

Fayetteville State University Has Long And Interesting History

"Fayetteville State University" is the most recent name given to an institution with a long and interesting history. A multi-campus University with its main campus located on Murchison Road in Fayetteville, North Carolina FSU had its genesis in the Howard School in 1867.

By a legislative act of 1877, the North Carolina General Assembly provided for the establishment of a Normal School for the education of Negro teachers. The Howard School was chosen as the most promising because of its successful record during the previous ten years. It was designated a teacher training institution and its name was changed to the State Colored Normal School.

Throughout its early history, the original purpose of the school had been its chief function - the training of elementary school teachers. Later, both the name and the purpose of the institution were changed to meet the educational needs of students desiring careers other than teaching. In 1969, the institution

acquired its present name - Fayetteville State University - and Dr. Charles A. Lyons, Jr. was elected President of the newly designated "regional university." In 1972,

Fayetteville State University became a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina. As directed by the Board of Governors, Fayetteville State is now moving toward becoming a comprehensive University during the next biennium.

Fayetteville State University has made great progress since its inception in both programs and facilities. No longer exclusively a teacher training institution, FSU now offers the Bachelor of Arts Degree in ten (10) disciplines; and the Master's Degree in four disciplines including a new Master's Degree Program in Business Administration.

The institution's facilities have also been greatly improved. From a one-building school 117 years ago, Fayetteville State University has grown to a campus of 156 acres and 36 buildings with a current value of over \$35 million.

The University is continuing to expand its facilities. A new ultramodern Science Complex and an addition to the Administration building have been recently completed. The Center for Continuing Education building represents a part of the first private philanthropic grant of over one million dollars to the University given by the Kellogg Foundation. Plans are now being finalized to construct a new library that will provide stacking space for over 350,000 volumes and meet the needs of the University for some years to come.

In addition to physical facilities, the quality of the faculty is an area in which there has been steady improvement. During the administration of Dr. Lyons, the number of faculty with doctorate degrees has increased from 25 percent to 75 percent. Academically, FSU seeks to provide an atmosphere that encourages intellectual creativity and rewards outstanding scholarship by providing excellent graduate and undergraduate programs. The development of the

whole person is the basic Philosophy at Fayetteville State University.

FSU is a proud institution with an outstanding history. It is the second oldest state-supported institution in North Carolina and one of the oldest teacher education institutions in the South. Located in the fourth largest urban population center in North Carolina and in one of the ten fastest growing counties in the South, Fayetteville State University's future growth is assured. No

longer a small, neglected predominantly black institution; FSU is a full-fledged university where students, faculty, trustees and administrators are as cosmopolitan as the population that surrounds the campus.

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