

EDITORIALS

Is "The Voice" a strong force at Fayetteville State University? Naturally the students would consider this source powerful, but it seems unnatural for the Fayetteville State University administrators to treat "The Voice" as if it was the least important source to the entire university.

"The Voice" has been considered to be the voice of the students. Funds were provided from the students when they registered, but lately it seems that the administrators have taken over. The funds for "The Voice" have been cut approximately in half. What happened to the other half of the funds? According to hearsay, Fayetteville State University can not afford to give out large sums of funds, but is it ironic that the president of the Student Government Association can take trips all over the map while a very important source of the student body can not receive supplies?

Due to the cut of funds, "The Voice" has been whispering. During the fall semester of 1983, "The Voice" was only able to produce one publication due to no supplies and other difficulties.

During the year of 1983, "The Voice" was put to silence, but it will never happen again; either "The Voice" speaks for itself, or it will not speak at all!

To Do Or Not To Do

By Preston Imhotep Barnes

That should not be the question...

We seem to be very concerned about our plight or potential progress as people. There is an old illusion which says that after school, we will be in the "real world." This is very misleading. We are in the real world right now! If one commits a crime, one will see what I mean. College students are not exempted from world politics, subliminal television ads, food and gas taxes, or governmental decisions. My point is that what Reverend Jesse Jackson is doing in America today should move us. One should study what is going on concerning our deprived people and gather some common thoughts with actions in order to help Jackson and the rest of us.

History says that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to get us to register to vote. We did not listen to that teacher. Mr. Malcolm X lectured around the country on the "Ballot or the Bullet" which said that we are politically immature and we needed control over our lives. The ballot or the bullet could help do this like America did under her General George Washington, who later became President. The honorable Elijah Muhammad wanted us to "do for self" in a land of our own, which reminds me of the dirt farmers who declared independence from Britain in 1776.

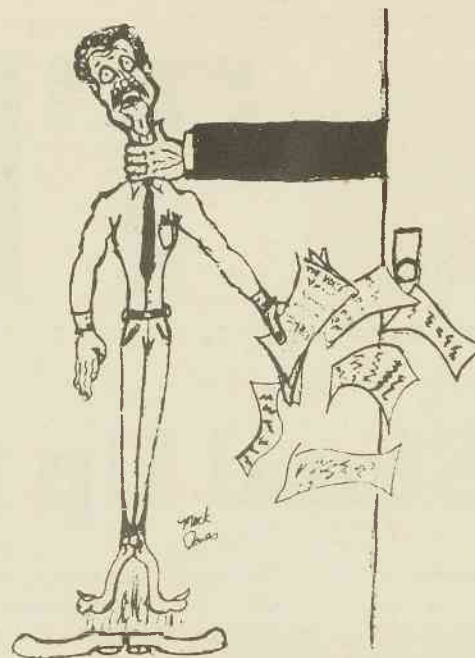
Now the son of a slave wants to be President. He is a product of one of our great teachers. You may say that it is impossible for him to win. But I say to you that the same thing was said to Vanessa Williams, Miss America, and Harold Washington, mayor of Chicago. On Sunday, you hear that "in Christ all things are possible," but yet you say that Jackson can not win. And this brother is a minister! But I should say that it will be hard because you will not register to vote. Even during the time that you spend in the student center you can go right into the main office and register. But no! You're not in the real world yet! You say you want Ronald Reagan and

Jesse Helms out, but you will not register to vote. Why are you fooling yourself? Jesse Helms opposed the Martin Luther King Holiday Bill, to the end and last vote, and told you so! And Helms did not care about what you thought! Either you're a part of the solution or a part of the problem.

In Cumberland County, there are more unregistered black voters than in any other county in North Carolina. In addition to this, North Carolina is the number one state with the highest amount of unregistered. So based on this, Cumberland County is the number one disgrace for black people in this country! In the last local election only twelve students on campus voted at the Rosenthal Building. Well, you say that "I want to vote at home," or "I go home and vote;" I say that your reasons are nothing but a bunch of "cop-outs." You know that you do not go home just to vote. You do not want to govern yourselves. You want someone else to do it. Well, Jesse Helms and Ronald Reagan certainly will.

