

FOUNDERS HONORED

by **Algie H. Mabry, Jr.**
Executive Editor

Celebrating the 93rd Anniversary of ECSU, Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins stood before a capacity filled auditorium and expressed gratitude to those responsible for ECSU being where it is today.

According to Jenkins, "Our future course cannot be done without recognition of our founding fathers." Jenkins reminisced to last Founder's Day when Dr. Thorpe stood before us. Jenkins praised Dr. Thorpe for his burning message that he left with us.

Also on hand for this momentous occasion was Elizabeth Bias Cofield who spoke on behalf of the Bias family. Cofield is the daughter of the late Dr. John Henry Bias.

"Black History Month is history in calendar terms," said Cofield as she reminded those assembled that as long as there is a Black race our heritage must be passed on and preserved.

"We look at Founder's Day as a time to glance backward. This

is also a time to look forward. ECSU is gazed to the present and will soar heights unknown," said Daniel T. Blue, Jr., guest speaker for the occasion.

Blue, an alumnus of North Carolina Central University, is a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives. Besides being very active in politics and legislature throughout N.C., Blue is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Blue sees ECSU as having a thread of excellence running from the past presidents to the present chancellor. Paying tribute to Dr. Jenkins, Blue praised him for his endeavors and the progress that ECSU has made.

"The Quality of Leadership for a Current Generation" was the topic Blue used to address faculty, visitors, and students. Blue brought forth four qualities of leadership that are needed if the current and future generations are to be persistent: courage, competence, commitment, and character. According to Blue, those qualities were present with the founding fathers of ECSU.

"Had it not been for Hugh Cale's competence, ECSU would not be what it is today," said Blue after reading the bill Hugh Cale presented to the N.C. Legislature in 1891 to have a school established for the Negro race in Northeastern N.C.

"We must have courage just like Jimmy Carter," explained Blue. "Address the burning issues before you and tackle them!"

Elaborating on character, Blue said that the character of any institution is important.

"The history of any institution is a history of commitment," said Blue. "During the last 15 years, ECSU has radically taken the message of the university throughout the city, state, nation, and even the world," said Blue before making a reference to one Aesop's fables.

"Commitment is an essential quality of leadership."

"If we fail to make ECSU what it should be," exclaimed Blue, "we fail the future generations." Blue added that "we must be committed to putting the educational resources in

operation and make them function."

Dr. James H. Townes, Interim Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, thanked Blue for his inspiring message. Finding "just the right speaker" for an occasion as this is often hard to do implied Townes who felt that the Founder's Day Committee made an excellent decision when it selected Blue.

"ECSU has been on the move since its founding days 93 years ago," said Townes.

Before the traditional pilgrimage to the graves of the founding fathers, administration, faculty, visitors, and students journeyed to the south end of campus for the dedication and naming of the Early Childhood Building. The building was named in honor of Lucille M. McLendon who was a believer in education.

The present McLendon Hall was erected in 1922 and houses the University Laundry Room and the Army ROTC program.

"Having a name placed on a building for posterity is an accomplishment," said Jenkins who found it only appropriate to move the name of the present McLendon Hall to the Early Childhood Building.

"Because of her love for education, this building stands as a lasting monument," proclaimed Jenkins.

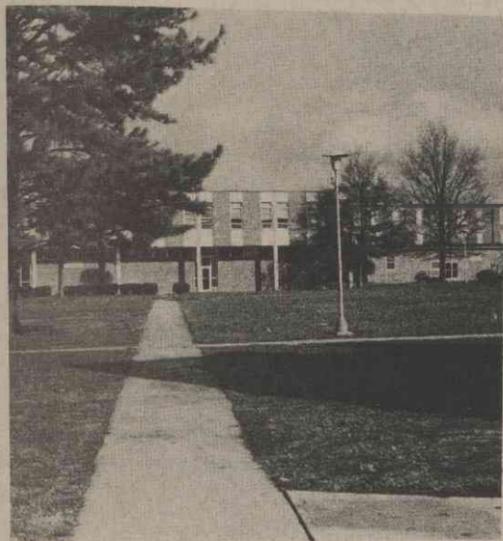


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Spring Finally at ECSU

Feghaly Speaks on Politics

by **Mike Moore**
Feature Editor

"My most important mission in Lebanon is to bring hope - to tell the people of the hope in Christ," said Edgar Feghaly, a Christian missionary to Lebanon. According to Feghaly, the trouble in Lebanon is purely political.

Feghaly, born in E. Lebanon, is married to an American and they expect their first child in April. Feghaly left Lebanon in '76 and plans to return, when enough money is raised to fund his missionary work.

Feghaly remembers a time in Lebanon as a child: "My father's house was in the crossfire between Israelis and Syrians, but God protected us, while we were there. One day, my father came home and said, 'We've got to

leave and get away to the hills.' We left so quickly that my mother left dirty dishes in the sink - a first for her. When we returned, we found that everything had been destroyed - the house, the store and the car. My father said that God had tested him, to see if he would forsake his worldly belongings for his family's safety. My father thanked God, and right then I became God's servant."

When asked if the peace-keeping forces evacuating Beirut would damage Lebanon's shot at democracy, Feghaly said: "That depends on the conditions created after the evacuation. It depends on whether Lebanon remains a democracy, becomes a Syrian satellite, or stays a battlefield."

