

# "100th Birthday" Plans At FSU In High Gear



**100 YEARS OF PROGRESS** — Fayetteville State University will celebrate its One Hundredth Birthday April 17, as the second oldest state-supported (founded in 1877) institution in North Carolina. Shown in the photos are buildings of the past and of the present currently on the campus in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The buildings are (L.R.) J. W. Seabrook Auditorium, Smith Academic Building, George L. Butler Learning Center, The Center for Continuing Education, and the Science Building Annex. (Photos - John B. Henderson).

**FAYETTEVILLE** — The second oldest state-supported institution of higher learning in the state of North Carolina will celebrate its One Hundredth Birthday April 17 with many festive activities in the month which include faculty art shows, seminars, beauty pageants, art exhibits, choir and jazz concerts and fashion shows.

Located in the southeast section of the Tar Heel State, Fayetteville State University has a Main Campus enrollment of over 2,000 students and over 5,000 students at the FSU-Fort Bragg Campus and Continuing Education Program.

Primary activities for the

Centennial include: Dedication of the George L. Butler Learning Center, 11:00 a.m. April 16, Dr. E. B. Turner, Speaker; Centennial Banquet, April 16, 7:30 p.m. H. L. Cook Dining Hall, Dr. Samuel Proctor, Speaker; and Centennial Founders Day, April 17, 2:30 p.m., J. W. Seabrook Auditorium, Carl Rowan, Speaker.

Although this momentous event is a milestone in the annals of higher education in itself, the present administration has already begun setting the wheels of progress in motion to meet the goals and challenges of the next century of service at FSU.

Last December, as a lasting memorial to the next century of service, the Fayetteville State University Foundation launched a drive to obtain funds for the construction of a Multipurpose Activities Center. Its estimated cost is \$8 million and the plan calls for a five-year period to raise all the funds from all sources, both private and public.

According to the current Chancellor of FSU (appointed in 1969), Dr. Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., there is a dire need for a "University Activities Center" for physical education, recreation, intramurals, athletics and community services.

The present facilities, according to university officials, for satisfying the health education, physical education and recreational needs are grossly inadequate for the present student body of 2,000 and can be expected to be insufficient when the student body reaches the 10,000 expected in the next 10-15 years.

In 1867, the founding fathers of the institution (seven Negroes), Matthew N. Leary, A. J. Chestnut, Robert Simmons, George Granger, Thomas Lomax, Nelson Carter and David A. Bryant, paid \$140.00 for a lot on Gillespie Street and organized themselves into a self-per-

petuating Board of Trustees to maintain this property permanently as a site for the education of Negro children of Fayetteville.

History reveals that it was General O. O. Howard of the Freedman's Bureau, one of the best known of the early Friends of Negro Education, who erected a building on this lot and the institution became known as the Howard School.

March 8, 1877, the General Assembly of North Carolina, provided the establishment of normal schools for education of white and Negro teachers.

An appropriation for the establishment of the school for Negroes was only \$2,000

by the General Assembly and since the Howard School had successfully existed for ten years, the appropriation was made to the institution.

The Howard School was then designated a teacher-training institution and its name was changed to the State Colored Normal School by a legislative act in 1877.

The school was served for relatively short periods until 1899 by five chief administrators — Robert L. Harris, Charles W. Chestnut, Ezekiel E. Smith, George Williams and Robert Fairley.

In 1899, Dr. E. E. Smith returned to head the institution until 1933 when he was succeeded by Dr. J. Ward Seabrook.

After Dr. Seabrook retired in 1956, he was succeeded by Dr. Rudolph Jones and during his administration significant curricular changes were made.

Prior to 1960 the only major offered was Elementary Education. The General Assembly of North Carolina revised the Charter of the College in 1959 and authorized the expansion of the curriculum to include majors in Secondary Education which were begun in 1960. Finally, programs leading to degrees outside of the teaching field were added. Also, additions to the physical plant were provided to take care of a rapidly expanding enrollment.

In 1969, Dr. Charles

"A" Lyons, Jr. succeeded Dr. Rudolph Jones as President and the college was designated as a regional university by an act of the legislature.

During the administration of Dr. Lyons, Fayetteville State University became a constituent of the University of North Carolina by a legislative act on July 1, 1972, thus making Dr. Lyons the first Chancellor of the institution. Under his leadership, FSU has expanded into a multi-faceted campus with outstanding growth and progress.

Located in a city of approximately 55,000 inhabitants near the largest military reservation in the world (Fort Bragg and Pope AFB), Fayetteville is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the southeastern United States.

With this in mind, the current administration is attempting to move the institution into the mainstream of higher education.

The present administration has made significant progress relative to enrollment, academic programming and capital expansion. Of considerable importance is the addition of the Fort Bragg Campus with total administrative responsibility detailed to FSU.

Hallmarks of the progress of the Lyons era include the construction of the \$3 million George L. Butler Learning Center Complex; a new

Residence Hall for 250 students in apartment-style, air-conditioned living quarters; the Continuing Education Center; and the Rudolph Jones Student Center.

Soon to rise among these edifices will be a million-dollar-plus building and greenhouse complex.

Additionally, the Continuing Education Center represents a part of the first private philanthropic grant of over one million dollars to the University given by the Kellogg Foundation.

## SHS, FBLA

### Attends 23rd

### Annual Confab

The Southern High School FBLA Chapter attended the 23rd annual Leadership Conference in Charlotte at the Sheraton Center, April 1-3. The following students along with the chapter advisors, Mrs. Eleanor Terrill and Mrs. Rosalyn Cole, attended the conference: Gloria Allen, Rebecca Barnes, Cindy Berryman, Cathy Carden, Patrice Hagan, Sheba Hall, Kim Sandling and Barbara Yates.

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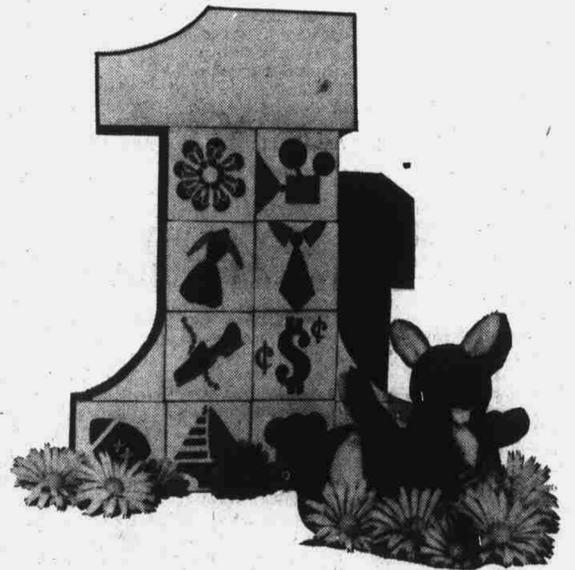
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