

## AND YOU THOUGHT WE FORGOT.....

While planning the Clarence Thomas section of this issue, I began to think about the similarities between Thomas and the current (and salaried) SGA president, Wallace Hollywood Haywood. Both have the ability to raise a fervor and then back away from answering any specific questions....call it selective amnesia with a touch of cowardice. Also, like Thomas using 'electronic lynching' as a smokescreen to ward off questions about sexual harassment, Hollywood has used 'defamation of character', 'slander' and counter-allegations as a smokescreen to ward off questions concerning his dealings with Xavier Black Enterprise. I dreamt of the "Hollywood Hearings" only to wake up and realize that nothing substantial is or will be done to determine the validity of the allegations or the truthfulness of Hollywood's responses. When serious attempts to seek the truth are blocked by lies, smokescreens and procrastination.....dog 'em with satire....go for the jugular!

**Just when you thought the Thomas Hearings were enough....THEN CAME**

## THE HOLLYWOOD HEARINGS\*

a parody by Barbara Beebe with illustrations by Stephen Charles

starring: Hollywood Haywood, Dr. Harry Ghee, the Senate Committee, FSU Student Body

*Hollywood Haywood, current president of SGA, is up before the Senate Investigative Committee to answer questions concerning allegations levied by Dr. Harry Ghee. Ghee states that 1 month ago (30 whole days) Haywood attempted to fraudulently obtain \$12,990 from the university to promote a concert for FSU's homecoming.*

SENATE LEADER: All right now... ORDER, ORDER!!!  
 FSU MALE STUDENT #1: (interrupting with a smirk) O.K. I'll have one Big Mac, a large fry and...  
 FSU STUDENT BODY: (giggles, laughs, guffaws)



FSU SENATE MEMBER #1: (in valley girl dialect) God, I can't believe people are sooooo immature. I've only been freshman class president for 2 months, but even I know this isn't McDonald's. God.

HOLLYWOOD: (storming into the hearing) Let's get this ball rolling....I've got a class to go to...physics...calculus...you know I'm a poor student!

SENATE MEMBER #2: Well, you're not guilty, Hollywood, until proven guilty. Everybody needs to remember that. There's no proof against you. It's quite normal for the SGA president to have his name listed with the phone number and address of a non-existent promotor. Don't worry.

SENATE LEADER: Dr. Ghee, please sit at the table beside Mr. Haywood.

HOLLYWOOD: I ain't sitting beside him...I don't trust you, Dr. Ghee. By the way, what's your phone number?

FSU FEMALE STUDENT #2: (jumping up in the audience) I want my \$2.00 back from the pre-dawn dance!

FSU FEMALE STUDENT #3: (with much neck movement) Oh shut up girl! You won't eeeeeeven there!

HOLLYWOOD: I ain't into this formal stuff. I hate be forced to speak with verbs in right tense. Where's that paper...It ain't even a paper... now a real journalist is that white man in the corner who works for the Times. He only quotes me. That's a real journalist!

SENATE MEMBER #3: Mr. Haywood, why are you listed on the post office box for Xavier Black Enterprise?

HOLLYWOOD: That's a mistake...uhhh..I can explain that. It's simple.

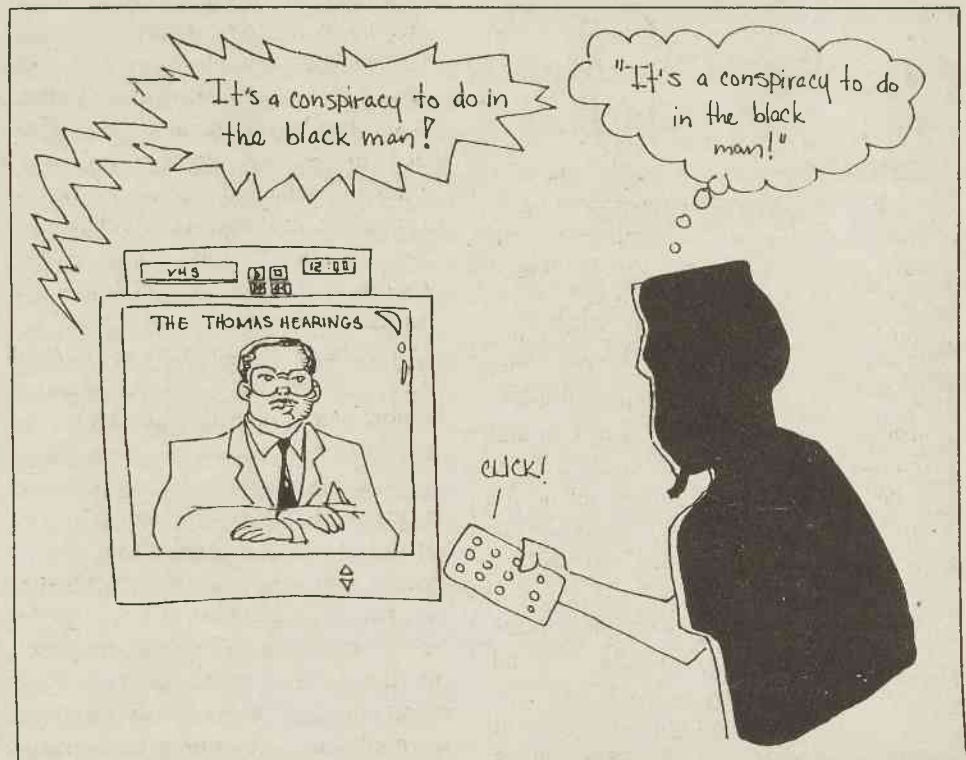
SENATE MEMBER #3: Well....What?  
 HOLLYWOOD: Well, I did some checking around... You know, I got friends in 'high' places. I found out that you flunked 5th grade!!

