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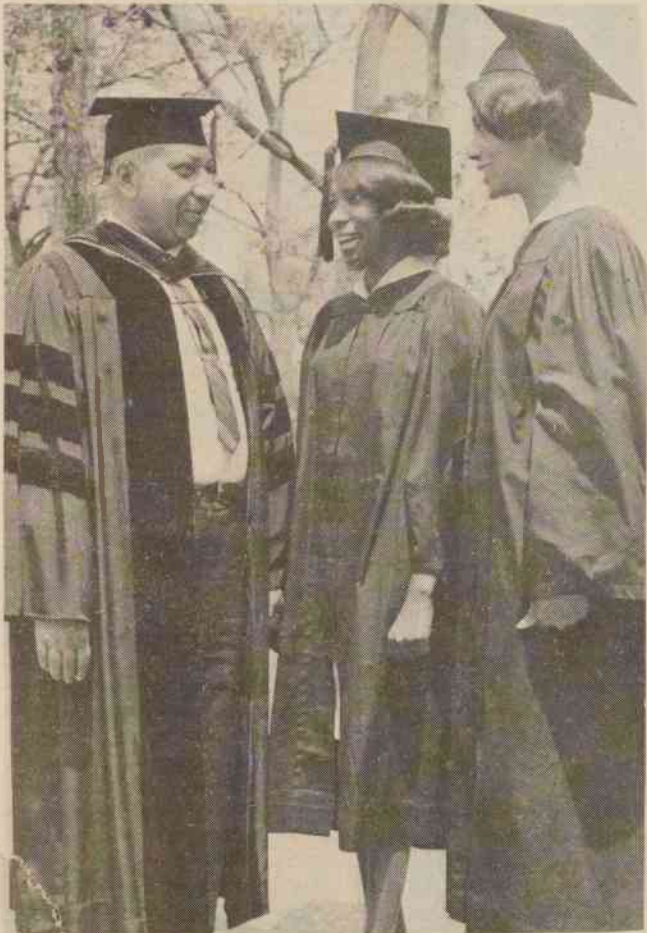
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Dr. Rudolph Jones liked to build and he liked to stay close to the student pulse. He is shown above, flanked right by Annie McCullough, "Miss FSU," 1968, and on the left by our ever lovely reigning queen, Becky Alford.

RUDOLPH JONES STUDENT UNION BUILDING UNDERWAY



Two, who always made excellent pictures with Dr. Jones are Carolyn Walton, "Miss FSU," 1967, and the stylish model and honor student, Jackie Whitfield. Both graduated with honors in 1967, and, as seen on page two, were two of the president's fondest admirers.

Ground has been broken and the base is now under construction for the Rudolph Jones Student Union Building. The structure is in honor of immediate past, FSU President, Dr. Rudolph Jones, the architect of the whole twenty-year, long-range building plan for Fayetteville State University.

The Student Union Building is the last of the many buildings attained by Dr. Jones, who was so intently bent on the architectural excellence of the campus, in terms of both space and beauty.

Cost of the project is estimated at near a million dollars. It is one of nine new buildings for which Dr. Jones received State appropriations to construct. The other eight are: the New Science Building, The New Library, Rosenthal Building, the Women's Gymnasium, the New Administration Building, Vance Hall, Bryant Hall, the New Maintenance Building. In addition, Dr. Jones had the new entrance put at the present site, underground wiring for lighting, reconstructed the Athletic Field and set in all-weather tennis courts.

Recommendations for the building to be named for Dr. Jones were made

FACULTY, ALUMNI, FIND FAULT WITH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, CHARLES LYONS

Developments springing from the latter part of last year have caused the FSU faculty and the National Alumni to become displeased with Dr. Charles Lyons, according to official sources of the two groups.

Faculty resentment against the Chief executive had been steadily mounting, but reached its peak in a December faculty meeting. The President is charged by the Faculty Assembly and its elected President, Dr. David W. Bishop, with dictator tactics in refusing to recognize the faculty group and its complaints against him, and also of flaunting his authority instead of good leadership on problems of communication vital to the welfare of all segments of the University.

According to Dr. Bishop, the Faculty Assembly's Grievance Committee formulated a list of grievances, fact-based, among which his uncooperative attitude and dispensation of certain alleged "Catchup Funds" for teacher salaries, vexed all the faculty to no end.

Mr. Thomas Bacote, President of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors, said that that national organization said that the Faculty Assembly should not only be recognized by the President of FSU, but should also have a voice in decision making at the university.

The National Alumni Association invited Dr. Lyons to its meeting in Philadelphia, in December, to probe into some of the allegations made against the president from several different sources. Information given the VOICE from one of the sixty-eight delegates revealed that the National Alumni was gravely concerned about the well-being of their Alma Mater, but is said to have gotten no clear-cut answers from the Chief Executive.

Both groups seem perturbed over the attitude of Dr. Lyons, who they say, always falls back upon his authority as chief executive, adamantly refuses to recognize his flaws, and whose format is to threaten the dismissal of inquisitors, regardless of the validity of questions and the true concern of their queries.

Dr. Bishop said his group had withheld this information from THE VOICE previously, in hopes of resolving these problems with the President, but since meaningful communication between the President seems impossible, that it is time the whole college family be made aware of the situation.

Dr. Bishop explained that the Faculty Assembly recognized in all previous administrations by the Board of Trustees, and which, represents the total

faculty abhors Dr. Lyons' dictator attitude and his inaccessibility to free, open discussions without his use of the threat.

He expressed regret for FSU, in that many excellent teachers have resigned and are resigning because of the president. He added that the President's use of the threat caused many other not to voice their true opinion of him.

Dr. Jones resigned as president of FSU in January 1969, because of health and personal reasons. The architecture of the campus at present is the same as he left it. The New Administration Building, the last of his projects built, opened this past year.

Dr. Jones is currently a Professor of Economics at Elizabeth City State University. He is a native of Winton, North Carolina. MORE ON JONES, turn to page 2.



"When things go wrong, don't go with them."

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TO BE IMPORTANT
BUT IT'S MORE IMPORTANT
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