

Education requires social responsibility, Founder's Day speaker tells ECSU family

Although the ECSU family came to hear the University's founding fathers praised, they ended up getting more than they had expected during the School's Annual Founder's Day Ceremony, held February 27 in Moore Hall.

The surprise came in the form of guest speaker, Tyrone Crider, whose down-to-earth and colorful style generated enthusiastic shouts of agreement and frequent bursts of applause from the audience.

Crider, National Executive Director of Operation Push, began his speech by promising he would not speak long, since he had to catch a plane. "Me and brother Taylor and the Lord are going to hit the highway," he said. "Some of you are smiling because you know this has got to be short. I know what's happening."

Warming to his topic, "A New Direction for the 90's," Crider was soon challenging his listeners to get involved in improving the world.

"When we realize more black youths are in jails and prisons than in colleges and universities, we need a new direction," he said. "When we realize 30% of high school grads cannot read the diploma, then we need a new direction. When we realize more people are in poverty now than when King died in 1968, then we realize we need a new direction."

Crider's comments especially hit home when he focused on the things

that divide people from one another.

"When we are divided because fraternities and sororities cannot get along with one another—when Alphas won't speak to Omegas and Sigmas won't talk to Kappas—then we need to go in a new direction.

"If the labels on your clothes are dividing you, if the car you are driving divides you, then we need to go in a new direction. If the class clown gets more respect than the student who studies the most, then we need to go in a new direction.

Crider received a burst of applause when he concluded, "If every man is not your bother, and every woman not your sister, then I'm not sure my God is your father."

Crider called on young people to become actively involved in the world outside themselves. "If all around the world people are rising up in revolution to make this world a better place, and all we can do is talk about changing things, then we need a new direction. We have a new decade that gives you a chance to decide you are going another way."

Crider outlined three steps for a change in direction for the 1990's—"know your history, be committed to academic excellence, and be socially responsible."

Crider said a knowledge of history and heritage is important because "by learning our history we become proud to learn who we are. When we find out

how far we have come we can become proud of who we are. Don't wait for someone to teach us history. The libraries are open."

Crider called on his audience to "be committed to academic excellence," because "people struggle for you to be where you are. Somebody sacrificed for you to be where you are. Somebody gave his life for you to be where you are."

Crider said education without social responsibility, was incomplete, and said the learning process should be relevant to community development. "As you study you should get involved in the homeless, in the problems of drugs, and in economic problems. The root of most problems is economic."

Crider called on teachers to help, adding, "You've got to be there for them and spent time with them. As we fight for a revolution in education, we must make a revolution in ourselves."

Crider said the "Lord continues to give us another chance" to go in a new direction.

"A lawyer without God will lose his own case, a businessman without God will be declared bankrupt, and a teacher without God can't pass the final exam," he added.

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. Our elders did their best but the struggle is not over. It's your generation's challenge to continue the fight."

Crider, a native of Chicago, Illinois, is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, the Alma Mater of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. From 1985 to 1989, Reverend Crider served as the Director of Admissions and Associate Dean of Students at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio.

Before Crider spoke, ECSU Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Jenkins praised the efforts of the University's founding fathers.

"The name of our institution has changed over the years, however the abiding faith of the founding fathers has been steadfast," Jenkins said. "We truly represent the University where to live is to learn."

"We open this Founder's Day with the same abiding faith of our forefathers, that the University is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all mankind."

