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By Staff

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Ester Rolle, the pioneer African-American actress who gained national recognition during the late 1970s for her role as Florida Evans on two television shows, "Maude" and "Good Times" died in Los Angeles, California Nov. 17.

She was 78 and a resident of Los Angeles.

According to one of her publicists, Pat Tobin, Ms. Rolle died after a long illness. The New York Times reported that the exact cause of death was not known but that at the time of her death Ms. Rolle had been suffering from diabetes. Ms Rolle celebrated her 78th birthday the week before she died.

Ms. Rolle became famous playing the role of Florida Evans the hit television show "Good Times" as well as for her

role in "Maude." She also performed in a television movie, "Summer of My German Soldier," for which she won an Emmy in 1979. She also appeared in the films "Driving Miss Daisy" and "Rosewood." Her last work was in "Down at the Delta," movie directed by North Carolina-based poet Maya Angelou.

"Wherever she was you knew she was there," her long-time producer Norman Lear said. "The woman had strong conviction. We may not have agreed on everything, but that is what happens when you have two creative minds at work."

Throughout the industry Ms. Rolle was known for her passion in advancing the equality and often of the industry's portrayal of African-Americans. And she spoke openly and often about her desire to fight black stereotypes on television. She even left the

cast of "Good Times" for a while, saying at the time that she resented the image presented by the buffonish character of her son, played by actor Jimmy Walker, in the show. She starred in the series as the female head of a struggling black family in Chicago.

Ms. Rolle was born in Pompano Beach, Fla. the 10th of 18 children. Her father was a farmer.

Early on in her life she showed a love for the world of theater and acting and after high school followed her sister, Rosanna Carter, who was also an actress, to New York. She was one of the early members of the Negro Ensemble Company in the late 1950's, and

woman to receive the N.A.A.C.P. Chairman's Civil Rights Leadership Award for her work improving the image of blacks.

NEWS BRIEFS

Talk show "Movements" debuts over WRVS

Dr. Jennifer Keene Dawes, a professor in the Department of Language, Literature and Communication, is the host of a new program, "Movements," a 30-minute talk and information show which airs live on WRVS-89.9 every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

Among the topics Dr. Keene Dawes examines are how ECSU academic programs like Talent Search and Upward Bound are affecting student growth and development in the local schools. The show also has an international flair with its International Corner segment.

It also airs on Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Best Dorm contest winners announced

The Elizabeth City State University Office of Residence has announced the winners of its "Best Dorm" contest. The contest was held as part of Parents Weekend '98.

The winners are: Abrian Carter, Hugh Cale Hall; Tremaine Totten and Tyrone Woodlard, Mitchell Lewis Hall; Stephanie Parks, Andrea Moore, Michelle Lewis and Brenda Powell, Complex; Alesha Lane, Kimberly Early, New Dorm; Terrance Thornton, Butler Hall; Keisha Keys, Zelda King, Bias Hall; Sheanna Bonner, Danielle Jones, Doles Hall; Gregory Lassiter, Montez Bishop, Wamack Hall.

Each winner was awarded a prize of \$25.

University's Community Development program receives grant

Elizabeth City State University was

recently awarded a \$365,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant, awarded through HUD's Historically Black Colleges and University's Program, will address community development needs within the greater Elizabeth City /Pasquotank County community.

The funding will be used for several activities including home repair and home ownership assistance; a county-wide housing assessment; pre-employment counseling and job training; drug education programs; and to provide technical assistance to community-based organizations.

Vikings assisting new students needs volunteers

Elizabeth City State University's VANS Program, Vikings Assisting New Students, is looking for students to participate in the Program.

If you or someone you know is a team player, possesses good decision-making and managerial skills and can serve as a mentor or friend to a fellow Viking, you are urged to pick up an application from the Counseling Center located in the H.L. Trigg Building, Room 115, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Applicants must have at least a 2.5 grade point average.

The application deadline is Friday, Jan. 22, 1999.

Registration to be held in K.E. White Center

The Elizabeth City State University Registrar's Office has announced that

students who missed the opportunity to register early must plan to register on Jan. 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the K.E. White Graduate & Continuing Education Center because of renovations being done on the Vaughan Center.

The University will provide transportation for students who need it beginning at 8:45 a.m. from the Bedell Cafeteria to the K.E. White Center in half-hour intervals. All students are governed by all other pertinent information published in the Spring 1999 Class Schedule.

The calendar is as follows: Jan. 5, Official Registration, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., K.E. White Center; Jan. 6, Late Registration (\$25 late fee assessed) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; K.E. White Center; Jan. 7, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Drop/Add Period begins; Late Registration continues; M.D. Thorpe Administration Building; Jan. 9, 8 a.m. to noon, Weekend/Evening Program Registration, Classes Begin; Jan. 11, Late Registration Ends; Last Day to change courses or sections. For additional information contact the ECSU Registrar's Office at (252) 335-3000.

ECSU Hosts "Healthy People 2000" Videoconference

Elizabeth City State University was one of the host sites of a "live" videoconference, "Healthy People 2000," sponsored by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO).

The videoconference was broadcast live from the campus of Howard Uni-

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Offensive Lineman, Eward McIver
 McIver plays for the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League

CORRECTION

In our last issue we incorrectly identified Dr. Ronald Blackmon as Ronald Brown, we apologize for this error.

versity in Washington, D.C. and was shown in ECSU's Videoconference Center.

The University was one of 170 Historically Black Colleges and Universities, state and local health departments and other organizations with health-related concerns who participated.

Choirs present George Frederic Handel's Messiah

The combined choirs of The Community and The Evelyn A. Johnson Community Singers will present George Frederic Handel's Messiah conducted by Elizabeth City State University professor Billy C. Hines as part of their holiday celebration.

The performances will be on Sunday, Dec. 13, 6 p.m. at Mt. Lebanon A.M.E. Zion Church, 320 Culpepper St. Elizabeth City; Rev. Melvin L. Tate is the pastor.

Friday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the C.S. Brown Cultural Arts Center in Winton, NC; and Saturday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Back Swamp Church of Christ, 1414 Bear Grass Rd. in Williamston, NC. Elder Derrick L. Wilkins is the pastor.

The performances will feature accompanists Wilson M. Bryant and E. Vendetta Sutton and soloists Carlotta Jordan, soprano; Ola H. Gathers, alto; Lennard Bartlett, tenor and Billy C. Hines, bass.

The project is supported in part by the Pasquotank Arts Council with additional funds from the Grassroots Program of the North Carolina Arts Council.