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THORPE INVITED ON TRAVEL SEMINAR

Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, President of Elizabeth City State University, has been invited to represent the institution on a Travel Seminar in Asia. The Seminar, sponsored by The Institute on Man and Science, is designed to study the dynamics of change in the Pacific East, and will include other educators, scientists, and governmental leaders.

According to information from Everett R. Clinchy, President of the Institute, the group will depart on March 20, 1970 for various countries in the Pacific East, and return to the west coast on April 13.

In his letter of invitation to Dr. Thorpe, President Clinchy stated, "The studies we will make in education and science advances...will serve as a refresher course for administration and for teaching."

Dr. Thorpe, deeply honored by the invitation, stated, "I hope that my very heavy and busy schedule of duties and appointments will afford me the time to take advantage of this opportunity."

Other than busying himself with the administration of ECSU, Dr. Thorpe also serves the National Consultant Teams for the Accrediting of Teacher Education, the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Education Commission of the States, and the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Blyden Jackson Addresses ECSU Assembly

"In order to talk about Negro history, you have to talk about Negro literature," So stated Dr. Blyden Jackson, as he addressed the closing assembly program in observance of Negro History Week, Thursday morning, at Elizabeth City State University. The University Choir's singing of the spiritual, "I've Been 'Buked," fitted in with the deep thoughts behind Dr. Jackson's thesis.

After establishing a working definition of "irony," Dr. Jackson, Professor of English at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, spoke of the words of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and other documents, as "great, grand, and noble rhetoric," the basis



Mayor Lee joins President and Mrs. Thorpe.

CHAPEL HILL'S MAYOR LEE SPEAKS

The Pan-Hellenic Day observance at Elizabeth City State University was another historic occasion as the seven Greek Letter Organizations brought the second Negro Mayor to the campus this month. Greeted by President Marion D. Thorpe, presented the key to the city by Councilman Tye Newell, and introduced by Charles Hopkins, Mayor Howard N. Lee challenged the Moore Hall Auditorium audience with his projections into the Seventies.

Bringing greetings from Chapel Hill, N.C., which he called "The Mind of the South," Lee asserted that "Whatever hope there is for us to ever fill the need for Black leadership rest with the predominantly black institutions such as this, and with students such as you."

"For from among you and out of this institution, I believe will emerge the kind of leaders who will not sink into the

cesspools of hatred and hostility; but the kind of leaders who will rise above the quicksands of apathy, sell out-ism, tokenism, gradualism, and uncle tomism," the speaker felt.

Lee cautioned, "But we must not let rhetoric displace thought and spontaneity displace planning."

After giving an account of the civil rights movement of the past decade, Lee urged, "We are going through a very important social revolution in this country which will and must take full bloom in the Seventies, and will continue to expand until every man is free to choose his own form of bondage."

Although admitting that America was now divided, and greatly disturbed over injustices, conservatism, racism, and national priorities, the Chapel Hill leader still felt that the division was "not too impossible to mend," and that "Amer-

ica was still worth saving."

Speaking of Black Power, Lee assured, "We will never use our power to do what our white brothers did to us."

"But we will make sure that he never does the same thing to us again," he added.

Lee's formula for power caught the ears of the ECSU listeners when he revealed "I long for the day when we can add Black Power to White Power; divide by green power; multiply by political power; and come out with democratic people power."

He urged his audience to push on together in the building of this new race and nation of men. Following a medley of Greek Songs, and the benediction by Dr. R. Irvin Boone, University Minister, Mayor Lee joined President and Mrs. Thorpe in the receiving line during the reception in the banquet room of the University Center.

from the community; a public debate involving students from ECSU and the College of the Albemarle; a movie, "Baby Blues," featuring Ray Charles; and films on Negro history.

ECSU Receives Grant

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Elizabeth City State University has received a \$7,000 grant from the Southern Education Foundation for the establishment and operation of its "Community Art Education Enrichment Program." The action of the Foundation follows a recent visit to Atlanta, Ga., by two ECSU students, who observed a similar program in operation at Clark College, and a revision of the proposal that was developed by Dr. Vincent de Gregorio, Chairman of the Art Department at the University.

NEW PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AT ECSU

While still planning for the academic year 1970-71 at Elizabeth City State University, Dr. Marion D. Thorpe took time out to announce some significant additions to the University's programs and operation. His announcements followed recent action by the State Board of Higher Education, which approved funds to expand and improve the present language laboratory at the University.

Other action by the state board affecting Elizabeth City State University were as follows:

..Approval of an academic position in business administration. The person so employed by ECSU will teach some courses in business and complete the necessary planning for a major in business administration.

..Approved a faculty position in foreign languages for the development of an active minor in French and the planning for an eventual minor in Spanish.

.. Authorized the University to confer the bachelor of science and the bachelor of arts degrees in chemistry and mathematics upon qualified candidates.

.. Created a staff position in student personnel service, that being associate director of student personnel servicesmen. The responsibilities of the new position are now being carried out by a faculty member.

.. Provided additional funds for supplies, equipment, materials, and other operating expenditures.

Announcements were made earlier of action by the state board which resulted in the approval of the planned Community Workshop on Drug Abuse, and courses in library science under ECSU's library science program.

For ECSU it will be an expansion of its proposed community action project, and for Dr. de Gregorio it was a dream that came true.

"Since no art education program of any significance has ever existed in the school systems in this community and area, it has always been my dream to set up something like this ever since I first came here," Dr. de Gregorio stated. He has been Chairman of the Art Department at ECSU

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