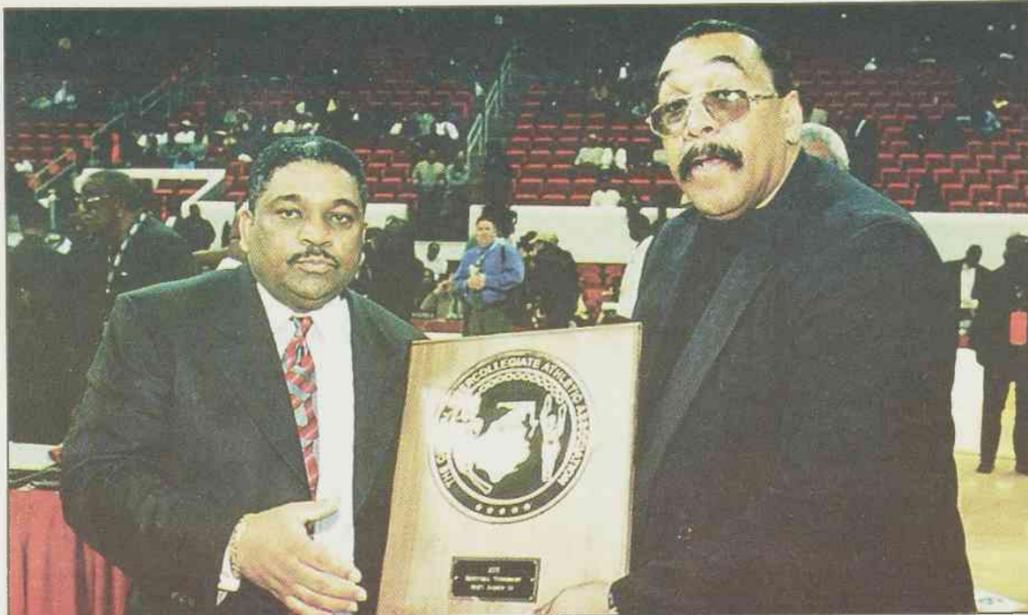


Bernard Fired as Men's Basketball Coach

Fayetteville State named Sam Hanger interim head basketball coach, replacing Mike Bernard, who was fired last week after university officials learned that he falsified his academic credentials on his resumé. "This whole thing is unfortunate," Hanger said.

"I feel for Coach Bernard. He brought me here. "But we have to put this behind us. We're going to talk about it, process it and then move on." Hanger is an associate athletics director at FSU and served as associate head coach under Bernard for the past four seasons

Before coming to Fayetteville State, Hanger was the head coach at Winston-Salem State University and Greensboro College, and has a



Bernard, right, coached FSU to the CIIA Championship Game in 2001.

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career record of 117-101. "Coach Hanger has done an outstanding job as Bernard's assistant," Fayetteville State Athletic Director William

Carver said. "Sam will continue with the department's overall goal and keep the program going in the direction we want it to go." Hanger has

had little messages. I called Mr. Carver and he told me what was going on. He said he wanted me to hear it from him first. "The next day everyone

knew about it."

Hanger said he doesn't see drastic changes being made in the program. He said there wouldn't be many notable changes in game strategy other than playing a bit more of an up-tempo style on offense.

"Hopefully, we can continue the kind of winning ways that began under Coach Bernard," Hanger said. "My style is a little different than (Bernard's). So I guess the players will have to adjust to that."

Shaw finished last season with a 28-5 record and advanced to the NCAA Division II semifinals.

One of its losses was a double-overtime thriller against FSU.

Students Protest Name Change

Staff Report

The board of trustees of Fayetteville State University voted on September 26th to oppose the idea of changing the school's name to UNC-Fayetteville.

The vote came hours after more than 150 students and alumni rallied in front of Chesnut Library to support keeping the name unchanged. The students chanted "Bronco Pride" and carried signs that said "Protecting our Heritage, Securing our Future" and "No to UNC-F."

The issue had not been on the trustees' agenda, but Deon Winchester, president of the FSU Student Government, asked the board to take a stand.

The issue has been debated since June, when

state Rep. Bill Hurley of Fayetteville filed a bill to fund a study on changing the name of Fayetteville State University to the University of North Carolina at Fayetteville. The bill, which would have appropriated \$5,000 for the study, never got to the House floor for a vote. Hurley has been criticized by students and alumni for proposing the bill.

"Students are unclear of what the future of this issue will be," Winchester told the trustees. "Let the rally today be a testament of our opposition to this study."

Seven board members voted on the issue after three board members, John Fuller, Jonathan Charleston and Michael Todd, left the meeting during a two-hour closed session. Trustee

Anne Fogleman left right before the vote, and Franklin Clark was not at the meeting.

The board went into closed session to discuss honorary degrees. The vote was 5-2 for opposing the name change and any study of a name change. Trustees Larry Tinney and Glenn Jernigan voted against opposing a name change study. The five trustees who voted to oppose the name change were Anthony Grant, Jack Hill, James Burch, James Paige and Nathan Garrett.

FSU Chancellor Willis McLeod said he would have preferred to have the issue discussed when the entire board was present. "I do think the board did the right thing by taking a

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