

# EDITORIALS

No matter how the student body or the administration at FSU feels about the present SGA president, the truth of the matter is that Mr. Coleman is the SGA President for the 1983-84 academic year. So far, many students have come to the "Voice" office expressing their dissatisfaction with everything from Coleman's neglect in informing his executive branch of plans already administered to his poor taste in dress while taking official photographs. I'm not sure how many people have expressed these feelings to Coleman but if enough of the student body would express this to him, I'm sure he'd conform to student demands. Seemly, too many students are afraid of Mr. Coleman and therefore would much rather talk about these and other things behind his back instead of confronting him.

As editor of the "Voice" I've had the opportunity to confront Mr. Coleman as friend and foe and I can assure that there is no reason to fear him. Remember that he is working to please the student body and it is the students who should be feared. Regardless of what is thought of Mr. Coleman, he is ambitious and a leader who honestly cares about this university.

These qualities will be best used only if FSU students tell Coleman what they want him to do. If not, Coleman will do exactly what he wants to do which may or may not prove to be for the betterment of the university.

Presently, Coleman is screaming for the help of the student body He needs to read our letters, receive our phone calls and see our faces in every issue he is confronted with. For once, lets be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Not to be one to say I told you so but our newly elected officials are already failing to do what they promised to do during the election campaign. There have been four formal events on the university's campus during the month of May and the only representatives from the newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) present were the vice president and the business manager.

The events in question were the retirement of Mrs. Arneha Robinson, The Little Miss Fayetteville State University Pageant, Fayetteville State University's Commencement Ceremony and the Alumni Convocation.

Present at Dean Robinson's retirement banquet were the vice president and the business manager. At the other university affairs again the only representative's from the SGA were the vice president and the business manager.

I realize that final examinations and preparations for leaving school for the summer were under way but this is not an acceptable excuse. If two of our elected officials can find the time to attend these affairs, then the other officials can make the time in their schedule. In addition, two of the officials live in the Fayetteville/Cape Fear community. The conduct of our newly elected officials is unacceptable to date and I am wondering if this is an indication of things to come.

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Dear Friend:

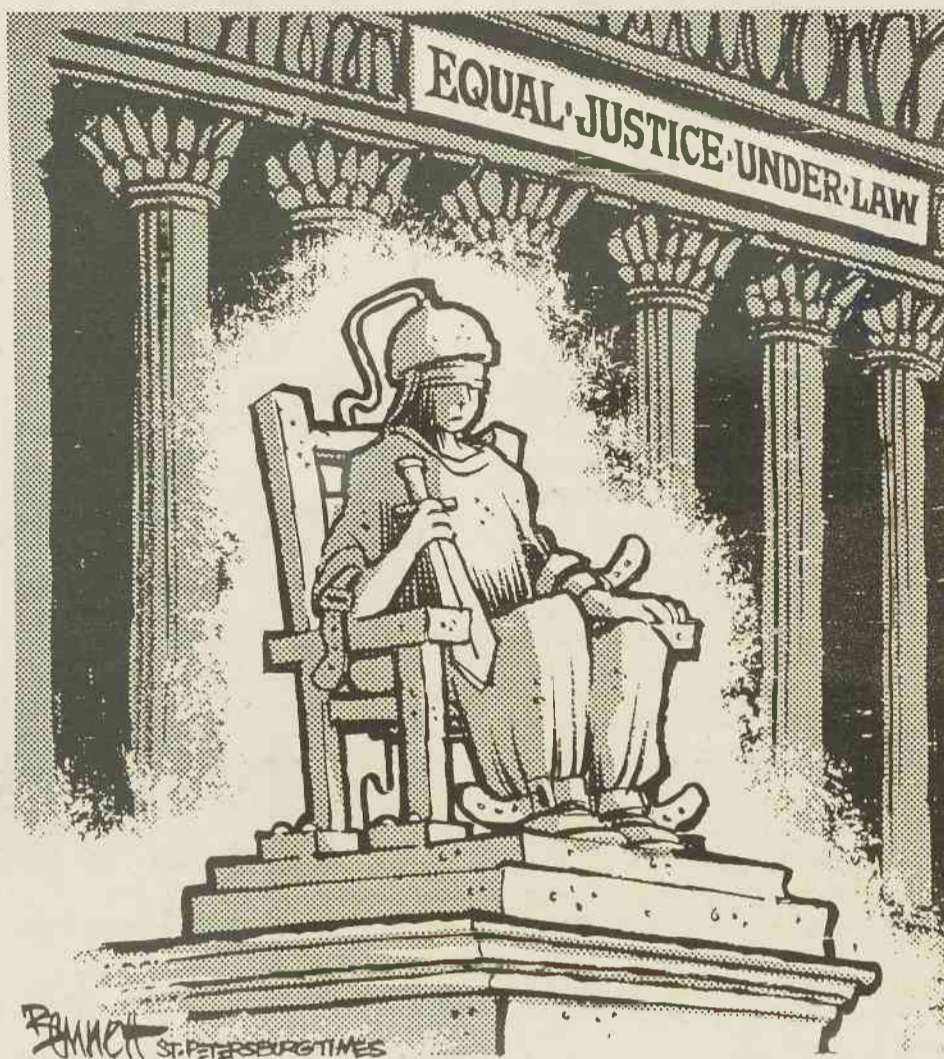
This open letter to the press marks the beginning of an activist role, which the 7th District Republican Party will begin engaging marked by the election April 20th of Ed Johnson as its new district chairman.

