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March - National Social Work Month

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He has the right to criticize
who has the heart to help.
--Abraham Lincoln

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March, National Social Work Month, is a time for sharing, caring, and problem solving. ECSU's Social Science Club, in tribute to this month, is in the process of opening the eyes of students, faculty, and staff to the needs of people. The club has filled

the display case in Moore Hall with information dealing with major social workers, figures, national problems, and accomplishments in the field of social work. They chose to salute Dr. John B. Turner, the Dean of N.C. Chapel Hill's School of Social

Work, who is black.

Not only are the students in the Social Science Club working to create awareness, the students involved in fieldwork are doing research and surveys in the area also. Students at the Albermarle Regional Planning Com-

mission are working in the area of Gerontology, compiling pamphlets aiding in studying problems of aging persons and how to deal with them.

All of the students have been instrumental in coordinating a series of activities that involve social work. Pre-Social Work students in the field have also scheduled a seminar on March 28 at 4 p.m. at Mount Lebanon, concerning career awareness among Blacks. Consultants from the Cancer Society, a doctor, and clinical advisors will be present to aid the students in questioning and information-giving.

Classes are now studying the history of social work to target in on the repetition of problems and how they, as future social workers, can deal efficiently with them.

Involving the community in Social Work Month is a necessity because it has activities geared towards the aiding of people, white and black, who suffer from hunger in Elizabeth City. The Food Bank of the Albemarle gave away cheese, government surplus, to many needy people in the community on March 15 and 16. On Sunday, March 14, a workshop was held in the University Center for student volunteers, to provide them with ideas on working with people, in preparation for the next two days.

The Social Science Club, in cooperation with neighboring social services departments and others is planning fundraisers also. They ask for cooperation from everyone and appeal to the public that it become more aware of the needs of people.

MAY 1ST DEADLINE

benefits only if they:

--Are enrolled full time in an institution of higher education before May, 1982.

--Were on the Social Security rolls either as a high-school or college student before September, 1981. Children who become eligible for benefits after that date, even if they are now enrolled in college, will receive payments only until July, 1982.

Eligible students can continue to draw benefits until April, 1985, or their twenty-second birthday--whichever comes first--as long as they are unmarried and involved full time.

However, those benefits will be subject to the following reductions:

--Students will receive 25 percent less in the academic year beginning September, 1982, 50 percent less as of September, 1983, and 45 percent less as of September, 1984. All payments will be eliminated after April, 1985.

--The annual cost-of-living increases will be eliminated.

--Benefits will no longer be paid for the months of May, June, July, and August.

Make your relatives and friends aware of the impending elimination of a \$2.3 billion dollar program by the Social Security Administration. If they are high school students, there will be no direct warning about the elimination of benefits for those not enrolled in a college by May 1st. The letters will come as they did in the past,

five months before their eighteenth birthdays accompanied with a request to report their college plans. After their reports are returned, the warning will be received from the local Social Security offices--too late.

Become aware through Mr. Bernard Peterson, coordinator of the Early Admissions Program at ECSU and be a carrier--spread the news!

91 YEARS --A REASON TO CELEBRATE

The presenting of the colors by ECSU's Army ROTC opened the 91st Founders Day Program in Moore Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, March 3, at 10:00 a.m. The guest speaker for the program was Mr. Asa T. Spaulding, Jr., Vice President of Administration of Durham Life Broadcasting, Inc. Spaulding recapped some of the progressive factors that have aided in building a bigger and better Elizabeth City State University. "It's not where you are, but where you've come from!" he stated.

After the program, the annual pilgrimage to the graves of the "founders" proceeded as scheduled.

