Indeed, 2005 was a most memorable year for Elizabeth City State University. We began the fall semester with a record enrollment of 2,664 students, and, after a long wait, the new student union complex opened with rave reviews. More than ever before, this year’s class of new students is an exuberant and talented group that has brought a new level of excitement to our campus community. They are exuding “Viking Pride” that is permeating the entire university.

Included in this dynamic group are 14 students who represent the first pharmacy class in a joint pharmacy program between ECSU and UNC-Chapel Hill. After much planning and anticipation, the start of this program was a “defining moment” for ECSU. With its high-tech facilities, this program is likely to be a model for instructional delivery, not only in North Carolina, but also throughout the nation.

In this issue, we share the highlights of these programs and other exciting innovations taking place at ECSU. We are especially pleased to put the spotlight on two of our students, who demonstrate very well the caliber of students we have at ECSU. As well, their experiences and accomplishments show some of the wonderful opportunities we offer at our fine university. Certainly, we speak with pride about their achievements and the fine example they set for their peers.

Although there are many important topics covered in this issue, none is more important than the donor list provided on page 36. We are pleased to use this medium to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all our alumni and friends who support our mission and students through their generous gifts.

ECSU continues to make huge strides in transforming itself into one of North Carolina’s great universities. With the continued support of our alumni, friends, and community and corporate partners, we can only imagine an even brighter future for this university in the 21st century.

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I am writing to let you know how impressed I am with the Elizabeth City State University magazine of which you are the managing editor. I felt that the Fall 2005 Vol. 4.1 issue of the magazine was one of the most professional and attractive publications that I have ever reviewed. It easily ranks among the very best collegiate media productions, and it mirrors in a majestic manner the progress of a great institution and its stature in the academic community.

Congratulations to you and your editorial staff. Please continue to hold the banner of ECSU high. The promoters of all Historically Black Colleges are made proud by the caliber of this publication and the quality of its contents.

Sincerely,
Dallas Foster
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New members join ECSU Board of Trustees

Elizabeth City State University proudly announces four new members on the ECSU Board of Trustees:

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Brown and Skidmore named “Trustee Emeritus”

The Elizabeth City State University Board of Trustees named Attorney Earl T. Brown and Mr. Frank H. Skidmore “Trustee Emeritus.” Attorney Brown is the principal owner of the Law Office of Earl T. Brown, P.C. in Greenville, NC. Mr. Skidmore is a retired business executive from IBM and a consultant. Both men served eight years as university trustees before ending their service in 2005.
Taking charge!

Charlotte investment banker Erskine B. Bowles was unanimously elected president of the 16-campus University of North Carolina by the UNC Board of Governors. Bowles took office January 1, 2006, succeeding Molly Corbett Broad, who retired after eight and a half years in the post.

J. Bradley Wilson, chairman of the UNC Board of Governors who led the Presidential Search Committee of the Board, said they searched the nation for a leader who had “a rare blend of experience, skills, character and passion.” Wilson said they found that combination in Bowles.

“Without question, UNC’s president must have an intimate understanding of the teaching, research, and outreach that define the University’s three-part mission. But equally important, the president must understand how to leverage resources and motivate supporters to carry out that mission. I’m absolutely convinced Erskine Bowles is up to the job,” Wilson said.

Bowles is a North Carolina native, the son of a distinguished state legislator, and a graduate of the University of North Carolina. He earned an undergraduate degree there in business in 1967 and an MBA from the Columbia Business School in New York in 1969. He joined the financial firm of Morgan Stanley in New York and later settled in Charlotte where he helped launch the 1975 investment banking firm, Bowles Hollowell Conner.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton appointed him to serve as director of the Small Business Administration, and later selected him to serve as deputy White House chief of staff (1994-95) and White House chief of staff (1996-98). As chief of staff, he was credited with helping to negotiate the first balanced federal budget in a generation. Between his two White House tours of duty, Bowles co-founded Carousel Capital, a merchant bank based in Charlotte, where he currently serves as a senior advisor to the firm. From 1999 to 2001, he also served as a general partner of Forstmann Little, a New York-based private equity firm. He ran for the U.S. Senate in 2002 and 2004.

“... a rare blend of experience, skills, character and passion ...”

J. Bradley Wilson, Chairman of UNC Board of Governors

Erskine Bowles (left), the president of the 16-campus University of North Carolina, met with ECSU students, Arkeem Fleming (middle) and Jedidiah Gist (right), to learn the issues of greatest concern to students during Bowles’ visit to the campus.
Bowles unanimously elected President of University of North Carolina system

Bowles has shown a life-long commitment to public service. He helped found Dogwood Equity, chaired the Rural Prosperity Task Force, and served as a trustee of the Golden LEAF Foundation—three entities designed to bring economic development to rural North Carolina. Earlier this year, he was appointed United Nations deputy special envoy to 13 tsunami-affected countries in Southeast Asia. He has served as vice chair of the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte and as a trustee of the Duke Endowment.

In addition, family illness inspired Bowles to help lead efforts to create an ALS (Lou Gehrigs Disease) Center in Charlotte and to serve as the international president of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. He currently serves on the boards of General Motors, Cousins Properties, and NC Mutual Life Insurance Company. Following his election, Bowles told the Board of Governors, “I cannot imagine having another job that would offer such an extraordinary opportunity to positively impact the lives and livelihoods of the citizens of our state for years and years to come.”

“In the years ahead, we are going to face enormous challenges and opportunities. Today’s knowledge-based global economy relentlessly punishes the undereducated individual, community, state, and nation. North Carolina’s system of higher education must be up to that challenge. I promise you that I will be prepared to accept this public trust, and I thank you for entrusting me with this opportunity to serve this great University.”

Bowles is married to Crandall Close Bowles, chair and chief executive officer of Springs Industries, one of the nation’s largest textile companies. They have two adult sons and a daughter: Sam, a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and the Harvard Business School employed by Carousel Capital; Annie, a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; and Bill, a graduate of Princeton University now attending the Stanford Business School. The Bowles also have a granddaughter, Ellie.

(This article appears courtesy of Joni B. Worthington, Associate Vice President for Communications & Special Assistant to the President of The University of North Carolina.)
Elizabeth City State University was one of 12 universities in the nation recognized for high graduation rates. A new study found that campus culture and university leadership help improve student success.

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), working with the National Association of System Heads and the Education Trust identified aspects of leadership and campus culture that resulted in higher-than-predicted graduation rates or higher-than-predicted improvement in graduation rates. The study found that what sets Elizabeth City State University and the other campuses apart, and well above average, is the presence of a campus culture that values student success. The culture reinforces the belief that the students can and should succeed. It projects a prevailing attitude that what is now being done can be done better and conveys mutually high expectations for students and for faculty and staff.

The study identified the role of leadership at these institutions as having two qualities. First, “leadership” is a shared responsibility—occurring at all levels and deeply embedded in the way the institution works as an organization on a day-to-day basis. Second, the leader builds and sustains the culture by listening more than talking and offering a consistent personal modeling of a particular collective vision.

Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim said this recognition of the university’s graduation rates reflects the emphasis ECSU faculty and staff place on meeting the needs of students. “Student success is at the forefront of our mission here at ECSU,” Chancellor Burnim said. “Our graduation rate reflects the institution’s longstanding culture characterized by personal attention and commitment of our faculty, administrators and staff. Students at ECSU are connected to the inner workings of the institution which, we feel, leads to higher retention and ultimately graduation.”

Sponsors of the study also commented on the value of their findings.

“The Graduation Rate Project adds significant new insight and understanding about student success. Improved graduation rates are possible when there is strong academic leadership and a commitment to student success is integrated into the campus culture,” said Constantine W. (Deno) Curris, president, AASCU.

“It is enormously heartening to see the leaders of state colleges and universities take a hard look at their role in helping the students they admit succeed academically,” said Kati Haycock, director of the Education Trust, which co-sponsored the study.

Researchers used College Results Online (www.collegeresults.org), a web-tool created by the Education Trust to identify 12 colleges and universities with much higher graduation rates than those of similar schools that serve similar student populations. Study teams from AASCU-member institutions around the country then visited those colleges and universities to identify the findings in this report.

Excerpts of this story are courtesy of AASCU.
America’s Best Colleges 2005 report ranked Elizabeth City State University #3 among its peer institutions of Top Public Comprehensive Colleges in the South. America’s Best Colleges is published by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

Each year, America’s Best Colleges describes its Best Comprehensive Colleges as those “institutions [that] focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs—in the liberal arts, which account for fewer than half of their bachelor’s degrees and in professional fields such as business, nursing and education. There are 324 comprehensive colleges ranked within four regions: North, South, Midwest and West.”

From that selection of private and public comprehensive colleges, the organization narrows its scope to identify its top public comprehensive colleges. It is in this category, Top Public Comprehensive Colleges, ECSU is ranked third in the South!

The Top Public Comprehensive Colleges are those public institutions which have achieved outstanding feats in the following categories: peer assessment, average freshman retention, average graduation rate, percent of classes with fewer than 20 students, percent of classes with 50 or more students, student-faculty ratio, percent of faculty who are full-time, SAT/ACT scores within the 25th - 75th percentile, freshmen in the top 25 percent of their 2004 high school class, acceptance rate as of 2004, and the average alumni giving rate.

ECSU Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim was pleased with the outcome of U.S. News & World Report’s data analysis.

