

participate in a research program at the Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, DC for 6 weeks last summer.

Dr. Blackmon was also selected to participate in a collaborative research program funded by the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Bobby J. Lewis served as a Summer Faculty appointed for Northwest College and University Association for Science, Washington University, Richland, Washington. Dr. Lewis did research in the Molecular Science Research Laboratory and studied Molecular Modeling the stimulator of biosynthetic molecules under the advisorship of Dr. Rich Orstein.

The following persons did their summer internship at the North Carolina Aquarium, Manteo; Roxanne Livresco; Katrina Foster, UNC Asheville; Guerda Alanor, Temple University; Angela Hager, Ohio University School of Osteopathic Medicine.

The following students participated in the Clinical Workstudy Summer Internship Program: Sharmone Barkley, Choke Chowan Hospital; Sharon Miller, Chowan Hospital; Clifton Jones, Portsmouth Health Department; Rhonda Riddick, Bertie Rural Health Association; Johnnie Sessoms, Choke Chowan Hospital; Kietia Underpool, Chowan Hospital; Rita Williams, Hertford Health Department.

One of our faculty members Dr. Rafael U. Alam spent 8 weeks internships at Medical College (MMC) in Nashville, Tennessee. MMC has established a Minority Research Center Excellence (MRCE) in cell and molecular biology with the assistance of the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Alam worked in the areas of fibrin binding properties of erythrocyte sub-population at the NSF-MRCE center. He was able to show noticeable differences between so-called "normal" or their agglutination reaction and lectins.

Department of Geosciences
Corey Miller, an intern in Marine Science at Chapel Hill this past summer, and a recipient of the National Association for Black Geologists and Geophysicists (NABGG) award for 1990 will present a paper at the NABGG annual conference at Penn State University in October. Corey is continuing his internship in Marine Science, with his mentor at UNC-Chapel Hill, on campus this academic year. Angela Bryant, a geology major intern at Williams and Mary last summer, will also present a

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However, on Tuesday, several faculty members said they had not yet received formal notice of the ban.

Although students will be allowed to smoke in their rooms, that may change in the future, Bynum said. Eventually, smoking will probably be allowed there, either.

Calling the no-smoking ban "the voice of the future," Bynum pointed out that smoking has already been banned in hospitals and many restaurants in the state, with violators being fined.

Students have generally supported the ban; however, some faculty members have said that they believe it should be allowed to smoke in their offices.

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ss and Finance, and about \$10,000 damages to the Symera Hall dorm. "I feel vandalism is ridiculous," said Mountain. "There's no reason for anyone to spray doors or knock out windows. Basically, there's no reason for anyone to destroy anything."

Several students said they resented the University's policy of billing students who live in the dorms for the damages to their floor.

"Someone from another floor broke a window on our floor," said Paul Byrd, who said he had to pay \$100 for damage to his floor in order to get back in school.

Byrd said he didn't think it was fair that he had to pay the money when he had no part in the vandalism.

ECSU students interviewed said they disagreed with the policy on fighting, however, most said they would comply with the policy rather than take a chance on going home.

Herbert Johnson and Kenny Valentine, both seniors, said they would file complaints against an attacker in student court.

However, some students said the policy wouldn't affect their behavior. "I'd defend myself if attacked," said Mark Morris, an ECSU junior, and take my case to the student court.

"I'd fight if attacked," said senior Ronald "R.J." Leigh, and worry about the punishment later."

paper at the National Association of Geologists and Geophysicists conference at Penn State University. Dr. San Juan, Associate Professor, will accompany Angela and Corey to Penn State University.

Three students, Karen Daughtry and Ray Turner who were on Co-op at U.S. Forest Service in California this summer and William Lewis, who worked at USGS Reston, Virginia, are back on campus with tales of adventure, mishap, and work experience during the past summer weeks.

