

From the Editor's Desk



Dr. Prezell Robinson, distinguished president of our fine institution, administration, staff, faculty, and fellow students.

Upon being named Editor-in-Chief last semester, I looked upon this task as a big challenge, but I did not fear this very important position. Having been in the mass media field for the past four years, this field is nothing new to me, only the position.

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming back the upperclassmen and welcoming the freshmen. You have picked a great institution. Don't let anyone tell you different. All the students at St. Augustine's College have at least one thing in

common: MOTIVATION. Motivation to come to St. Aug. and seek a higher education. Always remember you hold the key to your own destiny. You are the most important person in your life. Take pride in yourself. I wish you a lot of luck and success in your studies this year.

The main purpose of The Pen newspaper and the staff is to work diligently to provide our readers with informative as well as entertaining news. We will do our best to continue the great tradition of The Pen.

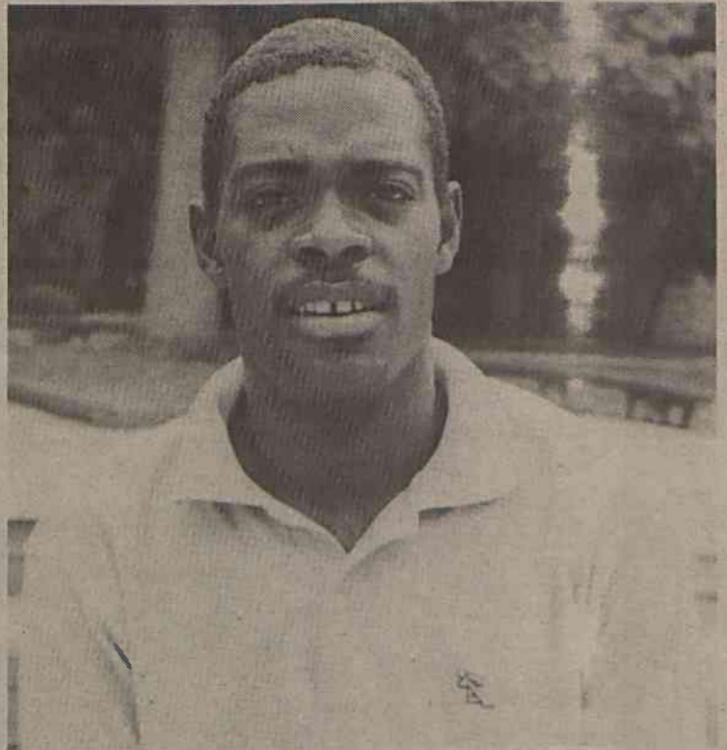
To all organizations and groups, feel free to send information on events and meetings to the Pen Office, Cheshire Building or

call 828-4451 ext. 276. We would appreciate cooperation from the administration and faculty as well.

We plan to do great things with The Pen this year and you can be part of it. You keep us informed as well as the Pen staff keeping you informed. We go together, hand in hand. Remember at "THE AUG-WE ARE FAMILY".

The Pen staff looks forward to serving you this year and I would like to extend my gratitude to you in advance.

Sincerely,
Jeff Kenney
Editor-in-Chief



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117th Founder's Day Convocation
October 13th

REGISTER '84 Elections TO VOTE

Youth Convention Upcoming

The 40th Annual NAACP State Convention of the NAACP will be held in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. October 13-16. All Youth Sessions will be held in the Holiday Inn. The Youth Sessions will begin Friday, October 14th with "Project Freedom", A Voter Registration-Membership Campaign. NAACP youth will canvas the local community to register voters and solicit memberships. The youth theme will be, "Troubles Facing Today's Youth: Drugs, Dropouts and Teenage Pregnancy".

Highlights of this year's convention are a NAACP T-shirt Fashion Show, workshops, a special voter education program, election of state youth officers, a youth song festival, a junior youth workshop, and advisor-adult training for youth week in the NAACP. There will also be an official state youth conference T-Shirt on sale for \$5.00. A special announcement will be made to organize and support S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Drivers), and a slide presentation of the 1982 and 1983 NAACP National College Scholarships will be available too.

All youth interested in the NAACP are invited to attend this conference. There will be a Youth Unit Convention Assessment and Delegates Registration Fee.

Housing arrangements should be made through Carolyn Coleman's office at 919-275-0851. Youths will stay at the Holiday Inn and Madison Budget Inn. Any youth choir wanting to participate in the Youth Song Festival should write NAACP State Youth Conference, 3211 Delmonte Drive, Greensboro, N. C., 27406 or call T. Dianne Bellamy-Small at 919-855-1847.

The agenda for the Youth Session is:

Friday, October 14, 1983
8:30-5:00 - Registration all Delegates; 9:00-9:30 Project Freedom (youth and adults); 10:00 Reception.

Saturday, October 15, 1983
8:30-9:00 - Registration; 9:00-9:30 Roll call, Selection of committees, Nominations, Resolutions, Credentials; 9:30-10:00-T-shirt Fashion Show; 10:00-10:30-Purpose of Program; 10:30-11:45-Concurrent Workshops-A. Drugs, B. Dropouts, C. Teenage Sexuality, D. Junior Youth Special; 10:30-12:30-Advisers-Adult Training in Youth Week; 11:45-1:00 pm-E. Vote in '84, Project Freedom, F. Scholarship Application Session; 1:00-2:30 pm-Report of committees, Election of Officers; 3:30-5:30 pm-Youth Song Festival; 7:30-10:30 pm-Freedom Awards Banquet; 10:30-12:30 am-Youth Disco.

1983: Military vs Human Needs

Today the lives of Black Americans have gotten worse, not better. Genocide best describes the policies and practices of the federal government towards Black Americans: in addition to staggering unemployment; sub-standard schools; inadequate health care; crime concentrated in the Black community (a Black man has a 600-800% greater likelihood of being murdered than a white man); a shamefully high infant mortality rate; a growing suicide rate; increasing murders by police and racist violence bred in a climate of government scapegoating of Blacks and people of color.

Shifting funds from human needs and jobs to the military budget literally means death for many Blacks. One out of every five Black adults is out of work; one of every two Black youth can't find a job. Only one-half of the unemployed receive benefits.

The popular misconception that the military creates jobs has been shattered by studies proving that military spending costs hundreds of thousands of jobs. During 1970-78, when the military spent an average of \$85 billion,

the military budget cost the jobs of 109,000 Black Americans every year. For every \$1 billion rise in the military budget, Blacks lost 1,300 jobs.

Democrats and Republicans are haggling over options of 10% and 4% increases in the military budget for 1984. While the debate created the illusion of cutting the budget it does not address the fact that even without the increase, the military budget is deforming the economy and undermining our standard of living.

The National Black Organizer's Conference demands military policies which freeze and ultimately eliminate all nuclear weapons, that reduce all levels of conventional weapons,

and that promote world peace rather than war. This year, an alternative military budget proposed by Congressman Ron Dellums calls for a \$65 billion cut in military spending, while rejecting the government philosophy of military aggression and containment of communism. Yet even a \$65 billion cut in only the beginning. We demand a fundamental transfer of funds from the military to human needs. We demand that vast sums of money now used for the military be used for the creation of jobs, job training, housing, health care, and education for Black people. US military spending today equals genocide for Black People! Cut Military Spending/Stop Black Genocide!



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