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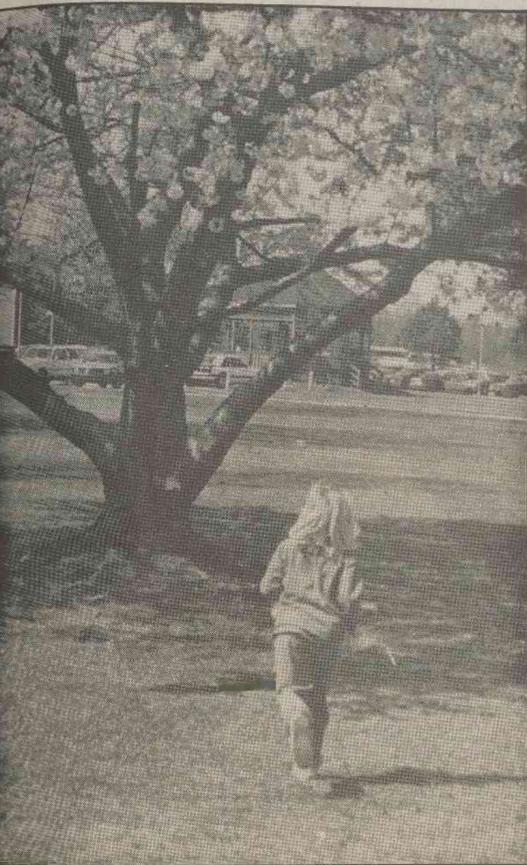
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It's Spring!



Catherine Doxey displays her youthful exuberance by running toward a blossoming tree on a recent spring afternoon on campus. She is the daughter of ECSU senior, Lisa Doxey, and husband, Marvin, of Currituck.

## Vandals strike ECSU; police have 'no leads'

By Renee Knight and Mark Morris

"Oh my God! Look at my car!" exclaimed freshman Iesha Battle when she discovered the Volkswagon she got for her sixteenth birthday vandalized on the morning of March 15. The car's windows were broken out, the paint was scratched, and her belongings had been pulled from the car and thrown throughout the yard.

Battle's car was one of eleven broken into and defaced during an early morning vandalism spree that left the floor in Williams Hall flooded, the student victims angry and ECSU police baffled.

"Between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 a.m. unidentified persons broke into Williams Hall, breaking window panels in several doors and detaching a water fountain," according to Officer Wilbert Shannon.

"I opened the east-end door, noticing the window panel of the radio station door was broken out," Shannon stated in his investigation report.

Window panels on the doors to rooms 100, 107, 119 and 123 were also broken.

When asked to comment on the vandalism and subsequent investigation Dr. Leon White, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, referred *The Compass* to Roger McLean, Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance, who directed *The Compass* to his assistant, A.C. Robinson.

Robinson could not be reached for comment.

ECSU Police Chief, George Moun-

tain said the police staff has no leads yet.

"I wouldn't even begin to guess who it was right now," said Mountain "I do believe that some students saw what happened and refuse to tell us."

Mountain expressed surprise at the lack of student participation in the ECSU *Crime Stoppers* Program.

The program, set up in the summer of 1990, provides students with a number to call anonymously if they have information about a crime committed on campus. The program offers awards up to \$200.

"The system worked out well in a situation where someone broke a window in Wamack Hall," said Mountain. "The person who called in was rewarded \$75. I can't understand why we don't get more calls through *Crime Stoppers*."

This incident has left many ECSU students feeling worried about the safety of their property. Other students say they worry about their personal safety.

One student told *The Compass* that he has felt this way long before this semester.

"I think it's ridiculous to have only two officers on duty at night," the student said. "I don't feel that the protection of me or my property is in the interest of security."

Mountain said that the night personnel has been increased from two to three officers from 4 p.m. to 8 a.m.

"We try to provide protection of life and property, which is our number one goal," said Mountain "That's what we're here for."

McCleure (the team's director) praised the University's hospitality, transportation, communication, refreshments and accommodations.

Jenkins said McCleure complemented the University on "its overall administrative processes," adding "We probably received the fewest set report of the team's findings in ten days, according to Dr. Anne Henderson, director of the SACS self-study.