Events are developing throughout the district on an almost daily basis which is the greatest opportunity for the Republican Party as never before. An example would be the historic election of Colletta Faulk the first Republican in 100 years and the first Woman ever as a Columbus County Commissioner. I

think the real message from the people is that they are sick and tired of the abuses of power intrusted to the local Democratic politicians as is evidenced in the Colcor and Gateway Investigations, Indictments, and Convictions. The polls indicate that the local Democratic politicians are being perceived as very negative by the electorate. Other indictments and other county investigations will certainly enhance the opportunity for growth of the Republican Party. The second place where the Republican Party has potential gain is to link the State Democrats like Jim Hunt, Charlie Rose, and Local elected Democrats to the very Liberal National Democratic Committee. I would think that most Democrats from the 7th District of North Carolina would be opposed to "their party" forming and endorsing a Homosexual Caucus. I would suggest that the Press ask Governor Hunt and Congressman Rose if they favor having our children taught in the Public Schools by a self professed homosexual as their party has endorsed. On the majority of the issues today the Republican Party is correctly being perceived as taking the conservative position while the Democrats both on a Local and National level are seen as very Liberal.

Finally, with the economy rebuilding because of the favorable impact of Reaganomics the potential for a Republican landslide from the Court House to the White House exists for 1984 just like 1972. Nationally, the Democrats will run a liberal like Walter Mondel against the conservative Ronald Reagan. Jesse Helms and Jim Hunt's race will be even with no coattail for either side. The Democratic nomination for governor will be the weakest in a generation... There is reason for optimism in the GOP camp!

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## The Military Isn't The Only Way

Every year, people say the same things about graduation: Graduation is a time of promise, they say. It is a rite of passage, marking seniors' passing from adolescence with their families to adulthood and independence. It is a celebration of growing up. Graduation is also a time of decision-making. For many, it will be the beginning of a life of their own, made by their own thinking and their own decisions.

Then there are things that people sometimes don't say at graduation-for instance, that graduation is also a little scary. Because with independence and the ability to make decisions, comes responsibility. We have to decide what we really want, what is important to us. We have to make choices based on those decisions and live with their consequences. The more responsibility each of us is given at graduation, the bigger and probably scarier the decisions we will have to make afterward.

All of this is true, in a general way. But it is also true in one specific, immediate way. All men are required to register for the draft within 30 days of their 18th birthday. All men turning 18-many of them high school seniors-must think about what registration for a draft means, and make their decisions accordingly.

The Selective Service System knows that 18th birthdays, like graduation, are a celebration of growing up and taking on responsibility. So their recent advertisement for registration reads, "Aaron, Mike, William and Raul grew up today. They registered."

The message is clear: you become a man by doing what is required of you and registering for the draft. Period. No questions asked. However, a truer sign of adulthood- of independence and

responsibility-is to think of yourself. Why a registration? What would a draft mean? What kind of war would such a draft probably be for? Could I fight in such a war?

Many young people faced with registration decide that they could not fight in a war. They may object to all wars now that there are nuclear weapons. They may object to all violence, including killing. Or they may oppose any war which the United States could conceivably be involved in, such as wars in the Third World. These young people consider themselves conscientious objectors (COs), and may apply for official CO status from the government if there is a draft. Many of these war objectors are women, because Congress could pass a law at any time extending the draft to women.

Some people of registration age, after thinking out their feelings about war, decide that they are COs and register, writing, "I am a conscientious objector to war in any form" on their registration form-though this does not guarantee them CO status. Others, deciding they are COs, feel they cannot participate in any preparation for war and thus cannot register for the draft, though this means breaking the law.

Others of registration age will decide they feel war is justifiable and will register. But they, too, will have thought it through and made their own decision.

Graduation-from either high school or college-poses other questions that are both promising and a little scary. Probably the biggest is work: How can I find a job?

Here, too, the military offers easy answers. Now, when unemployment is at its highest since World War II, many young men and women, desperate for a