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ECSU will conduct 'star search' for new Viking recording studio

By Richard McIntire

ECSU will soon be conducting its own "star search" to promote Viking Studio, a state-of-the-art recording studio to open June 4.

The winner of the star search will receive recording time in the new studio, according to Dr. Willie Sullivan, Chairman of ECSU's music department.

"We have something unique here," said Sullivan, of the new studio. "Other schools won't have a system this sophisticated."

The University has already spent \$160,000 on the studio, Sullivan said, with \$46,150 going for a 24-track Trident series console. The project is

funded, in part, by a grant from the federal government.

The studio will have numerous benefits for the University, according to Sullivan.

"It will better market the department and the University," he said. "Secondly, the project has commercial opportunities. We will be able to provide a master tape, and do everything except have the product pressed into a record."

Sullivan predicted that "a year or so down the road" the University's choir and band rooms will be wired for recording, too.

The studio will charge a fee to "outside sources" who use the studio, to cover operational costs, Sullivan

said, adding that there is a possibility of future "joint ventures" with WRVS, the University's radio station. "The two go hand in hand," he said.

Sullivan said he has also discussed possible future recording projects with Jheri Busby, of MCA records. Busby recently acquired the Motown Label.

"We want up and coming stars to record on the Viking label," said Sullivan. "Elizabeth City is somewhat isolated and has few distractions, compared to places like New York or Los Angeles."

Sullivan said the new Viking Studio would also provide an excellent learning environment for music engineering majors at ECSU. "No other

CIAA school offers a concentration in this idea."

Dr. Edna Davis conceived of the music engineering technology major in 1985, Sullivan said.

ECSU's students expressed excitement about the new studio.

"I'm glad it's going up; it's the main reason I came here," said sophomore music industry major, Harvey Bullock. "Once the program starts working, it will draw students in music who don't just want to teach."

Sullivan said "a few loose ends still need tying up" regarding the project, adding that the University has not yet begun a search for "trained professionals" to teach in the new Viking studio.



Photo by Richard McIntire

Dr. Willie Sullivan, chairman of ECSU's music department, boasts of the sophisticated Trident Series console that will be placed in the new Viking Studios scheduled to open June 4th.

'Time for a woman's touch'

New SGA chief stresses unity

By Ursula McMillion

If the March 31 elections are any indication, ECSU students believe "it's time for a woman's touch" in student government.

Students elected Karen Richardson as the new President of the Student Government Association, and Gail T. Hall as Miss ECSU in the March 31 election.

Richardson, who defeated Minthia Harris by a margin of 72% to 28% of the vote, adopted the "U-SLAM," acronym to express her campaign platform. Her campaign called for (U)improvements in the University Center, (S)etter security, (L)improved living conditions, (A)ctivities, and (M)otivation of students.

Richardson stressed unity and cooperation, and said she will work to



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get more students involved in SGA.

"We as a University have to pull together and act as one," said Richardson. "The SGA is not the Karen Richardson government association. It's the student body association. It can't be a one-woman show."

At the Annual SGA banquet held March 31, Richardson invited all of the candidates for SGA offices to serve

as her executive committee.

"I challenge the candidates because we were all winners," Richardson said. "We had the courage and the determination to run for the positions. I challenge them to bring our concepts and ideas together, so that we can make SGA a better organization."

In a later interview, Richardson stressed that her term would last only

two semesters.

"Therefore, I only have two semesters to work on issues, in comparison to the U.S. Presidential term of four years," she said. "His job is to be the president, but mine is to be a student and a president. Don't come to the SGA with only complaints, but also with suggestions."

Hall was elected Miss ECSU in a three-way race with 64% of the vote. Shawn L. Everett received 20%, and Toni D. Skinner, 16%.

Hall stressed she is "for the students, by the students, and of the students," and declared, "I will do my best to let others know that ECSU has something special to offer in all aspects, such as academics, extra-curricular activities, and fellowship."

Hall also said she would work to

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Graduation set for May 14; ceremony begins at 10 a.m.

By Eric Jones

ECSU's 108th graduating class will receive degrees Sunday, May 14th, in the University's Vaughan Center. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m.

Darwin Davis, Senior Vice President of the Equitable Insurance Company, will deliver the Commencement address. Davis, of Stamford, Connecticut, has been featured

on the cover of *Black Enterprise* Magazine, and listed as the Number one Black sales manager in the U.S.A.

Black Enterprise has also listed Davis as one of America's 25 "most important and powerful Black executives."

The recipient of numerous awards and two honorary doctorates Davis

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Students say library has shortcomings

By Karen Blanchard and Robin Sawyer

Many ECSU students believe the University's G.R. Little Library has major shortcomings, according to a recent *Compass* survey.

