

# Career Service Office Has Important Role On Campus

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Mr. Brutus Jackson, the director of Elizabeth City State University's Office of Career Services said he is looking for ECSU students who are ready for the world of work, or an internship experience that will lead to a desired career.

"The purpose of Career Services is to assist students with their preparations in the areas of the careers that will ultimately lead to future employment in the career of their choice," he said.

Career Planning, Placement, and Cooperative Education helps freshmen and those who are undecided about their major choose a field of interest, he said.

"But it is obvious that not every student is coming and taking advantage of the resources afforded them," he said.

Each year the career planning office sponsors an annual career fair designed to give students an opportunity to meet face to face with representatives from major companies.

While some ECSU students do participate in the fairs, particularly seniors, too many do not. Usually, only the highly motivated and "hungry" students come to the fair, he said.

This means that there is a limited applicant pool for the many job opportunities that employers bring to the fair.

"These companies come on campus looking for students who have work experience," he said, "and they look at other students also, but not as highly as the student who has actual work experience."

While a large number of students come to the fair looking for jobs outside the local area, Mr. Jackson says there are many job opportunities available in Elizabeth City. His office also

has a listing of jobs throughout the state.

"Our offices use the Employment Security Commission as a resource along with surveys to determine jobs in the state of North Carolina," Mr. Jackson said. They also compile information about salaries, internships, co-ops and limited summer employment.

A wealth of resources are available to the student through the labor statistics bureau and the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

In spite of all of the resources that his office has to offer, Mr. Jackson says that often students use those services simply to get a last minute summer job. Students may benefit more if they utilize the repository of information to help them make one of the most important decisions in their lives, he said.

One of the major fallacies students hold is the belief that a degree guarantees them a job. Students are not ready for the corporate world without having first taken advantage of the resources available to them, he said.

Students need to have proper resume writing and interviewing skills. To assist with these skills, the career office is offering a series of seminars on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

To help reach more students, Mr. Jackson is planning a program called "How to Secure Employment". The 16-week course will help students learn how to market themselves.

In it students will learn the technology and terminology of their chosen field. They will also learn networking, business etiquette and dressing professionally. He would like to set up a lab where students and alumni can research careers and work on their resumes.

The bottom line, he said, is to help students to hold a degree in one hand and a letter of employment in the other.

## Campus Ministry Combines Religion And Education

By Kenya Grant

New Generation Campus Ministries (NGM) was founded on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in 1984 as a bible study. Originally it drew students because of the innovative nontraditional bible study.

It was later recognized that VCU was not the only campus that needed to have Bible studies providing restoration to students. The leaders of NGM soon saw that every campus, particularly the historically black colleges and universities in this nation, needed to have such an outreach.

The group's founder, W. Wellington Boone, focused on taking revival to black college students, and providing this new "generation" of leaders with

the foundations to enable them to apply the Bible to every aspect and sphere of life.

By 1990, NGM had reached more than 40 college campuses, including Elizabeth City State University. Keeping with the founder's philosophy, the ECSU chapter understands the importance of spiritual maturity.

The ECSU chapter's on campus activities include the "Tract" Team, a new ministry created by the president, Blair Todd, with the goal to transport spiritual literature about the campus of Elizabeth City State University. New Generation also facilitates Morning Prayer every Tuesday and Thursday in the New Women's Dormitory.



photo by Blair B. Todd

ECSU Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim speaking at the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration. To his right is Ms. Tasha Tillett, president of ECSU's NAACP Student Chapter.

## SISTER-TO-SISTER

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Love is a powerful word with many meanings.

It's amazing how this simple four-letter word has so much depth. The emotion is very fragile, but also very strong. Today, the word is used too loosely. When asked to describe love, one may find it very hard. It's an indescribable feeling.

Many of you are in love, have been in love or at least claim to be. We have all progressed through the elementary love stage. You remember the "Do you like me? check the yes, no or maybe box" stage.

Then there was the puppy love stage, where you added the letters of your name and your significant other's name to see if the numbers matched.

Then there was our first love.

You remember the guy that was your "EVERYTHING." That same one broke your heart, and you cried for days. You remember vowing to never date again.

Some of us have graduated to the final stage of love.

We have learned the lessons of all the previous stages, and have finally found our soul mate, the person that

God has placed on this earth for only you.

Many of you may be laughing, but that's only because it's true! Throughout love's stages there were many lessons to learn. Some of you learned from those experiences, while others were stubborn to that teacher called "life."

One thing is for sure: love can make you do crazy things. (Take a minute to think of all the foolish things you've done in the name of love.)

Well, sistas, love is a well-traveled road that has been a bumpy ride for all of us. Evaluate what kind of Love Road you have ridden on.

Some of your rides have been a little bumpier than others. In order for you to enjoy your ride, you have to first take care of some business within yourself. You have to love and respect yourself before you can love anyone else. Raise your self-esteem and self-confidence. When you do that, you won't let anyone take it away from you. You possess a beauty inside, which you have to dig deep to find.

In so doing, you won't let anyone use love as an excuse to take advantage of you.

Be strong.

Ladies, hold your head up high. Keep the faith because love conquers all.