

PEOPLE

Big brothers/sisters make college life better

New students at ECSU, faced with late study hours, time demands, dorm life and new friendships have a new program designed to help with these changes.

"Having a big brother has made me feel more comfortable."

Darrin Adams, Freshman

Dr. Leon White, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs said, "The new program is called the Big Brother/Big Sister Program and is important to establishing relationships and exchanging information among students." White also said that

According to participants in the program, there is a new type of spirit that flows from student to student since the initiation of the program. Mary James, a Big Sister in the program said that until the program she thought that freshmen were unimportant to her and she felt no initiative to get to know new students.

The Big Brothers and Sisters are encouraged to provide an academic thrust for the new students.

Although the main focus of the program is on new students, upperclassmen benefit from the opportunity to serve the university and make new friends.

the program is open to all freshman and transfer students. He encourages anyone who is interested to contact the office of Student Affairs.

By Pam Brown
Co-Editor

Darrin Adams, a freshman Criminal Justice major from Norfolk, Va., said, "Having a Big Brother has made me feel more comfortable."

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters for the program were selected based upon their grade-point averages and demonstrated leadership.

The transition to college life may present some problems that contribute to a student deciding to drop out. This new program is expected to help those students and the program's goals are clear according to White, who said, "Data in terms of withdrawals from ECSU will be used to measure the effectiveness of the Big Brother/Big Sister Program."

According to Whalen Joyner, a Big Brother, the program should continue to improve, especially as funding increases. Funding could provide awards to those in the program who excel academically and provide incentives for participation.

The Puzzle

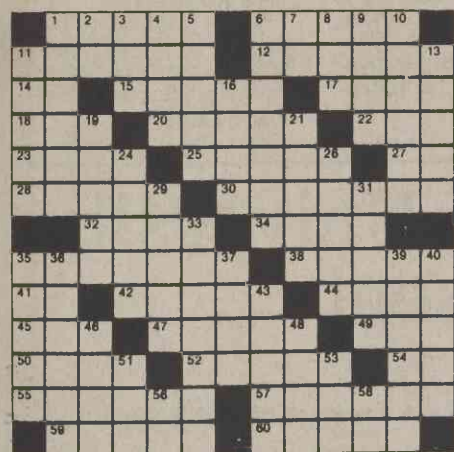
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- 20 Wanders
- 22 Hindu cymbals
- 23 Den
- 25 Olive-green flycatcher
- 27 Symbol for tellurium
- 28 Church official
- 30 Baby's playthings
- 32 Smooth
- 34 River in Siberia

DOWN

- 35 Firearms storehouse
- 38 Ardent
- 41 Sun god
- 42 Language of ancient Rome
- 44 Withered
- 45 New Deal agency init.
- 47 Black and blue
- 49 Tattered cloth
- 50 Transgresses
- 52 Mercenary
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- 57 Glossy paint
- 59 Mollusks
- 60 Jewish festival

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COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Kermit Griffin awarded 16-week music internship

Kermit Griffin, a senior Music Industry Studies student at ECSU, has been selected as an intern with MIDCO International in Atlanta, Ga. MIDCO International is a major wholesaler, importer and exporter of musical instruments and accessories. Griffin's internship will begin January 12, 1987, and will last for 16 weeks.

The Elizabeth City native was also honored as the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Scholar at the

International Music and Sound EXPO in Chicago. This honor carries a \$1,000 scholarship with it.

Griffin is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Franklin Griffin and a 1983 graduate of Northeastern High School. He is an honor student at ECSU, a member of the marching, concert, and jazz bands; president of the Music Industry Association Student Chapter and was selected for the 1986 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.



Photo by Kevin Cox

Kermit Griffith and Dr. Willie Sullivan, Chairman of Music Department



Capt. Alan Fisher instructs ECSU cadets. Pictured are (from left to right): Cornelius Warren from Goldsboro; Edward Deans, a senior from Murfreesboro; Leon Hall, a senior from Scotland Neck; Rodney Haggins, a senior from Goldsboro; Capt. Fisher; Alvin Smith, a junior from Kinston; Victor Williams, a senior from Kinston; William Ponce, a junior from Elm City; and Mark Steppney, a senior from Edenton.