Dr. F.C. San Juan completed acquiring equipment and supplies for the Uranium Thorium Isotopes Geochemistry/Hydrology Lab in Room 317 SCCP to begin water testing this past summer. Dr. San Juan, and two geology majors, Patricia Gilmartin and Corey Miller collected water samples for testing from a number of wells in the northeastern North Carolina.

Dr. San Juan also went to the Uranium/Thorium Geochronology Laboratory at Florida State University Tallahassee in late summer to assist in the alpha ray counting some of the processed samples for consultation.

Department of Language, Literature and Communication

The Pickwick Society is working on some exciting plans for the spring '91 semester—a Centennial writing contest, special activities for Black History Month and a creative writing workshop as well as production of a new fine arts magazine for ECSU.

The Pickwick Society is an honor society for English majors and English second majors which requires a departmental recommendation for membership. The next induction will be in January.

Activities this fall include special dramatic presentations at meetings and various fund-raising projects. For the first meeting in September, Cheryl White and Phyllis Tillery presented a skit written by Sharon Chappell about the importance of the Centennial. The next special presentation will be in November by the Shakespeare class of Dr. Glenda Davis.

Department of Education

The Student North Carolina Association of Educators announced plans at its October meeting for American Education Week, November 12-16. The plans include a special story hour for the children at the ECSU laboratory school, an assembly on November 15 and a reception following the assembly.

Department of Computers and Mathematics

The following students of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science attended Hampton University's Office of Navan Research Summer Program: Jovita Harrell,

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rial staff. The publication shows excellent work by editor Richard McInire and others in examining complex issues with careful use of multiple sources. *The Compass* looks very professional overall.

To improve the publication, judges recommended publishing more frequent issues and using news racks on campus to improve circulation. Judges further suggested changing to a tabloid format, which would make it easier to come out more often.

This year's *Compass* editors, Craig Avondo and Mark Morris, said they were pleased with the award.

"I'm hoping we can win again next year," said Avondo, who has worked on the paper two years. He served as news editor and production manager of the winning issues.

The *Compass* is published by the Department of Language, Literature and Communication. Dr. Anne Henderson is the Department's Chairperson; Stephen March is the publication's faculty advisor.

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dence Life and Ms. Kim Robinson.

After lunch Mr. Earl Brown, Director of the Small Business and Tech. Development center presented a talk on "Students In The Business World."

He covered several points including the importance of saving. Finally the retreat was closed by Dr. White.

Several students said that the retreat's remoteness and scenic views added to the success of the venture.

"There weren't a lot of distractions," said one student, "It was just people one on one, outside."

The Moton center was originally the vacation home of Henry Moton who was the third president of Tuskegee University.

After Moton's retirement he frequently would have friends to come stay with him. Over the years the Moton home evolved into a convention center, due to racial segregation and the need for a place for black leaders to meet.

Calvin Stansbury, Sheila Nixon, Reginald Gatling, Cathy Thomas, Eric Harris, Welton Spratley.

Two students of the Department, Joy Scott and Raymond Hunter, presented papers at NASA-NTA Symposium held on April 5-7, 1990.

Ms. Joy Scott, who graduated with a B.S. degree in mathematics teaching, has joined the graduate program in mathematics at the University of Delaware.

Ms. Krystal Overton, a junior applied mathematics major, attended the Summer Research Program at NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center during the summer, 1990, and produced a research paper on "Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite

which is to initially house three of the latest "super microcomputer workstations," a laser printer and a multiplexer for linking these computer devices with the North Carolina Supercomputer—CRAY Y-MP, located in the Research Triangle Park.

The ACL will be established and managed by Dr. Johnny L. Houston, Dr. Houston, who designed the ACL and submitted the proposal to MSIP on behalf of ECSU, is project director of the grant.

The ACL will use many sophisticated software packages for upper division computer science courses.

