

Editorials

Does anyone really care about whether students are informed about certain events or situations which occur on this campus? Just how freely is information disseminated?

The Voice, working with a staff of sixteen students out of over 2,000, (all of whom are full-time students, work part-time jobs and/or have family obligations) is making a determined effort to put out a campus newspaper which is largely informative. Under these conditions, minor mistakes are bound to be made. There are no excuses offered, but only a pledge to try harder for perfection.

Still, information from *The Voice* probably reaches more students than the small sheets of paper or even posters scattered around campus. It would seem as if information, policies and procedures from faculty, staff, administration, and student organizations would be pouring into the newspaper office, right?

Wrong! While some press releases are received, information and changes in procedure which directly affect students are gathered by checking out rumors and/or student complaints. And checking out information is often a situation of hearing "Don't quote me" about the simplest information, meeting with hostility before any questions can be asked, and sometimes being faced with plain old rude refusals to comment.

Yes, reporters dig. They are supposed to. But why do so many people who are in positions to clarify and inform appear to have something to hide?

And why, if those same people are so concerned about students getting erroneous information from *The Voice*, don't those same people initiate contact with the newspaper to correct errors, thereby joining *The Voice* in doing the best possible job in keeping students informed.

It's good to score but it's better if the team wins.

Black Females

By Emanuel Vaughn, Jr.

Since the days of slavery, black women have shown that they can adapt to any situation and fill any bill. Therefore, it is not surprising to find a black woman fulfilling the roles of an executive and parent. Many times the black woman's capability to seemingly progress further than her male counterpart is used as a tool to deepen the anxieties already present between our people.

Many black men feel very threatened to find a black women "In Charge" and refuse to cooperate with her. If every black man would look at his own life he would probably find that there has always been a dominate black female in his life. This dominate female has probably been his mother. So, it seems ironic to see black men feel very resentful toward black female leaders. For the most part, black mothers have done one hell of a job in preparing their children for the real world. Almost all black men will agree that their mother's were fantastic. If you don't believe that, just try talking negatively about any black man's mother. Good luck!

But "sisters" if you are one of the black women who find yourself in charge, don't overwork the cliché "If you've got it, flaunt it" because this will only create greater tension that may already exist. And what the "brothers" need to do is support their talented sisters no matter what position they may hold and learn to be proud of our successes and our failures, together.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I conferred with past-editor, Mrs. J. Stewart in reference to a submitted article for publication; however, the article did not meet her approval. The article was pertinent, in that it high-lighted a school function, the Freshmen Talent Show.

Since then, I have personally interviewed some of the contestants that were in the talent show, and I am prepared to submit a rough draft of the interview for publication.

According to Mrs. Stewart, the first submitted draft was too wordy and somewhat trivial.

The question comes to mind, 'What does the editor's office consider wordy and trivial (irrelevant)?' The wordiness of the article did not compare to the article on Studio 105 and the Spectrum and it was relevant in that it treated in a praise-worthy and essential fashion, the essence of the Freshmen Talent Show.

I understood the message in the article concerned with Studio 105 and the Spectrum, but I hardly doubt that a school function is of less importance.

I would appreciate a more realistic evaluation of the situation.

Respectfully,
Woody Graham

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to part one of Dr. Manning Marable's article, "The Black Elite-VS-Reaganism." "Were I a student at FSU, I would take everything," Dr. Marable says with agrain of salt. The good doctor is a part of that singular elite of black Americans that is determined to carry on a flirtation with Marxism.



Fayetteville State is a fine institution of learning built with the cooperation of both whites and blacks of all classes. There is no need for a student at FSU to waste his or her valuable time with the class struggle of which Dr. Marable is so enamored. I believe America (today) offers any black willing to pay the price in hard work and determination the opportunity to achieve upward mobility. Dr. Marable is a great admirer of W.E. Dubois whose stellar work for civil rights was blurred beyond further visibility when he became ardent Communist in 1961 and apted for revolutionary tactics rather than working through the system.

So I would not dismiss so lightly the disparaging remarks concerning economist and sociologist Tom Sowell, whose myth-breaking books about black America have been attacked so viciously not only by the black elite but by hard-line liberal whites as well. Sowell believes and preaches unceasingly that the key to breaking the cycle of poverty is hard work, family stability and faith in God. I'd go along with that, having experienced it myself and I would recommend that Sowell's "Say's Law and Classical Economics Reconsidered" be recommended reading for a black college student.

Sincerely yours,
Paul T. Callahan

From the Grassroots

The Black Elite VS. Reaganism:

Quixotic Search For Economic Alternatives

(Editor's Note: This is the final part of a two-part series by Dr. Manning Marable.)

Many Black Reaganites have not rescended their unqualified endorsements of Ronald Reagan. In October, 1980, two important aides of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., supported Reagan--the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy and Georgia State Rep. (D) Hosea Williams. Williams justified his support for Reagan because "the mounting KKK's violent activities against blacks all across the country" were indirectly a product of the Carter Administration. Appearing with South Carolina segregationist Strom Thurmond, in December, 1980, Williams and Abernathy announced that they were "for the Republican platform" and backed bizarre suggestion that Thurmond serve as "a liason officer between Republicans on behalf of minorities." As loyal members of what one journalist termed "Strom Thurmond's Black Kitchen Cabinet," Williams and Abernathy received a "letter of introduction" from Reagan for a Black trade mission to Japan in June, 1982. Williams and Abernathy met with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Japanese business leaders "to promote Japanese investments in the U.S. by offering tax incentives to businesses that invest in joint Japanese-Afro-American ventures." The 17-day trade mission sparked some "interest and curiosity" among Japanese corporations, who admitted that they had "never considered establishing a joint-venture factor in the U.S. with either black or white businessmen." The entire effort may

have been futile, however, because upon Williams' return he was sentenced to serve one year in a Georgia penitentiary for numerous traffic violations and for fleeing the scene of an accident in 1981.

The economic initiatives of Black managers in the private sector have ranged from "conservative" to simply absurd. A good representative of their tendency is Joe Black, a Vice President of the Greyhound Corporation. Black condemned unemployed Black youth for not understanding the "thrust of the Civil Rights Movement," in July, 1982. "Too many of them have chosen to be guided by emotion and want to believe that it was to prove that Black can beat White or mistakenly thinking that we were to receive something just because we're Black." In Black's opinion, it was time for "Black adults" to "have the intestinal fortitude to tell youthful Blacks that they are spending too much time worrying about thw rod--'racism.' When we were young, we called it 'prejudice,' 'segregation,' and 'jim crow,' but we did not spend our time worrying about it." Racism was not the reason that Black unemployment was at an all-time high. "Too often Black college students select 'sop' courses rather than those studies that will make them competitive in today's labor market." Like Thomas Sowell and other Black conservative economists, Black suggested that Blacks' ignorance and inadequate training were to blame for their lack of employment opportunities.

What almost no civil rights leader, corporate manager or politician from

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