

Survival training: ECSU student braves icy perils in north country

By Shawn Everett

Cadet Major Cary Newsome will never forget the time the boat turned over on him in a freezing river in Alaska.

"There was no time for panic," recalled Newsome, a senior at ECSU. "The only thing that was running through my mind was to get out of the ice cold water."

Getting out of the water was complicated because Newsome and two other members of his party were trapped beneath a fifteen-man motor boat.

Newsome finally managed to get out from under the boat and swim across the swift, powerful current to the edge of the shore. "The other team members participating in the rafting expedition pulled us out with ropes," he recalled.

Newsome was participating in Arctic Survival Training in Alaska, which is sponsored by the United States Reserve Officer Training Core, Region I. Each year 150 cadets from colleges all over the country are selected to attend the four-week program. Applicants are selected on the basis of the ROTC record, academic performance, and attitude.

"I was the first cadet from Elizabeth City State University to really show an interest in going," said Newsome. The training includes ice crevice rescues, rafting skills, climbing glaciers, building shelters in the snow, trapping animals for food, and digging holes in the ice for

fishing.

"Some of the survival training was physically demanding and required that you be in good shape," Newsome said.

Newsome and other team members had to go out on a glacier and practice their survival skills for one week. "Once on the glacier the temperature got up to seventy degrees. We took off our shirts and walked around like it was summertime."

Newsome said the cadets worked together to get the job done correctly. "There were three black guys, including myself," he said, "eleven white females and the rest were white males."

When asked if he felt out of place, Newsome replied, "Definitely not. A majority of the people I met were underclassmen, and they were very friendly."

On their free time the cadets went out and met a lot of new people, Newsome said. "There are a lot more black people in Alaska than I ever anticipated." Newsome said Alaska had a "laid back, Southern" atmosphere.

"The people there dress like hillbillies and they listen to a lot of country music."

One hundred and thirty cadets graduated from the Arctic Survival Program, including Newsome. Although he was eager to return home, he also said he would gladly return to Alaska.

"It was quite an experience," Newsome said, "and I would be willing to go back."



Photo by Richard McIntire

Cadet Major Cary Newsome participated in Arctic Survival Training in Alaska this past summer.

Bits and Pieces

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CHILDREN TREATED TO PARTY . . . Elizabeth City State University Special Education majors, under the supervision of Dr. Frances Harrington, held a Halloween party for handicapped preschoolers from the Developmental Diagnostic Center in Elizabeth City on Friday October 30, 1987 in the Special Education Laboratory of the Education and Psychology Building. The children, ages two to five, were entertained with games, festive music, and decorations. Refreshments were served. College students that participated in the activity were Christine Soodek, Stephenia Wilson, Robyn Lowry, Jacqueline McRae, Sonji Smith, and Grace Owuwanne.

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A. J. FLETCHER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED . . . The A. J. Fletcher Foundation in Raleigh, North Carolina awarded the ECSU Music Department a \$10,000 renewable grant for music scholarships. This grant is open to incoming freshman and transfer students possessing exemplary background skills in instrumental or vocal music. The recipients for these scholarships are the following: Andrian Jon Arceneaux, Keisha Blackwell, Harvey Bullock, Scot Byers, Nell Cannon, and Sharon Robinson. These recipients submitted audition tapes to the scholarship committee at ECSU last semester before being selected. In addition, these students will be required to maintain high academic standards while studying at the university. Any student that is interested in this scholarship please contact Dr. Willie Sullivan, chairman of the music department at (919) 335-3359.



Left to right are: Frances Harrington, Christine Soodek, Robyn Lowry, and Stephanie Wilson.

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PROMOTION ANNOUNCED . . . Major Thomas Jerome Allen was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on September 1, 1987 at Norfolk State University by the Commander of the First ROTC Region, Brigadier General Wallace C. Arnold. Allen's military education consists of Command and Staff Officer's Course (Commandant's List), Strategic Signals Intelligence Course (Honor Graduate), Military Intelligence Officer's Advanced Course and Engineers Officer's Candidate School (Distinguished Graduate).

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ECSU GOSPEL CHOIR PLANS SPRING TOUR... Dr. B. Dexter Allgood, in his first semester as Director of the ECSU Gospel Choir, says he is "looking forward to a busy spring schedule" for the choir. Allgood says the choir, which has 60 members, is planning a spring tour that will include extensive travelling in the North and Midwest. The choir will also compete in several competitions. This fall the ECSU Gospel Choir gave two concerts at local Baptist churches. The choir also presented a concert November 22 in Williams Hall.

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MCDONALDS CHICKEN McNUGGETS FUNDRAISER... ECSU will receive scholarship money from the proceeds of a Holiday Chicken McNuggets fundraiser in all local McDonald's December 4-13. ECSU, Norfolk State and Hampton University will receive academic scholarships through the program, announced Harry Scalione, Tidewater McDonald's Association president. "McDonald's will donate 20 cents from the sale of each 9-piece and 40 cents from the sale of each 20-piece Holiday Chicken McNuggets to the universities during that time period," Scalione said. "We hope to raise at least \$2500 for each school, for academic scholarships to be awarded to local incoming freshman during the 1988-89 school year."

