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**Countdown:**

## Campus braves 48-hour water outage

By Lisa Gregory

On Monday, October 3, the Viking family began the countdown: over 48 hours without water.

Forty-nine, forty-eight, forty-seven...

Late Sunday afternoon campus officials discovered a broken water main under Moore Hall which was losing water at 500 gallons a minute.

"The pipes were so old that we couldn't find them on our blueprints," said Roger McLean, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance. "That's why it took so long for us to get started on repairs. Because we couldn't pinpoint the exact location of the problem, we had to guess at digging."

Due to the rapid water loss and pipe location problems, all campus water had to be cut off

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early Monday afternoon.

Tempers grew short as the first day with no water passed.

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Cherry. "It's pitiful."

Student impatience with "administration promises" grew with each passing hour, as more and more students found themselves catching rides to the local

mall or restaurants to use the bathroom.

"We had to go to the mall to use the restroom because when a little water finally came on, the pressure was too low," said Tara Howard of Doles Hall. "And some instructors have no sympathy at all for us, because I wasn't going to dig in a dead cat in biology lab and not be able to wash my hands afterwards."

"I don't feel that the school is

doing anything to solve the problem," said Wamack Hall resident Derrick Mullens. "Because the same thing happens every year. I think they need some type of back up water system."

ECSU Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Jenkins told The Compass "The University would be willing to deal with instructors and academic departments on a case by

See Water, page 5.

## Register by mail at ECSU

By Rene Knight

ECSU students who hate waiting in long lines have a new option this year—registration by mail.

For the spring semester, students who have preregistered by December 1, 1988, and paid tuition and fees by December 16, 1988 qualify to have their registration packets mailed to their home address.

For the fall semester, students who have preregistered by July 1 and paid tuition and fees by August 12 can also register by mail.

Included in this registration packet are a class permit and an officially stamped book card which will prevent students from having to stand in long lines to have their classes processed or to pay tuition and fees.

Upon receiving registration packets, students will have to call the Registrar's office to confirm their decision to return for the following semester.

According to Tommy Foust, ECSU Registrar, the new registration by mail system is designed to eliminate long lines for students to process classes and pay tuition and fees. The system will allow students to register on a designated day at a designated time, and it is open to all ECSU students.

Students who have met the conditions, preregistration and paying tuition and fees, will receive their advanced class schedule and fee charge form, mailed to their home address. Students who do not receive the fee charge form, indicating the amount due, should turn to official registration.

Those students receiving financial assistance will be required to present documentation to the chargers station during official registration.

Those students participating in the registration by mail who have misplaced their registration packet or a single card can request a new packet for a fee of \$10.

Students who avoid preregistration will have to start as a new student by first contacting their academic advisor for course selection. To complete registration, students will have to report to Williams Hall at a designated time.

This semester, about 500 to 600 students participated in registration by mail, according to ECSU Registrar Tommy Foust. Approximately 95% of students will register by mail, Foust said.

**Feelin' Good**

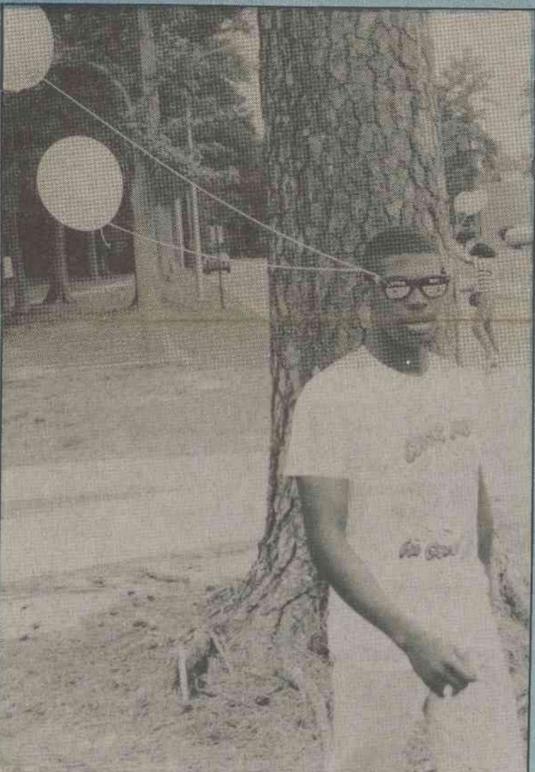


Photo by Richard McIntire

ECSU student Ernest Caldwell, of Thomasville, N.C., gets into the spirit of Viking Fest, held September 17 on campus. (See story, page 3.)

