

Voice Editor Bids Broncos Farewell

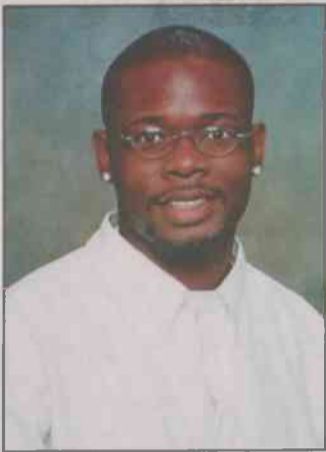
First off, I give thanks to the Lord for allowing me to be successful in my endeavors even though I didn't always do the things that I should. Mommy said I should always give thanks to the Lord first.

Woe is me. My undergraduate career is almost over now. I'm not really sure how I feel about it either. Of course it feels good to know that my days of making \$6 and \$7 an hour are almost over. There'll be no more term papers, no walking to class in the rain, no visitation hours and no more room checks. I'm thankful to be graduating as an honor graduate. I'm ready to prove myself against scholars from bigger schools.

Then I think about paying rent, utilities, and security deposits. I think about leaving the state and taking no one but myself. I'll be all alone in a new place. I have unlimited mobile minutes starting at 9 p.m., but what will I do before then? What if I don't find an apartment that's already furnished? I haven't been saving for a sofa, kitchen table or anything else needed in a home. All I have is a bunch of plastic silverware, a mini refrigerator and a few appliances. Woe is me.

I'm not sure if I'm ready for this. Graduating at the top of my class and having what would be called a "good job" waiting for me should have me doing smiling at all times. I just can't seem to shake the fact that I'll miss this university. It's my university.

I'm not ready to leave my comfort zone. I want to be able to eat as much as I like and still pay one price. Although it was



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stressful, I want to relive Rodeo Week and hand out free t-shirts to students, always saving some for myself of course. I'll even miss Club Lilly. It had its bad nights, but I still have many found memories there. I won't be able to go to work whenever I feel like it as I can do with my classes.

And I'll definitely miss being the Broncos' Voice. I loved being the Editor-in-chief of the paper. I got to meet many people who I otherwise would not have met. Truthfully, people act like they care about you when you have position also. The position didn't pay that well. That didn't matter too much, however, because my heart was in it from the start. For a while, many

students were giving me the "SShhh...there he goes" look when I passed, but I'm accustomed to it now. Believe it or not, I almost got into a scuffle over rumors and such concerning stories in this paper. That's pretty hard to believe as I think back. Things all worked out in the end, I guess.

I am not sure who will take over next year. I looked long and hard for a replacement, but I have not found a successor to this date. I hope that Mr. Moore will have better luck with the selection in the upcoming academic year. Whoever is next, I pray that they do a better job than I. My goal was to continue the standard that last year's editor worked to establish. The paper has come a long way in just a few years, but the hard work must not stop here.

I'd like to end by giving special thanks to Jeffrey Womble. You were like a father to me. (Not really, but it sounds good, right?) When I would tell people that I worked at The Fayetteville Observer, they would always bring your name up in with good regards. It takes a special person to be like by so many people. Thanks for all that you have done.

For those who don't know, I accepted a job offer in Maryland and will be moving there this summer. I used to think that it was just a slogan, but now I know that we truly can go anyway from here. All we have to do is make our minds up that we will accept nothing but success for ourselves.

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Greg Moyd Enjoys Dual Roles At FSU

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Greg Moyd must have one of the biggest heads at FSU. Why? Because the hats that he wears are so big. Big and important.

Not only is he the headman in charge of the Jones Student Center, but also this year was his first as the Director of Residence Life. He has had more people watching his moves than Michael Jackson, back when he was black of course.

Moyd said he has applied his experience in military lounging to his current position. In the military, he was in charge of over 300 soldiers. Now he governs more than 1,500 students.

Moyd feels this year has been successful due to the support given to him from others.

"I've been supported by everyone from the Chancellor and Mrs. Chavis, to Mrs. Russell, Mr. Carroway and SAC," he said. "I can't begin to list everyone's name."

GOALS

Blurring the lines of residence life and Student Activities has been one of Moyd's focuses. He said Gene Carroway, Interim Assistant Director of Student Activities, has used his experience in maintenance to help with problems in the residence halls. Likewise, Adrina Russell, Assistant Director of Residence Life, has done informational workshops on programming with the Student Activities Council.

"Residence Life and Student Activities actually compliment each other well," Moyd said.

Another of Moyd's goals was changing the perception of Residence Life, physically and conceptually. In addition to the new sprinklers that will be added to several dorms this year, he is striving to outfit the lounges of

several dorms and bring better furniture to students' rooms.

The positive attitudes of the Residence Life staff are what Moyd credits for the decrease in number of student incidences in the dorms.

Calvin Ellis, Resident Director of Bryant Hall, agrees with Moyd.

"We want the students to feel a sense of pride in their dorm," Ellis said.

MANAGEMENT STYLE

"Mr. Moyd listens to our concerns," said Erica Bell, a resident assistant in Harris Hall. "He doesn't act like he knows it all."

Moyd said his style of management is proactive.

"I don't like to wait for things to break to fix them," he said. "We also want the students to know that we will listen to them."

During the year, he has given groups of students the opportunity to voice their opinions concerning what should be done in the residence halls. RA's also had a chance to collectively give suggestions or have concerns heard about issues in the dorms.

Moyd said soliciting the input of the students was essential. "They're the experts," he said. "They live there everyday."

Next year brings continuous upgrading to living conditions and better programming to the dorms. There will also be more leadership opportunities for students.

"We're not just concentrating on simple improvements, but on the things that really matter to the students," Moyd said. "Hopefully SAC will do more cultural activities and not just social."

Moyd wants students to know that Residence Life and Student Activities are here for them.

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