



## Durant, Oakley attend seminar

By Pam Brown

Two ECSU political science majors took advantage of the opportunity to meet some of the top scholars in the discipline of political science. Edgard R. Oakley, a 21-year-old senior from Orangeburg, South Carolina and Benjamin C. Durant, III, a 21-year-old senior from Hertford, North Carolina attended the American Political Science Association Summer Institute at Louisiana State University.

The institute attracted top black political science majors from colleges throughout the nation.

To qualify for the institute, students had to be of good academic standing and had to present three letters of recommendation. Tuition, room and board, and a weekly stipend of \$100 were provided for the participants. Students also received credit for two courses offered by the program, "Problems in American Politics" and Scope and Resource Methods."

The APSA Summer Institute emphasized the need for more black political science majors, particularly women; and black insight into major issues.

The institute was a tribute to Ralph Bunch, a Nobel Prize winner; and was made possible by a grant from the Ford Foundation.



Photo by Richard McIntyre

Welcome back to ECSU!

Biology department holds a "welcome back" picnic for its students.

## Freshmen shine in ECSU talent show

By Beverly Johnson

Freshmen displayed their individual talents at the 1987 Freshman Talent Show, held September 3 in the Williams Hall Gymnasium. The show, which was sponsored by the Division of General Studies, was coordinated by Mrs. Lora Ann Barclift and hosted by Dennis and Ericka Blount.

The show lasted about two hours and included acts of singing and dancing or a combination of the two. Participants of the show included the trio of David Green, Tenence Smith, and D.J. Thomas who performed "I Need Love" by LL Cool J. Labrina Jones added comedy along with her solo rendition of "Love Me Tender." Beverly Johnson did a dance routine to Janet Jackson's "Pleasure Principle."

Other performances included solos by Nell Cannon who performed "My Soul Has Been

Anchored," Shana Robinson, who sang "How Great Thou Art," and Keisha Blackwell, who performed "And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going."

The duo of Yolanda Andrews and Tamara Wright sang "Always" and added sign language to their performance. Sheila Reese performed a solo of "Let Me Go," and Adrian Avenaux and Eric Bell gave the final performances of the show.

Positive comments about the

show came from sophomores Evelyn Dupree and Caroline Copeland. Dupree said, "The talent show was really good—there wasn't a boring moment." Copeland added, "I enjoyed the talent show from beginning to end."

"The Freshman Talent Show was a tremendous success," said Mrs. Barclift. "The participants thrilled the audience with dynamic performances, reflecting the spirit and excitement of this class."

## ECSU student learns of NASA

An ECSU junior spent much of his summer at Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida, learning about the United States space program.

Johnny G. Reid, a biology/pre-dentistry student, spent June 20 through August 1 participating in the Space/Life Sciences Training Program.

Reid applied for the program in conjunction with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee and was one of 36 applicants selected from all over the country. Reid said most of the students chosen were pre-med students.

"I was the only pre-dentistry student chosen," he said. "I was also part of a small percentage chosen from smaller institutions."

According to Reid, the training program he was involved in was started in 1985 to teach undergraduate students about NASA.

### Student learns computer lingo

Derrick L. Wilkins, a computer science major at ECSU, was faced with the task of designing a system that would calculate function points to measure work productivity.

As a summer intern at Burlington Industries, Inc. in Greensboro, NC, Wilkins was classified as a programmer/analyst. Wilkins had to familiarize himself with a new computer language and was given very little direction from the company.

A recruiter from Burlington Industries came to ECSU's placement office where Wilkins was able to get an interview and an internship.

Students from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, N. C. State, Clemson, and North Carolina A & T also participated, however, Wilkins was the only intern stationed at the company's headquarters in Greensboro.

Wilkins says his tolerance for his major area of study has increased as a result of the internship.

"I can sit down and write a new program and see it to its completion," Wilkins said. "I was well prepared for the internship thanks to ECSU's computer science department."

In 1977, NASA had started a program to recruit scientists but most of them had already decided on career choices and research fields. The new program was designed to attract students who were undecided about research and career choices, with the hope that some might return to NASA after graduation.

Reid said the program enabled him to come into close contact with top-level scientists.

"I got to work right next to some of the leading scientists in the world," Johnny said. One of those scientists was Dr. Abraham Krikorian from the State University of New York at Stonybrook, one of the leading botanists in the world.

Reid said he got to participate in several experiments involving the shuttle and space flight. "I was exposed to the entire process of a flight simulation experiment," he said.

One experiment Reid participated in was testing a nutrient system to see if it would work during a space flight.

"We were trying to develop a nutrient that wouldn't break apart," he said. "On the last mission there were particles of food flying around."

Reid said the program was a very valuable and rewarding experience, not only because of the experience in the laboratory; but because he learned how complex an undertaking a space shuttle launch can be.

"I also learned that a space flight simulation takes teamwork," Reid said. "I also developed some pretty close

friendships while I was there. I still keep in contact with people I met there."

Reid said he now has a better understanding of some of the things that happen at NASA. "Some day I might even be working there," he added. "They've opened up the door for us, now it's up to us to pursue a career as a Space/Life scientist."

