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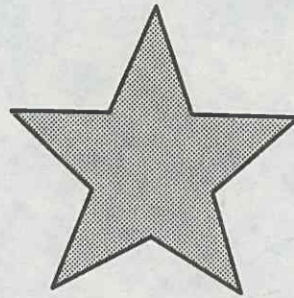
The year of 1995 is finally coming to an end. It has definitely been an interesting year for the St. Aug family. Who would have thought that St. Augustine's College new president, Dr. Bernard Franklin, would make more changes in a year than have not been made in over 26 years? Although he still has a long way to go, Dr. Franklin should be commended for at least having the initiative and the desire to bring about changes at St. Aug where they are needed the most.

St. Aug also added a new male residence hall, Boyer Hall, which is named after Dr. James Boyer, the seventh president of this college. Also, the college has finally arrived into the nineties with the Internet system in the Humanities Lab. Internet was definitely needed at St. Aug in order for students to have more access to information across the United States.

Some students at St. Aug also participated in the Million Man March, which was held in Washington, D.C. The march, which was called by Minister Louis Farrakhan, spoke about atonement for these men and encouraged these African-American males to become role models and leaders in their community.

1995 also marked the passing of St. Aug alumna Bessie Delany, 1994 basketball standout Denise Holden, and Dr. Paul Vandergrift, who had just taken the position of Senior Vice President and Provost at St. Aug. Each individual held a special place in the hearts of all Augites and they will never be forgotten.

So, what does 1996 hold for St. Aug? What additional changes (if any) will be made, and will the changes be for the better? Well, it might be too early to answer these questions. But, with a president like Dr. Franklin, Augites can rest assured that whatever changes are made, they will be in the best interest of everyone involved, and that includes the St. Aug. family.



As the Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and New Year seasons approach, most people begin to take time to reflect on events of the previous year. "What will I do differently, what will I do more or less of...?" But a recent question about the "Support African-American businesses" charge, calls for all African-Americans to financially support black-owned businesses not only during the holiday season, but in the upcoming year as well.

Many think that it's a great way to expand and keep money in the black community. Some, believe it or not, don't agree with the decision and feel that it's only promoting discrimination. Others are indifferent and will probably not change their shopping habits.

Well, according to Dr. Frank Godfrey, Associate Professor of Business Administration, statistics show that African Americans spend only 6% of their money supporting black-owned businesses. During a campus seminar on "Why You Should Support Black-owned Businesses", Godfrey advised that African-American college students should complete their education. "And after graduation," he continued, "Black students should come together to form their own IBMs and Microsoft."

Yet, we, with no exception, are fast to invest our money buying Tommy Hilfiger, Express, Limited, Polo, and Banana Republic. The Egyptians have created beautiful pyramids more than 50 stories high, and East Africans are known for their mysterious artifacts, can African-Americans not create quality clothing?

Golden Corral has an "All You Can Eat" menu; so does LeCount's. P&W is closed down-let's collect money to get it reopened!

St. Aug. students continue to desire new facilities, yet just last week, someone broke the glass on one of the doors in the Student Union?

There are many things in the black community to be changed, but the biggest thing that need to be changed most is our way of thinking.

It's no big deal where our dollars have been, but, for the future, let us be the compass and guide where our dollars will go.

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"Young, Black, and Giving Back"

Black Student Leadership Network Newspaper Column

The Black Student Leadership Network (BSLN) is a national group of African American college students, college age adults, and young community-based activists. Our goal is to improve the life chance of poor children and families.

The BSLN is the youth training and leadership development arm of the Black a Community crusade for Children (BCCC), a

nationwide effort to encourage African Americans to work on behalf of children and families in need. The BCCC is coordinated nationally by the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C.

The BSLN has produced "Young, Black, and Giving Back" a monthly op-ed column targeted to Black and other college students. The goal of the column is to increase student awareness about

issues that affect the Black community and to provide information on social and political issues that affect young adults.

We hope "Young, Black, and Giving Back" will inspire college students to become active on campus and work in local communities on behalf of children. We also hope young people will register to vote and support government policies that provide quality jobs,

education, housing, health and child care for all Americans.

If you wish to contribute to "Young, Black, and Giving Back" for a nation-wide audience, or simply to obtain more information on any of the areas of interest of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC), write to Lisa Rhodes, BSLN Coordinating Editor, c/o the Children's Defense Fund, 25 E. Street, NW,

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