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Pictured above are the winners of the recent SGA Election. For the year of 1978-79, we have (left to right) Margurite Murphy, Recording Secretary; Thomas Montague, President; Theresa Chamblee, Miss ECSU; and Eleanora Doane, Vice President.

## Chancellor Speaks On HEW Decision

On March 22, 1978, Secretary Joseph Califano of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, declared that the State of North Carolina had failed to submit an acceptable plan to remove the vestiges of de jure segregation in its college and university systems. He thereupon announced his intention to initiate, that day, a process that would defer approval of all new proposals that would, if approved, channel funds into the University system and into programs that foster the continuation of segregation. He indicated that the State and its University may request a hearing and that, if the hearing results in a decision favoring HEW, the Secretary will have the authority to terminate "all" funds to the University.

While we note that five of the last six states, whose original plans were rejected by the court, have recently

submitted new plans that appear to satisfy the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, some aspects of these plans cause us severe concern. For instance, the viable alternatives in some of the plans in other states allow for (although it may not necessarily happen) the merging and closing of some institutions. President Friday, in his response to Mr. Califano's announcement, said, in effect, that he was not prepared to consider any plan that would contemplate either a merger of institutions or the closing of institutions.

Elizabeth City State University receives more than three-and one-quarter million dollars in Federal funds, annually. These funds are used to establish improvements in the academic, student aid, service, and administrative areas of the University. These funds have been very important to this institution, in its growth and

development, and have been anticipated in our plans for the future. Certainly, we hope that the programs supported by grants from the Federal Government can continue to operate at their current level. This means, then, that we, at ECSU, do not support the closing of any of the historically predominantly black institutions of higher education of The University of North Carolina, nor do we at ECSU support the changing of our mission, except to enhance our traditional and historical continuance, growth, and our future.

Our stance is to wait for the negotiations between the State of North Carolina and its University officials, and the officials at HEW to conclude. We are optimistic about the future of ECSU. We believe that the current controversy will be resolved in favor of an even better Elizabeth City State University.

## TERP Reviewed

As a result of the TERP special assistant to Vice President of Academic Affairs, that they did a tremendous job. In his report to the Board of Governors, Stedman also said that he would recommend that the programs be continued on the basis of the plans submitted.

Music Education and Biology Education will no longer be a major for students in the teaching field. Students already in the programs can still major in them for the next three years, but no new students will be able to enter these programs.

The eight other programs on the marginal list were not weak or strong, according to the study. General Administration, which was responsible for the Terp Program, requested that the Administration revise the old programs that were not acceptable, and submit eight new program plans by February 15, 1978.

After submitting the eight new programs based on the criteria the General Administration established as standard, Vice Chancellor Jimmy R. Jenkins stated that they have received word through Dr. Donal Stedman,

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In summing up the final result of the Terp's study, Dr. Jenkins stated that the major impact was as felt in the beginning of this year (Sept.) and that "We have done our homework; so, we will not find ourselves in that position again, as when the study was done two years ago."

"In hindsight, the two programs that we lost are small when compared to the number of programs lost at other institutions of the University System", Jenkins added. "We would like to have kept those two programs. But I believe it would have been unrealistic for us to think that we could have escaped the across-the-board cutting of programs resulting from that study. Because of the study, we re-examined our programs and emerged a much stronger institution, committed to academic excellence."



Cody Lowe, Editor of The Daily Advance speaks to the Compass editor and other members of the Compass staff, after giving his speech at the Annual Compass Banquet held on May 2nd.