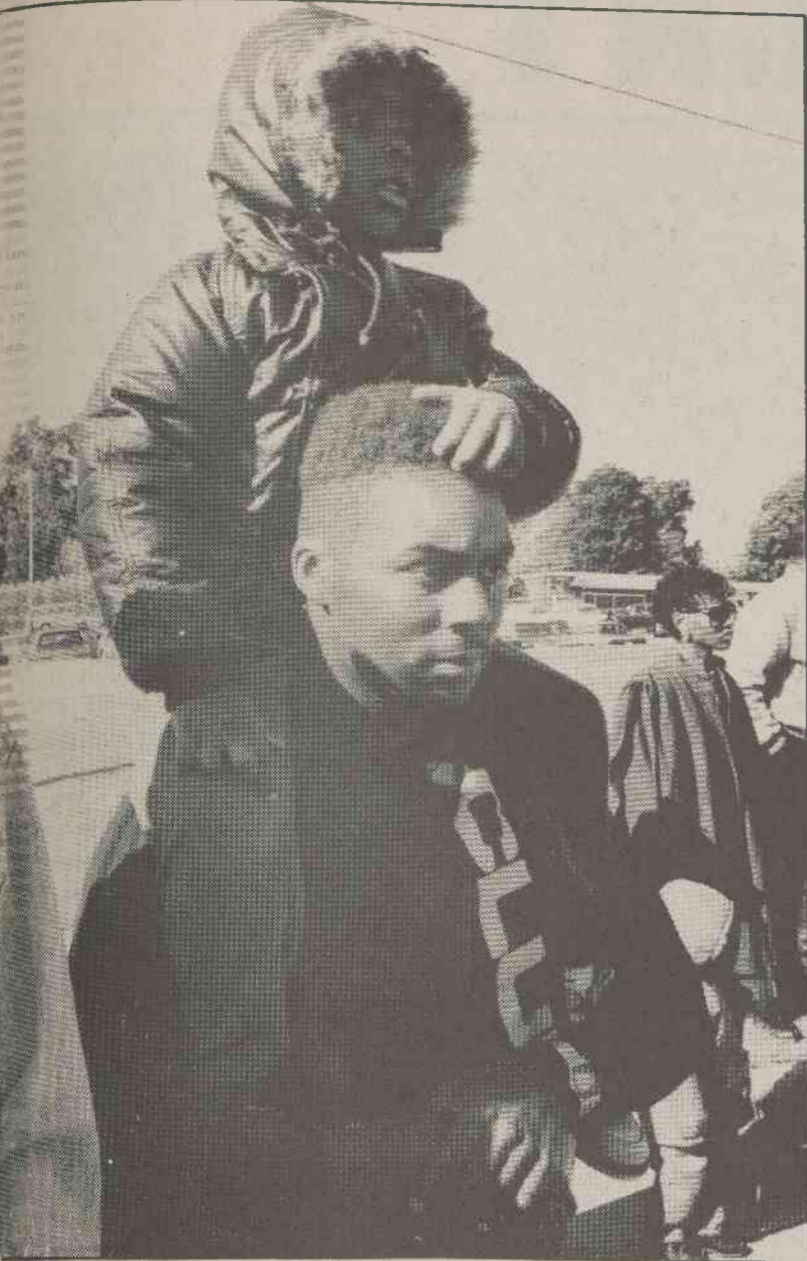


Photos by Jackie Rountree



This young Viking fan found himself a good perch from which to view the Homecoming Parade, held Saturday in Elizabeth City. An estimated 2,000 people braved the cold temperature to participate in the festivities.



The River City Marching Vikings' Pom Pom Squad show off during the Homecoming Parade, held Saturday, Oct. 27 in Elizabeth City. The parade took place before the ECSU Vikings scored a 14-7 victory against the Hampton University Pirates. That evening, the Homecoming concert left the SGA \$1,000 in the black, according to SGA President Renel Sample.

