Reagan a Threat to Pell Grant Program

Brenda Ray, vice-chairperson for the Democratic Party in Guilford County (at the podium) explains how another four years of President Reagan will effect student grants and loans. Other speakers were Alberta Dalton, director of Financial Aid (Left) and SGA President James France. (Photo by Ed Jordan)

James R. Etheridge
Staff Writer

About 70 students attended the financial aid awareness program held Thursday night in Harrison auditorium.

Ms. Alberta Dalton, director of financial aid and Ms. Brenda Kay, vice chairperson for the Democratic Party in Guilford County, were guest speakers.

The discussion was based on the proposed financial-aid package revealed by the Reagan administration for fiscal year 1985-86.

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Dalton said, "The Pell Grant program that has been submitted to congress by President Reagan would become the Pell Self-Help program."

"What this means is that students would have to seek federal work-study and loan programs as a source of payment, for tuition," she said.

"Only if those sources are not available would a student qualify for Pell Grant."

Dalton said a student would have to pay a minimum of $500 or 40 percent of their college bill "up front" before receiving a Pell Grant, under Reagan's new Proposal.

"Because Reagan won by such a landslide in 1980, our financial-aid funding is way behind," she said.

According to Dalton, current law states that students can now receive up to $2,500 for Pell Grant. But under Reagan administration proposed law, students will only be able to receive a maximum of $1,900 for the 1984-1985 school term.

The proposed Pell Self-Help program's maximum grant would be raised from $1,900 to $3,000 per academic year. Eligibility will be determined by judgment of family income.

Dalton emphasized that 290,000 fewer Pell Grant awards would be delivered. Also 80 percent of the requested funds would go to families whose income is $12,000 or less, under Reagan's New Proposal.

As pointed out by Dalton, the College Work-Study program would be increased from $555 million to $850 million. The $295 million increase will come at the expense of the following programs that President Reagan didn't request any funds: Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), National Direct Student Loans (NDSL) and State Student Incentive Grants (SSIG).

In additions, institutions could shift up to 50 percent of their work study funds to supplemental grants.

For those who seek NDSL, the interest rates will be increased from 5 percent to 8 percent.

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Reagan policies hurt Blacks

BY DWAYNE PINKEYE
Managing Editor

"Now that Jesse (Jackson) has awakened us (Blacks), it is important that we not go back to sleep," said Congressman Louis Stokes who spoke recently at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem.

Stokes, from the Twenty-First Congressional District of the state of Ohio, said that Blacks need to "examine the meaning" of Jackson's campaign to determine what it signifies for Blacks over the next 20 years.

He repeatedly blasted the policies of the Reagan administration in the areas of education, foreign policy, and the economy.

"The Black unemployment rate is almost three times that of whites," said Stokes. "During the last recession, Blacks experienced the greatest unemployment rate since the depression."

Stokes said that every one out of four Black families has slipped into poverty. "Who are these rich men who say that Black teenagers should be willing to work for less than minimum wage?" he asked. "These men are so rich, that they have nothing else to do but tinker with their expensive hobbies. When they get tired of tinkering with their hobbies, they tinker with the government."

He criticized the defense budget and spending by saying, "We will continue to send millions of dollars to Central America and not support education in our country."

"We send $180 million to Nicaragua and El Salvador," he said, "and send surplus cheese to Philadelphia, Chicago, and New York."

Stokes reminded the audience that President Reagan has said that the invasion of Grenada was America's greatest day.

He contended that the invasion of the tiny island of Grenada is nothing to be proud of.

"Our greatest day will be when children replace their tattered clothes with new ones," he said. "A great day will be when the elderly no longer have to choose between heatin' and eatin'. Our present day will be when just rolls down like waters and righteousness as a mighty stream."

'A no vote is a yes vote' — Dalton

Ray said, "Ronald Reagan is trying to keep Black students from completing their college education."

She continued, "schools such as Harvard and Yale won't be hurt by Reagan's proposals because they have private funding."

Ray cited that a strong turnout at the polls would subside such changes.

Dalton added, "A no vote is a yes vote for the opposition."

Barry Saunders, who leads the voter registration drive here on campus, emphasized that college students are an integral part of the democratic party.

Saunders expressed his disappointment in that out of five predominantly Black districts, in North Carolina only 45 percent of the Blacks have registered to vote in recent elections.

