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Photos courtesy of Dennis McNair

Above: Cousin Jeff. Below: Sister Souljah

Stand and Deliver

Speakers encourage students to become more proactive in issues directly affecting them.



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Sister Souljah signs copies of her books for students. Cousin Jeff and Sister Souljah spoke to students, and encouraged them to get active within their communities. Photo by Dennis McNair

By Keisha Robinson
Editor-in-Chief

Sister Souljah is a rapper, activist, and hip-hop rebel. She possesses the most passionate and articulate voice to emerge from the projects. She uses her powerful voice to deliver a survival manual for any African American woman who wants to keep her heart open and her integrity intact in her novel *No Disrespect*.

No Disrespect is devoted to someone who made a difference in Sister Souljah's life. This stems from her mother who raised her, to the men who

educated, and mis-educated her about love. This novel bares a controversial truth about the black condition in America: the disintegration of families; the incessant combat between the sexes; and the ways in which racism continues to confine the ways African American people see themselves and treat one another.

Her second novel *The Coldest Winter Ever* is about the streets of New York, and the lives of those who have to live in them. The main character in this novel is Winter. Winter, the young, wealthy daughter of a prominent Brooklyn drug-dealing family.

Quick-witted, sexy, and business-minded, she knows and loves the streets like the curves of her own body. But when a cold Winter wind blows her life in a direction she doesn't want to go, her street smarts and seductive skills are put to the test of a lifetime. Unwilling to lose, this ghetto girl will do anything to stay on top.

When I entered the room, Sister Souljah was seated at the front table of the student leader luncheon looking like the typical girl from "around-the-way." She was seemingly quiet with two pony tails in her hair, a clean white linen shirt, and a Fendi pocket book. She sat at the

table drinking orange juice, and observing the scene. She was quietly taking notes, and preparing her self for the Keynote Address scheduled to begin in less than 1 hour.

I asked my family what type advice would you give to young women like my self who are looking to make a difference, but is standing alone because of apathy in our generation? Sister Souljah: I would advise you to realize that you have what it takes to succeed. Just keep learning, reading, growing, and conversing intelligently.

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Renowned producer to conclude Fine Arts Series

FSU WEBSITE

The Fine Arts Series will continue with the appearance of Mr. Philip Rose, the original producer of *Raisin in the Sun* on April 4 in the Pate Room of the Cumberland County Library on Maiden Lane.

The symposium will include recollections by Mr. Rose of his work with Lorraine Hansberry and the production of *Raisin in the Sun*. Ossie Davis in the production of *Purlie Victorious*, and other scholars discussing aspects of African-American theater will join him.

Mr. Rose will be available to autograph his book, *You Can't Do That On Broadway*.

Senate forms committees to look at tough issues

By Ashley Smith
THE VOICE

The Student Senate met Wednesday, March 15th to discuss very important issues facing Fayetteville State University.

The meeting opened with Senator Jerrell Nelson bringing to light an incident that had occurred a month earlier, in which a young lady claimed that she was assaulted in the SBE building. Senator Nelson then gave the floor to a Mrs. Kathryn Brickley, who told the senate how she believed the assault was racially motivated, and that she didn't feel that it was taken seriously by the FSU administration or the campus police.

Mrs. Brickley's story shocked many members of the senate, and Senator Nelson proposed that an ad hoc committee be formed to discuss issues facing students at Fayetteville State, and what role the Senate can have in resolving these issues.

The committee had it's first meeting on March 24th, and discussed many pressing issues facing students including race relations and campus security. The committee also made plans to hold a series of open forum events on campus where students can speak freely on a variety of issues facing FSU.

Another issue discussed at the meeting, also brought forward by Senator Nelson, concerned Fayetteville State University's role in the controversy surrounding the E.E. Smith High School. Senator Nelson proposed that the Senate evaluate FSU's ties to E.E. Smith and what role, if any, the student body will play supporting the high school in their fight to remain open.

Another ad hoc committee was formed to evaluate these issues. Anyone interested in joining these committees or being a part of the open forums should contact asmith17@uncfsu.edu for more information.

Forensic Science program accepting applications for Fall

FSU PRESS RELEASE

Applications are being accepted for fall 2006 admission into Fayetteville State University's (FSU) Forensic Science Program. Instructions for applying, the application and recommendation form, can be found at the Forensic Science website.

The study of forensic science engages students in the application of

scientific principles and methods for the evaluation of evidence. The mission of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Forensic Science is to produce technically skilled and educated graduates who have a basic foundation in scientific and laboratory problem solving skills necessary for success in a modern crime laboratory, and who will contribute to the forensic science community.

Students will receive preparation in

areas such as DNA analysis, forensic biology, forensic chemistry, and toxicology.

The program will also equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to prepare reports documenting their findings and laboratory techniques used, and to provide expert witness testimony on specific laboratory findings.

The Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science will consist of two concentrations -

forensic biology and forensic chemistry. Each concentration will require 124 semester credit hours of course work.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be prepared to function as forensic scientists and specialists, or for advanced study in forensic science, biomedical research, medicine, and law. For more information, please contact Dr. Sherrice Allen at (910) 672-1046 or by e-mail.