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them. Why vote? was the initial question. Well, you'll have old schoolers telling you that you have to vote because your forefathers died for your right to vote. Yes, they did fight for the opportunity to vote but not to vote ignorantly because you feel you have to. Everyone should definitely be registered to vote—but not necessarily be aligned with either of the two major parties. If all "African Americans" were registered as independents that would make our agenda up for grabs to either of the two major parties while having no pre-commitment to either parties. It could also provide the option of successfully running an independent candidate on the local level such as Vermont congressman Barry Sanders, who is a socialist.

In November, the choice is yours—or maybe not, after looking at the options. We shouldn't become a people begging for rights and power solely through the government. Not at one time have I seen Korean people begging a politician to take on their agenda, yet as a people they have economic power, which comes from doing for self and depending on self. Whether you decide to vote or not become informed on the political agendas of the people in office and who you want to be in office, you should know why you're saying "no," to the process. Business goes on as usual in the government whether you participate in election or not and what goes on has an effect on you.

Tarick Scott

Man foraging in trash upsets ECSU student

To The Editor:

An incident occurred recently that really turned my stomach. I was sitting on the gazebo and I looked towards the library and an elderly man was going through the trash bin behind Womack Hall. At first I thought he was picking out aluminum cans, but he reached in the trash can and pulled out something and put it in his mouth. I wanted to say something but I couldn't. I wanted to go over to him but I didn't. I just kept watching him just as the other students did who walked by him. He kept putting a lot of things in the two brown bags he had brought. I don't know what his situation was, but I'm sure he

didn't have to go through the trash to find something to eat. I know there is nothing that the University can do to prevent people from going through the trash cans here on campus. My heart went out to him when I saw him eating out of the trash cans. Maybe he didn't know that there is help out there for people like him. I look around campus and I see the many people who are collecting foods for the needy. Then there is the Salvation Army and Social Services. No one needs to find food in the trash but that incident proved to me that not everyone has food when they need it the most.

Ana Herring

Sex education begins at home, student says

To The Editor:

When I accept my responsibility only then can I say I am grateful for my world. The world is what we make it. What we see today are the results of mistakes they made yesterday. What we see tomorrow are the results of what we do today. It's a shame that peace and respect have been replaced by power and money. The children are our future. So teach them to love themselves and they will love others. Words I came across, soon after Earvin "Magic" Johnson announced his HIV test results. How appropriate, I thought, education, understanding and prevention all being the only sure cure from a very hungry disease. Education, prevention, and understanding—teaching that must begin at home. Some people speak out like Michael Jackson, Elizabeth Taylor, The National AIDS Foundation and now even Magic Johnson, on the seriousness of this new epidemic called AIDS. Some people ignore signs, advice and even deaths of close friends.

Clinging to that old saying, "It won't happen to me!" Then there are the lucky few who are taught at home—taught that casual sex is no longer permitted and is considered rude and offensive to the people who really care. Achieving longevity of life is what's happening now, and what should be taught first at home. People of all colors, ages and backgrounds have the right to grow old gracefully. Please, I implore every parent to take a minute and teach the children. The following numbers will provide information designed to teach our youth safe sexual practices. Sadly enough, these numbers will also provide information on the consequences of unsafe sexual behavior. The Perquimans County Health Department: (919) 426-5488 or 426-5498. TNAF Headquarters in Raleigh, North Carolina (800) 342-2437 To all parents and guardians: Remember...it's not magic! It's knowledge!

Eric Skinner

ECSU's Housing Dept. needs improvement

To The Editor:

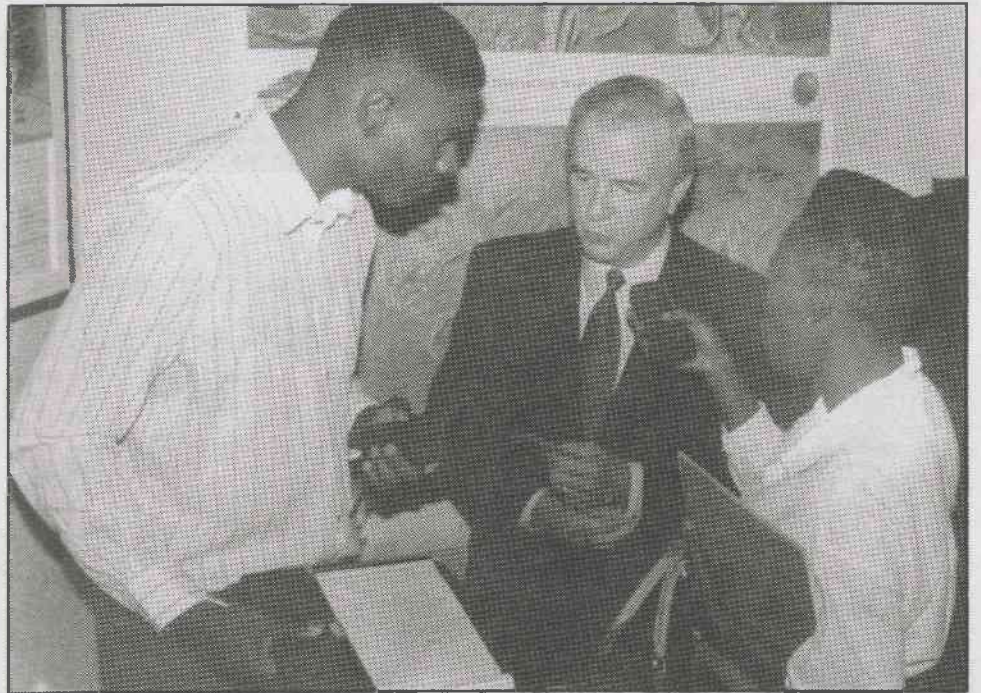
The housing at Elizabeth City State University needs much improvement and reorganizing due to bad conditions and overcrowding in the dorms. There have been many complaints about the overcrowding at Elizabeth City State University. Some people have more than two people in their room. I have seen girls very upset because there were four people in one room. I am thankful there's only two people in my room. Many rooms have no window screens; my room is one of them. I have asked the Director of Housing about the window screens, I get the same reply every time: they have been on order for one year. It seems to me that the Housing Dept. needs to get a new

contractor.

Sanitary conditions at dorms across the ECSU campus sometimes are very unclean. Last week my dorm was not cleaned for five days. Several parents when came to visit for the weekend were very upset. Another reason why I think the Housing Dept. at ECSU needs improvement is there is often no hot water. Most of the time the water is cold with little pressure behind it. I think the Housing Dept. could at least provide us with drinking water on my floor, but there is no water fountain on my floor. I think the Housing Dept. at ECSU needs improving and reorganizing.

Elroy Jones

Interviewing the candidate



ECSU News Media major Mark Morris (left) and Kim Pierce, Public Affairs Director of WRVS, interview Democratic gubernatorial Jim Hunt during his Oct. 31 visit to campus.

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