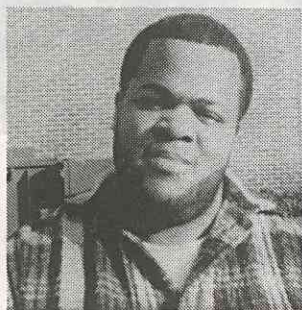


Falcon Speak Out!

Should
President
Bill Clinton
be impeached?



Timothy Bias
Sophomore

"Clinton should not be impeached, even though he did not handle the situation appropri-



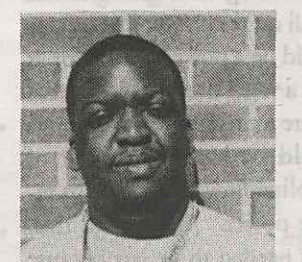
Tasha Allen
Sophomore

"No, because his personal life has not affect his job as the president. Overall, he is a dynamic man to be reckoned with."



Steven Diggs
Senior

"No, he should not, because it is not affecting his job. His personal affairs should not be a public issue and should have been kept out of the public eye."



Ryan Robinson
Senior

ately in the beginning, he did in the end. He apologized and the blood is now off his hand."

(Compiled by Pebbles Garrett)

'Four letter word' takes over classroom

Have you ever gone to a class and had a professor who felt as if he or she could say whatever they wanted?

They constantly use languages that are in my opinion unnecessary in helping me understand the course in which they teach.

If I have to go to class and act professional, then so should those who call themselves professors.

If you are like me, then you can probably do without the profanity used in the classroom setting.

I have one teacher, who uses profane language habitually during class.

One day he said to the class that he doesn't use profanity to be offensive, but only because it expresses his point better.

Well, that certainly was an intelligent answer. Hello, have you ever heard of a *THESAURUS*?

Now it would seem to me that if he wants to express a thought or an idea that he would at least be able to do so in a manner that is suitable for a classroom environment.

Teachers that I have had in the past suggested that I should build my vocabulary, but I definitely don't think that is what they had in mind.

Just in case you are a teacher who is wondering if I

am talking about you, then you must be guilty.

I want to let you "guilty" teachers know, that not everyone in your classes use profanity. Some of you instructors think that nothing is wrong with the way you speak in your classes, but don't assume that it is okay because you are the teacher and I am the student.

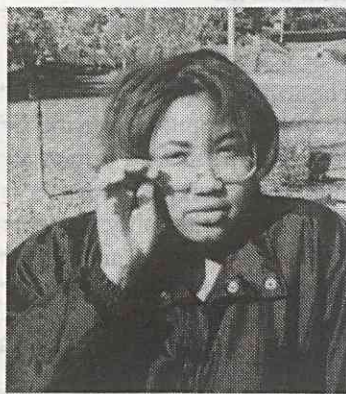
Respect me and the other students who are in your classes to learn something other than how not to act. Be more considerate in the choice of words that you speak, because you might be offensive to others.

Here is a little piece of advice in case you find that you can't help yourself.

In order to make sure that you don't offend anyone, it would be wise if you would keep the street speech where it belongs. In the street!

Now on a positive note, I generally think that all of you who are instructors are very good at your jobs. Just remember, you

are in positions as mentors to me as well as other young adults. Don't let me leave St. Augustine's College with the idea that the only way that I can use to get a point across is if I use a nice "four letter word."



Jocqueline Protho
Guest Columnist

Every generation has its own struggle in a world such as this

From U-Wire

Things aren't the way they used to be! Have you ever heard that from grandam, grandpa, a teacher, a parent of your roommate? They sit down and complain about how undisciplined kids are today and how much harder it was to live back in the '50s, '30s, 19th or 14th centuries. It's true that things aren't the way they used to be. They've changed. They haven't always changed for the better, but they've changed.

People since the beginning of history have been complaining about how bad things are in their current time and how they must have once been better.