“Elizabeth City State University is an outstanding institution of higher education both in the state of North Carolina and among its peer institutions in the south,” Burnim said. “Our faculty, staff, students, and alumni deserve credit for earning this national recognition. In pursuit of our mission, we continue to strive for academic excellence and a student-centered focus. We believe that our emphasis in these areas serves us well, as indicated by this recognition by U.S. News and World Report, as well as our recent national recognition for our graduation rate by the Education Trust.”

striving for academic excellence and a student-centered focus
After a national search and approval by the UNC Board of Governors, Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim announced Dr. Ronald H. Blackmon as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

In July 2005, Dr. Blackmon began serving in this role although his tenure began at ECSU in 1989. Dr. Blackmon’s education, experience, and accomplishments in teaching, research, and leadership, along with his commitment to the academic progress at ECSU, made him an outstanding candidate for the vice chancellor position.

In 1989, Dr. Blackmon joined ECSU as an assistant professor and, since that time, has continuously progressed as a faculty member and academic administrator. He advanced as chairman of the Biology Department and later dean of the School of Mathematics, Science and Technology. Dr. Blackmon has enhanced the curriculum throughout these years, developing several new academic programs, including bachelor’s degrees in molecular biology, biotechnology and aviation science; master’s degrees in biology and mathematics; and most recently, a doctor of pharmacy degree. Also, he has conducted notable biology and biotechnology research at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and has excelled in other research as the result of grants from such agencies as the National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and North Carolina Biotechnology Center. Dr. Blackmon is well-respected by academicians and researchers, both internal and external to ECSU, for his teaching, research, published entries, and service.

Prior to coming to ECSU, Dr. Blackmon served as a research technician at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, D.C. He received a B.S. in Biology from Delaware State University, and a M.S. in Zoology and Ph.D. in Cell Biology from Howard University.
Dr. Ronald H. Blackmon, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, is pleased to announce the following personnel appointments in his division:

- **Dr. Cheryl Lewis** has been named interim associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. With more than 23 years of administrative experience, Dr. Lewis has been employed at ECSU as the director of TRIO Program for the last 15 of those years. During her tenure with the university, she has significantly contributed to the learning outcomes of numerous (secondary, post-secondary and graduate) students and has secured grants and contracts (more than $8 million) to provide educational opportunities for students and resources for faculty and staff.

- **Dr. Bonita Ewers**, who served as interim vice chancellor for Academic Affairs from February 1 to June 30, 2005, has returned to the position of director of the Center for Teaching Excellence and special assistant to the chancellor.

- **Dr. Ali Khan**, has been appointed interim dean of the School of Mathematics, Science and Technology. Dr. Khan is also a professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics.

- **Dr. Claudie Mackey** has been named interim dean of the School of Education and Psychology. As an ECSU alumnus, educator, and administrator, he brings a wealth of experience to the position.

- **Dr. Saundra Copeland** has been named interim chair of the Department of Education in the School of Education and Psychology. Dr. Copeland, an ECSU alumna, holds degrees in early childhood education and educational administration. In addition to her previous administrative experience in the Chesapeake Public Schools, Dr. Copeland has taught at both the undergraduate and graduate levels at ECSU.
After a national search and approval by the UNC Board of Governors, Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim announced Dr. Richard L. Lucas, Jr. as vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement. Dr. Lucas joined Elizabeth City State University in October 2005.

Dr. Lucas comes to ECSU from Howard University where he served as associate vice president for Advancement. With 20 years of experience, he has been responsible for annual giving, prospect research, planned giving, capital campaigns, and various advancement services. Additionally, Dr. Lucas has extensive knowledge and background in computer technology, including information systems and database management. Prior to his tenure at Howard University, he served at the State University of New York at Buffalo from 1986 to 2000 in the offices of alumni relations and development.

Dr. Lucas has earned three degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo—a B.S. in Information Systems Management, and a M.Ed. and Ph.D. in Education.

Record enrollment for summer and fall semesters

For the fourth consecutive year, ECSU had record enrollment for summer and fall semesters.

Dr. Ali Khan, director of the Summer School program, said that the attendance is directly related to increased marketing efforts, a larger span of courses offered, and more faculty teaching during summer school. Khan said that the summer enrollment reflects increases in most categories – in-state and out-of-state undergraduate and graduate students. By taking a course or two during summer school, students can reduce the number of semesters needed to complete a degree program.

"This year marks a 14 percent increase over last year and 33 percent increase since 2001," Khan said. "We are growing because we are offering the courses students need for their career."

The total number of summer students enrolled was 862 undergraduate and 28 graduate students with women, 578, outnumbering men, 284.

Fall enrollment rose to 2,664 students, an increase of 194 over the fall 2004 student enrollment of 2,470. New students, overall, included 557 new freshmen, 173 transfer students and 61 graduate students.

Enhanced academic programs, student services, and facilities are the primary focus of ECSU's strategy to enroll and retain students. Graduate programs, including the ECSU Pharmacy Program in collaboration with UNC-Chapel Hill, are an asset that make ECSU one of the most attractive and affordable campuses in the state.
New findings from an economic impact study reveal ECSU contributes approximately $100 million to northeastern North Carolina. The law firm of Smith Moore, LLP (formerly Holt, York, McDarris & High) in Raleigh, NC conducted the study.

During a press conference last fall, Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim and Attorney Clyde Holt III of Smith Moore, LLP introduced the study and presented their findings to the ECSU Board of Trustees, the ECSU Foundation, area government agencies and surrounding organizations involved in economic development and commerce. Chancellor Burnim and Attorney Holt elaborated on the study that revealed the major economic impact ECSU has on northeastern North Carolina. Below are some of the points the economic impact study addresses:

- ECSU directly spends more than $45 million annually through its operating budget in the Albemarle area, a rate that exceeds any other single business or institution.
- In addition to the $45 million, additional funds are invested in capital projects.
- ECSU’s direct and indirect or “domino effect” impact on the region’s economy is estimated at more than $100 million.
- ECSU students, alumni, visitors and employees spend additional money in regional cities and towns. Those funds contribute to local and state economies.
- ECSU is one of the top employers in the region. In addition, the university creates hundreds of jobs through contracts and partnerships.

As the only public institution in the region offering baccalaureate and master’s degrees and a doctor of pharmacy degree program in collaboration with UNC-Chapel Hill, ECSU is a major source of research and development. Area government, non-profit and commercial businesses and individuals benefit from that research. During the press conference, Chancellor Burnim and other officials commented on the ways the study will be used to strengthen current relationships and establish new partnerships to enhance economic development in the 21 surrounding counties.
Pharmacy program enrolls students for fall semester

ECSU admitted 14 students into the new pharmacy program. During fall semester, these students completed teleconference classes that were broadcast from UNC-Chapel Hill. Classes and laboratory sessions were held in the Jimmy R. Jenkins Science Center and temporary facilities were equipped with state-of-the art laboratory and videoconferencing equipment.

Dr. Huyla Coker, an advisor and lab teacher for the program, said the pharmacy students began learning skills that will be a part of their normal routine in a pharmacy.

“They are learning to compound medication, prepare medications and to use pharmacy resources to find answers to the types of questions a doctor would ask,” Coker said. “Checking for prescription errors and role playing are other lessons they are learning now and will continue to learn.”

Coker said that communication skills will also be critical to their learning experience because pharmacists are expected to educate their customers about their prescriptions. Today’s pharmacist must also communicate effectively with a number of health care professionals and patient care providers. Dr. Coker said that she is excited to see the classes available here. A number of years ago, she attended ECSU as a pre-pharmacy student, then transferred to UNC-Chapel Hill to complete the Bachelor of Science degree. After earning a doctorate from Campbell University, she eventually returned to Elizabeth City. She looks forward to seeing this year’s pharmacy students return to the region to work as pharmacists.

Most of the students came to the pharmacy program with various scientific backgrounds. One student holds a degree in education. Their arrival marks ECSU’s entrance into an urgent strategy to address the shortage of pharmacists, particularly those working in rural areas throughout the state.

The list of students and their hometowns follows:

- Ahmed Abrahim, Cary, NC
- Allison Bennett, Portland, Oregon
- Paula Carpenter, Albemarle, NC
- Lee Davidson, Colerain, NC
- Tyler Harlow, Kannapolis, NC
- Travis Heath, Orlando, FL
- Jennifer Hulbert, Wilmington, NC
- Michell Morrison, Jameston, NC
- Lindsay Page, Rocky Mount, NC
- Vinod Patel, Charlotte, NC
- Alesha Thomas, Hamlet, NC
- Allison Williams, Middlesex, NC
- Ivan Wolanin, Springfield, MA
- Laura Yarbro, Weldon, NC
On November 7, 2005, Dr. Sarah Moten, education chief of the Africa Bureau of the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), officially kicked off phase two of President George W. Bush’s Africa Education Initiative (AEI) Textbooks and Learning Materials Program (TLMP) in Alexandria, VA. USAID hosted a three-day conference for the six Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) selected to participate in this second phase of the initiative that will run from 2005-2008. Elizabeth City State University is one of the current six institutions and one of only two institutions to be selected from the original six in the first phase of the initiative.

As such, the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, has awarded $3 million to ECSU for the Textbook and Learning Materials Program. The three-year grant period is October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2008.

