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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



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The Urban Fayetteville area has had some notable civic improvement efforts, but none matches in scope of the drive of Fayetteville State University for over \$10 million to build a University Activities Center.

The 160,000 square foot structure would contain athletic courts, tracks, and pools, teaching stations and library, special areas for dance, physical training, and wrestling, and an auditorium. It would be combined with a new stadium to provide a major recreational and cultural facility which could serve a wide area.

The FSU drive is ambitious, even audacious. The institution, after all, is still struggling in many ways to throw off the shackles of a past in which its place in the community was racially constrained and financially starved.

Yet, it needs saying often that the quality of life in any urban area can largely be measured by the quality of the higher educational resources of the area. FSU, despite its mortgages to the past, is a key to higher educational resource for Urban Fayetteville and for the southeastern part of North Carolina. As part of the University of North Carolina System, it bears the responsibility for providing quality opportunities for a widening range of people.

Largely through its own efforts, FSU has received significant foundation aid in recent years to launch outreach efforts to community

through its Center For Continuing Education. Those efforts include services for adult education, for training local government workers, for classes, institutes, and seminars reaching to sub-merged or needy segments of the population.

The effort to provide a University Activities Center which could be the centerpiece for community recreation and cultural activities strategically located in the central-city part of Urban Fayetteville is again an example of FSU trying to pull itself up by its own bootstraps.

The effort deserves widespread community support. In many ways, the FSU project provides the opportunity for Urban Fayetteville to prove itself equal to the challenge of truly being a modern city, of realizing that adequate higher educational resources represent the soundest investment that can be made to build a high quality of life for all the people of the community.

The FSU project is bold, it is audacious. It outstrips anything the community has been asked to do or has accomplished certainly since the building of Cape Fear Valley Hospital or launching of Fayetteville Technical Institute. But it is a sound project. It points to a future of enhanced life style for all the people of the community. It challenges the community to look to the future with a clear and confident vision.

FSU Inaugurates Fund Drive

At a Kickoff Breakfast attended by 100 members of the University family and prominent citizens of Fayetteville and Cumberland County, The Fayetteville State University Foundation launched its 1976-77 Fund Drive today. The Drive is for

the first year of a five-year development plan calling for a total of \$10.3 million for all University development needs during the five years. The major project is the raising of \$8 million for a multipurpose University Activities Center. A complete briefing on the

five-year plan, including the Activities Center, was presented, emphasizing not only the use of the Activities Center for academic instruction and physical recreation, but also its use as a facility to provide major cultural activities for the city and county.

Mayor Beth Finch commented to the group after hearing the plan. She emphasized the community service features of the Activities Center and strongly endorsed it as fulfilling a long-felt need for a place where major cultural activities for the community could be held. She also felt it would serve to draw the City and the University closer together for the benefit of all citizens.

Chairman Billy Horne of the Board of County Commissioners then gave assurance that the County Commissioners would lend full support to the Activities Center concept. He said he felt that it was a most worthwhile project.

Chancellor Lyons thanked the group for the excellent turn-out at such an early hour in the morning. He assured all that the University was determined to make the plan become reality.

The program also honored the following firms and individuals who provided financial assistance to enable the University to complete arrangements for the Annual Fund Drive: Mr. Thomas Council, Council Real Estate; Mr. Anthony F. Fullerton, United National Bank; Mr. Marion (Rex) Harris, A and H Cleaners, Inc.; Mr. H. Burt Melton, First Union National Bank of North Carolina; Mr. Ralph Potter, Paris-Potter Enterprises; Mr. Al Rumans, Sears, Roebuck and Co.; Mr. George Stewart, Stewart Oldsmobile, Inc.; Mr. Kenneth Wells, Black & Decker Mfg., Co.

Chancellor's Christmas Party

December 10th the Chancellor gave his annual children's party for the children of the Faculty and Staff and joined by the kindergarten children and their parents. The festivities were held in the Women's Gym, with the decorations done by the instructors of the Mitchell and Newbold buildings. The

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Edward Cromatie playing Santa Claus with Santa, Jr., Michael Williams.



Santa talks with Joye Henderson.



Dr. Holis Fait

Visiting Professor Returns To Home Campus

Dr. Holis Fait who served as visiting professor in the physical education department at FSU during the 1976-77 Fall term returns to his post as professor of physical education at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Fait is author of the book, *Special (Physical) Education: Adapted, Corrective, Developmental*, which is being used in one of the department's courses. The course is designed to prepare physical education teachers to

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