

Religion at FSU



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We Need a Name!

The religion section of the *Broncos' Voice* needs a name. We need FSU students to help decide a name for the section that will represent the many different religious beliefs of students here at our university. The student with the best idea will receive a picture and write-up in the Religion section of our next edition. Come by or call the office (486-1357) or contact La'Tysha Bolden at 307-3219. **GET THINKING!**

Bridging the Gap

The purpose behind providing a religion section in *The Voice* is to broaden the horizons of the campus and to continue to bring focus to all walks of people. Religion plays a large part in many people's lives. It is the basis of motivation, the embodiment of hope, one's securer, keeper, or provider. Each religion is different and unique

in its own way. The goal of this section is not to compare, contrast, criticize, promote nor demote any particular religion. The goal is to enlighten, broaden, and expand the knowledge of every reader about different religions. I will not begin to name religions; for there are so many and within that many, so much variety. My hopes are that you would, through this section, help to break down any stereotypical views about different

religions. You are encouraged to submit articles, dates of events, inspirational verses, etc. This is your voice, this is your proclaimer. I would ask that all religious organizations submit something or contact me at (910) 307-3219. Invite your community churches and organizations to get involved with the campus by submitting articles to the paper. We have a gap to bridge, and here, we have the means to do just that; we now need the workers.

Call For Religious Organizations

There are many religious organizations on the FSU campus. We need to know what they are for them to receive fair representation in the Religion section. Here are the organizations we are currently familiar with:

- New Generations Campus Ministry
- Students Against a Godless Society
- United Voices of Praise: FSU Gospel Choir
- Dance Ministry
- Baptist Student Union

If there are any other religious organizations at FSU, please let us know. Contact La'Tysha Bolden (3219).

A Bed of Roses: Dead or Alive

by Shaneice Miller

"Do not allow yourself to be upset by people, places, or circumstances. They have not power. Your reaction is their only power."

Life is too short for us to fall apart every time something goes wrong. We must take the good with the bad. Life is not going to be a bed of roses-sometimes you will experience thorns. As a flower blooms, so will your life. You will grow, mature, go through rain, sleet, and snow, but after a while, the sun comes out.

Sometimes you feel like

giving up, but there is always light at the end of the tunnel. That is where God steps in. We are not on this earth to be burdened down, that is why Jesus died for our sins. When you have God in your life, you know that you know that you know things will work out. Faith is believing not seeing.

We as Blacks need to remember what has brought us through the most trying times in our life-God. There is nothing wrong with R&B music, but that is not what they used to sing in the heat of the day in cotton field. God has been the heart of sows of African-

Americans for quite a long time and the days we live in are no easier than they were then. So why should we turn our backs on the one who has been with us when nobody else was.

God's grace and mercy is taken for granted everyday. There are many of us who don't give a second thought to waking up in the mornings a preparing for class. We fail to realize that there are many who awaken and wish they could get out of bed or those who open their eyes and wish they could see.

Christians, non-Christians,

see "Bed," pg. 12

Twenty Years

by La'Tysha Bolden

The Fayetteville State University Gospel Choir, United Voices of Praise, did just that on February 24, 1996: United their Voices to Praise God for twenty years of ministry. Seabrook Auditorium was filled with beautiful music and high praise on Saturday night. Choirs from all over came to support and help FSU's Gospel choir send up praise.

The Gospel Choir of FSU was organized by Rev. Robert Covington in the 1960's. Choirs that joined in with the choir in Saturday included groups such as:

Williams Chapel Young Adult Choir--Spring Lake, NC

Reid Park Youth Choir--Charlotte, NC

Winston Salem State University Gospel Choir--Winston Salem, NC

University of North Carolina at Charlotte--Charlotte, NC

Campbell University Gospel Choir--Buies Creek, NC

Alumni Gospel Choir of FSU

East Carolina University Gospel Choir (Special Guest)--Greenville, NC

Good Hope Inspirational Gospel Choir--Fayetteville, NC

Desi Campbell and Friends--Charlotte, NC

New Vision Ensemble--Clinton, NC

The FSU Gospel Choir is under the direction of Miss LaWanda Carter, a Junior and a Criminal Justice Major. Miss Carter is the first female directress in the history of the choir. The Choir presently has 37 member on roll. They practice every Tuesday and Thursday at Seven PM in the choir room in the Rosenthal Building. Devotion starts at six - thirty.

How did it begin?

by La'Tysha N. Bolden

When it comes to the teaching of Creationism versus Evolution in any Science course, why is the idea of Evolution more applicable to teach? Which takes precedence over the other? What are the details that makes one any better than the other? This is my sole point.

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people's beliefs; not everyone is a Christian. This point is well taken.

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However, my question is why should those of us who are Christians be the ones made to learn something against our beliefs? Why is everyone else respected and not taught something against their beliefs, yet Christians and other religions are not respected enough to receive the same treatment.

Evolution has been said to be more applicable because it is supported by scientific facts. However, those very facts are

themselves debated, contradictory and disputed by the very scientists who perport to their validity. Books and references support this claim even as scientists decry that life began or evolved from a single molecule or atom (what they call the Big Bang Theory). Evolution is a belief just as Creationism or any other idea or theory about how life originated. The fact is no one was there in the beginning of time, so no one knows exactly what happened.

I also question Evolution just as much as others question Creationism. Where did that single molecule or atom

come from? What made the molecule or atom start to change? How did a single molecule or atom evolve into trees, flowers, water, earth, soil, ants, fishes, dogs, bacteria, gases, humans or any other organism or matter?