

## Can You Hang?

By GENEVIEVE M. JONES

Mr. Benjamin S. Ruffin, an Administrative Assistant to the Governor of North Carolina, spoke at the Rudolph Jones Lecture Series, Tuesday, November 30, at 2:00 pm.

Mr. Ruffin spoke on the subject, "Can You Hang?" which was a message to challenge the students of FSU to stay in school and pursue all goals in life. He informed the audience of some statistics of the lacked percentage blacks have accomplished in the business, political, and educational fields today. Mr. Ruffin's speech was very inspiring. There may come a time when you may feel like quitting, but Mr. Ruffin encourages the students to hang on in all situations, no matter how rough times may get.



Benjamin S. Ruffin (Photo by John Henderson)

## Essence Magazine Surveys Black Women

New York, N.Y.-- A recent survey on the attitudes of black woman indicates that, despite the unique social and economic difficulties they face as a group, they are more determined than ever to find fulfillment in their careers and personal relationships.

These findings appear in the December issue of *ESSENCE* magazine and are based on the results of a questionnaire published in the magazine in February of this year. The editors of *ESSENCE*, which has a monthly readership of over two million black woman, developed the survey with the assistance of clinical psychologist, Dr. Mari Saunders. More than 25,000 responses were received and they were tabulated by the marketing and research firm of Leslie A. Riffkin and Associates.

Titled "How Are You Feeling?" the survey probed readers on 41 questions covering their financial status, professional ambitions, self-image, and feelings about their friends, family and future.

The results contained some unexpected answers. For example, while more than half said that relief from financial pressures would improve the quality of their lives, less than 1 percent felt that more money alone would bring them happiness.

Over 70 percent found their responsibilities as mothers made them "a stronger person," and over half want their men to share the duties of child-rearing.

More than 25 percent reported that their work was "very rewarding in many ways." This figure jumped to over 40 percent for those who are 35 and older. Just as many said that their job was "all right, but I'm looking for something better." This would indicate that despite the limited opportunities for black

women in the current job market, they are more willing to seek long range satisfaction in their careers, than to stick it out with unfulfilling jobs.

In questioning black women about their self-image, 50 percent or more considered themselves to be capable, trusting, attractive, ambitious and confident. What can these positive attitudes be attributed to? "largely our history," wrote *ESSENCE* executive editor, Audrey Edwards in summarizing the responses. "We have a tradition of overcoming obstacles and winning against the odds. Apparently we have internalized these strengths and now know that we can skillfully play with just about any hand that modern life deals us."

This survey marks the first time that a large group of black women were asked to explore and express their feelings on a number of emotional issues. It suggests that black women are in transition and seem more willing than ever to take personal responsibility for the quality of their lives.

*ESSENCE*, now in its thirteenth year of publishing, is one of the fastest growing women's magazines in the United States, and has a monthly circulation of 700,000 and over 2.7 million readers.

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## "Inside the SGA"

By ISAIHAH REED

Being president of the Student Government Association is no easy job. The job comes complete with lots of hard work, frustrations, and long hours. And SGA President, Jerry R. Beatty, has found he is no exception to the rule.

The SGA has already set goals. "Our goals are to improve the traditional events such as Martin Luther King's birthday, Black History Month, Homecoming and Fall Convocation. We would also like to improve the relationship between students and administration", says Jerry.

The SGA has many projects that need support from the students. One such project is the Endowment Fund. Jerry says, "Participation is not as great as I had anticipated. The financial goal of the Endowment Fund Raising is \$50,000."

Things are not as easy as they may seem. The SGA has come across a number of problems. "Our biggest problem is obtaining use of certain facilities such as the swimming pool and the gym."

Since the holidays are near, Jerry was asked about his holiday greeting to student body. "I would simply like to wish the FSU family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

## Don't take first rate

Campus Digest News Service

For those college students planning to fly home for the upcoming holidays, a word of warning. Don't rely on what you're told is the cheapest air fare.

The ever-changing schedules of the airlines, plus all the temporary cost-cutting fares are a headache to agents. A sampling of 3 calls to one airline can result in 3 different fares being quoted, each as the "lowest possible fare."

The only way to protect yourself from paying a higher ticket price than necessary is to spend some time calling several times and several airlines before settling on your trip. The frustration and time spent doing research could result in a savings of several hundred dollars.

## George Wallace from pg. 2

If it is possible to say anything positive about the Wallace legacy in Alabama, one must admit that his administration carried out substantial liberal socio-economic reforms in the state. Compared to the "New South" governor of Georgia, Jimmy Carter, Wallace was far more progressive. In ten years, he established 14 new junior colleges, 15 trade schools, and greatly expanded the size of Alabama's social services to the poor. By 1976 the proportion of the state's labor force employed by state government and social service programs was 34 percent, the second highest ratio in the U.S. Wallace's advocacy of social spending was a key factor in the 1982 election.

But a more disturbing issue remains. While in office, Wallace inspired a reign of lynchings, murders, and police brutality against blacks. His epigones raped and bludgeoned blacks with legal impunity, in the name of white supremacy. In a very real sense, Wallace is responsible for the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham in 1963, which killed four little black girls. After all the human sufferings, Wallace stands before the black electorate, asking for the remission of his bloody crimes.

As heirs to a rich tradition of black faith and forgiveness, black Alabamians should have replied: "Yes, we can forgive you. And to show you commitment to us, we will allow you to sweep the streets of Birmingham's black community. Or raise money for a black school; or work as an orderly in a rural black hospital. We forgive you, but under no conditions will we entrust you with our votes. Never again will you be allowed to occupy the most minor position of civil authority over our lives. We can forgive: but we will never forget."

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Twenty-three students will be selected by an advisory committee to participate in a living-learning internship in North Carolina state government directed by the Institute of Government. The Institute of Government Interns will work from May 31 through August 5.

Students will work 40 hours each week in a responsible position in a state department, participate in evening educational seminars and be paid approximately \$150 per week.

Students interested in the program should secure a brochure announcing the program and a State of North Carolina application form from their college or university placement office or local job Service office. A brief description of possible internships are available in college placement offices.

Students interested in the Institute of Government program should mail an application to the Institute of Government, Knapp Building 059A, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27514 by February 11, 1983.

Applicants will be accepted without respect to race, sex, color, national origin, religion, or handicap.

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