

Editorials

EDITOR'S CORNER

Ironically, we are paralleling national events. As is the case in government, come January, St. Aug will be expecting a new President. However, as is necessary with national changes, one must be careful not to expect miraculous changes overnight.

If indeed we are paralleling not only national but world events as well, this international community that St. Aug is needs to take heed to the world.

Before the former U.S.S.R. fell the people became disillusioned with Gorbachev, and later when Yeltsin was elected president, the Russian people expected conditions to be equal to those of the West overnight. In Germany, when the Berlin Wall was torn down and the Germans were united, East Germans expected immediate equality of conditions with the West. When Clinton was elected, the citizens of the United States expected an immediate improvement in all things. When Mandela was elected, many expected an immediate "improvement" in all conditions. And now, with the new Republican Party in power, many are again expecting an immediate resolution to all the "problems" Clinton and the Democrats were not able to solve.

As each of the parties involved in the "expectation game" discovered, "immediate" is a word of relative time. Such will be the case at St. Aug. There is only so much that can be accomplished "immediately". The fulfillment of "immediately" in business is sometimes 3-5 years, and if this is the case at St. Aug, this means that the present freshmen may be the only ones who will witness the installation of a new president and the fulfillment of "changes".

Ishmael Smith

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH



Some of the punks on this yard, and that's right, I said "punks!" need to get the hell off of this campus.

Nah, first of all, let me qualify that. The punks who were setting the school on fire Friday night and Saturday morning need to get on up out of here.

Who in their right mind would set fire to Penick Hall? Don't you know that there are dangerous,

explosive chemicals that are stored in that building? Suppose the deed had been successful and Penick had caught fire. Suppose, just suppose, that the flames had ignited into a blaze before the fire-fighters arrived. That means that the Admissions Building, Delany Hall, Baker Hall, and some of the wooden trailers behind Penick may have caught fire also. Who knows how many sisters may have been injured or even killed? Who knows how high school fees would have had to be raised to cover part of the expense?

Listen, you poor, degenerate slob, just because you do not want to be here does not give you the right to deny others that privilege.

Listen, St Aug may not provide activities for the weekends or give you anything else to do on the weekends but Friday was beyond

me. The Alphas were hosting a dance? Couldn't you have just gone to the dance and let that infamous heat in the Gym drain you?

You good-for-nothings involved in this act of terrorism need to be caught and expelled. I won't say jailed, because you may not have thought of the possible outcomes of your childish act, the variables could not appear in your minute, Neanderthalic mind, or the size of your brain could not accommodate cognitive thought, but whatever the case, whoever you are, male or female ('cause females are indeed capable of these acts of terrorism. Check out Left Eye [I know it's cheap, but it is appropriate]). You've had your moment in the spotlight. Free it up for someone with something constructive to offer.

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Pen,

Why is it that students at St. Aug are always being told to be like the students at N. C. State or Chapel Hill when it comes to conformity? I don't know, but I am tired of it. Yesterday I was told not to come upstairs again in the college union unless I decide not to wear my hat. If the union is supposed to be a relaxed atmosphere for students, why can't we do whatever we like in it, as long as it does not interfere with someone else's rights as an individual. So-called adults should not tell me not to wear

my hat just because they have never seen the students at State wear hats inside their buildings. First and foremost, I am an individual. The organizations I have membership in do not define me. We define the organizations. Don't expect me to conform when that is not the question. The question is whether or not you approve. I don't care one way or the other how you feel about what I do.

Sincerely yours,

R. Antonio Moore

Disappointing turnout at Kwanzaa Extravaganza

On Saturday December 10, vendors turned the walkway from the Seby Jones Art Gallery to the entrance to the Music Department into a virtual mall of cultural goods.

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from the staff
of
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