

What's Wrong With FSU

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I took a long look at the problems that seem to be addressed to me from the Students of the university and asked "What is wrong with FSU students?" It took a long time for me to figure the problem because of the differentiation of students.

There are students here that do care, but they are out numbered by those who don't. The students that request the most from the leadership in Student Government are those who don't care. They expect the Student Government to satisfy their every wish, yet they don't or won't attempt to help the Student Government accomplish their desire.

After realizing this, I tried to figure out why? My conclusion was that there is no pride in the students toward the university, and then I realized something even stronger. There is no pride in the students themselves. I know some who read this article may disagree, but once he evaluates the rest of the article, he will begin to see even himself without the pride.

PRIDE is defined in Webster's 1983 edition as a proper respect for oneself; a sense of one's own dignity or worth; self respect. With this in mind I sought signs that these attributes were in the students of FSU. I examined the turnout of students at the Sickie Cell Fund Raising Dance on Sept. 2, the attendance of students at the first home game, or even the amount of litter found around dorms.

Consequently, these and other signs showed that the students at FSU lack a considerable amount of pride and as a student leader, it hurt my pride. I feel that my job is to help the Student Government re-establish or establish that pride that is missing.

My first goal is to inform you, the student, that your lack of pride is reflecting not only upon my vision, but those of the people in the administration, community, and state. You would think that we were mature enough to correct these things without having such items exposed in this school paper.

However, my second goal is to help and in doing this I must say this. If the previously mentioned signs show the whole story then the real story says that you the student don't have any pride in yourselves, which saddens me. It means that you don't respect yourselves, it means that you don't care about even your own self. This shows and should make you feel ashamed.

Some of you may feel that I'm beyond myself in judging you in this manner, but I'm only expressing what is shown. If I, your leader, see things in this light, what do you think others think of us. What I really am doing is pleading with you to help fix our problem.

Some of the solutions to establishing a proper respect for oneself, giving one a sense of one's own worth, or self-respecting yourself are harder to acquire than the ease of losing pride. It is hard to force one's self to

give more than others wish to give. It's hard to tell friends you can't do this or that because it's wrong, because everyone wants to be a part of the gang. However, when the gang is non-productive and you are a part of it, then you are non-productive.

It takes a strong person to tell another not to litter your dorm area, but if it were your front porch or living room at home, you would want to fight someone littering. Believe it or not, this institution is your home away from home and if you can allow people to abuse it, I will hate to see what you let them do to your real home.

It takes hard work to help the Student Government function to satisfy so many students from all kinds of backgrounds, but the Creator gave all of us the ability to do our fair shares, and to no fault of the Creator, he gave us all the right to decide our own course of destiny. When you can't make yourself give what you have been blessed with to help your fellow man, then you are cursing the Creator.

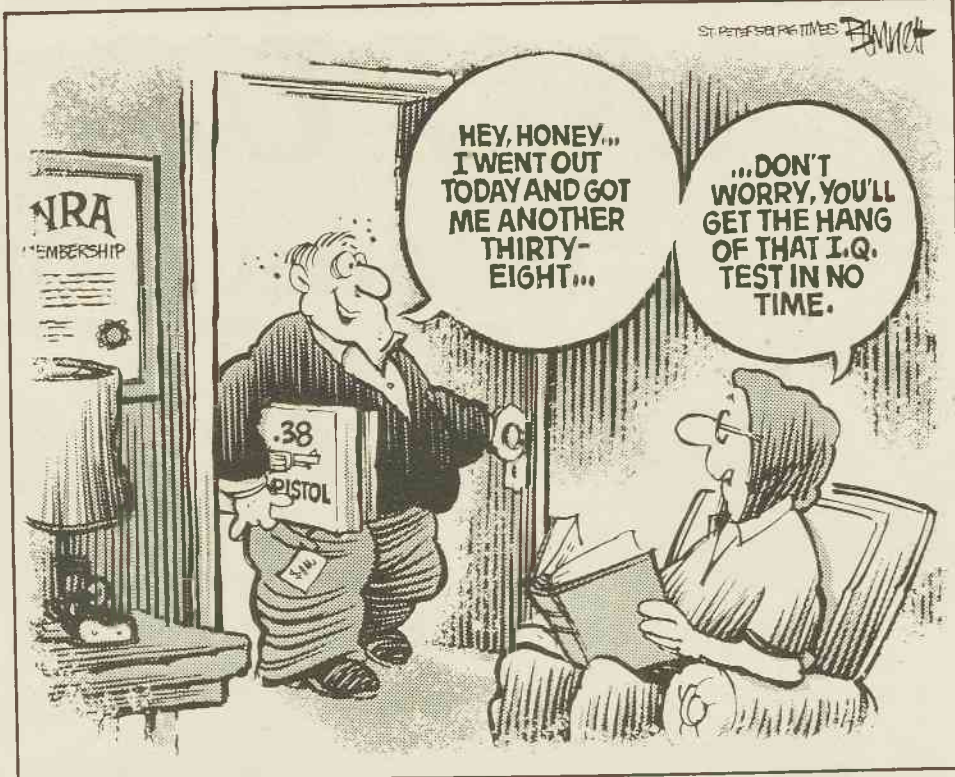
When you can separate yourself from the bad elements that live in this world, you have begun to establish some pride. When you can speak out to the so-called "cool fool" and show that stupidity does not accomplish anything but failure, then you are giving a show of pride. When you can stand up for the thing you believe in when others just don't care, then you are establishing self-esteem.

