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## FSU PREDICTED TO MEET NCATE STANDARDS

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, based in Washington, D.C., is considered the most prestigious rating agency of institutions of higher education in the country. These are divided into six regions in terms of regional rating agencies. As an example, the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools is the rating agency charged with the responsibility of rating schools in the south, including elementary and secondary schools as well as institutions of higher learning. However, NCATE is authorized to evaluate teacher education programs in in-

stitutions of higher learning throughout the country in all fifty states.

Because of our thrust for national repute in teacher education, Fayetteville State University is undergoing an institutional self study for NCATE, which began July 4, 1975, and will terminate in August 1976. Subsequently, a visiting evaluation team from NCATE will evaluate the teacher education program at F.S.U. from October 3, to October 6, 1976. These evaluative dates have been recently confirmed by NCATE.

With respect to the institution of self study, if an

institution aspires for accreditation by the prestigious Council under discussion, then that institution must meet the five basic standards utilized by NCATE to access the viability of its teacher education programs. These standards are as follows: Standard 1-Curricular for basic programs, Standard 2-Faculty for basic programs, Standard 3-Students in the basic programs, Standard 4-resources and facilities for basic programs, Standard 5-Evaluation program review and long range planning. In terms of these five basic standards, twenty-two specific standards evolve

which require the institution to conceptualize its teacher education programs in terms of quality and quantity as these constructs relate to preparing competent and productive teachers and other school personnel for rendering efficient services and leadership in the public schools.

The director of the current NCATE institution of self study, Dr. Walter Pace, asserts that F.S.U. perceives as meeting the standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and is therefore eagerly looking forward to the evaluative sessions scheduled

for the fall of 1976. In this regard, the Chancellor and the Provost of the University are giving their fullest support in this endeavor.

According to the director of the NCATE institution of self study the Institutional Report will be presented to NCATE in three specific volumes: Volume 1-Basic Teacher Education Programs; Volume 2-Faculty Exhibit; Volume 3-Alumni Exhibit.

### Editor's Note

Dr. Walter Pace, the current Director of NCATE institution of self study has been evaluating programs for NCATE since 1971.

### THE FSU COUNSELING CENTER

by Charles Jones

The University Counseling Center is one of many programs that Fayetteville State University has to offer to students. It offers a professional counseling service which consists of individual and group counseling. Also offered are Education and Career Counseling. These aid the student in deciding upon the best choice for a major and explains any additional experience a student might need.

The Counseling Center also provides a testing service. It administers the S.A.T. and the admission test. The testing service offers a Placement Inventory Test designed to aid academic advisors in choosing the right area for freshmen students to pursue in order to obtain a degree. A third test administered by the testing service is the Interest Aptitude Test which measures "one's touch with reality". A final test offered is the College Level Examination in which a student may be given credit for certain courses if able to pass the test.

The University Counseling Center works in conjunction with the Veteran's Administration to help the veteran decide upon a second career. The counselor for the veterans receive checks and that dependent are informed of the benefits they are entitled to.

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