



Vikings in Action



"We're on TV"

# ECSU Has New Bus

By LILLIE VAUGHAN

A new bus was one of ECSU's new additions for the 1978-79 fiscal year. "Eagle", as it is named, can carry 46 passengers and is equipped with a restroom.

Even though the new bus is a rebuilt bus, it comes with all the guarantees of one factory new, which would have cost the university approximately \$95,000. In comparison, the "Eagle" only cost \$35,000, of which \$5,000 was paid at the date of purchase with a promissory to pay the rest over a five-year period.

The old bus, purchased in 1969, is also a rebuilt bus. Formerly it was to be sold, but the bidding price of \$6,500 was considered too low according to athletic director, Coach Bobby Vaughan. He said the old bus provided the university with good service for nearly ten years and will continue to be an asset to the university.

Both the old and new bus will be available to the

faculty and staff, campus organizations, and the students. They will not, however, be available to the public because they do not have commercial licenses and the university does not want to compete with the commercial bus lines. Also the buses are not available for public use because there is no accident insurance coverage for those other than students and the university family.

To use the buses, either the old or new one, it is necessary to go to the Athletic Department and fill out a "Viking Bus Trip Voucher". Costs are as follows:

The old bus — GM1204 (40 passengers w/o restroom) 50 cents per mile plus driver fee.

The new bus — Eagle (46 passengers with restroom) 60 cents per mile plus driver fee.

Driver fees — 15 cents per mile (minimum 150

miles per day) or \$5.00 per hour.

Tidewater area (flat rate \$25.00).

Plus: Overnight fees (if applicable) in-state \$24.00. Out-of-state \$35.00.

The drivers employed by the university are paid union wages. At present there are three drivers with hopes of adding a fourth. The new bus, as well as the old bus, will cut down on transportation cost. Each time chartered buses are used the university has to pay \$1.20 per mile or \$40.00 per hour for short trips, and Elizabeth City does not have a bus charter service. Chartered buses have to come from Norfolk with deadhead mileage, buses with no passengers driven down for delivery of 60 cents per mile. According to an Athletic Department spokesman, all these facts make it clear to see that in the long run both buses are a blessing to the university and at the same time they are both greatly needed.



Homecoming Parade Down Main Street

## Vikings Are On ABC-TV

By ORLANDO GREGORY and THOMAS GRAVES

The day that Elizabeth City State University fans had been looking for since the beginning of the football season had finally arrived. It was homecoming 1978, and the bright and beautiful sun typified the emotions of the home town crowd. The day's events included a parade, a football game, and a concert.

The mammoth parade sported colorful floats, baton twirlers, and a marching band that entertained the football patrons until game time.

The game marked the first time that a College Intercollegiate Athletics Association (CIAA) game was televised since 1969 (Morgan State University vs. Gramling State University). The televised game chosen this year was two of the top (CIAA) teams (Elizabeth City State University vs. Winston-Salem State University.)

As ABC looked at Winston-Salem's schedule, the game they thought would be the most interesting was the game between ECSU and WSSU. Therefore the wheels were set into motion. On Tues-

day, Oct. 17, Athletic Director Bobby Vaughan received a call that the game would be televised, but a lot of arrangements would have to be made. In addition to this, Coach Vaughan found out that the Athletic Department would receive a check for \$15,000 dollars for having the Vikings televised.

News quickly spread about the game being on television. The whole town took to the idea of being on regional T.V.

The game was everything it was built up to be

throughout the first quarter, as the Vikings took a 6-0 lead. Johnnie Williams completed four consecutive passes in the drive, that was climaxed by a 34 yard Tim Hampton touchdown reception. In the second period the Rams moved ahead 13-6, behind the running of Tommy Newsome, as he scored on a 48 yard run and set up Kermit Blount's three yard quarter-back roll-out.

After the Rams came out of the locker room with a 13-6 advantage, Newsome again, picking up where he left off at half-time, ran over, around, and through

the Viking defense for touchdowns of 76 and 7 yards respectively. He finished the day with an outstanding rushing performance totaling 207 yards on 14 attempts with three touchdowns, while his team crushed the Vikings 28-6.

Timmy Newsome is the brother of Jerome Newsome, a former Viking star. Like Jerome, Timmy wanted to come to Elizabeth City to play football, but the Vikings would not offer him a suitable scholarship.