I hope that God will send us more teachers to aid our "little babies" in wanting to be somebody and aid our elders whose hearts are heavy with disgust because they were flushed down the streets with water hoses and beaten down to the ground by demented sheriffs with night sticks and viciously trained dogs. We are unconcerned about what they did. I thank them and God for the sensitivity to care and to not only study math, etc., but to study civil and human rights, to study King and others, and to inspire you to get up and "do what's just." Do not let Jesse Jackson and history pass by without any help from us...Don't let Jesse Jackson stand out there by himself! He needs you! And we need him. He is in the "Valley of the Shadow of Death;" his life is on the line. I must tell you the truth if I am going to be your friend. "To do or not to do, that should not be the question."

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER
TO VOTE!!!**



Jefferson's Promises

Dear Fayetteville State University Students:

There are two roads that you can take toward your future: the high road or the low road -- Curtis Jefferson, Jr. or the other candidates. My road travels the path of success, scholastic achievement, and effective leadership. The other road is not a path, but a trail which indicates followers, not leaders. It is time we select a candidate that can focus in on something new. A candidate that stands for something. I know I have the requirements necessary to put the student government association back on the path of respectability. I have served three years in the United States Air Force and have managed budgets, several dormitories of personnel, and have been responsible for numerous changes in policy. I have this deep commitment to serve my fellow students. Running for president gives me the opportunity to serve the student body at a level where I can restore a high moral tone, reestablish a sense of scholastic achievement, and rekindle the spirit that we have lost.

I think the time has come for Fayetteville State University students to realize that in order to get things accomplished, we must stop the process of electing leaders that do not lead. We must elect leaders that set the standards. We, as future leaders of America, have got to stop accepting mediocrity. I submit to you that we must elect people who can lead by example, above all, stand for a purpose. In the college community, the person that you select should, first of all, be a scholar. The

president of the student government association: Should have made a commitment to excellence. Should aggressively seek positive change. Should believe that the student is the most important person here.

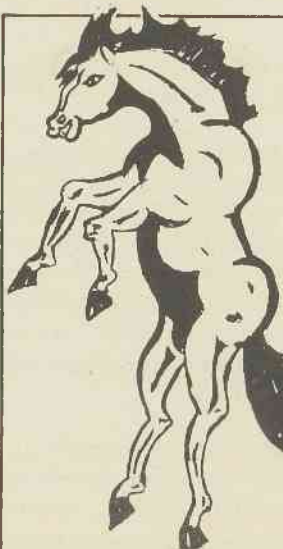
Curtis Jefferson, Jr. meets these standards. The time is now upon us to decide if indeed we want new leadership, new ideas, and new vision. Here at Fayetteville State University student wide apathy abounds. We must unite and preserve and continue the struggle to achieve.

I submit to you that I want to help change the present course of our student government association. This administration has turned its back on the students. Your complaints have fallen on deaf ears. My concern is to chart a new course. To implement new procedures that will help motivate students. I will strive to help provide an atmosphere that will be conducive to learning. Here at Fayetteville State University, we need a leader who is willing to mold student opinion, not just to follow it. I want to be president in order to reach out and serve the student body. I want to lead us in a direction that will enable success to knock on the door and say come on in, welcome to the world of competition, let your skills speak for you.

This candidate advocates the following platform: Better dormitory conditions...Heat, hot water, studyroom, ovens, refrigerators...Better laundry facilities...Parking problems...Better food service...Student-teacher relationships...Social and educational activities.

Curtis Stands For:

C = Caring, Caring for the concerns of students.
U = Unity, Something that is sorely needed at this college.
R = Rejuvenate, Rejuvenating our spirit and our morals.
T = Tackle, A willingness to tackle your problems and seek solutions.
I = Ignite, We must ignite the spirit of the body. We must be motivated out of our apathy.
S = Scholarship, Yes, that is right, every student's right to excel and to accomplish something.



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