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to the
1975 FSU
Graduates**



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READY FOR GRADUATION AT FSU - Lovely Esther McKeithan, a native of Fayetteville, N.C. and prospective 1975 graduate of Fayetteville State University (NC) is all set for the big day. Fayetteville State University Commencement Exercises will be held Sunday, May 11, 1975, at the Cumberland County Auditorium in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

(FSU Photo by John B. Henderson)

RECORD 400 STUDENTS TO GRADUATE MAY 11

FAYETTEVILLE -- Approximately 400 Fayetteville State University students are expected to graduate Sunday, May 11, in the 98th Annual Baccalaureate Commencement Exercises at the Cumberland County Memorial Arena (located on Highway 301 South) in Fayetteville.

The speaker for the occasion is Dr. Elias Blake, President, Institute for Services to Education (ISE), Washington, D.C.

The Commencement Exercise will begin at 2:30 p.m. and Fayetteville State University Chancellor Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., will preside and introduce the speaker.

The speaker is a native of Georgia and has been president of the Washington, D.C., based non-profit corporation which is involved in research and program development work related to blacks in higher education.

Dr. Blake is a graduate of Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, and received the M.A. Degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C., in the field of education.

He is a recipient of the Ph.D. degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Illinois.

Professionally, Dr. Blake is affiliated as a member, D.C. Board of Higher Education; Member, Board of Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; Member, Board of Directors, CHANGE MAGAZINE; Member, Board of Visitors, George Mason University; and Member, Board of Advocates, Meharry Medical School, Nashville, Tennessee.

He is married and the father of two children.

Thought for the Month

"THE BEST WAY TO FORGET YOUR OWN PROBLEM IS TO HELP SOMEONE SOLVE HIS."



32 Nominated for Who's Who

FAYETTEVILLE -- Thirty-two Fayetteville State University students were recently nominated to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The students are Patricia A. Bullock, junior; Mary S. Carter, senior; Robert L. Doherty, senior; Gregory L. Edmonds, junior; Amy S. Haigler, junior; Patricia A. Henry, senior; Teresa A. Herring, junior; Virgie M. Jordan, Sandra F. Knight, senior; Rochella C. Marable, senior; William H. McDougal, senior; Michele S. McIver, junior; James R. McPherson, senior; Tommy Mitchell, senior; Willarease Montgomery, senior; Gwendolyn C. Mott, senior; Gilbert Owens, junior; Carl S. Person, junior; Lula F. Powell, senior; Dorcas D. Robinson, senior; Felix C. Sawyer, senior; Lynette B. Shoffner, junior; Thomas L. Stewart, senior; Julian E. Swittenberg, senior; Gail M. Threet, senior; Arbie Turner, Jr., senior; Justine Vance, senior; Kenneth W. Vinson, senior; Thelma L. Webb, junior; Peggie D. Williamson, senior; Arthur Winfield, Jr., senior; and Carrie S. Woods, junior.

FSU STUDENTS PROTEST TUITION INCREASE

by Sheryl Alexander

The day of April 22, 1975, proved a day of significance in more ways than one, at FSU. It began with the Honors and Awards Day Ceremony. This is a traditional ceremony in which those who have excelled academically throughout the year are honored.

The Honors and Awards Day ended at 12:00 noon, and Tommy Mitchell, President of Student Government Association, asked students to remain for a rally. The rally was in opposition to the possible increase in tuition for next semester at FSU and approximately 300 students attended.

Mitchell said in effect that there had been a meeting of the 16-member university institutions in Greenville, N.C. These institutions readily agreed to boycott classes, with the exception of Pembroke. "We told Pembroke that they either go our way or trailway," He said that the increase in tuition would be for the sake of making us poorer while the rich get richer.

Robert Wilson, an FSU junior, took the platform after Mitchell. He reported that ninety per cent of our students are on some type of financial aid and that a decline in students would mean a decline in instructors. This would ultimately cut back some of the areas now open because there would be no instructors to keep these fields open.

Arthur Winfield, an out-of-state student at FSU, talked about student involvement. He spoke of various ways that students could become involved, among them writing letters, reading the newspapers and voting. In closing his speech, Wilson told students, "Remember where you came from."

Gilbert Owens, President-Elect of the Student Government Association, said that the state legislature wants to get rid of black universities. There was great response in agreement from the crowd. Owens continued: "If you reporters can't say anything good about FSU, don't say anything at all." There was another uproar from the crowd. He went on to add that this tuition is not only going to hurt us, but it is going to hurt our brothers and sisters coming after us as well.

Thomas Stewart, editor of the '75 Fayettevillian Yearbook, said, "The white man had, time and time again, tried to get over, and it's time for us to get together and stop him . . . Students are apathetic to anything except partying." He stated that we must let Raleigh know that FSU will not stand for an increase in tuition.

Greg Edmonds, Vice-President-Elect of the SGA, said that private institutions have segregated themselves from us and now we are paying to keep them in school. He pointed out that it is not the administration that is cheating us but the people in Raleigh. "Let's put the blame where it belongs." Edmonds lead the crowd in the slogan, "we are somebody" and in singing "We Shall Overcome."

Sean Best, an FSU student, stepped on the platform after Edmonds and ridiculed everything the former speakers had said. He said that Fayetteville State University realized when it first began that there could be an increase in tuition. He also said that the students who attended the rally did not know what they were there for and that the best way to solve the problem was not to stand there protesting, but to take their views to Raleigh.

Students were angered by this viewpoint and there was an uproar from the crowd. Tommy Mitchell simmered them down, and Gregory Edmonds said that Best's speech would not spoil what they had originally set out to accomplish.

Gilbert Owens announced that he would meet with the 16 UNC-member institutions and discuss further strategy. Owens then asked students to march with him to the dormitories and classrooms protesting the tuition increase as well as the students who refused to boycott classes for that day.



SMILING FACES: Chancellor Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., (right) of Fayetteville State University (N.C.) greets guest speaker Dr. Joffre T. Whisenton of Atlanta, Georgia, at FSU's 18th Annual Honors and Awards Day Program on the campus recently.

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