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"We won!"



The ECSU men's basketball team, along with coaches Mackey and Kelly, Chancellor Jenkins and many other Viking enthusiasts, celebrate after winning the Second Annual ECSU Tip-Off Tournament December 3.

Photo by Richard McIntire

Board okays new major for art dept.

Studio art degree to attract students

By Dwayne Collins

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors has approved a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art for ECSU's Art Department, ECSU Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Jenkins has announced.

The new major, which the Board of Governors approved October 21, will offer students a major in studio art, with a concentration in drawing, painting and/or sculpture.

"I'm excited about it," said Dr. Jenkins, of the new major. "It is a special drawing card for students."

Art Department Chairman Dr. Dan Pearce said he was "more than overwhelmed," when he learned the new major had been approved.

"When Dr. Caldwell called and told us about the new major, everyone was very excited," said Pearce. "This is something the Art Department has been trying to get for many years."

Pearce said the new major would greatly strengthen the department "by allowing us to prepare people for careers in art, plus training people to teach in public school."

"We have moved into a newly renovated building," said Pearce, and we will have five new studios, crafts, sculpture, ceramics, graphic arts, and a general painting studio. "It's going to be a stronger program with more intense study in studio art," he added.

Students who pursue the new major will begin getting "hands on experience" their freshmen year, Pearce said, by taking courses in drawing. The new curriculum will include courses in design, drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking and ceramics.

In addition, majors will be able to choose to take electives in advanced photography, advanced studio, theory of contemporary art design, interior design, jewelry and fibers. Courses in art history will also be offered.

"I'm overwhelmed with joy about the new program," said ECSU art major Denise Brown.

"I feel the new program will bring more students to ECSU," said art major Lisa Doxey. "because before art education was all that was offered, and not everyone wanted to

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Dr. Jimmy Jenkins

teach. Now they have studio art."

Pearce said that the students pursuing the new degree will be encouraged to develop a professional portfolio which will help them get jobs after they graduate.

Pearce said the new major had been proposed in the late 1960s by Dr. Vincent de Gregorio, who was then Chairman of the Art Department. "Dr. de Gregorio has been working hard on getting the major since he began teaching here," said Pearce.

De Gregorio retired as chairman, and has since returned to ECSU as a visiting professor of art.

According to the University's written request to authorize the new program many citizens in northeastern North Carolina have "expressed interest in" a studio art program. "The need becomes significant when one realizes that ECSU is the only four-year public institution of higher education in northeastern N.C.," the report states.

The request for authorization also points out that the nearest public institution with a similar art program, ECU, is 108 miles southwest of ECSU, and adds that "ECSU would serve students in northeastern North Carolina, southeastern Virginia and adjoining areas."

"Our institution will be the only one that offers a four-year art degree program in the 16 county area served by Elizabeth City State," said Chancellor Jimmy Jenkins.

"ECSU's art department helps round out the curriculum of the University," said Chancellor Jenkins.

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EU-Zapp concert leaves SGA broke

By Travis Manuel

Although SGA officials won't disclose how much money the EU-Roger Troutman-Zapp concert lost ECSU during homecoming week, they admit the loss may jeopardize SGA's ability to function.

"Because of a lack of student support, the Homecoming show has left SGA with a deficit of thousands of dollars," said SGA Vice President Clinton Williams. "Because of this, SGA can barely operate."

Neither Williams, nor SGA Treasurer James McMillan would reveal the actual loss to *The Compass*. "I am speaking for the entire SGA on this," Williams said.

SGA's records of the amount of

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money lost during the Homecoming concert "would fall under the definition of public record", as defined by North Carolina law," according to Edward O'Neal, an attorney with Twiford, O'Neal and Vincent in Elizabeth City.

The North Carolina law defines "public record" in part, "as all documents, papers, letters which record the transaction of any public business by an agency of North Carolina government or its subdivisions."

admitted to the concert free of charge.

Williams said the low turn-out was due to a lack of ECSU student support. "A building cannot stand without support," Williams said.

"If the University is ever going to grow we must have the full support of the student body first. We cannot anticipate people from various communities to support this University if the University family is not involved."

SGA President John Sawyer could not be reached for comment.

SGA officials did not announce the band that was to play at the concert until the week of homecoming. When asked about the band by *The*

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Students say 'no' to free condoms

By Monique Thomas

Despite the AIDS scare and the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases, ECSU students don't appear to be very interested in receiving free condoms.

In September, a campus fraternity and sorority launched an effort to distribute condoms on campus, but student sponsors of the effort say only a minority of students took advantage of the availability of free condoms.

"In this time of AIDS and other STD's (sexually transmitted diseases) the response could have been a lot greater," said Wylia Slade, of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority.

Slade, along with Troy Miller, of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, spearheaded the drive to make condoms available to ECSU students.

"The idea began as a committee service project," said Miller. "We figured what better place to start than the campus." Slade said her interest in the project grew out of a conversation she'd had with ECSU nurse Ms. Jean Robertson.

"She said she gets in a lot of free condoms, but the students are embarrassed to come over and pick them

up. And she told me there was several cases of venereal diseases on campus. We wanted to do something about it, because there is a problem here, not just on campus, but in Elizabeth City as well."

Slade said she and Miller put posters up on campus, to let students know about the free condoms.

"After we started passing out condoms, people started calling us 'The condom couple,'" said Slade. "A lot of guys were coming to our rooms because they thought we were giving them out there, and we told them they would have to go the infirmary."

Miller and Slade passed the condoms out at the infirmary on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"The initial response was good," said Miller, "but as the project went on, it began to decline."

Slade said that their project ended after Dr. Leon White, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, said that condoms should be dispensed by a member of the infirmary.

"We agreed with Dr. White," said Robertson, "because of the issue of confidentiality."

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"And a doll . . ."



Photo by Leamon Pearce

This young lady was somewhat reluctant at first but finally decided to tell Santa what was on her Christmas wish list. Santa was the star attraction at the laboratory school Christmas party December 1.

New communication system debuts in Jan.

By Craig Avondo

The planned January installation of a "digital switch" in Doles Hall marks the completion of the first phase of a federally funded project, which will ultimately provide ECSU with a campus-wide communication system.

The new system "will allow the entire university to communicate electronically with the outside world," said Shelton Spence, Telecommunications Maintenance and Equipment Supervisor of ECSU's Information Systems.

The federally funded program, "Telecommunications Project," will encompass voice, video and data transmission, which will be used to support information processing. The project will give the University its own independent communication system.

"The new digital switch in Doles Hall will accommodate voice and data communications networking throughout the campus. The means of transmission is through an underground conduit system that will contain voice, video, and data lines," said Spence.

The new program will give ECSU the capability to receive educational programs via satellite from outside

the campus, or distributed from other universities, nationwide.

"ECSU has been receiving pre-recorded cultural programs from Howard University," Spence said. "With the new system the University can receive these programs live, and the audience can interact or ask questions through an open phone line with Howard University."

Spence said initially three buildings at ECSU will have these video capabilities: Student Services, Johnson Hall and Moore Hall.

"The video capabilities would allow classes, faculty, local businesses and citizens to view a variety of programs that will be made available to be viewed live," Spence said, "because of the new system's potential."

The new system will also expand the local cable and education channels that can be received on campus. Special new phones, adapted to the conduits, will be added to offices in the administrative and academic buildings. The dorm phones will not be affected, however.

The system will allow two or more computer networks to communicate or exchange information,"

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