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Faculty members Daniel Owunwanne, Department of Mathematics & Computer Science, Thurlis Little, Physical Education & Health Department, and MSG Ernest Vick, ROTC wait for the academic processional to begin for Founder's Day activities.

University celebrates 96th Founder's Day

by Lynne Chapman
staff writer

ECSU celebrated Founder's Day March 3 with a ceremony at 10 a.m. in Williams Hall. Following the ceremony, the Williams Hall band wing was named in honor of James A. Clark and N. Beverly Clark.

Following this dedication, a reception was held in the Viking Room and a graveside service was held at Oak Grove Cemetery. The keynote speaker for the occasion was Lt. Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, of Virginia.

Wilder gave a speech in which he told ECSU students to utilize their talents to better themselves and to help

people who are less privileged. Wilder, who is the only black Lt. Governor in the United States, said that in this "age of awakening" the greatest asset is human resources. He also said that universities do make a difference and create positive role models for children.

Each year, ECSU honors its founding members--men such as Dr. Peter W. Moore, the

first president; Dr. John H. Bias, the second president; and Hugh Cale the House of Representatives member

who introduced the bill creating the "State Normal School"--which eventually became ECSU. From that school, with a faculty of two and a student body of 23; ECSU has grown into a four-year university with a faculty of approximately 150 and a student body of 1600.

ECSU continues to grow, updating its facilities in an attempt to make it a "state-of-the-art" learning institution

Vice Chancellor appointed to Rural Economic Board

Ulysses Bell, Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development at ECSU has been appointed to serve on the Rural Economic Development Center Board, which is chaired by former University of North Carolina president William Friday.

Bell will serve on the board representing Northeastern North Carolina along with Senator Marc Basnight, Cheney Costen-Boyce, Executive Director of the Rural-Day Care Association, and J. Wilson Jones of J. W. Jones Lumber Company.

First proposed by the North Carolina Commission Jobs and Economic Growth, which was appointed by Lt. Governor Bob Jordan, the Center is being designed as an important new resource in state efforts to boost the troubled rural economy. The major goal of the corporation will be to develop strategies, demonstration projects, information, collect and disseminate information to foster economic development in rural areas across the state.

In announcing a \$7,500 startup grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem, Friday stated, "We are most grateful for this initial funding. The Commission and the Lt. Governor will be seeking a legislative appropriation for the center, but this endeavor deserves the support of the private sector as well."

The newly appointed board is scheduled to hold its first meeting in early March.

"Buckle up" Campaign

The Business Department and Social Sciences Department of ECSU are conducting a "Seat Belts for Safety Campaign." The purpose of the campaign is to encourage motorists to buckle up to save lives. Student monitors will be stationed at entrances to the University campus and at various location within the community. These students will hand out information to motorists on the advantages of fastening seat belts. If you are caught buckled up, you may receive a cash prize during the incentive phase of the campaign. To be eligible for one of the grand prizes, you must turn in a pledge card that will be given away by one of the student monitors. For more information, contact Dr. Ivory Lyons at 335-3310, or Dr. Melvin L. Murphy at 335-3330.

Vote Doug, He's your man! S G A presidential candidates

The upcoming election for Student Government Association officers is scheduled for March 26. Voting takes place in the University Center Viking Room from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. The winners will be announced at a banquet Friday, March 27 at the Kermit E. White Graduation Center.

Douglas Howard is a junior from Greenville, NC, a member of AOA Fraternity, Inc., and the present SGA Treasurer. In the past, Howard has been the treasurer of the University Center and Sophomore class, Secretary Treasurer of the University Players, and president of the Pep Club.



Douglas Howard

Howard is also a member of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society; was listed in the 1987 edition of Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities; is a member of Alpha Psi Omega Drama Fraternity; and a member of the all-CIAA marching and concert bands.

Howard said he has three main objectives in mind as SGA president. One is to have the student body more involved. The

others are to rectify handicapped problems and to continue as a mediator between students and the administration.

"The president is one who should have experience; not someone who wants to seek experience through such an office," Howard said.

Pamela A. Brown is a junior English/News Media major from Brandywine, Md. She is current vice-president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, president of the honors program, and a member of the campus newspaper staff.



Pam Brown

Brown said she believes students need strong leadership to make sure their rights are not overlooked. She also believes the SGA should provide more service to the community. Another concern of Brown's is to gain a better understanding of the relationship of commuter students to the University, so something can be done to alleviate any problems that may exist.

Brown hopes to see the SGA do things it has never done before and hopes to start a new trend, planting a seed which can hopefully "be watered and mature."

"I want to add a more personal touch to the office," she added.

Carl Jones is a junior applied mathematics major from Washington, D.C. He is currently Upsilon Phi Upsilon president, assistant to the current SGA president, and does volunteer work at the NAACP chapter in Washington.



Carl Jones

Jones said he wants to start a new era in the SGA. He wants to place more emphasis on black orientation in the community and worldwide. He believes the current administration is unorganized and has gone nowhere--calling it no more than a homecoming committee. He said he believes the SGA needs a strong cabinet and committees for action. Jones

said he also supports the allocation of funds to student outlets.