FSU STUDENT BODY: (general mayhem ensues)

FSU FEMALE STUDENT #4: (jumps up in the audience, hands on hips) What!?!? Flunked 5th grade and on the Senate Investigative Committee? Stop picking on Hollywood. We have a right to know why you flunked 5th grade. The AKAs have a right to know why you flunked. The pink and green will find out!

SENATE MEMBER #3: What does that have to do with this investigation?

HOLLYWOOD: Everything....this is defamation of character...assassination. You're trying to ruin my star-studded name. (Looking to the audience) You know, I'm just a poor college student.



SENATE LEADER: (irate and frustrated) PLEASE!!!!.....ORDER.....Hollywood, shut up...damn!

DEXTER MCRAE: (standing behind Hollywood like a guard or a puppy) Well, the only reason Hollywood was loing my job is because he had nothing to do. I mean...he had more expertise on these matters. I have no expertise...I mean...I gotta go.

FSU FEMALE STUDENT #5: (jumps up in the audience) You should have seen all 'dem people at the dance. They didn't even go to school here. I want my \$2.00!!

FSU FEMALE STUDENT #6: (crawls up to microphone) Dr. Ghee, I don't know anything about how things at FSU operate. As a matter of fact, I don't even know where your office is. The only thing I read in the paper was this article on Hollywood, but I just know you're not doing enough for the students.

FSU FEMALE STUDENT #7: (with tone of authority) I've got Hollywood's criminal record...actually I saw it at the Sheriff's Department. I accuse him of animal torture, sexism and general disrespect for humanity. If you go down to the sheriff's department you can see for yourself. So there!!

FSU MALE STUDENT #8: (in slow, sad voice) I really wanted to see Guy. I'm from Beantown and Hollywood is the only famous person I know.

SENATE LEADER: (trying to pull out his hair and realizing he has none) One more outburst and we'll clear this room. Now this is about allegations against Mr. Black...I mean Mr. Haywood here.

**\*THIS IS A PARODY.** parody n., a literary work that imitates another work, exaggerating the characteristics of the original to make it seem ridiculous. (Webster's)

Take it as seriously as you take the allegations or as seriously as you take Hollywood!

SENATE MEMBER #1: Your name was listed on the VoiceMail number. How do you explain that Mr. Haywood?  
 HOLLYWOOD: Where's that letter from the phone company? (looks for Dexter McRae) This is a conspiracy! I'm just a poor college student and my grandpa (Hollywood realizes this is someone else's plea, grins like Clarence Thomas).....All I wanted to do as SGA president was give FSU students a slammin', boom, high-five homecoming. And that's all I wanted to do...I didn't ask to be responsible or accountable. If I had \$70,000, I'd buy my way out of this mess....As for the phone number, I simply intercepted some phone calls. I did that 'cause I don't trust nobody....not even myself.

SENATE MEMBER #2: This man is innocent until proven guilty. Dr. Ghee obviously got his information from the Exorcist. See here, on page 212, there is a description of a promotor with a VoiceMail box. Dr. Ghee, are you prone to fantasies?

GHEE: This is ridiculous....I just want to make it clear...

HOLLYWOOD: Defamation of character.....(grabs chest like he's just been shot) ASSASSINATION! Dr. Ghee was fired from McDonald's in 1964 for....

FSU FEMALE STUDENT #9: (jumping up in amazement) FIRED FROM McDONALD'S AND VICE CHANCELLOR????!!!! (sadly) This is so unfair to Hollywood.

.....To be continued when the student body is absorbed in other issues.