

Freshmen Candle Service

There was prayer thanking God for guidance, direction and for each student present.

Thus began the 1984 Candelighting Service for new students at ECSU which was held in Moore Hall Auditorium. Each freshman student holding a candle of darkness knew by the end of the ceremony his candle would be brought to light.

Miss ECSU '84-'85, Shirley A. James, shared with freshmen that learning was a continuous process and through learning each candle becomes brighter. She added that knowledge acquired during the next four years will be with them forever and hoped that they will pass their knowledge onto others.

The "Blind Ploughman" sung by Sean Sharpe told freshmen that through faith, the drive to higher grounds would follow. This gave the audience hope and a better outlook on life.

Chancellor Jimmy R. Jenkins, spoke on behalf of the University Family. Jenkins told the Class of '88 that this was a special day chosen to officially induct them into our family. "What happens today will be with you forever," Jenkins reminded.

"We will ignite a flame inside each of you for you will from here light the world no matter where you are. Those near your paths will be brighter because of you," Jenkins said.

The Class of '88 was called the "leaders of tomorrow" for they would change the course of history so that historical problems would be of small importance.

"The burden of responsibility is on your shoulders," Jenkins said. "You are now ignited and we expect you to go on carrying the torch and brighten the path wherever responsibility lies."

Though speaking to a group, it was as if Jenkins spoke to each individual, welcoming them to the ECSU family.

"His Name So Sweet," sang by Shirrell Bullock was inspirational. A musical interlude proceeded the lighting of a candle by Aljournal Franklin.

A short skit was the main attraction demonstrating truth, faith in man, faith in God and the love of brothers. SGA president Timothy Okeke expressed the importance of youth and how, as bearers of the light, one can reach new heights. One should build his castle high above the stars, for each future world is dreamless and this world awaits your coming while dreaming of a better day to come.

"This is your world," explained Okeke, "what will you do with it?"

There will be obstacles to block your paths, but the flames kindled will burn all along the way with the help of God. For from hand to hand and heart to heart, the kindle of light will pass as a true symbol of knowledge. We must impliment changes with loyalty and fellowship towards alumni, faculty and students. We must come together to create a higher institution, and as a family we can conquer anything.

New freshman took an oath to bear true faith and allegiance to ECSU, to uphold justice and to be proud to be a member of the university family.

Each candle was then lit and the family sang the college hymn to conclude the program.



Dr. Leon White New V.C. For Student Affairs

From the homey brown carpet on the floor to the bright sun-filled window behind his desk, Dr. Leon S. White's office reflects the cheerfulness and warmth that he exudes in person.

White, ECSU's new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, comes to Elizabeth City with ten years of experience behind him, including a stint as Dean of Student Affairs at St. Augustine College in West Palm Beach, Fla.

An undergraduate degree from Tuskegee Institute and a Ph.D. from Ohio State are among White's credentials. He also attended graduate school in journalism at Columbia University.

White's family, his wife, Ann, a daughter, Kanika, and a son, Nigel will soon be joining him and living on campus.

White said that his department

is in charge of running the Student Service Center, the University Center and the Counseling center. In addition, his office co-ordinates campus programs for religious life, career planning and placement, social activities, intramural sports, clubs, choirs, and much more.

"Some of our recent innovations include week-end movies to help keep students on campus all week, a satellite dish to bring in world news and foreign language channels and the on-going renovations of the residence halls," White said.

"One thing I do that I enjoy a lot is to sit down with the students at the residence halls and talk with them. This gives me an opportunity to see how well the university is educating them, what kinds of things are pleasing or displeasing them, and what t

programs we can design to meet their needs."

"School spirit is something else we are working on," he said, "and the SGA is in the forefront of this. A winning football team helps and we are having pep rallies to help increase game attendance. Another problem seems to be that students are not getting enough general information. We have placed paperback books in the residence halls and are encouraging reading competitions between floors and buildings as well."

"ECSU has one of the best environments in higher education," said White. "Fewer schools accept needy students as ECSU does and nowhere can you find friendlier people. The physical surroundings are also unusually pleasant and beautiful."

White says that his counseling background is most helpful to him in his new position. "You can meet students where they are and take them where you want them to go when you are a trained counsellor."

"I like people," White says, "and I am willing to meet with students anytime. Individual students are my first priority."



Kenneth L. Lanier, an ECSU senior Business Management major from Elizabethtown, N.C.,

spent this past summer as a member of the cast for the outdoor drama *The Liberty Cart*. He appeared in the major role of

Jonathan in the play by Randolph UMBERGER which is produced each summer in Kenansville, N.C. In addition to his role in *The Liberty Cart*, Kenneth served as stage manager for the company's alternate production of *The Wind In The Willows*.

This was his second summer of outdoor drama participation. In 1983 he appeared as George Applewhite in *Strike at the Wind* in Pembroke, N.C. Kenneth also worked as assistant stage manager for that production.

Here at ECSU, Kenneth has acquired an impressive list of theatre credits. He was production stage manager for *The Hot 1 Baltimore*, *Bus Stop*, and *Purlie*. As an actor he portrayed Paul Granger in *The Hot 1 Baltimore* and appeared last spring as Gabe Gabriel in the University Players production of *No Place To Be Somebody*. He has also worked with the Players in Neil Simon's *The Good Doctor* and directed the one-act plays *The Corner* and *Soul Gone Home*.

