

"Godspell" Opens Tonight!

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Bottoms Speaks On Grass Roots Faith

Dr. Lawrence W. Bottoms, moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, addressed the SA community in Harris Courts last Thursday night as Spring Convocation Speaker. Dr. Bottoms, the fir-

st black moderator of the century-old body, addressed himself to the role of the individual in today's church, telling his audience: "God is calling us to serve at the grass-roots level." He said that God's intent is that all

men belong to a universal church, encompassing "the people of today, the people who are dead, and those yet to be born...God didn't create man to serve systems and institutions. He created man to serve other men. You have creeds you'll die for, but you won't live them." Church, state, and home are all creations of God, established as checks and balances, not as divisions he stated. "This is why the church is divided today."

An entertaining and witty speaker, Dr. Bottoms was introduced by College pastor George Conn.

The convocation opened with a prelude, "Sing My Soul, His Wondrous Love," sung by the college choir, directed by Dr. James V. Cobb. Bagpiper Arnold Page led the processional.

Tom Hay, President of the College Christian Council, gave the invocation, and the benediction was by J. M. Nicholson, moderator of Fayetteville Presbytery.

Also a part of the convocation were a statement of perspective by Dr. Hart, an anthem, "The Lord is Risen," (William Billings) by the choir, and the college Alma Mater.



St. Andrews' President Donald Hart presents a gift to the college's spring convocation speaker, Dr. Lawrence Bottoms.

Cultural Weekend

A Success

The majority of students at St. Andrews agree that the communities surrounding the college play a major part in the school's image, growth and development. On Saturday April 18, the Black Student Union, in its efforts to bring about a stronger unity between the college and those communities, sponsored a Cultural Enrichment Weekend.

Not really sure of how St. Andrews and its surrounding communities would react to the extravaganza, the BSU sponsored a number of different events and speakers in as many diverse areas as possible. The wide range of entertainment and features proved to make their efforts a success.

The Cultural Enrichment Weekend began with a dance Friday evening featuring "Zeguilis," a thirteen piece band from Charlotte. Saturday afternoon, the BUS choir, along with the Peguese Singers and the Jones Chapel Junior Choir put together an emotionally moving concert,

in which soloists Brenda Howard, Grada Byrd and Greg Smith filled their audience with joy as they led the choir in a number of songs. When the final song, "Reach Out and Touch," was being sung by the BSU choir, one of the most moving scenes of the songfest took place as Brenda Howard reached out to the audience and everyone joined hands and sang together.

Art was another aspect of the weekend. Artist Beth McClennahan and Professor Charles Rogers displayed a variety of works from their collections. Miss McClennahan, a Laurinburg native, displayed ten different pieces of her work, reflecting her fascination with old people and the many different struggles that they encountered after the Civil War.

Charles Rogers, Assistant Professor of Art at Johnson C. Smith University, presented both his art and a slide presentation. His paintings reflect the feelings and expressions of black people during the sixties

Perkinson Calls Enrollment Top Priority

In an interview with The Lance last week, St. Andrews president-elect Alvin Perkinson said that his first priority as president would be "to begin work on increased enrollment."

"We are currently drawing up a marketing plan to be put into effect July 1 that will enable us to pinpoint those areas from which we've had the most students in the past and work on those areas, taking advantage of the reputation the college has built up", Perkinson said. "At the same time we plan to go after junior college transfer students, who tend to wait until early summer to decide where they are going to go in the fall." Most of a college's problem with attrition, he noted, comes in the students' first two years. The transfer effort, he noted, "will help

strengthen the small upper classes as we try to reduce attrition in the lower classes."

Asked how he felt about his experiences at St. Andrews since the April 3 announcement of his appointment, Perkinson laughed and said, "If everyone is as friendly in a year as they've been so far I'll consider the whole venture a success." He said he would take over as president on a full-time basis on May 5, and be joined by his wife and four children when school ends.

Describing his view of his job as it relates to the students of St. Andrews, Perkinson said he wanted to become acquainted with as many students as possible and cultivate an "open door atmosphere in which students would feel free to come by and see me at any time."

Recalling a line by Thomas Hardy he quoted in his acceptance speech on "high thinking and plain living", at St. Andrews, the Tennessee native said he did not anticipate any drastic cuts in programs or budgets next year. "We're just going to have to make sure our money is well spent," he said.

"There may have to be a slowdown in salary increases for a while," he said, "and there are some administrative areas that we can save in."

Perkinson approaches his new position with an air of complete confidence. "There will be a substantial increase in enrollment in 1976," he says. "We can overcome these problems—I have no doubts about it."



President-elect Perkinson