

EDITORIALS

Now that the SGA elections are over and the candidates have been selected for various official positions most voters whose candidates were not elected and the unelected candidates themselves will drop out of sight.

It's amazing to see all of the new faces during election time suddenly and boldly step up to students and say something like "Hello, my name is... and I'm running for...and I would appreciate your vote." Students should ask themselves where were these people before election time? If you really want to see where a candidate's heart is, watch him/her after the elections are concluded. Those who win will most likely be allowed to forget the promises they made while those who lose will probably become a silent voice in the masses and not even attempt

to get any of their ideas across.

The mistakes that most voters make is thinking that their responsibility ends once they vote. The truth of the matter is that the responsibility of the voter never ends as long as there are candidates to vote for and/or elected officials to monitor.

Once the challenge to vote has been met, the remaining challenge is to participate and demand that the SGA functions in the way most desired by the student body.

The Voice intends to uphold its responsibility to its reader by keeping them abreast of both the progresses and failure of the SGA. *The Voice* staff hopes the student body meets the final challenge by expressing its feeling and by using its SGA and school's newspaper.

Dear Editor

Thanks very much for coming out to vote in the recent election, especially for voting me into office as Business Manager for Fayetteville State University's Student Government Association (1983-1984). I really appreciate your vote.

By voting for me, I believe you really want changes and progress in the Student Government but I can not do it alone. I must have your cooperation.

Therefore, I sincerely hope you will cooperate and work with me in harmony in order for me to keep the promises I made to you.

Furthermore, I want to take this opportunity to thank the chairperson and members of the election board for the magnanimous job they did for the fruitful outcome of the selections.

Once again thank you for your vote. God bless you all.

Enitan A. Kalejaiye
Business Manager (elect)

Dear Editor

Most of the students at FSU do not know who their class presidents are. This could be because the candidates are not making themselves visible to their classmates, or no one is really concerned. For those who are concerned, listed below are the class presidents of the 1982-83 year.

Senior Class: Kaye Simmons - Junior Class: Darryl Murray - Sophomore Class: Mark Evans - Freshmen Class: Michael Gaddy.

Sincerely,
Isaiah Reed

Working Together

By Marion Crowe, Vice President - Elect - SGA

I would like to suggest to all of the students and organizations of Fayetteville State University that our new resolution and our motto for the school year '83 and '84 will be "working together." Working together simply means that each of us is part of a larger team of students working to accomplish a common goal. To be effective, the students of Fayetteville State University, like any other large organization, must pull together. To have an effective team or government, there have to be a number of ingredients. First of all, there have to be clearly established goals. Secondly, there needs to be an effective communication of these goals to all members of the government. Thirdly, the members of the team need to understand their tasks: how those tasks fit into the overall plan; and how the other components of the organization or government fit in. Finally, each task has to be coordinated with every other task.

The responsibility for setting overall

goals and priorities rest with the Student Government. As Vice President, I have the responsibility of assisting the President and the Senate in setting goals. Each of you has a role in seeing to it that your elected officials accomplish the goals established by the students.

Although each of us have our own views or goals, no organization can be truly effective unless what it does fits in with the larger picture. We all have a common responsibility to accomplish the goals of the school. We must work together to accomplish the same goals, and when we do work together, we will then reinforce each other.

I want to work with the students to accomplish a common goal. That common goal is the betterment of Fayetteville State University. As Vice President, I will do my best to represent you to the fullest in all matters concerning your interest. Again I would like to thank you for your support in the recent elections.



Justice In The Courts For Blacks

By James Jones, Jr.

It has become extremely observant, of fragrant injustices in the courts pertaining to court decisions handed down to Blacks in the sentencing process throughout the United States. Judges seem to have a pre-biased attitude prior to hearing the cases put before them--concerning Blacks, and other minorities. I realize that no one of law abiding mind, can or will condone criminal activity of any nature. The concern is that equitable consideration be given to all cases, whether they be Black, White, Indian, or any other human being who happened to step over the line of the law. But we of intelligent thinking can not possibly perceive that judges, with the wicked power of one's life and future, can have enough thought of what effect their personal thinking of those that come before them will have on the court system in total disregard for the fair administration of that which have been entrusted to them.

A judgeship is a powerful office, both financially and political. In any case, they are there to carry out their duties as fair and impartial as possible and not out of personal hatred or prejudged observation. I guess that is why they have judges sitting high on the bench, so that the powerless people before them can look up to them, waiting for the worst, and in most cases Blacks get the worst.

This brings me to the point of psychological offense, that's right! Psychological offense, attack the situation which is obviously defenseless, with an offensive approach of courtesy to the judge.

Here are a few offensive approaches:

1. Dress conservatively;
2. Try to be positive in your speech;
3. Do not show a negative attitude;
4. Stand erect; have poise;
5. Do not use slang, for example, "Yeah's and No's;"
6. Use "Yes, your honor, or Yes sir;"
7. Do not have gum in mouth;
8. Do not look at the judge with a "Don't give a damn attitude;"
9. Consult with your lawyer if you

have one;

10. And most of all, be apologetic; show some concern for the situation that you are in;

After all you are at the mercy of the courts!

President Speaks

Fellow Classmates Graduating Seniors.

This message is sent to you for information purposes; your concerns are also my concerns, therefore the registrar's office so graciously helped in furnishing this reminder to us in meeting graduating requirements.

1. Check to see if your name is on the print out in front of the registrars office.

2. If it is * Asterisked, check with Ms. Person to insure material is in.

3. No one will be permitted to march, unless ALL grades and material are in.

These helpful tips to those of us who are in doubt. This will also alleviate doubt as to your graduating status at this time.

Good luck to all of you in your final weeks of academic achievements. Please be reminded of your class meeting on April 14, 1983 at 2:00 P.M., Multi-Purpose Room Student Center, Mrs. Jeanette Council, National President of The Fayetteville State Alumni Association has been asked to address us on this date. Let us show her, that as Alumnus, we are ready and prepared to join the ranks of the National Alumni.

Kaye Simmons
President, Senior Class 82-83

Stage Crew Bring Red Ryder Home

By Marion Crowe

The smoldering Moffitt thriller "When You Comin' Back Red Ryder" left the audience throbbing with suspense. Although the audience