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No Cars For Freshmen

by Tasha Jones



The transition from high school to college can be a rough one. Many students leave behind family, friends, and... their car. Beginning with the 2007-2008 academic school year, Fayetteville State University established a rule prohibiting freshman students from bringing a car with them to school.

Many members of the current freshmen class are outraged by the

rule. "Last semester I did a paper on this issue in English. I argued a lot of points, but my main focus was on how much it hinders the independence aspect of college," said Freshman Jo'nel Barnes. Because the new rule leaves freshmen with few options regarding emergencies, and everyday needs, a number of them rely on transportation from those with cars, upperclassmen. Some have even used the rule to justify hooking up with juniors and seniors for the security they provide.

There are many ways the new regulation inconveniences students; but the question students are asking is, what is the reason for the change? Many students think it's because of limited parking. But Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Greg Moyd, says that's not the case. "Research shows first time students without cars connect better to the university... this is the primary motive behind the change." In other words, students without cars tend to be more active on campus and focus on academics.

Many Broncos agree that students without cars are less distracted throughout the semester. Limiting their mobility encourages students to be independent, by reducing the amount of time they spend at home. "When you can't drive home every weekend, you have no choice but to take on the responsibility of caring for yourself," said freshman D'Ericka Hemphill.

Some experienced students think the change is reasonable. They know the ups and downs of having a car, including paying for it, gas, and maintenance. Sophomore Bianca Freeman says, "not having a car also reduces the chances of students getting used by their peers."

Have You Given To FSU

by Allyssa Hubbard

Fayetteville State University was just named a Tom Joyner School of the Month. During the month of February, Fayetteville State will raise funds and collect donations from students, supporters, and alumni through the Tom Joyner Foundation. This foundation's purpose is to help African-American students pursue and continue their educations at HBCUs.

"This is our month now, February 2010, and our goal is to raise \$250,000," says Arthur Affleck, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement at Fayetteville State University. The Division of Institutional Advancement, located in the Alumni House, is accountable for all the fundraising that the university takes part in. As FSU is recognized by the Tom Joyner Foundation, the importance of supporting and donating to a university can be truly understood. According to diverseeducation.com, alumni donations to HBCUs nationally dropped by six percent in 2007. However, overall charitable donations to HBCUs rose by 12 percent. Alumni are not the only avenues a university has for raising money, but universities care deeply about how inspired their alumni feel to give.

In June 2009, Fayetteville State became one of the first HBCUs to use videos to encourage younger alumni and supporters of FSU to give. In one of the videos, Chancellor James A. Anderson stated that "It's not the size of the contribution that matters. It's the fact that we do it as a family." FSU still has some work ahead if it wants to reach students. "I don't think anyone really emphasizes on giving to the university," said Courtney Black, a freshman and Health Care Administration major. But while many students come into contact with very few conversa-

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