Curtis Williams, chairman of the registration committee of the SGA, in attempt to dispute Reagan's proposal, is circulating a petition.

"We are just trying to make our voices heard in Washington," he said. "About 80 percent of the students here on campus receive some kind of government aid for educational costs."

Williams said he is seeking at least 2,000 names for the petition.

English Dept. to offer two new courses

The English Department will offer two new writing courses for the Spring 1985 semester.

The department will offer English 260, expository writing I (3 credits). This writing course is intermediate between freshman English and English 300, advanced composition. English 260 is recommended for those students who want to improve in writing clear sentences, developing their ideas and organizing their ideas effectively. The course will be taught by Dr. Sally Ann Ferguson Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 3:50 p.m.

The department will also offer Eng. 305: grammar, literature and composition for pre-professional students and in this course special attention will be given to the kinds of questions asked on the English-area portion of such standardized exams as the NTE, GRE, LSAT, MCAT and GMAT. English 305 will be taught by Dr. Robert Levine on Monday and Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Halloween History

Halloween, in medieval times All Hallows Eve, a holy or hallowed evening observed on October 31, the eve of All Saints' Day. In modern times, it is the occasion for pranks and for children requesting treats or threatening tricks.

In ancient Britain and Ireland, the Celtic festival of Samhain was observed on October 31, at the end of summer. This date was also the eve of the new year in both Celtic and Anglo-Saxon traditions, and was the occasion for one of the ancient fire festivals when huge bonfires were set on hilly moorland and the spirits. The date was connected with the return of herds from pasture, and laws and land tenures were renewed. The souls of the dead were supposed to revisit their homes on this day, and the autumn festival acquired sinister significance, with ghosts, witches, rogues, and demons of all kinds said to be roaming about. It was the time to place the supernatural powers controlling the processes of nature. In addition, Halloween was thought to be the most favourable time for divinations concerning marriage, luck, health, and death. It was the only day on which the help of the devil was invoked for such purposes. According to Encyclopaedia Britannica

Children computer workshops

The A&T Office of Continuing Education will sponsor computer programming workshops for children in grades 4 through 12.

Computers and Kids, with an emphasis on microcomputers, will run from Nov. 10 through Dec. 15 on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Two workshops will be offered. Computers and Kids Part 1 is for those who need an introduction to computers.

Each participant will be exposed to the basic computer language which will enable him to perform simple programming functions, and each will complete at least three hours in creating micro-computer software.

Students participating in Part II will build on prior knowledge while continuing their study of micro-computer processes. This will include basic system command, output format, memory allocation and string manipulation.

Registration for the workshops will take place on Nov. 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the Dudley Building lobby. Classes will begin at 9 a.m.

The registration fee for all of the workshops is $60.00.

For pre-registration and further information, contact Patricia O'Connor at 379-7607.

Don't just consider doing it. Get out and VOTE!
Show Aggie pride and spirit

Editor of the Register:

We proclaim Aggie Pride, but do we feel it?

We sing about Aggie Spirit, but do we feel it?

Regardless of what your answer may be you must certainly have beyond sufficient reason to have both pride and spirit.

That's right, good ole A&T; birthplace of the de-ins, alma mater of numerous great leaders, the driving force behind any needed cause and indeed, a Black university with an endless will for survival.

But this great university appears to have become lazy when it comes to the ballot boxes and especially the polls.

At the end of September there was just over 50 percent of us registered to vote and the worry thrives on just how many of the registered students will vote.

Some of us actually believe that our vote will be for a lost cause this year. Some of us believe that a no vote is a safe vote. Don't be fooled; wake up, Aggies!

Do you realize just how much clout the Aggie vote carries in Greensboro? If not, maybe some us should lower the volume on the boxes just a little, and save the pennies for a newspaper, and start exercising our minds to learn vital political knowledge.

Knowledge vital enough to decide whether or not some return to college next fall. Knowledge vital enough to make us strive for what we believe in and not to be subjected to the beliefs and morals of others.

Aggies, as long as we face the light, dark shadows can only fall behind us. Let's not get bitter. Let's get better. Let's continue to lead the pack. Don't gloat about it; vote about it!

On Nov. 6, dress up in pride and walk with some spirit to Cooper Hall to cast your vote.