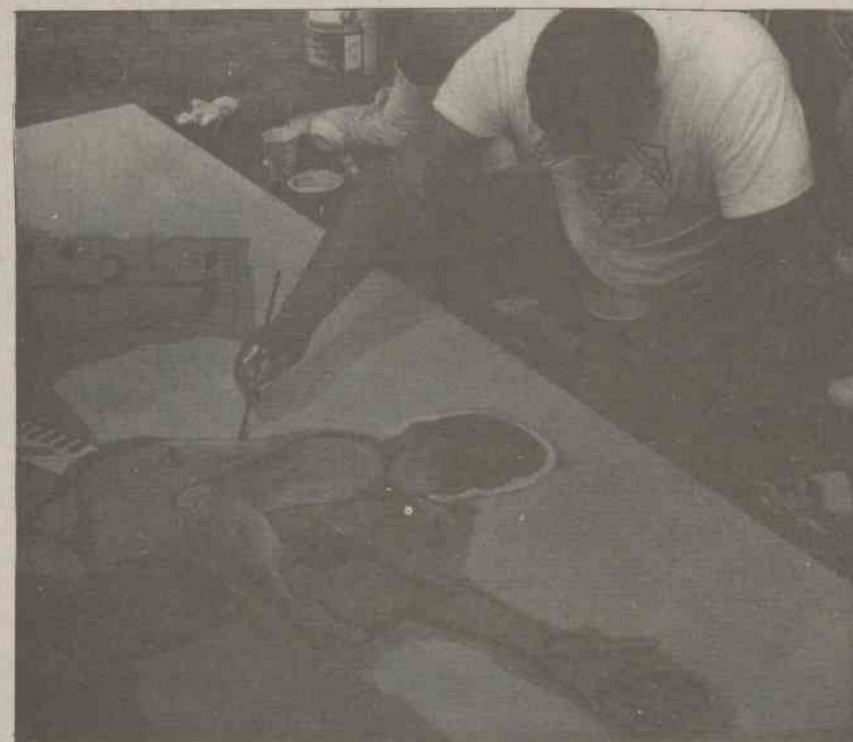


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(Top) ECSU students create a mural for "Back-to-School" Day held at Waterfront Park. (Above) Dan Pearce, Jenny McIntosh, Eugene O'Neill, Alexis Joyner and Vincent de Gregorio, instructors at ECSU, will be displaying their art work at the Pasquotank Arts Council Gallery October 15 through 31.

## Bits and Pieces

By Becky Overton

**LIGHTS, ACTION, PLAY BALL!** . . . ECSU held its first night football game with J.C. Smith University September 5. The installation of the new lights at Roebuck Stadium took approximately five days and cost just under \$150,000. Here's to night football at ECSU!

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**VIKINGS INK \$MILLION PACT** . . . After months of negotiations ECSU's athletic department completed one of the largest Fish Bowl Classic contracts ever. ECSU and Norfolk State will earn over \$140,000 apiece as their share of the multi-million dollar contract. The four-year pact has the Vikings and Spartans playing in the annual football contest, which has an average attendance of over 20,000. The Fish Bowl is sponsored by the Arabia Temple No. 12 of Portsmouth, Virginia. The 40th Annual Fish Bowl was held this year September 26.

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**"CRUISING" TAKES FIRST PLACE** . . . Students from ECSU's art department won first place in the art contest September 19 in the "Welcome Back Students Day" at Waterfront Park in Elizabeth City. The painting, "Cruising," was completed within the four-hour time limit of the contest by Mathew Coates, Willie Cannon, Jackie Roundtree, Nancy Sewell, Bryan Tucker, and Tracy Winborne. The painting will be on exhibit in the cafeteria. . . . P.S.: Mathew Coates will also exhibit a sculpture in the University Center.

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**ART FACULTY TO SHOW THEIR WORK** . . . The art department faculty will exhibit their work in a group show at the Pasquotank Arts Council Gallery on East Main Street. The showing will run from October 15 through October 31. The works to be displayed include: paintings by Vincent de Gregoria; sculpture and by ceramics by Alexis Joyner; jewelry and sculpture by Jenny McIntosh; photography by Eugene O'Neal; and paintings by Dan Pearce. A reception will be held for the artists in the Art Gallery on October 15. Congratulations faculty members!

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**PARENTS' DAY PLANS COMPLETE** . . . ECSU will hold its Annual Parents' Day Saturday, October 17, 1987. Parents are invited to a luncheon with Chancellor Jimmy R. Jenkins at 11:30 a.m. in the K. E. White Graduate and Continuing Education Center. The Vikings will host the Tigers of St. Paul's College in a football game following the luncheon. For more information contact Mr. Willie B. Spence or Mrs. Treva Thomas at ext. 281 or ext. 280.

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**WANTED LADY VIKING SOFTBALL PLAYERS!** . . . James Hoggard, head coach of the Lady Vikings softball team has announced the date for the team's first organizational meeting. According to Hoggard, anyone interested playing fast-pitch softball next spring on the women's team should report to Vaughan Center, Room 108, Wednesday, October 14, at 5 p.m. The Lady Vikings were runner's up in the CIAA Northern Division last spring with a record of 24-1. Hoggard says he "has high hopes for this year's team" and wants to "get an early start."

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**ECSU RECEIVES \$100,000 HUD GRANT** . . . ECSU will receive a grant in an amount up to \$100,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to Samuel R. Pierce, Jr., Secretary of the H.U.D. The purpose of the grant will be to establish a local capacity building unit in small towns and cities in Northeastern North Carolina. Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development Ulysses B. will supervise the project.