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## Convocation kicks off year

By STAFF EDITOR

The Convocation held on Thursday, October 1, marked the formal opening of the 1970-71 school year.

Speaker for the event, Dr. Charles A. Lyons was introduced by Dean Fields to a very scanty audience of approximately seventy-five students. Dr. Lyons reported that the event formally opened the University after several weeks of operation. He cited it as a time to come together, sit together, and talk together about goals, recalling that the sub-

ject discussed for the 1969-70 academic - year convocation was "Reality and a Meaning in the Age of Revolution." He brought to view the addition in FSU's academic program and future plans for other facilities such as closed circuit television and the groundbreaking of the student center this fall. Dr. Lyons stated that statistics from the Registrar's Office show that FSU has the largest entering class and the largest student body that it has ever had.

HARD DRIVING CON-

STRUCTIVE YEAR  
"In spite of crowding, I believe we are off to a good start. This is a budget year, a legislative year, and we must show evidence of growth in order to receive more on the budget," Dr. Lyons announced. He reported that in order for FSU to move into the main stream of higher education in this country, it would have to obtain first-rate personnel in terms of attitude in the goals of the development of this institution. To the student, he said that his aim is to stress the desire to learn and the need for self-improvement, and to kindle and keep alive that same spark that the student brings to the institution. He stated, too, that no one can teach a student unless he wants to be taught.

"I am looking forward to a hard driving and constructive year; a job of educating students. That is where my energy will be extended; that's my job." The President pro-

### Canteen manager notes improvement

By NWS WRITER

Canteen manager, Mr. Howard Allen, noted that one of the effects of increased enrollment this year at F.S.U. is addition of more "nice, new friendly faces."

Allen says that it is "amazing" to see how mannerly the students are. "You can tell they come from Christian homes." He also noticed that the students show a good deal of patience in waiting for orders to be filled. "It means a lot to have the students realize that we're doing all we can to serve them," he continued.

In commenting on the general behavior of students in the canteen, Allen remarked that the majority of the students come in cleaner and neater this year than years before.

There is, unfortunately, one sour note in student-employee relations. Some students are still disorderly when it comes to cleaning the tables when they finish their meals. "We would appreciate it if the students would take their cups, cans and paper... and throw them in the waste basket," Allen commented.

Mr. Allen is a native of Fayetteville and a member of Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church.



President Lyons connotes a hard driving, constructive year at Convocation.

nounced in the latter part of his speech, "As members of the University, we recognize and respect the voice of all in the FSU community. Those who are good to me, I am good to them. Those who are not good to me, I am also good to them; thus, making all good."

The President concluded his message to the FSU family saying, "I believe we are all like the lyrics ... People who need people are the luckiest people in the world. If we operate like this, we will indeed be the luckiest people in the world."

At this point of the program, presentation of the President of the Student Government, James Nesby, was made. Nesby

welcomed all students to a fruitful year. With much anxiety and concern for the betterment of student perception, he stressed the need of black truth in education today at FSU, pointing out that FSU is a Black institution that should have black awareness in mind.

Dean Richard Fields presided over the event which began with the procession of the faculty and staff members dressed in academic attire according to degrees held. The organist for the program was Paul Tamblin. Invocation was performed by Rev. S. T. Gillespie, pastor of John Wesley United Methodist Church, and music was provided by the university choir.

### Buildings and grounds in fair shape

By NWS WRITER

According to Superintendent, Vance McBroom, the building and grounds are in fair condition now. He said that it took a lot of hard work and time to bring the buildings up to standard.

There has been a great deal of laboring in the dorms, old administration building, and in the book store.

Many of these places required major and minor repairs, such as plumbing, painting, and replacing worn out parts. Without a hard working crew, equipment, and an almost adequate supply of materials, these things could not have been done; yet there is much more to be done.

There were and are still many things to be done to the buildings. The freshman initiation brought about a tremendous amount of work for the maintenance department. Broken windows, and door locks were the usual things, Mr. McBroom explained.

He cited the major problem and reason for the low state of maintenance as a lack of both skilled and unskilled workers. Because of the great shortage of personnel, many jobs take two weeks to get started and only a half hour to finish. They have to repair as they get time.

Another major reason for the maintenance problem is that the department is in need of new machinery; however, new machinery would be needless if no one was there to operate it.

With Home-coming and winter just around the corner, a large amount of work awaits the crew, but Mr. McBroom smiles as he says, "We can make it if we try, and we're trying."



Mr. Vance McBroom Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds



SGA Prexy, James Nesby, advocates black truth in education. Photos by Mike Granum.

## Enrollment soars at FSU

Fayetteville State University has the largest student enrollment in the institution's history for the 1970-71 academic year, according to information released recently by the Registrar's office.

A ninety-seven percent (97%) increase in freshman enrollment over 1969-70 is the most significant factor in the FSU increase. The incoming freshman class has an enrollment of 478 students compared with 242 students last year.

In addition to the freshman increase, there are 51 transfer students, thus giving the University five hundred twenty-nine (529) new faces on the campus.

According to the Director of Admissions, applications and acceptances ran considerably ahead of any previous year and only a shortage of housing and financial aid kept the University from experiencing an even more dramatic in-

crease in enrollment.

Fayetteville State's current enrollment is 1,420 students, a gain of more than twenty-one percent (21%) over a similar period last year.

FSU's 1970-71 enrollment increase is considerably more than the U.S. Office of Education's projected increase for private and public institutions in the country. United States Office of Education predicted earlier that enrollment of degree-credit students at colleges and universities would total 7.6 million for 1970-71, a gain of 4.1 percent over 1969-70.

The 1970 session of F.S.U. opened with 1420 students enrolled, as compared with 1142 total enrollment of 1969.

The breakdown of students is as follows:

new freshmen .....	478
advanced freshmen...	125
sophomores .....	221
juniors.....	276
seniors .....	279
special students .....	9
evening students .....	33