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Chancellor Lyons and SGA President Nero Coleman congratulate Miss FSU, Wrenn Crowe. Photo by Rosemary Byrd.

### Fall Convocation



Patricia A. Russell
Photo by Mr. Martel R. Jones

Fayetteville State University held its Annual Fall Convocation on September 13, 1983, in the J.W. Seabrook Auditorium. This year's Convocation speaker was Attorney Patricia A. Russel, President of Patricia A. Russell Consultants. Russell is a graduate of Howard University School of Law and Kentucky State University.

Addressing the audience with inspiration and appeal beyond words, Russell's address challenged the students of Fayetteville State University to find the meaning of their assignments and to allow instructors to touch their lives with knowledge. She reminded the students that they must "be academically excellent, and if the students think education is expensive, try ignorance." Her concluding statements reminded FSU students to never forget their university.

#### Sickle Cell Walkathon



Photo by Mr. Martel R. Jones

By Brenda Poole

The local chapter of the Sickle Cell Program held their 4th Annual Sickle Cell Walkathon, Saturday, September

The starting point for the walkathon was on Fayetteville State University's

Athletic Field, this years journey was the fastest walk ever, starting at 8:35 a.m. and finishing at 11:25 a.m. Walkers from surrounding are high schools, the FSU Health Department, local churches, and the Fayetteville community joined the cause.

## Chancellor Speaks Out

By Michael Gaddy



Dr. Charles "A" Lyons
Photo by Bill Henderson

Dr. Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., Chancellor, Fayetteville State University confronts "The Voice" with his views on the major problems of the university. Lyons also gives his views on coed habitation, general delivery in the post office, the 1983-84 Student Government Association President, Nero B. Coleman, and other issues that has been questioned by the student body of Fayetteville State University.

Voice: What do you see as the main challenge facing the black colleges: We know that there has been a cutback in federal money to all institutions. Are those the biggest concerns or are there others of a broader or more fundamental nature?

Lyons: Funding is the greatest challenge we face. We have less money available from all sources; there, we must become more creative and ingenious in the use of available money. Secondly, we must devise a means of funding more support sources for the university. One support source is the College Endowment Funding Program.

Voice: What is meant by the word "endowment?"

Lyons: It means that you solicit ways to raise money not to spend it in current operations but rather to raise it for investment purposes. Thus, you will use the interest on investment to support operations of the university.

Voice: What do you consider to be the greatest stumbling block hindering progress within the university's community?

Lyons: Apathy.

Voice: Cite one reason for not having co-ed habitation.

Lyons: It is not educationally advantageous for students to have co-ed habitation. The question should state: What are the educational benefits of co-ed habitation?

Voice: Do you think that reinstating the "F" grade will compel students to become more conscious of their studies? Lyons: Yes, by removing the "NC" grade which many students were using as a crutch the student must be serious about their studies. Students can no longer retreat behind the "NC." If you do not produce under the current system, you fail.

Voice: Why will there be no more general delivery for student in the post office?

Lyons: I am aware of the problem; however, I will look into it, but I think it will be easier for university officials to contact students.

Voice: "The Voice" realizes that it will help bridge the communication gap between university officials and students; however, students receive their tuition bill thinking all fees are paid until the post office reqire a \$9.85 mail box fee. This fee should have been incorporated within the general fee sheet.

Lyons: I will talk to Mr. Parham, Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs, about including the \$9.85 fee for a mailbox in next year's tuition fee sheet.

Voice: How do you feel about the 1983-84 Student Government President, Nero B. Coleman?

Lyons: He is the students' choice. My policy is not to make judgements. My responsibility is to work with him. We have worked well together.

The Voice has only covered only a few issues that may be on the students' minds, but if there are any more issues you would like to question Chancellor Lyons on, submit your question to The Voice.

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