

Campus mourns loss of Alumni Relations Director

By Staff

Ms. Marian B. Mitchell, one of the most well known people on the Elizabeth City State University campus for 29 years, died Sept. 17 at her home in Elizabeth City.

From 1976 until her death, Ms. Mitchell served as the University's Director of Alumni Relations.

A 1970 graduate of ECSU, Ms. Mitchell was fondly remembered by friends and colleagues at a memorial service held Sept. 30 in Moore Hall Auditorium.

Professor Glenda M. Griffin, in the Department of Language, Literature and Communication, credited Ms. Mitchell for being an inspirational presence in her life.

"Marian Mitchell is my inspiration for living a life of boldness, courage, optimism, and faithfulness to God,

family and friends," she said.

Ms. Mitchell held memberships in regional and national associations including the Council of National Alumni Associations, the North Carolina Council of Alumni Directors and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

She was named Woman of the Year by the National Association of University Women and received the Leadership Award from the ECSU General Alumni Association. Shortly before her death, the Council of National Alumni Associations presented her with a Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her outstanding commitment and support of higher education.

Ms. Mitchell is survived by one son, Lonza Bartlett; her mother, Sarah Bartlett; one sister, Catherine Bunch; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Kirt Campbell: the embodiment of true Viking Pride

By Monique Boyce

When Elizabeth City State University sports information director, Milton Kirt Campbell, died on Sept. 15 of a heart attack, the university lost a diligent worker, an invaluable friend, a priceless asset and a man who many say was the exemplification of Viking pride.

Mr. Campbell served as ECSU's sports information director from 1994 to 1998.

Many friends and coworkers echoed the sentiments of Elizabeth City State football coach, George Moody.

"He was always lively and kept things going around here and he never missed a beat," Moody said.

Others who knew and worked with Campbell said that he will also be remembered for his humorous personality and his ability to adapt to almost any situation, while showing a truly unique Viking spirit and he always displayed an untiring love for his family and the University.

A native of Hartsford, S.C., Campbell is survived by his wife, Marvette Norman; one daughter, Nadine Odom; and two sons, Aaron and Alan.

Campbell maintained a deep connection with his alma mater, Norfolk State University.

The Compass staff joins the university community in its expression of sympathy.



photo by Mike Lampart

Attorney, Harold Barnes delivers inspiring message.

Spanish Red

By Alaric Clegg
Mr. Clegg is from Raleigh

It's that red. That Spanish Red.

The red that glows before sunset of an autumn's crisp death.

The smooth breezes of natural beauty that relaxes the soul, as does the rainbow and peace of mind.

Eloquently placed in my presence, it's that red. That Spanish Red.

A taste of pleasure tenfold; unfamiliar to the naive heart striving blindly toward the crimson beacon.

The hue that makes insects buzz near it's light with hopes of getting close without being burned.

The color that excites the desire to caress the wounded heart and ease the pain away, allowing sentiment to play a mystical silhouette posing beyond the setting stars.

Spanish Red. Solid.

Spanish Red demands the good to stand and shine while time and emotion expose the style of sensuality and comfort, witnessed when Spanish Red quietly brightens a life.

Spanish Red paints a beautiful picture of strength and longevity, easily overlooked by the color-blind and heartless.

Shh... Let your ears leer while your eyes listen as Red serenades the world with complex simplicity understood by few, adored by the green and true.

Listen and imagine...

Imagine a tranquil rendez-vous with a Yellow Rose and nurturing hands outstretched.

Red pierces the heart of contentment thoroughly and reveals it's hidden treasures.

Soothing as silk's seductive confidence during the midnight hour, Red lurks into the soul and banishes doubt to the outer reaches of afterthoughts; engrossing you.

Shh..., the magic has begun.

Lyceum Series To Present Four Performances

Elizabeth City State University's Lyceum Series brings quality programs and performances intended to introduce to students, staff, faculty and friends of the university issues and artistic experiences that will culturally enrich its audience.

Listed below are the scheduled events of the Lyceum performances for the 1998-1999 academic year.

- Wednesday, November 4, 7:30 p.m. Golliard Southeastern Music Festival
- Wednesday, November 18, 7:30 p.m. Frula: Yugoslavian/Balkan Dance Company
- Sunday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. "The Snow Queen"
by the Das Peppenspiel Puppet Theatre
- Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. Lula Washington Dance Theatre

All performances will be held in the Moore Hall Auditorium and are free of charge.