

Chancellor's assistant keynote speaker at American Education Week Assembly

By Ronel Brewer

Elizabeth City State University joined the nation in celebrating American Education Week Nov. 15-21 with a series of special activities, including its annual American Education Week Assembly.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Jeanette Hawkins Evans, the recently-appointed Executive Assistant to the Chancellor.

During her 45-minute address the ECSU alumna, who recently returned to her alma mater after working in Hartford, CT. and Baltimore, laid out her blueprint for successful teachers. Among them are knowing your subject, keeping abreast of current trends, exploring the community, being enthusiastic, and being honest and believing that students can and will learn.

"It is our job to give young people the hope and the power to lead rewarding and productive lives. Every one of our students is worth saving," she said.

Before coming back to ECSU Dr.

Evans held posts in several school districts in North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland. Her awards and accomplishments include a Leadership Award from National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), and her listing in Who's Who Among Secondary Teachers.

The American Education Week Task Force was chaired Mrs. Margaret Cole White. The members included Mrs. Jeanetta Hall Foust, Dr. Demetra Tyner, Dr. Mohammad A. Alam, Dr. Charles Cherry, Dr. Margery Colson-Clark, Mr. John Dixon, Dr. Lois Green, Dr. Claudie Mackey, Dr. Edward McLean, Mr. Carlton Thornton and Dr. Albert Walker.

Awards and certificates were presented to teachers from the 21-county service area. The awards committee was chaired by Dr. Georgia Lawrence with assistance from Mrs. Jeanetta Foust, Dr. Samuel L. Moore, Mrs. Sandra Onley and Mrs. Barbara Simpson.

Sista -to- Sista Sister-to-Sister columnist "talks" to the brothas

By Monique Boyce

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First impressions are lasting impressions. I know you've heard the saying a million times, and that's only because it's true> People perceive a lot about the next person they meet or the person sitting next to them from the way they dress and carry themselves.

If you don't believe me think about the guys (you sistas) see everyday. How do they dress and what is the general perception of his demeanor?

There are several stereotypes of people associated with the way they dress.

There's the guy who wears the shirt tie, dress shoes and the like and who carries a briefcase to class. On the other hand, there's the guy who wears jeans, the long sleeve shirt and the ever-so-popular "Tims."

And then there are the guys in fatigues and boots. And the guys who wear jogging pants and jerseys.

Can you or any of us categorize and lump all of these groups together? I don't think so.

You can, however, associate a particular type of personality and behavior with each style of dress. That's called stereotyping, sometimes it's right and most times it's wrong.

The fact remains that one is identified by the way he or she dresses, that's true for men and women. But the men are my subject here.

The way you dress, brothas, is how most, but not all people perceive you; it's how those in your profession after

college will view you as will your peers and that all important first employer.

Keeping this in mind, there are certain things that you must do to obtain and maintain a positive image.

Keep in mind the fact that dressing for success is very important, especially for the young college-educated man who is going out into the world for the first time. How you carry yourself only parallels this in terms of importance.

Mr. Brutus Jackson, Elizabeth City State University's director of Career Services, list a number of "do's" that you should take heed to when preparing for a job interview.

Among them: Wear a dark, black or blue suit; take out the earrings, and for some of you the gold caps; do not overdress with jewelry, keep it plain and elegant; be clean shaven; and never dress "down" for the interview.

In short, do dress for success, brothas and remember that there is a certain demeanor that must accompany you and accommodate your look.

Be confident, proud and articulate and unintimidated by the environment you may walk in to. Relax and maintain.

So, fellas, there it is—short and sweet, the way to dress for success that is guaranteed to bring progress.

And, oh, yeah don't forget that when you get to the top you'll have to maintain your image in order to keep that job—and maybe get the sista of your choice finally.

And even if you don't you'll still look sharp.

DMX stars in new hit movie "Belly"

By Ronel Brewer

Here's a movie that every college student probably can relate to, "Belly." It's the newest, hip-hop, thug-life movie and it's filled with today's hottest musical artists. Surprise: it even has a plot, that's right, there is a plot to this movie.

Unbeknownst to the public relations people for the Hype Williams directed movie, the nationwide commercials and previews announcing it left audiences with little of a clue about the movie's plot. All we knew was that the movie featured NAS, DMX, Method Man and a cast of others. Hey fellas, Sultry songstress Taral Hicks plays the role of DMX's girlfriend. Believe me, you don't want to miss a chance to get a good look at her. Ladies, DMX let's you see more than the album's cover reveals, not to mention the fact, but I will, that he can act, too.

Tommy, DMX, is the wild one-track

minded character who keeps this movie rolling along. He acts like he raps, with sudden breaks in flow. Money is the root to all evil, but for this robber turned dealer turned hitman its his driving force. Tommy is always out for bigger and better. What happens when you get to the top? Somebody tries to knock you down. Some mid-western gangster . . . never mind it, I don't want to tell the movie's whole story and spoil the fun for you. But I can and will tell you this is where "Tical," (Meth) jumps onto the scene.

Method Man is a comical character with just enough lines to make his presence known. He plays a hit man who is sent to avenge all those who interfere with his cohorts' plans; one time he even goes to NAS's house, keep in mind they're all on the same side.

Belly runs a gut check and let's you get a good look at the lives of others, or maybe your own.

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University reach out to its surrounding community?

"Since arriving here at Elizabeth City State University, I've made a very conscious effort to make representation. I have joined the Rotary Club, attended the meetings of the Chamber of Commerce Boards and worked with the Golf Classics and on Promotions," Dr. Burnim said, noting his visibility in the community.

"We are trying to be active citizens," he added.

Still, there needs to be more student involvement within and outside the campus; some older students believe that the cable TV and phones had a lot

to do with the lack of social interaction. If this is the case, then how and why is it that other neighboring campuses seem to have survived and are doing quite well despite these technological advances?

College provides students the preparation for life in the real world, both academically and socially. To the administration and faculty of Elizabeth City State University I ask: Do not cut off our once vibrant social circles, allow them to grow and give us a chance to grow along with them. To my fellow students I say: I urge you to get your own academic world in order so that we can all pursue the fun together!

If you have any questions of your own to ask the Chancellor he can be reached at: Chancellor@alpha.ecsu.edu

Careers '99 to be held in Washington Jan. 29

Elizabeth City State University students are invited to ride free of charge to Washington, D.C. to attend a one day jobs conference, "Careers '99" on Jan. 29, 1999.

Interested students should sign up to ride the bus at the Office of Career Planning and Placement in the H.L. Trigg Building.

During its 12 years of operation the "Careers '99" conference has attracted more than 75,000 students. According to the organization's statistics, over 11,000 students from schools ranging from the Ivy League to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, have been successful in gaining employment as a result of their attending the conference.

As in past years, more than 500 of the nation's top employers are expected to be recruiting students during the one-day event.

ECSU students are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to attend and interact with key employers and their contacts. Interested ECSU students can receive an invitation by sending a resume and cover letter to Careers '99 Washington, D.C., Dept. DC, P.O. Box 840, North Haven, Ct. 06473-0840. On-line application is also available @<http://www.careerconferences.com/>.

Examples of the required cover letter and resume may be picked up in the faculty office area for the Department of Business and Economics in Moore Hall.

For more information contact either the department of Business and Economics or the Office of Career Services.