The phase two selection process expanded to a larger group of higher education institutions nationwide beyond historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs). In addition to HBCUs, the 2005 TLMP grant program was broadened to include Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), while making it more competitive for the potential grant recipients. Even among the more stringent and competitive environment, Elizabeth City State University prevailed and is one of six MSIs awarded Cooperative Agreements to work with six African countries. The recipients and their partner African countries are:

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A three-day conference for universities involved in President Bush’s Africa Education Initiative brings ECSU faculty to Alexandria, Virginia where they discuss the Textbook and Learning Materials Program with partnering university figures. Standing left to right: Dr. Ronald Blackmon, ECSU Provost and Vice Chancellor and for Academic Affairs, Mrs. Gmakhan Sherman (USAID Liaison); Dr. Johnny Houston, ECSU TLM Program co-director; Dr. Margery Coulson-Clark, ECSU TLM Program co-director; Dr. Sonya Medina, special assistant to the President (President George Bush) for Domestic Policy; Chancellor Burnim; Dr. Abdou Maty Sene, ECSU Program Coordinator; Dr. Saundra Copeland, a faculty consultant from the ECSU School of Education and Psychology; Dr. Bonita Ewers, special assistant to the Chancellor for international affairs.
In October 2005, university and public relations officer Ms. Ndeye Alimatou Diop from the Universite Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD) de Dakar – Rectorat in Senegal, West Africa visited ECSU. Ms. Diop toured ECSU’s campus, met with several faculty, staff and students to learn about ECSU academic programs, student life, and university operations. Representing her university, Ms. Diop’s visit was a fact finding mission so that she could inform the Rector (chief executive officer) at UCAD about ECSU and specifically about the African textbook project partnership being sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development.
For the second annual observance of African Introspection Week, His Excellency Sir Q. Ketumile J. Masire, the former President of Botswana visited ECSU and was the guest of honor for the weeklong celebration.

His Excellency Sir Q. Ketumile J. Masire is the fourth Balfour African President in Residence at Boston University’s African Presidential Archives and Research Center (APARC). He was a co-founder of the Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) and in 1965 was made deputy prime minister. After independence in 1966, he became vice-president. On July 18, 1980, President Masire succeeded the late Seretse Khama as the second President of the Republic Botswana.

In 1984, he won the presidential elections with a landslide of 77 percent under the ruling Botswana Democratic Party. President Masire served his country as head of state until March 1998.

President Masire earned a teaching degree at Tiger Kloof in the Former British Bechuanaland. He was founder and director of the Seepapitso secondary school in Kanye (1950). In addition to teaching, he also worked as a farmer and journalist before entering politics.

He served on the Bangwaketse tribal council and then the legislative council. President Masire helped Botswana become one of the most stable states in Africa.

During his speeches at ECSU, President Masire shared details of an economically developing African continent that is not well represented by American media reports. He urged students to seek news sources that report accomplishments in African nations such as the 90 percent literacy rate in Botswana and the increases in African educational opportunities for children and young adults.

Other guest speakers for African Introspection Week included Professor Cynthia Harvey, Provost, Tobago Community College in Scarborough, Tobago and Dr. Winston Murray, President and Founder, Tobago Community College in Scarborough, Tobago.
Dr. Ephraim Gwebu’s dream of an international research program for ECSU students has come true. An $875,448 grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH) was awarded. It provides funds to support student international research internships, laboratory supplies, and travel expenses to link students to their research colleagues in Botswana and South Africa during the summer.

The Elizabeth City State University Minority Health Institute Research Training program (E-MHIRT) will involve young scholars in crucial research on the impact that diabetes and HIV/AIDS have on minorities. In addition, students will be involved in drug research for the treatment of such diseases as cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer’s and stroke. These diseases disproportionately affect minorities in the U.S. — especially African-Americans and Hispanics. Dr. Gwebu said that he is delighted to involve undergraduate students in research so relevant to their lives.

“The statistics are staggering when you look at the differences between the majority population and minorities suffering from diseases, as well as deaths from these diseases,” Dr. Gwebu said. “These diseases are touching the lives of our students. I tell them it’s not just research or all about money from a big grant. It’s about saving and serving the generation before you, as well as your own generation!”

The four-year grant will benefit the ECSU Chemistry and Physics departments. Each year, 10 students will receive a stipend for their internship and travel to work with prominent African scientists at the University of Botswana and the University of Zululand, South Africa. Under the grant, 40 ECSU students will participate in this program. Each prospective E-MHIRT student must have an appreciation for African culture, outstanding grade point averages, and a keen interest in scientific research. At the end of their summer research internship, the students will present their findings at the Research Symposium held in Botswana.

Dr. Gwebu said that this opportunity may come as a surprise to ECSU students who thought biomedical and behavioral research were exclusive privileges of tenured scientists at the nation’s most prestigious universities.

He assures the students they have a role to play as young adults. For Dr. Gwebu, a native of Zimbabwe, English was not his first language. Yet, he learned the language by diligently reading class materials, studying dictionaries and reading newspapers and books. He earned dual degrees in chemistry and education, a doctorate degree in physiological chemistry, and has conducted numerous related research projects. Now, he tells American students that they must be determined to take full advantage of educational opportunities to help eliminate health disparities in this country.

“We have to push (undergraduate students) now. Nobody told them in high school that they could do this kind of research, but you can’t accept a stationary place in life,” Gwebu said. “I believe that faculty at ECSU should take these students from where they are as freshmen and bring them to the level where they are motivated to succeed in their quest for excellence. We must make them accountable for their learning.”

“I often ask them how badly do they want it — success? When freshmen or sophomores come to me wanting to drop a chemistry or physics class because they are struggling, I say “We must find a tutor, if you are already spending quality time in your studies. Do not always take a line of least resistance. You must reject the possibility of failure just because a course seems difficult.”

Dr. Gwebu is pleased to say a number of juniors and seniors in biology, chemistry, psychology, and sociology have the necessary grades and research potential to qualify for the Minority Health Institute Research Training program. He is confident that fellow professors at partnering universities will also prove valuable mentors for the undergraduates. Similar research initiatives have been conducted recently, so Dr. Gwebu said that the time is right to bring ECSU undergraduates on board.

The following students have been selected for the Minority Health International Research Training program:

- Shanta Armwood
- Salima Cogbill
- Michelle Howell
- Johnithan White
- Ashley Bowden
- Shay Luu
- Eundene Gramby
- Ashley Daniels
- Shaniﬁria Cuthbertson
New Student Complex Opens

The fall 2005 semester opened with a treasured addition to the campus—the opening of a new student complex named after Walter N. Ridley and Henrietta B. Ridley. Dr. Walter Nathaniel Ridley was the fifth president of Elizabeth City State University (then known as Elizabeth City Teachers College), serving from 1958 to 1968, and the third chief executive officer to be affirmed President Emeritus. Former First Lady Henrietta Ridley also worked at the university as the student union advisor and was known for her untiring dedication to students.

The new 33,500-square foot student complex houses meetings for student organizations and presentations related to classroom instruction. The handicapped-accessible facility features a 100 seat state-of-the-art auditorium, a large multi-purpose room, the university store, a grill and food lounge, and office space for the student activities staff and Student Government Association. The building space also includes study areas with computers and open lounge seating and a small stage for impromptu or planned presentations.

The Walter N. and Henrietta B. Ridley Student Complex will be dedicated on March 7, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Division of Student Affairs at (252) 335-3466.
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ECSU student participates in global warming project

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Jerome Mitchell, a computer science major, flew to McMurdo Station, Antarctica, December 22 for six weeks of research in a project sponsored by the National Science Foundation. McMurdo Station is the largest Antarctic research station.

According to the NSF, the average temperature at McMurdo in January is a balmy -3 degrees Celsius, or 27 degrees Fahrenheit. However, the temperature drops to a bone-chilling -28 C, or -18 F by August, which is mid-winter in the Southern Hemisphere.

Mitchell, a junior from Chesapeake, VA, said he went to Antarctica to research global warming.

Global warming theorizes that the earth is gradually becoming warmer because certain gases, known as greenhouse gases, are trapping the sun’s heat within the earth’s atmosphere and causing what is known as a greenhouse effect.

According to Mitchell, scientists have determined that the earth’s average temperature has risen 1 degree Fahrenheit in the last century. This increase has been attributed to global warming.

Some scientists speculate that global warming could lead to a dangerous increase in sea levels if the polar ice caps begin to melt. If so, an increase in sea levels in the Atlantic Ocean could threaten the North Carolina coast, Mitchell said.

In Antarctica, Mitchell used a robot to test density levels of the ice to determine if indeed it is melting.

"I did field-testing with a robotic rover that actually measures the characteristics of ice sheets,” he said.

Mitchell explained that the robot he worked with was self-guided. While the robot was in the field collecting data, Mitchell worked miles away in a laboratory analyzing the data transmitted by the robot.

The robot uses ground-penetrating radar to measure changes in the thickness of ice and transmits the information to a computer via satellite, Mitchell said. Changes in the thickness of ice in some locations could indicate that it is melting, he said.

The robot probes the ice in two modes, either biostatic, which is a zigzag pattern, or monostatic, in a straight line, Mitchell said.

The two patterns are used “so you can effectively measure the ice processes,” he said.

Although Mitchell was excited about the opportunity to travel to Antarctica, he missed some important dates.

"I was very excited and I could hardly contain myself," he said. “I was there six weeks, even for Christmas, New Years and my 21st birthday.”

Mitchell said he hopes his research trip will lead to similar opportunities for other ECSU students.

He traveled to Antarctica with students from the University of Kansas, where he spent the last two summers conducting polar-ice research.

ECSU, the University of Kansas, and other institutions received a $26 million grant last year from the National Science Foundation to conduct a joint study of changes in global climate. ECSU’s share of the grant was $2 million.

Mitchell said his trek to Antarctica began at Norfolk (VA) International Airport where he flew to Los Angeles, and on to New Zealand. A U.S. military transport plane flew him to McMurdo Station, he said.

