

## Thorpe Appeals To Board For Greater Support

"This is a significant day in the history of Elizabeth City State University, whose eighty-one years of existence have been marred only by the inability of the institution to serve all of those who needed its limited resources," Chancellor Marion D. Thorpe noted, as he addressed the members of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors. Dr. Thorpe, whose administration has made phenomenal improvements over the past four years, took the occasion of the meeting of the Board of Governors on the ECSU campus, to appeal for greater financial support.

"With a tradition of meeting the needs of those whose needs were greater, of inspiring those who came without inspiration and of encouraging those who were lacking in courage, Elizabeth City State University looks forward to expanded areas of service for these and all oth-

ers who seek a valid higher education in the magnificent Albemarle," Chancellor Thorpe continued, citing the need to maintain and expand its programs and services for the "underprivileged and the underachiever."

Dr. Thorpe added that, "For the student who comes to us with the advantages of a quality secondary education and adequate financial support, the University must provide challenging course offerings, a variety of opportunities to engage in public service project, enriching experiences, and accelerated programs of study from which to choose."

After stating the efforts at ECSU toward providing a more adequate selection of majors, particularly in the non-teaching areas, Chancellor Thorpe asserted, "There is no logical reason for assuming that the students served by this institution will be less effective in in-

dustry, business and government than in education. Recent indications are to the contrary."

Thus increased funds were requested for new salary scales for faculty and staff personnel, establishment of graduate-level programs, improvement and expansion of testing, guidance, tutorial and counseling services, cooperative education programs, upgrading of public-school teaching and for providing more permanent and adequate consultancy services, continuing education and adult education. Inap-

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### Elizabeth City State University Fured For Campus Beautication

Bids were opened recently for Landscaping the campus and adding land fill for low areas at Elizabeth City State University. \$35,000 was appropriated by the 1971 Legislature for this purpose.

Bids for the project came from Pratt's Nursery, Kinston, N. C.; Fairforest Landscape and Nursery Company, Fairforest, S. C.; and Gilmore Bulb Company, Julian, N. C. Gilmore Plant and Bulb Company was the successful bidder.

University officials hope that the accomplishment of this project will alleviate some of the problems which exist after heavy rains when water stands in several locations on campus. Although drainage would perhaps be the proper means to eliminate this problem, drainage is already heavily loaded. Thus, it is hoped that through putting in additional fill and thorough grading, this problem can be lessened.

Project engineers are Rivers and Associates of Greenville, North Carolina. It is hoped that completion will be accomplished within a period of 120 days.

The Landscaping and land fill will greatly aid the constant labors of the ECSU Maintenance Department in keeping the campus beautiful for students, staff and community.



CHANCELLOR THORPE

### Revitalization of Cluster Program

Reacting to a communication from Industry's Co-Chairman, Carl A. Thompson, Jr., Elizabeth City State University officials met with the Western Electric representative to discuss ways and means of revitalizing the two-year-old ECSU College-Industry Cluster Program. Thompson accepted and welcomed Chancellor Marion D. Thorpe's appointment of James R. Spence as ECSU's Co-Chairman in the program. The appointment will now enable Nathaniel C. McNair, Jr., Director of Development, to pursue other development objectives.

The ECSU Cluster Program is more than appreciative for the leadership of Chancellor Marion D. Thorpe, J. H. Townes, McNair, and Thompson, which has enabled the University to attract fourteen business and industrial leaders to the program. More intensive efforts will now be made toward improving contacts with the National Alliance of Businessmen, increasing the frequency of committee meetings, establishing more personal contacts with other business and industrial firms and further documenting the needs of the University.

Townes, the first Co-Chairman representing

ECSU, who will be on leave of absence this year for further study, received a going-away gift from Western Electric. In thanking Thompson for the gift, he expressed gratitude for the overall support which Western Electric has given to the young ECSU Cluster Program.

And what support it has been! Since last summer the Guilford Center of Western Electric has shipped over 361 pieces of furniture for wide distribution to requesting areas at ECSU, provided funds for the purchase of two autoclaves for use in the Biology Department, delivered a 10-ton Weathermaker air conditioning unit, with tower and made other materials and services available to ECSU.

This leadership by Thompson, who also serves as Chairman of the Equipment Committee, has motivated other firms to actively support the ECSU Cluster Program. Over the past year Wachovia Bank and Trust Company has shipped 23 items of furniture, 2 transcribers, 2 dictators, and other items to ECSU, while First Union National Bank has contributed a book-keeping machine. In the first year of operation, the local IX-L Furni-

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### GRADUATE SENIOR LEAVE GIFT FOR ECSU FOUNDATION

They dined and danced and did other enjoyable things prior to graduating from Elizabeth City State University. As President Marion D. Thorpe conferred degrees upon the 231 graduating seniors and as Willie B. Spence inducted them into the General Alumni Association, they remembered the moments of glory and recognition which their Alma Mater received, though faced with shortages of funds, through four years of involvement.

Days after silence had filled the quadrangle on which the 81st. Commencement Exercises were held, Nathaniel C. McNair, Jr., Director of Development, got the full meaning behind their expression, "We love thee, ECSU," when Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, Associate Professor of Biology and Senior Class Advisor, presented a gift of \$1,005 to the Elizabeth City State University Foundation by a student group.

While thanking Mrs. Thomas and Miss Clotel Bishop, Senior Class President and Sociology major, Ashville, N. C., and wishing each graduate much success, Mc-



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Nair remarked "The University will long remember the concern and generosity of these graduates."

"We sincerely hope that the example which they have set will be a carryover into their active support of ECSU through the General Alumni Association which annually supports the Foundation's Annual Fund-Raising Campaign," McNair added.