

If you don't take this personal, then you're taking it the wrong way

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Bronco Pride!!

A statement often used, but seldom understood. What is it? Who has it? Where is it coming from? I don't know the answers to these questions because your correct response is different from my own. However, each of us needs to ask ourselves these things.

I believe Bronco Pride is the result of my struggle to enter, matriculate in, and graduate from this great Institution. Pride that comes without a struggle is not truly pride. Pleading with the Director of Admissions to grant me a Chancellor's scholarship; Staying up twenty-four hours to write three essays and take a final; Fighting sleep to make it to an eight o'clock Anthropology class; these things alone have warranted my Bronco Pride.

But that's only half of it. Like many of you, I chose to play a more active role in my University, thereby enriching my experience.

Attending meeting after meeting on

the previous meeting about a prior meeting; listening patiently as students, then faculty voice their grievances against each other; enduring your peers whom you faithfully serve diminish and dismiss your efforts; these things have authenticated my Bronco Pride

Upperclassmen need to get it together! Sporting events shouldn't be the only time we display Bronco Pride, but they are the traditional avenue. The way that many Fayetteville State University students behave at the games is shameful. Largely uninterested in the game, we sit stylishly in the stands and stare at people passing by. Many of us feel we are too cool to participate in chants! Why? We are in a sense the owners of the team. Our athletic fee funds the program! Isn't it logical that we not only care, but actively support our teams?

Freshmen need to hold it together!

The Class of 2009 came in with a bang, and has reshaped the entire University as a result. Now that you have a semester under your belt, you should be prepared to conquer the rest of your college career.

Did you fare well? Were your study habits (or lack thereof) effective? What adjustments do you need to make to earn a 4.0 Spring Semester? You are laying the foundation for your success.

If you have a strong GPA this year, mishaps in the future will have less potential of ruining your success. Realize that you are here for an EDUCATION! If you meet a significant other along the way, good for you.

However, your primary purpose for being here should be earning a degree.

Student Leaders need to glue it together!

I know the world rest on your shoulders as you attempt to balance academics, social status, and student organizations.

Nothing was placed on you that you can't handle, but that doesn't account for the baggage you pick up and carry. Sometimes, we are better served to just let some things go.

That includes classes, clubs, friends, enemies, gifts, and grudges. Don't let things weigh you down. Know that someone

else's wrongs do not justify your own. I really hope some of us have a change of heart before we graduate.

The attitudes that we carry and brandish are not helpful to anyone! If we are to effectively serve our constituents, we have to take the "me" out of "achievement."

The need to create an enemy is a complex too common in our student leadership. Many of us feel we have to vilify someone else in order to shine a positive light upon ourselves.

True progress is not achieved this way! Students are enough of a problem for ourselves that creating another adversary is simply unnecessary. While it may be glorious to protest the control of administration, it would be foolish if we haven't the means of guarding the liberty we are granted.

Before we can point a finger in any direction, we must seriously evaluate ourselves and begin to correct our own faults.

If you don't take this personal, you're taking it the wrong way. Seriously, think about it.

Looking back on 2005

A letter from Chancellor Bryan

Two thousand and five was an exciting year for the Fayetteville State University family. As you walk through this beautiful campus, you will see many of the transformations that are taking place – all with the students in mind.

Bronco Hall is one of the most visible of these projects. The 254-bed dormitory is one of the finest facilities on any college campus. From the computer labs to the inviting common areas, Bronco Hall is truly a place of which students can be proud.

Renovations have been made to several academic buildings. The Knuckles Science Annex has been updated to make it accessible for handicapped students, enhance office space for faculty, and modernize classrooms. It is our belief that if students are in an appealing learning environment, they can concentrate harder and perform better.

