

FIRST FORMALITIES MAKE

CHARLES LYONS OFFICIALLY NO. 8 OUT WITH THE IVORY TOWER

by Shirley Evans, News W.S. Editor

The times require that educators become social engineers and prove the responsibility of all to achieve human dignity. Dr. Charles Lyons said colleges and universities must become more community involved to achieve this, in his inaugural address May 3.

The newly inducted executive outlined what FSU had to do to become more genuinely educational. He said the university family would have to put forth effort and hard work in a common purpose, have the boldness to be new and different, to experiment, give close scrutiny to its curriculum, create an exciting climate for learning and reassert cultural thought and the search for truth.

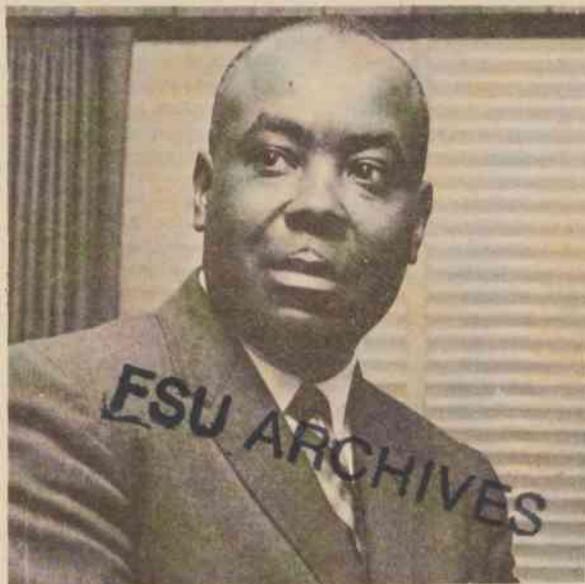
TWO CHOICES

The president said FSU has two choices in an attempt to be what it wants to be -- great or mediocre. "It must make a commitment to action to achieve contemporary relevance." In the search for truth, educators must eliminate the chief adversaries of the educative process and not uphold tradition for tradition's sake.

The eighth president said, "In this great land of ours, the dignity of man has too long been trampled upon. It is not ours to give or take but to recognize, and we have no claim to greatness if we can't reach the disadvantaged."

He pointed out steps already taken in the direction of a more comprehensive university; the change to a language arts program and the addition of many new areas, a recent recruitment team and joint control of the NCSU Fort Bragg Branch.

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FSU GRAD

WEAVER NAMED ASS'T SUPT. OF DURHAM CITY SCHOOLS

(taken from the Durham Morning Herald)

Dr. Frank B. Weaver, assistant educational director of North Carolina's community college system, has accepted the assistant superintendency of Durham City Schools.

Supt. Lew Hannen said Tuesday that Weaver, a former state supervisor of elementary schools, will begin work July 1, replacing present Assistant Supt. E. L. Phillips.

Phillips announced recently he would retire at the end of this school year.

Weaver, 42, joined the State Department of Public Instruction as elementary school supervisor in 1962, after 14 years as teacher and principal in the Edgecombe County school system.

In 1967, he became an educational consultant on adult education in the De-

partment of Community Colleges, and in June 1969, was promoted to assistant educational director.

A Tarboro native, Weaver holds a B. S. degree from Fayetteville State University, an M. A. from Columbia University and a Ph. D. from the Pennsylvania State University.

He has done post-graduate study at North Carolina Central University, and post-doctoral work at Wayne State University and at North Carolina State University.

Weaver is a member of the board of trustees at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, and is the author of one book "Practical Help for Meeting the Needs of the Slow Learner."

He and his wife, the former Miss Queen Esther Lewis of Mt. Gilead, have one son and presently live in Raleigh.

SGA Elections Postponed

By Rendell Brown
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The annual election of student government officers was cancelled indefinitely in response to student requests for a fairer representation of candidates.

The election, scheduled originally for April 29-30, was cancelled to accommodate a referendum aimed at changing the required grade point average set at 1.5 for any student seeking student government offices. This 1.5 was based on the school's 3-point system, but the university is currently on a 4 point system which illustrates the antiquity of this requirement. On the 4-point system the requirement is 2.5.

Representatives of the newly formed political

party, Black Students for Progress, argue that the bulk of the student body falls in the below-2.5 average group and is, thus, not justly represented. The new group expressed a desire to have the requirement lowered or totally discarded, thus leaving the choice of representatives to the student body. This places the weight of making a good sound choice upon the shoulders of the student body as the Black Students for Progress feel it should be.

The referendum will be voted on before the election can be held. If the bill is passed in favor of lowering the requirements, a considerable number of ineligible students would then be eligible.



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FSU TO SERVE TOTAL COMMUNITY

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"Fayetteville State University must become an educational institution which aspires and seeks to serve all people -- not just blacks," said Dr. Herman B. Smith in his FSU Founders Day address.

Dr. Smith is director of the Office for the Advancement of Public Negro Colleges in Atlanta, Georgia. He told the Annual Founder's Day audience that the university must prepare itself to serve the total community. He said that there is no place for separatism in the North Carolina system of higher education.

He urged that the University become involved in the activities of the whole community and not just those of the black community. Dr. J. Ward Seabrook, president emeritus, presented a special tribute to the founders of FSU.

Music for this occasion was rendered by the university's band and choir.

Dr. Charles "A" Lyons presided over the observance. Others who participated in the program were W. A. Bryant, president of the General Alumni Association; Rev. R. Massey, Pastor of College Heights Presbyterian Church; Miss V. A. Dix, a member of the faculty assembly committee; and Dr. G. D. Davis, professor of education and Pastor of Union Baptist Church in Durham.

Following the program, a pilgrimage to the monuments of the founders was made and floral tributes were placed at the shrines.

Barnes and Bryant To Receive FSU Alumni Honors

Mrs. Gannaway

Alexander Barnes and William Bryant have claimed Fayetteville State University's General Alumni Association's highest awards for the 1969-70 academic

year, alumni officials announced today.

Barnes and Bryant will be cited at the annual FSU Alumni Convocation Saturday, May 30.

Mrs. Eunice Ferguson Waller will be the principal speaker at the convocation services to be held in the J. W. Seabrook auditorium. The program will begin at 12 o'clock noon. It is open to the general public.

Bryant, President of the FSU General Alumni Association, will receive the alumni "Distinguished Achievement" award. He is an administrative officer in the public schools of Winston-Salem - Forsyth and a former prep grid mentor.

Barnes, veteran journalist and Director of Public Relations for the A.M.E. Zion Church; will receive the FSU Alumni "Meritorious Award." He is a native of Fayetteville and is also associated with North Carolina's largest black weekly "The Carolinian" newspaper.

The convocation will also see the induction of the class of 1970 inducted into the General Alumni Association. There are more than 150 candidates for graduation.

A highlight of the 1970 convocation weekend will be the election of officers for the coming year. Sideline observers predict one of the largest alumni turnouts in the history of the 93-year old institution for this meeting.

Reunions will be held for the classes of 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940, 1950 and 1960.

- Felicia Darden