

# ECSU Student dies of heart attack

By Carlos McCormick

Roderick Gary, a junior criminal justice major at ECSU, died Sept. 15 in Albemarle Hospital after suffering a heart attack in Williams Hall Gym. He was 20 years old.

Many ECSU students were shocked and saddened when they learned of Gary's death.

"I can't believe his death because I had just seen him earlier that day walking around campus," said Walter Gatlin, a senior from Greenville, N.C.

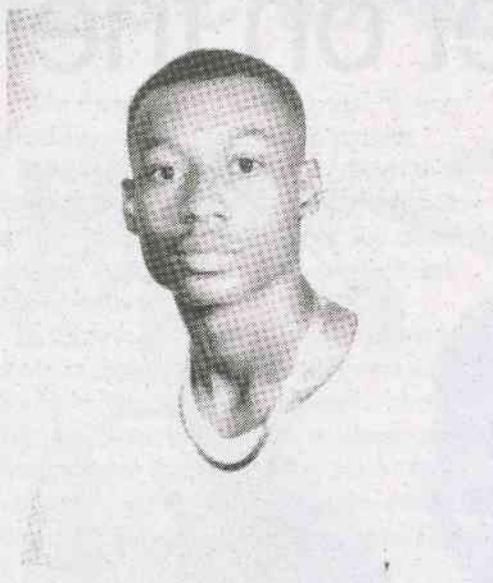
Two busloads of ECSU students attended Gary's funeral, at Weldon High School in Weldon, N.C. Gary, a Weldon native, was a 1992 graduate of Weldon High. The University Gospel Choir also attended and performed.

At the service, several speakers eulogized Gary and mourned his passing.

"He's gone, but he is now an alumnus of ECSU," said ECSU Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Jenkins. "He will always be a part of the University family."

ECSU students said they were touched

Photo by Braderick Gary



by Jenkins' presence at the funeral.

"That was a real nice gesture for our chancellor to attend the funeral," said Chris McCullough.

Other speakers praising Gary included Clemson Williamson, former principal of Weldon High, and the Rev. Johnnie Smith,

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pastor of First Baptist Church in Weldon.

Following the service, several ECSU students praised Gary and said they would miss his presence in their lives.

"He was an outgoing person who liked to play games," said Tammie Rivers, a junior from Weldon. "He was a person

fun to be around."

Jason Bowser, a junior from Murfreesboro, said Gary was "cool with everybody and I felt real hurt when I found out he had died. To this day, I still don't feel like he's gone."

Some students said Gary's death made them think more deeply about their own lives.

"When I found out about his death, it made me stop and think awhile about life," said Michael Lytle, a junior. "Why would He take the life of a good person like Roderick?"

Roderick, a member of the Romeo Social club, received the Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship for Outstanding Young Man of the year. At ECSU, he worked in the Chancellor's office.

Roderick is survived by his parents, Shirley Gary and David Singleton; his sister, Tashima Gary; maternal grandparents Dora Gary and Casper Gary, Sr; five aunts, Louise Williams, Kale Davis, Sonia Singleton, Ella Barham and Doris Wells; and an uncle, Casper Gary Jr.

# Hardees shuts down on campus; officials quiet on McDonald's rumor

By Latisha Edwards

ECSU students with a hankering for a Big Deluxe or a chocolate shake were disappointed after they returned to campus to see the University Center space that had housed Hardees' empty and abandoned.

"I felt Hardees was a nice addition to the campus," said sophomore Tracy Puryear. "Because it gave us an option other than eating in the caf. The caf hours are crazy, and if you are hungry after six p.m., then you are out of luck."

Hardees closed May 13 just before graduation, according to Renaldo Windom, who managed the restaurant on campus.

"It was a surprise to me," he said. "I had planned to come back this semester and manage the store again." Renaldo said he had not received his last paycheck and he is "very upset with" the owner, Michael Shaw. Renaldo said he has been unable to locate Shaw and that he is planning to file a complaint with "The Department of Labor."

Shaw, however, said all of his employ-

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ees at Hardees had been paid.

"Everyone has been compensated for their hours worked," he said.

Renaldo said he didn't understand why Hardees closed.

"Financially, the store on campus was doing well," he said. "We were never over in hours or labor, and we were in the plus every month."

Shaw said he feels that Hardees was a success, but could have been more successful had there been more support from the campus.

"If the campus was larger, the store would have been more successful," Shaw said. "The corporation frowned upon it and would rather work with larger campuses."

Roger McLean, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, said he could not

disclose "the internal reason" of why Hardees closed on campus.

Shaw also declined to discuss why Hardees' closed.

"I can't legally discuss these matters," he said. "Everything is in the court system. Hardees' restaurant, as well as ECSU, was an unfortunate victim in the situation."

McLean refused to comment on a rumor that McDonalds will open a restaurant on campus.

"Right now I am in negotiations with the appropriate people," McLean said. "I assure the student body that in the next few weeks there will be some kind of food service in operation on campus that will meet the students' needs."

Why was Hardees was chosen for the campus?

"That decision was based on discussions with various students on campus," said McLean. "And there seemed to be a general interest in Hardees."

McLean said there was a major trend on college campuses to have brand named food services, and he wanted ECSU to be a part of that trend.

McLean said the new Automated Teller Machine at the commuter center is another part of the effort to make the campus more convenient for students.

"Even though we are a small institution, we are doing things in a big way," McLean said.

Several students said they would welcome McDonalds on campus.

"I enjoyed Hardees but I prefer McDonalds when it's time for me to get my grub on," said Taburica Stewart, a senior. Commuting freshmen Jo Eiler, Jamie Miller, Myra Blow welcome McDonalds or any other food service to campus. They say if they leave campus for lunch it's hard to find a parking space when they return.

"An on-campus facility will be great," said Eiler. "We're definitely looking forward to it."