On Friday, Chancellor Jenkins told *The Compass*, "I feel very good about the visit. In our conference Dr. Wesley

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## Budgetary ax bites deep

# Budget woes to cost ECSU \$700,000; cuts expected in teaching positions

By Mark Morris

The budgetary ax will bite deep into ECSU's operating budget for the fiscal year due to the General Assembly's recommended \$59.2 million cut to the UNC system.

ECSU's share of the proposed cuts will be about \$700,000, according to Roger McLean, Vice Chancellor for Business and Fiscal Affairs. The cuts are based on school "size and enrollment," he added.

The cuts will be made in service areas, support staff and academic teacher positions, said Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Jenkins.

"It's certainly going to hurt us," said Jenkins. "With less staff, it will be a lot harder to maintain our normal level of building readiness. More importantly, teacher effectiveness will be reduced as well by the larger class loads."

Jenkins said some instructors may have to teach up to 14 semester hours next year. He also mentioned that classrooms will be more crowded,

making classes tougher for students.

The proposed \$59.2 million cut is part of \$371 million in reductions designed to ease the state out of a financial tight squeeze.

"What we have to realize is that the state is in tough economic times right now," said State Senator Marc Basnight (D—Dare County). "We certainly didn't want to raise \$800 million in taxes."

Basnight, Chairman of the Base Budget Committee, predicted that each school in the UNC system will take a five percent cut in their budgets for the fiscal year.

Jenkins said he was displeased with the way cuts will be distributed.

"Right now it looks as if the General Assembly will determine how they will be rationed," said Jenkins. "I'd rather see each school's chancellor make those decisions."

UNC System President C. D. Spangler is currently lobbying to get the decision-making power concerning cuts into the hands of the chancellors. "I hope to get the chancellors from

each school the ability to make the decisions," Spangler told *The Compass*, "but right now it looks like the decisions will be made by the legislators."

According to Jenkins, the cuts will hinder progress at ECSU.

"It means we cannot expand with new programs that will make us more diversified," he said. "That makes it harder to attract new students."

Jenkins said the Incentive Scholarship Program hasn't been cut, but added, "However, that's still tentative."

Students in the UNC system have protested the proposed cuts to education.

On April 10, about 600 students from UNC schools demonstrated for about an hour outside of the statehouse and then stormed into a committee meeting where lawmakers were discussing the issue, according to *The Virginian Pilot*.

"We want to make it painfully obvious to them that these cuts are hurting people," said Beth Hamman,

a UNC-Charlotte student, told *The Virginian Pilot*.

ECSU students have expressed similar opinions about the cuts.

"I think we need to prepare for a big change at ECSU," said Leslie Moore, a sophomore Elementary Education major. "I think ECSU students should voice their opinions even if it means protesting."

Robin Davis, a senior business administration major, said the General Assembly should handle the state's monetary crisis another way.

"I don't feel that the right thing is being done," she said, "because cutting education funds cuts education quality."

Spangler said he is still hoping for the possibility of the General Assembly increasing taxes, although he added that possibility "is not likely."

Spangler added, "For years, the Legislature has been a friend of the UNC system. We realize they can't give us money they don't have but they still seem to want to help us as much as possible."

## Students protest N&O article about ECSU claiming it was a 'biased' view of campus

By Tonya Moore

A March 7 article about ECSU in *The Raleigh News and Observer* has generated a great deal of anger and controversy on campus—so much that the SGA and cooperating students have since mailed a response to the editor of *The News and Observer*.

ECSU librarian Micheal Williams and Mark Morris, co-editor of *The Compass*, have written individual letters to the paper's editor, protesting the article.

The March 7 article, "Elizabeth City State lures white students with scholarships," implied that ECSU's black students have not done enough to welcome minority students, and that white students have a hard time at ECSU due to their minority status.

The article, written by staff writer Billy Warden, quoted only four stu-

dents, two faculty members and Chancellor Jimmy R. Jenkins.

Two of the students quoted, freshman Anthony Tiller and Gregory Anderson, are incentive scholars who commute. Tiller was referred to as "bright and lonely" and Anderson as "wanting out."

Many ECSU students say the article was biased, and not representative of black-white relations on campus.

"Once I read the article I was completely disgusted," said Rodney Moore, an English major from Washington, N.C. "It seemed Bill Warden's attitude toward the school was biased."

