

OPINION PAGE

Founder's Day

By Joseph Brown, II

Founder's Day is a celebration of an institution's history and achievements. St. Augustine's celebration was accentuated by the keynote speaker, Dr. Nathan Wright, but the stage was set by SGA president Mr. John Jolly who spoke of St. Aug's future, which is dependent upon the unification and dreams as we "reach for the stars."

Magdalene Johnson, Miss St. Augustine's spoke of our past, as efforts of a few, to who we should all be grateful, because "it is to those few, that we owe so much."

Founder's Day is a celebration bringing together the past, and the present allowing us to focus on the future. It is impossible to separate the three without becoming emotionally involved, which was expressed by President, Dr. Prezell Robinson in his expression of gratitude to President Emeritus Dr. Boyer. These two men who exemplify the past and present and who have helped shape the future by educating thousands of students should always be remembered.

Dr. Nathan Wright, an Alumnus by definition, gave an historical analysis of the need for institutions like St. Augustine's College and the other forty UNCF schools. In his opening remarks which were especially meaningful to the student body; simply because it is through us that black colleges will survive. We are the future, and we will mold and shape it as we "reach for the stars."

Dr. Wright spoke of a "solidness" that builds reputations. "Solidness" does not mean making great contributions, it means making small contributions that serve as a stepping stone or a building block so that those coming behind you can

build upon what you have accomplished.

St. Augustine's is a solid institution, it serves as a foundation that many students use to build upon. St. Augustine's makes small strides, but it does not go backwards, it moves forward like a lethargic giant awaiting a rude awakening. If the students were to suddenly wake up to the injustices of society, this institution would be even greater.

It is essential that black students, as well as society as a whole; realize that black institutions play a vital role in the survival of the black race. Most important is the fact that they help us realize our goal of self-reliance.

When St. Augustine's was founded along with approximately 12 other black institutions, it served as a remedial institution, teaching us to read, write, and to survive.

Today, these remedial institutions have evolved into highly respected institutions of higher education including a focus upon the African experience of social science, business, or the life sciences.

We must remember our history and contributions on Founder's Day, we must never tear down the stepping stones which we use as a "stairway to the stars." Think about what may have happened with the Martin Luther Kings, the Andrew Youngs, the Stokely Carmichaels, and what it would be like if there hadn't been sit-ins, and marches or what it would have been like without such organizations as SNCC.

When you realize the contributions that these institutions have made, the roles they have played, and the changes they have orchestrated you must be as proud to be a student at this institution as you are of being black. Think about It!

The Lack of Proper International News Coverage by The News Media

By Rouchell Chesson

It seems more and more that propaganda is the name of the game for the game for the News Media here in the United States. It is as if the education and enlightenment of its citizens mean little or nothing to these politically and commercially oriented media network.

The scarcity of readable material and the inadequate manner in which foreign news is handled and reported by the United States journalists is appalling. It has become more evident, that journalists feel that they have the authority to pick, choose and define what the viewers of readers, should read and watch.

Instead of the media, whose responsibility is to give clear distinct and efficient information in an unbiased format, they give the readers, listeners, and viewers extremely biased reports.

Many journalists lack the quality

needed to produce informative documentaries and comprehensive literature, so that the layman can grasp and understand America's policy to foreign countries, and the public, will give the American viewers, readers and listeners a chance to give their views and to somewhat influence the makingup of U.S. foreign policy.

If America is a truly democratic nation and believes in freedom of speech, the freedom of the expression of ideas and philosophy, as well as, the belief in the preservation of human life and liberties, why then do they not educate their people through the news media about various cultures regardless of America's interests?

The American people have a right to know both sides of the story and the truth! The American news media is over opinionated and too politically inclined to do an effective job of being objective.

Fifteen Acts In The Search Of Identity

By Vincent Smith

Looking back on yesterday one would find it essential to note the significance of planting a new born growth. The beauty of conception continues to unfold spontaneously. A seed was planted in the heart of Raleigh, North Carolina, the State Capital.

Although 1867 represents the year it all began as denoted by historical documentation, we can assume its roots were planted a long time before our calculations of 114 years ago.

Fortunately, for numerous individuals and society as a whole our evolution has been a well rooted cultivation of life. From that minute atmosphere of a handful of administrators and students not long ago to presently more than a handful of participants than we once knew.

Our institution now has a highly functional organizational structure as a higher learning institution.

Bearing this in mind, let's focus on today's students and their role in the traditional celebration and commemoration of Founder's Day activities.

In order to properly do this, one would have to reflect on the Student Government Association under the Jolly Administration!! Homecoming 1981 had SGA affiliation through planning, program organizing or participation in fifteen activities. Over half of these events were totally prepared and delivered by the Jolly administration.

Never in my time span at this institution have I experienced such a diligent and successful effort by the SGA highlighting the spirit of growth and development so admirably. The SGA should also be commended for the variety of programs it offered as well as attempting to set tradition in establishing two first annual events: 1) 1st annual Student-Faculty basketball game, and 2) 1st annual Parade of Queens.

They Said It Couldn't Happen

By Fenton R. Leslie

The year was 1915. Jack Johnson (gold tooth grin and all), the first Black Heavyweight Champion was in the last year of his reign. The talk of the summer was baseball, and as fall approached--the World Series.

The Philadelphia "Phillies" had won the National League championship, going into the World Series behind a rookie pitcher, Grover Cleveland Alexander (destined to become one of the greatest pitchers of all time). Alexander won the opening game; sadly, that would be the only win.

The year was 1950. Joe Louis (the Brown Bomber) was attempting a comeback, after being the Heavyweight Champion for twelve years (Louis being the second Black heavyweight champion).

As the World Series approached, the "Phillies," were once again National League champions. Because of the youth of the team, writers dubbed them the "whiz kids." The team had names like Ritchie Ashburn, Robin Roberts and Del Enis.

Opposing them, however, were the mighty Yankees; the "whiz kids" would be crushed in four straight.

No one knew them. Thirty years would pass before the Phillies would get another chance.

The year was 1980. Muhammad Ali retired Heavyweight Champion (the only man to win the title three times) was preparing for a comeback. (Ali was the seventh Black man to hold the title, since Louis only twice had the title not been held by a Black man to this present day).

The thirty years between these two dates can be roughly divided into two periods. From '52 to '64 the Phillies annually found themselves either in last or next to last place in the National League (in 1961 losing twenty-four straight games to set a modern league record).

The final fourteen years could be considered the great unfillment. Time and again the Phillies seemed to invent novel ways of losing the big ones. The latter part of the 70's enabled the Phillies to win divisional crowns, then blow the pennant playoffs. 1979 saw the arrival of Pete Rose; but the Phillies couldn't do any better than a third place finish.

Now it was 1978--The Phillies, cynics no longer pay attention, as

season progresses, it seems the Phillies are playing for second place. The Expos (Montreal) led the league until the final three games. The pennant showdown is next with (Houston) the Astros, surely the Phillies would fold. However, the Phillies had other ideas and beat the Astros in a bruising series.

For the third time in the history of the club, the Phillies held the National League title. Meanwhile, the American League title run also produced another upset. The Royals (Kansas City) who also had a history of being runner up, upset the mighty Yankees (New York). The stage was now set for a northeast, midwest confrontation.

Odds makers made Kansas City the odds on favorite to take the series. In their native city, the Phillies swept the first two games. On their own turf, the Royals evened the score. However, in the fifth game played in Kansas City, the Phillies managed to win. Returning to Philadelphia, the Phillies made short work of the Astros winning their first World Series in the ninety-eighth year of the team. The impossible had become reality.

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