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Academic plan changing ECSU to 'most integrated' university

By Beverly Johnson

In 1987 UNC system president C.D. Spangler and ECSU Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Jenkins spearheaded the University's Academic Development Plan with a clear mandate to upgrade the campus and educational quality of ECSU, the smallest institution in the 16-school system.

Although the program has implemented broad changes in academics and testing, its centerpiece was the Incentive Scholarship Program; the program offers four years of free education to academically gifted students from 16 counties in Northeastern North Carolina.

That program is not only dramatically altering the University's academic life, it is helping to transform the University from a traditionally black school into an integrated campus that serves white as well as black students in the region.

"Although ECSU started out as a black university, all that has changed," Jenkins told the University family, during a special "family meeting" held October 26 in Williams Hall Gymnasium.

Pointing out that "about 22 or 23%" of the University's students are now white, Jenkins added, "We are certainly at the top in the UNC system in terms of integration of the races. This offers a unique opportunity to learn from each other, and to get to know how to live with each other."

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up about 32% of the campus, according to Gerald McCants, Director of the Academic Development Program. About 57% of this freshman class are incentive scholars.

"The Incentive Scholarship Program recruits the top high school students of the region," said McCants. "These students are the best and brightest students, who are going to enhance academic progress at ECSU."

McCants also attributes the University's high enrollment (the highest ever this year), improved testing and "overall improved academic programs" at ECSU to be a direct result of the Academic Development plan.

McCants and other ECSU officials say the University's significant increase in freshmen's SAT scores is proof that the plan is working. The average SAT score of ECSU's entering freshmen increased from 597 in

1986 to 734 in 1989.

The Academic Development Plan helps fund workshops to improve SAT scores of students in the 16-county region, according to Dennis Bryan, Director of the University's Incentive Scholarship Program.

Another example of the plan's impact on the campus, say McCants and Bryan, can be seen in the thousands of hours of public service, incentive scholars perform, as part of the total scholarship package.

For the 1987-88 period, students performed a total of 48,512 hours in public service, according to McCants, who said the value of that service represented "a little over \$4 million" in labor.

Incentive scholars receive up to \$3,000 a year; in exchange, they must maintain a specific grade point average and are required to perform eight hours of public service, either at ECSU or in the community, for a total of 112 hours per semester.

ECSU officials and instructors say the public service idea is a good one. "I think it is a good program that feeds us more qualified students," said Dr. C.C. Jones, Director of the ECSU Honors Program. "It gives students the opportunity to do community service which helps with the public relations of the institution and also definitely provides financial security for the students."

Dawn Simmons, a junior art educa-

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Photo by Richard McIntire



Katrisha Taylor, left, and Phyllis Price sang the songs of Christmas during the University Choir's annual Christmas Candlelight Service December 3. The choir also performed a chorus of German tone chimes, a modern version of the traditional handbell.

Students protest fee hike

By Florencestine Jones

When ECSU students got their bills for the fall semester this summer, they were less than pleased to notice their tuition had increased.

The tuition hike was part of a UNC-system across the board increase in tuition—enacted by the General Assembly during the summer session to help pay for rising costs of education.

At ECSU the average annual increase was \$194 for in-state students, and \$664 for out-of-state students, according to Roger McLean, ECSU's Vice Chancellor for Business and Fiscal Affairs. That represents a 6% increase for in-state students' bills, and a 10% increase for out-of-state students.

The total average bill for in-state students increased from \$3,176 in 1988-89, to \$3,370 in 1989-90. Out-of-state students' bills increased from \$6,548 to \$7,212.

The bills cover tuition, fees, book rental, room, board and laundry.

Many students protested the tuition hike.

"Students should have been given more notice about the increase," said Alvera Gunn, a senior. "Students are paying for items such as linen, athletic buildings and other fees that should be optional," Gunn added.

"I realize the legislature makes the decision for tuition increase for the betterment of our University," said junior Kimberly Robinson. "But the increase is very inconsiderate and a hindrance for students."

"I think the tuition increase was unfair," said Mark Morris, a sophomore. "I don't see where the school has improved enough to merit the increase."

The majority of the increase came from tuition (20%) for in-state students and 15% for out-of-state students. Fees increased 3.7%, room 4.3%, and board 5.2%.

McLean pointed out the University has no control over the increase in tuition, adding that fees are subject to change.

"Although there was an increase in tuition ECSU happens to be the cheapest in state of any school. ECSU still remains a bargain," McLean said.

Education called key to survival

By Dwayne Collins

A Virginia educator hit an ECSU audience hard with some grim statistics concerning American Blacks during a November 14th assembly held in Moore Hall Auditorium.

Hampton University President Dr. William Harvey, featured speaker for the assembly commemorating American Education Week, used the statistics to underscore the theme of his speech, that "education is a necessary tool for survival in the world."

Harvey said that although Blacks make up only 13% of America's population, they commit 50% of the nation's murders, account for 41% of the victims, and comprise 46% of the nation's prison inmates.

Blacks between the ages of 15 and 21 have about a one in 20 chance of being murdered by another Black, Harvey added.

"I'm told that only one of every ten black males graduates in New York City," said Harvey. "Twenty per cent of black students are functionally illiterate, and only 4.5 % of blacks earn a professional degree from graduate schools."

Harvey said that last year only five

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Compass survey

ECSU women look for honesty, trust in 'ideal man'

By Daryl Brown

ECSU women rated "honesty" at the top of the list of "the most important qualities in a man" in a recent campus survey of "The Ideal Man."

According to the survey, 38% of the respondents rated honesty as the most important quality; next highest was personality (18%), and love (10%). Eight percent of the co-eds ranked "consideration" as the most important quality. And the following categories received less than 5%—respect, education, patience, commitment, and self-confidence.

