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From the Editor's Desk

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Greetings Fellow Broncos!

It's about time! This newspaper is back and full of flavor. It is a distinguished honor and privilege to be able to help lead this paper in the capacities that I do. The staff is full of energy and ready to be move forward.

The Voice has a rich legacy that extends back a half a century. With just a few typewriters, paper, and no office, The Voice printed monthly as the digest of student opinion during the 1950's and 1960's.

Now, more than 50 years later we are take pride in, and want to continue to enrich that heritage that is part of an awesome legacy of Fayetteville State University.

This newspaper has come a long way, and has taken leaps and bounds over the past three years.

It is the goal of this staff to service the Fayetteville State University community performing the primary function of our duties, and that is to bring news to the students in an objective, professional, and reliable manner.

It has been hard to establish and maintain the basic foundation of the newspaper, and bring it back to what it used to be, but we are doing our best, and will continue to service you, the reader!

You can look forward to the next issue of The Voice, which is set to hit the newsstands on Valentines Day 2008.

Thanks for the support Broncos!

Rendezvous With Destiny

Ashley Smith
Student Advisor

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, when referring to the issues of his time, said to his country and his peers, "This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny." This quote has been adopted many times since then by politicians looking to describe the need of their own generation to fulfill the lofty goals set before them.

For example, President Ronald Reagan used the phrase "rendezvous with destiny" to encourage Americans to win the fight against communism and to forge forward in a time of economic uncertainty. Today, when the individuals of our generation are lacking heroes and are uncertain about the future of our country and our immediate security, it is important that we look at President Roosevelt's quote as inspiration to become the leaders and heroes of tomorrow.

I see too many students throwing away their education by skipping classes, not paying attention to instructors, and not buys books so that they can instead buy new shoes.

If we spend our time waiting for new heroes like Dr. King and President Roosevelt to rise up and inspire us, I'm afraid that we will die waiting. Take action students.

Obama Says SC Win Turns Page

Charles Babington
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - Democrat Barack Obama said Sunday that his landslide win in South Carolina's presidential primary marks a turn in political history, showing that a black candidate can appeal to voters of all colors and in all regions.

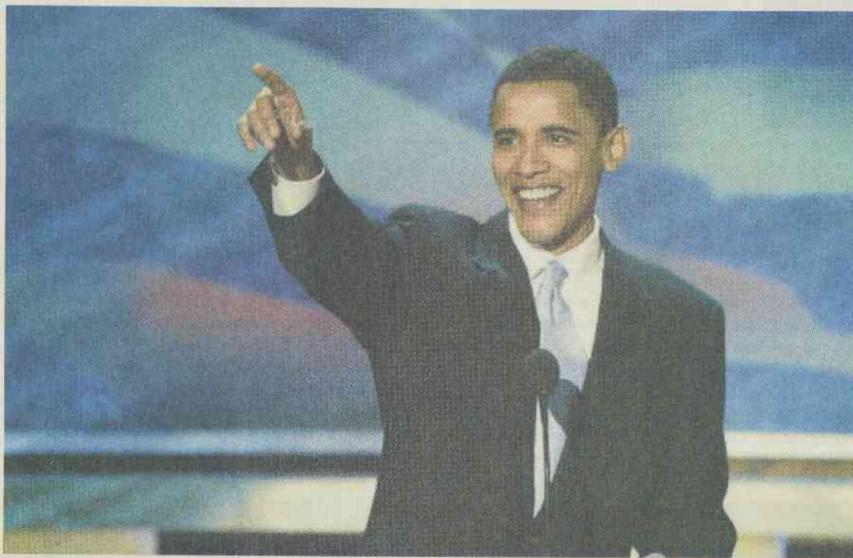
The Illinois senator told a raucous crowd of more than 9,000 here that his big victory Saturday disproved the old notion "that if you get black votes, you can't get white votes," and vice versa.

"We're going to write a new chapter in the South, we're going to write a new chapter in American history," he said during his 64-minute speech to a capacity crowd at the University of Alabama at Birmingham basketball arena. The crowd was roughly two-thirds black and one-third white.

Earlier Sunday he made a similar argument, responding to comments by former President Clinton that some interpreted as an effort to diminish Obama's win Saturday over Hillary Rodham Clinton. Bill Clinton noted that Jesse Jackson won the South Carolina primary in 1984 and 1988. Jackson never became the party's presidential nominee.

Obama, speaking during a television interview, said "there's no doubt" that Jackson set a precedent for blacks seeking the presidency. But he noted that was two decades ago.

"I think that what we saw in this election was a shift in South Carolina," he said, with implica-



Barack Obama points to his supporters at a recent democratic debate. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

tions "all across the country. I think people want change. I think they want to get beyond some of the racial politics that, you know, has been so dominant in the past."

Obama resisted being drawn into a spat with the Clintons, even though he suggested they are part of a political past the country is ready to leave behind.

"I think that Bill Clinton did important work back in the 1990s," he said. "The question is, now we're in 2008, and how do we move it forward to the next phase?"

"I think that in the '90s, we

got caught up in a slash-and-burn politics that the American people are weary of," Obama said.

"Now, that is not the Clintons' fault," he said on ABC's "This Week." "It is all of our faults, in the sense that we've gotten into these bad habits and we can't seem to have disagreements without being disagreeable."

Later, speaking with reporters during a flight from Georgia to Alabama, Obama said, "I think the country wants to look forward, and that has always been the central thesis of our campaign."

He said Hillary Clinton will

have an advantage in the sprawling race on Feb. 5, when Democrats vote in 22 states, because of her nearly universal name recognition. "It presents more of a challenge for us," he said, because he needs time for voters to get to know him.

