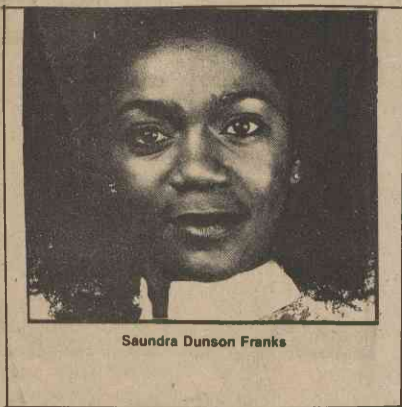


ECSU Salutes Black History Month



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ECSU Teacher Ed Program Receives Nod Of Approval

by Algie H. Mabry, Jr.
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"Their visit was confirmation that we have an excellent teacher education program. We made a lasting impression that proved our program was vital," said Dr. James H. Townes, assistant vice-chancellor for academic affairs-administration and Chairman of The Self-study Steering Committee.

Consisting of 22 members, the Self-study Steering Committee, in early 1983, began marathon preparations for the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction Visitation. The committee spent many months compiling material to be reviewed by the visitors.

State law requires that all institutions with a Teacher Education Program must be evaluated for re-accreditation

every five years.

"The primary purpose of this visitation was for the visiting team to assess what you say you are doing," said Townes. "The team looks at the programs you offer and how they are implemented."

The State Department Team's last visit to ECSU was in 1979 during which all Teacher Education Programs received their reaccreditation.

"For our 1984-85 review, the visiting team was amazed at the amount of material we were able to produce in six volumes," Townes added.

"We had the chance to set the precedent for future evaluation; what we have done has been a mark for other schools to follow," injected Townes.

ECSU's Teacher Education Program was the first to be evaluated by a new set of guidelines which were established to relate to the state-wide Quality Assurance Program.

In addition to an exemplary and voluminous Self-study

Report, the institution was well prepared and organized, and because of this the visit was welcomed.

Students played a major role in this visitation. Thirty-three students served on several sub-committees. Further, there was a meeting of the visiting team with Teacher Education majors who were about to begin to begin their student teaching. Regrettably, of the 59 invited students, only a few attended. The senior English Teaching majors (who were among the few who did meet with the team) were also requested by a State Department official to meet with him to discuss teacher education in N.C. and the profession of teaching. This meeting lasted for almost two hours.

"We received very positive comments about the profession of our students," said Townes, who congratulated the students for representing ECSU so well in these meetings.

"In addition to our classroom

work, there is going to have to be a greater exchange between the public schools and our University faculty, administrators, staff and students," said Townes. "This would enable us to articulate programs which would give the public school systems a chance to see closely what we both are doing," Townes explained.

Dr. Johnny L. Houston, vice-chancellor for academic affairs, was also a vital force behind the Self-study project in his role as ex-officio member of the Steering Committee.

"The Teacher Education Program has been an integral part of ECSU's mission since its original charter," said Houston, who joined the faculty in 1984.

The final stage of the visitation was an exit conference for members of the visiting team, Chancellor Jimmy R. Jenkins, Dr. Houston, Dr. Townes, members of the steering committee and departmental chairpersons.

Houston described this conference: "The Visiting Team commented on the excellent six-volume Self-study document and on the excellent quality that they discerned of 12 of the 13 Teacher Education Programs, with the thirteenth program being a good program but needingsome changes."

Houston believes that this one program will soon meet all standards and will be approved without reservation.

"The team also commented on how impressed they were with our facilities," added Houston, who also attributes ECSU's outstanding evaluation to our instructional resources and the quality of our faculty.

Regarding ECSU students about to enter student teaching, said Houston, "The team members were pleasantly surprised and highly impressed

"They noted that any university would be proud to have such a dedicated and quality group of prospective teachers," Houston added.



Wachovia Donation Kicks Off '85 Campaign

Wachovia Bank and Trust Company Foundation presented a \$10,000 check to Chancellor Jimmy R. Jenkins, kicking off the 1985 Advancement Campaign for scholarships to recruit top students from high schools in Northeastern North Carolina.

The check was presented by J. Stanley Peel, senior vice president for Wachovia in Elizabeth City and Chairman of the ECSU Foundation Board. The gift is part of a \$30,000

commitment.

Chancellor Jenkins commended Peel for his long-term commitment to ECSU and the continuing financial support through the Wachovia Foundation. The Elizabeth City banker has been a member of the ECSU Foundation Board since its inception, serving as chairman the past two years. He also served on the ECSU Board of Trustees for 11 years.

CLUSTER PROVIDES RESOURCES

By Ron Lewis

Squeezed by competition, regulation and taxes, business and industry are constantly on the lookout for ways to enhance finances and capital gain.

