

# ECSU preparing for SACS team that will visit campus in April

By Tonya Moore

In addition to their other duties at ECSU, about 140 faculty members, administrators, students and employees are working on a project that is of vital importance to the University's future.

The project's fundamental goal is to ensure that ECSU meets all criteria required by the accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

"If the school is not accredited, a student's degree is not worth very much," said Leonard Ballou, the University's Archivist, who, along with Dr. Anne Henderson, is serving as co-director of the SACS Committee.

ECSU was accredited in 1980, but schools are required to be reaccredited every ten years, Ballou said.

The Accreditation Committee will send a visiting team to the University April 16-19, to examine all aspects of the school, and make sure that they meet the required standards.

"They check eleven or twelve stan-

dards to see if their criteria are being met," said Ballou.

The team look at how many books are in the library," said Dr. Ann Henderson. "The purpose of their visit is to see how effectively we teach students, if they go to graduate school, and how successful they are."

To get ready for the visit, the Committee has been working on drafting a self-study concerning the various departments on campus, to see how well they comply with SACS regulations.

This "self study" is checked and reviewed many times before it will be submitted for a final report, Ballou said.

"The University has been given guidelines by SACS," said Dr. Henderson. "We are told the things that must be done, and should be done," she added.

Henderson said nine Principle Committees are busy preparing special reports on different aspects of the University. Included in these committees are faculty, staff, students, administrators and members of the commu-

nity, she said.

"The purpose of the reports are to check for how well we are meeting the purposes, objectives and goals of the institution."

After the team visits the school, it will issue a report which will include two main things, she said.

"They will tell us what mandatory changes need to be made, and they will also make suggestions."

The school tries to treat both recommendations and suggestions equally, Henderson added.

"It's very rare that a school receives no recommendations."

Those schools that do not meet the required criteria are given more time to meet them, she said.

Henderson said she was enthused about the accreditation process, although it requires a lot of work.

Pointing out that the school has "more programs, more facilities, and more faculty, staff and administrators," since the last visit, Henderson said she is optimistic about the visit.

"The objective is to do as well as possible," she said.



These student leaders discussed problems facing the campus during their August retreat in Virginia. Front row: Yvette Jones, Tonja Williams and Kimberly Robinson. In the second row are Kim Halsey, Joynita Robinson, Alisa Robinson, and Chukundi Salisbury. Back row: Mark Barfield, Renel Sample, Aklinda Banks, Kelvin Brown, Jeffrey Moore, Andre Greene and Kelly Williams. (See story, page 3.)

# Education degree to take longer due to effect of new GA ruling

By Wanda Brett Jordan

Beginning with the fall of 1989, ECSU's education majors were required to take 21 to 27 hours in a second major, as a part of the certification process.

Education majors say the increased requirement, mandated by General Administration, will make it difficult for them to complete their requirements for a degree in teacher education in four years.

"There's no way I can do it in four years," said one ECSU education major, in commenting on the new requirements. "I'd have to take ten or eleven classes each semester plus attend summer school."

Many majors also say they were not fully aware of the ruling until after they entered the teacher education program.

"Nobody in general studies mentioned the ruling to me," said one major. "When we're starting out as

freshmen we only take fifteen to seventeen hours, and when you found out about the new ruling by the third year, it means it's going to be harder to catch up in four years."

Many education majors say the effect of the ruling will mean they have to spend either four and a half or five years to get their education degrees.

Despite these complaints, Dr. Boyce Williams, Director of Student Education, said that education majors can still complete their coursework in four years. And she said the new requirements "will make the students more marketable and viable in the field."

Williams also pointed out that the new ruling is not just at ECSU but affects all state-supported schools.

"Having a second major will broaden the students' perspectives, and will make them more well-rounded," Williams said. "Also the additional courses can help their scores

on the National Teacher Examination."

As an adjustment to the new requirements, Williams said ECSU will cut the number of hours in required courses, without affecting the content of the courses.

"For instance, Teaching Reading in the Content Areas is to be a three credit hour course," she said. "Now it's a two credit course, even though it meets twice a week for one and a half hours. Also, music used to be a three credit class, now it's two."

Williams said that having a second major in psychology, sociology and other areas will also assist classroom teachers "with being aware and knowledgeable about the various groups of students in personality, developments, and social backgrounds."