Story appears courtesy of The Daily Advance, by Chris Day.
Students from one of ECSU’s largest freshman classes filed into the Floyd L. Robinson Auditorium to participate in a university tradition over three decades old—the Fall Convocation and Candlelighting Ceremony. Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim delivered the keynote address before Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Artie Travis, led the installation ceremony of all class officers. Six freshmen also addressed their peers, challenging them to maximize their educational opportunities over the next four years. As the evening drew to a close, Gordon Dove, a freshman from Elizabeth City, lit his candle and raised it to beckon the participation of his freshman peers. With right hands raised and candles lit, they recited the pre-alumni pledge led by Mr. Melvin Norman, a 1977 graduate of ECSU.
In November 2005, local educators joined the nation in recognizing American Education Week along with Elizabeth City State University. Dr. Dudley E. Flood, a former administrator with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and a renowned speaker and published author, provided this year’s American Education Week Assembly speech. Teachers-of-the-Year from 21 surrounding county school systems joined ECSU faculty, staff and students in the Floyd L Robinson Auditorium where Flood congratulated them on their outstanding service.

Dr. Flood was born in Winton, NC. He earned a bachelor’s degree from North Carolina Central University, a master’s degree from East Carolina University, and a doctorate from Duke University. He has received more than 300 awards for civic service.

Dr. Flood is also a sought-after speaker, having spoken or conducted workshops in 48 of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Bermuda, Canada and Germany. He currently serves on the Board of Governors for the University of North Carolina. Dr. Flood has been a visiting professor at Meredith College and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Currently, he teaches at the Principals Executive Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The American Education Week 2005 theme, “A Strong America Starts with Great Public Schools,” highlighted the importance of bringing together teachers, school staff, parents, students, and communities in an effort to build great public schools. The ECSU School of Education and Psychology organized the American Education Week Assembly.

ECSU continues its long-standing tradition of providing the Lyceum Series, cultural enrichment experiences for the student body and the community. The Lyceum Series is a cultural outreach program that extends top-notch performances to both students and the public at no charge.

Last fall, three outstanding and unique performances were held. The Evasons, a psychic duo, back by popular demand, delighted the audience with their series of shrewd demonstrations, mind readings and predictions.

Later in the fall, Mr. Leon Shepherd, a motivational speaker, author and accomplished salesman, shared tried-and-true techniques that could propel the students to success. Dale K, a comedy hypnotist, led students under his influence to react as if they were cold, asleep and even howling like a wolf.

Willa Lamb, chairperson of the Lyceum Series, said guests like these represent a shift from some of the musical and dance performers of past years. Yet, the objective of the program remains the same—expose students and the community to unique performers seldom seen in the media and present performers who interact with the audience while making an impression on them.

“When you attend a Lyceum Series performance, you can expect to see something out of the ordinary. That’s the purpose of college and a Lyceum Series—to challenge your mind,” Ms. Lamb said.

Dale K, a comedy hypnotist standing with the microphone, leads his audience participants through a round of exercises that surprise their peers during a fall 2005 Lyceum Series performance.
International Week calls attention to global opportunities and challenges

The 41st annual International Week celebration took on an especially serious tone this year to reflect some of the nation’s greatest concerns. “Our Environment, Our Health: Responding to Global Challenges” was the theme that sparked a series of discussion groups and poster and oral presentations. Dr. Emmanuel Ngwainmbi, director of the International Studies Program, promised that the theme would give everyone a new outlook on the term, global society.

Dr. Lloyd Mitchell, instructor of the new class, Introduction to Environmental Health and Sanitation, served as moderator for his students’ presentation “Epidemics, Pandemics and Quarantines in the US: Can it really happen?” The students gave gripping details of how the American lifestyle would change in the event of a bioterrorism attack.

Dr. H. Dawson, director of the Ralph Bunch Center at Howard University and a guest speaker for the International Week assembly, encouraged students to be mindful of their ability to contribute to society with his speech “Global Challenges and Opportunities for ECSU Students.”

To the delight of the community, the annual fashion show of international dress and pot-luck dinner were the climax of International Week 2005. A variety of homemade ethnic dishes spread across four tables to reflect the diverse cultures of the international community working or living in the area.
Seven teams of college students gathered at ECSU again last summer for the Undergraduate Research Experience (URE) in Ocean, Marine and Space Science. Dr. Linda Hayden, project investigator and Computer Science professor, welcomed ECSU students and other under-represented students from universities throughout the nation.

For eight weeks, the participants developed not only their research skills, but also their professional skills. All URE research projects related remote sensing data to investigations which included the growth rate of striped bass in the Albemarle Sound, coastal upwelling events, the migration patterns of bottlenose dolphins, and the distribution and extent of seagrass in the Core and Bogue Sounds of North Carolina.

Faculty mentors assisted the students through the program of seminars, workshops, and field trips that were organized to enhance their professional development. Local Coast Guard instructors taught the students water and boating safety classes. The summer experience also included a tour of the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center salt water marsh, dolphin watching, and water sampling in the Albemarle Sound. Each team made an oral and written report to reveal their findings. The students agreed that the summer research experience was quite challenging because most of them came from fields of study outside oceanography or marine biology.

Dr. Sobhy Ragab Atalla, an Egyptian professor of physics from Fayoum University, Cairo, visited ECSU during summer 2005 for a faculty discussion of a jointly-developed, interactive, instructional package of physics courses working directly with Dr. Linda Hayden, ECSU Computer Science professor.

This software package covers five topics composed of seven to 14 lessons that include text, graphics, interactive solutions, quizzes and tests. The project was funded by U.S. AID and the Supreme Council of the Egyptian Universities. The software has been under design for four years and will be used by Egyptian universities for their physics classes.

Dr. Hayden said the project gave ECSU student researchers another opportunity to help create software instructional materials and to interact with foreign researchers. Southern University of Baton Rouge, LA tested the software after its creation. Dr. Hayden and four students traveled to Egypt on several occasions during the project.
For more than 10 years, the Computational Science-Scientific Visualization (CSSV) Institute has prepared minorities for graduate school and work as future scientists. During summer 2005, Dr. Houston and accompanying faculty guided eight students through an intense two-week series of science and technology applications.

Computational science is a process of solving problems using mathematical models on a computer program. That process also involves visualization techniques. Dr. Houston challenged the students to succeed in order to meet an urgent need for available, trained American mathematical scientists.

“Major problems we must address are global warming, satellite distribution challenges and weather forecasting—grand challenges that cannot be solved by sitting at a desk one day or one month,” Dr. Houston said.

“Cryptography is another need because national security issues and terrorism are very much a threat today. So, one of our goals for the institute is to help students learn new resources, tools and techniques for doing quality research in mathematics, computer science and science/technology.”

Dr. Houston credits the Department of Energy, the National Association of Mathematicians and national security agencies with supporting the institute. Two seniors from ECSU, Shalonda Poole and Jamerson Gibbs, as well as students from public and private colleges, comprised the roster of participants. ECSU faculty, who served as mentors, included Dr. Nwojo Agwu, Dr. Krishna Kulkarni, and Dr. Jamiruu Luttamaguzi. Also, Dr. John Alexander came from Miami Dade College. Ms. Jamila Lewis, an ECSU staff member, made an institute presentation and assisted the group with hardware, software and multi-media equipment.
The origin of the constitution and its usefulness to modern day situations was the center of a Constitution Day panel discussion. Last fall, the Department of History and Political Science organized the discussion where faculty members Dr. Kwabena Boansi, Dr. Rebecca Seaman, and Mr. Elijah Sharp served as panelists. Students reviewed the role of the courts in making social and public policy. The panelists used significant, historical constitutional cases such as Brown v. Board of Education and Roe v. Wade as a means of reviewing human rights and legal concepts such as desegregation and privacy. The panelists reached a conclusion that the role of the courts in social and public policy is inevitable and remains a fault line in American politics for the future. Constitution Day is a U.S. initiative legislated by the federal government.

As the concern for bioterrorism rose across the nation, ECSU became one of the first phase of universities to address the issue by offering a new program in Public Health and Sanitation. This fall, Dr. Lloyd Mitchell urged students, community leaders and citizens to plot survival plans in the event of a public health disaster. Through the Introduction to Public Health series, comprised of five courses, students are prepared for careers in emergency response, technical health care, homeland security, bioterrorism, and as a registered health inspector.

In November 2005, the students made a presentation on “Pandemics, Epidemics and Quarantines: Can it really happen in the U.S.?“ which provided insight into the kinds of illnesses, symptoms and new health approaches ordinary citizens might one day face. Dr. Mitchell said that his students have responded well to public health challenges facing Americans today. The Public Health and Sanitation Program is a minor offered through the Department of Geological, Environmental and Marine Sciences.
The ECSU Marching Band moved performances from their half-time show on the football field into the Mickey L. Burnim Fine Arts Center to present “Sounds of the Season.” This concert gave fans extensive versions of popular music from artists such as The Black IPS, EWF, Young Jeezy, Luther Vandross, Fantasia and more. The concert marked the final home performance for the Marching Band.

Two weeks later, the Collegians Jazz Ensemble took the stage to perform music from the big-band or “swing” jazz era. Selections included “Splanky,” “Lil’ Darlin” as recorded by The Count Basie Orchestra, “Perdido” by the Duke Ellington Orchestra and “Oye Como Va,” a contemporary piece written by Tito Puente.

Mr. Maurice LeFlore directs the Collegians Jazz Ensemble and Mr. Ellard Forrester directs the Marching Band. Both bands include mainly students who are music majors.
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In November 2005, the annual Employee Appreciation Gala was held. This year’s theme “This Masquerade” gave employees and their guests an option to don elaborate costumes and masks for a night of elegance and mystique. For the first time, the Gala was held in Williams Hall Gymnasium which created a magical grand ballroom for employees to enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship and good music. The Magical Musical Maestro for the evening was Eric Shannon of Facilities Management. All employees enjoyed a great evening.
FACULTY

- Dr. Beverlyn Cain (director of Lab School, Education) is collaborating with UNC-Chapel Hill on a study of early literacy in African-American families, with special emphasis on the development of early literacy in African-American boys.