"If white students don't want to be here, they should just leave," said one student. "If they don't get involved in anything, then naturally they are going to feel lonely."

Junior Evelena Drayton said she feels that all students should participate in the activities offered and show support for their school.

"If the situation was reversed I would feel unwelcome, too," she said, "but I would make an effort by getting involved."

The article pointed out that ECSU, a traditionally black school, "is becoming more white," adding out that 25.1 percent of the University is now white.

"But fewer than ten whites live on campus," Warden wrote. "Most hail from nearby towns and commute to school, a situation that puts strains on both whites and blacks."

Warden's article played up the tension between black and white students on campus.

Teresa Holley feels that both black and white students are at fault in terms

of the way they relate to each other. Holley said that white students who take classes with her detach themselves from everyone else while some black students feel belittled by the sight of a group of whites studying together and making higher grades. Therefore, blacks blame whites for academic changes.

Several white students said they felt that the article was unfair because it implied that there is no white involvement in activities at the University.

Mark Curry, a junior music major from Suffolk, Va. said the article was "messed up." Curry is a drummer in the ECSU marching band and says he is having an enjoyable college career.

"Miky" Wynns, an Elementary Education major was also displeased

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## Purvis new SGA head; DeVaughan gets crown

By Kenneth A. Valentine, Jr. and Cindi Blount

ECSU students elected Miguel Purvis as SGA President, and Tonya DeVaughan as Miss Elizabeth City State University, in the April 5 election.

Purvis, a sophomore business administration major, won with 48% of the vote, defeating Jessica L. Burden (33%), Tara McCoy (14%) and Raleigh H. Windley, Jr. (5%).

DeVaughan, a junior business administration major from Clinton, N.C., won with 39% of the vote.

As Miss ECSU DeVaughan promised "to inform the students that being Miss ECSU is not only a position of representation, but also a position of communication among the entire Viking family and the community."

In the Miss ECSU contest, Angela A. Hager was first runner up, with 37%. Leslie Marsh was second runner up with 11%. Tammy Hunt received

8% and Rhonda Spivey received 5%.

Purvis, who ran an informal, relaxed campaign, said, "I am looking forward to my term, because I feel I have a lot of support." She said her immediate task is "to carry out the remainder of the plans and activities for Spring Fest."

Purvis said she would focus on improving student morale and campus security during her term. She also hopes to get more students involved in student government.

"I want to make the freshmen and commuter students feel comfortable by planning events, forming committees, so they will have a voice also," said Purvis.

Purvis, a native of Golden Valley, Minnesota, hopes to become an "entrepreneur" after graduation and own her own car dealership.

She credited her mother with being an inspiration in her accomplishments.

Students elected Joynita M. Robinson Vice President of SGA. She received 72% of the vote, defeating Andria Moore, who received 28%.

Sheila Lassiter was elected recording secretary of SGA, Tonya D. Cherry was elected corresponding secretary and Gina Riddick was elected Treasurer. All ran unopposed.

Darlene R. Leigh was elected At-Large General, defeating Angela M. Ore, 54% to 46%.

This election saw a greater number of candidates than earlier years, according to the outgoing SGA President Renel Sample.



An Emotional Tonya DeVaughn gets congratulated by Miss ECSU 90-91, Alissa Robinson. DeVaughn won the Miss ECSU 91-92 crown with 39% of the student vote.

## Tonya 'relieved' at win

By Cindi Blount

Although she's won many beauty pageants in her life, Tonya DeVaughan never expected to be elected Miss ECSU.

"I was overwhelmed," said the junior Business Administration major from Clinton, NC. "I never gave it much thought. I was shocked and happy."

DeVaughan won with a 39% plurality out of a race of five candidates. Overwhelmed by the election outcome, relief best describes Tonya's feeling regarding her victory.

"The campaign pulled out the strength in me and my opponents and

I thank them for such a competitive race."

Across campus during elections students were frequently greeted with large orange signs with red and blue streamers, the stencil letters spelling out "IF YOU DO 4 ME I'LL DO 4 YOU—VOTE TONYA DEVAUGHAN."

DeVaughan plans to do just that—which was her purpose for running for Miss Elizabeth City State University.

"The role of Miss ECSU is to represent the university as well as the students in events such as convocation, candle lighting, and retreats."

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Purvis all smiles at SGA Banquet.