Students' complaints about the library center on three areas: fines, hours, and a shortage of research materials. Further investigation by *The Compass* revealed that the operating hours and the fines charged by the G. R. Little library are not compatible with the other 14 universities in the University of North Carolina System.

ECSU ranks 14th out of 15 in the total number of hours each library is open per week. The average number of hours UNC System libraries are open is 94.1 per week. ECSU's library is open only 77 hours per week, according to the operating hours posted on the door.

Only Winston-Salem State University is open fewer hours per week than ECSU.

ECSU also charges higher fines than 12 of the 15 schools, and, unlike most of the other schools, allows no grace period and no maximum fine.

Survey responses reveal that most ECSU students feel the library's 25¢ per day fine for overdue books is excessive. Students also feel that they should be given a grace period.

In a recent interview, Dr. Claude Green, Administrative Librarian for the G.R. Little Library, said the library is "basically in sync with other schools."

"I think sometimes we are too low with our fines because kids tend to keep the books as long as they want, and then pay the fine," Green added.

UNC-Charlotte has attempted to alleviate this problem by suspending library privileges when overdue fines on a book reach \$5. Privileges are reinstated when the book is returned and the fine is paid.

Only two other schools in the UNC system charge 25¢ per day for overdue books: UNC-Wilmington has a \$12 maximum fine per book and UNC-Chapel Hill has a \$5 maximum and a three day grace period. Most other schools charge ten cents per day, and eight schools in the system allow a grace period, ranging from two days to one week.

"We wouldn't charge a student over the price of a book for a fine," Green said.

Per Day Book Fines	
At the campuses of the 15 colleges in the University of North Carolina System	
NCCU no grace period \$5 maximum fine	UNC-CH 3 day grace period \$5 maximum fine
PSU 4 day grace period \$5 maximum fine	UNC-W no grace period \$12 maximum fine
ECU 2 day grace period \$5 maximum fine	ECSU no grace period no maximum fine
NCA&T no grace period no maximum fine	ASU 7 day grace period \$10 maximum fine
UNC-G no grace period \$6 maximum fine	NCSU no grace period no maximum
FSU 1 week grace period no maximum fine	UNC-A 3 day grace period \$10.50 maximum fine
WSSU no grace period max. fine=book cost	UNC-C no grace period \$5 maximum fine*
WCU 2 day grace period no maximum fine	

However, many students said the G.R. Little Library had fined them unfairly.

SGA President-elect, Karen Richardson, said she paid \$67 in overdue fines for a book that Richardson said three people witnessed her return on time. Richardson also said she did not receive an overdue notice for over two months.

"When I showed Ms. Elaine Prince (a former employee of the G. R. Little Library) that the book was on the shelf, I was accused of putting the book there at an earlier time

to get out of paying the fine," Richardson said.

Although Richardson's father made several attempts to get the matter resolved, she was required to pay the fine in order to officially register for the fall, 1988 term.

Michelle Anderson, a junior intermediate education major, said she received an overdue notice for a book she had returned three days before the due date, adding that a friend of hers had checked the book out right after Ms. Anderson turned it in.

"My friend had to go to circulation and prove she had the book before the library would credit my account," Anderson said.

Green admitted that the library "has been experiencing the same problems students will tell you about," but added, "If a student brings it to my attention then we will correct it."

Some students have said, however, that they have had difficulty catching up with Green.

"I have personally tried to discuss a matter with Dr. Green for two and a half weeks," said Janis McDermott, a junior English major. "From the front desk to his secretary, I have been told he will return shortly. Two and a half weeks is not a short period of time in my mind."

Green, on the other hand, said that his office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He added, "I have not received one phone call that I have not returned."

Student survey responses indicate that students are dissatisfied with the library's current hours of operation.

"Many nights I have been in the middle of doing my research at the library and had to gather my materials and leave because they were closing," said Lynn Chapman, a senior English/Drama major.

The University library must be open a minimum of 72 hours per week as required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, according to Green.

"We are open 14 hours more than we are required by the Southern Association," Green said.

The library is open only five hours more than required, however, according to the operating hours posted on the front door.

Many students surveyed felt that the library needed to be open more hours on Saturday. ECSU's library is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

"I feel the library hours should be extended on Saturdays because on Saturdays one has more time to do research," said Paquin McClain, sophomore English major.

However, Green defended the library's Saturday hours. "We're open until 1:00 p.m. and I bet the last hour, there's not three students who come in," he said.

The University cafeteria serves lunch from 12:00 p.m.

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