- Dr. Mehran Elahi and Dr. Akbar Eslami (Technology) presented a paper, The Creep Response of Polymeric Composites: Data and Model at the 2005 National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) Convention in St. Louis, MO.

- Dr. Akbar Eslami (chairperson, Technology) co-authored a paper entitled, Cooperative Education-Innovative Approaches for Partnerships between Universities, Industries and High Schools, published in a proceeding of the 2005 ASEE Annual Conference in Portland, OR.


Dr. Ngwainmbi was appointed to the editorial boards of the Prudence International Magazine in July 2004, and the Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in August 2004.

Dr. Ngwainmbi also presented two research papers entitled, Grassroots Development and the Global Marketplace: A Framework for Defining Community Participation and Local Space at the National Association of African American Studies in Houston, TX, and Globalization, Local Urban Culture and Change in West Africa: Toward Negotiating Socioeconomic Understanding with Foreign Companies and International Organizations at the International Association of Media, Communications & Research (IAMCR) in Taiwan-Asia.

- Dr. Kuldeep Rawat (faculty, Technology) presented a paper entitled, An Interdisciplinary Approach to Undergraduate Robotics Course Projects, at the Convention of the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT), in November, 2005 in St. Louis, MO.

Dr. Rawat also presented a paper entitled “Studying the Dependence of Low-Frequency Noise on Geometrical Shapes of Al-Based Thin Film Interconnects,” in proceedings of the International Society for Optical Engineering (SPIE)-Noise & Fluctuations Conference in Austin, TX in (May 2005).

- Dr. Michael Weaver (faculty, Music) was listed in the 9th edition of Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers and in the 2006 edition of Who’s Who in America. He has been invited to present a lecture recital entitled The Pulitzer Prize in Music, and Introduction with a Survey of Viola Works by Pulitzer Prize Winning Composers at the 4th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities in January 2006. Also, the Edwin Mellen Press has accepted Dr. Weaver’s Annotated Bibliography of Works for Solo Viola, Viola with Keyboard, and Viola with Orchestra by Pulitzer Prize Winning Composers.

STAFF

- Mrs. Deborah Branch, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, has been selected from a nationwide process to attend the Alice Manicur Symposium for Women. The symposium is sponsored by NASPA.

- Mrs. Marsha McLean, Director of University Relations & Marketing, has been appointed by the City of Elizabeth City to the EC-Pasquotank County Tourism Development Authority for a 2-year term.
Gieira Jones, a sophomore majoring in biology from Philadelphia, PA, is the recipient of a $20,000 scholarship from the National Institute of Health. The scholarship will pay for her undergraduate education and set the stage for graduate school. To qualify, applicants must have had a minimum grade point average of 3.5, meet income requirements, have a strong interest in biomedical sciences, and supply relevant recommendations for the award. Recipients of the award are required to attend a 10-week summer internship at NIH and commit to a year of service after graduation. Jones, a student in the honors program, said she is excited to receive the award since she is one of five children and the first to attend college. The scholarship, the one-on-one laboratory experiences with faculty members and ECSU’s nurturing environment assured Jones that she made the right decision to forgo northern universities for undergraduate school.

“I recommend this school [ECSU],” Jones said. “Here, they treat you as a person not as a number. I love the small community and the southern hospitality is great.”

Two ECSU students joined 32 other students from the University of North Carolina’s constituent universities in a new program that sends upperclassmen to work and study in Washington, DC. For one semester, students hold internships in corporate businesses, think tanks and U.S. Congressional offices. The interns were also required to spend three hours per week in an academic seminar. To qualify, students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and meet other standard application guidelines.

Diketa Lyons, a senior majoring in accounting, interned with Verizon Washington, DC. Jamal Willis, a senior majoring in Industrial Technology, interned with the Federal Communications Commission.

Ms. Roberta Shaw, the coordinator of the Business Internship Program in the Walter R. Davis School of Business and Economics, said the internships provide valuable exposure to corporate settings and metropolitan cities.
Kennedy participates in research program

Leslie Kennedy, an ECSU sophomore from Indian Trail, NC majoring in biology, was one of 12 students who participated in the Partnership for Minority Advancement in Biomolecular Sciences (PMABS) Summer 2005 Research Program at UNC-Chapel Hill. The program was designed to establish a community of scholars who will complete graduate school and careers in science.

Dr. Deborah Threadgill of the UNC-Chapel Hill department of genetics led Kennedy in the laboratory to investigate enzyme expression in bacterial strains found in the intestine.

The PMABS Summer Research Program was sponsored by PMABS, the UNC-Chapel Hill Institute for Science Learning and supported by a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Mercer participates in leadership program

Jaime Mercer, vice president of the Student Government Association, was one of 60 students who completed the Nissan Student Government Leadership Program at Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, MS. Nissan provided the students with intensive leadership development and training that is generally reserved for executives from Fortune 500 companies.

The summer sessions were designed to enhance socio-political awareness, interpersonal relationships and key leadership traits. Mercer is a senior from Elizabeth City majoring in political science.

Financial Management Seminar for students

ECSU is one of several universities in the nation to host financial management workshops for students at historically black colleges and universities. The School of Arts and Humanities—in collaboration with HSBC North America, one of the nation’s largest financial services firm, and the Society for Financial Education and Professional Development (SFEFD)—conducted the first in a series of financial management workshops for students in the Floyd L Robinson Auditorium in the Mickey L. Burnim Fine Arts Center. More than 200 students attended and five students received cash awards of $100 each to assist with educational expenses.

The seminar focused on maintaining a good credit score, investment strategies, estate planning, credit cards and interest rates, and automobile purchases.

Six ECSU students were recognized for outstanding achievements during the 10th Annual McNair Scholars Research Symposium held in July 2005. The topics presented and students who participated were:

- **The Differential Effect of Religious & Non-Religious Music on Aggression Levels-1st Place**
  Shanitria Cuthbertson, Brookes Davis & Marquita Perkins
  Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jacqueline Huff

- **The Effects of Lovastatin on Brain & Breast Cancer-2nd Place**
  Ericka Shaw
  Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hirendra Banerjee

- **An Investigation of the Indicator of Job Satisfaction of African American Women in Mass Communication both Print & Broadcast**
  Carla Layton & Kimberly Lilly
  Faculty Mentor: Dr. Velma Blackmon

Dr. Cheryl Lewis, interim associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, organized the McNair Scholars Research Symposium and Awards Ceremony.
Honda Campus All-Star Challenge

Two ECSU teams vie for top honors

The fervor of competition continued this year for participants in the 2005 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Campus Tournament. Two ECSU teams contended for the top spot but “Band of Brothers,” Jerome Gillis (Captain), Dwight Hooker, Daryl Turrentine and Phillip Riddick, won.

Their competitors, “College Knowledge,” Arkeem Fleming (Captain), Salimah Cogbil, Gerard Locus and Tyrone Knox challenged them on topics within politics and government, the sciences and the humanities.

Following the campus tournament, the Campus Coordinator & Coach, Derrick L. Wilkins, selected Arkeem Fleming, Raymond Franklin, Jerome Gillis, Jedidiah U. Gist, Emerald Lucas, Tyrone Knox, and Darryl Turrentine to play on the Varsity Squad. After coaching the varsity squad, Wilkins will select five of the varsity players who will travel to Orlando, Florida for the National Championship Tournament. In March 64 teams from HBCU’s across the country will compete for the championship title. Last year, the Viking scholars made it to the semi-finals.

Career Fair 2005

The fall 2005 Career Fair drew representatives from government agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, private industry companies and corporations, banks and graduate schools. Many alumni returned representing their employers at exhibit booths and enlightened ECSU students about career opportunities at their respective organizations. In addition to learning about available jobs, 11 students received internship offers with the U.S. Defense Finance & Accounting Service agency, an accounting firm that consults and advises organizations.
The University Players presented Cheryl L. West’s play “Before It Hits Home,” a socially conscious drama that portrays a family whose beliefs in tradition, pride, and integrity are shattered when their son, Wendal Bailey, comes home with AIDS. News of his deceptive lifestyle threatens to destroy their family.

The play was directed by Billicia Hines, an assistant professor in the School of Arts and Humanities, in her first semester at the university. After reading the script, Hines said she was compelled to present it on a college campus.

“I wanted to enlighten students and the audience on the affects of AIDS, particularly how it affects our community,” Hines said. “People don’t think of how it [AIDS] affects the family, or how differently family members will react. Having AIDS and not knowing, not testing for it, is deadly because the infected person passes it to the next person they date. Each time it spreads and kills people, it affects our community.”
Friday, April 21
- Classic Kick-Off

Saturday, April 22
- Sound Golf Links at Albemarle Plantation
- Awards/Auction/Gala Dinner Dance

Sponsorship/golf packages available.

Registration deadline: March 31, 2006

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In Remembrance

Vikings
- James Dean, Facilities Management

Students
- Jynette M. Allen, a sophomore political science major at ECSU, died on Wednesday, September 14, 2005.
- Andrew Jackson High, a sophomore criminal justice major at ECSU, died on Tuesday, October 25, 2005.
- Michael Veilleux, a 1st semester freshman majoring in business administration at ECSU, died on Friday October 28, 2005.

