

# CAMPUS NEWS

## President and Queen



Outgoing SGA President Renel Sample and Miss ECSU Alisa Robinson relax during the SGA Banquet held Friday, April 5. Sample, a business administration major, is from Philadelphia, Pa. Robinson, an English major, is from Elizabeth City.

## Lack of parents' understanding tops list of teachers' complaints

By Miracle Perry  
and Rebecca Smithson

Although today's teachers face both hardships and disappointments most of them believe the joys of teaching still outweigh the pain, according to a recent survey of ECSU graduates who entered the teaching field.

The survey revealed that teachers place a great deal of importance on the feeling of satisfaction gained from seeing students grow, learn, and become successes.

"My joys come from seeing a young person grasp a skill, and know he or she has it," said Jackie Brown, a fourth grade teacher at Northside Elementary in Elizabeth City.

"My joys are to see former students excel," said Yvonne Walton, Assistant Principle at Sheep Harney Elementary School. "I feel my influence was partially responsible for their success."

Teachers cited the lack of support and understanding from parents as being one of the main problems they faced. Other problems included, absenteeism, low salaries, inadequate funding of educational programs, and discipline problems within the classroom.

ECSU graduate Mrs. Leola Morgan said her heartaches came "when the children wasted their time and ability and ended up not helping them-

selves or others."

"This problem seems to be one of the most discouraging for the teachers," Morgan added, "because the students are the main reason for the schools."

Another complaint teachers had about the profession is low salaries. Seventy five per cent of the respondents said they were not paid enough for their work.

Morgan, who retired after teaching 43 years, recalled that when she first began teaching she received only \$68 a month.

The salary levels for North Carolina are far less than some of the neighboring states such as Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. "North Carolina needs to consider the competition of our neighboring states' salary schedule, because we have lost so many to other states and professions," said Walton.

Janet Cooper, a fourth grade teacher at P.W. Moore Elementary School, said that her job covers a lot of professions such as a nurse, counselor, and secretary. "I am constantly using my own money to provide my students with many of the materials needed to have a good learning environment," Cooper added.

Although teaching was not the chosen career of many of the surveyed teachers, many found that after entering the field as an educator, teaching

has lived up to their expectations.

"I received a lot of enjoyment from teaching," said David Freeman, who retired after teaching 14 years. "Although it takes a few years to become familiar with the process, after that I thoroughly enjoyed it."

Some of the teachers have mixed feelings about their expectations as educators. Terry Mitchell, an advisor for the General Studies Division at Elizabeth City State University, said, "In terms of restructuring the educational system in order to comply with international competitiveness, teaching has lived up to his expectations, but not in terms of educators receiving respect."

Teaching can open so many avenues to other aspects of education. "The education field offers so many opportunities other than the classroom teacher position such as administration, supervision and counselor positions," said Yvonne Walton.

"These opportunities can only be reached if you are dedicated to the profession and the students within it," said Virginia Jones, a retired educator of 32 years.

Despite their complaints, all of the survey's respondents said that they would choose teaching as a career if they had to do it all over again.

"I would do it because I feel I could make a difference," wrote one respondent.

## Bowling alley to be financed by students using the facility

By Harold Sanderlin

The University's new Commuter Center will open and be available for students "within the next couple of weeks," according to Roger McLean, Vice Chancellor for Business and Fiscal Affairs.

Although the building was originally scheduled to be finished in the fall of 1990, McLean said completion has been delayed by "contractors' inability to finish the job on time."

Construction on the \$1.2 million building began in the late summer of 1989.

"Right now all we're waiting on is the bowling equipment," said Dr. Leon White, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. "Everything else is ready to open."

The 10,000 square-foot building contains a six-lane bowling alley, a

lounge with 200 seats, as well as offices, one of which will house the Commuter Club.

"The new center will be a place for students to rest between classes," McLean said. "It will serve as a recreation activity area and an academic facility for teaching bowling."

McLean said Chancellor Jenkins conceived of the Commuter Center because "he realized there was no place for commuters to go on campus. McLean added, "The Center will also help students find out what is happening on campus."

Both White and McLean said that the operating expenses for the center will be financed by those students paying to use the facilities rather than by student fees.

"Charging all the students to use the building through student fees wouldn't be fair," said McLean,

"because you would have students who didn't use the building paying to use it."

White said that the cost per game hadn't been set yet, but added, "It will be less than what the local bowling alley charges."

ECSU students have expressed mixed reactions to the new center.

"I think that's too much money for the University to be spending," said Eric Jones, a senior. "They could have used the money for scholarships or to improve campus housing. They could have used the money to build a new dormitory."

"As a commuter, I feel that it is great to have a commuter center," said Sharon Chappell, a junior English major, "but I think there should be some balance between this and renovating the dorms. I feel the dormitories should have first priority."

## Students network with the pros at WRVS' 5th media conference

By Ursula McMillion

ECSU students interested in the media and music industry careers had the chance to network with some of the industries' most impressive professionals during WRVS' Fifth Anniversary Media Conference.

