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Fayetteville State University Provost Resigns

Dr. DeField T. Holmes, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Fayetteville State University, resigned his position effective January 1, 1980. The announcement was made during an executive session of the Board of Trustees and later at a meeting of key staff and university heads. He gave health reasons for his decision.

Holmes had submitted a letter of resignation early last year but agreed to stay on in that position.

Although Dr. Holmes feels that his health will not

allow him to continue the demanding duties of his office, he has consented to assist the administration during the period of transition. Dr. Holmes will continue his service to the University in the capacity of Professor of Biology in the Division of Physical and Life Sciences.

Dr. Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., Chancellor of Fayetteville State University, stated that he is extremely grateful and indebted to Dr. Holmes for the contribution he

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First Literary Magazine Planned For FSU

by Lillie Booth

Students at FSU will have available for their inspection this spring a new literary magazine called *FACETS*. The proposed publication will originate through the efforts of the Poetry Society, a group formed during the fall semester for the purpose of sharing their creative works and ideas for personal growth.

Members of the University family were encouraged to submit material for consideration in the publication by February 14, 1980. Poetry, short stories, art works, and photography were all considered.

Students enrolled in the Art Department had a chance to design the magazine's cover. The cover will display the contest's winning entry.

Newly elected members of the organization are President: Lillie Booth; Vice-President; Deborah Hicks; Secretary; Bonnie Painter; and Treasurer; Joseph Gordon.

Serving as advisors for the group are: Dr. Richard Sharp, Dr. Sandra Sharp, and Dr. Edward McShane.

NAACP Director Urges Blacks,

Benjamin Hooks, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), has called upon every Black American to be counted in the upcoming 1980 census and urged NAACP chapters throughout the nation to contribute toward that important goal.

In his statement of support, at the NAACP's 70th annual convention held recently in Louisville, Kentucky, the Executive Director explained that population and housing figures from the 1980 census will be used to allocate billions of dollars each year in Federal, State, and local funds for numerous programs that directly benefit Black Americans, including funds for education, recreation, and public safety. Hooks also emphasized that the population totals determined by the 1980 census become the basis for reapportionment of seats in the House of Representatives, State legislatures, and local election districts.

Hooks also discussed the fears minorities often express

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FSU Students March To The Market To Honor Dr. King's Birthday

by Shirley Long

January 15, 1980, Operation Pull, officially known as People United for Life and Liberty, was launched as student leader, William Houston and a group of FSU students got together and marched downtown to the Market Square to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. The program stemmed from efforts to make King's birthday a national holiday. Organizers of the march in addition to Houston were Shirley Long, Miss Student Center, David Williams and Ronald Foster.

FSU students lined up at the H.L. Cook Dining Hall at 8:45 a.m. and departed at 9:00 a.m. for the Market Square in order to participate in the scheduled program. During the march students sang "We

Shall Overcome," a song that was popular during the Civil Rights Marches of the 60's. Other leaders included SGA President Robert Atkins, SGA Vice-President Valorie Perry, FSU Student Marshalls, guest speakers and other members of the SGA. Other participants included leaders from the community, Rev. Aaron Johnson and Mr. Bill Hennessee.

Mr. William Houston presided over the program. Prayer was by FSU students Patrick Wooten and Dr. Donald Whitley. Speakers were Robert Atkins; Mrs. A.T. Robinson, Associate Dean of Women; Rev. Aaron Johnson, Pastor of Mr. Sinai Baptist Church and Member of the Fayetteville City Council; Dr. Jasper Pressley, FSU Professor of History; Mr. Irving Veazie, Director of

Student Activities; Mr. E.J. Edge, Chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners; Mr. George Bruman, former Relationship Officer; Mr. Sippio Burton, Past President of the NAACP; Mr. Elmer Floyd, Director of Human Relations; and Mr. Bill Hennessee, WIDU Radio Station. Each speaker saw the day as being one that emphasized unity of Blacks. The program also featured poetry and other view points of FSU students Marty Gilliam, James Wright and Nelson Thornton.

It was emphasized that celebrations of this nature would take place each year until King's birthday is recognized as a national holiday.

Chancellor Appoints Board... Radio Station

Dr. Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., Chancellor of Fayetteville State University, recently appointed an Advisory Council for the University Radio Station, WFSS-FM.

This council consists of 14 members, composed of area businesses, broadcasting industry, the arts, community and educational leaders. The Chancellor, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and the Director of the Communication Center will serve as ex-officio members.

The council members were appointed by the Chancellor upon the recommendation of the Provost and the Communication Center Director. The initial tenure of the council is:

one-third for two years and one-third will serve for one year. All succeeding appointments will be for three years.

The council will have official authority to provide advice and assistance in identifying public needs that can be met by the station and will provide a "sounding board" to WFSS-FM and its programming. Serving as a "link" between the station and the community, the council will meet at least four times each academic year and once during the summer session.

Mr. William Hinson, Assistant Principal at E.E. Smith Senior High School, is presently serving as the Chairman of the Advisory Council. The Vice-

Chairperson is Ms. Carolyn Carlson, Director of the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County. The members are: Dr. Jesse Williams, Director, Cumberland County Health Department; Dr. Ronald Tucker, local dentist; Mr. Vic Dawson, WFNC & WQSM Radio Station; Mr. James Hardin, Executive Director, Association of Indian People; Mr. Raymond Codrington, Service Coordinator, Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority; Mr. Otto Morgan, Magistrate; Ms. Pocohontas White, Public School Teacher; Mr. Bert Melton, Executive Vice-President, First Union National Bank; Ms. Mary

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