Federal Funds Play Important Role In Beaufort Tech's Development

Federal funds play an important role in the development of BCTI by providing additional financial support for programs which the Institute has determined to be within its goals and objectives. These additional funds fill the gap between the resources of the Institution, and its long-range plans and may be used as follows:

A. Secure instructional material and equipment not included in the institution's budget.

B. Introduce new educational programs for which the Department of Community Colleges has not provided any additional funds;

C. Provide support for staff development and student services, and;

D. Provide services to the community in keeping with Beaufort Tech's purpose and philosophy.

Over the past six years, Beaufort Tech received approximately 50 federal and state grants amounting to approximately $3,000,000.

Grants are usually made for only one year. However, some can be renewed for a second or third year if the project is deemed worthy.

Among the grants that are currently active, are:
1. Library—$3,855 for purchasing books and magazines;  
2. Nursing—$9,338 which may be used for salaries, supplies, materials, and equipment;  
3. Student Services — $80,000 for special services to Beaufort Tech students, and,  

Developing grant proposals can be very involved and time consuming. Construction grants can be from 200 to 400 pages long, and can take anywhere from six months to one year to develop and process. Other grants may be only two or three pages long.

Presently, we are working on a grant proposal (Title III) dealing with the total institutional program, including faculty and staff development.

Of the 1,000 such proposals (Title III's) which will be submitted to the Department of HEW on May 1, only ten to
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Building Is Under Construction

The building now under construction will provide vocational shops, classrooms, and offices for the programs of heavy equipment mechanics, drafting, heating & air conditioning, light construction, sheet metal, and welding. The 22,000 square feet will cost $900,000 with completion scheduled for the end of this year.

Our next building, which we hope will be bid this month, is a Learning Resource Center which includes the library, learning lab, guided studies area, testing room, offices, student center, and auditorium. The building, with 23,000 square feet, will be located in the wooded area northeast of the Graham Elliott building.

Change Date For Commencement

Originally, Commencement Exercises for the Beaufort County Technical Institute were scheduled for Friday, June 16, 1978. This date would preclude the participation in the exercises of our largest group of graduates, the vocational students.

After a careful and in-depth study of the schedule, the administrators conceded that they could not and would not exclude the largest segment of our graduates from the graduation exercises. As a result of this decision they changed the graduation date from June 16, 1978, to September 22, 1978.

The date for graduation will be held on Friday, September 22, 1978, at eight o'clock.

Self-Study Is Made Here

For the past two years, the administrators, faculty, staff, students, and patrons of the Beaufort County Technical Institute have been busily engaged in a gruelling institutional self-study. Such a self-study is periodically necessary in order that the total institution can be evaluated. This evaluation includes its philosophy, aims, objectives, programs, personnel, facilities, and future projections.

During the period of self-study, what is found to be
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