Our motto says to be rather than to seem. So, let's be what we say we are and not seem to be.

Let's be positive, Aggies. There are no impossible dreams, just impatient people.

Sabrina Vanessa Mitchell
(registered voter)

Law Enforcement Information Day

The UNC Law School, Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and the Student Bar Association (SBA) invite undergraduate minority students to participate in a Law School Information Day on Nov. 9.

The day-long conference will be held at the UNC Law School Chapel Hill, beginning at 9 a.m. and is open to any minority person who is thinking about attending law school or uncertain about career plans.

Dinner — from p.1.

He was editor-general manager of the Memphis World and assistant director of public relations for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in New York City.

A native of Tennessee, Scott is a graduate of Lincoln University in Missouri.

Reservations for the dinner may be secured in the A&T Office of Development and University Relations, Dowdy Building, Suite 400 or by calling 379-7634.

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GLAMOUR Magazine 1985 Top Ten College Women Competition. Young women from colleges and universities throughout the country will compete in GLAMOUR'S search for ten outstanding students. Anyone interested in entering the search should contact Mrs. Marylou Bowers, counseling services, Room 108 Murphy Hall for more information. Deadline for submitting an application is December 7.

Senior Class and Yearbook Halloween Dance will be held October 31 from 8 p.m. until midnight in Moore Gym. It will include a dance contest, bobbing for apples, the funniest costume prize, a door prize and a kissing booth. Admission is $1.

The North Carolina Fellows will meet Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. in the Murphy Hall auditorium.

The purpose of the conference are to give participants a realistic picture of what is expected of a law student (e.g. time and work demands, type of skills needed and pressures involved), inform participants on how best to prepare for law school; to give information on admission and financial aid policies and procedures; and to inform participants of employment and career opportunities available to law graduates.

In addition, a discussion of the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) will be conducted with emphasis on helpful test-taking skills.

There is no cost to participants. The Law School is located on Ridge Road next to the Institute of Government, corner of Raleigh Road (Highway 54) and Country Club Road. Interested persons may contact Richard A. Bud- dour, Assistant Dean at (919) 962-5106.

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If you cannot make this interview and are interested in employment, submit your resume to: Industrial Relations Office, Code 170.5, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, NH 03801.
Pledging is a serious matter

Well, it’s that time of year again.
The Greek organizations have begun their Fall mission of inducting new members to provide dedicated service and leadership to their respective organizations and to continue to uplift mankind.

For many freshmen, and it would appear upperclassmen, these pledgees are the campus-based cast of ‘Campus Life Live’ or the ‘Entertainment Today Shows’.

The pledge period is a time of intense training and learning. It is also a period of sacrifice and readjustments.

Unlike many people are led to believe, pledging is not and should not be a side show for the cafeteria or anywhere else on campus.

It appears that more students are interested in what pledgees have to do rather than why they are doing it.

Through a general observation in Williams Cafeteria, it has been observed that while it only takes most students thirty minutes to complete their meals, since pledge periods have begun, some students spend as long as 90 minutes at a table just to watch the pledgees.

The general explanation of such action is, “I just want know what it is all about.” The appropriate way to find out about organization is to ask and not to observe. You will never know what really goes on by staring and making your own assumptions.

For those who say watching pledgees is fun, it is not a laughing matter.

At least not to those involved.

Observers can only guess.

Organization members and potential organization members know.

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The Struggle Continues

By FRANCES WARD

News Editor

The white South African government continues to oppress their majority Black population. But the determined protesters keep making themselves heard.

Last week more than 70,000 children in four Black townships boycotted their schools after the army and police raided their communities at 2 o’clock in the morning and conducted a house-to-house search for “terrorists.”

After they attempted to control the school riots, one government official commented, “Can it be expected that immediately, the following morning, everything returns to normal? Let’s give it a couple days.”

But what South Africa officials fail to realize is that everything will not return to “normal” in this confused country until the deprived are given their inalienable rights.

Blacks in South Africa will continue to retaliate until they are represented in the white government. They will protest until they are allowed the right to vote. They will riot until they are given a decent education. They will fight until they are free of restrictions so they can run their own lives.

Our South African sisters and brothers are fighting the same battle that our ancestors fought many, many years ago in America. Their leaders have been jailed or killed, their organizations banned, and their demands rejected.

