

Standing behind Mrs. Lula Thorpe (right) and Mrs. Sally Brown (left) are the principal participants in graduation exercises. From left to right, Clarence M. Mitchell III, Robert J. Brown and Dr. Marion D. Thorpe.

**Maryland Sen. and Pres. Nixon's Assistant Speak**

## Mitchell And Brown Inspire ECSU Grads

The 201 graduates of ECSU, sitting in the college quadrangle, withstood the intense heat to hear the Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell, III, of Maryland, deliver the baccalaureate address.

Introduced by Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, Senator Mitchell proceeded to establish his identity, especially that with the 78-year-old institution of higher learning by stating that he is married to the former Clarice Bias, granddaughter of the second president of ECSU, Dr. John H. Bias.

"We must first ask in which direction shall we lead? Which shall it be, separation or integration?" the youthful state senator asked.

Mitchell warned, "If we rise up with arms in rebellion, this will give

them the justification to use violent repression."

"The kind of knowledge you have gained to bring you this far is what's needed to assure the reality of Black Power. We must push on into the mainstream of American life, still maintaining our black image and black institutions," he urged.

The historically large graduating class returned to the quadrangle, as the band played the processional, "War March of the Priests." Led by Wilbert D. Hawkins, bearer of the mace, the graduates awaited their induction into the Alumni Association of ECSU during the commencement exercise.

Robert J. Brown, native North Carolinian and special assistant to Pres-

ident Nixon also gave an inspiring speech. "You are going to have to take what you have learned here at ECSU and apply it to the real world into which you are going," he emphasized.

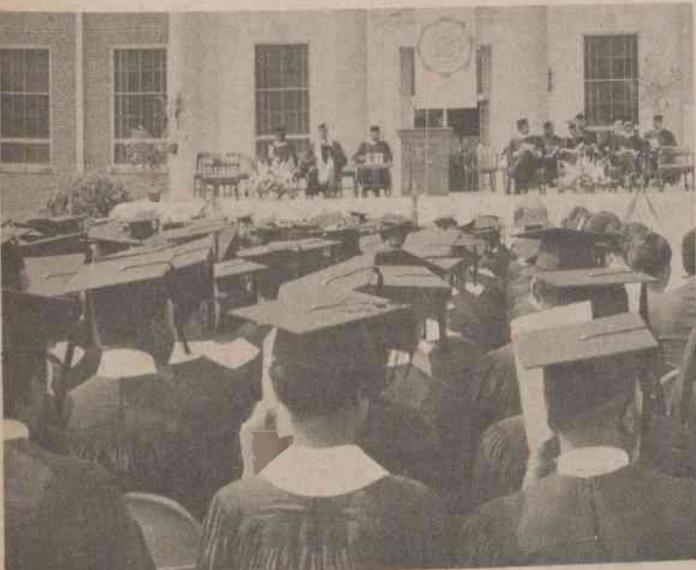
Brown, drawing heavily from his personal background and experiences, continued, "There is a great need for all Negroes to stand up and be black and proud, but I don't have to wear a badge or anything -- I live it every day."

The former High Point law enforcement officer said he believes peaceful protest is the most important means of dissent people have. "This is still a great world, and it's just what you make it", Brown stated. As the graduation exercises were brought to an end, many listeners of these speakers were left with stimulating ideas.

### Financial Aid Nearly One Million

When Dr. Marion D. Thorpe assumed duties at Elizabeth City State University, available funds to finance the University's developmental programs were not as available as possible. However, from July 1, 1968 to April 27, 1969, when Dr. Thorpe was officially installed as the Sixth President of the University, a total of \$780,778 had been raised.

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Largest graduating class in history of institution, 201.

## SUTTON AND GREGORY TO REIGN

The official installation of the offices of the Student Government Association created a most rare combination in the hierarchy of student leadership at Elizabeth City State University. Jimmy Sutton, the newly elected President of SGA, now joins hands with Margaret Gregory, crowned Miss ECSU, as the two top student leaders.

Never before, in the 78-year history of the institution, has a family name so solidly taken control of the college family at ECSU. President Sutton, junior art major, is the brother-in-law of Queen Margaret by virtue of marriage to her sister, the former Ethel Faye Gregory, an alumnus of the university. Margaret is, in turn, the young and attractive aunt of Jimmy's three year old son, Juan Anthony.

Sutton, who narrowly defeated Javon Brothers, the outgoing vice-president, is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., College Art Guild, Lighthouse Activities Committee, College Band, and other campus organizations. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Sutton, and active in community affairs, he is a native of Elizabeth City and a graduate of P. W. Moore High School.

Margaret, an honor graduate of the same high school, is a junior mathematics major at ECSU. Always a very active and involved student, she has been the recipient of several honors and awards. The new Miss ECSU is a

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## JONES SELECTED AS TOP TEACHER

On the basis of the points received, Mrs. Carol Calloway Jones was selected to receive the 1969 Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award at Elizabeth City State University. With a total of 1,359 points, the instructor of English for the past six years at the college led the field of ten faculty members for the award.

A native of Newport News, Va., Mrs. Jones is the wife of Dr. Clifford B. Jones, Jr., Dental Surgeon, and is the mother of two boys, Clifford, III and Milton Calloway. Known to add life, meaning, and relevancy to language and literature, she uses all available resources, including her charming personality, to reach the students in her classes.

Receiving the award at Elizabeth City State University naturally reflects upon her training, experience, and association. Mrs. Jones graduated from Huntington High School with honors and proceeded to receive the B. A. degree Cum Laude, from the College of Liberal Arts, Howard University. She later received the M. A. degree in English, with a specialty in English literature of the Renaissance from the same institution.

Keenly interested in the works of contemporary Black authors, Mrs. Jones plan to pursue a doctoral program in Contemporary English literature. Currently she is a member of the American Association of Uni-

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## Summer Program For High School Graduates

A workshop for high school graduates is offered during the six-weeks summer school session, which began June 15, at Elizabeth City State College. This program is designed for those graduates who wish to strengthen and develop certain basic skills in order to prepare themselves to meet the college's admission standards.

Dr. Ernest A. Finney, Director of the ECSU Summer School, indicated that, "All students are participating in a set of structured activities with emphasis on language skills, test-taking, study skills, and orientation to

the various aspects of general college life."

Six courses, are being taught by members of the ECSC faculty and supplemented by visiting consultants and lecturers, is enabling each high school graduate to remove those deficiencies which currently block his being admitted to the college as a freshman.

The overall program, "Opportunity Freshmen," is affording each student the opportunity to acquire six semester hours of college credit in regular courses. Credit for this work will depend upon the level of achievement reached in each course.