

Jenkins speaks about Graduate Program Possibility

By TREQUITA HOOPER

According to Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins, Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs, all the departments on ECSU campus have a good chance of getting a graduate program.

On December 8, 1978, President Friday gave his authorization for an appointed committee to implement a study as to the need of a graduate school at

Elizabeth City State University. Chancellor Thorpe, Dr. Jenkins and other administrators will have the opportunity to discuss the university's need for graduate programs and present facts to the committee while it's on campus.

If ECSU administrators are given permission to work on plans for a graduate school, new personnel will be hired for this purpose. They will evaluate each department

and draw up the plan to be submitted to the board of governors.

Dr. Jenkins feels very positive that the board of governors will give their approval to implement the plan. He says that the planning and implementation will take approximately two years. Dr. Jenkins seems to be confident that the class of '83' will not have to leave Elizabeth City State University to obtain a master's degree.



Dr. Jimmy Jenkins

ECSU Financial Aid Discussed

By BRENDA JONES

Elizabeth City State University has a number of scholarships for both its on and off campus students. According to Mrs. Alma M. Newby, Director of Financial Aid, these scholarships are awarded for various reasons.

Among these scholarships are the Minority Presence, which goes to Caucasian students as a way of recruiting white students. The North Carolina Non-Service Scholarship goes to students having about a 2.7 average. However, this scholarship cannot be given to all students. Academic and General Scholarships come through the Admission Office. It is for students with high academic High School averages and Scholastic Ap-

itude Test scores. There is also a Commuter Scholarship for students who come 50 miles each day roundtrip to school who are eligible for this scholarship.

Scholarships are also awarded to recruit people with special talents. Among these are Athletic, Choir, and Band Scholarships. These are all based on participation.

The Music Department receives a few other scholarships, according to Dr. Edna L. Davis, the Department of Music Chairman. These are the Out-of-State Reduction Grants and the Choir Scholarship Fund. This money is paid by the organization and by the state, for recruiting pur-

poses. There is approximately sixteen people on this campus this year receiving out-of-state Tuition Reduction Grants, thirteen from the band, and three from the choir.

There are also a number of other awards given during honors night by the Music Department. These are the Music Department Scholarship Award, the Florence Fowlkes Lassiter Award, and the University Choir Award. These awards go to students with a cumulative average of a 3.0 for outstanding talent in voice and instrument. These awards are made possible by soliciting contributions from the alumni who were former members of the "Be Natural Club" and other interested persons on and off campus.



Kelvin MacKinnon, ECSU drama student stars in the Ossie Davis production, "Purlie Victorious", directed on campus by ECSU drama professor Dr. Maurice Shipley.

ECSU Professor Peace Corps Vet

By LARRY LISTER

The Peace Corps has played an important role in promoting world peace and friendship. Organized in March, 1961 by the executive order of President John F. Kennedy, the Peace Corps sends Americans to interested countries to help the people of these countries meet their needs for trained manpower.

One of these Americans was Dr. John Lewis Cobbs, Assistant Professor of English at Elizabeth City State University. Before coming to ECSU, Dr. Cobbs was a Remedial Composition Instructor of the UNC-Chapel Hill Independent Study Pro-

gram; instructor of American Literature and Freshman Composition at UNC-Greensboro; Teaching Assistant of Freshman Composition and Literature, and Film Criticism at Chapel Hill; High School English Teacher in the Philadelphia Inner-City Public School System; English Teacher and Coach at Williston Academy at Easthampton, Massachusetts; English Teacher and Community Development Officer of the Philippines Peace Corps; and Tutor of English for minority students in the Philadelphia Tutorial Project. He was also Regional Assessment Officer for the U.S. Government Head Start Program, responsible for initiating testing procedures in the Mid-South region.

In his Peace Corps assignment in the Philippines, Dr. Cobbs coached track, baseball, debating, and malaria control. He traveled across Southeast Asia participating in curriculum development; raised fighting cocks for two years; enjoyed sailing; experienced Philippine cooking, and learned several languages including Tagalog and Cebuano. Also he did mountain hiking.

According to Dr. Cobbs, the people were very friendly and presented a pleasant teaching situation. He worked with the native tribes in camping and community development. He spent two months in the Arakan Valley. It was so isolated it took four days traveling by boat and land.

Dr. Cobbs participated in wild pig hunting and was trapped on a desert island for one and a half weeks. The food, he stated, was fabulous where tuition was very cheap and there was food for three boys at sixty-five dollars per month. Raw goat meat was a delicious Chinese food, but his favorite delicacy was balut — a gelatinous fermented duck egg. The coconut wine was called tuba. The two other delicacies were the python and the octopus. The biggest danger was the airplane.

Before going to the Philippines, Dr. Cobbs underwent an intensive training program at Sacramento State University, where he completed programs in languages, Asian culture, and testing procedures.



Dr. John L. Cobbs