The conference, which took place on March 16 at the Kermit E. White Graduate Center addressed these topics:

"The Role of College Radio in the Recording Industry," "Public Infor-

mation: The Broader Spectrum" and "The Year(s) After."

"The conference was extremely entertaining and educational," said sophomore accounting major Ralph Nixon. "It offered a lot of insight for the music, broadcasting and print fields. It also was a conference for all students regardless of their major. It showed me how to network and gave me a lot of tips for operating in the professional world."

The Anniversary Awards Luncheon focused on the history of the sta-

tion, audio entertainment and promotion of the in-house productions of students and presentations of the following: Best In-House Program 3-5 Minutes, Ursula McMillion for "Another Page In Black Literature"; Best In-House Program 15 Minutes, Bruce Copeland for "Yard Talk"; Best Male Announcer, Darrin Adams; Best Female Announcer, Cathy Thomas; Best Public Affairs Staff person, Dwayne Oliver; Most Improved Announcer and Most Dedicated Staff member, Kathryn Rippy.

David Linton, former general manager of WRVS—and presently National Promotions Director for Reprise Records—addressed the conference audience at the luncheon.

"In the business it's not what you know but who you know to help you excel," said Linton, "and once you get there it takes what you know to keep you there."

Students said they were highly impressed with Linton's speech.

"Linton was nothing but sheer inspiration," said sophomore English major Kathryn Rippy, "because he has traveled through his educational pursuits and career with great fervor and he tried to present us with his story pointing us in the right direction to obtain success. It wasn't just a speech; he was sharing a part of him with us."

The Hampton Road Black Media Professionals conducted the afternoon session on the fifth anniversary theme: "Reaching for Success...Rising to the Top." The media professionals invited students to network closely with the organization for possible internships and future job opportunities.

"There's room for everyone," said Barbara Ciara, President of the Hampton Road Black Media Professionals. "Your 'type' doesn't matter. You have to have the determination and spirit of competition."

ECSU seniors utilized this session for future career contacts.

"The Hampton Roads Black Media professionals ensured students interested in the media that we can be part of the professional media," said Senior English major Uchenna Bulliner. "They gave me encouragement when my hopes were low."

## Circus coming

By Lavenia Dameron

ECSU students have heard some odd sounds on campus, but how many have heard a roaring lion, a trumpeting elephant, or the boom of a man being shot out of a cannon?

Sounds like these may be heard on campus this summer when the University sponsors its first circus/carnival.

The event will be held "sometime this summer," on the new land that the University purchased in 1990, according to Dr. Floyd Robinson, Assistant to the Chancellor. Its purpose is to raise money for the University Endowment, a special fund for scholarships and improvements to the University's educational programs, Robinson said.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," said Robinson who remembers participating in a similar event at his alma mater, Virginia State, during the 50's. "It gives the University family and the community a chance to meet and socialize."



Barbara Ciara, a well-known Virginia newscaster, was just one of many media professionals who spoke to ECSU students during The WRVS 5th Media Conference, March 16 at the Kermit E. White Center. Students attending the conference had the opportunity to network with, and learn from, many area media professionals.

Photo by Ursula McMillion

## ECSU students awarded during 1991 Honors convocation

By Albert C.F. Woodley

The University held its 1991 Honors Convocation April 18 in Moore Hall.

Awards were presented by Dr. Anne Henderson, Chairman of the Honors Council, Dr. Floyd Robinson, Chairman Emeritus of the Honors Council and Dr. Carol Jones, Director of the Honors Program.

Guest speaker for the event was former NASA Aerospace Technologist Evelyn Dixon Staton.

The following students received the Chancellor's Distinguished Emblem Awards: Demetria Felton and Stuart Squires.

These students received certificates of merit from The Honors Program: Louis M. Anderson, III, Dawn Ben-ton, Miriam Bridges, Pamela Brite, Shari Carter, Stephanie Crouail, Felix Deloatch, Edwin Delosreyes, Gary Edwards, Stanley Elliott, Katrina Foster, Victoria Fields, David Flatley, Harold Garner, Melvis Gilliam, Angela Hager, Kim Halsey, James Hargett, Jr., Herbert L. Johnson, III, Christopher Jones, Jennifer Kraft, Sheila Lassiter, Sheldon Lynch, Rita K. Mabine, Tara McCoy, Timothy McCray, Anissa McNeil, John Merritt, Kimberly Millard, Kenneth Min-ton, Rodney Moore, Lisa Newell, Sheila Nixon, Angela Ore, Joe Porter, Dennis Perry, Pamela Perry, Kim Reynolds, Gerald Riddick, Gina Riddick, Alisa Robinson, Joynita Robinson, Kimberley Short, Brenda Smith, Darius Smith, Rhonda Spivey, Clarissa Stanley, Theresa Swimme, Cathy Thomas, Richard Todt, Lynn Van-home, Kathy Venters, William War-

ren, Tracy Weathers and Cheryl White. The following students received the Honors Program Darin L. Cole Award: Sheldon Lynch, Tara McCoy, John Merritt, and Sheila Nixon.

The Delta Theta Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. received the Greek Honors Cup.

Curtis Tyler received the Art Department's Special Art Award. The following students received the Outstanding Senior Award: Stephanie Crouail, Lisa Doxey and Dawn Simmons.

