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Gulf Oil Foundation Grant Presentation. L to R: Mr. J. F. Threatt, Mrs. M. Andrews, Dr. M. D. Thorpe and Mr. W. F. Ingram.

ECSSU Gulf Oil Foundation Grant

The Special Programs area of Elizabeth City State University has received a \$3,000 Departmental Assistance Grant from Gulf Oil Foundation.

School officials said the grant will be used to "provide stipends or tuition for a group of special services disadvantaged students."

Additional Federal Fund

President Marion D. Thorpe announced that Elizabeth City State University has now received a \$77,000 supplementary grant under the federal government's Title III Program. Having earlier received \$150,000 under the College Work-Study Program, this is the second major federal grant to be received by ECSSU, thus far this year.

The supplementary federal funds came about as a result of intensive work on the part of ECSSU. It is part of the \$30,000, 000 package which President Richard M. Nixon made available as a result of the vigorous efforts by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education. Dr. Thorpe is chairman of the Association's research and publication committee.

Dr. Thorpe indicated gift matching, capital grants and other educational

purposes. The check was presented to President Marion D. Thorpe and Mrs. Maxine Andrews (proposal initiator), by Mr. J. F. Threatt, Sales Supervisor of the Gulf Oil Company. Accompanying Mr. Threatt, during the presentation, was Mr. W. F. Ingram, former mayor of Elizabeth City, N.C., and now a local distributor.

SELF STUDY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

In endeavor to enhance the students' educational progress, the Basic Education and Enrichment Center, has planned a program entitled "Self-Study Enrichment". This program is designed to inform the students of the Self-Study Program and to make them more aware of the philosophy and purposes of the University. We also hope that the sessions will give the students better opportunities for personal association with the committees on the standards of the Self-Study Program.

Adult education program to be offered

As a result of the continuous efforts of Dr. Rosaline M. Edwards, Chairman of the Department of Education, President Marion D. Thorpe announced that a program in Adult Education and Adult Basic Education will be initiated at the University, this semester. Dr. Edward's proposal, further correspondence, and participation in the Southeastern Adult Basic Education Staff Development Project, led to funding of the new program by the Southern Regional Education Board, to be administered in cooperation with the North Carolina Division of Community Colleges.

ECSU trustees release position paper

In response to a December 1970 request by the Honorable Robert W. Scott, Governor of the State of North Carolina, the Board of Trustees of Elizabeth City State University met on Tuesday, January 19, 1971 and adopted the following position with respect to the Governor's call for reorganization of higher education in North Carolina.

The Elizabeth City State University Board of Trustees believes that the time has come for better, more centralized, and State-wide governing and coordination of higher education in the State. Such coordination would call for a Board and agency having at least (1) budget review and recommending authority, (2) program review and approval authority, and (3) long and short-range planning authority. Further, the Elizabeth City State University Board of Trustees believes that such a Board and agency should not be attached to or partisan for any particular institution of higher education in the State, but should be representative, on a continuing basis, of ALL the citizens of the State and ALL higher education in the State, and as soon as possible and practical, authority for the establishment of such a centralized Board and agency should be accorded as part of the State Constitution.

The new ECSSU program is renewable at the end of each year of successful operation, with commitments from SREB for at least a three year extension of the program. The approximate amount of funding is \$43,200 for each year.

According to Dr. Edward, the initial objective of the new program of studies is to enhance the capacity of the University to provide preservice and inservice training for teachers of adults. This capacity to offer staff training in higher education will serve to offer more qualified teachers of adults in Northeastern North Carolina. President Thorpe projected that the program could eventually lead to a graduate program, leading to the Master's Degree in Adult Education, at Elizabeth City State University.

By that same form of a Local Board of Trustees (or at the least, a subcommittee from the Central Board, specifically, the Board of Trustees of Elizabeth City State University) should remain for each State-supported college or university having at least the authority to name the President, local appellate authority, budget governance and budget control once the budget has been allocated. Institutional budget requests would go to one centralized Board and agency, but the right of a public institution of higher education to appeal to the State Legislature would remain) and to otherwise be in a position to assist in the betterment of a specific State-supported institution of higher education.

The Elizabeth City State University Board of Trustees believes that any present or additional centralized or reorganization of higher education in the State of North Carolina SHOULD BE AIMED INTENSIVELY AT, AND FOCUSED ON ELIMINATING ANY INEQUITY AMONG HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS. The funds, means and support for first "catch-up" and then full equality in plans, programs, budgets, salaries, facilities, equipment, student financial aid, and the like should occur now.

Development

Director resigns

President Marion D. Thorpe announced the resignation of Mr. Carroll M. Rodgers from the position as Director of Development at Elizabeth City State University. Dr. Thorpe, after accepting the letter of resignation, revealed that Mr. Rodgers plans to complete final work on his dissertation for the doctorate from New York University.

Elevated to the position as Director of Development, during the summer of 1968, Mr. Rodgers came to ECSSU, in January of the same year, as Co-ordinator of Research and Planning. The elevation came as a result of the University joining a consortium of some 36 colleges and universities, under the direction of the Office for the Advancement of Public Negro Colleges, of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

Rodgers, an alumnus of ECSSU, was primarily responsible for "determining sources of funds available to the University, for its development." Prior to the appointment at ECSSU, he was principal of Brighton Elementary School, Portsmouth, Va. He currently holds a Masters Degree from Western Reserve University.



MISS M. BEDELL
Former dietitian dies

Miss Bedell was a native of Springfield, Missouri where she attended the public school of Springfield. She was a member of the Springfield United Presbyterian Church. She is a graduate of Barber Scotia College and North Carolina Central University. She was a former employee of Barber Scotia College in Concord; a former employee of the Harriett Tubman Branch YWCA in Durham; and until her death of January 12, she was employed at the Elizabeth City State University as Dietitian.

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