



VOICE ENDORSES BAKER, JACOBS, AND DAVIS IN SPRING ELECTIONS

The FSU Nightmare

Upon my return to FSU, I saw something which puzzled me. At first I concluded that it was probably just a period of adjustment and would clear up as the summer semester progressed. But the summer semester passed without any change being made. We are now beginning the second semester of spring and that which puzzled me this past summer, no longer puzzles me -- but now taunts me like some curse expelled by some demon or devil from the "Exorcist".

It's like a nightmare which has no end. As long as I'm on, around, or near FSU or one of its students, the nightmare is there. I try to escape it but there is no escape.

So now I've concluded that the only way to free myself of this nightmare, which taunts me by day and night, is to look it straight in the face and search the root of the nightmare, to find its cause and destroy it before it's too late.

Well, after getting up the courage to face this nightmare, I was able to get to the root of it in a very short time. At first I found it somewhat difficult to believe. Or should I say difficult to accept. They say that seeing is believing. I was seeing it all along but couldn't accept it. But now it's evident and there's nothing you can do to defend yourself other than accepting this fact and start doing something to correct this nightmare you have created.

There were only two bodies who could have been caused the nightmare. The administration was the first I chose to investigate. I started at the top watching them very

closely and then going to them and seeing how they felt and just what they are doing to keep the finger from being pointed at them. They proved themselves worthy of the jobs they held. But could do more if they had the support from the ones they are working for. In a sense the ones who made it possible for them to have the jobs they held.

At first I didn't understand what they meant but then I realized that I was one of those who they work for. But I'm not one of those who they speak of and will explain.

I came to FSU with the intention of getting my fellow Broncos enthused as I am about seeing changes come to past. Number one is seeing the FSU family unified. The part I'm illustrating in trying to establish unity, may be evident to you and may not be. I became President of the Sophomore class because I felt I could set off some sparks which might be caught by fellow Broncos and start some kind of positive action. I called the first class meeting and out of four hundred and some Sophomores, only a mere twenty-five came. Homecoming was only a week away. And it was too late to get a float for Miss Sophomore. But a concerned few tried to raise the money for the float anyway. We were determined to be represented in the Homecoming activities, at any cost. Well, we didn't raise enough for the float and it was said that no Queens would be able to ride in cars. But thanks to the chairman of the Homecoming activities, who saw we really were trying but could not get the support we needed in order to get the float sympathized with us and gave us permission to enter Miss Sophomore in a car. This is not really half of the disappointment we encountered during Homecoming week.

Shortly after Homecoming passed, we started right out to prepare for Christmas and the beginning of the second semester. We sponsored a charity dance for the needy. The price of admission was only a can of food. About thirty students took part in this effort to help the needy. So you can see how much of a success it was. When it came time to distribute the food we received, a different approach was taken. So, I thought, why not adopt a family and help

them all through the year? I called a class meeting to get the feeling of the class, as to how they felt about adopting a family. This was the same night I wanted to begin preparing a program for the FSU family on the various things which I found that we as a class don't even have. Only one showed for the meeting except the usual concerned persons.

At that moment I made the decision to adopt the family by myself. Because I want to help and I don't need anyone else in order for me to do something which I felt needed to be done. Maybe I could get someone to open his or her eyes and see what we could do if we had the interest to do.

Well, the cat is out of the bag now. But if you still can't see it then check this out.

The SGA has called around three student body meetings. At the first meeting precisely thirty-five students participated out of the entire student body. The second meeting resulted in the same situation. But the third, oddly enough had more participation. But the meeting was a heated one, as I'm sure you are already aware of. Whenever there's a dance or block show everyone goes raining, sleeting or snowing, it doesn't matter, you still turn out by the load. More concerned over social affairs than over academic affairs.

It makes me wonder if you really know the purpose and meaning of "Higher Education". Or why you really came to this higher institution of learning.

Yes brothers and sisters, you have created the "FSU Nightmare". In more specific terms, the lack of concern or "apathy".

Just as one of our local black leaders said on January 15, 1975, we the younger generation, are the guilty ones for all the racism and all the discrimination going on in this state and country.

"It's not too late fellow Broncos! Martin Luther King, Jr., had a dream. I have a dream and it is unity. Unity among our black people. And the only way to begin to establish unity, is to destroy, the FSU Nightmare -- "Apathy".

Thank You
A Fellow Bronco
Soph. Class President
Willard Wyatt Bass Jr.

VOICE ENDORSES

The VOICE has endorsed Monte Baker, Clararene Jacobs, and Anita Davis in the upcoming student elections.

Monte Baker is a candidate for the office of the student government; Clararene Jacobs is running for "Miss Fayetteville State University"; and Anita Davis is a candidate for the office of Vice-President of the student government association.

A brief rundown of their credentials is as follows:

Monte Baker -- Native of Laurinburg, N.C., 20 years old, member of the choir and young people leader in Methodist church in Laurinburg, was president of 1800 student body high school his senior year, also junior class president in high school, played basketball three years

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter is written in reference to the Voice Advisor, Mr. John B. Henderson.

I find him to be kind to those in trouble, sympathetic to those in need, and firm with those who are awkward.

He, I found, was born under the sign of Aquarius; thus, he has become a successful man, but a man deeply committed to his work.

He is presently director of Public Relations, Advisor to the VOICE, and university photographer. Besides these duties, he teaches classes in the area of sociology at FSU. Yes, this remarkable man does all these things.

Personally, I feel that we are fortunate indeed to have him among us here at Fayetteville State University.

However, some students don't give him the recognition he deserves. So I say to you BRONCOS: LET'S SUPPORT HIM! In the meantime, Mr. Henderson is a devoted husband to his wife, Gwen, and their daughter, Joye.

I, for one, hope that Mr. Henderson will have many, many fruitful years at Fayetteville State University.

Sincerely,
Shelia Bryant
Sophomore

In response to Milton Yarboro's article in the January issue of the VOICE, I would like to express the following response:

A lot of students at Fayetteville State University including myself are wasting our minds. We know we have things to do, but we would rather stand on the block and shoot the jive with the boys instead of doing something constructive.

One of my instructors told me that, "Bluffing and cheating are two early signs of failure in life. There will come a time when you will have to know what you are doing instead of trying to fool someone and deprive yourself of the essentials of life."

Studying is a very good thing if it is done correctly. Sometimes we want to study but we can't get our minds to function in the right direction. Our mind is on the party down the street or the dudes getting high upstairs. Studying can get us an "A" but we're satisfied with a "C".

Knowing the wrong is only a small step. Doing something about it is the big leap. I have made tremendous progress in my study habits, but nevertheless, I still plan to improve myself.

Roosevelt Fort

**CONGRATULATIONS!!
VOICE ADVISOR**

A High Point paper recently featured the advisor to the VOICE, John B. Henderson. THE TRIBUNAL AID is a black newspaper which serves High Point and neighboring cities for a twenty-five mile radius.

Henderson, Assistant Professor of Department of Sociology, and director of Public Relations and Publications here at Fayetteville State has initiated numerous stories, pictures and cutlines featured in THE TRIBUNAL AID.

He is a man of many attributes, who deserves our recognition as well. His contributions to the VOICE could never be reprised. The VOICE salutes Mr. John Baxter Henderson.

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