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Distinguished Professor Dr. Nancy Reese addresses students, faculty and staff on Thursday, Nov. 18 during American Education Week Assembly. Dr. Reese will head the university's new graduate program in education

ECSU's 'Millennium Queen' Crowned

By Inger Parker
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The night of October 26, 1999, was a glorious evening for Miss Michelle Lewis, Miss ECSU 1999-00. This was the night of the queen's coronation ball entitled, "Breaking Traditions." Traditionally, the coronation is held in the Williams Hall Gymnasium. However, this year's crowning of the queen took place in the Kermit E. White graduate center. The room was elaborately decorated by members of the coronation committee, which made the atmosphere pleasant. A live band was present as entertainment which helped to complement every aspect of the evening from the entrance of the royal court to the entrance of the queen.

The evening began with the entrance of Miss ECSU 1994-95, Miss Lynetta Jordan, who returned as always to give her love and support. Also, reigning queen, Miss Hope Jones, returned to crown the queen and formally end her reign. The lady and gentleman representatives of each organization, who were enchanting and charming, were also present. Mr. Billy C. Hines and the

University Choir accompanied the queen in singing ECSU's Alma Mater and performed a few selections on her behalf. Also, Miss Janie Anderson, an ECSU junior, put on a special performance for the queen. She performed a spiritual dance number to the song "Angels Watching Over Me." Miss Tracsa Williams, soror of the queen, recited Maya Angelou's poem, "Still I Rise." One of the highlights of the night; however, was the blessing that the queen received from her parents. Lastly, the waltz, which was elegant and enjoyable, was performed by Dr. and Mrs. Mickey L. Burnim, the King, Queen, and representatives of each student organization. The audience was attentive and contributed to making the evening memorable. Miss ECSU 1999-00 even commented that the evening turned out better than she had expected.

When asked what would she like to see change now that she is Miss ECSU, the queen commented that she would like to see improvement in relationships between administration and the student body. She will be the first queen of the new millennium for ECSU.

Vikings Suffer Tough Loss at Homecoming

by Al Randolph
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ECSU's homecoming wasn't the only event that took place when the Vikings hosted the Tigers of Benedict College in a non-conference game. The seniors were also recognized at half-time as they played their last home game at Roebuck Stadium. Mister Askew, Lionel Branch, Malcolm Hall, Joe Johnson, Earl Jones, Kevin Jones, Diablo Lane, Derek Purcell, and Carlos Taravara were the seniors announced and escorted by their parents during the half-time festivities.

The Vikings looked for their second win in a row against Benedict, but the Tigers quarterback Royton Williams was too much for the Vikings. The Tigers walked with a 31-12 win. In the first half, the Vikings were sparked by the special teams with a blocked punt which led to their first score by Robert Dorlus. The Vikings cut the lead to 7-6, but Williams hurt the Vikings defense on the ground and in the air as he capped off a 10-play drive with a 13-yard scramble into the end zone going

into the half 14-6.

In the second half, Tigers picked up where they left as they scored twice halfway through the third quarter. The Vikings were still determined to stay in the game as Earl Jones returned a Tiger punt 32 yards to the Benedict 39-yard line. The Vikings quickly took advantage of the field position as quarterback Michael Forbes connected with Rayshawn Askew for a 39-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. That wasn't enough as the Vikings failed to capitalize on other scoring opportunities later on in the fourth quarter, and the score favored the Tigers 31-12.

After gaining confidence from defending Livingstone last week, Coach George Moody expected a better game on homecoming. "I told the team we didn't play a good game," said Moody. "I was disappointed with the defense, and the offense only played good in spots, but they weren't as consistent as they needed to be." As Coach Moody approaches the last two games of the season, he prepares to finish out his coaching career on a high note.



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