## in fall of '92 and graduating first senior class in 1994

review academic policies and recommend changes for four-year status.

"As of this date, practically all of the academic policies have been reviewed and modified. Throughout this whole process, very careful attention has been given to the rights of the faculty, the administration, and the Board of Trustees with respect to the manner in which changes in policy are approved,

states Dr. Frank Lowe, vice president for academic affairs.

"Attention is also being given to personnel policies. For example, the departmental chairpersons and the transition committee are giving very careful attention to a proposed system of faculty rank to include procedures for awarding rank and tenure."

Dr. Jackson stresses that throughout

the process, both faculty/staff and trustees are being kept informed of proposed changes and have been involved to the maximum extent possible. The accrediting agency of the college, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has also been apprised of the proposed change in status.

"We anticipate that the accrediting

agency will send the college a Candidacy Committee in the spring of 1992," states Dr. Jackson. "The college is working toward the goal of obtaining accreditation as a four-year institution at the earliest permissible time, which is the year in which the first class is graduated. A great amount of work has been accomplished thus far, but there remains much to be done.'





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