Bowman prepares historical account of ECSU

As the 125th anniversary of the university approaches (2016), Dr. Glen Bowman, professor of History, is working toward the completion of a new book to chronicle the developments of our university. This valuable resource will relay the university’s contributions to public education.

"My goal is to write not only a general history of the institution, but also some special profiles of some important alumni, faculty members, staff members, and supporters. There will be brief profiles interspersed
Throughout the book. These "Profiles in Viking Pride", I hope, will inspire young people and will touch the hearts of those who love ECSU."

"Research for the book will come not only from the ECSU Archives, but from outside archives-the State Archives, Archives at North Carolina Central, as well as archives outside of the state," Bowman said.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Contests launch in honor of 125th birthday

ECSU turns 125 in 2016 and is reaching into the community we are calling on you to help brand the historic celebration. Two contests, one for the event's logo and another for the tagline, will launch on March 1 and run through Friday, April 12th.

The planning committee hopes area artists, graphic designers and art students will submit logos that capture the history and spirit of the university. Entries will be narrowed down by the committee. Five finalists will be selected and then displayed for voting on the university's Facebook page. The logo which receives the largest number of votes will be used as the official logo of the celebration.

The tagline will serve another purpose; in addition to being the "catch-phrase" for the event, it will set the theme of the entire year-long celebration. The planning committee will consider all entries and pick the tagline that both represents the history of the university and sets a memorable theme for the upcoming festivities.
Each winner will receive $125 cash, free tickets to all 125th events and recognition through the event’s promotion over the next several years. The winners will be announced in May.

For more information and entry instructions, click HERE.

VIKING ATHLETICS

Vikings wrap up impressive basketball season

It's been a good season for Vikings basketball. The Lady Vikings, under the direction of four-time CIAA Coach of the Week Alico Dunk, move into the CIAA semi-finals in Charlotte this week holding the Northern Division title. During last week's victory over Bowie State, senior Stephanie Harper hit a 25 point career milestone immediately following the announcement that she and teammate Shatara Jackson were named to the All-CIAA team.

On the men's side, senior Angelo Sharpless will wrap up his final season as the CIAA Player of the Year. Sharpless, who was named the CIAA Rookie of the Year in 2010, is now a two-time All-CIAA performer. The Plymouth, NC, native was thrust into the national spotlight last summer when a dunk at the Ben Wallace Pro-Am in Richmond grabbed the #1 spot on ESPN SportsCenter's Top Ten:
Sharpless is one of 16 players in the running to be voted as the State Farm Darkhorse Dunker. The winner will compete in the 2013 State Farm College Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships in Atlanta, airing April 4 on ESPN. Sharpless has made it through the first round and into the Elite Eight, and is now in the running for the Final Four. You can vote Sharpless into the Final Four by going here.

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STAND-OUT VIKINGS

Marrow completes fellowship in Germany

Keith Marrow has a different perspective on the role of college than he had as a freshman.

Like most freshmen, he noted the classes he would have to complete in order to earn his bachelor's degree in Aviation Science from Elizabeth City State University. He later also made room in his schedule for extracurricular activities, including membership in Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. One day while scanning a bulletin board on campus, he saw an advertisement for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals. This fellowship, funded by the German Bundestag and U.S. Congress, annually provides 75 American and 75 German young professionals the opportunity to spend one year in the other's country, studying, working and living with hosts in a cultural immersion program.

Marrow was accepted and served as what the agency describes as a Junior Ambassador. It was his first trip abroad for an extended period. It was also the turning point of his view of college as simply a slate of courses completed on a small, northeastern North Carolina campus.
Leonard Carmichael, a guard for the 1968-1969 championship Vikings basketball team, is elated about his induction into the 2013 Class of the CIAA McLendon Hall of Fame. He was one of six individuals and one team slated for the March 1st induction in Charlotte, N.C.

The induction ceremony caps Carmichael's journey to the South that began when he was a 20-year-old Army veteran from Trenton, N.J. A friend, Marvin Trotman from nearby Princeton, N.J., encouraged Carmichael to enroll at what was then Elizabeth City State Teacher's College. Trotman liked the university so much that he assured Carmichael he, too, could achieve there. Carmichael was reluctant but considered the suggestion.