Alumni
- Carolyn Shorter Bias ’40
- Dempsey Burgess ’01
- Jerry Culbreth ’82
- Louvenia Ferebee ’90
- William E. Honeyblue ’41
- James T. Jackson ’65
- Naomi C. “Doll” Lomax ’45
- Quincy Harper Mullen ’89
- Edward Pailin ’50
- Edna Maske Shorter ’44
- Larry Vann ’94
Viking Pride was prominently displayed on Saturday, December 3, 2005, as the Elizabeth City State University Foundation welcomed Tom Joyner and his crew to ECSU. The Foundation hosted a scholarship brunch at the K.E. White Graduate Center that featured the nationally known syndicated radio personality as the keynote speaker.

At last count, the occasion generated over $50,000 to benefit general scholarships available at the University... and that amount keeps on growing as those in attendance continue to answer Mr. Joyner’s call to support ECSU. Mr. Joyner reminded the crowd that successful people don’t just materialize out-of-thin-air but rather most, including he, need a little assistance from those that traveled the path before them and achieved success.

The capacity crowd of over three hundred guests enjoyed a delicious brunch and enjoyed entertainment by the ECSU Choir and Ms. Mary Harrell, ’77. In addition, they were invited to participate in a live and a silent auction. There were many great items up-for-bid including everything from twenty-five gallons of gas to a weeks’ vacation at a six-bedroom cottage in Duck, NC as well as a new Chevrolet Trailblazer. Everyone enjoyed themselves as Mr. Joyner promoted a little friendly competition and employed some good-natured teasing tactics to entice participants to raise their bids, repeatedly.

Prior to the fun and merriment of the auction, Mr. Joyner took time to deliver a rather serious message. He encouraged Viking Alumni and friends to Stand Up and Reach Out to others so that everyone has a chance to succeed. He placed particular emphasis on the importance of the collective responsibility of alumni in sustaining the future of ECSU. He told those assembled that their continued support of ECSU was critical because, “no one else will do it.”

Mr. Joyner also took time to acknowledge several of ECSU’s most enthusiastic supporters. Often called the “Hardest Working Man in Radio”, Mr. Joyner honored several individuals with his very own special brand of the Hardest Working Individual Achievement awards. He recognized the Hardest Working Alumni, Corporate Friends, Foundation Board Members, Trustee, Faculty member and Staff member at ECSU with specially designed trophies made just for the occasion.

The recipients of those awards were:

- **Alumni:**
  - Julia Congleton Bryant, ’63
  - Tony Lassiter, ’86

- **Corporate Friends:**
  - Bruce Biggs, owner of Biggs Pontiac, Buick GMC, Cadillac
  - Dale Horn, owner of the Elizabeth City Golden Corral

- **Faculty:**
  - Dr. Ali Khan

- **Foundation Board members:**
  - Tom Evans, ’68
  - Kennis Wilkins, ’76

- **Staff:**
  - Sheila Perry

- **Trustee:**
  - Fred Yates

Both the ECSU Foundation and ECSU value the partnership that was formed with Mr. Joyner in June of 2003 when ECSU was honored as a Tom Joyner School of the Month. You can listen to his radio show from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. He hosts a nationally syndicated show that is available in most markets.
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Focus Growth Funding Project
Mr. Keith Hight (faculty, Art) was awarded $75,000 for the Focus Growth Funding project through the UNC-OP. As a three-year grant, these funds are for strengthening the Theater Arts program at ECSU. The program will provides equipment that enhances students’ learning opportunities so that they will be outstanding and competitive professionals in the Theater Arts upon graduation. The grant will be used for theatrical and stage equipment and perishable goods. Approximately 25 students have been identified to participate.

The Sonia Kovalevsky High School Days for Female High School Students and their Teachers
Dr. Linda Hayden, (faculty, Mathematics & Computer Science) award was renewed for $50,000 by the National Security Agency (NSA) for the Implementation of the Sonia Kovalevsky High School Days (SK Days) for Female High School Students and their Teachers. As a follow up to the 2004-2005 ECSU SK Days project funded by the NSA, this grant award continues the project in 2005-2006. These events, held at various U.S. colleges and universities, include mathematical talks, panels, activities, and problem-solving competitions for young female high school students and their teachers.

U. S. Department of the Interior for the Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Habitat Mapping Project
Dr. Elizabeth Noble (professor, Geological, Environmental & Marine Science) was awarded an additional $47,638 by the U.S. Department of the Interior for her project entitled Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Habitat Mapping. This project monitors submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) habitat in the area from Back Bay, VA, to Kitty Hawk Bay, NC, including the Currituck Sound. This is part of an overall and ongoing effort to establish long-term monitoring of SAV Habitat in coastal North Carolina and Virginia.

IEEE-Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society
Dr. Linda Hayden was awarded $25,000 by NASA for the IEEE-Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society. The program provides support for the Eastern North Carolina IEEE-Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society at ECSU. Chapter activities provide training, partnership and research opportunities for students and faculty within the MU-SPIN funded Network Resources and Training Site consortia of 54 HBCU/MI institutions. Two distinguished lectures per year will be conducted and support for student/faculty travel to GRSS conferences and chapter meetings is provided.

Broad B and E-Learning Science Workshop
Mrs. Claudia Twiford, (faculty, Education) was awarded $145,800 from UNC-OP for the Broad B and E-Learning Science Workshop. A core team of teachers, curriculum specialists and instructional technology designers representing ECSU, COA, Port Discover, Museum of the Albemarle, Gates County Schools, Halifax County Schools, and Perquimans County Schools have collaborated and designed an online IVC hands-on science workshop for K-5 teachers for the Spring 2006 semester. The goal is to provide a quality online science workshop with CEU credit and science kits for teachers to impact student learning and future economic growth in northeastern North Carolina.
REU: Site Collaborative Research Experience Project
Dr. Kathleen Fischer (faculty, Geological, Environmental & Marine Science) was awarded an additional $42,135 through Norfolk State University originally funded by the National Science Foundation for her REU: Site Collaborative Research Experience project. As a collaborative effort of ECSU and Norfolk State University, the primary goal of this program is to prepare undergraduate students to successfully compete for entrance into graduate programs leading to a Ph.D. The specific goals for the program are to establish a REU program between NSU and ECSU, to increase the number of students applying to doctoral programs, to increase the number of minority students exposed to environmental research, and to establish a Joint Environmental Science Research Careers Center (ESRCC) at both universities.

National Summer Transportation Institute
Dr. Ellis Lawrence, (faculty, Technology) was awarded $40,000 from South Carolina State University through NSTI for the National Summer Transportation Institute. Fifteen high school students will be exposed to Elizabeth City State University and the transportation industry. The intent is that these students will attend ECSU within the next two years and after graduation pursue careers in the transportation industry.

Evaluating the Effectiveness of Classroom Presentations
Dr. Emmanuel Ngwainmbi (faculty, Language, Literature & Communications) was awarded $2,500 by the UNC-CH School of Education for the Evaluating the Effectiveness of Classroom Presentations Project as a Component of Title VI-Funded K-12 International Outreach Programs. The program will pilot-test evaluation instruments at ECSU such as written surveys, online surveys, observation instruments, and interview protocols.

Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention in Minority Women
Dr. Kulwinder Kaur-Walker (faculty, Education and Psychology) was awarded a $2,500 grant from UNC-Chapel Hill to develop a proposed program in health disparities research. This seed money has been used to collect preliminary data on breast cancer awareness and prevention in minority women. A major research proposal is now being submitted to NIH in collaboration with UNC-Chapel Hill.

Dr. Cheryl Lewis and Dr. Darnell Johnson represent the two divisions with the largest contributions to the ECSU Viking Annual Fund Campaign. Dr. Lewis represented the Division of Academic Affairs with a donation of $9,040 and Dr. Johnson represented the School of Math, Science and Technology with a donation of $4,050. The total amount given by all faculty and staff was $50,000. The ECSU Viking Annual Fund Campaign represents all support the university receives from private organizations and individuals. A luncheon was held to help faculty and staff realize the importance of their contributions. Such donations are a major indication of employees’ willingness to support the university.
Alumni and friends who wish to become involved in Elizabeth City State University have the potential to change lives by investing in a charitable gift annuity.

A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between a donor and the Elizabeth City State University Foundation. In exchange, the ECSU Foundation will pay the donor or designated beneficiary a fixed and guaranteed rate of annual income for the life of one or two annuitants. The remaining proceeds are used to support the wishes of the donor at Elizabeth City State University.

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SuccessFest 2005, the 12th annual fundraising event for National Public Radio-affiliate WRVS-FM 89.9, successfully drew donors and supporters to the station. General Manager Talbert Gray spearheaded SuccessFest 2005 and the construction of a new studio set for the televised portion of the fundraiser. The money raised helps offset the costs of NPR award-winning programs such as “All Things Considered,” “Morning Edition,” and a new show, “NPR News and Notes with Ed Gordon.”

SuccessFest, held in the fall of each year, brings many of the Albemarle’s business and political luminaries to the airwaves. Guests included Mr. Rich Olsen, the City Manager for the City of Elizabeth City; Mr. Russ Haddad, director of the Elizabeth City Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Dr. Denauvo Robinson, director of Albemarle Smart Start Partnership. Representatives from area agencies such as the College of The Albemarle, the Greater Albemarle Chapter of the Red Cross, the United States Coast Guard, and the Museum of the Albemarle served as guests and volunteers during SuccessFest 2005. ECSU fraternities and sororities volunteered as did the ECSU baseball, volleyball, and basketball teams. Area restaurateurs Dragon Buffet, Golden Corral in Edenton, Bojangle’s, Pizza Inn, and many others showed their support of WRVS-FM by donating food for volunteers and guests who participated in SuccessFest.

