Energy Project Will Save JCSU Nearly \$200,000 Annually

Work has begun, at Johnson C. Smith University, on a project that will save the school nearly \$200,000 in energy costs each year. Commercial Energy Systems Inc. and Way Engineering Company Inc. (CES/Way), in a joint venture, will invest more than \$800,000 in energy conservation measures on the Charlotte, North Carolina campus. In a project arranged through a .U.S. Department of Energy grant to the United Negro College Fund, Houston based CES/Way has entered into a performance contract with Johnson C. Smith to provide equipment retrofits, energy control systems and management services to be paid for from energy cost savings. Johnson C. Smith University,

with 22 major campus buildings serving 1,200 students, has an annual energy budget of more than \$560,000. Engineering studies indicate that a reduction in energy cost by more than one third can be accomplished. The agreement with CES/Way includes the installation of new, individual boilers to replace an obsolete steam plant, along with the addition of small hot water heaters, lighting retrofits and the installation of a computerized energy management system. These measures should cut costs at the school by more than \$190,000.

The performance contract also calls for preventive maintenance services and regular maintenance on all new equipment that will be installed. In addition, training of operations and maintenance personnel in energy efficient operations will be included as a part of the project. CES/Way will monitor the operation of the energy systems at the school and will continue to provide maintenance services during the life of the contract. "This project became available

at just the right time for us", said George Hedgespeth, vice president for Finance at Johnson C. Smith. "Our old system was on it's last legs and we were trying to figure out what to do. Now we can replace it with a much more



It's a good deal all around. An energy conservation project underway at Johnson C. Smith University will save the Charlotte, NC school nearly \$200,000 annually. Commercial Energy Systems Inc. and Way Engineering Company Inc., as a joint venture, will invest more than \$800,000 in energy conservation measures on the campus. Here, Thomas K. Dreessen (1) President of Commercial Energy systems greets Dr. Robert Albright, President of Johnson C. Smith, before one of the individual boilers installed to replace an obsolete central heating plant.

efficient system that will more than pay for itself."

Hedgespeth praised CES for their cooperative approach to the project on the campus saying that the company had point-



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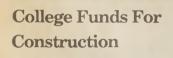
The City of Charlotte and Central Piedmont Community College have put together four basic education and skills training programs that can be tailored to the specific needs of the dropout. Basic Education programs feature free classes, free books and supplies, free bus passes on Charlotte Transit, child care assistance, part-time jobs while they learn, new skills and/or a high school diploma.

To learn about eligibility requirement and getting started on a bright future, contact the City's Employment and training Department at 336-3101 or stop by and visit them at 600 East Trade St. in uptown Charlotte.

ed out some additional ways to save energy dollars that were very advantageous to the school.

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The deadline for applications is March 1. To obtain an application, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with 39 cents postage to Foundation For The Carolinas, 301 South Brevard Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202.

For further information con-tact Marilyn M. Bradbury at 376-9541