When asked about America's foreign policy generally in the Mid-East, Feghaly said: "Americans need to pray for Pres. Reagan, for he is a very courageous man. They (the media) always attack Reagan for putting 1300 marines in Lebanon, but they are totally silent about the 7000-8000 Russian

experts, who operate the sophisticated weaponry in Syria.

Nothing is ever mentioned about Syria's third largest city, Hamat, which was flattened and its people massacred by its own nation's army. The people were massacred by Syria, because they voiced opposition to Pres. Assad's regime. Assad's government represents only 7% of the Syrian population.

If the US forsakes Lebanon in its time of need, a chain reaction will begin that will deliver the entire Middle East to Russian domination. Americans need to pray that Pres. Reagan decides on the right course for America to follow in the Lebanon matter. Much too often, America lacks determination (to follow through its commitments when the commitment involves fighting.)

Another message that Feghaly wishes to tell is: "Philosophy is coming true in Lebanon. Very soon the Lord is coming again to rapture his church and we (all Christians) must be prepared for his coming."

Student Found Dead in Mitchell Lewis

Sharon Beatrice Jones, 21, an ECSU student from Camden County, was slain in the Mitchell-Lewis dormitory during spring break.

Dr. Joe Robertson, Pasquotank County Medical Examiner, said that Jones died around midnight on Sunday, March 4, from strangulation.

Investigators remain puzzled about the killing. Preliminary findings indicate that neither robbery nor rape was a motive for the killing. "That leaves malice or jealousy," said Elizabeth City Chief of Police W. C. Owens.

The only sign of a struggle in Miss Jones' room was a window apparently broken from the inside. Broken glass was found on the ground outside of the first-floor room.

Although the State Bureau of Investigation is assisting the

Elizabeth City police, no arrests have been made in the case. Miss Jones was one of only two women staying in the dormitory over the weekend. The other student was a security trainee, who was probably on another floor when the tragedy occurred.

"The slaying would never have occurred, if all of the students had been here," said Dr. Harry Ghee, vice-chancellor of student affairs. Other students were staying at the school during the break. "But they were all staying in the new complex," Ghee said. Security is better in the complex.

Miss Jones was staying in the dormitory over the weekend with permission. She was going to move to the complex with other students on Monday.

Miss Jones was a Physical Education major scheduled to graduate in May.

SCHOLARCADE: FACULTY DOES IT AGAIN

By **CLARISSA HURDLE** and **TAMMYE JONES**

The faculty did it again; and it was a huge success! Faculty members danced, modeled and sung their hearts out in roles ranging from a fat, Pink Panther to a bushy headed Michael Jackson in this year's Scholarcade Showcase.

The show began with the 'Shakettes Pom Pom Squad.' Shake was an appropriate word for the group.

When the 'Harmony Club Singers' sang 'My Girl' one could tell that those men really wanted to have their own special girls.

The 'Pink Panther' skit, directed by Barbara Simpson, was unique, suave and well paced. Lavern Jones as the Pink Panther was the most sophisticated character in the Scholarcade.

Mr. Mac Elroy, better known to band students as 'Dap Daddy,' brought the house down with his mellow voice singing 'Hello' by Lionel Richie. After the show, he even signed autographs for fans.

The characters in the 'The Castle of Frankenstein' were definitely awesome. It was hard to believe that these actor and actresses were instructors of higher learning.

Models in the fashion show were very professional. As they strutted down the aisle, they appeared to enjoy every minute of their part.

Dancing to the music of 'Let the Music Play,' the 'Chorus Line' gave the Rockettes a run for their money.

Watching Cardwell Cowell in his everyday maintenance work, one would never imagine that Cowell possessed such a stunning voice.

The 'Fiscal Office Western Stars' were straight from the set of 'Hee Haw.' They kicked their heels high and swung their partners fast to square dance tunes.

All the ladies in evening gowns in the second part of the fashion show were glamorous. Their escorts in tuxedos were dressed to impress. 'At The Ball' was a real treat for sore eyes.

The 'Harmony Club Singers' got together and harmonized once again as Mrs. Gail Butts' voice rang out in Williams Hall, causing hearts to flutter.

'Dance for the Chancellor' was short and sweet as dancers cha-chaed their way off stage.

The jazz band was an important factor to the Scholarcade. What would the performance have been like without the talented players and their maestro?

'What the World Needs Now,' sung by Dr. James Townes, brought the crowd to their feet. The world now knows what it needs, thanks to Townes.

As the curtains came open for Thriller II, the crowd was at the edge of their seats in suspense. This group of performers was ready to make their own video, at no cost. But, what happened to Michael Jackson's curls?

New Computers Arrive

by **Angela Doles**
Staff Writer

International Business Machines (IBM) is Invading Elizabeth City State University. There are now eighteen, new IBM personal computers in room 135, Johnson Hall.

IBM's personal computer has the capability to use all of the programming languages taught at ECSU. The new computers are also capable of acquiring sound and doing detailed graphics.

With all of this capability, the IBM computers have brought ECSU to the "state of the art" in computer technology. The number of terminals, which are connected to Triangle University's Computational Center (TUCC), have increased. Originally, ECSU had only four terminals and one teletype printer. Now, ECSU has ten terminals and two teletype printers.

With the new computer technology, students will be more competitive in this particular job market. Mr. Locus, a computer science instructor, said: "The personal computer is a good piece of equipment and is capable of doing a lot more than students have ever been able to do."

Locus invites all ECSU faculty, staff and students to come to Johnson Hall for a demonstration and to experience the new IBM computers.

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