The station raised $24,000 that can be used for programming, student internships and operational budget costs. Gray said he greatly appreciates the generosity of area donors and fans. This telethon marked the first time the general manager relied upon a dual broadcast effort of TV and radio telethons held at different times. They plan to repeat that strategy for the next SuccessFest to reach more donors.
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State of Education Breakfast

ELIZABETH CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES AREA EDUCATORS

Roanoke Bible College President William Griffin explains how a new $12.4 million fundraising campaign will provide money needed over the next four fiscal years to fund general operations, capital improvements and to grow the college endowment.

College of The Albemarle President Lynne Bunch comments on the COA expansion of the allied health programming. A new phlebotomy program will be offered spring 2006 at the college’s Elizabeth City Campus and additional programs are currently in the application process.

Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim highlights the new buildings at ECSU for the audience attending the State of Education Breakfast. The Chamber of Commerce organizes the event annually. This year, the focus was on higher education.
The Northeastern North Carolina Black Chamber of Commerce recognized Owen Burney Jr., a 1977 graduate of ECSU and the owner of Burney and Burney Construction Inc., as the Entrepreneur of the Year. He received a certificate, plaque and letter from the regional chapter and the National Black Chamber of Commerce, Washington, DC. Burney praised his staff for their contributions to his success and his alma mater for its ability to nurture students during the education process. The award was presented during a community and regional networking event, “Bridging the Gap,” at the K. E. White Graduate Center. The event was open to minority entrepreneurs and business owners.

The motivational speakers were Maurice Slaughter of Outer Banks Harley Davidson and Linda Lanier of Kinston Contracting Inc. The Northeastern North Carolina Black Chamber of Commerce collaborated with ECSU and The Small Business Technology and Development Center to host the event.

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Mr. Owen Burney Jr., (left) thanks Mr. Michael Harrell, (right) of the Northeastern North Carolina Black Chamber of Commerce, for the awards that came with this selection as the Entrepreneur of the Year.

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Rocky Mount Senior High School students, Team Yellow accept their appreciation gifts for participation in the first Down East Viking Football Classic High School Quiz Bowl.

Rocky Mount Senior High School students, Team Red, wins the trophy at the High School Quiz Bowl, a Down East Viking Football Classic event.
More than 300 middle and high school girls returned to ECSU for the Women in Math Celebration. After a day of workshops with ECSU and guest instructors, the young ladies formed teams from their respective schools to win awards for assorted math competitions. The workshops are designed to show students how mathematics can be applied to solve problems relevant to daily living situations. There were also exercises that challenged the students to work with spreadsheets and to complete scavenger hunts. Dr. Linda Hayden, ECSU assistant dean of the School of Mathematics, Science & Technology, works with faculty and staff to organize the event as a means of motivating young ladies to complete more math courses and consider mathematic-related careers. Each year, the student participants learn how women have excelled in careers where math skills are most relevant.

Maurice Slaughter, owner of Outer Banks Harley Davidson, was recognized as an outstanding local businessman during the Business Card Exchange regional networking event held at ECSU. The Office of Institutional Advancement and the Northeastern North Carolina Black Chamber of Commerce collaborated to organize the event. Slaughter has been an active supporter of the university and of the Northeastern North Carolina Black Chamber of Commerce. He commended both organizations for hosting such an event where local minority business owners can network and share their expertise with other entrepreneurs about leading a successful business.
A string of public performances in the last year gave the ECSU/Albemarle Community Orchestra the kind of publicity its conductor, Dr. Michael Weaver, desired. Performances such as the downtown Harbor Nights series, the Farm-City Banquet, “Handle’s Messiah” with the Evelyn Johnson Singers, Business After Hours events and the Christ Episcopal Church concert series placed students in positions to learn important lessons.

“They learned how to work in the profession—the business of playing different jobs, how to make the contact, how to put the group together, how to organize their music, how to time it and how to present it. I talk with them about those things.” Dr. Weaver said.

“Our primary goal for the orchestra was to make it a symphony orchestra, including winds, brass and percussion (sections) which we’ve accomplished.”

In November 2005, the symphony orchestra made its debut in the Mickey L. Burnim Fine Arts Center. Now the orchestra has a new name, the ECSU Albemarle Symphony Orchestra. They performed “Rondo” by Charles Jones, a resident of Hertford who has published and sold his compositions. This composition was written especially for this orchestra. Dr. Weaver said his next goals are to present more music written by African American composers, such as Samuel Coleridge-Taylor and to increase the number of performances in the 21 surrounding counties.
Greetings once again from your servant and president of the Elizabeth City State University National Alumni Association!

I salute you with Viking Pride! Personally, I am proud to be an alumnus of Elizabeth City State University, having earned my B.S. degree in 1981. I am even more proud that my alma mater continues to offer a top-notch education for students and is definitely a place where they can succeed.

My Viking Pride extends to the accomplishments of the National Alumni Association as we continue to pursue our goals of increasing membership, increasing fundraising initiatives, and enhancing student recruitment. Proudly, I can say that we are aggressively reclaiming inactive members, increasing our fundraising capacity, and assisting the university with student recruitment. In addition, I am proud of the working relationship that the association has fostered with the administration over the past few years.

As the National Alumni Association president, I am proud and grateful for the volunteers who have labored on behalf of the university and association. Many of you have committed to the cause and I do appreciate your support in making our association bigger and better. We can all take pride in the fact that we are making a difference in the lives of future generations.

As I come to the close of my tenure as president of the National Alumni Association, I cannot help but reflect upon the past three and a half years. These years seem to have come and gone so quickly. The accomplishments of the association are too numerous to list, but we can take comfort in knowing that the Freshman Move-in Project was a success, our awards banquet continues to get better and better, and Homecoming 2005 was a celebration and victory in and of itself.

Over the past three years, my travels have taken me all over the country representing the association. Indeed, I have been in awe of the accomplishments of the “Mighty Vikings.” Graduates of ECSU are in key positions whether it is in education, business, government, or the political arena. As we continue to shine in our professions, let us think about the students that are still enrolled and those yet to enroll. We can make a difference by collaborating with the ECSU Career Services department to create and provide internships and mentoring relationships with future Viking leaders. Let me suggest that you contact Timothy Rodgers, chairperson of the NAA Career Development and Mentoring Program Committee, to learn how you can be of assistance. Timothy can be contacted at timothy.r.rogers@us.army.mil.

As we begin a new semester and a new year, please know that I am more committed than ever. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support. As always, I am proud to be a “Viking.” With Viking Pride, I am

Paul Andrew Norman, Ed.D.
President of the National Alumni Association
More than 200 ECSU alumni, friends and university donors gathered in August 2005 at the K. E. White Graduate on the campus of Elizabeth City State University to honor several alumni and friends. The National Alumni Association, which hosted the event, presented awards in five categories including alumni affairs, education, and community and governmental service. Two unsuspecting university supporters also received the Viking Spirit Award and Viking Image Award. Twenty-three new life members and 48 major alumni donors also received awards for their support of the university and the national association.

Thomas Evans, Jr., President and CEO of Evans Tree Service, Rockville, MD, was this year’s recipient of the Alumni Affairs Award. This award is presented to an ECSU graduate who has made significant contributions to the university in the area of Alumni Relations. Mr. Evans has been a member of the National Alumni Association since his graduation in 1968, and served as national president of this organization in the 1970s. Currently, Mr. Evans is treasurer of the ECSU Foundation Board.

Dr. Willie J. Gilchrist, superintendent of Halifax County Schools and member of the UNC Board of Governors, received the Education Award. Dr. Gilchrist has spent his entire career in the educational arena and moved strategically up the ladder of success in a variety of capacities, including teacher, principal, and associate superintendent. During his distinguished career, Dr. Gilchrist has received more than 50 awards and honors, which include being named Superintendent of the Year for Region 3 of NCHSAA.

Kennis Wilkins, owner of Faith Works Home Healthcare in Williamston, NC, received the Community Service and Governmental Services Award. He is an active alumnus who also serves on the ECSU Foundation Board. He has an outstanding record of alumni involvement and an impressive array of community and governmental activities. Notably, he has served as vice chair of the Martin County Democratic Committee (NC) and, in 2004, was selected as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Boston. Mr. Wilkins currently serves as a trustee for Martin Community College in Williamston, NC.

The Viking Spirit and Viking Image award recipients were not disclosed until the evening of the event. This year’s recipients were Gloria Strong of Atlanta, GA, and Betty Meggs of Elizabeth City, NC, respectively. The Viking Spirit Award is presented to a “behind-the-scenes” graduate who has been an untiring and dedicated supporter of the university. The Viking Image Award is bestowed upon an individual who is not a graduate, but is one who consistently supports the university in both spirit and deeds.
Robert E. Harvey Tri-State Alumni Chapter will sponsor its Annual Luncheon on Saturday, June 17, 2006, at the Howard Johnson Hotel (Crystal Ballroom) in Atlantic City, NJ. The price of $40 includes hors d’oeuvres, a luncheon, entertainment, door prizes, and more. For additional information, please contact Norman King at Ngkvgk@cs.com.

Peninsula, Portsmouth, Norfolk and Virginia Beach Alumni Chapters hosted a “Meet and Greet” Pre-game Lunch to meet the ECSU basketball coaches on November 12, 2005, and to show their love and support for ECSU. The luncheon was held at the Old Country Buffet Restaurant.

