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FSU Holds 129th Fall Convocation

by Amey Pickett

On Thursday, September 14, 1995, Fayetteville State University celebrated its 129th Fall Convocation. For those of you asking "What is Fall Convocation," it is a celebration of the official opening of the academic new year. At Convocation, the university and community welcome the new students and faculty to the school and city. This year's Convocation was a definite treat to attend.

Even though Convocation started off a little on the shaky side (Do we sit or stand?), it turned out to be quite a blast. Our own SGA President, Mr. Wayne Hodges, pleased the crowd with an excellent speech in which he encouraged a "new era under the sun" and a "new FSU under the sun." Mr. Hodges' speech received more than one round of applause. He thrilled all the students in attendance and even some of the faculty and staff. FSU is proud to have a leader with such excellent oratorical talent.

The guest speaker, Attorney Patricia Russell-McCloud, also gave a very inspiring speech with the theme "Working on the Night Shift." Mrs. Russell-McCloud's message to the students was study and work hard. She also insisted that students should not fall behind because "the mind is a terrible thing to waste." Although her speech lasted approximately 35-40 minutes, not a moment of it was worth missing.

Those students who missed out on Convocation missed a magnificent ceremony.

A Million Black Men March on Washington

by FSU SGA

The Million Man March is Holy Day of Atonement and Reconciliation for and by Black men in the United States of America. This march will take place on Monday, October 16, 1995, in Washington, D.C. On this date, able-bodied African-American men from all segments of America will march on Washington, D.C. to publicly proclaim to the world that Black men are serious about their quest for justice and their readiness to take their place as leaders of their families and communities. It is a call for all Black men as Christians, Muslims, nationalists, agnostics, young and old, members of every fraternal, civic, and political organization to stand together as one to declare their right to justice and to determine the future for themselves and their people.

In 1963, the leaders of the Civil Rights movement gathered Black people together to march on Washington for justice and jobs. From that point there has been a steady movement of talented African-American people in corporate America, politics, and business. However, the masses of Black people, and Black men in particular, are still far behind. The 1995 march will announce that the Black man, the Black woman, and the Black family are standing together for political, social, spiritual and economic progress.

There are three key issues which the march will bring attention to and address. Those three key issues are 1) the Black family and community, as well as family development, 2) affirmative action and voting rights support, and 3) corporate America's reinvestment in the Black community.

October 16, 1995 is a day of unification and solidarity for the African-American community. It is a historical event which will be remembered for generations to come. Therefore, we are asking that all members of college,



Attorney and guest speaker Patricia Russell-McCloud enralls audience at 1995 Fall Convocation.

high-school, and professional sports teams observe this Holy Day and not engage in sports activities; musicians and entertainers not perform on this day, as a show of solidarity; no one attend work or school; no one participate in shopping; and no one engage in drinking alcohol, consuming drugs, or any unclean

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Welcome Chancellor McLeod

by Dr. Donna Benson

We extend our congratulations to Dr. Willis McLeod on his selection as Chancellor of Fayetteville State University. The University community includes a capable faculty and staff and many talented students. This academic community is poised to move the University forward to face the challenges of the 21st century.

The FSU executive and administrative staff will work to make certain that the transition to the new administration is smooth and effective. The position carries with it great responsibilities for the future of thousands of faculty, staff, and students, and for the future of the greater Cape Fear region.

I personally wish Dr. McLeod much success as FSU Chancellor. The job is very important; the challenges are many but so too are the rewards.

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