

WELCOME TO THE NOW ADMINISTRATION

As the whispering began, I began to listen, "Who is the President?"; "I don't know?"; "I think it's the old bald head man"; "Yeah that's nice and I wonder what he's like." The whispering stopped as the president was introduced and the freshman class waited patiently to see the face of the "hat". As the young man dashed to the lecturn and began to belt out welcome comments to the class of 1975, the addition waited breathlessly. It was hard to believe that this young, well-dressed man was the president of Elizabeth City State University. As the "hat" finished his welcome comments, he was drowned with applause.

Little did the freshman class know about our dynamic president and our "now" administration. Many were unaware of the fact that President Thorpe is the youngest president in ECSU's history and that ECSU's administration is more dynamic, more relevant and more innovative than ever before. Many didn't realize that the tall handsome young man with the smiling yet serious face was actually our president. Not only is he "with it", "aware," "souful," and "dynamic," but he also loves his work, his administration, the student body and the institution. The Thorpe administration, aside from being a young-geared administration is the most progressive yet to be realized.

There's an old saying that what one loves one works for, I can think of no more appropriate time than now to apply this to the Thorpe administration. It's also true that a



Thorpe Delivers Address

capable leader produces capable followers, this is another example of our administration here at ECSU.

Ever since the beginning of his administration, Dr. Thorpe has worked diligently for new innovations in learning, curriculum revision and change, new curriculums (one recently approved — Pre-Social Work) and a totally new image for our University. It is true that a University should meet University standards and the Thorpe Administration has been meeting these standards.

It's not easy to describe a person that has done so much for an institution in such a short period of time. But it remains a fact that the liberal Thorpe administration is doing a dynamic job of meeting the needs of the students, the faculty and staff, and yet its hard for some to acknowledge it. As a liberal-minded person I am in accord with the ideal of giving credit where credit is due. It is a hard core fact that a great deal of credit is due to the Thorpe administration.

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We Sang For Days

The University Choir is an organ of the University that is frequently called upon. If you really want to sing and if you really enjoy singing, join the Elizabeth City State University Choir. From popular tunes to down home black spirituals, the University choir has belted for days. If you really want to become a part of a together vocal organization — the university choir is definitely for you.

The choir is under the direction of Professor of Music Evelyn A. Johnson; she is assisted by Mr. Wendell J. Wilson, and Mrs. R. Gragson, Assistant Professor of Music is the Accompanist. The choir consist of around 70 members. Outstanding in many aspects, the choir usually have a very busy schedule. Most performances include performing at vespers, convocations and assemblies. Another very significant fact is that the members of the choir come from all departments.

The choir gives many concerts during the year, most popular among these is the Christmas Concert and the Spring Concert. Concerts outside the Elizabeth City area are frequently given.

The University choir highlights their year's activities with an Annual Northern Tour ranging geographically from New York to Washington, D. C. The tour is usually six days.

The newest thing on the choir's agenda are the plans for the Euro-

pean tour to be taken this spring. The tour will cover such countries as Holland, Germany, Italy and other countries.

The University is indeed proud of this organization which has proven itself to be relevant to changing times and yet progressive. The Choir performed its Christmas Concert with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra; this was the fourth performance with the Symphony in recent years.

The University Choir has a scholarship fund that gives cash awards to persons desiring to join the choir with outstanding voices. The awards are competitive. The fund has provided many needed strong soprano and bass voices in the past year.



University Choir Performs with the N. C. Symphony Orchestra

QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

These questions were asked by freshman students; the answers are furnished by the Editor.

Q. Is it true that there is social and physical hazing on campus?

A. There is really no hazing period. In fact I hate the thought of hazing. At practically every institution of higher learning where new people come in annually there is some type of social initiation but this is far from hazing. Social hazing of any kind is basically psychological and is intended to do no harm. It gives the upperclassmen a chance to boast about the number of hours they have and simply putting it mildly, have a little fun. There is no physical hazing connected at all. This has been a student tradition at ECSU.

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Q. Do you feel it is necessary?

A. As a student - Yes I do. I feel it helps the freshman student really become a part of the University family. It's all fun as long as there is no hand-laying.

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Q. Why aren't guys allowed in the girls dorms until after 4 P.M.

A. Really I don't know? In an age of co-education and co-ed dorms I think the policy is very othodox. There is no legitimate reason for it.

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Q. Is it safe for a girl to walk around campus unaccompanied at night?

A. I think it is if it's not too late. What we often overlook is trust in one another. What you must remember is this is a University - not a Harlem street. Keep ECSU men cognizant of the fact that you DEMAND respect as a woman. I think its perfectly safe as long as it's not too late. Our campus sometimes have late ponderers. Any woman that is out too late must have lost something.

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Q. Is a student required to join Men or Women Government Association?

A. Normally all male students are members of Men's Government and

all Women Women's Government. There is a membership fee that is required. It is through these organizations that men and women students are able to register their gripes and "beefs."

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Q. Is there a policy on dress?

A. There is a policy on dress for certain occasions such as vespers, convocations, concerts, lyceums and other after-six programs. There is also a policy on Sunday dress. Students are usually encouraged to improve their appearance on Sundays. Junior Counselors are very helpful with dress policies and details. Feel free to consult them.

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Q. Exactly what is the Freshman Talent Show?

A. The freshman talent show is a program sponsored by the freshman class during the month of September. It is a part of your orientation program. All the participants are freshmen. An appointed committee sponsors try-outs and work with participants.

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Q. Why are we (Freshmen Girls) so popular?

A. First of all you are new at the University and the guys are especially anxious to see what you are like. You aren't really that popular among other ECSU females. Your popularity will last only a few months. Once you get adjusted you will be like everyone else.

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Q. Where do I go if I have a sex problem?

A. The personnel department have qualified counselors to help you with any problem you might have.

Q. Who is Leon Thomas?

A. Warren "Leon" Thomas is a junior from Virginia. He is on the football team and appears to be very controversial among the freshman women. He is a handsome well-dressed virile young man and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. His picture appeared on page 89 in the University catalog. Look him up, he's a true Viking.

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