Pride is something that can't be bought or sold. You must dig deep to get it out of the depths of the soul, but once you release it, there's no force on earth that can destroy it. Subsequently, this plea to the student body few who know what I'm asking is to request that you help me build, once again, the pride it takes to be a Bronco. As the cheer says "It's so hard to be a Bronco" but it's possible.

If you have any of the pride I'm speaking of don't be afraid to speak out against the wrongs around you, don't be afraid to scold those who seek to damage property of your home, don't be afraid to correct the wrongs of the prideless, and don't be afraid to stand with the others who are too proud to accept you.

As your student leader, I am willing to do whatever is in my power to correct the lack of pride we have in our university. But, this is something that others like myself must decide they have and give to save the pride our university has traditionally attained. If you are such a person, separate yourself from those so called "good for nothing" friends that don't care and come assist in the rebuilding of pride. You chose FSU for one reason or another, but it will take much more to make it a home away from home.

Once again, if you think you have pride in yourself and you care about yourself then participate in all aspects of the institution; be it your class organization, fraternity, sorority, or club organization. If you aren't a member, become one. Somewhere there's a place for you to show your pride and strut your stuff as a proud FSU BRONCO.



The Decline Of The Black Mind

Preston Imhotep Barnes

One wise man said "the race is not to the swift, but he who can endure the ignorance of his people." The people that he was referring to is the Black man and woman of North America. We are here, in 1983, doing the same things that we stopped doing in the 60's, and fought hard to keep away. Our hairstyles are dictated to us by people who care nothing about us. Our love for self and our community has been changed to love for the world. I hear us say, "I love everybody," then I will say God does not love everybody. Does he love the devil? What about the Sodomites whom he destroyed? He didn't love them, did he?

In *The Voice* issue (Volume 37, Number 7, April 23, 1983, page 3) I started on the subject of the women. Our sisters make our brothers think on the level that do us all harm. The clothes that a woman wears tells us who or what influences her. This tells us who controls her. If she wears revealing clothes this says that there is not a right thinking man in control. I can feel what you're thinking sister so I'll explain what I mean by control in a minute. Now, when a man sees her dressed like this he knows that she is available for him to "crack" or approach. Many times the man is after what he sees. So what he sees is what you get sister. A "behind" chaser, a breast chaser, that's all you get. So when time, and gravity grabs these areas there he goes, off with another young firm foxy lady. Why? Because he was concerned with what you "present" instead of what you "Represent." Here is the woman of God...dealing on this low level. Sisters what keeps a man is what's in the "head" and not in the "bed." So when a man sees a woman covered up, or I should

Reagan Takes Aim At Civil Rights Commission

From *Civil Liberties Alert*

President Reagan has been unable to persuade Congress to cut back on civil rights laws, so now he is trying more surreptitious approaches. His budget would slash the most effective civil rights enforcement programs while, in classic doubletalk, he promises that civil rights will be given a new high priority. Meanwhile, the Labor and Justice Departments have proposed regulations that undermine civil rights statutes (*Alert*, May 1983).

The President's latest gambit is an attack on the Civil Rights Commission, an independent agency founded by Congress in 1957 to conduct studies, evaluate programs and make recommendations to the President and Congress. It has no regulatory or enforcement powers and the only threat it can pose to the White House is to issue critical statements. Now, President Reagan wants to put an end to the embarrassing

say nicely dressed, then he must approach her on a higher level.

CONTROL. This word, or act is necessary for the protection of our women. If I said to a little boy, "son don't go off the front porch" and he stays on the porch then I can protect him. But if he goes off the porch and around the corner, then I can't protect him, because I can't control him. So control is necessary for protection. Well you may say "don't nobody control me," and I look at how you are dressed and say "that's right I see that."

Our sisters let some designer in New York and Paris influence the clothes they wear. When Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and even your husband (if he is right minded) can't even influence you, and these are men who love you. Think about it. Sisters you are responsible for what you attract. Please don't follow these people who mean you no good. Let the white woman go right ahead but you stay clear, strong and think for yourself. Shape yourself up and the man will follow. Clean your language up and he will clean up his. Just as the earth's atmosphere burns up the weak particles, you will burn up the low desires and approaches of men toward you.

The Black Woman is the Queen of the Planet. The white woman used the "bustle" under their dresses in order to look like your round behind. This bustle is like a round crate that is under the dress for the purpose of shaping her, in plantation times. If you will just take the lead in your own style and behavior others will follow you. I love you so much that it hurts to tell the truth, but I must.

criticism. On May 25 he fired three commissioners without cause and named three new nominees. Public protest kept the President from circumventing Senate confirmation by making the nominations during the Memorial Day recess. A move is growing to oppose the nominees as a group since the President's action is a direct assault on the statutorily recognized independence of the Commission. In the quarter century since the Commission was created, no President has fired a sitting commissioner. If President Reagan has his way, he will succeed in firing and replacing five out of six commissioners.

The Commission also has a second problem to surmount. Its authorization expires on September 30, 1983 and Congress must enact legislation before then to extend its life. The House Judiciary Committee has finished work on a bill extending the Commission for fifteen years, but the Senate has not taken any action yet.

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