

# Words from Ms. Fayetteville State University

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"She's in the commercial on BET." One student whispered to another as I walked into the cafeteria of Ferguson-Easley Elementary School. "No she not!" The other student exclaimed while rolling her eyes at her overly excited friend. "Uh huh! She has on a black t-shirt with a blue heart and her hair is curly."

Sensing her friend's doubt the student jumped from the table and headed toward me. Looking back at her friend she said, "Watch this, I'm going to ask her." I knew she

was coming but I pretended to not notice her until I felt a light tap on my side. "Are you in that commercial on BET?" She asked as I turned to face her. She had a million ponytails all over her head with pink and white barrettes at the end of each twisted lock of hair. "Yes I am." I answered while shaking my head; I knew that her disbelieving friend was watching my every move.

"I tried to tell her" she said pointing to the friend she left behind at the table, "but she wouldn't believe me. Why are you on TV?" She asked while grabbing my hand and inspect-

ing each finger. I explained to her that I was Miss Fayetteville State University and attend college there. But it seemed that my words went in one ear and out of the other. "Well, your nails were painted in the commercial. But I wanna go to that school and I wanna be on TV!" Before I could respond she bounced away and joined her friend back at the table to finish her lunch.

I am not a TV personality, a very well known public figure, or even a celebrity. I am simply, Miss Fayetteville State University. What I have learned since being crowned Miss FSU in

2007 is, that more people know me than I realize and they pay attention to detail. My aim is not to change the world but I do plan to leave it a little bit better than it was when I arrived.

From my conversation with the student at Ferguson-Easley Elementary I have come to know that my influence extends far beyond the constraints of our institution; and if I can leave and impression on someone somewhere, then the crown and title that I am privileged to wear is certainly not in vain.

## Distinguished Speakers Series: Ben Ferguson

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The Seabrook auditorium was mellow and comfortable for our first Chancellor's Distinguished Speaker Series of the 2008 spring semester. An intimate crowd of students, and public citizens came to witness, possibly, America's next great leader share his views and opinions about the current political issues we face today as a nation. Ben Ferguson delivered a compelling speech on the night of January 16, 2008.

Ben presented his audience with a brief entertaining biography of his quick rise to the political spotlight and commercial success with radio as well as strong opinions on heavy issues such as our current state of Social Security, illegal immigration, and infamous gas prices.

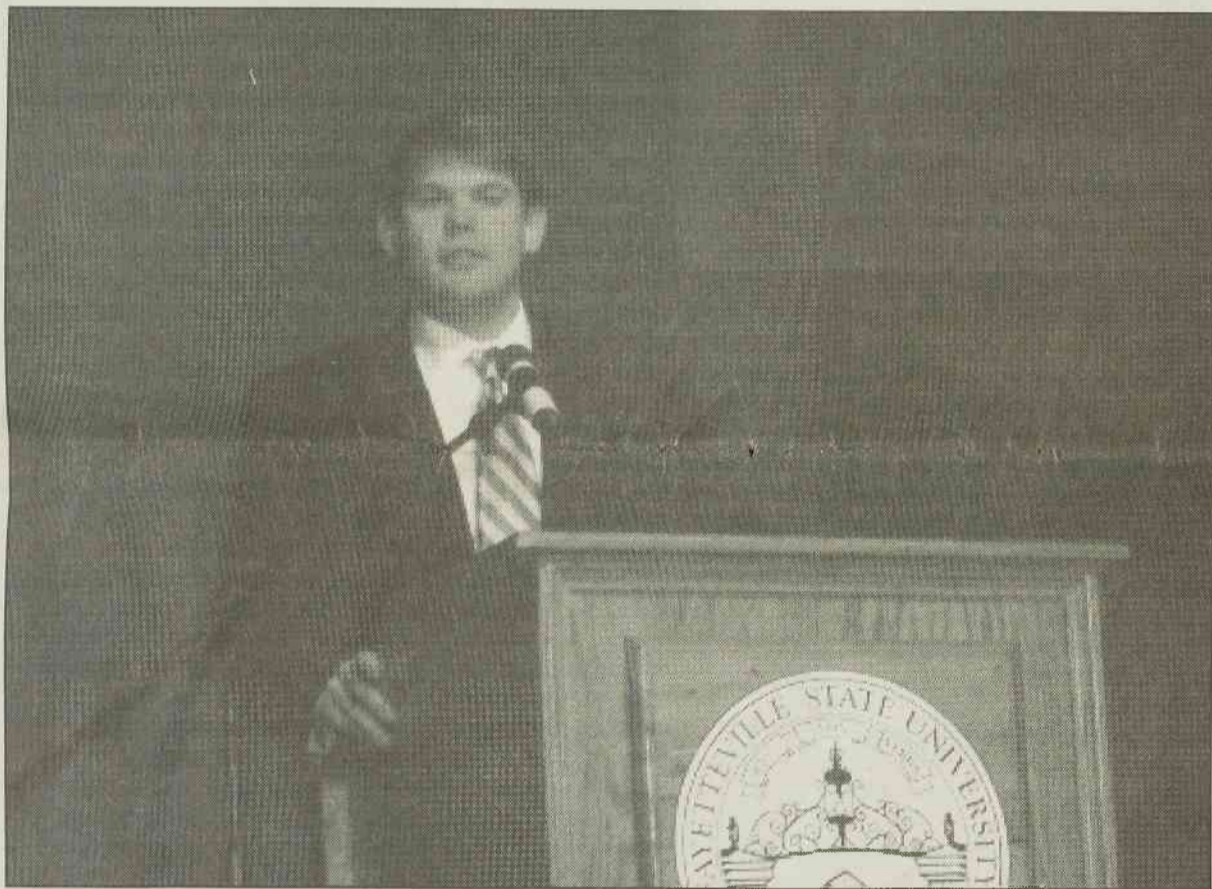
Mr. Ferguson is currently the youngest radio broadcaster in the United States, hosting the syndicated Ben Ferguson Show, from Memphis, Tennessee. Ferguson wrote a critically acclaimed book called, *It's My America Too*, from which he expresses political views, opinions and stances on important matters currently affecting the United States. The young man has participated in presidential campaigns and mingled with popular political figures, such as Ben Stein and George W. Bush. Ferguson is an independent thinker and bold conservative.