ROTC

The ECSU ROTC program which began here in March, 1981, with 63 cadets now has an enrollment of 182. To build and sustain interest in the program has required the initiation of new programs.

Cadets are no longer limited to just the classroom, but can gain "real life" military experience through summer programs such as Airborne School, Air Assault School, and Basic and Advanced camps. There are specialty

teams available including the Color Guard, the Sabre Team, and the Recondo Squad. Two new teams include the Drill Team and the Ranger Team. Each of the units teaches the cadet about a different aspect of military life.

Major Allen or Captain Fisher at the Department of Military Science should be contacted for more information on ROTC.



The Fall Freshman Talent Show attracted a full house in the Moore Hall Auditorium. Students saw their classmates model, sing, dance and even play the harmonica.

James Hardy, a 20-year-old freshman music major from Goldsboro, brought the house down with his renditions of Lionel Richie's hits.

ECSU professor works with NASA project

By Robin Sawyer
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While summer means vacation for most educators, Dr. Bobby Joe Lewis, Associate Professor of Biology, spent his summer doing research at NASA. During the Summer Faculty Research Fellowship Program. The fellowship was sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and American Society of Educational Engineering (ASEE) at Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas.

Although Lewis was one of thirty-six individuals who attended the program from June 2-August 15, research work was done independently. Upon arrival, each participant was given a list of research projects which are presenting problems for NASA. From this list, the participant must do extensive

reading before actually choosing the project that he or she is capable of completing. Lewis said, "For the first year person, it's hard because you want to be working while you're reading."

The project Lewis chose was screening and testing disinfectants that may be considered for use in "instituting the Microbial Decontamination Control Plan" for the Space Station of the 1990's. The project involved two phases: a non-experimental phase and an experimental phase. The first part was to search for literature on the different kinds of disinfectants. The remainder of the non-experimental phase included finding out the names of the companies who manufacture the disinfectants, obtaining permission to test the disinfectants, purchasing samples of the disinfectants,

and recording all of this information. With this work complete, the final step was to

catalog the physical and qualitative characteristics of the disinfectants along with the chemical compositions of each disinfectant by per cent.

Lewis laughed, "You had to know a lot of chemistry. Although my minor was chemistry, I had to go the library, especially for some of those long organic compounds."

During the experimentation phase of the research, Lewis was able to test four different disinfectants against one microorganism. The procedure included preparing a culture medium, activating the microorganism, exposing the microorganism to the disinfectant, maintaining an incubation period, and recording his observations and results. Although he worked alone, his work was

supervised by Robert M. Irbe, Ph.D., an employee of Northrop Laboratories, Inc., and his Johnson Space Center colleague, Duane L. Pierson, Ph.D. Northrop Laboratories, Inc. is contracted by NASA for certain areas of research.

As a direct result of his research, Lewis is currently preparing a report to be published by NASA. The paper will aid NASA in its search for an economical procedure which can be used to further test disinfectants for the Space Station, which according to Lewis, is tentatively scheduled for some time around 1990. Lewis will also be giving a seminar to his department and plans to give seminars at other places as well.

Lewis feels his experience at NASA may benefit the university in two ways. First, there is the possibility of fu-

ture research projects for NASA being conducted on the ECSU campus. He remarked that, "If there is an institutional commitment by ECSU to carrying out a research project, NASA will work along with the university in allowing a faculty member that NASA has used in the summer to carry out a research project here."

Another benefit is the opportunity for sophomores, juniors and seniors to investigate and participate in similar research projects.

Lewis's summer at NASA did not give him visions of space travel. He noted that many of the current astronauts did originally join NASA as research personnel. For now however, Lewis is content to spend his summers in the research lab. Maybe one day though, he will be vacationing in space.



Dr. Bobby Lewis, associate professor of biology at ECSU.