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FSU Seeks True Regional School From Fayetteville Observer

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An effort to make Fayetteville State University a true university of regional scope and rid it of its "blacks only" image received the full support of Fayetteville and Cumberland County high school officials.

County Supt. C. Wayne Collier and city assistant Supt. E. E. Miller pledged their assistance at a conference on the FSU campus involving superintendents, principals, guidance counselors and university officials.

University Chancellor Charles Lyons told the group he believes "there is a need in Eastern North Carolina for a larger higher education center, with full undergraduate and graduate programs, and offering continuing education."

He said he also envisioned such an institution as being "neither black nor white," but a school that "is not only open to all students, but actively recruits students and staff from all racial groups. "I believe we have here at Fayetteville State University the vehicles for accomplishing this," he said.

Dr. Lyons told the group, "I want this university to become the kind of institution you would recommend to your son or daughter, just as you would recommend Pembroke, Methodist College or East Carolina."

"We know it's not so now. We want to make it so. That's one of the reasons we are meeting here today," he said.

Collier said he would support the move, and would call on high school personnel to "make sure the message is carried to our seniors."

Collier acknowledged that "there have been arguments for black colleges, and for white colleges, but they have in the main been rejected."

"It is part of our new job to be aware of the new direction that things are moving in the Fayetteville area," he said. "It is our responsibility to make students aware of that new direction," which he said has "already begun."

"We want to make sure the unique advantage of Fayetteville State University are used, and make an effort to overcome the general assumption that Fayetteville State University is not open to all students," said Collier. Collier called on his school personnel to "expect Fayetteville State University to change radically within the next five years as it comes of age."

Collier said, "This is a down to earth effort to make sure the resources of higher education in North Carolina are properly deployed in the Fayetteville area."

Assistant Superintendent Miller, speaking briefly, assured Dr. Lyons, "You can depend on us to support this sort of program."

Willie Bryant, director of admissions, told the group admissions procedures had been simplified to make it easier for students to get into the university.

He said an intensive student recruiting effort was being made in Cumberland County, and he urged students to apply immediately after entering the senior grade of high school.

Harold Nixon, director of financial aid, listed numerous scholarships, plus loans and work programs to help students meet college expenses.

The relatively low \$426 for tuition and fees for a year for an off-campus student should make the institution appealing to local students, Nixon said. A year living on campus costs \$1,315.

Nixon said 90 per cent of FSU's 1,647 students receive some form of financial aid.

Your Attention

Each student is asked to complete a **COMPUTER DATA SHEET** immediately! Blank forms are available in the Office of Admissions, Room 114, Administration Building. These forms are very important and urgent.



STUDYING AND RELAXING IN THE WARM SUNSHINE on the campus of Fayetteville State University is pretty coed Dottie King. One of the many students at FSU having returned from Spring Break, Dottie catches up on studies. She is a native of Lumberton, and is a majorette in the Bronco Band. She is a Biology major.

FSU Receives \$22,458.00 GSA Grant

FAYETTEVILLE - Fayetteville State University has received a General Service Administration grant of \$22, 458.00, Chancellor Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., announced today.

According to Dr. Lyons, the grant is for the purpose of training 240 military personnel as key punch operators and computers programs.

These courses are another extension of Fayetteville State University's effort to provide total higher education services in the area. This special project will be administered by Fayetteville State University's Fort Bragg - Pope Air Force Base Campus and Continuing Education.

Interested persons can contact the FSU Fort Bragg - Pope Air Force Base Campus by calling (919) 396-6737.

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FSU Endorses Student Aid

Chancellor Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., of Fayetteville State University had endorsed the student aid position of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), formulated at a legislative conference in Washington, D. C. on February 27-28.

The AASCU resolution calls for immediate action by Congress on the student aid funds contained in the supplemental appropriations for FY 1973. Chancellor Lyons stated that the resolution was adopted because "an emergency situation now exists and unless Congress acts rapidly, hundreds of thousands of students will be denied an education next fall."

In addition to timely action on the supplemental so that students will know this spring what kind of aid will be available for next fall, the state college and university presidents meeting Washington, D. C., also called for funding of the students grants and loans at the authorized level. Chancellor Lyons explained that although the Association supports the President's request for \$662 million for the newly enacted Basic Educational Grants program to help needy students, it is very concerned with the plight of the lower and middle income students who have been receiving assistance through educational opportunity grants and low cost loans. "In the face of rising costs," said Chancellor Lyons, "it is urgent that, as the law requires, the grant and loan programs be funded at a minimum of \$286 million in order to help the lower and middle income students continue their education."