But just like our forefathers they will triumph over the racist government one day, but until then - fight on our sisters and brothers in South Africa; fight on.

Grenada: Still a Mystery

By DWAYNE PINKNEY

What did the United States accomplish in Grenada? That very question has been on the minds of many, yet, one year later, there appears to be no concrete answer.

We have been told that Grenada was a testing ground for Cuban and Soviet military prowess; the United States has prevailed and Grenada is now on the road to a “true” democracy.

We have been told that the Cubans were in Grenada carrying out the Soviet’s bidding. We were told that U.S. medical students were in danger. If these accounts are legitimate, then the U.S. invasion of Grenada may have been warranted. But one still wonders if it was necessary to send so much military manpower to so small a country.

There are SWAT teams in this country that could have been more than enough to “rescue” the medical students. So, why was it necessary to send Rangers and Seals (a Navy special forces unit) to the tiny isle of Grenada?

Because of the Reagan administration’s ban of the press, the public may never know the real reason behind this military venture.

The writer of this editorial does not claim to know anything about military operations. We know that the military can not afford to divulge intelligence secrets, but the government should not leave the public in the dark concerning its foreign policies.

In other words, the government should tell us what it’s doing even if it can’t tell us how it’s doing it.

The Reagan administration did give us a reason, though; we had to stop a Communist takeover. The thinking here, of course, is that as long as something has the Communist tag on it, it’s legal to do anything to stop it. Now, we are supposed to be satisfied.

But, is that all that was going on in Grenada? What really happened? It’s a year later, and not many people know.
University Southwestern Louisiana seeks minority grad students

The Department of Communication at the University of Southwestern Louisiana is issuing an urgent appeal for help in reaching students interested in getting a Master’s degree in Communication. It’s an award winning program.

The department has thirty graduate assistantships paying a minimum of $4500 (9 months) plus waivers of all tuition and fees. Particularly needed are people whose speech or communication background would allow them to help teach basic public speaking courses under guidance of professional faculty that provides a very readable text, detailed syllabus, plus test and classroom materials. Fifteen openings in January 1985; 20-30 in August. Students can emphasize Interpersonal, Public or Relations. Interested students should write or call the University of Southwestern Louisiana, USL, Box 43650, Lafayette, La. 70504. 318-321-6106. GRE score required prior to admission plus 2.5 minimum GPA.

USL is located in a booming business area of Louisiana; the city is called little Houston.

Two Cafeteria workers honored

By WINDY NORRIGNS
Special to the Register

Two workers of Williams cafe were recently honored for their kindness and generosity. The workers are on the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Mattie Blount, a checker, and Gwen Koonce, the cafe supervisor, were present with shirts and bowed as honorees to show their appreciation. “There are no words to express my appreciation,” said Blount.

“This is the first time that the Alpha Nu Chapter has given out such an honor. The women were picked because of their overall kindness to students. They also were helpful in organizing our service project which involved cleaning off dinner tables and trays on Wednesdays,” explained chapter president Jonathan Nesbitt.

Nicaraguan elections on Sunday

The Nicaraguan elections will take place on Nov. 4. They were first announced at the end of the Literacy Campaign in August 1980. Initially scheduled for some time in 1985 and later moved up, the elections will be for president, vice-president and 90 representatives to the National Assembly.

Since the triumph of the revolution in 1979, the popularly-supported FSLN has successfully developed the foundations for democracy including honest and fair elections. This immense task, so well orchestrated by the Sandinistas, is yet another dynamic accomplishment in the eyes of the international community.

Unfortunately, four right-wing parties, with the urging of the U.S. government, have decided to boycott the elections. Their strategy is to give the impression that they were unjustly excluded from the government to claim that it is justified in continuing its sabotage of parties given ample time to register and campaign, together with significant funding from the Nicaraguan government. Their realization that they have little chance of winning an election given the widespread popularity of the FSLN prompts their unjustified claims of unfairness.

Since the Reagan administration has been directing unpopular acts of terrorist aggression against the government and people of Nicaragua for many months, it is not expected that the advent of democratic elections in Nicaragua will curtail such activity.

So, it is necessary for the people of the United States to reject the illegal activities in the future. One simple method of doing this is to vote against Reagan in our upcoming elections.

