

Did You Know?

- Fayetteville State University was cited as one of 20 schools nationwide that created a campus culture that fosters student success. This list was compiled in order to identify diverse institutions that do a good job of educating students.

- Fayetteville State University accounting students and professors volunteer their time to assist economically disadvantage families and the elderly to complete tax filings.

- Dr. T.J. Bryan is the first woman elected by the University Of NC Board Of Governors to lead the 136-year-old institution as Chancellor.

- The University Of North Carolina Board Of Governor's recently approved a new Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology for Fayetteville State University. This program is a four-year program with 124 credit course work hours. It is also, the only baccalaureate program of its kind in Eastern North Carolina.

- Dr. T.J. Bryan is the first African American woman appointed as head of a University of North Carolina Institution.

- Fayetteville State University has a Hip Hop Dance Team named 3-D.

- WFSS 91.9 is the school's radio station which provided a noncommercial educational, informational, and cultural broadcasting service for people living within the stations 100,000 watt coverage area.

- (NYSP) National Youth Sports Program is presented by Fayetteville State University to help economically disadvantage youth ages 10-16 develop good health practices, citizenship, academic enrichment courses, and exposures to career and educational opportunities. There is no cost to participate. Meals, and in some cases transportation has been provided for those who are eligible.

- The University of North Carolina board of Governors voted to increase the minimum math requirements from three to four credits beginning with the college freshman of the class 2006. The School of the Arts is the only exception.

- "University Day" is held to encourage young people to begin the process of preparing themselves academically to enter college. Students will visit FSU for a day in late October/early November.

- Someone lost a Class Ring? The initials are D.A.A, Stop by room 210 in the Student Center to claim it, or call 672.1706.

- Trey Songz will be here this Friday, September 23rd! This is a FREE concert for FSU students. You "Just gotta make it!"

By: Chikarra Barnes

Chancellor T.J. Bryan walks into her office after a meeting. We sit in her office decorated in Bronco paraphernalia, and she begins telling me about the growth and greatness she sees for the future of Fayetteville State University.

There are many upcoming improvements such as developing programs to prepare students for the 21st century work place, by stressing the importance of technology, with the addition of "smart learning technology" in the classrooms. New programs of study are being added such as a Forensic science, biotechnology and management information systems.

Some programs that are being looked into "adoption" are a B.A. in Social Work, and a Masters in International Studies as well as Criminal Justice.

Dr. Bryan believes that the most important improvement is communication with the student body.



Chancellor
T.J. Bryan

Dr. Bryan told me she receives many e-mails from students' everyday about problems they have encountered on campus. In one such e-mail she responded to the students' problem and received an e-mail back from the student stating that he did not expect a response. Dr. Bryan said "that's why it was important for me to respond because it's not expected." Problems that are e-mailed to Dr. Bryan are taken up with that particular department and addressed. Surveys are online to get student feedback to make positive changes here at Fayetteville State University.

According to Dr Bryan, "retention at Fayetteville State University is at its highest in ten years." More students are staying here at FSU and graduating with four-year degrees. The increase in online classes as well as offering courses in remote locations such as Fort Bragg is also caused by the growth at Fayetteville State. The increase in the freshmen class was expected, but the increase in transfer students and those taking online courses was an unexpected surprise for the Chancellor. Another factor in the retention of students and to interested students was the reminders

sent over the summer. A mouse pad was sent to upperclassmen and book bags were sent to incoming freshmen. This was done by the Chancellor "to just let them know they weren't forgotten."

A big problem for many students was the change to the book rental policy. In fall of 2003, the Faculty Senate decided to end the book rental system. Dr. Bryan adopted a system that would be beneficial to both sides by giving a year and a half notice of the change so students would be prepared. FSU will be providing students with ways to receive books such as the "book grants," and vouchers. They are also placing three copies of each book in the library for students' use.

Dr. Bryan says that after being at FSU for almost three years, she has been what she expected when she took the job. Dr. Bryan says, "The students are good people and they make me proud." Being Chancellor here at Fayetteville State University to Dr. Bryan is "not a job, but a joy." She says that no matter where you go, there will be positives and negatives, but the Chancellor quotes her son by saying "it's all good."

What's on Your Mind?

(FSU students, whose names will not be revealed, but are identified only by their classifications, speak out and demand the right to be heard) Each newspaper will include questions and comments about issues on student's minds and we will try our best to respond in the next issue.

Arts & Entertainment Editor: Phillip Gatling Jr.

When will some students at FSU lose their high school mentality, and stop treating freshmen like little children?

Freshman

Why must upperclassmen act so shady?

Freshman

Why have certain students not received refund checks yet?

Sophomore

How is it that people think that they can distinguish your classification by the way you look?

Freshman

Why are students expected to have their textbooks in class but aren't able to afford the high priced books?

Senior

When will the Financial Aid line ever move faster? And when will there be more than one or two counselors available?

Junior

What can FSU do to help the victims of the disastrous Hurricane Katrina?

Sophomore

Why was the Book Rental Policy taken away with the implementation of students receiving updated books, but I can still purchase a "used book" from the Bookstore?

Junior

Over 8 million listeners
tune in to his #1
radio program.

Must be a wise guy...



I'm Just A DJ But...
It Makes Sense to Me
TOM JOYNER
WITH MARY FLOWERS BOYCE

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—Tom Joyner

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