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Founders Day Observed

On April 5, Fayetteville State University held its 114th Annual Founders Day Program in the J.W. Seabrook Auditorium on the campus. The speaker for the program was Rev. C.R. Edwards, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Fayetteville.

Each year FSU observes Founders Day to commemorate the spirit of those seven Black men who founded what is now FSU. Andrew Chesnut, Thomas Lomax, George Granger, Sr., Matthew Leary, Jr., Robert Simmons, Nelson Carter, and David Bryant were men of vision who saw a need to properly educate the Black children of that day. With \$186 they purchased two lots on Gillespie Street in 1867 where the Gillespie Street Library now stands. General O.O. Howard of the Freedmen's Bureau, erected a building on the site, and thus it became known as the "Howard" School.

According to early history, the "Howard" School had a great deal of influence on the establishment of graded schools for the White children of Fayetteville, as well as Black children.

In his book on public schools in Fayetteville, Dr. M.C. S. Noble of the University of North Carolina, White

graded schools came about as a result of an affray between citizens of the town. Because of their training at the Howard School, the Negroes were able to sign, but the White boys could only make their mark. As a result of this incident and others of the same nature, Fayetteville opened its first school for White children.

The entire Fayetteville community should be proud of the long and interesting history of FSU. What started 114 years ago as a one building on Gillespie Street has now emerged as a full fledged regional University, providing educational opportunities to all the people of Southeastern North Carolina.

Fayetteville State University is a proud institution with an outstanding history. Its members do not rest on past accomplishments, instead, they are always striving for future improvement. In spite of its proven track record of success and accomplishments, FSU is faced with resistance to its growth and development. FSU has shown that it is a vital and viable institution of higher education and that it will continue to grow and expand no matter what obstacles are placed in its path.

Virginia Educator Speaks

FSU Awards Day

Mr. Joseph F. Johnson, Supervisor of Operations and Services at the Mathematics and Science Center in Richmond, Virginia, was the guest speaker at Fayetteville State University's 24th Annual Honors and Awards Day Program on April 14. Mr. Johnson, a 1968 graduate of FSU, addressed the 2 p.m. assembly in the J.W. Seabrook Auditorium on the campus.

The Wilmington, N.C. native received the B.S. degree in Sociology from FSU and M.Ed. in Science Education from Virginia State University. He is now a doctoral candidate

expecting to complete his requirements for the Ph.D. degree in May of 1981.

In addition to his present position, Mr. Johnson has served as an instructor and principal on the high school level and as an instructor at the university level. He holds membership in numerous organizations which include Phi Delta Kappa, Virginia Association for Supervisors and Curriculum Development, Richmond Association of School Administrators, and Fayetteville State University Alumni Association.

He is married and the father of a daughter.

FSU Holds Commencement

Fayetteville State University will hold its Annual Commencement Program on May 10, 1981 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium. Approximately 383 FSU students anticipate receiving their degrees during this annual commencement ceremony in the 114th year of FSU.

The speaker for the program will be Mr. Thomas N. Todd, of Chicago, Illinois. A native of Demopolis, Alabama, Mr. Todd is presently an attorney-at-law. A 1959 graduate of Southern University, Mr. Todd received his Juris Doctor degree from the Southern University School of Law in 1963.

Prior to opening a private practice, he held positions in the Office of Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor, Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army, United States Attorney, Executive Vice President of Operation PUSH, and Assistant Professor of Law at Northwestern University.

Mr. Todd has argued cases before the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, U.S. Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Louisiana, Illinois, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He has also been involved in important Civil Rights Cases, one in which he developed the first Federal Criminal Case against a Chicago Policeman for Deprivation of individual Civil Rights in 1968.

He is a much sought after speaker. He has addressed audiences on many of the nation's college campuses, in-

cluding Harvard, Ohio State, Grambling, Drake, DePaul, Malcolm X College to name a few. He has also been the recipient of numerous awards. He was nominated for an Emmy for his television show, "Behind The Mask: Crime and the Black Community." He has been written about by many authors. His biography has been published in the *Chicago Negro Almanac*, the *International Biographical Centre-Cambridge England*, and in the *Johnson Publishing Company's "One Thousand Success Stories"*.

Mr. Todd is married and is the father of two daughters, Traci Neuborne and Tamara Nicole.



Thomas Todd



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Seniors Bid Farewell

By ANGELIA YEOMAN

All around us the lifelessness and bitter cold of winter is quickly disappearing. In its place, comes the awakening beauty and splendor of spring. And no where else is this beauty more evident than here on the campus of Fayetteville State University. It can be seen on the faces of the students and faculty members, in the blooming of flowers and the radiance of the trees and grass. Spring can be heard in the laughter of the little children, who bring so much delight and joy to our campus, and it can be felt in the hearts of young lovers with their bright smiles and sparkling eyes.

Along with spring comes April showers and their promise of May flowers. And as we all know, the month of May brings Graduation. The class of 1981 will soon be preparing to bid farewell to old FSU. For some this will be a joyful time, knowing that after four long hard years at struggle you'll finally be rewarded. A reward that will take most of us far and wide. A reward that will give promise of new and better beginnings and brighter horizons. But for some this finale farewell to the books, dorms and campus life, in general, will be a time of sadness. We will be saying goodbye to a place that

we have grown to call home. A place that has shown us warmth, security and people who have given us hope and encouragement when things got a little rough.

Many of us have met our future husbands and wives here on this campus. Many have stopped along the way to make long lasting friendships and in doing so have discovered that caring, sharing and lending a helping hand. It's really what makes life worth living. Sadly though, as we depart from FSU we know in our hearts that some of those whom we have grown to know and love we may never see again.

These past four years here at FSU have been, to many of us, the most gratifying and fulfilling years of our lives. We came in the doors confused and bewildered youngsters, but proudly we depart as productive mature young men and women.

Fayetteville State has given us her all and in return we owe her nothing but LOVE, SUPPORT and wishes for her continued success. In closing I would like to say to the proud and beautiful class of '81, in your travels through life, always keep God in your lives and love in your hearts and let's never forget our beautiful steadfast alma mater, Fayetteville State University. Best wishes from a fellow senior.

New Program

A Bachelor of Arts degree in political science with a public administration track has been established at Fayetteville State University. This degree prepares students for new careers in public service as well as provides enrichment to those students already in public service. The program is interdisciplinary oriented with input from political science, business administration, mathematics, sociology, geography, psychology, and

economics. It requires 124 hours including 33 hours in public administration and 15 hours in political science.

The program is offered at the main campus of the University, its Ft. Bragg-Pope Air Force Base University Center and also at the Weekend and Evening College. Please call the Director of Admissions (486-1371) or the Area of Political Science (486-1247) for further information.