J.W. Seabrook Auditorium opened in November. This is one of the finest performing arts facilities in this region. With more than 1,100 seats, FSU will be able to bring in performers of the highest caliber. When plans were being made for the renovation of Seabrook Auditorium, the thought was to expose our students to some of the best cultural and performing arts events being offered. We are doing that with our Chancellor's Distinguished Speaker Series. Julian Bond, chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will be here Feb. 1. Discussions are underway with student leaders about establishing a Student Distinguished Speaker Series beginning this fall. The Alvin Ailey II Repertoire is set to perform Jan. 21 and 22. This world-renowned dance group is an exceptional company that merges the spirit and energy of the country's best young dance talent with the passion and creative vision of today's most outstanding emerging choreographers. I am certain you will be pleased with their performance.

One of the most important things that happened in 2005 was the enhancement of student services. Every effort is being made by the FSU administration to improve the services in the financial aid and other offices that serve students on a daily basis. How are we doing this? Hours have been extended in nearly all offices that serve students. The University Bookstore is now open on weekends. More personnel were hired to accommodate students.

One of those new hires was Roxie Shabazz. On December 1, Shabazz joined the FSU family as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management. She will be responsible for the overall operations of the financial aid, registrar, and admissions offices. She has a wealth of experience in higher education, having worked at Spelman College in Atlanta as well as James Madison University and the College of William and Mary, both in Virginia. Most recently, Shabazz was Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She is aware of concerns involving student-service areas that report to her and has made addressing those concerns one of her priorities.

To demonstrate how serious we are about addressing problems students might have, we have installed comment boxes around campus that allow students to share with us any positive or negative experiences they have had with a university employee or service. Please use them. We want you to let us know how we are doing in terms of assisting you.

We made serving students our priority in 2005, and nothing is going to change in that regard in 2006 or the years to come.

Chancellor T.J. Bryan

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK Student opinion vital to campus Change

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While it is seemingly too late to do anything about the raising of tuition and fees on campus, it is not too late for students to become knowledgeable of current circumstances.

On behalf of the staff of The Voice, please allow me to apologize for not inspiring you all to do anything about halting the rise of tuition and fees.

Too often, we as students sit back and fail to realize what is going on around us. While we concentrate solely on what others are doing in life, we fail to initiate any concern for business that directly affects us as students.

No one complains about Financial Aid until they have to make the visit to the office themselves, and no one complains about the Business Office or the Registrars' Office until they are directly affected by a grade that hasn't been entered correctly, or a refund check that was supposed to come on January 9th, and you won't see it until January 29th.

As a staff, we have seemingly entertained and informed students on situations, rather than inspire students to make changes.

On December 8, 2005, the Board of Trustees held a meeting to vote on possible tuition and fee increases. This meeting was open to all students, but there were only a handful of students who actually showed up. While 98% of our students missed the meeting, you missed the beginning to fee

increases.

The Board of Trustees voted on raising tuition and fees by \$809 collectively. We now have to wonder what we can do about the situation. Is it too late to fight for the Board of Trustees to halt this increase? What affect would student presence have had on the Board of Trustees when it came to voting on the possible increases?

Was the handcrafted chain of "no fee increases" necessary or even important? What could we have done differently to prevent these increases?

While it is too late to dwell on our "should of, could of, would of" questions, it is not too late to inform and inspire you all to become aware of what is happening here on campus! If we would have collectively fought as students towards a low tuition and fee increase proposal, we may have prevailed in fighting the Board of Trustees increase.

But because we didn't have anyone takes us by the hand and tell us to stand up and fight for what is right on campus, our fees have been increased, and we are stuck "wondering" what could have been done differently.

I challenge you all as students to remain active and knowledgeable of what is going on around you!

What inspiration can be given to you to want to know when, where, why, and how you will be spending your money towards an institution?

Don't immediately turn to the "funny pages" of the student newspaper. You are an adult, read and investigate what is going on around campus and why. It may possibly help to stop unnecessary changes.

Help Wanted

The staff of The Voice is looking for talented students to aid in the production of our newspaper. Anyone interested in writing, copy editing, photo editing, page design, photography, reporting, or ad sales is welcome to join the staff. This invitation is open to all students of Fayetteville State University. Students interested in Mass

Communications, Graphic Design, and other related majors are especially needed. So if you're interested in learning something new and being a vital part of Fayetteville State University's student organizations send an email to:

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