



CHANCELLOR ANSWERS CHARGES BY LOCAL PRESS

Chancellor Charles "A" Lyons, Jr. recently made a statement regarding irregularities in the university's financial operations.

The local press (The Fayetteville Times) charged that a \$325,000 deficit in student fee collections had been revealed in the 1972-73 state audit.

The Chancellor's press release stated: "Recently, excerpts from the 1972-73 State Auditor's Report have been published, pointing out some deficiencies in the business and financial management operation of Fayetteville State University.

"As Chancellor of Fayetteville State University, I should like the public to know the institution's posture with regard to the business and financial health of the university.

"The fiscal management at Fayetteville State University like each of the 16 constituent institutions of the university system, is audited periodically, with each university being apprised of its fiscal status. These audit reports, being public documents, are published. Fayetteville State University's 1972-73 audit report was published in 1974.

"Since the 1972-73 audit report was published positive and systematic steps have been taken to correct the deficiencies reflected in the audit. Moreover, corrective actions are still in process.

"A major step in corrective actions was taken when the university employed a management consulting firm to study the business and financial management system at the university and to make recommendations designed to eliminate any weaknesses found in the system. As a result of this report, changes have been made systematically in the business and financial operation. A new business manager has been appointed, and some positions are being created at the middle management level. The changes made and the positions being created will enable the university to implement the new system more effectively. However, additional personnel, equipment, and other resources are required to make the system fully operational.

"The Department of the State Auditor has been and remains fully knowledgeable of all actions taken that are correcting the business and financial management deficiencies; that department is also aware of the university's objectives for the 1974-75 fiscal year.

"Fayetteville State University is fully cognizant of the necessity for a sound management system that will support and enhance the growth of the university so that it will effectively meet the educational needs of its constituency.

Fayetteville State University is an institution which has opened its doors and stretched forth its arms to hundreds of needy students who otherwise would not have been able to attend a senior college. And we do our best to educate and graduate them and make of them productive and contributing citizens.

There are some very real practical difficulties which do not totally explain, but do add to our problem of uncollected fees, the simple fact of poverty. These young people and their parents are honest, honorable and hardworking people and I believe have every intention of meeting their obligations when they make them, but they have difficulty making ends meet. A few examples will serve to illustrate this point. Our research reveals that seventy-five per cent of our students come from families where parental income is less than \$5,999; while nineteen per cent come from homes where the parental income is between \$6,000 and \$8,999. Only six per cent come from homes where the annual income is \$9,000 or above. In addition to that, thirty-five per cent of our students are from one parent homes in which most cases the mother is the sole bread winner. Our research reveals further that the average number of dependent children per family is four. Though the above facts do not tell the whole story they have a significant bearing on the problem of uncollected fees.

As a result of our large uncollected fee balances we have tightened our registration procedures to require the payment of tuition and fees.



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She Just Keeps On "Keeping on" At FSU

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, many individuals will be counting their blessings and eating turkey.

For Fayetteville State University senior Margaret Lewis, thankfulness and blessings have practically been her motto.

The early childhood education major was stricken with polio at the early age of three months. But this handicap has not stopped her from achieving her education nor her ambition to teach small children.

A native of Rowland, North Carolina, and the mother of six children, she has plenty of experience.

"I really love children and my mother takes care of my own while I attend college. I really don't know what I would do without her," said Mrs. Lewis.

"I live in Fayetteville during the week but go home on weekends. I really miss my children," she said smilingly.

Mrs. Lewis, on a vocational rehabilitation scholarship, started FSU in 1955 but for one reason or another had to drop out of school.

"I finally got back into school after trying several other things like cosmetology. I have a degree in that area and I am a competent beautician also," she said.

When Mrs. Lewis is spotted on the campus she usually has a big smile on her face and makes her way around the campus quite well despite being aided by a walking cane.

"All of the students are very nice to me," she explained, "I hardly have any trouble at all especially in the classrooms."

"My main goal is to finish up in May. I do hope that I'll be able to get my degree by that time."

With the faith that this woman has, she probably accomplishes that and more.



Mrs. Margaret Lewis, stricken with polio at age three months, pauses between classes at FSU.

(FSU photo by John B. Henderson)

AT HOME DEC. 4

FEDERAL CITY

COLLEGE -

LIVINGSTONE

COLLEGE DEC. 6

Support the Bronco Basketball Team

Final exams begin Dec. 16	Thanksgiving Holidays begin Nov. 27 and end Dec. 2
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Thought

For The Month

"THE MAN WHO GETS AHEAD IS THE ONE WHO DOES MORE THAN IS NECESSARY - AND KEEPS ON DOING IT."

CHRISTMAS DANCE

The S.G.A. will hold its annual Christmas Dance on December 14, 1974, at the National Guard Armory. The dance will be from 9 until 1:00. Musical entertainment will be supplied by "Black Brew". The dance will be for Fayetteville State Students ONLY! Transportation will be provided.