Vikings defeat Hampton 14-7:

# Homecoming week 'a success' at ECSU

By Pablita Batiste

Homecoming weekend 1990 culminated in a sweet victory for ECSU as the Vikings scored a 14-7 victory against the Hampton University Pirates on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The Homecoming Concert left the Student Government Association about \$1,000 in the black, according to SGA President Renel Sample.

"The cost of homecoming went down as opposed to last year," said Sample. "The money made from ticket sales came up to \$27,000, but the performers cost us \$26,000, so overall the money made from the concert, the stepshow and the dances was pretty good."

"I think it was a good week because of the student body turnout," Sample continued. "The performers were good for the total community and having all the events in the same building were good for security reasons."

Sample admitted that "the biggest downfall of homecoming was scheduling fall break and homecoming together. That really gave us a late start on activities. We also needed more freshman females to participate in the field activities. But for me,

homecoming turned out real good."

The activities began on Wednesday, with field events such as flag football, volleyball and basketball. These games pitted the seniors against the sophomores and the juniors against the freshman. The evening ended with an eating contest and a toga/pajama party in Williams Hall. On Thursday, championship games took place between the winners of the basketball, volleyball and flag football games. The talent show held in Moore Hall Auditorium was the highlight of the evening. Contestants in the show included Tony Williams, who sang "Why U Gettin' Funky on Me" and "I Won't Never Do Anything To Hurt You."

A group calling themselves "Obsession" sang "I'll Always Love You." The singers were Alex Daniels, Mike Johnson, Kevin Alston, Kenny Porter and Leroy Douglass. Terri Lewis, Joyrita Robinson, Joy Hornaday, Myra Conner, Miriam Corie and Scott Gibson sang the hit "I Just Can't Stay Away From You." Benjamin Webb and Wesley Dudley performed "It Feels Good," "Do Me Baby," "Sensitivity," and "Poison." Other performers in the talent show included Jason

Kennedy, Carmen Lane, Chris Wydell, and Keith White. The group "Essence" won the talent show with their performance of "Gentle." The singers are Kevin Alston, Alvera Gunn, Phyllis Price, Miguel Purvis, Garlinda Banks, Scott Gibson, and Gregory Proctor III.

Friday's events included a pep rally, bonfire and stepshow with performances by Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta sororities and Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi fraternities and a special appearance by the Omega Psi Phi Q-Pups. The night ended with a pre-dawn dance with music by D.J. Ren 10 and the 10-10 Posse. The highlight of the weekend was the victorious game against Hampton. Returning alumnae, visiting parents, students, faculty and staff members watched as the Vikings beat the Pirates, 14-7.

The concert that night featured the winners of the talent show, the group "Essence," who sang "Gentle." Performer Shirley Murdock mesmerized the crowd with her hits "As We Lay," "I'm Not Going" and "Husband." Poor Righteous Teachers got the crowd pumped with their hit, "Rock This Funky Joint." And Kwame kept the

energy going with his songs "The Rhythm," "Ownlee Eue," "Sweet Thang" and "Hey Heart." "Today" ended the evening with their hits "Why U Gettin' Funky On Me," "Take Your Time," "You Stood Me Up" and "Your Love Is Not True." The night ended with a dance by D.J. Ren 10 and the 10-10 Posse. Sunday's events included a block party for lunch and dinner on the basketball courts by Mitchell-Lewis. ECSU students described the week as a "success," however several students said that homecoming week was not as successful as last year.

"I think homecoming was very successful," said McGrue Booker II, "but it could have been better."

Both Booker and another student, Myahid Sims, objected to the rule of having to pay to get back in once you leave the concert.

"That was crazy," said Sims. Booker also added that "there needs to be more activities on campus leading up to Homecoming."

Sophomore Mike Johnson said, "I think this was a successful homecoming, but the activities during the week were not hyped-up enough. There where a lot of people here, but it was not as fun as I thought it would be."