"In the long run, the students will benefit from this," Williams added. "Freshmen may not think so now, but when they get out in the real world, they will."



Andre Nelson sprints from a Bronco in the Port City Classic. Nelson, a freshman running back, received player of the week against Livingstone College September, 1.

# NEWS NOTES

## Chancellor's Office

Dr. Jimmy Jenkins is one of thirteen presidents and chancellors who have contributed chapters to a new publication on the problem of campus violence.

Dr. Jenkins was one of a group of presidents and chancellors that convened in Washington for an invitational forum on "The President's Role in Creating a Healthy Campus Racial and Ethnic Climate." The book was a result of this forum.

Dr. Jenkins addressed the issue of "The College as a Racial Model for Society," in the chapter he wrote.

The resulting publication, entitled *The Lurking Evil: Violence and Harassment on the University Campus*, 1990, will be ready for distribution this month.

Dr. Jimmy Jenkins will serve on the Music Festivals panel for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Music Program.

The National Endowment for the Arts is a federal grant-making agency that awards grants to individual American artists and arts groups through a variety of artistic programs and other funding categories.

## Registrar's Office

Beginning with the spring semester, students who have not paid their registration fees will have their names "purged" from the computer system, according to Tommy Faust, Registrar.

These students will still be able to register for classes, said Faust, "however, it may not be for what they originally wanted."

Most other universities already follow this policy, according to Faust.

Faust said this change will "make students more aware of the registration process, will encourage preregistration and prepaying, and the students will be able to get the books early, so that will cut down on the time they have to wait for books."

During the drop-add period for the fall semester, Faust said he had more than 2,000 transactions of drop and adds.

"Students should be more conscious of the course requirements for their major," said Faust, "and understand what courses they are taking and why."

Students shouldn't always rely on advisors, Faust said, but should take more responsibility for their programs.

"Students need to take time to determine what they need to register for."

## Incentive Scholarship Office

The Office is currently interviewing applicants for the position of Director of the Incentive Scholarship Program, to replace Dennis Bryan, who resigned to take a job, in New Mexico.

According to Dr. Gerald McCants, Director of the University's Academic Development Program, "We hope to have the position filled by November 1."

## Department of Art

Florence Taylor, senior art major, opened his senior show on October 9, 1990, in the ECSU Gallery.

The Elizabeth City Downtown Merchant's Association has requested the Art Guild to paint several store front windows throughout the parade route in honor of ECSU Homecoming.

## Department of Business and Economics

Phi Beta Lambda held induction ceremonies on Thursday, September 13 in the University Center.

Phi Beta Lambda, NABA and Students in Free Enterprise co-sponsored a resume writing, interviewing workshop on September 18 and 20. Faculty presenters were Dr. Ebere Oriaku, Mrs. Ngozi Oriaku, Mrs. Emma Sutton, and Mr. Michael Worthington.

Kendra Hedgebeth spent eight weeks working as a summer intern with IBM Corporation in Greenville, N.C.

Deborah Jacobs spent three months as a summer intern with Atlantic Richfield Corporation in Los Angeles, California.

The following students in the Business Department are doing fall internships: Teresa Jackson, Coordinator of Computer Laboratory for the Business and Economics Department; Melissa Wilson, ECSU Community Development Technical Assistance Program; Jessica Burden, Pennsylvania and Southern Gas Co; Deborah Jacobs, Small Business and Technology Development Center, ECSU; Stephanie Boulding, ECSU ROTC; Renel Sample, ECSU, SGA; Tonya Devaughn, Students in Free Enterprise; Shirley Coburn, Business and Economics Department Secretarial Pool; Celestine Tracy, Albemarle Distributing Company; Celena Sawyer, ECSU Accounting Office.

Dr. Ivory Lyons, Department Chairperson, participated in a Vision

Statement Workshop on July 10 as mentor of the Gates County Rural Leaders Team which sponsored the event jointly with the ECSU Center for Rural and Coastal Living.

Dr. Ebere Oriaku was guest speaker at the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria at its Annual General Meeting in Owerri, Nigeria on May 15. His topic was "The International Dimensions of the Structural Adjustment Program in Nigeria."

Dr. Ebere Oriaku coordinated a workshop on social insurance sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons. Other Business Department faculty participants in the workshop were Dr. John Carson, Dr. Ivory Lyons, and Mrs. Ngozi Oriaku.