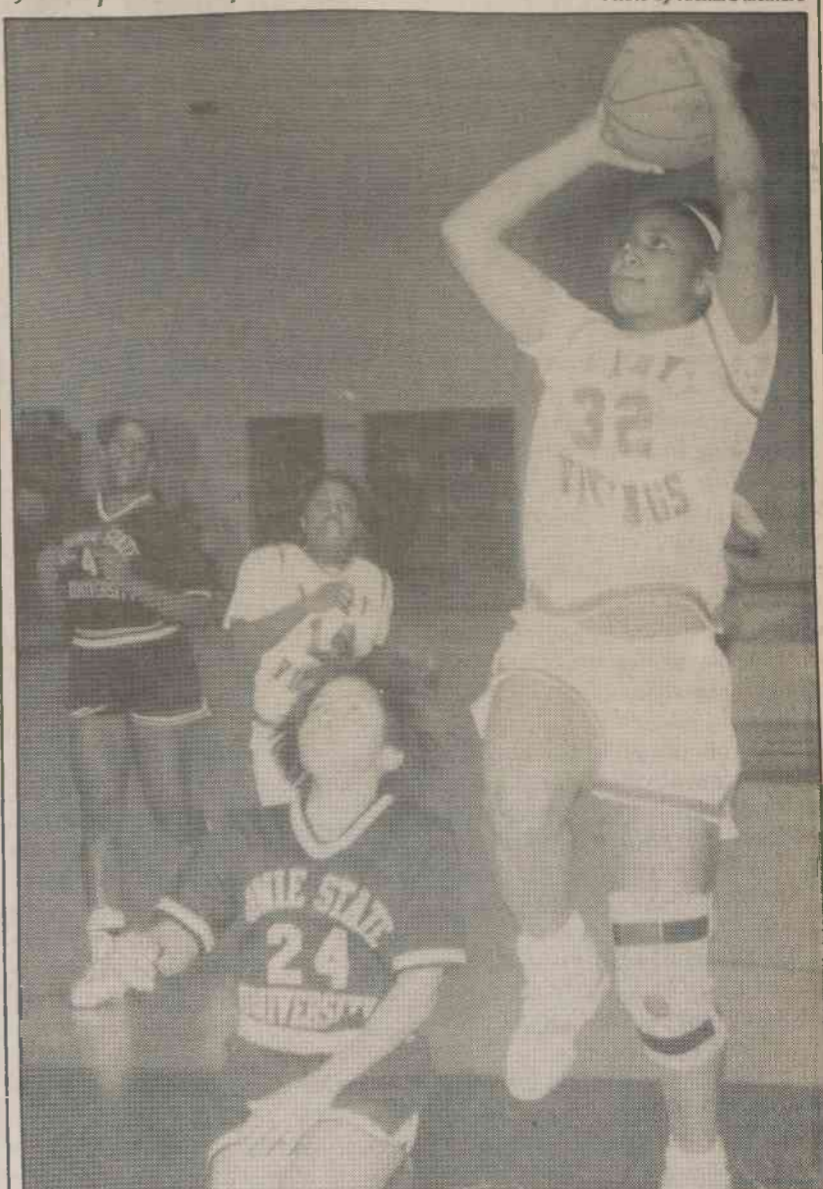
Other speakers were ECSU Professor Dr. James Hedgebeth, Mr. E. V. Wilkins, Chairman of the ECSU Board of Trustees, and SGA President Karen Richardson.

During the program, the University Concert Choir performed "I Thank You, Jesus," "Striving After God," and "Day by Day."

Following the program in Moore Hall, the University family and friends made a pilgrimage to Oak Grove Cemetery lay place wreathes on the graves of the Founding Fathers.

Jumpin' Up

Photo by Richard McNeil



Forward Anissa McNeil from Wagram, NC was part of this year's outstanding women's basketball team. For more on the ECSU's lady roundballers check pages 3 and 8.

NEWS NOTES

The 1990 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* will include the names of 20 students from Elizabeth City State University who have been selected as national outstanding leaders. Students named this year from ECSU are: Roxanna J. Bright, Senior, Elizabeth City, NC; Beverly D. Connelly, Senior, Selma, NC; Laurie G. Garrison, Senior, Winston Salem, NC; Tyra L. Gore, Senior, Longwood, NC; Gail T. Hall, Senior, Portsmouth, VA; Deborah A. Hamon, Junior, Elizabeth City, NC; Mira P. Hunter, Senior, Edenton, NC; Herbert L. Johnson, III, Junior, Elizabeth City, NC; Christopher L. Lynch, Junior, Hollister, NC; Kimberly A. Mann, Senior, Nags Head, NC; Juanita M. Moody, Senior, Gaston, NC; Karen P. Richardson, Junior, Portsmouth, VA; Annette T. Roberts, Senior, Gaston, NC; Alisa L. Robinson, Junior, Elizabeth City, NC; and Natalie L. Weeks, Senior, Elizabeth City, NC.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Elizabeth City State University

seniors Joy Scott, Margaret Mckoy, Sherrie Young, Benita Powell, and Raymond Hunter, along with ECSU Career Planning and Placement Director Mr. Charles Foster represented Elizabeth City State University at the 19th Annual Graduate and Professional Schools Visitation Days (GPSVD), recently held at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Administered by the University's Office of Minority Affairs, GPSVD happens with the cooperation of the Graduate School, the Professional Colleges of Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Optometry, Veterinary Medicine, and various student organizations.

Fifty-two universities sent their five highest ranking minority college seniors or graduate students to participate. Over the years, GPSVD has served to assist in increasing the minority enrollment in the graduate departments and the professional colleges at Ohio State University.

GPSVD is a two-day event initiated in 1971 by Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr., who retired in December of 1988 as Special Assistant to the President and Vice Provost of Minority Affairs at The Ohio State University. It has gained national acclaim as a model for minority recruitment and fellowships awarded. This program has been noted for its outstanding record of retention and graduation of minority fellows. As of summer 1989, 1,038 minority students have been awarded fellowships since 1971 and better than 81.2 percent of fellowship recipients have completed their programs of study, earning masters and/or doctorate

degrees.