Rap artist Kwame performed his songs, "The Rhythm," "Sweet Thang," and "Hey Heart," during the Homecoming Concert. Here, he drums out an impromptu rhythm on an ECSU megaphone.



Garlinda Hollins, Michael Harrison, Phyllis Price and Miguel Purvis sang Nov. 29 in the talent show, which was part of the Homecoming week celebration. They are part of the group "Essence," which won the show.

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Hedgebeth, Chairperson of the Division of Education; Sharon Chappell, a junior English teaching major; Mae Wilkins, Recruitment Officer; and Dr. Jimmy Jenkins, Chancellor of ECSU.

"Dr. Jenifer is head of the nation's most comprehensive, predominately black university," said Jenkins, in introducing the President. "At the 1989 press conference announcing his ap-

pointment to the Howard presidency, Dr. Jenifer vowed to be about the business of putting Howard on the front burner of educational players in the United States."

American Education Week was initiated after World War I, when draft boards discovered that 20 per cent of the draftees were illiterate. The American Legion, National Education Association, and US Office of Education, launched an educational campaign to solicit public support to remove the deficiencies.



ECSU students David Scott Gibson, Andre Green, and Melissa Wilson pose with R & B artist Shirley Murdock (third from left). Murdock performed her hit "As We Lay," along with many other tunes during her performance at the Homecoming Concert.

## Faculty 'brainstorms' during SACS beach retreat

By Veronica Wills

Despite a 7:00 a.m. departure, cold weather and a meager lunch, the first two-day SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) retreat at the Romada inn in Kill Devil Hills enabled faculty and departmental members to brainstorm new ideas for improving the school, and learn more about the entire accreditation process.

During the retreat, the departments were given copies of its self-study report as well as reviews of each. They were charged with making any changes requested by the reviewer, clearly

addressing all the "must" statements, and correcting any structural or grammatical errors.

Alexis Joyner, faculty member of the Art Department, stated in his report that the retreat had been both informative and productive.

"The environment was excellent for creating an atmosphere conducive to brainstorming," he said.

In addition to critiquing its report, each department got the opportunity to examine its programs, faculty, students and institutional effectiveness.

The retreat also proved to be a learning tool for the participants.

"It was a good instructional exercise because it allowed us to learn about the accreditation process," said Stephen March, a faculty member of the Department of Language, Literature and Communication.

"The departmental report provided a comprehensive graph of our department itself, which allowed us to learn more about our department and our colleagues," March said.

The SACS Retreat was the brainchild of self-study leaders Dr. Anne Henderson and Mr. Leonard Ballou.

After the two presented the idea to Chancellor Jimmy R. Jenkins, the

retreat was mandated, enabling the ECSU faculty to board buses and vans to head for Kill Devil Hills.

The retreat involved 121 ECSU people. All academic department/divisions attended and the resource team, which consisted of representatives of Business and Finance, the G.R. Little Library, the Self-Study principals and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Lois Sawyer of Business and Finance, reiterated what appeared to be the general consensus, that the retreat was a great idea and that the participants got a lot accomplished.

## Ω's-n-kids

By Mark Morris

The Lambda Gambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. treated a group of youngsters to a fun-filled Halloween on October 31. The children, preschool students at ECSU's daycare facility, were escorted over to the Bedell Hall Cafeteria for a Halloween luncheon highlighted by their favorite delicacy, "hotdogs."

After lunch, members of the fraternity told the children Halloween stories while the attentive audience munched on the bags of candy and fruit prepared for them.

"We have been doing this for three years as a good community service project for our fraternity," said Randy Futrell, chapter President. "We realize that these children want to see faces besides the ones they see everyday, and coming over here (Bedell Hall) gives them the opportunity to do so."

The event will be ongoing tradition for The children and Omega Psi Phi, according to Futrell, "as long as it continues it will be beneficial to both."