

## HOMECOMING WEEK MARRED BY DISORGANIZATION

by Albert Johnson

Homecoming Week is now behind us, but the effects it had on FSU still linger. Disorganization resulted in cancellation of events and left many students upset.

The scheduled homecoming concert, featuring Guy and Naughty By Nature, never took place, supposedly because promotional fees weren't paid. On October 25, the day after the cancellation, Guy delivered an explanation to 99.1 Fox Radio. The popular R&B group said "business wasn't straight and the promoters didn't pay the rent." They also apologized to all their fans and said, "We love you all(Fayetteville)." Although all ticket monies were refunded to students via university administration, many students felt robbed of the enjoyment of a Homecoming concert.

The Pre-Dawn Homecoming Dance, scheduled for Saturday, October 26 from midnight to 5 a.m. in the Lilly Gym, was also canceled with security and space-related problems given as reasons for the abrupt cancellation. Attendants at the dance reported that people (some students - many not) were crowded on the steps leading into the gym. Two hours into the dance, some people grew impatient and restless at waiting and began to push for entrance. Eventually there was a rush at the door. The planners announced "the party's over", and angry attendants proceeded to the front of the gym to retrieve their IDs. The cancellation prompted some students to demand a refund of the \$2.00 entrance fee. "I've been in here only 5 minutes and now the dance was called off," one student complained. However, all refunds were refused. When asked where the money was going, Dr. Sexton, advisor to SGA, stated, "The money goes in the SGA fund....if the SGA thinks of an activity....the students will be paid back."

The cancellation of the concert and the dance has left some students bitter; yet others are giving suggestions to improve future events. One angry woman at the dance said, "They(FSU) should of sold tickets in advance(for the dance) so people could just come right in instead of being crushed before getting in." Other students chose to attend the biweekly Senate Meeting to express their anger, concerns and suggestions.

*The only way to save the planet is to make a jump in consciousness.*

## INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

*Wallace Hollywood Haywood, paid \$200 per month from student activity fees and obviously accountable to no one, is still SGA president. The following is a list of questions submitted (on November 7, 1991) to Hollywood by the Voice. He has failed to answer any of these questions, in writing or verbally. The student body has a right to know what the main concerns of this paper are. The questions listed, if answered, could clear or mar Hollywood's name. If they could clear his name from these allegations, then why isn't he answering them?*

- Barbara Beebe

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The following is a list of questions that are of interest to the *Broncos' Voice*. Please take the time to answer these questions as completely as possible. These questions, with or without answers, will be printed in the November 1991 issue of the *Broncos' Voice*.

1. Are you related (by birth or adoption) to Tony Warren? If so, what is that relationship?
2. Are you related (by birth or adoption) to Joseph Warren? If so, what is that relationship?
3. Is Xavier Black the name of a specific, living individual, or is it the name of an umbrella organization made up of promoters?
4. How did you acquire information or originally come into contact with Xavier Black Enterprise?
5. At the 2nd Senate Meeting (10/30/91), you stated that you monitored calls for the Xavier Black Enterprise phone (#678-6778). How did you monitor these calls? (For example, did you receive messages? Did you speak as a representative of the organization?) Please explain.
6. Did you hang up any of the signs that promoted the 'Guy' concert as FSU's Homecoming? Did you have anyone else hang up posters for the show?
7. At the 1st Senate Meeting (10/16/91) you stated that you were "shocked" when confronted about the phone number (678-6778) being listed in your name. You also stated that a letter was forthcoming from the phone company stating that it was not your number and the connection was a mistake. Do you have this letter? If so, is it available to the press?
8. You explained at the 1st Senate Meeting (10/16/91) that your name listed for the post office box for Xavier Black Enterprise was a mistake. Do you have a letter of explanation from the post office as well?
10. At the 2nd Senate Meeting (10/30/91) you stated that the *Broncos' Voice* slandered and defamed your character. Please cite the passages in the article that were slanderous. Please list the passages that defamed your character. (Note: slander, n. A false and malicious statement injurious to another's reputation Webster's)

## FSU CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB ON THE MOVE

The Fayetteville State Criminal Justice Club has been busy this semester since welcoming two new instructors, Ms. Cheryl Fuller and Mr. Terry Moorefield. The International Folk Festival in September saw two club members, Lori Pillaro and Lillie Lockamy, volunteer for the dunking booth to raise money for the People Assisting Victims organization. In October, the club packed it's bags and traveled to Kure Beach in Wilmington

to attend a two day conference on youth gangs.

Currently the club is selling tickets for the Fayetteville/Cumberland County CrimeStoppers program. Tickets are only one dollar and can be purchased from any Criminal Justice Club member. The grand prize is a Magnavox VHS Camcorder with tripod and carrying case.

The Criminal Justice Club recently adopted a part of Cedar Creek Road for trash clean up as part of North Carolina's Adopt-A-Highway program. During the holiday season, the club will donate food to low-income families.

- Bryant Cunningham

## CAMPUS NEWS

*"Life began when I found out I had a right to be in the world, when I found history."*

- Ivan Van Sertima

## VAN SERTIMA CHALLENGES COLUMBUS MYTH

by Albert Johnson

It is asserted in history books that Christopher Columbus discovered America over 400 years ago. Columbus might have been the first *European* to discover the "New World," but was he the first person to do this? Dr. Ivan Van Sertima challenges the myth about Columbus. The world renown anthropologist and linguist bases his information on research gathered for one of his several books, *They Came Before Columbus: The African Presence in Ancient America*.

Columbus might have been the first person to contact Europe about America, but he did not discover the land. Van Sertima, criticizing the 1987 Commission on Columbus, maintains, "They should not speak of discovery. They should speak of contacts."

According to Van Sertima, Native Americans told Columbus that "black-skinned" people were in America. At the time, Africans were the only known group of people to use gold spears as weapons and hunting implements. Columbus took some of these gold spears back to Europe. Van Sertima asserts this is but one example of how Africans were in America many years before Columbus.

Columbus' son, Fernando, declared that Christopher saw Negroes(black people) during his voyages. Fernando asserted that Columbus saw black men in Panama in 1513, and he also saw Negro shipwrecks. Van Sertima supports these assertions noting that the slave trade was not occurring in the New World at that time. Even Spanish conquistadors reported sightings of blacks in the territories, but at the time they were mistaken as 'dark Indians.'

Africans have only recently been allowed to speak about African history in America. Fifteen(15) years expired before Van Sertima was permitted to speak at the Smithsonian Institute about this topic. Noting how history appears to be purposely secluded

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