

Ford Will Continue Programs

NEW YORK - Two programs that have proved successful in attracting students, especially those from minority groups, to responsible jobs in state and local government, will be continued and expanded under grants announced Monday by the Ford Foundation. The programs combine on the job training with intensive academic backup calibrated to the student's interests and needs.

A \$680,000 grant to the National League of Cities - U. S. Conference of Mayors will provide third year funding for the National Urban Fellows program, which places young men and women in full time jobs working closely with senior executives in city government. A \$210,000 grant will enable the Urban Affairs Institute to continue and expand a comparable program, thus far limited to California and Arizona, to six other Western and Southwestern states.

At the same time, the Foundation announced support of a two year study of religious consciousness among American youth.

In announcing the grants for student recruitment into state and local government, Mitchell Sviridoff, the Foundation's vice president for National Affairs, noted that earlier internship programs designed to bring young people into government had for the most part reached

FSUs Affirmed For Work

MIAMI, FLA.--Fayetteville State University has been reaffirmed for accreditation for a period of ten years.

The announcement of FSU's accreditation came at the 76th annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. President Charles Lyons, Jr. and Dr. R. L. Fields, dean of the university, represented the Fayetteville Institution at the meeting.

Fayetteville State's accreditation is the culmination of the year's study and self-evaluation by the institution itself and the report of a Commission on Colleges visitation committee of the association.

Fayetteville State is the second oldest public supported institution in North Carolina with an enrollment of more than 1,470 students. FSU offers majors in 15 disciplines and a minor in recreation. It became a regional university in 1969.

President Lyons said that the institution would continue working to improve all areas of the university with evaluations and implementations of findings in the self-study and recommendations by the visiting committee.

VA Urges 'Study Pollution'

The Veterans Administration, which promotes a 44 week on the job training program for veterans in water pollution control, is also urging veterans to study the subject in 22 week college level courses now offered at nine community colleges.

The training is sponsored by the Office of Water Programs, Environmental Protection Agency. Preference is given to veterans who plan to become water plant and wastewater plant operators.

Pay for these jobs generally ranges from \$5,000 to \$8,500 a year, but could go as high as \$15,000, depending on experience, longevity, and level of responsibility.

Among 1,120 individuals engaged in government-sponsored on the job training in water pollution control in November, 520 were Vietnam veterans. Another 300 veterans were taking courses at community colleges or technical institutes.

About 800 other veterans have already completed on the job training programs, started after studying water technology at colleges during their last six months of military service.

Funds for the institutional and on the job training programs are provided by the Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare under the Manpower Development and Training Act and the Economic Opportunity Act.

In addition to straight on the job training and study programs in water pollution control, the Office of Water Programs administers 35 "coupled" on the job training programs, classroom and plant work, around the country.

Some veterans draw checks from more than one source while taking on the job training under the GI Bill. A veteran with no dependents, for example, receives a starting monthly stipend of \$108 from VA, while the employer pays him at least half the salary of the job for which he is training. A job is usually assured after successful completion of training.

ence in training young minority men and women for government service."

Since 1969, the Foundation has granted some \$2 million to the National League of Cities - U. S. Conference of Mayors' experimental program for young urban administrators. By 1972, 95 men and women, mainly Blacks, Mexican-Americans, and Puerto Ricans, will have taken part in the National Urban Fellows program. The program centers around full-time experience learning about urban problems by working closely for about a year with a senior city executive, often the mayor of a major city.

CP&L Directors Approve \$312 Million In Construction

Directors of Carolina Power and Light Co. meeting in Raleigh last week approved adoption of a \$312 million construction budget for 1972, largest annual construction budget in the company's history.

Also, during the regular monthly board meeting, directors declared the usual quarterly dividends.

CP&L President Shearon Harris announced that the \$312 million budget is part of an overall projected \$3.7 billion construction program for the company through 1981.

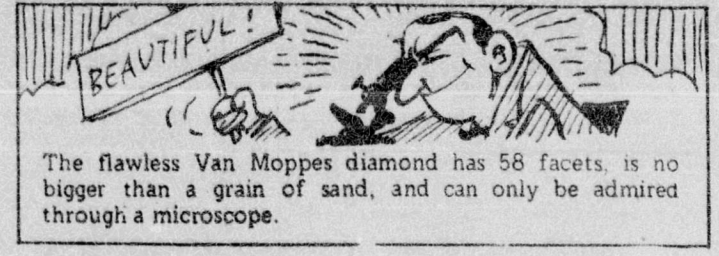
"We reported to the board that the only way we can expect to sustain this mammoth construction program, dictated by the needs of our customers, is by attaining the rate increases we now have pending," Harris said.

CP&L recently completed hearings before the N. C. Utilities Commission on its request for a 19.63 percent retail rate hike, and hearings are expected to be held in South Carolina in February on the company's request for a 17.39 percent rate hike in that state.

Harris noted the \$312 million budget for construction next year is \$47 million more than 1971's construction budget of \$265 million, and almost double 1970's \$166 million construction budget.

"The \$312 million is more than 10 times our construction budget of just 10 years ago, when it was \$28.9 million in 1962,"

Harris said. The 1972 budget includes \$242.1 million for production plant facilities, 24.6 million for transmission work, \$41.5 million for distribution facilities, and \$41.1 million for general plant.



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