

JAMES EUBERT HOLSHOUSER, JR.

It was a portent of the future when James Eubert Holshouser, Jr., a graduate of Davidson College, attended our Law School and was elected President of the Senior Class. His rapid rise in state politics was signalled when at age 28 and by the largest plurality ever registered in Watauga County he won election to the State House of Representatives. During four terms in the House he served in a variety of offices both party and legislative. At 32 he became State Chairman of the Republican Party and at 39 he was elected Governor. Thus at an age when most men are just well settled in their occupations, Governor Holshouser has already achieved a distinguished political career. Doubtless other brilliant achievements lie ahead. As Governor, he has attempted to keep in touch with the people through his innovative "People's Days." More significantly, in the session of the General Assembly just concluded, he gave quiet and steady support for appropriations and for the enactment of important legislation in the areas of health, environment, education, and corrections. In particular he pressed for the Rural Health Clinic Program, the Area Health Education Centers, and the Coastal Area Management Act. The University is proud of this alumnus and of the opportunity to recognize his achievements.