In August, 1990, Dr. Johnny L. Houston, traveled to Japan to attend the international Congress of Mathe-

local and national radio and television and are being performed regularly in the US and many other countries. He has worked as a composer, arranger, director, and performer on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA, Disneyland, Disney World/EPCOT Center, The Hour of Power television broadcast, and with dinner theaters and corporate shows. He is in much demand as a clinician, guest lecturer, conductor and festival adjudicator throughout the United States and Canada. His "Scat Singing Method" textbook has been received enthusiastically by choral directors, and his articles on pop, jazz and show choir techniques have appeared in national magazines. He is the president of Scott Music

Photo by Jackie Rountree



Lori Burrell, above, and Deborah Wilson, right, enjoy the company of a young visitor to the ECSU campus.

CDHF-RAC Communications Analysis."

Ms. Stephanie Vaughan, Computer Science major, worked as an intern with Bell Communications Research Laboratory in their Technical Summer Internship Program.

The Department submitted a proposal to NSF (with Mr. William Barker as Principal Investigator) for funding entitled "Pre-College Aviation."

Proposal Funded: NSF has funded a proposal submitted by Dr. Johnny Houston entitled "ECSU Second Century Thrust For Excellence in Computer Science."

Drs. Johnny Houston and Sohinder S. Sachdev attended the National Convention on "Making Mathematics Work for Minorities." This convention was organized by the Mathematical Sciences Education Board on May 4-5, 1990.

Mr. William Barker attended the Airway Science National Symposium on July 26-27 in Washington, DC. This symposium was organized by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Dr. Sohinder S. Sachdev attended a one week workshop on "Geometry," organized by COMAP at Weston, Mass., June 19-26.

As part of a proposal funded by the Department of Education on Computer-assisted Instruction in Calculus and Precalculus Honors, Drs. Edmonds and Sachdev worked on and developed manuals on Calculus I and Precalculus during summer, 1990. The manuals will be field tested during fall, 1991.

Dr. Linda B. Hayden and Mr. Daniel Owunwanne attended institutes on "Software Engineering and Computer Graphics" at Georgia State University, August 13-24.

Drs. Ida Doraiswamy and Georgia S. Lawrence attended the "Carolina Colloquy on College Teaching" at Western Carolina University on August 16-18.

Dr. Johnny L. Houston attended the 1990 Annual Conference of the Association of Computer Science and Engineering at Minority Institutions in New Orleans, La, on August 12-16.

ECSU was one of four historically Black colleges and universities to receive a one-year planning grant in computer science from the National Science Foundation for the 1990-91 year.

The grant, totalling \$49,963, was awarded for the purpose of supporting a year-long planning process for the development of a five-year proposal to be submitted to NSF in 1991.

Dr. Johnny L. Houston, senior research professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at ECSU, submitted the Planning Grant Proposal and will serve as Project Director of the grant.

Dr. Houston explained that the Planning Grant was awarded to ECSU because of the recognized potential of ECSU to develop a nationally accredited program in computer science with a viable research component.

ECSU has been awarded a two-year grant from the Minority Science Improvement Program of the Department of Education for \$49,656 to develop a state-of-the-art Advanced Computer Laboratory with a super computer link.

The grant provides funds for renovating a former biology laboratory

mathe- maticians 1990 Conference—ICM '90. Held under the auspices of the International Mathematical Society of Japan, ICM-90 was attended by more than 4,000 mathematicians from over 90 different countries.

Dr. Houston is the Executive Secretary of the National Association of Mathematicians.

Department of Music

One of the rising stars of ECSU these days originates from Williams Hall, home of the Music Department. After a year's worth of intensive searching, interviewing, and hiring, Dr. Willie Sullivan, Department Chair, can finally concentrate on administering his new team. Five new faculty members are in place for the fall semester.

The latest member to join the ranks is Dr. Karen Brown, who is in charge of the music theory concentration. Dr. Brown is a pianist from Indiana where she graduated from Indiana University. After a couple of teaching jaunts in Alaska and the Micronesian Island of Yap in the Pacific, she served in various institutions teaching, eventually earning her master's degree along the way while her husband completed his doctoral program. She then entered a doctoral program at the University of Oregon, where she graduated in August, 1990. Now at ECSU, after literally flying into a semester that had already begun before her arrival, she is excited about developing the theory program and teaching her students.

