

# Vikings

## in the News

Darlene Gallop, a 1982 graduate, is teaching in the Pasquotank County School System at P.W. Moore Junior High School.

Elaine Yelverton, a 1982 graduate, is attending Ohio State Graduate School for Journalism, under a scholarship.

Raynell Vesselles, a 1982 graduate, is attending Ohio State Graduate School for Special Education under a scholarship.

Barbara Fulton, a 1982 graduate, is a Caseworker in Boston, Mass.

Katrina D. Nixon, a 1980 graduate, obtained her Masters Degree at the University of Illinois. She is now employed by the State of Texas and resides in San Antonio.

Elijah White and Ronald Parker, former graduates of E.C.S.U., are now doing well at UNC Chapel-Hill, in the department of Geology. They are continuing work towards their Masters Degree.

Ronnie Davis also a former graduate of E.C.S.U., has completed his work at UNC Chapel-Hill and is now doing very well. He is now employed by the Continental Oil Company. He also got married last year.

Miss ECSU, Lynnette L. Watson, will attend the "Miss Black Pearl Pageant", sponsored by Pearl of Truth Tent #148 of Southport, N.C. Saturday, May 28, 1983 at eight o'clock p.m. in the International Longshoreman's Association Building as a visiting queen. The pageant will be an evening of sharing talent, charm, and beauty.

## Band Uniforms

by Nell McCollough

"Quality not quantity is my chief concern" emphasises Mr. Henry A. Duncombe, Band Director at ECSU. Duncombe, a graduate of Alabama State, feels very positive about the future success of the band.

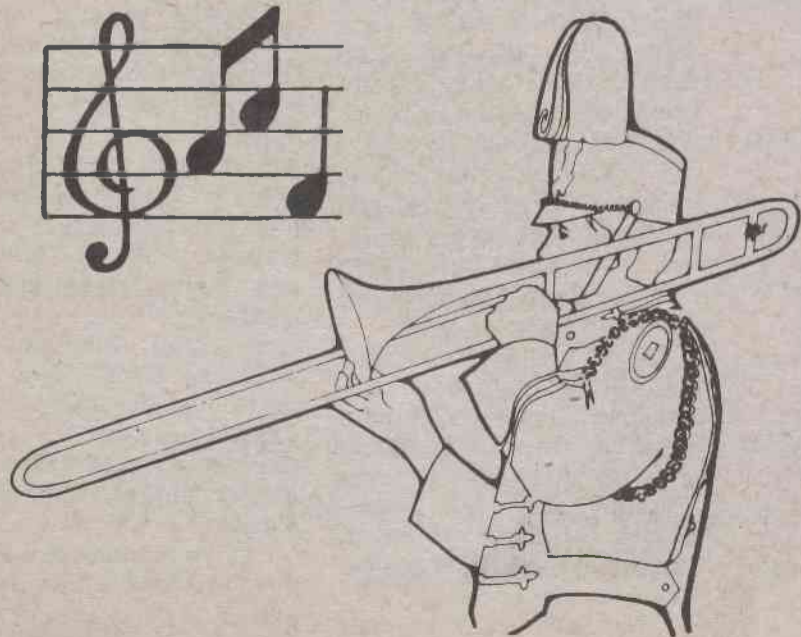
Helping toward this success are: Dr. Marion Thorpe, Dr. Jimmy Jenkins, Mr. McLean, and Dr. Edna Davis, who not only take positive attitudes, but manifest them in their willingness to aid the band by their support.

"A visible sign in the growth of our band is the fact that sometime in the near

future we will be getting new uniforms," states Mr. Duncombe.

The new uniforms will be neat with bright but not gaudy colors. They will have a style and lines that are crisp and symmetrical. They will be quite handsome and will bring the focus of the listeners to them. This will then serve as an aid to enhance the eye appeal while appreciating the quality of the music the band members play.

I don't know about you-but I can't wait to see them!



# Gardner is Gardener

by Michael A. Emmert

As the song goes, "From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam," our country is certainly a beautiful place to live; of course, the ECSU campus is no exception. From the treetops, to the shrubbery, to the lawns, green with grass, our campus is now a place to think of with pride.

Now, whom do we have to thank for our gorgeous campus? A pretty, 22-year-old, Gardner; actually, she is an horticulturalist and her NAME is Dale Gardner—how appropriate!

Miss Gardner holds a Flower and Nursery Crops Technician degree from NC State, but her title is, University Horticulturalist. Her duties include: the prevention of insects and disease of plants, sowing and maintaining the turf on the new football field, and reworking the landscape around some of the older buildings.

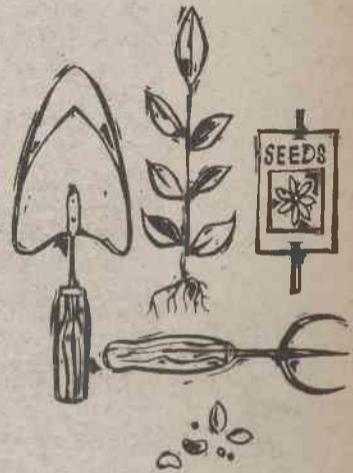
Gardner, having lived in Elizabeth City most of her life, was somewhat familiar with the grounds when she came here in June of '82; she found the campus in decent shape, but needing work in several areas.

Working with a great grounds crew, headed by Foreman Cardwell Cowell, Gardner got right to work and began to beautify the ECSU campus. In an effort to help her maintain our campus,



Gardner asks students to please use the trashcans and sidewalks; valuable time is wasted each day picking up unnecessary litter, while cutting through the lawn eventually kills the grass.

This spring as the flowers start to bloom, the trees to bud, and the grass to flourish, let your heart swell with pride at the beauty of our campus. Then we should give Dale Gardner a pat on the back and say, "Great Job!"



## THREE WISE MEN

by Gwen Nixon

During the months of January and February, people all over the world will celebrate the birthdays of three great Americans. In January of 1929, Martin Luther King, Jr. was born and on April 4, 1968, King was assassinated. Since that time, millions of people have campaigned to have Dr. King's birthday declared a national holiday. His knowledge and capabilities were of the highest order. King was a minister and Negro civil-rights leader who led thousands of people. As of today, Dr. King's birthday is officially celebrated in many states and will appear on the Elizabeth City calendar in 1984. However, whether approved or appealed by the senate and congress, Black schools all over North Carolina celebrate Dr. King's birth with reverence.

Dr. King and our sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln, have two major things in common. They were both men fighting to benefit the people and they were both victims of cruel acts. Lincoln was born in February, 1809. Because of Lincoln's constant effort to stop the war and to establish equal rights for all men in order for all men to have freedom, his memory has been perpetuated through such memorials as the Lincoln Monument and a national holiday marking his birth. Lincoln has often been considered the greatest of American Presidents and indeed with his knowledge and efforts, he could have accomplished a great many things had his life not been so shortened. In my life time, I have never seen people respect another as they do Abraham Lincoln.

Surely everyone has great remembrance of the first president of our country. George Washington had little formal learning, but his military experience and bravery aided him in running the country. It seems that Washington is not so important to some, but without him things may have gotten started on the wrong foot.

Every man that has helped to advance the world should be remembered and honored. Let us not forget what these and other great men have accomplished. Let us give them their due.