William Ellison
Network in Solidarity with Nicaragua People

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Support MEAC Championships

By Joe Brown
Sports Editor

It is time for all great men and women to come to the aid of their fellow Americans, and especially for A&T fans to come to the aid of their fellow athletes. Whose aid am I referring to? It is the aid of the Cross Country and Volleyball teams during their championships this weekend here on campus. Some Aggies are not loyal game-attending fans to these two sports, but these athletes definitely need your support.

For those of you who have never seen any of these cross country runners or volleyball players in action, Friday and Saturday are your chance. Fans, who have seen these athletes in action, convince a friend to come out. The Cross Country and Volleyball teams have gone through a highly competitive season and now it is time to decide the champions among the MEAC conference. Many Aggies fail to support these teams in the past years, but this year an increase in fan support will definitely make a difference. We all know as athletes and fans that there is no better feeling than competing at home.

Fellow football and basketball players, most of the athletes of these two sports have been loyal fans during your seasons, so it is your turn to return the favor. All Aggies should be fans for every sport of this university. Moore Gym should be packed with foot-stamping, hand-clapping, bench-beating and spirit-yelling fans this Friday and Saturday during the volleyball championships. On Saturday morning, the fans should show their faith by lining feet to feet, hand to hand and cheek to cheek along the running course, cheering on the defending cross country champions.

It doesn't take much. Just put one foot in front of the other and go out and support the Aggies at the cross country and volleyball championships this weekend.

Basketball Practice Begins

By TIMOTHY LITTLE
Staff Writer

Maneuvering, leaping, slamming, and landing, A&T's men's basketball team is in another practice session. It's that time of the year again when the Aggies will try to perfect their basketball savvy in hope of winning another Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title.

Last March, the Aggies won the MEAC title, but lost a 70-69 decision to Morehead State in the NCAA's opening round.

Timothy Abney, the assistant basketball coach, is optimistic about the team.

Abney said the loss of several starting players from last season has left several positions open. "Because we lost Joe Binson, Darryl Battle, James Horace, and Warren Berry, positions like forward and post are open," he said. "I don't know right now who will fill those vacancies."

"We have a young team; most of them are coming from high school; it's a big change from high school to college," Abney said. "But they will learn how to adjust."

The newest members for the 84-85 season are Darryl Holton, Richard Stokes, Bobby Smuler, Lee Robinson, Ronny Cox, Arvis Cates, and Thomas Griffis. Returning veterans are George Cale, James Davenport, Garder Cowell, Mark Gaither, Claude Williams, Duane Williams, and starting guards Eric Boyd and Jimmy Brown.

Both Boyd and Brown were selected to finish the pre-season All-MEAC Basketball team first and second team respectively.

When Abney was asked to compare the present squad with last year's squad he said, "It's too early to see what kind of condition the team is in; we just started running through plays last week."
Vivian Fuller, coach of A&T's women's volleyball team, began the season like an actress making her stage debut. There were more than enough butterflies to go around.

Although she inherited a veteran squad, Fuller had a bad case of the nerves. She didn't know how quickly the players were going to adjust to her style of coaching.

Fuller

The team, apparently has made a quick adjustment. The Aggies have posted an 8-8 record and, according to Fuller, are getting better with every outing.

"I'm very pleased with the team's performance," Fuller said, "I have seen improvement in each of our matches. I think we're peaking."

The Aggies are peaking at the most opportune time. The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament is fast approaching and the team's major goal remains to capture the title that slipped away in the finals last year.

"Because the team lost the title last season, I think the players have come back more determined to win it this year," Fuller said. "They are confident they can do it and I'm confident about their ability."

The Aggies have played some tough matches this season, and Fuller believes that experience will work in their favor when the tournament gets under way Friday in Moore Gymnasium.

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But Fuller indicated the team still needs to continue on its path of improvement.

"We still have some things to work on," Fuller said. "We can improve our defense and maintain consistency on offense."

The Aggies are led by senior Carmen Todman and junior captain Sharline Schneider.

Todman, a setter and hitter, has been a reliable, steady player. "She certainly has been one of the keys to our success," Fuller said. "She responds in clutch situations. She's a real solid player."

Fuller was equally effusive in her assessment of Schneider, a setter.

"Because Carmen has been so outstanding, Sharline's effort sometimes goes unnoticed," Fuller said. "But Sharline really has been our floor leader. She calls and sets up our plays and she's a strong offensive and defensive player."

