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Black network sponsors 1st televised conference

By Sharon R. Chappell

Elizabeth City State University held its first nationally televised conference on March 30 at the Kermit White Graduate Center. Approximately 365 classroom teachers, teacher education majors, administrators and faculty attended the daylong conference, which was sponsored by the Model Summer Student Teaching Project and the Black College Satellite Network.

The teleconference, entitled "Strengthening Teacher Preparation: Where Are We Going? Who Will Lead Us?" had three goals—to enhance multicultural education, to explore innovative ideas, and to identify leaders, according to Dr. Lois Green, Conference Director and Director of the Model Summer Student Teaching Project.

Addressing goal number one, Dr. Boyce Williams, Director of Teacher Education at ECSU, said, "If current (national) trends continue, by the year 2000 only 45 percent of the student population will be non-minority and yet 95 percent of the teachers will be white."

Williams pointed out that even at ECSU this trend is already evident. Of the 174 teacher education majors, 70 percent are white.

Dr. Helen Caldwell, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, echoed this concern over a lack of minority educators.

"The NTE hangs like an albatross around many who wish to enter the teaching profession," said Caldwell. "However, we (at ECSU) have established an institutional infrastructure to help students pass the NTE."

Enhancing multicultural education was also a concern of featured speaker Dr. Algeania Freeman, Assistant Vice President for Academic Planning and Program Development at Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD.

Freeman urged students to believe in

themselves and their ability to learn. She encouraged parents to teach discipline and respect to their children and to help teachers obtain needed resources. She also recommended that teachers "involve people as mentors, especially from culturally diverse backgrounds."

Yvonne Smith and Bruce Kanze, teachers at Central Park East School in East Harlem, NY, addressed the second goal of the teleconference—to explore innovative ideas.

After the presentation by Smith and Kanze students asked questions concerning the presentations. Then a panel responded to the speeches of Freeman, Smith and Kanze and also helped to address the final goal of the teleconference—to identify new leaders.

Panelist Dr. Jeanette Evans, Chief of staff at Baltimore Public Schools, Baltimore, MD, said that the "central office needs to lose its bureaucratic attitude and place decision-making on the classroom level between teachers and students.

Linwood Williams, principal of P. W. More Elementary School, said that "only the qualified will lead us. And technology will lead those.

Dr. Alline Riddick, personnel director at Gates County Public Schools, said, "We need more women and minority groups in leadership roles."

Other panelists were Lisa Gregory, English Education major; J. Pat Harrell, Superintendent, Dare County Schools; and Alex Leary, a teacher from North-eastern High School.

Following presentations by the panelists, Freeman offered a new acronym which summed up the whole program: TEACH—Teachers Enacting Actions for Changing Humanity.

"We are put here on Earth to serve," Freeman said. "If we reach out to others and help them, our lives will be enriched. After seeing this example, others will follow suit."



Sean Parrish, Edward McKay, Joanne Johnikans, Sykima Lee (left to right) and the rest of the Viking Pep Band play, celebrating a Viking win over NC Central in the CIAA tourney.

Underground paper surfaces

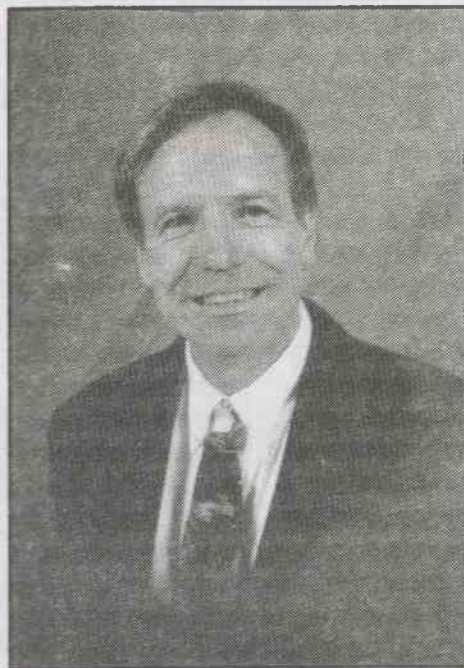
By Albert C. F. Woodley

The Dime, an underground newspaper, has appeared on campus criticizing administrators for being on a "powertrip" and urging Coach Mackey to "hit the road." It has no bylines, and students and faculty members say they don't know who is behind it.

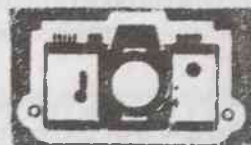
Written in a colloquial style, the publication is illustrated with a picture of Malcom X and a nude statue that dramatizes the Chancellor's refusal to allow nude art classes on campus.

"I thought it was funny," one faculty member said of the publication.

According to *The Dime*, "This is only issue Number 1. There will be more."



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