

# The Voice

www.fsuvoice.com

FOR STUDENTS, BY STUDENTS

March 31, 2010 • Vol. 1, Issue no. 5

## Advance Your Swagger...Bentley Style

by Shante Elliot



(Left) "The Voice" advisor Valonda Calloway interviews Fonzworth Bentley for NBC 17. Bentley advises FSU students Dwayne Patrick, AJ Gwynn and Junious Smith on attire.

(Bottom) "Fonzworth Bentley lectures students during the 2010 Stand and Deliver Conference.

photos by L'Asia Brown



On March 19th Fayetteville State University students were schooled on everything from proper manners, color combinations, clothing choices, and most of all swagger. Those who thought they had everything down pat realized they didn't, and those who didn't have everything

together were educated on how to develop this thing called swagger, which is also known as confidence.

Who could possibly teach about swagger? It would take someone experienced, knowledgeable, professional, and educated to touch on this important subject. FSU went to the best, fashion guru Derek Watkins, a.k.a. Fonzworth Bentley. Bentley was the speaker for the yearly Stand and Deliver Program sponsored by the Student Activities Council and the Student Government Association. This year the program continued the message FSU has stressed: dressing for success. Bentley educated students on everything from manners, to clothing choices, to personal goals.

The Morehouse graduate has a layered definition of swagger. Swagger consists of "manners, confidence, and style," said Bentley. He said this is what will take you

far in life. He began by telling all the students that they were CEO's of their purpose, and because they are CEO's they need to carry themselves as such. "Integrity is back in style," said the style guru. His speech made you think; about your current place and what you envision for yourself. Bentley

stressed that there are four things you need to do to get to your place in life: plant a seed of faith, always have integrity, align yourself with people who share your vision, and dress appropriately.

After graduating from Morehouse, with a bachelor of science degree, Watkins took a job at a Polo store in Atlanta. His customers included his childhood friend Andre 3000 and future employer Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. When offered a job at The Polo Mansion, Watkins relocated to New York. He left Polo and became an apprentice for the famous designer, Alan Flusser. He later reached out to Diddy and asked for a job. Watkins caught the world's attention as the flawlessly dressed personal assistant to Diddy. Bentley took a leap of faith in 2002 by heading for Los Angeles to pursue an acting career. He landed a role in the films "Honey" and "Fat Albert". He has also appeared in several music videos with

continued on page 2

## LAST CHANCE!

by Francine Dunbar

Applications for the spring student elections have been available online since March 18th. The deadline is March 31st at 5:00 pm. Students have the opportunity to sign up for such positions as:

- Resident Assistant
- Orientation Leader
- Student Government Association
- Executive Board
- Senator At Large
- Off Campus Senator
- Class Kings and Queens
- Class Officers
- Judicial Board

- Student Activities Council
- Executive Board
- Council Member

The official campaign meeting will be held April 1st at 3 pm in the Student Center, room 236.

Elections day speeches are scheduled for Thursday April 15th in the Student Center, along with online voting from 9 a.m. to 9p.m.

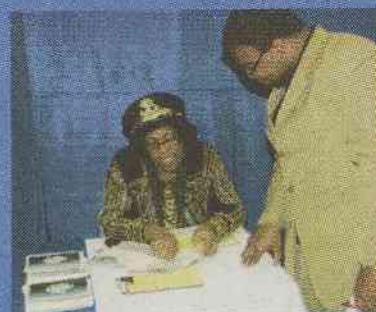
For more information, please go to <https://forms.uncfsu.edu/departments/StudentAffairs/SGAelection/index.cfm> or contact Walter McNeil at 910-672-2207 or [wmcneil@uncfsu.edu](mailto:wmcneil@uncfsu.edu).

### Inside This Issue:

It's All About Communication



Spring Career Fair Draws Hundreds



### Table of Contents:

- News
- Features: page 4
- Opinion: page 7
- Arts & Entertainment: page 8