## ECSU's parking dilemma: 'Nobody wants to walk'

By Beverly Johnson

It's raining and you're running late for class. When you pull into your parking lot, all the spaces are filled.

You drive around looking for a space, but it looks as if everyone else got there first. You finally find a space two parking lots away, and you arrive at class rain-soaked and 15 minutes late.

It's an all too familiar scenario at ECSU—too many cars and not enough spaces. The University has about 700 legal parking spaces. In 1987-88, campus security issued 1002 decals for faculty, staff and students.

"We're paying for a parking space," said ECSU Junior Becky Calhoun, "yet there is no guarantee we will find one."

The shortage of parking spaces on campus is caused, in part, by a rapid increase in enrollment, and by a high percentage of drivers among students, many of whom are commuters, ECSU officials say.

"Nobody wants to walk, and the parking situation is out of hand, with increased enrollment and the car population outgrowing the lots," said ECSU Chief of Security, James Hoggard. "One of the biggest mistakes was allowing freshmen to bring cars

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on campus, because the campus is not very large, and students can walk to wherever they want to go within five to ten minutes."

Not everyone agrees, however, that freshmen shouldn't have cars.

"A car is the only means of transportation for some students," said ECSU Registrar, Tommy Faust. "Elizabeth City is not a metropolitan area where mass transportation is easily available."

Students and faculty say the parking dilemma is often aggravated by people parking in the wrong spaces, including reserved and no parking areas,

blocking traffic and entrances to buildings, or parking in two spaces at once.

"The parking lot by the ROTC building is reserved for ROTC personnel," said Senior Cadet Captain Theodore Anderson, "yet students are parking in the reserved area anyway. Something should be done about it."

"More emphasis should be placed on putting a stop to drivers taking up two parking spaces," said SGA Vice President, Clinton Williams. "People who park in two spaces at once contribute to the problem."

**'Due Diligence'**

Although traffic and parking violators can be fined, the Security Department must follow certain procedures before they can have cars towed. The procedures include a ticket, a verbal warning, and two letters warning offenders they are in violation of parking rules and will eventually be towed.

"We must follow certain unnecessary procedures before vehicles can be towed," Hoggard said.

"Towing should be used as a last resort whenever possible," said Roger McLean, ECSU Vice-Chancellor for Business and Finance.

"The state of North Carolina requires that we perform due diligence prior to towing cars, only if they are not parked in fire lanes, fire hydrants, or creating a situation in which life and property are endangered. Members of the faculty, staff, students and visitors should be given a reasonable chance to comply with state and University regulations."

**A Tougher Line**

ECSU Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Jenkins told The Compass that the University is taking a tougher line against parking violators. "This week we began a new program of ticketing violators of parking spaces, and warnings," said Jenkins. Next week more drastic actions may be taken, such as towing."

Jenkins said it's important for faculty and students to register cars. "We need to get people registered, because funds go to improve the parking situation for all of us."

On a comparison basis with other campuses, Jenkins said, "I would say parking is not a problem on our campus."

Other suggestions for solving the parking problem?

"We should be assigned to just a specific lot rather than a numbered space," said Rosa Sawyer, Secretary of ECSU's Mu-

## Lee charts new course for V-91

By Richard McIntire

"The radio station should be the stepping stone for students who want a career in broadcasting," said Edith Jeanette Lee.

Lee is ECSU's new Program Director/General Manager of the campus radio station. She replaced David Linton, who resigned to work for Warner Bros. Records in Texas.

A native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Lee is a 1981 graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, with a BA in radio, television and film. She has a master of arts from Norfolk State, and is a former instructor of communications at St. Augustine's.

Lee said she hopes to increase the station's power, and to see more "WRVS-community interaction." Declaring that there's "room for improvement among the disc-jockeys," she added, "The students and staff are dedicated, which makes a general manager's job easier."

Lee has filed an application to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to help qualify Viking Radio for grants, to aid in operational and programming costs.

WRVS is a 10,000 watt public radio station serving Northeastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia.

"WRVS is more than a campus station," said Lee. "We have to cater to a target audience in the region."

Lee praised the program-

ming, students, and air personalities of the station. "Paula Sutton did an extraordinary job as acting general manager." Sutton is now Public Affairs Director

of WRVS.

Lee said she hopes the faculty and students will help bring about "a new progression" at the radio station.



Ms. Edith Lee, WRVS's new General Manager/Program Director (front, left), discusses plans with WRVS news director Andre Smith (front, right), Paula Sutton, the station's Public Affairs Director (back, right), and air personality (Aerek Stephens).

Photo by Richard McIntire

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