

# Editorial Comment

## ROLL CALL

By Roger A. Harris

Today marks a new era in the History of FSU. For the first time we have an alumnus, Dr. Willis McLeod (pronounced McCloud), leading this university's ascent to greatness. You would think that this association would be a natural rallying point, yet many Broncos (both new and old) thought that Dr. McLeod didn't command the experience or hold the qualifications necessary to continue the steady growth established by former Chancellor Lloyd "Vic" Hackley. Yet in short time and with swift order, Dr. McLeod has confounded his detractors by forwarding a very simple, plain, and clearly understood mandate to FSU faculty, administrators, and staff: either put the student first or pack your bags and leave (don't take it personal, just take it). His first weeks on campus revealed to him the pain, frustrations, and anxieties of students who were receiving third-class service at first-class rates by second-rate attendants who had somehow and somewhere along the line put their job securities and anxieties before those of the student. This development wasn't the status, atmosphere, or treatment that embraced Dr. McLeod when he was a student at FSU (in fact, quite the opposite was the case), and it will not remain the case at FSU now that he has something to say and do about it...and he does, on both counts.

A collective sigh or relief could be heard from many "good" faculty and staff who had, before this mandate, been trapped by FSU's uninspired, heavy-handed, and cumbersome internal leadership that had more to do with whom you knew than with what positive things you were doing for the University (campus politics at the expense of the student). Students felt the choking effects of this foggy circumstance and responded predictably: over the long haul they became complacent, despondent, and apathetic. Upper classmen weren't leading and underclassmen weren't offered a positive environment to thrive in or a sterling example to emu-

late (case in point: last weekend's rumble between the campus football and basketball squads). The end result was fences within fences that stifled the administrative sensitivity and responsiveness needed and necessary to invigorate and inspire students. Quite literally, our Bronco Pride was being cancerously destroyed from within.

Dr. McLeod knew it would be committing managerial suicide to clean house (replace current faculty and staff with hand-picked successors) in the middle of a semester year, yet he also knew that there were faculty and staff in place that had to go. So he's very simply and brilliantly issued a roll call: put students first. Period. *Deeds not words* will determine whether faculty and staff accept the mandate (and stay) or ignore it (and go).

Students will be able very easily to measure the effectiveness of Dr. McLeod's mandate by the attitude and level of service they receive at all levels and departments of FSU. Examples? Financial Aid will file your paperwork on time (no more lost papers), answer all questions, and offer professionally prompt, courteous, and friendly service as the rule, not the exception. Professors with that "I got mine, you get yours" attitude and tenured professors with that "You can't touch this" mentality beware: you've got about this semester to "get your act together." Expect a total review and upgrade of our academic curriculum (including mandatory African-American studies) and the revising or deletion of University Studies Course (I haven't met a single student who likes that course).

So who's on the bubble (that space between working and walking)? Vice chancellor of Student affairs Dr. Ghee and Dr. Sexton: lack of dynamic vision--the students are bored to death. Dr. Matisya (he has the background, credentials, and more than meets Dr. McLeod's mandate) should be given a shot at the spot as he could do no worse. Band Director Mr. Woods: when you have more former than current band members on campus, look to the director as the cause or reason why the students aren't participating. By the way, we would really appreciate it if the band were allowed to play "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and funkier songs at basketball games, thank you. Athletic Director Dr. Burns: because of a lack of advertising and marketing, no one but FSU students knows when we play our basketball games. Worse, when the community does find out, they can't afford the price to bring their families. Advisor to FSU Cheerleaders Rita Adams: it's understandable to reprimand students for making a mistake, but to ban them from participation for the rest of their stay at FSU amounts to cruel and unusual punishment. There are more on the bubble. Can you tell me who?

When former Chancellor Hackley realized what Dr. McLeod very quickly identified (that students aren't the priority), he offered a couple

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## TERRIFIC KID PROGRAM

The Broncos' Voice would like to congratulate the following students of Fayetteville's Westarea Elementary school in being awarded the Terrific Kid award for exemplifying "positive" character.

### Pre-K

Carolyn Dedeaux  
Akeem Simon

### Kindergarten

Alexis Carsten  
Anthony Bishop  
Brittany Blanton  
Brittany Johnson-Jones  
Tiffany Johnson-Jones  
Tiffany McRae  
Andrew Sauls  
Antwan James  
Denee Borden  
Mario Lyons

### First Grade

Marvin Sherouse  
Damien McDowell  
Kia Rhyne  
Charles Lee  
Bruce Dawson  
Ruth Yusckat  
Warren Evans  
Reginald Davis  
Casey Garrett  
Taushanna Mack

### Second Grade

Whitney Nebolisa  
Wesley Moore  
Christina Ramos  
Sherrod Preston  
Blake Brandt  
Holly Youngs  
Joshua Ramey  
Jamie Gibson

### Third Grade

Larry Lynch  
Otilia Falaniko  
William Gunther  
Alayna Lee  
Kelvin Johnson  
Rahsheed Williams  
Antonio Diaz-Baker  
Cynthia Howard  
Crystal Simms

### Fourth Grade

Samauto Montoe  
Nicholas Dawson  
Ayanna Bates  
Katrina Thompson  
Felicia James  
Cordell Gibson  
Loren Seffels  
Kaleisha Knight  
Daniel Everett

### Fifth Grade

Clyda Chavis  
Malissa Ellis  
Christine Bullock  
Jaime Guinn  
Jovelle Chaison



## Real Men vs. Real Women

by "Concerned Women of FSU"

I was totally appalled that males at Fayetteville State University had the audacity to say that "real women get real men." We must all address the question "Do men at Fayetteville State know what a real man is?" The answer to this question is subjective. There are so many varied attributes that every man, rather human, should possess in life and relationships. Self-respect, personal discretion, and responsibility are three qualities that many FSU males lack.

The first quality is self-respect. Self-respect does not mean just respecting your own needs. An example for FSU men is if you are intimate with a girl with a reputation. You can't brush her off as another notch in your belt or as a tramp. It takes two to tango. Thus, you are just as trashy as you perceive her to be.

Another quality would be a sense of discretion about what you do and who you do it with. If you find a woman of interest your boys should not know intimate physical details. Some things are better left unsaid.

The third quality would be a sense of purpose or personal goals. This is not to say that if you are a freshman you should account for each minute of the next 10 years. But the next ten years should not be spent as a FSU student or resident. If you stand for nothing you will fall for anything. And many good FSU men are swayed by their "confused" peers. Last but not least, men should be responsible. In our changing times, there are many single fathers. Many of our FSU males have kids...claimed or

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