"Honesty is the most important quality in a man," said freshman Kathryn Rippey. "Because without honesty, there's no trust."

Freshman Shondra Barlett rated honesty highest because "I don't want to get hurt. Just tell me the truth and things will go along better."

"Trust and honesty go hand in hand," said Jada Gramby. "Without one there is not the other."

In the survey, 82% of the respondents said equality is important in their ideal relationship, and 62% said their man should have a "certain degree of education."

Although a majority of the women expect to be treated equally, more than two thirds of the respondents ranked money as "unimportant."

"Money is not important," said freshman Angela Jernigan, "because money can't buy me love."

"Money isn't really important," said Barlett, "but knowing what to do with the money is the key."

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they would not date a man just because he was driving a fancy car.

Concomitant with honesty, ECSU women expect to be able to trust their ideal man, and they expect some degree of open communication.

"Communication and honesty are important," said one co-ed, who asked that her name not be used. "If you hold things in and keep secrets from each other, that's a first step in depar-

on trust and honesty, 70% of ECSU women rated a man's sex appeal as important.

"You aren't going to give a guy a chance if you aren't attracted to him in the first place," commented one coed.

"Sex appeal and good looks are important," said freshman Clarissa Bowden. "They're one of the first things I look for."

Although...most co-eds place a high value on trust and honesty, 70% of ECSU women rated a man's sex appeal as important

college life leaves one with very little money," said freshman Tolya Elliot. "Freshman Erica Begly seemed to sum up the attitudes of the students who rate money as important:

"I don't want any paper boy or any \$3.35 an hour man," said Begly. "He has to come out of his pocket to rock this boat."

ECSU men who think they can bedazzle a woman by driving the latest car have something to learn about women. According to *The Compass* survey, 100% of those questioned said

ture."

Jada Gramby said that many men she meets try to be "too masculine," and "try not to show any emotions. They are so used to the Rhett Butler figure so much that's all they know. In order for a man to be effective, he has to be coached from time to time."

Junior Uchenna Bulliner said that too many men are "looking for a mother figure. They are little boys in men's clothes," said Bulliner.

Although the survey determined that most co-eds place a high value

"Sex appeal is somewhat important," said senior Renee Cherry, "because I want someone I can be proud of."

Freshman Sonya Beatty seemed to sum up the attitudes of the 30% of students who didn't rank sex appeal as important:

"If the personality is there, that is the beautiful part of a man."

When asked to describe "physical attributes" of their ideal mate, ECSU women placed high emphasis on height and eyes. They also empha-

Couple seeks housing for married students

By Nicholas Allen

When ECSU students Adrian Arceneaux and Coretta Scott got married this past summer, they weren't particularly worried about where they were going to live.

But all that changed after the couple returned to the university for the fall semester. They realized the university has no designated housing for married students.

Coretta moved back into her room in Mitchell Lewis; and Adrian to his room in Womack Hall, a man's dorm.

"We stayed together in my room on certain nights," said Adrian, adding that a curtain drawn in front of the couple's bed provided only a degree of privacy. Arceneaux has a roommate.

Next Adrian went to the Chancellor, seeking more suitable living arrangements.

"Marriage couples have a need for privacy without interruption," said Dr. Jimmy Jenkins, who expressed concern for the Arceneaux's predicament.

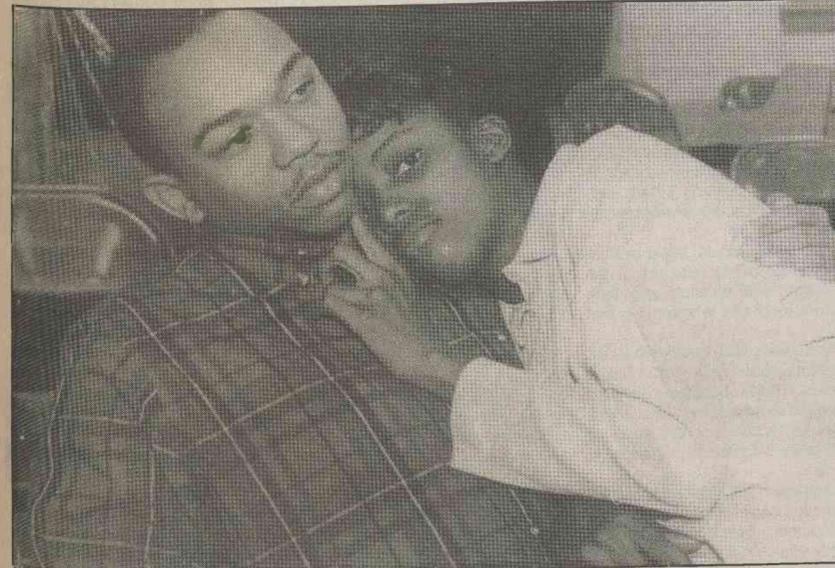
"Unless we can find a situation where married students can be accommodated, and at the same time not create a bad situation for other students, it would be almost impossible for them to stay together on campus."

The Chancellor said there are no current plans for married student housing, "because we haven't gotten this kind of request. Unless we had a greater demand for it, we don't see where we will be going into plans for married student housing."

"Every now and then we get this kind of situation, where there is a husband and wife who approach the school about housing. But we haven't been able to provide it for them. Generally, when a married couple comes to the university, they usually find an apartment in the city."

However Jenkins added that if the population of ECSU continues to grow "the university will have a strong justification for an investment in married student housing. But one or two

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Married students Adrian and Coretta Arceneaux try to capture a quiet moment away from the hustle and bustle of college life. ECSU currently has no housing for married couples, and until a greater demand exists for that type of housing there probably won't be any, according to Chancellor Jimmy Jenkins.