

## Six Days of Events

**HOMECOMING AT ECSU**

When the popular Edwin Hawkins Singers sang their favorite song, "Oh Happy Day," they gave a musical prelude to the Happy day of Homecoming at Elizabeth City State University, Saturday, November 1. Their rare appearance in Northeastern North Carolina Tuesday, October 21, at the University's Moore Hall Auditorium, at 8:30 p.m., kicked off six days of festive events surrounding Homecoming. Sponsored by the ECSU Marching Vikings, the concert by the Edwin Hawkins Singers added soul to the spirited atmosphere of the annual celebration.

Concentrating on the construction of signs, floats, and other matters, things did not swing back into action until Thursday morning when the University family attended a pep rally, at 10:00 a.m., in the auditorium. At 7:30 p.m., in Williams Hall Gymnasium, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity presented its annual Talent show.

Following a rollicking bon fire, at 6:30 p.m.,

Government Association and the ECSU Band presented a pre-dawn dance, From 11:00 p.m. Friday until 3:00 a.m., Saturday morning, students and friends from the community will dance to the music of Peggy Scott and Jo Jo Benson's Band out of New York, in William Hall.

After that dance, "Where Dreams and Realities Meet," the University community awakened to the 1969 Homecoming theme. With that theme in mind, floats, cars, marching units, and bands wended through the city during the 11:00 a.m. parade. Their destination will be Memorial Field, where the dreams and realities of two CIAA powers, ECSU and Fayetteville State University, unfold on the gridiron at 1:30 p.m. in the Homecoming Classic.

Regardless to the outcome of the football game, music and dance will top it off. At 8:00 p.m., in Moore Hall auditorium, the Billy Taylor Jazz Trio will appear in concert. Their performance will be the first of a series of cultural attractions to

be presented by the ECSU Lyceum Committee.

At 10:00 p.m., the ECSU Alumni Association will sponsor two big dances. Students and their friends will dance to the music of Jimmy Moore's Combo, in William Hall gymnasium. At the same time, the Blue Mooners from Wildon, North Carolina will be playing for the hopefully not so blue, alumni and friends, at the National Guard Armory.

The Homecoming celebration at ECSU will become somber and solemn the next day. Main highlights on Sunday, November 2, will be open house in the new men's dormitory. From 1-3:00 p.m. At 3:00 p.m., alumni and friends will join the University family in paying tribute to former President, Sidney David Williams. Following the program in Moore Hall auditorium, a reception will be given in honor of Dr. Williams, now President Emeritus of ECSU, in the University Center. The Program and reception will not only climax the Homecoming celebration at ECSU. It will bring to mind Homecoming at the University over a decade ago.

**Edwin Hawkins Singers At ECSU**

Recognizing the tremendous impact gospel music is making in this age of specialized music, Elizabeth City State University presented the popular Edwin Hawkins Singers, in concert in Moore Hall Auditorium, Tuesday, October 28, at 8:00 p.m. Their performance at the University was a rare appearance of the singers in Northeastern North Carolina.

The group, well known for its singing of "Oh Happy Day," was presented by the ECSU Marching Band. According to David W. Williams, "This is part of our project to make it possible for the band to appear at two NFL football games in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in December."

Under the direction of

talented Edwin Hawkins, the singers reach the very "soul" of gospel music. Adding professionalism and sophistication to this medium of communication between "man and God," the California based group has become the most vibrant contemporary Voice of Soul. Their success with "Oh Happy Day" inevitably led to appearances on most major television shows.

The Tuesday night concert at ECSU kicked off six days of activities surrounding the annual Homecoming Celebration. Members of adult and youth choirs and all lovers of the gospel music were urged to see and hear the Edwin Hawkins Singers while they were in the area.

**A LETTER TO AWARE**

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ty? Did you even make sure that President Thorpe, Vice-President Carter or Dean Holley were made aware of your plans for October 15?

In an article which appeared in the October 13, 1969 edition of THE DAILY ADVANCE, our local newspaper, it was stated that Dr. Floyd Holley said "I think the students are planning something, but I'm not sure what it is yet." It was also stated that because Jimmy Sutton could not be reached on October 13 another student spokesman said the "plans for the Wednesday assembly were not concrete." Now if everything was so organized and planned so far in advance, and posters were put up all around campus informing the public, why didn't our dean even know of this. He surely is not blind even if your editor is, as you said she seems to be.

Now if you made the plans for our observances, why wasn't this made known in the SGA meeting? I was also of the opinion that everything done was done, solely by the SGA and it was with this in mind that I wrote my afore mentioned editorial. I might add that in the past, we, the Compass staff has taken great pains to inform the public. I personally have begged, pleaded and requested that the SGA president give us news weekly. We go to several campus leaders and other members of our University's family to acquire news. You'd be surprised at some of the reactions we get. Some people don't have time for interviews and others put off for an eternity sending in articles.

I would like to comment on your statement "yes, the Compass is satisfact-

ory as a campus newspaper because it caters to those who like to see their gossip in print." But I am not thoroughly aware of what gossip the Compass has ever printed.

Since you feel that there are many things happening in the world that a Black student, should know, why don't you enlighten the black students here by submitting articles on these subjects.

To reiterate the point that I tried to make in my September 26, 1969 editorial, I'd like to say that I still feel that we should not become affiliated with a Black Movement merely for the sake of unity. My reasons for saying this is that one group might say that our objective is to unify the blacks by doing that which is right. Another group might say that our objective is to do that which is right or wrong to unify the blacks. The methods used by the latter group to unify the blacks, be they good or bad, don't matter, just as long as we are unified. I feel that this is wrong. With all these black groups hollering for black unity, we must have some other criteria for judging them. Sure everyone wants black unity, but the manner in which we go about achieving this unity could be detrimental to us.

So you state that in this day and time, no one advocate violence. If so I would like to know what authority you base your statement on. I have talked with the leader of such a group privately and I am sorry to say once again - yes there are groups who advocate violence in addition to organized crime, to unify the blacks.

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**MISS HOMECOMING**

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