An equally difficult task shouldered by many colleges and universities is to increase the prospects of graduating seniors out into the job market. These conditions make it important, more than ever, for business and industry and higher education to put their heads together for mutual benefit. And that is exactly what the "Cluster" program at Elizabeth City State University aims to do.

From ECSU's point of view, Cluster can facilitate the University's acquisition of everything from needed funding to equipment and supplies. It is designed to enhance graduates' job prospects, although that goal can take many forms.

Through Cluster, the University gains insight into what training and educational credentials are expected of job-seeking graduates. From that input, curriculum is adjusted to meet the job market requirements. In many cases, this aim might be translated into funding from participating business for needed equipment or supplies.

Also, lectures from the business and industrial sectors offer excellent exposure of students and faculty to the real world and potential employment. On-the-job training, through internships or co-op education,

From business' point of view, there are both short and long-term benefits. For donation of equipment, supplies and funding, a tax break can offer the donor considerable savings. Also, internships provide tax benefits and the advantage of additional personnel at reduced payroll

costs.

Greater still in benefits is the added incentive of being able to "mold" a future full-time employee by charting both the job-related experience and his or her educational curriculum.

In the long run, Cluster's goal is a better prepared employee market.



Cluster Club Officers: back row from left, Fredrick Spencer, Aljournal Franklin and Shawn Curtis; second row, Sean Sharpe, Shannon Kegler; and first row, Fredryn Jenkins, Gwen White and Ron Lewis. Cluster is a program which focuses on shaping college or university students to meet the management requirements of the business community by allowing a close interaction between the academic community and the corporate world.

Vikings To Attend HU Media Conference Feb. 14-17

Elizabeth City State University will be a part of Howard University's School of Communication history making when the 14th Annual Communication's Conference convenes February 14.

Held on Howard's main campus and at the Howard Inn, the conference is expected to draw minority journalists from across the country.

Chosen as this year's stipend recipients to represent ECSU are Rick L. Jones, Algie H. Mabry, Jr. and DaVia M. Purnell. Both seniors, Jones and Mabry have worked on The Compass staff for three years. Purnell, a senior English and News Media major, has worked on The Compass staff as Associate Editor for two years.

Scheduled to address the Open Plenary Session of the conference on Thursday is Jet

and Ebony publisher John H. Johnson. An Arkansas native, Johnson has an extensive association with the media world. President of Fashion Fair Cosmetics, Johnson is also president of Chicago's first black-owned radio station.

Also slated to address the conference is Congressman William Gray of Pennsylvania. Gray will be the guest speaker at the Frederick Douglas Dinner which will be held in the ballroom of Armour J. Blackburn University Center.

During the dinner, stipend recipients and Howard University's School of Communications students who qualified for the Dean's list will be recognized. Winners of the Essay, Multi-Media, and the Lionel C. Barrow, Jr. Oratorical Contests and the Doctoral Student Research Session will also be announced.

ECSU Selected For N.C. Small Business and Technology Center

A North Carolina Small Business and Technology Center has been approved for Elizabeth City State University to provide management and technical assistance to entrepreneurs and existing small businesses throughout Northeastern North Carolina. According to Dr. Norman Camp, Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development, an executive director will be appointed and headquartered on the ECSU campus by January 1985.

"The services of the center will rely on faculty resources of the Departments of Business and Economics and Industrial Arts and Technology, involving one-on-one consultations at no cost to the small business or entrepreneurs. Faculty consultants will be paid through the SBTDC program," Dr. Camp said.

An application for a \$200,000 grant from the Technology Development Authority, Department of Commerce, was

submitted December 10 by Northeastern North Carolina Tom orrow, an ECSU based regional development organization, to be applied to an Ahoskie (NC) Small Business Incubator facility. An old hotel, will be the site for the incubator, and \$82,000 in local contributions will provide matching funds for the grant money.

ECSU assisted in planning the regional facility and faculty resources will play a major role

in providing services to small businesses which may seek to be involved in the incubator process. "This will be in addition to services provided by our Small Business Center and will greatly enhance our services to the northeastern region in economic development," Dr. Camp said.

ECSU is one of four universities selected by SBTDC to begin operation in 1985. Other centers are located at Western North Carolina University, Fayetteville State and through a

consortium at Winston Salem State.

Funds to support a Central Office in the Raleigh area and for the four regional centers have been provided through a special legislative appropriation of \$300,000 and with an initial grant of \$264,160. Once fully operational, the SBTDC will have an annual budget in excess of one million dollars.

The SBTDC is an interinstitutional organization within the University of North

Carolina. During its early operational phases, it will be operated by the General Administration offices of The University, but will be managed by Executive Director Scott R. Daugherty, appointed by President William C. Friday and reporting to him through the Vice President of Research and Public Service Programs.

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