

Spring Festival Regarded Successful By Students



ADC Band gets the crowd ready for the main attractions of the festival.



Jungle Rock brings raeggae to ECSU during the Spring Festival.

Spring concert at Elizabeth City State University was loaded with dynamite. The groups featured were Cameo, ADC Band, Crown Heights Affair and Jungle Rock.

Because of last semester's homecoming disappointment (Foxy did not show), the school had more funds available for spring concert. The total cost of the affair was \$16,000, more money than ECSU has shelled out for a concert in its history.

The groups were paid as follows: Cameo \$7,500 ADC Band \$3,500, Crown Heights

Affair 3,500, Jungle Rock ADC Band \$3,500, Jungle Rock \$1,500. The remainder of the cost was for sound and lights, promotion, set-up, and staging of the concert.

Mixed facts about the groups were few, but in Rock it was learned that Jungle Rock was a band from Washington, D.C. known in that area to "turn it out".

The ADC Band is really a group of serious-minded young men (and one young lady). The "ADC" stands for Aid to the development of children. One of the members revealed that part of their

profit goes to unprivileged and disadvantaged children. That is a meaning that carries a lot of weight.

Crown Heights Affair has, for a long time, been hot on the charts, and they are continuing to do it up with "Dance Lady Dance". It is skyrocketing in the top 20.

Cameo did it before and they are doing it again with their new album is expected to be released in May. Other albums of theirs include "Cardiac Arrest", "We all Know Who We Are" and "Ugly Ego".



Cameo, in an unsuccessful attempt to blow up the Sports Arena, settles for getting down instead.

Social Security Laws Are Being Revamped

Social Security student beneficiaries may have their monthly checks stopped if they don't complete and return a required school enrollment report.

Reporting forms are being mailed to the more than 850,000 students age 18 to 22 whose monthly Social Security checks currently total \$1.7 billion a year.

This spring, for the first time, school officials are being asked to verify on the form that the student is enrolled on a full-time basis.

If a student does not return the form, or fails to have the school verify enrollment as required, Social Security checks will be suspended and the student's eligibility for previous payments will be investigated.

Students age 18 to 22 may qualify for Social Security payments if a parent is receiving retirement or disability benefits or has died. Those students are

required to report on their school enrollment status twice a year.

We're tightening up on those reporting requirements because some students either are not returning the forms at all or they are stating they are in school when they are not.

Payments to students who are not eligible cost taxpayers millions of dollars a year.

Students will have 60 days to complete and return the reporting form.

If a student received checks for months he or she was not a full-time student, then those benefits must be repaid.

Any student who needs help in completing the form or has questions about it can contact any Social Security office for help.

The Elizabeth City Social Security office is located at 111 Jordan Plaza next to Southgate Mall (phone 3382161) and is open 9:00 to 4:30 weekdays.

Roots continued.....

Haley's Roots Aid The Growth Of Elizabeth City's Youth

By LARRY LISTER

During the time when Alex Haley was a young man, Haley and his parents spent some time in Elizabeth City. His parents taught at what was then Elizabeth City State Normal School. While in Elizabeth City, Haley and his parents stayed at the residence of Mrs. Mabel A. Cooke, Music instructor in Elizabeth City. Mrs. Cooke received her music training at the Boston Conservatory of Music in Boston, Massachusetts.

According to Mrs. Cooke, Haley stayed at her home for two years. She stated that Haley was a bright young man with a wonderful talent. This talent was expressed in his writings. Mrs. Cooke

stated that Haley was shy and quiet and he concentrated intensively on his studies. He was not of the partying kind and did everything possible to help out around the house. In regards to education, Haley was quoted as saying, "You can do what you want to do." meaning that any person can get the job that he or she wants. Mrs. Cooke also stated that Haley was a natural born writer where he excelled in many years.

She stated that Haley was a close friend to her late husband, Dr. Frederick C. Cooke, Haley often traveled with Dr. Cooke visiting churches and serving on many church programs. Mrs. Cooke stated that Haley taught at Elizabeth City State Normal School, did not smoke and was well known by the

people of Elizabeth City for his community efforts. She stated that he was taken in like one in the family. He played a part with the young people of the church and taught a class of young men at the Cornerstone Baptist Church. Mrs. Cooke stated that Haley pursued his career from the very beginning and became very successful.

After staying at the Cooke residence for two years, Haley transferred from Elizabeth City State Normal School to Ohio State University, where he continued his teachings. Mrs. Cooke added, "Before leaving Haley encouraged many people to achieve successful careers."