

Dr. Jenkins at the Helm

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Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins Appointed Second ECSU Chancellor

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Friday, Oct. 14 began a new era in ECSU history as the UNC Board of Governors unanimously appointed Dr. Jimmy Raymond Jenkins second Chancellor to his alma mater.

Dr. Jenkins graduated in 1965, received his Master's and Doctoral degrees from Purdue University, and returned to ECSU as a Biology professor. In 1977, he became Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Following the death of Chancellor M.D. Thorpe, on Apr.28 of this year, Dr. Jenkins was named Acting-Chancellor.

included members of the ECSU Board of Trustees, faculty, the president of the alumni

association, and the president of the campus SGA. Dr. Jenkins was selected out of 175 applicants, recommended to the ECSU Board of Trustees, and finally to Dr. William Friday, President of the UNC system.

Dr. Friday in turn recommended Dr. Jenkins to the UNC Board of Governors. In announcing Dr. Jenkins' appointment, Dr. Friday stated, "It is with real enthusiasm that we welcome Dr. Jenkins as Chancellor. We are confident that he will use his energies for the enhancement of Elizabeth City State University.'

On Monday, Oct. 17, Dr. Jenkins returned to a jubilant reception by students, faculty, staff, and community friends The 11-member Search during a University Family Meeting. Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins and their three children were officially introduced as the new ECSU First Family.

Dr. Jenkins expressed his great happiness, accompanied by deep humility, for the overwhelming support and confidence that had been given him in the past crucial months.

At one point in his message, as he reviewed the events leading to his appointment, Dr. Jenkins brought the audience to its feet when he said, "As my mother would say it, 'God is a good God."

Considered by the student body to be the "students' Chancellor,' Dr. Jenkins faces a challenging and, in some respects, an awesome task. However, with the depth and breadth of his experience, his training and perception, as well as his deeprooted and unquestioned love for ECSU, there is little doubt that he has the commitment and the capability to walk with and lead the University into a brighter tomorrow.

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