

More Broncos' Voice Staff Profiles

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Hometown: Concord, NC

Quote of the year: "This is not my job!"

I was born twenty years ago to an eighteen-year-old unwed mother. For eighteen of my own years, I had two of the strongest parental figures a person could ever know; my mother and my maternal grandmother. It turned out that after eighteen years my parents were able to recapture the love they had once known for one another. They were married, and I was introduced to another strong, Black influence in my life. Today I have three very precious people to thank for their roles in shaping who I am.

"And you ask, just who it is, I think I am. First, I am Black. And second (only to being Black), I am woman, and I have no need to roar."

Yes, I'm pro-black. There is just one problem with that characteristic, though. People tend to confuse being "pro-anything" with "anti-something-else." When I say I'm "pro-black," I'm merely proclaiming that I'm proud and unashamed of who I am.

Yes, I believe in sexual equality and the rights of women. Men of quality respect women's equality. I'm not a feminist, though. Come on people, we live in a paternalistically structured society and even feminists are questioning what it means to be a feminist these days. Besides, this same society has tried to take enough from Black men without Black women trying to take from them the role of provider, household head, and father. No, I'm definitely not a feminist. I'm just confident in the fact that if my man decides to get up and walk out one day, my world, my identity, my willpower, my independence won't go out the door with him.

Yes, I'm a poet. I have been since the day I could coherently convey my thoughts and dreams on paper. It is only now, though, at age twenty, that I am becoming totally aware of my gift and beginning to use it at its maximum potential.

I guess you'd like to know my future plans. Well, I could fill up millions of pages, just like this one, and not tell you one-fourth of my future plans. I have eternity for future plans. For this life, though, I'm planning to acquire a PhD in English. I'm also planning to write, forever.

Don't just define me by the most superficial concepts of identity, like the style of my hair, the color of my skin, the clothes on my back, or the weight of my purse. Define me by the way I make you feel when you read this page or a line of my verse. Because this paper, these lines, my poetry, this page or a line of my verse. Because this paper, these lines, my poetry, my own special part in this literary microcosm is who I am. This is my house. I not only want to evoke an emotional response, I want to make you think. If I do that then you know exactly who I am and that "I will, forever, simply be."

Before I go I'd like to say to Dee, Mek, Ote, J, and Lowe: may the circle remain unbroken...Much love.



Natasha Etienne; if you don't know her, you're missing out on one of the true gems here at Fayetteville State University. Hailing from Haiti, Etienne is a freshman and an honors student. Don't mistake her stunning beauty for weakness; Etienne served in the United States Army for a number of years. She works for the Broncos' Voice as a staff writer, blending her creative writing style and unique viewpoints to enhance the level of quality of this publication.



SPORTS

Fayetteville State University

1994 Football Season in Review

The 1994 football season was one of high expectations. The Broncos boasted one of the most talented teams in university history but also one of the youngest. Starting as many as eight freshmen and juniors, the Broncos experienced many growing pains on their way to a 4-5 overall record and 4-4 in conference action. Despite the record, it was a season of learning and one which saw several stars emerge. Three players were named to the CIAA All-Conference Team. Elvis Dudley, a junior defensive lineman from Hinesville, GA was named to the first team along with senior offensive guard Steven Graham, a Delco, NC native. Graham's selection made him a three time selectee, a first for a FSU player. Clifton Davis, senior running back from Florence, SC was named to the second team. This was Davis's second

selection.

Several season and career records were set by Broncos during the 1994 season. Junior receiver, Sedric Utley set a school record for 710 reception yards. Clifton Davis rushed for 1068 yards and finished his career with 3709 yards and 29 touchdowns. Senior linebacker, Daniel Muldrow established a career record for most tackles with 250.

Other players recognized by the conference during the season were Harlan Crenshaw and Michelle Joseph. Both were named Players of the Week. Coach Jerome Harper was twice named Coach of the Week. In addition, Clifton Davis, quarterback Robert Harrington, defensive back Dedrick Davis, Steven Graham, tight end Marcus Davis and linebacker John Cratic were selected to participate in the 1st Annual National All-Stars College Football Classic to be held in Louisville, KY.

Welcome

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Not content to be a "lame duck" interim chancellor, Dr. Benson will do the things necessary to keep FSU moving forward and upward. In a recent conversation, she related "...I was very impressed with the internal structure present at the university when I arrived. In particular, the community outreach programs. You are doing here and now what is only just being thought of in other communities. I want to continue that success."

Dr. Benson is a highly qualified, very articulate, open, and charismatic person who doesn't take long to get to know or like. She is a powerful force: at once a role model, a leader, a winner. So, next time you see her around campus, be sure to say hello. Who knows...you may well be greeting our next chancellor!