



The Housing Dilemma

By: Sam Cole

All across the state of North Carolina, there tends to be a problem with the overcrowding of the states' colleges and universities. This coupled with the influx of students gives some people the impression that there is a problem with overcrowding in the dormitories. In the opinion of the Administration this is not the case here at FSU.

According to Jerome Scott, the Associate Dean of Students, the dormitories are not overcrowded. When asked about the students who are sleeping three per room. Dean Scott replied that all of the dormitories, with the exception of Williams Hall, are capable of sleeping three people with a reasonable degree of comfort. In fact, if necessary, the administration is willing to put up to four people in a room.

On Sunday, 18 August 1985, Freshmen students began arriving on campus. Of the approximate 602 Freshmen that arrived on Sunday, only 361 (60%) had completed all the necessary paperwork required to receive a room. The other 241

(40%) paid their \$75.00 room deposit upon arrival and said "Here I am find me a room." Then, a couple of days later, approximately 630 upperclassmen returned. Having been in previous years, some of the upperclassmen formed attachments to certain dorms, for sentimental and other reasons. That is why, according to the administration, there are people sleeping in the laundry rooms of some of the dorms. That is also why Joyner Hall, which was scheduled to be at a 50% occupancy, for renovation purposes, is filled far beyond that level.

Many renovations and rejuvenations were scheduled to take place in the summer. However, Vice Chancellor Nixon and Dean Scott did not get the o.k. to begin work until July, but during that short period of time much renovation was completed. According to Dean Scott, more renovation is planned. Some of the changes that took place are:

— Bryant Hall - Window covering ordered. They arrived on 18 September 1985.

- Harris Hall - New mattresses; interior paint
- Hood Hall - New mattresses
- Joyner Hall - New roofing; gutters and facings
- New Residence Hall - Painting of the living and kitchen areas
- Smith Hall - Complete face lift for the dressers
- Vance Hall - Painting of rooms; window covers ordered
- Williams Hall - Exterior paint; New bathroom fixtures

Some of the other renovations to be made were projected by Dean Scott. These includes:

- Bryant Hall - Exterior paint; Bathroom ventilation
- Joyner Hall - total interior revamping
- Vance Hall - Since Vance Hall has more bathrooms than any other hall, renovation and painting of those bathrooms including more and better ventilation is scheduled.
- Williams Hall - window mini-blinds-1/2 building per semester; look to put in Air Conditioning within the foreseeable future.

Dean Scott and his staff recognized the fact that

maintenance problems may arise. It is important that each and every student be familiar with the maintenance complaint procedures which are as follows:

— Report the complaint to the Residence staff personnel located in the Dorm. If the problem is not taken care of in three to four days, then go back to the staff. If their answer is not satisfactory, then see the community co-ordinator for that particular dorm. If after two days, the community co-ordinator has not provided an acceptable solution, then see Dean Scott who is located in Room 107 in the New Residence Hall.

One other idea discussed by Dean Scott was getting cablevision on campus. Last year, the Fayetteville Cablevision Company came to Fayetteville State University

and said that it would be feasible to bring cablevision on campus. A conflict arose when the University wanted to contract Fayetteville Cablevision for a campus wide package, at no expense to the students. However, cablevision wanted each residence Hall to contract individually. So, cablevision on campus "has been placed on the back burner."

Considering the problems that other students across the state are facing with overcrowding, the students of Fayetteville State seem to be doing alright in the area of living conditions. However, if problems do arise, feel free to express your complaints to the proper administrative official. As Dean Scott said "We can't read your minds. The only way we're going to find out about the problems is if you tell us."

A Dynamic Speaker

By: Sam Cole

On Tuesday, September 17, 1985, as a part of the Lyceum series, the Freshmen were treated to the fantastic orative skills of Attorney Patricia A. Russell.

Mrs. Russell is a graduate of Howard University School of Law and Kentucky State University. Attorney Russell is a member of the District of Columbia, Indiana, and National Bar Association. She is certified to argue before the Supreme Court of the United States Of America. Russell is also a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

The main focus of Ms. Russell's address was to help the students, especially freshmen to understand, who they are, where they are, and where they are going. Russell reminded the students that they did not get where they are by their own design; they are standing on the shoulders of

their ancestors. She also told them that someone had to step back so that they could step forward.

Then, Attorney Russell moved into the actual lecture part of her address, entitled "Excellence Without Excuse". Russell told the students that the world is waiting; that it takes nothing to be mediocre, but it takes every thing to be excellent. Russell went on to define the different classifications of students:

Freshmen, think they know but don't know.

Sophomores, know that don't know.

Juniors, know but don't know that they know.

Seniors, know and know that they know.

Some other points Russell made included, telling the students that they must "learn to earn". She went on to say that

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FSU Fall Extravaganza

By: Kim Verbal

Fayetteville State University held its annual Fall Convocation Thursday, September 12, 1985 at 2:00 p.m. in the J.W. Seabrook Auditorium.

This marked the official beginning of the school year. It is a time when the faculty, staff, and the students come together to concentrate on the total program for the year. One of the main objectives for this year is to complete the New Chesnut Library.

This event is designated to help students become aware of the commodities and important occurrences on the campus of FSU.

The speaker for the event was Chancellor Charles "A." Lyons, Jr. His convocation address was mainly directed to the

Freshmen and new students. As he stated in a previous address, students are expected to be serious, conscientious, responsible, and accountable. They are expected to take pride in themselves and the institution, to take a hold of the opportunity to grasp that which is rightfully theirs. It is only qualities that are found in them that will determine if their life will be a success or failure. But it is through the student body, faculty and staff being on the same accord, that will determine if Fayetteville State University will be the comprehensive university that we are all hoping for. With our goals in mind, we must definitely say, "integrity is worth living for."