Mr. Ed. Hanif Hafix represented

the Business and Economics Department at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants during the summer in Orlando, Florida.

New fulltime faculty members in the Department: Dr. Niran E. Olurin, Ph.D. from Indiana State University in Business Education; Dr. Richard O'Daniel, Ed.D in Policy Studies from the University of Massachusetts; Mr. Richard Kellar, MBA from Golden Gate University.

New Part-time Instructors are: Ms. Louis Sawyer, B.S. ECSU, Business Education, MS in Business Education, Virginia State University; Mr. Michael McLain, MBA/CFA.

Ms. Demetria Tyner and Mrs. Jill Walton, both Business Education

instructors are on a leave of absence studying for the doctorate.

Mr. Michael Worthington, having passed his comprehensive examination at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, expects to complete his dissertation "in the near future." Mr. Worthington, Assistant Professor in Accounting, is a Certified Public Accountant.

Ms. Emma Sutton was chosen as one of the twenty-five most outstanding marketing instructors teaching at historically Black colleges and universities.

Ms. Sutton attended two one-week conferences at Hilton Head, South Carolina this summer to help ECSU qualify to be a participating institute in the N.C. Real Enterprises program. The purpose of the program is to provide youths in rural areas of N.C. with entrepreneurial training and experience.

Dr. Richard M. O'Daniel 1) published with Dr. Chemezie Osigweh in the September issue of *Journal of Education for Business* an article entitled "An Experiential Model for Developing Analytic Conceptual Skills in Management Students 2) was appointed by the Department of Defense's historically black college and university faculty summer employment program to work during the summer with the Defense Security Assistance Agency European Operation Division; 3) received a Distinguished Service Award from the Office of the Secretary of Defense for achievement of his mission in Turkey, Greece and Portugal; 4) was guest lecturer with Air University, Department of Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama on May 11 on the subject of "Inflation, Unemployment, and the Department of Defense Economics;" 5) presented a professional paper on June 12, 1990 at the Organizational Behavior Teaching Society National Conference in Richmond, Virginia entitled "A Conceptual Flow Diagramming Approach For Teaching Analytic Conceptual Reasoning Skills; 6) was reappointed as the National Chair for the Ethics Committee, for the Association of Management in Orlando, Florida on August 3, 1990.

The Department is moving ahead with its plans to establish a Banking Center on campus to be operated by students. The old Admissions Office Building, which is being moved to Parkview Drive, will house the center. Directors of the project are Dr.

Ivory Lyons, Dr. Ebere Oriaku and Dr. Richard O'Daniel.

The Department is continuing with its plans to implement "Student Operated Enterprises," a project in which students within the University who want to operate their own businesses can get a beginning on campus. A "mall" idea is being conceived.

## Department of Biology

Dr. Curtis D. Turnage, Chairman and Professor of Biology at ECSU was selected to participate on a Research team in the Microbiology Laboratory at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, for 6 weeks during the summer of 1990. The research was sponsored by a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute as a part of the UNC Faculty Development Program - Minority Advancement in the Biomedical Sciences.

An additional project outcome will be the development of a new course entitled "Frontiers in the Biomedical Sciences" by Dr. Turnage upon his return to ECSU.

Dr. A.U. Alam, Associate Professor of Biology was selected to participate in an 8 week summer internship at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Meharry Medical College has established a Minority Research Center of Excellence in Cell and Molecular Biology.

As president of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of the Albemarle, Dr. Thaddeus Beasley spent much of the summer working very closely with the Museum Director/Curator. Many meetings were held to plan strategies for obtaining property and funds to construct a new museum downtown. The property for relocation is virtually assured and planning funds have been granted.

Dr. Beasley spent two weeks in July assisting a student in the MSEN program, here on campus to do research on algae for presentation in an Ecology Fair.

Dr. Beasley is a member of the Elizabeth City Crime Line Board which is charged with generating funds to support the offering of remarks leading to the apprehension of criminals.

Dr. Ronald Blackmon was selected



Affectionately known as "Max," Maximilian, an English bulldog belonging to ECSU's Dr. Carol Jones, takes a breather on the steps of Johnson Hall on a recent afternoon. That's Donte Crowell in the background.