

ever have before.

"Uneducated Americans cannot compete in the global community (in the future). Education is a new form of labor."

Education in the future must

have the full support of all politicians, Futrell said. This cannot happen if the stifling of academic freedom continues to take place.

"I wish I could say that we have an academic President in the White House and that I could say Congress is in support of education, but I cannot.

"If we can find \$500 million to bail out the savings and loans and can finance the tobacco industry, then we should be able to find money for education.

"Our priorities are in total

disarray."

Futrell said that it is also necessary for the United States to take care of its children who are living in conditions associated with most third world countries. Twenty million children can't go see a doctor if

they are sick. Futrell said.

"A nation that does not take care of its children does not have a future. Many things in life can wait, but children cannot. We have the power to build the best educational system in the world."

