

This issue of *THE BRONCOS'S VOICE* is dedicated to Chancellor Charles "A" Lyons, Jr. Thank you, Chancellor Lyons for your many years of service to Fayetteville State, setting a standard of excellence that has helped FSU become the growing dynamic university that it is.

--The Editors



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Educational Leader

April 1977 -- Born in a small eastern North Carolina farming community, Dr. Charles "A" Lyons, Jr. has today emerged as one of the nations prominent figures in the area of higher education.

Presently Dr. Lyons is Chancellor of Fayetteville State University, a southeastern North Carolina-based institution which is in its one-hundredth year of existence, and is the second oldest state-supported school in the university system.

The Conetoe, North Carolina-born native received his BA degree over 26 years ago with "Highest Honors" from Shaw University at Raleigh, North Carolina majoring in History and minoring in English.

He furthered his academic training at Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio, and obtained the Master of Arts degree in Political Science in 1954.

Dr. Lyons earned the Ph.D. degree at Ohio State University in 1957 in Political Science with an area specialty of South and Southeast Asia.

He has also studied at Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University, Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics in India and the School of Business Administration at Harvard University.

He is married and he and his wife Rosa, are the parents of three children, Sheila, Brenda and Charles Herbert.

He came to Fayetteville in 1969 and assumed the Presidency of Fayetteville State College. Dr. Lyons later in 1972 became the first Chancellor of newly-named Fayetteville State University which became a constituent institution of the 16-member University of North Carolina high education reorganization plan.

Some of his prior administrative posts include Dean of the College, Elizabeth City State College, 1959-62; Executive Secretary, North Carolina Teachers Association, 1962-64; and Director of Admissions, Howard University, 1964-69.

In 1974, Dr. Lyons was named President of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), an organization composed of more than 100 predominantly Black institutions of higher education



FSU Chancellor Charles "A" Lyons, Jr.

enrolling over 200,000 students in undergraduate, graduate and professional schools.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Fayetteville and his civic affiliations in the city include the Civitan Club; Ex-Officio Member of the Board of Directors, Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce; Member of the Board of Directors, United National Bank; Honorary Member of the Kiwanis Club; and the Eureka Masonic Lodge Number Three of Fayetteville.

Dr. Lyons is the recipient of numerous awards, honors and distinctions and has traveled extensively, both at home and abroad.

He holds membership in numerous professional associations and has served as a consultant in many civic and educational areas.

In his present post as Chancellor of Fayetteville State University, Dr. Lyons has led the 2000-plus enrollment institution into its "Centennial Year" of operation.

Founded in 1877, Chancellor Lyons is the seventh administrator of Fayetteville State University. Since taking over the leadership of the school in 1969, a multi-million dollar science building will soon be erected, a multi-million dollar classroom building complex, a new Continuing Education Center and a modern dormitory have all been completed under his administration.

Inauguration set

April 1970 -- Fayetteville State University has set the inauguration of President Charles 'A' Lyons for May 3, 1970. Dr. M.S. Frierson, Chairman of the University Inauguration Committee, told *The Voice*.

Dr. Lyons assumed the FSU presidency August 1, thus becoming the eighth executive officer of the institution.

Dr. Lyons came to the Fayetteville State post from Howard University, where he served as director of admissions. He is a native of Conetoe and did his undergraduate work at Shaw University and earned the doctorate degree from Ohio State University.

Dr. Frierson said that a detailed program will be announced later.



President Welcomes

October 1970 -- President and Mrs. Lyons cordially welcomed approximately one-hundred students and several faculty and staff members to their home on Tuesday evening, September 29, 1970.

The reception began at 7:30 p.m. with preparations for the entire University community. As guests arrived, they were greeted warmly by Dr. and Mrs. Lyons. She acted as hostess, pointing out the purposes of rooms on the first floor of the home. All guests were shown through the formal dining

room, informal dining room, formal living room, informal living room, den, kitchenette and library.

Students flocked in wearing informal and casual attire. Faculty members most often were attired in formal dress or informal. All congregated, chatted and ate and drank together in a friendly atmosphere.

Dignitaries on the scene were: Dr. Eldridge, Dean McKoy, Dean Jones, Dr. Frierson, Dr. Liu, Mr. E. Murphy, Dr. Currie, Mr. I. Robinson, Mrs. Blossom, Mr. Leazer, Mr. Reid, Dr. Young, Mr. Suryanara-yana, Mrs. Smith (from the library), and many others.

To give credit where it is due, it must be said that in the preparation of the food for the occasion, student waitresses, Elsie Smith, Glays McClain, Mary Best, Janice Jones, Bobbie Fairly and campus cooks, Mrs. Little and Mrs. Simmons set-up a tasty combination of party mints, cocktail nuts and assorted cookies.

Students aiding Mrs. Lyons as guides were Janice Barkely, Rosena Brandon, Verritte Woods, Portia Tann, Barbara Jenkins, Lula Woodard and Redecca Alford.

James Nesby, President of the student body, was present for the occasion. He seemingly found an interesting conversation with President Lyons.

Science Building Named

September 1981 -- In a move that even caught the Chancellor himself by surprise, the Board of Trustees announced that the new science building will be named in honor of Dr. Charles "A" Lyons.

The board made their announcement at the quarterly board meeting on September 23, 1981. Observers said it was the first time they had ever seen Chancellor Lyons speechless. Having the science building named after him during his tenure not only recognizes his outstanding efforts in securing that building and other improvements at FSU, but also shows the high esteem in which he is held.

Dr. Lyons has served as chancellor since 1969.