Fayetteville State University is obviously lacking a certain political awareness amongst the student body. It is a problem

when the foolish mishaps that take place around campus totally dominate the majority of student conversation. It is a concern when the latest episode of Hell Date, is watched more meticulously than the debates of prospective political leaders.

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## NC Lieutenant Governor Debate at FSU

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On Thursday January 24, 2008 FSU played host to the North Carolina Lieutenant Governor debate. The event, held at the Shaw auditorium at 7pm, was organized by the College Democrats.

Professor David Gray, who teaches American Government at FSU, worked with the College Democrats in making the debate a complete success.

The four candidates, Dan Besse, Walter Dalton, Hampton Dellinger, and Pat Smathers opened up the debate with their opening statements. Dan Besse stated during his opening statement that "Public service and the Democratic Process can be used to bring positive change".

Walter Dalton stated during his opening statement that his goal is to "Make North Carolina a better place to live, to work, and to raise a family".

Hampton Dellinger opened up with this statement "My goal is to make North

Carolina's educational climate as good as our business climate.

Pat Smathers ended the opening statements with his campaign slogan "local leadership state wide", which means that local leaders will be empowered to take charge and have an impact in the community.

Early on in the debate there appeared to be some mud slinging going on between Dalton and Dellinger. During the beginning of the debate Dellinger began to attack the record of Dalton, starting with his views on abortion.

Dellinger also managed to call out Besse on his views of abortion. Dellinger felt that North Carolina and the two candidates, Besse and Dalton, should adopt the decision, regarding abortion, which was made in the Supreme Court case *Roe v. Wade*.

Pat Smathers felt that there were more pressing issues at hand and attempted to poll the audience via show of hands as to whether the debate should

move on to more pressing issues. Pat Smathers stated that he "Wants to deal with the issues and not squabble".

The first question of the night pertained to the military. More specifically the moderator wanted to know what each candidate would do to support the men and women, who were in the armed forces.

Dan Besse stated that he would continue to keep North Carolina as a military friendly state.

Walter Dalton stated that he would make sure we keep military presence here and that he would provide money for each base in the state of North Carolina. Dalton also stated that he would make sure schools were ready for the children of military families and improve upon communication so that



people can keep in touch with their deployed loved ones.

Hampton Dellinger stated that it is important that we support troops once they come back from deployment. Pat Smathers stated that he wanted to seek out military industries to help support the 6 bases in the state.

All in all the debate was a complete success. The candidates were honored that FSU hosted the event. For more information on the College Democrats feel free to visit their site [www.nccollegedems.com](http://www.nccollegedems.com)

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