

# Career Center Needs Cooperation

By LARRY LISTER

According to a spokesman from the Career Counseling Center at ECSU, "excellent career possibilities for the university, students and faculty are offered.

According to Mr. William A. Pierce, Director of Career Counseling and Placement at Elizabeth City State University students should enroll in the counseling program upon first attending the university. "The program presents, Pierce stated, "opportunities for students to look at their majors. Based on their major, books are provided for these students and the students are counseled on how to complete job applications". Pierce also stated that job applications must be completed so that the names of persons aware of their capabilities are fully written on the application forms.

The Career Counseling Center; Pierce stated, "sponsors workshops, seminars, closed-circuit television, and training for job interviews." He stated

that recruiters often come on campus to talk to students that are enrolled in the career counseling program.

Pierce stated that eighty percent of the qualified students that have completed all of the requirements are eligible for the program. Interviews with career counselors are permitted by telephone and the counselors assist students in typing resumes and mailing students' credentials to companies for possible employment. Pierce stated that if a student is interested in a company that student should do research on that company so that he will have sufficient knowledge of that company when preparing for a job interview. He also said that he has been employed at the career counseling center for twelve years. During this time, the names have constantly changed to what is now the Career Counseling and Placement Center.

"Some of the problems," he stated, "were the apathy of students in using the center's services; failure of the faculty in making students aware of the placement center, non-reading of

bulletin boards on career placement by students, and the failure of students to apply for the program." Pierce acknowledged however, "that on the other hand, as a result of career counseling, a former student is now employed at the Asland Oil Company at a salary of \$15,000.00 per year in Newark, New Jersey.

In Elizabeth City, Pierce is the Chairperson of the Cluster Program, which along with the Urban League Program assists area high school students in finding jobs. The cluster program has purchased over one-half million dollars in equipment for area needs.

The Career Counseling program has received help from area businesses such as the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce the Pell Paper Box Company, Belk Tyler Department Store and two local banks.

In conclusion, Pierce stated that the career counseling program is expanding and he is requesting better cooperation from Elizabeth City State University in meeting the needs of the students.

# ECSU Choir Goes On Tour

By MICHAEL FAIRLEY

The Elizabeth City State University Concert Choir recently returned from a tour of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. Many people consider touring to be a free week of fun. Any choir member will tell you that numerous hours of hard work constitute a tour and moments of pleasure augment its success.

The choir departed for Atlanta, Georgia at five o'clock a.m. Saturday, March 17. The escorts for the week's excursion were Billy C. Hines, director of Choral Activities, Mrs. Frozine R. Green, accompanist and a travel guide. We arrived at the home of Mrs. Vivian Perriman, president of the Atlanta Metro Chapter of the ECSU General Alumni Association. The choir members were introduced to their hosts for the weekend. After a wine and cheese reception, everyone retired in preparation for the following days activity.

On Sunday, March 18, the entourage attended worship services at Beulah Baptist Church. Their first performance of the tour commenced there at four o'clock p.m. The audience responded enthusiastically to the opening concert. Monday, March 19, found the choir in the halls of Southwest High School. Their classical selections were unfamiliar to the students, but variations of, "When the Saints Go Marching In" returned the students to their natural element. The choir then proceeded to Central City Park in downtown Atlanta. The park was situated around an amphitheatre which complemented the ideal setting for the choir's acapella repertoire. The choir was taken on a tour of Atlanta

shortly after the outdoor performance. Mrs. Perriman presented Mr. Hines the key to the city.

The choir visited the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change and the Ebenezer Baptist Church, where the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was pastor. They also visited the Metro Area Rapid Transit Authority, which will begin operation in July of this year. The choir was honored at a banquet that evening and another performance rendered at the request of the alumni. The evening was brought to a conclusion with a solo by Mrs. Green.

The choir departed Columbia, Tuesday, March 21, on route to Greenville, South Carolina. They arrived at Southside High School and were greeted by Mr. Richard S. Copeland, a 1971 graduate of ECSU. Mr. Copeland was instrumental in arranging the choir's presence at Southside High, where he is an instructor. After the high school performance, the choir had a few hours of rest before proceeding to the Church of Christ, also in Greenville. Musical instruments were forbidden within the church and the choir performed a complete acapella concert. Although this performance was shorter than usual, it was a success.

On March 20, we thanked our hosts for their hospitality and proceeded to Columbia, South Carolina. Upon arrival, choir members were housed on the campus of Allen University and performed there later that evening. Dr. Maurice Finney, a former faculty member of ECSU, gave the welcome address to the audience. The first three selections were dedicated to him.

## Preserve Our Black Schools

By LILLIE VAUGHAN

My eyes had never witnessed a greater effort by a group of black university students, as the efforts of the united force of the five historically black institutions in the University of North Carolina school system. Students have assembled at the Bicentennial Center across from the legislation building in Raleigh to be heard in the lively "lift every voice" cheer and chant.

Slogans included: "A People United Will Never Be Defeated", "We Shall Overcome" and "Save Our Schools" Whether or not the full meaning of why the students staged the rally was taken into consideration by the UNC system, their voices were heard and their full-hearted feelings were expressed.

Student petitions were submitted to the general assembly by the leaders of student bodies of the five historically black institutions. After studying the student's grievance the petitions were put on file.

## Hannon Reorganizes AWARE Organization

By LILLIE VAUGHAN

Concerned students at ECSU got together in an effort to reorganize the AWARE organization, to help students gain an awareness and appreciation for their cultural heritage. Emphasis was placed on self-awareness, cultural awareness and academic awareness. The major requirement was that the members possess a positive attitude.

The organization's campus objectives are to work with the Student Government Association to motivate students to attend student body meetings, to emphasize the importance of great black leaders, to work along with other organizations for the betterment of mankind and to stress the need for self-confidence.

In talking with Joyce A. Hannon, president of the AWARE Organization, I learned that though a great

effort was made on her part as well as a few other members, the organization slumbered.

Ms. Hannon openly expressed her regrets, "As president of the AWARE Organization, I felt this organization would have been profitable with the help of interested students. However, I have not been able to find enough students to contribute to the cause." Later she added, "I took it upon myself to reopen an organization that I thought would unite the family at ECSU, and be a great asset to us as well, but I find it very difficult to make students aware of themselves and the power they have as college students. It is a waste to let such a powerful organization go unnoticed. Campus life is not only a learning process but a communicative process as well. If we cannot communicate with each other in a university situation, who will be able to relate to?"

## Mitchell-Lewis Fashion Show

By TREQUITA HOOPER

A fashion show was presented in Mitchell-Lewis dormitory during the earlier part of the semester. The very stylish clothes were supplied by Gale Vaughn Hill, Proprietor of Vaughns Village, located three miles south of Hertford, N.C.

The models who participated in the show were: Gale Vaughn, Shirley Cherry, Linda Highsmith, Cynthia Anthony, Jewel Newby, Linda McCleave, Cheryle Vaughn and Theresa Chamblee. The commentator for the fashion show was Ms. Mary Little, a senior at Elizabeth City State University.