The Garden of Eden is probably the most powerful and well-known version of this idea. Long ago, there was a perfect place where man coexisted with God in perfect harmony with nature. But something happened, and now we live in this screwed up place. So let's get really upset about how we aren't in paradise anymore and construct some really draconian laws so that we can make ourselves good enough to get back to it. (I've oversimplified, but you catch the gist.)

I don't mean to say that the Garden of Eden is a somehow a pointless story — in fact I think quite the opposite — but it has this "back in

the day" or "since the world I live in now sucks so much, it must have been better before" quality to it. Why must things have been so much better before?

Life and history haven't ever taught us (unless you've been asleep) that at one time everything was perfect and now it's the pit of despair. No. There are good times and bad times, and we just have to live through them.

"Kids today have no worries." A man once told me that we kids don't try hard enough. We don't put in the elbow grease that his generation did and we sure aren't as smart. He said that all that kids are interested in were drugs and sex. We have no interest in personal integrity, community value or morality. We haven't had a Great Depression or a World War to be drafted into. I agreed with him on those points. How could I not?

But what he had failed to recognize is that we have had to grow up in the wreckage of his generation just as he had to grow up in the wreckage of his parents' generation. Has he had to grow up in a world with AIDS, terrorism and light-speed technological progress? No.

An older gentlemen also told me that "The 'A' is not worth as much as it used to be." He said that children today aren't learning as much as they used to. "Really?" I said. Today we no longer learn Virgil, Homer and Plato. We aren't learning history as well as we used to. Our reading comprehension is lower than his

generation's was. Is that our fault or the fault of our teachers? Neither. The statement is bull.

In a world of extraordinarily fast-paced progress, we learn how to operate computers, take introductory classes in physics and astronomy that are more in-depth than our parents' classes were.

The "A" hasn't had to be devalued, we've just had to learn different things.

So, for all of you people out there who are so convinced that we live in a world of educational and moral deficiency that has abandoned its history of paradise, think again.

What mistakes did you make when you were young. Did you ever vandalize? Get drunk? Have pre-marital sex? Flunk a test? Disrespect an elder? I bet you did. Maybe you didn't use the means that we have today, but in essence you did the same things.

Things are very much the same. We still struggle. The things that we struggle with today have different faces on the surface, but they are very much the same. They are grief, pain, fear, anxiety and hopelessness.

So don't go running around telling us that the world is so much easier than it was because you haven't grown up in this one. You've made it. And we'll make one too.



By Shontia Taylor
Guest Columnist

End to the long lines in Financial Aid

I have been working in the Financial Aid Office (FAO) here at St. Augustine's College for the past three years as a work study student.

The FAO, is an office where students go to receive aid for the semester which includes: several grants, SEOG, and the William D. Ford Stafford Loan. These types of aid are offered to only those students who qualify.

Many of you students think the FAO is often time unfair and bias. During registration the financial aid line always seem to be the longest out of the rest, and the weird process of counselors seeing students seem more unbearable as well.

When a student finally reaches a counselor they expect all their aid to be ready and waiting with a stroke of a pen, knowing that the counselor will make the impossible, possible. NOT!, better luck next semester.

Who is to blame for you paying those outrageous prices at the agreement office?

Who is at fault, because you have to stand in long lines at registration?

Are the counselors who work so hard and diligently at sending you letter after letter, hold flagging you in the cafeteria, and even chasing you down themselves for you to get your paper work in order to blame. I don't think so. The blame is put all on you my reticent pal. If you do your homework then we in the FAO will take care of you.

Now, just to give you some information on what is needing so that the counselors here don't have to listen to another sob story, because we've just about heard them all.

For every school year one has to complete a new institutional application along with the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Those students who are not US citizens would need to complete an international application and don't forget your parents tax information.

What many of you students fail to realize is that, financial aid is here to help the students who want to help themselves. Also, aid is on a first come first serve basis. So if you snooze, you will definitely loose.

Take advantage of the various workshops that are offered throughout the year, and apply for aid as soon as possible; NOT DURING REGISTRATION! If everyone will do their part then the line that everyone complains about will be obsolete.