Atlanta Metro Alumni Chapter participated in two community projects for the 2005 Holiday Season: (1) The Food Project identified one needy family to receive a Thanksgiving Food Box. Each alumni member was asked to donate two food items or one gift card for the family to purchase meat. (2) The Angel Tree Project adopted a needy child. The chapter adopted 8 year old Shantavious for the Salvation Army Tree Program. Each alum was asked to give Shantavious a magical Christmas by showering her with “new” clothing and toys/gifts.

The Atlanta Metro Alumni Chapter members also showed their support by attending the ECSU Vikings vs. Morehouse Maroon Tigers basketball game in Atlanta, GA (November 18) and held a Pre-Game Social/Meeting. They also attended the ECSU vs. Clark Atlanta University basketball game (November 19) in Atlanta.

ECSU Alumni License Plate a Reality!

The ECSU National Alumni Association is proud to announce that the goal of 300 participants has been reached in order to begin releasing an ECSU License Plate. In order to make this a reality, it is imperative that everyone who participated send their checks, complete the license plate form which includes contact information and license data. All forms must be completed in its entirety and all must be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles in order to begin distribution. If you have not completed a form or have questions, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (252) 335-3498 immediately or visit the ECSU website, www.ecsu.edu and click on ‘Alumni and Supporters,’ scroll down to forms and documents, click on search by and enter National Alumni Association, double click and a list of forms will appear. You can print the license plate form from this screen. Mail the form to 1704 Weeksville Road, Campus Box 977, Elizabeth City, N.C., 27909, Attn: ECSU License Plate. The sooner this is completed, the sooner everyone will be able to drive in Viking Style.
Elizabeth Cofield ('36) was honored by the YWCA, Greater Triangle, at its 23rd Annual YWCA Academy of Women Awards held in November. This honorary society was formed in 1983 under the auspices of the YWCA. It is comprised of women who have been formally inducted into membership through their singular achievement in a specific discipline. Ms. Cofield received an award in the area of “special recognition.”

Napoleon Byrd ('52) recently published a book entitled Hidden Strands. The book is a collection of 40 poems. Mr. Byrd is a member of the Portsmouth Alumni Chapter.

Robert E. Williams ('70), Dean of Continuing Education & Workforce Development at Roanoke-Chowan Community College, retired October 1, 2005, after 31 years of service in the North Carolina Community College System. Mr. Williams is a member of the Roanoke Chowan Alumni Chapter.

Richard L. Reid, Ph.D. ('71), Washington, DC Metro Chapter, was a recipient of the 2004-2005 Distinguished Educators & Grant Recipients for Excellence in Education Awards from the District of Columbia Public Schools in June 2005. He received this award with others who wrote a proposal for Best Buy titled, “Teaching Math thru Banking,” resulting in a $2,500 grant for technology to be used in his classroom.

Shirley A. Biggs ('75) was recently named Director of Human Resources at Claflin University in Orangeburg, SC. Ms. Biggs recently obtained her master’s degree in Urban Affairs with a concentration in Human Resources at Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA. She is a member of the Virginia Beach Alumni Chapter.

Dr. Paul Norman ('81), president of the ECSU National Alumni Association, and a member of the Raleigh-Durham-Wake Chapter, was honored in November 2005 by Wake Technical Community College as the recipient of the Student Services Excellence Award.

Sheree’ B. Saunders ('95), also a graduate of Northeastern High School (Elizabeth City, NC), recently received her medical degree from Howard University School of Medicine. Saunders received her master’s degree in biology education from North Carolina A&T University and taught high school biology in Prince George’s County, MD for four years before pursuing her degree in medicine. She received a naval scholarship and began an internship in June 2005 at the National Naval Hospital in Bethesda, MD. Saunders is the daughter of Lloyd and Vandora Saunders of Elizabeth City, NC.

Happy Birthday to Matthew Lewis ‘32, who celebrated his 95th birthday on Saturday, November 5, 2005, at Quinton’s Restaurant, Ahoskie, NC. In lieu of gifts, attendees made contributions to the Elizabeth City State University Alumni Association.

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thanks Dr. Juanita Midgett
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Homecoming Parade grand marshals are major donors to ECSU
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Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement,
Dr. Richard L. Lucas, greets alumni and friends during
Homecoming 2005.

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HOMECOMING 2005
Sergeant Hagan responsible for training Iraqi Army

Milton Hagan ('79) has served his country in the Army Reserve for 24 years/ Rank E-8(1SG) and was bestowed the honor of Drill Sergeant of the Year in 2000. He is currently stationed in Iraq where he is responsible for training the Iraq Army in Sinjar, a city in the northwest corridor of Iraq. After graduating from ECSU, Hagens served as an educator for 25 years. Hagens, a physical education major, developed his passion for athletics while at ECSU through his involvement with intramural sports. He continued his passion by serving nine years as a football official in the CIAA and then on to the Big East for 11 years where he officiated five bowl games, including the Rose Bowl in 2000.
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Have you relocated or just graduated from Elizabeth City State University? Are you just trying to locate some fellow Vikings and want to join the local alumni chapter? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, check out this updated list of chapter presidents. They should be able to assist you.
Purpose: The Viking Varsity Club, composed of Elizabeth City State University alumni, businesses, and other friends of intercollegiate athletics, was established to create greater interest in and financial support for varsity ECSU athletics. Members of the Viking Varsity Club make possible scholarship support for student athletes which include five men’s and seven women’s teams.

Organization Structure: Members of the Viking Varsity Club maintain their active membership by virtue of annual contributions over the course of a fiscal year (from July 1 through June 30).

Officers:
- Nathaniel Moore, President
- Reuben Buggs, Vice President
- Ralph Cole, Secretary/Treasurer
- Maxine Beatty, Recording Secretary

Membership Dues: $100

Foundation Categories:
- Viking Pride ($1,000 or more)
- Viking Loyal ($500 to $999)
- Viking Blue ($300 to $499)
- Viking White ($100 to $299)

All gifts are deposited into the ECSU Foundation Viking Varsity Fund for the university’s athletic, grant-in-aid program and to provide unrestricted support for the ECSU Athletic Program. Make check or money order payable to the Elizabeth City State University Foundation and mail it, along with this form, to:

Viking Varsity Club
ECSU Foundation
Elizabeth City State University
P.O. Box 1467
1704 Weeksville Road
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

The Viking Varsity Club application and membership benefits information are available on our website at www.ecsu.edu/alumni/forms.cfm. For more information, please call (252) 335-3011.
Elizabeth City State University
NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Recruitment Drive for Period Covering:
January 1 - December 31, 2006

Name ________________________________________________________________________________

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Type of Membership:  
❑ Regular/Associate  $30  
❑ Single Life  $400  
❑ Couple Life  $720

Chapter Affiliation?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No  If yes, Chapter Name _______________________________

Did you attend ECSU?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No

Year of Graduation ______________

If you did not graduate, give year(s) of attendance ______________

Major ________________________________  Degree earned ________________________________

If you are interested in joining a chapter, organizing a chapter, or need additional information regarding membership, please contact:

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Membership application is also available on our website at www.ecsu.edu/alumni/forms.cfm

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60s Decade Reunion

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

2006 HOMECOMING

NOVEMBER 2-5, 2006

If you are interested in serving on the 60s Decade Reunion Committee, please contact:
Dr. Jeanette Hawkins Evans ‘63: 252-335-3618 or jhevans@mail.ecsu.edu
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60s Campus Queens

Left to right: Ella Roberts Spate ‘62, Alice Myrick McDonald ‘63, and Betty Wilkins Thweatt ‘65
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Spring 2006
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APRIL 18-23, 2006

SHARING THE ARTS

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An Alumni Reunion
April 7 & 8, 2006

Highlights include:
- Networking with classmates in business
- Tour the newly renovated School of Business
- Meet the School’s Faculty and Dean
- Renew your VIKING PRIDE!

Festivities will be held in the Ridley Student Center Complex, Elizabeth City State University.

WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING TIMES AND EVENTS.
Elizabeth City State University inducted five men into the ECSU Sports Hall of Fame during the 26th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Banquet on October 21. A brief entry of their accomplishments follows:

Richard “Dick” Morgan, a letterman and four-year-starter for the football and basketball teams between 1954 and 1958; a team leader in rebounding and defense; an outstanding athlete for the conference in basketball and football; currently a retired resident of Arlington, VA.

Eugene “Peanut” Pailin, a letterman and quarterback for the football team; a member of the EIAC Championship teams of 1947 and 1948; a former teacher, mayor of Roper, Town Council member and now a semi-retired public servant.

Mike “Zeke” Hill, a four-year-member of the football team who led the team four years in pass receptions; selected for the All-CIAA football team in 1979; currently a resident of Savannah GA.

Timothy “Ice” McDaniels, a letterman and four-year-starter for the basketball team who was voted All-CIAA in 1986 and 1987 and voted to the All-Region Team. McDaniel resides in Rocky Mount, NC.

Robert “Rob” Tiller, a four-year-starter for the football team and center fielder in baseball. He led the team four years in pass receptions and the CIAA his junior and senior seasons. He led the CIAA in batting in his junior and senior years and was selected to the All-CIAA baseball team in 1987 and 1988. He resides in Chester, PA.

The ECSU Sports Hall of Fame was organized to recognize former athletes, coaches and contributors to ECSU athletics and to inspire young athletes. For more information, please contact Dr. Claudie Mackey, interim dean of the ECSU School of Education and Psychology, 252-335-3479.

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CIAA Basketball Tournament 2006
Charlotte Arena
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February 27 - March 4, 2006

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Fayetteville State University
September 16, 2006 / 6:00 pm
Rocky Mount Athletic Stadium
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For more information, contact ECSU Athletics
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