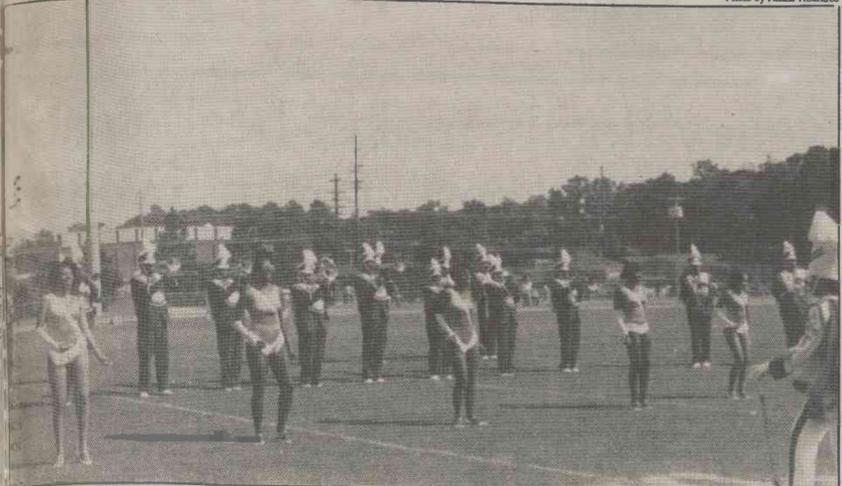


"Get Busy!"

Photo by Jackie Rousseau



The ECSU Marching Band "get's busy" during the halftime show of ECSU's season home opener against Knoxville State on Sept. 21. The Viking's band is preparing an extra special show for Homecoming.

Grad unable to find job in his field

By Diana Smith

(CPS) Jim Kutsko had it figured. He planned to nail down a dream job in marketing or public relations during his senior year, settle into the working world after graduation and live with the rest of his life.

He was wrong. Months after graduating from the University of Colorado, he still had not found full-time work in the recession-weakened economy.

"It's just been real tough all around," Kutsko said. "It really gets you. You have nothing to fall back on."

So he decided it was time to take a request for employment to the streets. He is currently advertising his skills from the side of an 18-wheeler that will travel halfway across the United States during the month of August.

"Hire yourself an experienced marketing graduate available now," proclaims the 8-foot by 20-foot ad, which also has a giant photo of Kutsko, his name and telephone number. Kutsko's approach may be unusual, but he is not alone in his search for a full-time job. Thousands of other well-qualified graduates are facing the same problem as they look for something, if not anything, related to their

fields in a depressed economy.

The summer has been a long, dry one for many 1991 graduates, and the picture doesn't look much brighter for students who plan to graduate in 1992.

Employers who were worried about the downturn in the economy have put hiring plans on hold; reducing the number of jobs available. Employers also have been more cautious in salary offers to recent graduates, the College Placement Council reported in its July survey of job prospects.

The council said recent, optimistic predictions about the economy haven't helped 1991 graduates yet. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan declared that the recession bottomed out in the second quarter of 1991.

"There are very few jobs open," said Dawn Oberman, statistical services specialist with the council. She said graduates are reassessing their options and taking part-time jobs, jobs in unrelated fields, relocating to where the jobs exist and accepting lower salaries. Some graduates are finding that they can't afford to be particular. "Not everybody has the option to move back home and take a part-time job," she said.

Oberman points out that more seniors will be graduating during the

coming school year, which means that 1991 graduates who don't find jobs soon will be competing in a larger pool of applicants.

Despite optimistic predictions from economists, Oberman said employers aren't likely to suddenly start hiring in coming months.

"The picture just isn't that great yet," she said. "Any economic recovery that occurs will have to take place first, and the jobs will follow."

Barbara Hayes, a spokeswoman for Hewlett-Packard, said about 50 percent of the electronics firm's new hires are college graduates.

"We've drastically cut back," she said. Recruiters for Hewlett-Packard, which has 57,000 employees in the United States and 91,500 worldwide, were not visiting as many colleges and the number of student interviews that are scheduled has been sharply reduced.

Kutsko said he interviewed with various companies during his senior year with no success. So he decided to resort to guerrilla tactics, which included shelling out almost \$1,000 for the advertising blitz.

The truck was dispatched July 31 from Akron and will travel 2,000 miles before it reaches its final destination in Los Angeles, California.

Tonya DeVaughan will be crowned Miss Elizabeth City State University during the 1991 Coronation on Friday, Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. in the Vaughan Center.

The 1991 Coronation theme is "One Hundred Years of Sailing."

Miss DeVaughan is a 1988 graduate of Clinton High School, who is now a senior majoring in business administration.

Homecoming will begin Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. with a student Talent Show in Moore Hall Auditorium.

