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The two buildings above are often mistaken for each other and are shown on schedules as Laretta Taylor (Left) and Taylor Science (Right).

Taylor v.s. Taylor: a brief history of the two

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If someone was to tell you to meet them at the Taylor building, where would you meet them?

For students who just arrived on campus, there were a few days of confusion over the names of two rather important buildings on campus that are often times called "Taylor building." But there are two separate locations on campus that share very similar titles, Taylor Social Science and Laretta J. Taylor.

Some students get confused when asked to report to the Taylor building not knowing which building is actually the one that is being mentioned. However, if students look closely at their class schedule there is a distinct difference in the labeling of each building.

The Taylor Science building was built in 1939 and was named after Robert R. Taylor, the first black graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Mr. Taylor was a member of Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee cabinet. He became the first black member of the Fayetteville State University Board of

Trustees in 1937. The Taylor Social Science was built in 1968. Laretta Taylor Gymnasium was formerly called the women's gym. Built in 1969, it was named after Physical Education instructor, Laretta Taylor. The Financial Aid and AirForce department was later added.

Students should pay careful attention to the names of the buildings and how they are labeled in Banner.

Other buildings that have confused students on campus are the Lyons Science building and the Lyons Science Annex, which is widely known on campus as LSA.

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that society was full of contradictions and inequalities. When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X were both assassinated when Ms. Davis was still young, but she said their message had a great impact on her.

"There is no way we can replicate the past," Ms. Davis said. "Way too many people have died and suffered for equality. However, we must remember the past cause that's the only way your generation

can show your children how the world is not meant to be."

She noted that discrimination had decreased since the civil rights movement first began, but the nation can still make forward strides in the area of social justice and equality.

"There are a lot more people in prison, there are over 2.5 million people in the prison system," she said. "In some sense, things have gotten worse than they were as

well."

Ms. Davis advised that people who are struggling should work together to improve their situations instead of competing. This often happens among people with the same economic backgrounds where human beings tend to live by the crab in the bucket theory: you try to do better than me then I bring you back down.

Ms. Davis stressed that education is the key to improvement. "In to-

day's society you must have a great deal of knowledge or you will be severally unprepared for what the world has in store for you," she said.

Ms. Davis praised FSU for its excellence as a historically black college. "Fayetteville State University, I believe, is a vibrant institution one of the best and most important HBCUs in the nation and it is. It is a real honor to be here," Ms. Davis said.

As Ms. Davis wrapped up, she bestowed a powerful message on the FSU student body. "Education is not just something you use to find a job that will pay you more money. Education is really the formation of the personality, the formation of the soul, and the formation of the community. Hopefully the students here at this institution will make use of the opportunity that they have acquired and continue to strive for greatness."

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related programs.

Paul Quinn University made the list because its student body led protests to prevent the creation of a landfill near the school and won. While Cheyney University developed an organization, Saving Our Boys, (S.O.B.) that focuses on empowering young black men to stay in school and to give them a leg up in society.

What will it take for FSU to rise in the ranks?

FSU already has two things in common with the schools that ranked higher up on the list. Programs that are intended to transform young men into young men of distinction,

such as The Eagles Nest Developmental Program. And last semester many students gathered in front of the administration building to voice their grievances about what was going on here on campus.

Schools that made the list in order were Johnson C. Smith University, Philander Smith College, Xavier University of Louisiana, Paul Quinn College, Spelman College, Morgan State University, Chaffin University, Kentucky State University and Cheyney University of Pennsylvania.

Of the top 10 schools, both FSU and Johnson C. Smith are in the number one ranked university school system of UNC.


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