Credit goes to Dr. Scott Fredrickson, who drove cross country from Los Angeles without serious injury; Frederickson's compositions and arrangements have been heard on

Publications, and former editor and publisher of Pop, Jazz & Show Choir Magazine. He is currently working on a new choral music education textbook Pop, Jazz and Show Choir Interpretation and Style," and has now stepped in as Director of Music Industry Studies at ECSU.

Those of you who can't get to sleep on campus before 9:00 p.m. throughout the week have Dr. Gary Callahan and Anthony Johnson to blame. The band program is flourishing thanks to their hard efforts and long rehearsals.

Dr. Callahan, Director of Bands, comes from Ohio where he has spent the majority of his life. His Ph.D. is from Ohio State University where he was a University Fellow along with serving as an administrative assistant. He has served in numerous teaching capacities in such institutions as Alabama A & M University, Johnson C. Smith University, various public schools, and now at ECSU. Probably the biggest difficulty he has faced has been living away from his wife and 19-month old boy, who are still in Ohio.

Mr. Johnson, Assistant Director of Bands, is a writer and arranger who received his Master of Arts in Education from Tennessee State University. He has also served in various institutions such as Texas Southern University and various public schools. Mr. Johnson brings a touch of technology to the band program with his use of computer-assisted music arranging and scoring capability to enhance the shows for the Marching Band.

The most veteran of the group is Mr. Barry Hill, who arrived late last spring to direct the Music Engineering & Technology degree. Mr. Hill is a graduate of the University of North

Carolina at Asheville, where he specialized in music and recording arts. While at the University he served as manager for the recording studios as well as music editor for *Fury*, the University arts magazine. As a University scholar he pursued research in the field of artificial intelligence and its potential impact on music production, and conducted undergraduate research seminars on the use of music technology. After two years as an audio engineer for Kings Production in Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Hill moved back to the mountains to work as a recording engineer for a national Southern gospel record label in Asheville, NC with numerous album credits to his name.

Department of Sociology

Dr. James McClenon has received a grant from the Parapsychology Foundation making possible the production of a telecast describing some of the findings of the ECSU folklore research team. The program will be produced by Dr. Emily Edwards of the Department of Communications, University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Filming will begin in October and continue through the present academic year.

The program will compare African-American and Caucasian-American anomalous experiences such as extra-sensory perception, out-of-body experience, apparitions, and contact with the dead. During the last two years the ECSU research team, lead by Dr. McClenon, has gathered narratives which have bearing on a significant question within the sociology of religion, anthropology, and folklore. A major theoretical orientation suggests that unusual experiences are produced by the narrator's culture and should reflect the person's past socialization. An alternate theory argues that some unusual experiences contain elements which transcend culture.

"By gathering and comparing anomalous experiences from different cultural groups, we can test hypotheses derived from these two theories," McClenon said. The television program will follow the progress of the research team as it interviews white and black respondents regarding unusual experiences.

Present members of the research team include Anthony Herring, Thomas Chapman, Dwayne Lawrence, and Aretha McHone. Dr. McClenon's social research methods class will be traveling to Greensboro to distribute a questionnaire to a randomly selected sample of students at UNC at the end of October. A production crew will be filming the progress of this group as well as students at UNC who volunteer to tell their unusual experiences on film for the planned telecast. The research team is seeking equivalent unusual stories from ECSU students regarding extra-sensory perceptions, out-of-body experience, apparitions (ghosts), or the feeling of being in touch with someone who has died. ECSU students who wish to be on television telling an unusual story, or who have friends or relatives who would tell a story, are invited to contact Dr. McClenon (Room 214 Moore Hall, 335-3422).

Because the planned television program will reveal the similarities between white and black experiences, it will demonstrate that the core subconscious aspects within both African-Americans and Caucasian-Americans are similar. Dr. Jimmy Jenkins will deliver a summation of the research conclusions which consists of a brief message regarding race relations.



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