

# Happenings in our administration

## No parade Extravaganza substitutes for parade

A change in pace was the daring event of Elizabeth City State University's Homecoming. In the past ECSU has topped off its annual homecoming activities with an illustrious parade of floats, visiting bands within the area plus the Mighty Marching Vikings. This year no parade was featured as a phase of the homecoming activities. Changing or breaking away from the annual tradition had a lot of effect on our fellow non-supporters—the merchants of Elizabeth City.

The parade has been discontinued for this year because of insufficient funds and the time. However, the Homecoming wasn't quite dull because an Extravaganza was held in front of Williams Hall and exhibits

were displayed about the entire campus. Many organizations as well as sororities and fraternities displayed exhibits that would give any visitor a wonderful welcome. All of this made up for the absence of a parade. The extravaganza brought a new type of phase this year. It was something new, odd and most important of all it was something different. An extravaganza is a literary or musical work that is marked by extreme freedom of style and structure. Also a lavish show or event.

The theme for this year's Homecoming was "Express Yourself". The exhibits were centered around the theme. The annual festivity wasn't exactly a flop even though we didn't have a parade.

## Thorpe invited to U.N.

Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, President of Elizabeth City State University, has been invited to attend at least one of six briefings during the 25th Anniversary Year of the General Assembly of the United Nations. This is the second consecutive invitation which he has received from the World Body.

Sponsored by the United States Mission to the UN and the Foreign Policy Association, the briefings will center around the role of the United States in the international organization. The invitation to Dr. Thorpe provides for inside participation and observation of the functions of the UN while the Assembly is in session. Thus, he will have an opportunity for informal, off-the-record discussions with ambassadors and senior staff officers of the U. S. Delegation to the U. N. General Assembly.

During this year's alternative dates: October 16 and 30; November 6, 13, and 20; and December 4, Dr. Thorpe stated, "I hope that I can attend one of the six valuable and informative briefings at the UN, this year."

"With ECSU now open for the academic year 1970-71 and, considering other commitments already made to attend conferences relative to my responsibilities here, and my affiliation with several organizations, I can't say, right now, whether I can visit the UN this year," Dr. Thorpe added.

## By freshmen women

### Director of

### Student

### Personnel

### honored

Mr. W. C. Witherspoon, Director of Student Personnel was presented a gold cup engraved—Freshman of Bias Hall—1970, in order that he remember this class and their admiration for him forever.

He was presented this cup by the President of Bias Hall Miss Melba Murphy, who spoke of Mr. Witherspoon as a man with an outstanding leadership ability, and an appreciative personal appeal; a man who has taken flight to the side of the road there to build a shrine of service that all who pass will find an open door, that they may enter and receive good will and help; a man who stands tall and firm in his leadership abilities, the kind that Kipling spoke of— "who can walk with Kings and not lose the common touch"; "Who can meet with triumph and disaster and treat the two impostors just the same."

The Freshman Students welcome Mr. W. C. Witherspoon -- and wanted to know when he would return.

## THANKSGIVING



## ECSU has twenty-seven new faculty members

Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, President of Elizabeth City State University, introduced 27 new members of the faculty for the 1970-71 academic year, during "family meeting" in Moore Hall auditorium.

Thorpe indicated earlier that these additions strengthen and improve the areas of biology, education, modern languages, physical science and mathematics, art, music, business education, and social sciences and significantly increase the number of doctorates on the faculty at ECSU.

Introduced to the university family were: (Art) Jacqueline A. Merritt, instructor; and Dan Pearce, instructor; (Biology) Thaddeus V. Beasley, instructor; (Business Education) Dr. Roland H. Frankel, associate professor of business administration; and Dr. Mildred W. Glover, professor and chairman of the Department of Business Education; (Education) Mrs. Margaret H. Holley, assistant professor; and Mrs. Elizabeth T. Seasons, assistant professor; (Modern languages)

Mrs. Denus Deonnan, instructor; Dr. Gustav Kaldegg, professor of foreign languages; T. L. Hsu, assistant professor of English; and Dr. Carlton K. Deonnan, assistant professor of English; (Music) Mr. Wesley Gragson, associate professor of music; (Physical Science and Mathematics) Dr. Delawar Hussain, associate professor of mathematics; Dr. Maurice C. Powers, professor of physical science and geography; Dr. Ramachandra R. Rajan, associate professor of physical science; Vinod P. Manglik, assistant professor of mathematics; Dr. Sohaninder S. Sachdev, assistant professor of mathematics; and Dr. Kumar K. Chatterjee, associate professor of physical science and geography; (Social Science and Psychology) Sister Helen Marx, assistant professor of social science; Dr. Louise V. Nadreau, visiting professor of philosophy; George N. Reid, assistant professor of social science; and Rochell Vann, instructor.

Also introduced were: Dr. Sekender A. Khan, professor and chairman of biology; Dr. Melvin L. Murphy, associate professor of history; Cottey J. White, instructor of sociology; Dr. Roshan A. Aziz, professor of psychology; and Dr. Allen Schmueller, visiting professor of psychology.

## Andrews speaks

### at Kittrell College

Thurman J. Andrews, Jr., Director of Institutional Research at Elizabeth City State University, recently delivered a keynote address at Kittrell College, Kittrell, N.C., at the request of President, Dr. Marion D. Thorpe. Speaking during the college's Annual Faculty Retreat, Andrews used "Instructional Strategies for Minority Students" as a timely and challenging topic for the occasion.

Andrews, a former teacher at Fayetteville and principal at Lillington, stressed the point that "if we are to successfully reach the minority student through instruction, we must know the student, his environmental background, and allow him to achieve."

native holds state positions with the North Carolina Library Association and the Department of Public Instruction.

Heading the list of new staff appointees were: Andrew L. Roberts, assistant academic dean and director of the Five Colleges Curriculum Program; Mrs. Phyllis T. Simmons, counselor in the new program; Albert C. Robinson, personnel officer; and Willie B. Spence, associate director of student personnel services.

## Fall convocation

### Kittrell's

### President

### speaks

With Dean Floyd B. Holley presiding, Elizabeth City State University held its Fall Opening Convocation, Thursday morning, in Moore Hall Auditorium. The program featured a keynote address by Dr. Lonnie Horton, President of Kittrell College.

Introduced by ECSU's President, Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, and using as his subject, "A Personal Confession: A Born Optimist," Dr. Horton declared, "I am a born optimist."

"First of all, I believe that you can overcome the obstacles that might beset you here at Elizabeth City State University, that you can research the teachers, beat the system, and graduate," he continued.

After talking at length about the current problems that have "the world in a mess," Dr. Horton, a former Woodrow Wilson and Rockefeller Fellow, asserted that, "Secondly, I believe that the elimination of war, poverty, racism and pollution is possible, provided we understand the causes and go where the problems are, with faith in our brothers."

Referring to those college graduates who get good paying jobs and flee to the suburbs as "withdrawn or embittered pessimists," Dr. Horton challenged the ECSU students to "face up to your communities and help train and lead your black brothers to freedom."

Prior to Dr. Horton's address, Dr. R. Irving Boone, University Minister, led the moments of meditation, followed by a recitative and aria by Charles Williams, with Mrs. Rachel Gragson accompanying. A luncheon in the University Cafeteria climaxed the annual occasion.