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DR. THORPE ELECTED TO COMMISSION ON COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, President of Elizabeth City State University, has now been elected to the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Commission, the accrediting organization of the Southern Association, covers the Southeastern United States, including the area of ECSU which Dr. Thorpe heads.

The election of Dr. Thorpe to the Commission comes while Elizabeth City State University is currently under going a self-study program for re-accreditation by the Southern Association.

In view of this, Dr. Thorpe commented, "I consider this as one of the most significant groups with which to participate, considering

that accreditation is the life blood of any institution of higher education."

"Considering the fact that accreditation affects the past, present, and future role of higher education in general, I hope that my services will be of value to the Commission and the areas it serves," Dr. Thorpe added.

One of the newest members of the International Platform Association, Dr. Thorpe is a native of Durham, North Carolina, and graduate of North Carolina Central and Michigan State Universities. He also serves as a member of the Education Commission of the States. His services to the Commission on Colleges and Universities will be of value to the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities which he serves as President - Elect.



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UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

NEW YORK, N.Y.—An appeal for support on behalf of the United Negro College Fund is being made again to college and university students across the country, it was announced by Martha B. Lucas Pate, chairman of the Fund's College and School Division.

Citing the latest census bureau statistics, which show a marked increase in black student enrollment, Mrs. Pate said, "because of this important development, much of the burden of educating these students will be on black colleges. In order to help alleviate this burden I'm calling upon students of the nation to help make this trend a success by supporting the College Fund and its 36 member schools."

This year's appeal is being made to more than 4,000 colleges, universities, professional schools, junior colleges and private secondary schools throughout the country. Last year, Colby College, Maine, made a gift of \$12,200 in memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Princeton University has contributed \$3,000 since 1967. The Fund's pre-alumni council raised a total of \$129,000, and the college and school appeal raised another \$45,000 for the 1968 campaign drive.

In making the announcement, Mrs. Pate added, "If colleges are experiencing difficulty financially these days, black colleges and universities are having an even more trying time. For more than a quarter of a century the United Negro College Fund has worked to provide young black students with a first-rate education to enable them 'to do their thing'

towards a better world."

Today, the UNCF's 36 member schools have become one of the most important single sources of education for young black men and women. With a current enrollment of more than 45,000 students, their graduates include nearly 85% of the nation's black physicians, three-quarters of all the country's Ph.D.'s and many of the top leaders of the black community.

Currently in its 1969 fund drive, the United Negro

College Fund has set a national goal of \$7.5 million. The money raised is earmarked for scholarships and other financial - aid programs for students, for faculty salaries, for teaching equipment, libraries and for continued development of remedial programs.

Mrs. Pate is the former president of Sweet Briar College and the widow of Maurice Pate, founder and until his death executive director of UNICEF.

HONOR SOCIETY TO RECEIVE GRANT

The visit of Dr. Robert Beynon to the campus of Elizabeth City State University was like an early arrival of Santa Claus. Dr. Beynon presented to Dr. Marion D. Thorpe a \$5,000 gift for proposed improvements in the University's teacher - education program. The gift is part of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society's competitive award towards

the improvement of such programs at member institutions.

Dr. Beynon, Director of Development and Research at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University, first visited the campus during the summer. He announced then that ECSU was one of two institutions from throughout the nation that was in the final

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Guess Who's Coming To Dinner

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ECSU To Offer Evening Classes

When Elizabeth City State University reopens on Monday, January 12, for the beginning of the second semester, a list of eight courses will be added to the class schedule. These eight courses will comprise the University's Evening School and should provide valuable information for further expansion of such program during the 1970-71 school year.

According to Dr. Rosaline M. Edwards, Chairman of the Department of Education, "Although these courses are being offered for in-service teachers with credit towards certification or recertification, they also present an opportunity for former students, now out of college, to continue their undergraduate training in modern languages, education, or art."

"On the other hand, two courses, "Negro American Literature" and "History of Modern Art" offer valuable instruction for cultural growth and enrichment for the interested enrollee," Dr. Edwards added.

Of the eight courses to be offered during ECSU's evening school, two will be taught throughout the semester, one will be accelerated during the first

nine weeks, and five will be accelerated during the second nine weeks. Each course will carry three credit hours, and will be taught between 6:00 - 8:15 or 8:30 p.m. for the convenience of in-service teachers and other interested persons.

In addition to the two courses already mentioned, the schedule also includes classes in speech, guidance, graphic production, early childhood education, and administration and supervision.

Letters with more detailed information on the evening classes scheduled for the second semester at ECSU have been mailed to principals of area schools. Registration for these courses will be held during the week of January 12 - 19. All interested applicants are asked to contact Dr. Edwards or Dr. Floyd B. Holley, Dean of the College, for additional information on registration and cost.

President Announces

Dr. Marion D. Thorpe announces that the Board of Higher Education has appropriated funds to be used to upgrade the language laboratories here.

THOUGHT
Winners never quit, and
Quitters never win!