In the Department of Biology Gary Edwards received the Clarence E. Biggs Award, Stuart Squires received the Evans/Patterson Science Award, Angela Hager received the Richard E. Smith Award, Joynita Robinson received the Highest Ranking Sophomore Award and Katina Eley, Patricia Palmer and Kim Taylor were voted Highest Ranking Freshmen.

In the Department of Business and Economics, Demetria Felton received awards for Graduating Senior-of-the-Year and Excellence in Economics/Finance, Tonya DeVaughn received the Junior Student-of-the-Year Award, Kim Halsey received the Excellence in Accounting Award, Renel Sample received the Excellence in Management Award, Angela Boston received the Excellence in Business Education Award, Sonya Eason received the Excellence in Office Administration Award, Shirley Coburn and Tammy Flood received the Academic Excellence in Publications honor, Kim Halsey received the Wall Street Journal Award, David Credle and Larry A. White received the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company Award, Gina Riddick

and Dennis Perry received the American Institute of CPA's, Inc. Award and Deborah Jacobs received the Chairman's Award for Academic Excellence.

In the Division of Education and Psychology, Thomas Chatman received the Outstanding Leadership Award, Juanita Armstrong received the Outstanding Senior Award, Tanya Wright received the Outstanding Junior in Psychology Award and Claudia Wynns received the Outstanding Psychology Student Award.

In the Department of Health & Physical Education, Carl Ralph received the Physical Education Major of the Year Award.

The Division of General Studies Award was received by Thomas Chatman.

The Department of Geosciences Award was received by James Weathers, Jr.

In the Department of Industrial Arts/Technology, Melvina Harrison received the B.M. Patterson Technology Education Award, Mark McCarragher and Darius Griffin received the Industrial Technology Faculty Award, Jr. received the Samuel Ajumobi Model Tank-Test Award, and Tony Butcher, Jr., Crystal C. Gibbs and Monica Hughes received the Industrial Technology Award.

In the Department of Language Literature/Communications, Craig Avondo received the E.M. Spellman Award; Alisa Robinson received the Senior Award; Christopher Bunch, Angela Hager, Jan Jones, Cathy Thomas, Richard Thomas, and Lynn Van-home all received the Junior Award;

and Tracy Weathers received the Sophomore Award.

In the Department of Mathematics & Computer Science, Pamela Brite, Creighton Miller, Krystal Overton, and Sheila Nixon received Honors Program awards.

The Senior Awards went to the following students: Sheila Nixon in Applied Mathematics, Cathy Thomas in Computer Science, Linda Mathias in Mathematics (Teaching) and Warren M. Lewis in Mathematics (Non-Teaching).

The following students received the Junior Awards: Welton Spratley in Applied Mathematics, Jovita Harrell in Computer Science, Pamela Faber in Mathematics (Teaching), and Calvin Stansbury in Mathematics (Non-Teaching).

The Sophomore Awards went to the following: George Sanderlin in Computer Science, Kevin Dunston in Mathematics (Teaching), and Angel Carter in Mathematics (Non-Teaching).

The Freshman Awards went to the following students: Deborah Norwood in Computer Science, Sharon Wiggins in Mathematics (Teaching), Sandra Hall received the Margaret Gregory Sharpe Award, Louis Anderson, III and Pamela Brite received the J.L. Houston Award, Wayman White, Jr. received the Umfort Locus Jr. Award.

In the Department of Music, Ginger Barnes received the Evelyn A. Johnson Music Scholarship, Caroline Phelps received the Edna L. Davis Music Theory Award, Harvey Bullock received the Music Department Award and Caroline Phelps also re-

ceived the Florence Folkes Lassiter Award.

In the Department of Physical Sciences, Stuart Squires received the Rochelle Cleaner's Award and the American Institute of Chemists Award, Vanessa Barner, Eric Felton, Anissa McNeil, Alicia Palmer, Stuart Squires, Barry Butler, Julian Cartwright, Paula Forehand, Huyla Garrett, and Steven Myers all received the Physical Science Achievement Awards, and the Chemistry & Physics Club received the Physical Science Department Award.

In the Department of Social Sciences, Sheldon Lynch and Carlos Taliaferro received the North Carolina Sheriff's Association Award, Harold Council received the Timothy H. Wamack Memorial Scholarship, Sandra Onley received the Social Science Senior Award, Phyllis Eure, Pecolia Holley, and Alyce Murrell received the Student Social Workers Leadership Award, Leslie Marsh received the Political Science Club Award, and Jan Jones received the Social Science Junior Award.

The Betty P. Tomlin Ward scholarship went to Roy Norwood, the Henrietta B. Ridley Award for Excellence in Leadership went to Langley Taylor, and the Jesse Lee Young, Jr. Award went to James Hargett, Jr.

Angela Hager received the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority-Zeta Kappa Omega Chapter Award, Maceo Sloan Hall and Angela Hager received the Davis Cup, Adria Moore received the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority EC Alumnae Chapter Award, and Peggy Meads Brabble received the Kappa Delta Pi Award.