



a natural state

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Fryar: It's not so much as to how good you think you are when you go to do something, or if....It doesn't matter whether it's academic. It doesn't matter whether....It's how good other people think you are. You see what I mean? It's not important to...for me to walk around and say, "Well, I can do this and I can do that" or "I'm good at this and I'm good at that," and no one else thinks it. It's not going to go anywhere. So at the moment that someone else thinks that you're exceptional—in any area—then that's what's going to make a difference.

So you're the one to determine that, you know? Am I going to work to a point that...am I going to do anything I'm going to do to a certain level just to get by, or am I going to take it to the point that people're going...it's going to attract people's attention? And they're the ones that's going to determine where it goes.

And then the other thing is...it's very important that people that can make a difference will make a difference. There's no way in the world that I would've accomplished some of the things that I've accomplished without these people saying, "You can do it." So my, my point is that, if we can make a difference...if there's any situation where you can make a difference, then I think we should do it.

And that's how we change our society. That's how we change our communities. That's how we change our families. It's done almost one person at a time. So that would be what I have gotten out of what I do.

And I, I do hope that it's an inspiration more so than whether the place is saved or what I've done. If I have just made one difference in one person, then it's worth it all.