

FSU Gets Chancellor With No College Administrative Experience

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Eight months after the search for a new chancellor at Fayetteville State University began, members of the UNC Board of Governors elected a man with no previous experience in university administration as FSU's chancellor.

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler recommended Willis B. McLeod to the BOG at their Friday meeting. McLeod will earn \$120,180 a year at FSU.

McLeod, an FSU alumnus, will succeed Lloyd V. Hackley as chancellor at the historically black school. Hackley left FSU in December to become president of the N.C. Community College System.

McLeod will return to FSU in November. He resigned from his position as superintendent of the Richland County school district in Columbia, S.C., where he has been since 1994.

McLeod accepted the position in an emotional speech. After an extended silence he began by telling his audience that he grew up in rural North Carolina and that even though his mother was illiterate, she implanted in him a zeal for learning and self-improvement through education.

In his acceptance speech, McLeod identified retention as one of his main goals for his tenure at the school. "Fifty percent of the students in the first and second years unfortunately leave us, and the graduation rate is 20 percent or less. That says to me we probably ought... to focus on the whole culture of education at the university."

McLeod said that he was excited about getting the opportunity to work in the university setting. He said that his experiences working at the public school level over the last 30 years will help him in his job at FSU, where many students come to school academically underprepared.

Remediation at Fayetteville State is an

other major focus for the future. "Many students need additional skill development," McLeod said. "We don't want to look at it as a dumbing-down program."

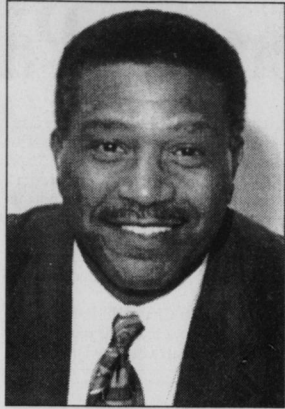
A native of Dunn, McLeod graduated from Fayetteville State in 1964 with his bachelor's degree in mathematics.

McLeod went on to get his master's degree in elementary school administration and doctoral degree in school administration from the University of Virginia.

Wayne Hodges, the student body president at Fayetteville State, attended the BOG meeting and was excited about the election of a new chancellor at his school.

Hodges also responded to criticism of the Hackley administration that appeared in a series of articles that The Fayetteville Observer-Times ran last summer.

The paper criticized changes that Hackley made during his tenure, saying they amounted to grade inflation and that he was not dealing with the retention prob-



WILLIS McLEOD says he will focus on student retention at FSU.

lem at the school.

"I think that in light of all the magnificent things that Dr. Hackley did for the university, the criticism was undeserved and basically, at that point, inappropriate," Hodges said.

"The press seems to make a point of tearing down a great person after he or she

Nuclear Waste Endangers Pembroke, Says SBP

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At the UNC-system Association of Student Governments' second meeting of the academic year Friday, Kenneth Griswold, student body president of Pembroke State University, said he hoped to gain support to stop nuclear materials from being transported beside Pembroke State.

Griswold said trains carrying nuclear waste had been using the tracks next to the campus in Pembroke to change direction. The two-minute stops they make could possibly endanger the students.

Griswold said the casks that carry the radioactive material have been found to leak.

The ASG wants to bring about immediate action by addressing Gov. Jim Hunt. It will request that Hunt deny access to the trains traveling near the university. Other possible sources of assistance include Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., and Rep. Charlie Rose, D-N.C.

At Friday's meeting, representatives from 13 of the 16 state universities con-

vened to discuss issues from nuclear waste to historically black colleges.

The ASG adopted its platform for the 1995-96 academic year.

The major aim is to make the organization more influential at the campus level and more influential politically at the state and national levels.

In order to increase communication efficiency, the ASG plans to employ more modern methods of correspondence, such as the Internet and video teleconferencing.

A primary goal is to increase awareness of the ASG.

Many students at the 16 universities in the system have not been informed of the functions of the representative board.

Future plans include publishing the ASG constitution in each school's handbook, as well as meeting with the student bodies to inform them of the ASG's goals.

Another key issue the ASG wants to tackle this year is the question of whether historically black colleges should persist in their current form.

A statement has been made at the national level deeming them unnecessary.

New Orange County Sanctuary To Benefit Animals

■ Animal Protection Services opened a sanctuary Sunday after five years of planning and fund raising.

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After five years of working toward establishing a facility to offer more services for animals, the Animal Protection Society opened the Felicite Latane Animal Sanctuary on Sunday, said Amanda Graham, APS associate director.

Between 300 and 400 people showed up at the grand opening of the animal sanctuary on Nick's Road in the Bingham Township of Orange County, she said.

The public turnout was greater than expected, Graham said. "We were extremely pleased," she said. "We were particularly pleased with the diversity of the people. We hope they'll come back."

Demonstrations from the APS Obedience Club kicked off the opening ceremonies, Graham said. Jonathan Howes, secretary of North Carolina's Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources introduced his good friend Latane, the Chapel Hill woman whose 1993 donation made the sanctuary possible.

Besides having a presentation of dogs running through obstacle courses, the APS also set up booths to inform the public, Graham said. "It was like a trade fair," she said. "It was for people to come through and get information."

"There are a lot of needs for animals

that the shelter cannot provide because of lack of space and staff," Graham said. "We decided to build something that would have the space to help both domestic and wild animals."

Graham said the Latane Sanctuary would enhance, and not compete with, the services already offered by the Orange County Animal Shelter, which has been run by the APS since 1979.

The APS started construction of the sanctuary in December 1993 after a donation from Latane. The facility is totally funded by donations and bequests, and the fund raising is not over yet, Graham said, because only the first phase of the project is completed.

"It's an ongoing project to raise the money we need," Graham said. "It's very helpful when you have people like Mrs.

Latane who give you a substantial amount to work with."

The first phase of the project includes a Learning Center, a raptor rehabilitation cage and a halfway house for wild animals.

The Learning Center is a building with rooms for seminars, workshops and dog obedience training.

The purpose behind the raptor rehabilitation cage and the halfway houses for wild animals is to let the animal shelter again concentrate on helping domestic animals and getting them adopted. Last year, the shelter handled 1,334 wild animals that they did not have the resources to deal with.

"Any animal who needs shelter and care receives care," Graham said. "With the sanctuary, we will have a shelter for wildlife."

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