailles, but when you compare it to what it was ... it was pretty pathetic," said Jeff Pester, a graduate student who proposed the refurbishments.

University President Dave Frohnmayer expressed the University's appreciation to the Frazier family for the improvements.

"Thank you for helping us

transform an area that was quite ugly into a piece of art," Frohnmayer said. "It's a thoughtful gift from the University's viewpoint."

Al Frazier's daughter and his wife flew in from New York to attend the ceremony.

"I always find a lot of the stuff that has happened after his passing kind of ironic because in his life he was very much not the person who wanted to be praised or put into the public eye about the work he was doing," said Lorna Frazier-Maier, Al's daughter. "Now there's so much recognition after his passing that it's really kind of neat. I'm sure he's up there going, 'Oh, geez.'"

Time: Workers found capsule from '72'

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of Steel" video, and a box of Pop Tarts.

Wasson said the idea for a new capsule came to the board when construction workers unearthed a copper-plated time capsule from 1972.

"We found the capsule in good shape. It was made out of copper because they didn't use plastic tubing back then like they do now," said Jim Thomas, project manager for Wildish Construction.

Time capsules go back to 1937, when the first capsule, known as the Crypt of Civilization, was buried at Oglethorpe University. It contained books, photos and a quart of Budweiser beer, according to the International Time Capsule Society.

The next project was the Westinghouse time capsule embedded at the 1939 New York World's Fair. More recently, a capsule called the "Capsula de Tiempo" was interred at the Seville World's Fair in 1992. The Capsula was an open tar pit where people could throw in whatever they wished to preserve.

Since then, the popularity of capsules have grown, spawning companies such as BarrTek, which makes custom-engraved aluminum time capsules.

Problems sometimes arise when planners fail to note the exact location of the capsules. While University planners say the old capsule was marked on architectural plans, workers stumbled upon it last week.

"Plans can be lost, and sometimes people forget these things are down there," said Alex Gordon, University project manager for the amphitheater.

For example, in 1953 a two-ton capsule was buried by the state of Washington under the capitol grounds in Olympia to commemorate its centennial. But legislators failed to approve funds to mark the site, leaving the location of the box a mystery.

The University has the site for its new capsule well marked on architectural plans, said Gordon.

Students interested in contributing ideas, music selections or memorabilia to the capsule can contact the EMU board through Jenna Wasson at jwasson@gladstone.

Crisis: Students emotional

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unpredictable. You may have to pay more — it's not a solution."

The ISA's goal for Friday's meeting is to see if Frohnmayer is making any progress toward a temporary reduction in tuition, Malakar said.

Mok said a tuition reduction in the ballpark of 15 percent will help sustain some of the students. They discussed calling a general membership meeting of all the University international students to update them and make sure that the changes they're pursuing

with the University leadership is appropriate.

"I don't think the crisis is just hurting people financially," said junior Mish'al Sawwan, who is not an international student but works with many ISA projects. "It's causing an emotional crisis — there's really a lot of stress. You see a lot of long faces when somebody says they have to leave."

The ISA leadership concurred that more than 100 students plan to leave at the end of the quarter.

Frohnmayer was unavailable for comment.

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HOUSING: Two-room limestone house with a typhoon-proof thatched roof - complete with an open-fire kitchen used to cure garlic, onions, tobacco and to keep the pig warm!

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