Kenneth is a graduate of East Bladen High School, where he reached the rank of Cadet Major in the JROTC. He is currently an active member of the National Guard.

Orientation Held For Class Of 1988

The class of 1988 gathered together for the first time in August to be briefed by some of ECSU's top administrators. Freshman and transfer students sat attentively and listened inquisitively as each administrator spoke.

Chancellor Jimmy R. Jenkins described the activities that have been planned to aid in the success of each freshman or transfer student during his/her first year at ECSU.

Jenkins said that dorm buildings have been renovated with carpeting in the lounge area. He plans to have televisions installed in lounges also. There is a new dining service, Gourmet Foods of La., on campus. Jenkins hopes the new service will be "second to none."

Jenkins said: "To be a true Viking is to be victorious." This thought seemed to linger throughout the assembly. Hopefully, his quotation will be prophetic, especially for the freshmen.

Other administrators included: Dr. Leon White, vice-chancellor for student affairs; Dr. Johnny Houston, vice-chancellor for academic affairs; Mr. Roger McLean, vice-chancellor for fiscal affairs; Mr. James Spence, interim vice-chancellor for development and planning; Dr. Helen Caldwell, chairperson for the division of General Studies; Dr. Claude Green, administrative librarian; and Mr. Robert Vaughan, athletic director and head basketball coach. Each participant introduced himself and his staff and explained their duties.

Also present was Mrs. Carol C. Jones, director of the newly implemented Honors Program. She and Jenkins are developing upcoming activities for the charter members of this program.

Timothy Okeke, president of the SGA, directed the distribution of the handbook. Shirley James, Miss ECSU, served as mistress of ceremonies and Leonard Ballou, university archivist, was the organist.

VOTE!

November 6, 1984 may signify an important event for many ECSU students. It will be their first opportunity to vote in a national election.

In 1980, only 52.9 per cent of eligible American voters turned up at the polls, a paltry figure compared to Great Britain's 72.7, West Germany's 89.1, and France's 85.85 turnout. Recent statistics indicated registration has improved since 1980.

Like many Americans, we take this right for granted, not realizing the debt for exercising democratic ideals was paid by a formidable group of Americans that publicly and actively decried a sovereign regard for freedom, a concept that has historically profiled the American spirit.

We are not voting for a personality wielding a star-spangled soapbox on November 6, we are voting on important issues including nuclear disarmament, economic and financial stability, U.S. involvement in wars and opposition to judicial oligarchy.

On Election Day 1984, do not give your vote to someone that has made a decision. Cast your own ballot!

Seniors should remember numerous tests that are administered throughout the school year and should pay particular attention to registration closing dates, which are seven weeks prior to scheduled test dates. This includes a one week allowance for mail.

Dr. Olive Wilson, Coordinator for Counseling Services in the Student Services Building, urges students to: "Balance your money! All the tests are expensive. The average cost is \$30.00."

Students demonstrating financial need may be eligible to take the Graduate Record Examination free of charge through the "Fee Waiver Program" offered at the university. Wilson also emphasized the strategic importance of obtaining faculty recommendations and preparing credential files early for on campus recruitment. Faculty members are frequently inaccessible as a result of busy schedules and may have limited availability.

All prospective teachers are

Color me bright! That is the trend for this season's fashion conscious male. "Gay" pastels are no longer associated with a certain genre of individuals.

Men's shirting this fall is horizontal or vertical stripes and checks, but splashed with bold lavenders, pinks and purples that would pale an artist's palette.

Traditionally conservative manufacturers like IZOD are moving toward brighter colors in their knit shirts, but do not be alarmed ECSU preppies, a requiem for the alligator should not be scheduled yet.

Crew neck sweaters are showing subtle tones of blues, pinks and lavenders meshed with traditional male colors like brown, gray, etc. Men's sweaters are following trend preference for natural fibers, including

cotton, wool and wool blends. Shirts are worn underneath to achieve the layered look, and let's face it, to stop the wool "itchies."

Flecks of color are even seen in black and gray suits to lend freshness to

Pants this season are definitely pleated, whether in or out, single or double. Cords are still a mainstay for fall/winter season, but denim is passe.

The fashion conscious villain does not wear black this year. White is "bad" for all season in '84. It provides both a striking contrast and versatility to any wardrobe. This is good news for the pocketbook!

Headline news for '84 is the panama hat, a modestly priced chapeau that even makes a wimp look like Bogie. a la Casablanca.

required to take the National Teacher's Examination and achieve a passing score for certification in North Carolina. PART III IN PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF CORE BATTERY will be given October 27th.

Future seminars at the University are on the agenda, but no dates have been confirmed.

Students are urged to seek assistance at the Student Services Building in filling out application forms, to avoid the possibility of costly errors and time consuming delays

The "MTV" look is dominating the fashion scene with rip-stop nylon pants, cropped tops, Japanese style jackets and electric hued muscle t-shirts. Please examine those biceps before purchasing muscle shirts.

Fall line menswear is similar to women's, in terms of style. Both are bigger and more comfortable, creating a baggy look.

One final note on next summer's fashion forecast. If you really want to dazzle the beach people guys, wear your fashionably correct boxershorts slightly below your bathing trunks. The boxers should be plaid for ultimate chic. Note: this will not work with bikini-cut style.

Whatever your fashion choice on campus, streets or at the beach this season, say it with color!