Fuller was also eager to point out the contribution of newcomers Karen Williams and Veronica West. Williams began the season in the starting lineup but has suffered a knee injury. West has filled in admirably since the injury to Williams. "They have a great future," Fuller said of the two freshmen.

Since the squad does not play all members of the MEAC in the regular season, the tournament will be nothing less than a guessing exercise as to the field's strengths and weaknesses. The only member of the team has played is S.C. State and the Aggies were successful in that confrontation with the Bulldogs.

"I'm not going to worry about the other teams," Fuller said. "The fact that it's the tournament will bring out the best in everybody."

Good friends will give you a break when you're broke.

The dinner was sensational. So was the check. The problem is, the theater tickets that you insisted on buying broke your whole budget. Enough to declare bankruptcy by the time the coffee arrived.

A nudge under the table and a certain destitute look in the eye were enough to produce the spontaneous loan only a good friend is ready to make.

How do you repay him? First the cash, then the only beer equal to his generosity: Löwenbräu.

Löwenbräu. Here's to good friends.
Vote for the freedom of all people

Editor of the Register:

Should we, the black people of this nation, seek to secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and future generations, then we must exercise our right to vote. If we are to establish a true sense of value and justice and provide for our general welfare then we must participate in the common realm of democracy. If we wish not to live forever on the threshold of poverty, then we must strive for and obtain economic security in this nation at this time or forever hold our peace. From this day forward we the ancestors of former slaves must seek to form a more perfect nation by way of ballot box.

If you have never voted or attempted to register, then I ask you “what proof have you that you acknowledge and defend the constitution of these United States?”

What proof have you that you are ready and able to reform the ingenuity of democracy? Why should you be free if you do not take the time to vote for your own freedom?”

Vote so that we can be governed by all the people and thus protect the domain of democracy with fair representation in the house and in the senate. The phrase “of the people, by the people and for the people” has little meaning if we the people do not vote.

Register Submission Policy

Deadline for submitting materials to the A&T Register for publication in the Tuesday paper is 5 p.m. the previous Sunday, for the Friday paper 5 p.m. the previous Wednesday.

This includes stories, announcements and letters to the editor and other opinionated pieces.

Special guidelines govern the submission of letters. The Register reserves the right:

• to reject letters that border on being libelous, obscene or in extremely poor taste;
• to correct spelling, punctuation and grammar and to edit the letter according to news style, but will not alter its meaning;
• to reject letters written in a bizarre style or in a foreign language;

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For once upon a time there were a people in these United States that could not vote or own land or property. A people who were placed beyond the protection of the law, to read or write was punishable by law, public speeches were outlawed.

To dream and think as free men was a prophecy yet to come. In this land of the free and the home of the brave where humble men have cried, still we must vote to keep democracy free, visible and alive. Do we have the right to be so careless as to think or take for granted that our blessings and liberties are secure in the vote that another might cast? Which one of you believes in or has faith in a hypocritical past?

Should you believe that you have no one to vote for, I bid you to think again. Vote for every black slave that was brought upon these shores in the name of economic progress and at the sacrifice of human dignity.

Vote for every black soldier that fought in foreign soil in the shadows of freedom. Those who died on battlefields to preserve domestic tranquility for his countrymen, who gave their lives but could not cast one vote.

Vote for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and Medgar Evers so that their deaths be not in vain. Pull that lever for the four little black girls that were bombed in a Birmingham church while attending Sunday School.

Vote! because the elements of time sometimes erodes our sense of justice and religious beliefs if we are not allowed freedom of expression or access to the press.

To those of you who choose not to recall because your wounds are still infested, in comfort I say to you that our legacy is not slavery but it is of a people who have struggled to be free in a democratic society. Our legacy is not ignorance but it is an overpowering intellect with a mixture of compassion and sympathy that has allowed us to overcome the lesser minds and smaller hearts. Our sword is not injustice, but it is the constitution of these United States. For we the black people of this nation have inherited the conscience of the founding fathers of this great nation. Their beliefs haunt America from their graves as we thepeople amend the constitution of these United States. Our legacy is not myths and fairy tales, but dreams and visions inherited from our forefathers that someday we will overcome a society that chooses to chain the minds and bind the hearts of its people.

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