The Great Decisions Lecture series for 1990 will take place in the University Center on Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. February 15-April 12. The following topics are scheduled: February 15, "U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe—End of an Era?" February 22, "U.S., Europe and Japan: Global Economy in Transition?" March 1, "Nicaragua And El Salvador: War or Peace In Central America?" March 22, "Third World Arms Bazaar Disaster For Sale?" March 29, "United Nations: New Life For An Aging Institution?" April 5, "Palestinian Question: Is There A Solution?" April 12, "Global Warning And The Environment: Forecast Disaster?"

The University has increased the fines for parking regulation violations on campus, effective January 1.

The new fines are:
 For unauthorized parking on laws, sidewalks and/or loading zones: \$8.50.
 For parking in any space otherwise assigned or reserved: \$10.00.
 Parking in crosswalks and/or blocking driveways: \$10.00.
 Parking in a "No Parking Anytime Zone": \$25.00.
 Parking in any "Handicapped" Zone without displaying an officially recognized "handicapped" license plate: \$50.00.
 Obstructing fire lanes, fire hydrants, and/or any campus entrance or exit: \$25.00.

The ECSU State University Choir presented the Second Annual Evelyn

A. Johnson Black Choral Music Festival, a program featuring the music of Afro-American composers, on February 11, 1990 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kermit E. White Center.

Festival participants included the concert choirs of ECSU, Hampton University, Winston-Salem State, A&T State University, and the Evelyn A. Johnson Community Singers.

The purpose of the event is to present a unique cultural event for area citizens that will increase their awareness of Afro-American composers, and to raise money for the Evelyn A. Johnson Scholarship Fund.

Division of General Studies

The Sophomore Assessment BASE test is to be given to all sophomores Thursday, April 5 at 8:30 a.m. in Moore Hall Auditorium.

Department of Art

Through the efforts of ECSU and the Pasquotank Arts Council, the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students at H.L. Trigg Elementary now have art as part of their curriculum.

The volunteer program, headed by PAC member Cynthia Laine, consists of student volunteer Lisa Doxey, who is a senior art education major at ECSU and parent volunteer Harriet Russell. They each teach four classes of art every week using the eight hundred dollars worth of supplies donated by PAC.

Principal Buck Jolly, principal H.L. Trigg the volunteer program has been successful and well appreciated by the faculty and students at Trigg.

In celebration of Black History

Month The Art Department sponsored a show by Charlene Harris through February in the Art Department Gallery in Johnson Hall. Harris, a native of New Mexico, was raised and educated in Edenton, N.C. She received her B.S. from Elizabeth City State University and her MA from Ohio State University in 1977.

After a stint as a teacher in the Chowan schools and at College of the Albemarle, she joined the Army in 1979, and traveled throughout the United States and Europe.

Harris' exhibit of artworks include a variety of styles and themes in macrame, latchwork, weaving, needlepoint and others.

Dept. of Language, Literature and Communication

Instructor Joan Boudreaux, along with other academic conference panelists, presented a paper, "African Ritual in Jonah's Gourd Vine," at the first Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts in Eatonville, Florida. Festival activities also included a program featuring Ruby Dee, and a banquet featuring Alice Walker. Ms. Boudreaux's paper will be published in the *Zora Neale Hurston Forum* next spring.

Mason Peters, political reporter for *The Virginian Pilot*, spoke to Stephen March's journalism class on February 6th. Peters spoke on the importance of empathy in journalism, and for the need for good writers with feeling in today's media. "The quality of empathy is most important," said Peters, "because it's that ability—to project

yourself into someone else's life—that will enable you to be a good reporter." Peters also gave students hints on how to get started in a journalism career, stressing a mastery of language, self-confidence and a positive self-image. Following his talk, Peters interrupted the student's applause by applauding them. "It is I who should applaud you," he said, "for you are the ones who will change the world." Peters' more than half century's experience in journalism includes a stint as a reporter for *The New York Herald Tribune*, and *The Washington Herald*, for which he served as managing editor. Peters is also a former executive editor of *The Daily Advance*, and former publisher of *The Southern Post*.

Department of Social Sciences

By Melvin Murphey

Dr. Woo Jung Ju's third book, *The Politics of Tyranny: U.S. Foreign Policy and Korea, 1958-1988*, is a collection of his articles and letters to the editors of various newspapers and documents his tireless crusade against communism and facism over the past twenty years, together with statements by Edward M. Kennedy on behalf of human rights and democracy in Korea.

Having known and worked with Dr. Ju over the past twenty-two years, I can say he is a very meticulous and dedicated historian and a very strong and vigorous advocate of human rights, economics, social and political

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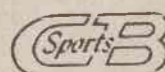
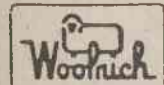
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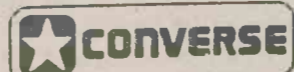
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