Obama declined to directly condemn Clinton for urging that Democratic Party officials recognize delegates awarded to the winner of Tuesday's largely ignored Democratic primary in Florida. The national party has said it will not sanction Tuesday's results because the state insisted on scheduling its presidential

primary too early in the year. Clinton said she will travel to Florida on Tuesday.

"All the candidates made a pledge that we would campaign in the early states and we would not campaign in Florida and Michigan," Obama said. "I will abide by the promises I made."

As Obama campaigned in Georgia and Alabama, party officials confirmed that Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy planned to endorse him Monday in Washington. Obama was endorsed during the weekend by Caroline Kennedy, the senator's niece and daughter of the late President Kennedy.

In Macon, Ga., Obama spoke for about a half hour to about 1,000 people at the interracial and interdenominational Harvest Cathedral. He talked about how he became a committed Christian as a young man in Chicago after rarely attending church as a child.

On his first visit to the church he now belongs to, Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Obama said, "I was introduced to Jesus in a way I had never been before." Part of his mission as a politician, he said, is "to go out and do the Lord's work."

Recounting the biblical story of the Good Samaritan, Obama said, "Our commitment cannot rest so long as we are still divided by race and have homeless veterans, poor schools, uninsured people and unemployed workers."

Georgia and Alabama are among the 15 states holding Democratic primaries on Feb. 5. Seven other states hold Democratic caucuses that day.

Primaries: Democrats Steal Spotlight

Sarah A. Marks
Senior Managing Editor

Preparing for the upcoming primaries, states become flooded with potential presidential candidates, media and voters anxious to make their contributions in determining the next president of the United States of America. Every news channel has a different approach and new information used to sway voters between the many candidates. Regardless of who takes the nomination, it is clear that the Democrats have stolen the spotlight and dominate the news coverage.

Front runners from the Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, have established two conflicting paths based on their differences regarding public policy issues. While wasting time criticizing each other, Clinton and Obama, have separated themselves significantly from the third presidential candidate, John Edwards. Edwards told CNN, "We saw all of the petty, personal bickering." That may be the way they do politics in New York, that may be the way that they do politics in Chicago. But South Carolina's better than that." Edwards also argues that the constant squabbling between candidates Clinton and Obama isn't doing anything for the health care system or the education system. He stresses the importance of elections not to be about candidates personally, but rather what each can do for this nation.

Unfortunately for Hillary, Bill has managed to steal much of the spotlight during these primary elections. Bill, losing his temper in front of voters, has made the distinction between the runner for office all the more difficult to discern. Many find themselves asking, are we voting for Hillary or are we voting for Bill again?

Obama on the other hand, has attacked this election single-handedly without a spouse fighting his battles. He emphasizes change in America and believes he is the change we are desperately in need of. Obama states, "This presidential campaign isn't about attacking people for fun. It's about solving people's problems, like ending this war and creating a universal healthcare system." Obama has presented a campaign based on personal needs of voters and the desire to be the change agent for America.

Trailing Clinton and Obama, John Edwards stays in the game maintaining the third-place status. Teaming up with wife, Elizabeth Edwards, the couple aggressively pursues the campaign trail despite their announcement of Mrs. Edward's cancer. Edwards reflects on his 2004 campaign by saying, "I spend my time now thinking about what I want to do as president."

Local Businesswoman Donates \$25,000 to Fayetteville State University

FSU Public Relations

Terri Union, retired Executive Vice president of Union Corrugating Company of Fayetteville, announced today a \$25,000 donation to Fayetteville State University (FSU). The donation will be used to establish the T.J. Bryan Student Leadership Endowment.

Funds from the endowment will be used to address one of the greatest concerns on campuses nationwide - the low number of males attending college. FSU, in particular, is committed to increasing the male student enrollment from 30 to 35 percent within five years, particularly among those low-income at-risk students in the community and region.

The goal is to make certain male students are recruited, engaged at the collegiate level, and retained for successful completion of the undergraduate degree. The T.J. Bryan Student Leadership Endowment would provide these male students with leadership-skill development, allowing them to make significant contributions to their community upon graduation.

To achieve the goal of increasing the number of males on campus, FSU will establish a Saturday Academy called the Leadership and Service Institute whereby participants will learn the from faculty members, community leaders, and experts about the importance of being leaders and serving the communities in which they live.

Students will also meet and dine with distinguished speakers, and participate in professional development workshops that focus on dress, speech and etiquette. A leadership conference in collaboration with the Student Government Association and other student groups will also be held on the FSU campus.

In the community, the participants will collabo-

rate with military, business, and government officials on how to be effective leaders.

Union said FSU plays a vital role in the Fayetteville community and is important to economic growth and development. The Leadership and Service Institute will enhance economic development and strengthen our community in its ability to attract businesses who are seeking a strong, well educated workforce.

"This generous gift will significantly increase our ability to recruit and retain male students," said Dr. John Brooks, Director of University College. "University College sponsors the Bronco Men Learning Community, another FSU program to recruit and retain male students. Our experience with service learning indicates that males respond positively to opportunities for leadership and service."

The leadership endowment is named in honor of T.J. Bryan, former Chancellor of FSU and the first African-American woman to serve as Chancellor in the University of North Carolina System.

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Fayetteville State University is a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina and the second-oldest public institution of higher education in the state.

Founded in 1867 as the Howard School for the education of African Americans, today FSU serves a growing student body of nearly 6,700 students and ranks among the nation's most diverse campus communities.

For more information, call (910) 672-1474.

The Bottom Line

...The Bottom Line is The Voice is back and better than ever. With support from the Bronco Community, the newspaper will continue to be the source for student news and an outlet for student opinion. The newspaper is here for the students; its articles are written by the students, and the primary audience of the newspaper is the students.

Little known facts

... Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them used to burn their houses down - hence the expression "to get fired."

Today

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