Friday, Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. the Annual Sports Hall of Fame Banquet will be held in the K. E. White Graduate and Continuing Education Center. Tickets are \$15 per person. At 10 p.m. on Oct. 19 the Alumni Icebreaker will take place in the K. E. White Center, admission \$8 per person.

Saturday Oct. 19 the traditional homecoming parade will feature marching bands, colorful floats, Homecoming Queen Miss Tonya DeVaughan, and her court. A pregame show is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. at Roebuck Stadium, during which time Miss ECSU and her court will be introduced.

Miss Alumni 1991 and her court will also be introduced.

At 8 p.m. the Student Government Association will present their Homecoming Concert with reggae artist Shaba Ranks, R & B artist Tony Terry, and Ex-Girlfriend.

Saturday evening, at 10 p.m. ECSU's General Alumni Association will hold their annual Blue and White Ball at the K.E. White Graduate Center.

Reunions of ECSU classes of 1956, 1966, 1970, and 1981 are also scheduled.

The Office of Career Planning and Placement held Career Day '91 in Williams Hall Gymnasium, Oct. 10. Mr. Caray Banks, Jr. assistant professor of Industrial Arts at Norfolk State University was guest speaker.

The Career Day Program allows ECSU students and graduates to meet with representatives from federal, state, and local agencies, major corporations and local businesses.

Chancellor Jimmy Jenkins spoke at The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Univer-

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sities' Annual Conference in Washington D.C. September 8-10.

The theme of the conference was "Strategies for Historically Black College and University involvement."

The "America 2000" program is aimed at finding ways to improve education in America.

The Annual Ebony Fashion Show will take place at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Kermit E. White Graduate Center.

The fashion show, sponsored annually by *Ebony Magazine*, features top models from all over the country. Admission will be \$8 for students and \$18 for others.

Stephanie Crouail, a native of La Rochelle France, exhibited an art show at the gallery in Johnson Hall, Oct. 2 through Oct. 1.

The show, entitled "Expression" contained work in a variety of media, including oil on canvas, ceramic sculpture, linoleum print, pencil drawing and ceramic pot.

Crouail is a senior at Elizabeth City State University. A member of the University's Honor's program, she will graduate in May with a B.A. in art.

Note: There will be senior art shows throughout this semester in room 231, The Art Gallery, of Johnson Hall.

ECSU biology majors Kim Reynolds of Ahoskie and Joynita Robinson of Elizabeth City were selected from a pool of about 100 applicants to participate in the 1991 eight week Summer Scholars Program at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio.

Both students were offered seats in the 1993 entering medical school class in osteopathic medicine.

Reynolds and Joynier will complete their undergraduate studies in ECSU's Premedical Program.

1990-91 Senior class president, Andre Greene will officially present a check for \$9328.78 to Chancellor Jenkins during the October 19th Homecoming Celebration—as the senior class's contribution to the ESCU Foundation's General Scholarship Fund.

The money was raised by class dues and fund-raisers sponsored by the class during the 1990-91 academic

year, according to Financial Aid Director James Swimpson, who, along with Coach Claudie Mackey, serves as advisor to the senior class.

"I believe this is the largest contribution by a graduating class in the University's history," Swimpson said.

Swimpson and Mackey said there were two main reasons for the large contribution.

"Many students paid their class dues too late for the funds to be available for senior week activities, and commencement expenses were held to a minimum."

ECSU's 1990 Yearbook will be distributed Homecoming Week, according to Dr. Glenda Davis, Advisor to the Yearbook

Yearbooks will be distributed to Seniors on Saturday before the parade and after the game, Davis said.

"Those Seniors who can not come to Homecoming will be sent a card telling them where to pick up their yearbooks," she said.

Davis said "student apathy" contributed to the delay in the yearbook's release. "It's all volunteer and students do not put in the time or the effort," she said.

Chancellor Jimmy R. Jenkins said he was "very impressed" with the Centennial Yearbook.

"It shows a lot of forethought on the part of the Advisor and the students," said Jenkins.

Alexis Joynier, an assistant professor of art at Elizabeth City State University, is displaying his sculptures in a two-man show at the Amewa Art Studio in Norfolk, Virginia through October 20.

Joynier uses mainly black walnut from his home in Southampton County, Virginia for his sculptures. The works on display include "Mulatto Blues," a blond mahogany sculpture with black slate tears; "She Nourished a Nation," a tribute to the black madonna who gave birth to two races; and "Over Jordan," a study of the African-American female form.

Amewa Studio, located on 35th Street off Colley Avenue, is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The art show, entitled "Phases of Wood," includes works by Detroit sculptor Dorian Seldon.

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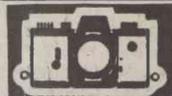
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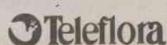
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