

NEWS BRIEFS

Dr. Helen Caldwell, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Language, Literature & Communication, will be the keynote speaker for Founder's Day, to be held March 4 at 10 a.m. in Moore Hall Auditorium.

Caldwell, former Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at ECSU, retired in 1996.

Following the program, the laying of the wreaths will take place at the Founder's Graves at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Spring Commencement will be held May 9, 1998, according to the Registrar's Office. There will be no summer commencement. The next commencement will be held December 12, 1998.

An estimated 300 high school students and their advisors will be attending 'High School Media Day' at ECSU on March 4, 1998. ECSU and the North Carolina Scholastic Media Association are co-sponsors of the event, to be held in the K. E. White Center for Continuing Education.

The purpose of the event is for students to gain exposure to media professionals, according to Dr. Velma Brown, chairperson of the Department of Language, Literature & Communication. High School Media Day also serves as a valuable tool for recruitment, she added.

ECSU and NCSMA will invite media professionals from newspapers, magazines and television to conduct workshops. Brown said the keynote speaker has not been selected yet. Possible candidates are Terry Zahn or Stan Verette of Channel 13, Don Roberts or Candice Hunter of Channel 10, or Kurt Williams of Channel 3.

Participants will receive certificates at the end of each workshop. The cost is \$5, which includes lunch.

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blacks to marry until 1967, "It didn't stop them from having relations," Bessie recalls.

The sisters touched on the issue of sibling rivalry with refreshing honesty. Although each sister admitted her sister has qualities she wished she possessed, the plays showed how they were able to respect each other's individuality, and, at times, even change roles.

An example of this happened near the end of the play when Sadie described an altercation with several boys in the neighborhood of their Mt. Vernon, New York home. She told of the boys' bullying behavior. Defying her meek persona, Sadie stood up to the boys, thereby becoming more like

More than 50 students attended a Feb. 18 forum in the Jimmy Jr. Jenkins Science Complex entitled, "What is a Black Man?"

Jerome Wilson, President of the ECSU chapter of the NAACP moderated the wide-ranging, hour-long discussion. Wilson fielded questions ranging from the definition of black manhood today, to the relationship between black men and women and the need for mentors and role models.

Panelists and audience members objected to the negative portrayal of black men in the media.

The forum ended with several members of the panel reminding attendees that black men cannot afford to live contradictory lives; they can't teach young African-American children, especially males "The right way," while falling prey to the ills of the street.

ECSU freshman guard Raquita Washington was named the CIAA Rookie of the Week due to her role in three wins for the lady Vikings.

Washington, a 5-4 guard, finished with 50 points, 10 steals, 9 assists and 8 rebounds as ECSU beat Shaw University, Columbia Union College and Virginia State Union.

In the game against Virginia State, Washington scored 18 points, pulled down 3 rebounds and dished out 2 assists.

ECSU men's basketball player Derrick Hines was named Honorable Mention Player of the Week, as voted on by the CIAA sports information directors.

Hines had 48 points, 20 assists, nine rebounds and four steals as the Vikes went 3-0 on the week.

Tony Johnson, a 1996 ECSU gradu-

her aggressive, outgoing sister.

Sadie's affectionate reference to her sister, "Bessie is a nosy ol' gal," and Bessie's sly snickering afterwards gave the audience a feel of wise elderly humor.

Amentha Dymally was awarded a 1996 Garland from Backstage West for her performance in *Having Our Say* at the Initman Theater in Seattle. Although Sharon Hope did not win an award for her performance in *Having Our Say*, she is well-known for her performances in *Mrs. Reader* and *Women I Have Known..*

Hope also is known for her appearances in *Another World*, *Against the Law*, *Survival Kit For Parents*, *Oreo's With an Attitude*, *Moral Thoughts* and *One Crazy Summer*.

ate, has received the Donald Maley Technology Education New Teacher Excellence Award from the Technology Education Association of Maryland. Johnson is a technology education teacher at North Dorchester Middle School in Cambridge, Md.

ECSU holds the annual Teacher Job Fair on Thursday, March 19 in the Robert L. Vaughan Center. Several school systems will have representatives on hand to recruit future teachers. For more information, call 335-3287.

The Military Ball is scheduled for March 20, at 6:00 PM in the K.E. White Center. The Annual Military Science Spring Awards Ceremony takes place March 31, at 2:30 PM in the G.R. Little Theater.

ECSU celebrated Black History Month with art shows, entertainment, forums and discussion groups. Highlights include The Seventh Annual African Art Exhibit," sponsored by the Black History Month Committee and

Art Department. The show, featuring works by sculptor Persis Jennings and ceramist J. Howard Johnson, opened Friday, Feb. 6 in the ESCU Art Gallery.

The James Biggers Art Exhibit opens Friday, March 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the ECSU Art Gallery.

Both shows will run through the end of March.

Fifteen Elementary Education Majors will participate in the ECSU-Step clinical teaching model beginning Fall 1998. The students will participate in a selection process similar to the current Model Summer Student Teaching program. They will be interviewed and selected by school and University personnel.

One major change in the ECSU STEP model is the full-year internship, or student teaching assignment.

Students interested in participating should indicate their interest on their student teaching applications. For more information see Mrs. Foust, room 161, GH.

ECSU, UrLabs form partnership for Web access to students

by Angela Burrus

ECSU is the first historically black institution to form a partnership with Unified Research Laboratories, Inc. (UrLabs) in order to provide an affordable Internet connection for K through 12 schools.

The announcement came at a Jan. 29 press conference held at the K.E. White Graduate Center.

By becoming an authorized training center site, ECSU is working together with UrLabs to implement the Internet program throughout Pasquotank County.

UrLabs is a two-year-old private corporation formed to commercially market NASA Langley Research Center's affordable networking model (ATLAS), according to a news release.

The partnership can help the university realize NASA's vision of excellence in mathematics and science education in America's schools, according to Dr. Linda Hayden, a professor in the Math and Science Department at ECSU. Hayden will direct the Network Resources and Training Site.

UrLabs vice president Dan Sydow said he hopes the server product can expose students to "a real world society."

"Our goal is to produce a high quality product that improves people's lives by putting it in the school system,"

said Sydow.

ECSU also has partnerships with two NASA Centers—Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. and Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., making ECSU one of seven Network Resources and Training Sites for the Minority Universities-Space Interdisciplinary Network (MU-SPIN) Program.

James Harrington, director of MU-SPIN GSFC, stressed how important an investment in the partnership is to a historically black university.

"It will give the university the ability to compete and be globally competitive," said Harrington.

Harrington also said the university must deal with change and learn to adjust to new technology in order for the partnership to work successfully.

"If this program dies, it is the students who suffer," Harrington said.

Chancellor Mickey Burnim said the partnership is preparing student leadership in an ever changing world.

"This helps our mission as we approach a new millennium," said Burnim.

Mentorship and internship programs for computer science students will be implemented to provide ECSU students with practical work experience involving multi-media products and other servers.