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Chancellor Williams Honored



Dr. Kenneth R. Williams

Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Kenneth R. Williams has announced his plans to retire June 30, 1977. At the time of his projected retirement he will have been in service to the institution and to the community for over thirty-five years. In recognition of Dr. Williams' achievements, Governor James Hunt, Jr. proclaimed April 29, 1977 as Kenneth R. Williams Day in the State of North Carolina and Mayor Franklin R. Shirley made a similar proclamation for the City of Winston-Salem.

A program of recognition and a reception for Chancellor Williams was held on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium on the WSSU campus.

Dr. Williams joined the faculty of WSSU in 1936, and with the exception of two years from 1937-39, when he taught at Palmer Memorial Institute at Sedalia, North Carolina, and three and one-half years in the Army as a chaplain, he has been employed at the University. He served as Professor of Social Studies and Chaplain until 1946 when he became the James A. Gray Professor of Bible and Chaplain. The

Board of Trustees appointed him Executive Vice-President in February 1961, Interim President in July of 1961, and President, now chancellor, in May of 1962.

Under Dr. Williams' leadership, the University has expanded its curriculum to offer quality education to students preparing to meet the growing and ever changing needs of society.

WSSU now offers twenty-eight major and minor programs of study carrying the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Science in Applied Science. All programs, with the exception of Nursing and Teacher Education, have been initiated since 1960.

The Bachelor of Science in Applied Science degree, instituted in 1974, is designed for graduates of accredited technical and vocational schools who hold the Associates of Applied Science degree.

In response to the demand for more students professionally trained in career oriented studies, the Department has expanded its offerings to include new concentrations in the Business Administration major program. These are accounting, computer science,

economics, and housing management.

The Department of Education has initiated a new major program in Special Education which offers a concentration in the area of learning disabilities for the certification of graduates to teach exceptional children.

WSSU has made a priority commitment to meet the educational needs of these mature citizens in the community through its continuing education programs. Last year a record number of adult students (362 persons) enrolled in the more than forty late afternoon and evening courses taught by the

University's regular faculty.

As the University's offerings have grown, there has been a corresponding increase in the number of faculty. In 1962 the faculty numbered 62, there are now over 140 faculty members of which 39% hold doctoral degrees. About 30% of the faculty are non-black. The faculty-student ratio is a desirable 1:16 allowing for more personal and individual attention for students.

The University has experienced a student population boom which peaked last year with an enrollment of 2,323 students from more than twenty states and several foreign nations including an

8% non-black presence. The University does not plan to exceed its present level of enrollment of 2,094 students until there are adequate resources (i.e. classrooms, housing, and financial aid) to accommodate a larger student body.

While seeking to provide a stimulating intellectual and academic environment, the Williams administration has not overlooked the social activities and supportive services which are a part of the total educational experience.

In 1969 the Division of Student Affairs was organized, creating new offices

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Lee To Address Graduates

Howard N. Lee who is presently Secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources will deliver the commencement address at the annual commencement exercises at Winston-Salem State University. The exercises will be held Sunday, May 8, at three o'clock p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum.

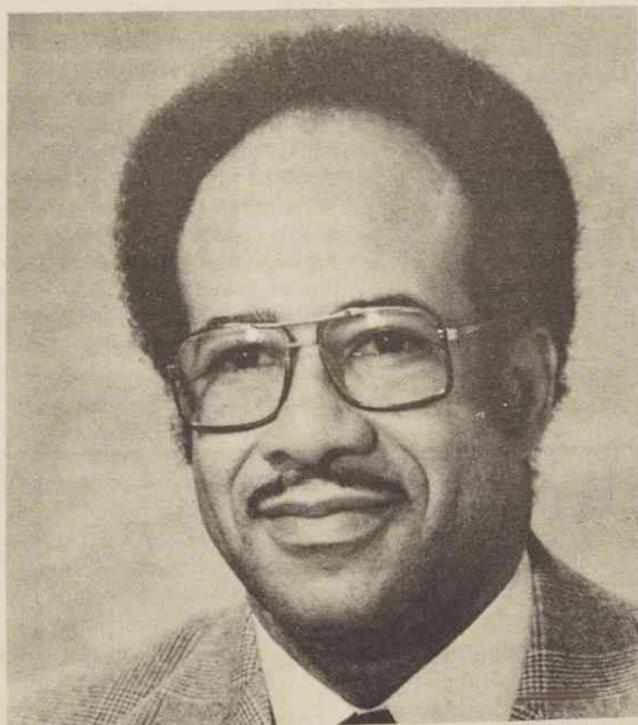
Lee, 41, was appointed as Secretary of Natural and Economic Resources in January, 1977 by Governor Jim Hunt.

A native of Georgia, Lee was a 1959 honor graduate of Fort Valley State College, Fort Valley, Georgia. Following service in the army he received his masters degree in social work from the University of North Carolina in 1966.

In 1966 he was named Director of Youth Services at Duke University and in 1968 became Director of Employee Relations at Duke and Assistant Professor of Sociology at North Carolina Central University.

He was elected mayor of Chapel Hill in 1969 and was re-elected in 1971 and 1973.

While Lee was Mayor, Chapel Hill became the first



Mr. Howard N. Lee

city in the nation to establish a housing loan trust fund to guarantee mortgage loans to low and moderate-income citizens to buy or improve their home.

Other programs instituted during his tenure included revitalization of a seven-square mile section of the city; establishment of city-wide transportation system;

upgrading the city's personnel system; establishment of Police Social Work Support Unit.

His efforts as Mayor prompted the Charlotte Observer to write: "City after city across the state, including Charlotte, could profit from similar leadership."

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