

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Students should feel motivated to make a difference

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After attending the "Stand and Deliver Leadership Conference" sponsored by the Student Government Association, VISION Student Leadership, and Student Affairs, I feel empowered and motivated to make a difference in the world.

It caused me to think about the everyday trials of an African American. Cousin Jeff inspired us to stop dwelling on Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

I understand why this statement was made. The statement was made because Reverend King was living in a period where blacks and whites could not coexist with each other. Reverend King stated: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

I believe we have moved closer to Reverend King's dream, but we are being judged not by the content of our character, but the content of character of ignorant individuals that would rather buy material things than invest in to something more worthwhile.

We as a people need to step up. We look to unequipped rappers to teach us life lessons we should be looking within ourselves to find.

We tend to accept mediocrity because we are afraid to step up and hold people accountable for what they are responsible for doing.

It's funny how we want people to follow us, but we don't let them know "why" they should follow us. That's like taking a road trip to New York City, but you continue driving on Highway 421 instead of getting on Highway 95.

You have to know where you are

going, how you are going to get there, who will be traveling with you, and why they should come along.

I encourage you all to travel beyond your normal standards to achieve something great.

I could write 100 pages about the changes we should make to gain a positive image, but it wouldn't make a difference if you all didn't feel the same way.

I would hate for us all to become enslaved with our own ignorance. It is time for us to stand up and start fighting; fighting for our rights, fighting for the rights of our brothers and sisters, and demanding the respect that we deserve.

We shouldn't accept the closing of E.E. Smith High School, when we should be assisting them in its survival; especially when we are historically linked to the institution.

We shouldn't accept mediocre jobs

and a prison system that will not rehabilitate its prisoners.

We must read more and understand that it is less expensive to allow an inmate to learn so when he/she is released from prison, they are less likely to return because they now have the knowledge they did not have before.

Read more, learn more, and don't accept failure. Stay tuned, there is more to come...

NFL star to conclude series

FSU Website

The Chancellor's Speaker Series will conclude with a lecture by football legend, Ron Jaworski on April 5.

Mr. Jaworski had an outstanding career at Youngstown State University and became a second-round draft choice of the Los Angeles Rams in 1973.

After four seasons, he was traded to the Philadelphia Eagles and helped to advance the Eagles to the NFC Playoffs in 1978 and 1979.

In 1980, he led the Eagles to their NFC Championship and Superbowl XV appearance against the Oakland Raiders.

He later played for the Miami Dolphins and the Kansas City Chiefs before retiring in 1990.

His statistics as a quarterback are legendary. They include 28,190 passing yards and 179 touchdowns.

In his first year of eligibility, he was nominated for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

He is currently excelling in the broadcasting field, working for WESPN, WFLA-TV Tampa Bay and ETN, Philadelphia.

Up and Coming Art Event

By Odesha Hill
The Voice

Seven artists from different worlds coming together to present art with a twist. The art forms will include ceramics, graphics, photography, print-making, and painting.

The show is called The Final Chapter meaning the ending of a long journal and overcoming tasks put forward in aggression.

Opening date starts from April 7 2006 to May 16 2006. All are welcome to attend, there will be refreshments will be served, and the admission is free.

Come with an open mind and prepare to be amazed. There is no dress code for the event so, spread the word.

Hope to see you all come out to the Rosenthal Building at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. Remember art can be anything if you use your imagination to create the impossible.



Women gaining power

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In 1995 at the United Nations Conference on Women in Beijing, governments set a goal of women achieving at least 30 percent of seats in national parliaments.

Thus far, women have succeeded in commanding only about 16 percent of those seats.

But that amounts to an all-time high today of 6,690 seats, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Geneva, reflecting some key gains in the past year.

Some of the biggest gains reflect women rising to leadership in troubled lands.

Liberia, where the Harvard-educated Johnson-Sirleaf took over, had been ravaged by two decades of instability and civil war that claimed 150,000 lives.

Analysts say it's no accident that the world's parliamentary body with the biggest share of women is found in Rwanda, where women hold 48.8 percent of the seats.

In the 1990s, tribal fighting in the central African nation triggered genocide and some of the most horrific human cruelty in recent history.

Kavita Ramdas has paid special attention to Africa as president of the Global Fund for Women, a San Francisco-based organization that distributes grants to women's groups around the world.

She says that women's recent political successes in Liberia and elsewhere in Africa "are very much related to the decimation of the continent by AIDS and civil conflict."

She added, "The emergence of a women's political voice is almost directly linked to the exhaustion of alternatives."

In 2001, a World Bank report on gender discrimination reported that less corruption exists where women govern.

Ramdas observed that in Afghanistan, voters in September expressed a desire to rid their war-ravaged land of male-

dominated corruption. They elected 68 women in the country's first parliamentary election in more than 30 years; a quarter of the 249-member legislative body is reserved for women under the country's postwar constitution.

"People say they trust women more than men because they are not corrupt," she said.

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