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PHI BETA LAMBDA STUDENTS ATTEND JOB FAIR... The members of Phi Beta Lambda and the ECSU Business department co-sponsored a trip to Philadelphia, Pa., October 15-17, to attend the 1987 Student Mini-Conference and Job Fair. The students attended seminars on resume writing, interviewing techniques and the requirements of the job markets. After the seminar, students had the opportunity to interview with representatives of some of the companies there. Several students received invitations for interviews at the companies' expense.



Honors program: a challenge to excel at ECSU

By Pam Brown
Honors Correspondent

In August of 1984, ECSU welcomed 15 freshmen students to participate as the first members of its Honors Program. These students are charter members and will be the first graduates of the program.

The mission of the Honors Program, directed by Dr. Carol C. Jones, is to challenge students with high academic potential at an accelerated rate. To be selected to participate in the program, students are required to have SAT scores, high school grade point averages, and scores on the entrance examination that are satisfactory. Once inducted into the program students are expected to maintain cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

Cultural enrichment is an important aspect of the Honors Program. The charter members have taken several trips designed to foster a better understanding of American culture. The trips include visits to Washington, D.C.; to Wells Theatre in Norfolk, Virginia; to the Tidewater Dinner Theatre; and to the Dance Theatre of Harlem (Chrysler Hall in Norfolk, Virginia).

Once the students reach their senior year they come to the highlight of the program—the writing of an undergraduate thesis. This is done to prepare students for study at the graduate level.

The charter members have begun work on their theses and have chosen a variety of topics related to their individual majors. Some of the topics are: "Telecommunications: Definition, Purposes, and Advantages;" "An analysis of Black Insurgency from 1930-1970;" "A Comparative Study of Selected Novels of Virginia Woolf;" "A Study of Selected Labor Strikes in the United States;" and "A Study of the Matching Theory in Accounting."

After completing the thesis the seniors will present their work to a selected group of faculty members for review. The thesis, in its written form and oral review, must be satisfactorily completed prior to graduation in May.

Senior members of the Honors Program are: Evel J. Barco (Psychology), Monique L. Branch (Business Administration), Pamela A. Brown (English, Non-Teaching), Benjamin C. Durant, III (Political Science), Vertinia D. Foxx (Accounting), Gilbert Godfrey (Computer Science), Robert T. Goodman, Jr. (Computer Science), Antonio McDaniel (Accounting), Cary C. Newsome (Accounting), Edgard R. Oakley (Political Science), Darryl A. Sansbury (Computer Science), Atleacia C. Stokes (Psychology), Joe B. Underdue, III (Business Administration), and Derrick L. Wilkins (Computer Science).

New members for Beta Beta Beta

On Thursday, December 3, the officers and members of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society participated in the formal induction of new members into their prestigious campus-based student organization. The major functions of Beta Beta Beta involve sponsoring seminars/discussions on various topics in the life sciences which are of interest to the scientific community and also lay persons. Additionally, the society engages in academic support services, such as incentive awards, tutorial sessions and fund raising events.

Criteria for membership is very selective and only those Bi-

ology majors who have attained high academic status are invited to become a part of the organization.

This year's "bumper crop" of inductees includes the following very highly motivated biology majors: Felicia Griffin, Wanda Andrews, Frederick Joyner II, Gary Pierce and Graham Cox. The candle lighting induction ceremony was followed by a reception held in Lester Hall.

The organization is directed by the advisor, Mr. Lavern Jones and the officers of the Eta Chi Chapter; Kenneth Sawyer, President; Bonnie Cuffie, Vice President; Doris Capehart, Secretary; and Rhonda Taylor, Treasurer.

N.C. leaders attend meeting at ECSU

By Lisa Gregory

Martin officially renewed North Carolina's commitment to manage and protect the Albemarle-Pamlico Sounds under the Environmental Protection Agency's National Estuarine Program.

"You and I in our roles as homemakers, farmers, businessmen, regulators and citizens must make the difference," said Lawrence Jensen, EPA Assistant Administrator for Water. "Through our mutual efforts, programs will work, pollution will be controlled, and our estuaries will be restored and revived."

"We recognize shared governmental responsibilities," said N.C. Congressman Walter Jones. "What is required now is effort and commitment. We must be willing to work, to learn, and to teach. Surely it is worth the effort."

The public awareness meeting was sponsored by Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study, Elizabeth City State University, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Pamlico Citizen's Advisory Committee, and the Albemarle Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Some of the state's top political leaders attended a public awareness meeting concerning the Albemarle Pamlico Estuarine study on Saturday, November 14, at the graduate Center in ECSU.

The purpose of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study is to discover more efficient ways of managing the Albemarle and Pamlico estuaries for long-term productivity.

The meeting was held to educate the public about the coastal waters study and needed investigations. Panel discussions focused on problems and issues about the estuaries, including water pollution, fisheries resources, habitat loss and shoreline development.

"The Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine study has been marked by an unusual level of bipartisan support," said N.C. Governor James Martin. "All levels of government have been involved in the planning process. It is clear that our estuarine zone must receive our combined and steadfast commitment to ensure its long-term biological productivity, and to continue to support a rich variety of traditional lifestyles."