

Dr. Townes leaves a rich legacy in the numerous lives he touched

Dr. James Townes, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, died July 21 in Chesapeake General Hospital.

Townes, director of Summer School and a professor of chemistry in the University's Department of Physical Sciences, had served ECSU 28 years.

Townes was a former chairman of the Department of Physical Sciences, an administrative assistant to the chancellor, and interim vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Students, faculty, staff and administrators expressed deep sorrow at the loss of Townes.

"His physical presence is certainly being missed throughout the Viking family," said Dr. Bobby Lewis, a professor in the Department of Biology. "However his sound, truthful and respectful work ethics and philosophy will continue to be

carried on by the many lives he touched.

"Although a man of small stature, he was a giant in his role as a professor of chemistry," added Lewis. "He was also a great advisor, counselor and educator, as well as an excellent vice-chancellor for academic affairs...he had a very positive, fair and respectful philosophy about life, living and human decency."

Lewis praised Townes for making numerous contributions to help the academic progress at ECSU.

Townes helped to initiate the North Carolina Consortium on Undergraduate Research at Appalachian State University, said Lewis. He also helped develop the National Science Foundation's proposal to establish the annual fall NCCUR conference.

Students remember Townes for

fairness, compassion and dedication to their welfare.

"Dr. Townes was a great guy," said Tyronza Moore, a junior from Aurora, N.C., who worked in Townes' office. "He always talked to me and taught to how to how talk to other people with problems. He always gave me advice about what to do with school.

"When I was a freshman I had problems in Psychology; he told me not to get stressed out about it. He said he got a C in Psychology, and that's what I got. It made me feel good to see that I wasn't the only one who thought it was hard."

Moore also praised Townes for his fairness in dealing with students. Students seeking excuses for absences had to get them through Townes' office.

"He could be firm when dealing with students," said Moore, "but he always

said if he did it for one, he would have to do it for everyone. He really tried to be fair."

Townes, whose career included a stint as a research chemist at the national Bureau of Standards, received numerous honors and awards during his life, including \$70,000 in grants from the Atomic Energy and National Science Foundation. He was a deacon, Sunday school superintendent and advisor at Bethany Baptist Church in Chesapeake.

Townes is survived by his wife, Marian Townes of Chesapeake, Va; his son, Lawrence Dillon-Townes of Newport News, Va; his daughter, Vickie Townes of Portsmouth, Va; three sisters, Alma Foote, Maxine Greene and Celestine Curtis; a brother, Sylvester Townes of Williamsburg, Va; and three grandchildren.

News Briefs

The University family is grieving the loss of Dr. Eloise May Barnett Roberts, who died Saturday Oct. 1, in Albemarle Hospital.

Dr. Roberts, a professor in the Department of Education, was the first female vice chancellor for student affairs in the University of North Carolina system.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 3:30 p.m. at Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park.

Roberts was the wife of Dr. Andrew Lee Roberts, a professor in the Dept. of Education. Other survivors include two daughters, Daniell Hawkins of Raleigh and Lavern Blassengale of Plainfield, N.J.; four sisters, Nettie Harris of Phillipi, W.Va., Cornelia Comedy of Columbus, Ohio, Kathy Davis of Martinsburg, W.Va. and Carolyn Davis of Reston, Va; a brother, Everett E. Barnett Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio; and two grandsons, Lamar and Devin Hawkins.

Dr. Roberts received her bachelor of science degree from West Virginia State College, her master's degree in counseling from Marshall University, and her Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

ECSU's new class officers are:

Freshmen class: Kelly Robertson, President; Monicia Littlejohn, Vice President; Carla Brock, Secretary; Fayton, Treasurer; and Yolanda Miller, Parliamentarian.

Sophomore class: Beatrice Shearn, President; Sharmel Edwards, Vice Presi-

dent; Stacia McFadden, Secretary; Trina Payne, Treasurer; and Eddie Hill, Parliamentarian.

Junior class officers are Marcus Weatherford, President; Regina Davis, Vice President; Anita Snow, Secretary, Antoine Fries, Treasurer; and Patrick McIver, Parliamentarian.

Senior Class officers: Allen Mason, President; Ranesha Hunt, Vice President; Jill Butcher, Secretary; Cedric Freeman, Treasurer, and Amy Anderson, Parliamentarian.

The Pickwick Society, an honorary organization for English majors, has inducted ten members for the 1994-1995 school year.

Andrae Brown and Ahmad Ward were selected to study at Oxford University's Exeter College in the United Kingdom during the summer of 1994. The aim of this summer experience was to challenge and empower honors students by providing field-based residential learning experiences in which honors students could engage in seminars while participating in the life of a unique geographical area. Brown and Ward studied English Literature and life through art, architecture, archaeology, theatre, music history, literature and science unique to Oxford and its environs.

ECSU's Mighty Marching Viking Band will perform in the Thanksgiving Day

Parade in Philadelphia, Pa.

On Oct. 27 The Dept. of Language, Literature & Communication will serve as hosts to more than 300 high school students and their teachers from the 16-county region served by the University. The students and their advisors will attend the Department's first "Fall Media Workshop."

WRVS 89.9 ECSU kicks off its second annual fundraiser SUCESSFEST 94 October 30—Nov. 4th 1994.

International Week activities will begin Monday, Nov. 8 with a dinner held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the K.E. White Graduate Center. Tuesday a movie will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at either the University Center or the Commuter Center. Wednesday, a panel discussion on Haiti will take place in the University Center at 10:00 a.m. Professors are invited to bring their classes to participate. On Thursday, Dr. Johnny Houston will present a book review at 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The science departments at ECSU will benefit from a \$2 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute which has funded a program designed to allow faculty at UNC to strengthen black colleges in the state.

The program—Partnership for Minority Advancement in the Biomolecular Sciences—will enable UNC to provide

curricula, supplies and equipment to science departments at ECSU and six other HBCUs in the state.

Seventy percent of all minority students who attend college in North Carolina go to black universities, according to Walter Bollenbacher, the program's director and an associate professor of biology at UNC.

"If we are going to deal with the crisis in minority representation in science careers, we can't do it at Carolina or N.C. State alone," said Bollenbacher. "We have to help those schools...where almost three quarters of the minority students are."

Nate Higgs, ECSU's three time CIAA forward, has signed a free agent contract with the Seattle SuperSonics.

Higgs also received offers from Charlotte, Milwaukee, and Miami, according to his agent, Wayne Souza of Virginia Beach. But he turned those offers down in favor of the SuperSonics.

Souza said Seattle offered Higgs "the best opportunity and the best economic deal."

Higgs, who averaged 22.5 points and 8.6 rebounds last season, was the CIAA player of the year in 1993.

After surviving two cuts in Charlotte and playing for the Hornets in the Rocky Mountain Review in Salt Lake City, Higgs spent a week playing for the Sonics, sponsored by Education Program at Elizabeth City State University.