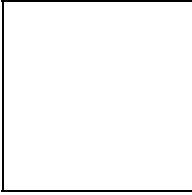


WOMEN'S HISTORY AT FAYETTEVILLE STATE COLLEGE



Whether it's the establishment of strength through number (women from diverse cultures account for over sixty-five percent of FSU's student body) or redefinition through cultural alignment, the women students, faculty, and staff of FSU have demonstrated the power of gender, since the university's inception. While this calendar pays tribute to many pathfinders, regardless of race, color, creed, or gender, the Women's History Month Project chooses to preface those marvelous historical happenings with an acknowledgment of noteworthy events from the annals of women's history at Fayetteville State University.

March 8, 1877—Senate Bill #472 is ratified, establishing a State Colored Normal School in Fayetteville.

September 3, 1877—Females are admitted on equal basis with male students by special permission of the State Board of Education, 1st such event in state education.

September 16, 1878—Thirty-eight females are admitted, again by special permission; not until 1889 by special act of the General Assembly of North Carolina are women admitted without undue hassle.

1883 and 1886—The name of Miss Libby Leary, teacher and assistant to E.E. Smith and his successor George H. Williams, appears with great praise for her abilities and contributions to the school.

1910—Vance Hall, first women's dorm and dining hall, built and later replaced by Bickett Hall in 1922.

1959-1960—Ms. Christine Williams of Pikesville, North Carolina is the first Ms. FSTC.

September 27, 1962—President Jones, in his opening fall speech, recognizes Mrs. Etrulia G. Rucker, FST College's first switchboard operator.

June 24, 1963—**The Fayetteville Observer** recognizes Jessica Henderson's selection as an intern for the North Carolina State Government; this is a first for college.

September 24, 1963—**The Fayetteville Observer** notes the enrollment of the first Caucasian full-time student, Mary H. Pohlman.

November 16, 1965—Judith Wilkins conducts first meeting of the first officially sanctioned tutorial project at FSC.

September 11, 1966—Newly organized FSCollege Women's Club holds annual Get Acquainted Tea for women faculty and faculty wives; it establishes club agenda promoting civic, social, and educational growth of college community.

March 7-22, 1968—First Annual Women's Week was held; the theme—**How You Use Today Will Determine How Tomorrow Uses You**. (Other events have occurred; some more noteworthy, other less. The previously mentioned ones have been randomly selected. This information was found with the assistance of Ms. Buie, Chesnutt Library Archivist. The HISTORY OF FAYETTEVILLE STATE COLLEGE, written by Ms. Mildred Jones, proved to be an invaluable source.) See WHMP's website for 2004: <http://www.uncfsu.edu/whm>