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Bond Proposal Provides \$46 Million

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A \$3.1 billion higher education bond referendum was approved by the General Assembly of North Carolina. The bond proposal provides millions of dollars for each of North Carolina's fifty-eight community colleges and millions of dollars for each of the state's sixteen universities – including Elizabeth City State University whose portion is \$46 million.

"ECSU's portion of the bond referendum will allow us to construct some key new facilities and modernize aging facilities in a significant comprehensive way," said Chancellor Mickey Burnim.

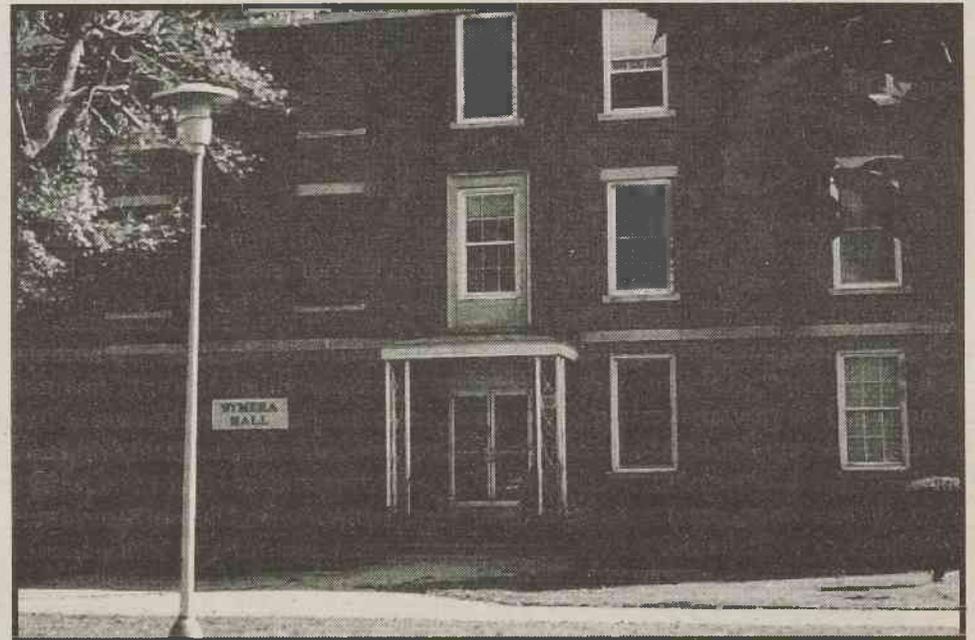
In November, North Carolina residents and students of the state's college system who claim North Carolina as their place of residence will have the opportunity to vote for or against the referendum. If the referendum does well on the November 2000 ballot, ECSU will undergo a major facelift. Classrooms, laboratories and buildings will be upgraded and modernized.

Dormitories such as Doles Residence Hall, which was erected in 1956, Wamack Residence Hall, which was erected in 1969 and Mitchell Lewis, erected in 1987, will undergo comprehensive modernization. Plumbing and

electrical systems will be renovated, interior surfaces and bathrooms will be renovated, windows will be replaced and air conditioning will be added throughout the buildings.

New additions to the campus will also include a Residence Hall for 200 students, which will rejuvenate Symera Hall and provide additional beds to help accommodate the growing number of ECSU students; a Student Center, which will include meeting, study, conference and recreation spaces for students; and modifications to Bedell Hall cafeteria, Ridley University Center, the University Bookstore and the Commuter Center. The functions of the buildings will be integrated in the new student center along with a softball field that will be displaced by the building, and an additional chiller capacity, which will be installed in the central chiller plant. The Physical Education Facility, another proposed addition to the campus, will provide improved playing fields, classrooms, locker rooms and bathrooms and will be adjacent to outdoor facilities, allowing class sections to combine classroom instruction with outdoor training. The resulting facility will support commencement, intramural sports and intercollegiate athletics.

ECSU, along with other campuses in



Symera Hall is one building targeted for renovation as part of the proposed bond referendum.

—Photo by Maria Phelps

the UNC system has quotas that it must meet as far as enrollment is concerned, which is one of the reasons why the bond referendum is very significant.

Though the bond referendum, if passed, will not be used for scholarships, and will be used solely for the purpose of renovating and building new buildings, Director of Admissions, Ms. Bridget Goldman, feels that the bond will help ECSU meet its enroll-

ment target of 3,000 students by 2008. "Because the bond is designed to better residence halls and other buildings on campus, it will enhance the whole idea of coming to ECSU," said Goldman.

The bond referendum has been endorsed by education, government and business leaders throughout North Carolina, and will be paid off by the state.



SGA "Destiny 2000" (from left): Zack Hawkins, Albert Walker III, Felicia Taylor, Waquita Lane, Keisha Ferguson, Tremaine Roberts, James Polk and Shaleka Eley.

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"Destiny 2000"

by James Polk II
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Elizabeth City State University has long since produced effective leaders and successful citizens. At the brink of this new millennium, there exists on campus a new student voice, with traditional values and the motivation of change. This voice is known as "Destiny 2000."

The members of this unique core of individuals come from a number of diverse backgrounds. However, they all have a common goal, the promotion and advocacy of academic excellence and social needs of the students at Elizabeth City State University.

Under the leadership of Student Government Assn. President, Albert R.

Walker III, Destiny 2000 anticipates a year of new innovative ideas, cooperative administrative relationships, mass participation of the student body and inevitable change.

Zack Hawkins brings his experience as an underclassman to Destiny 2000. As vice-president, he envisions a disciplined, productive student legislature with liberal, objective members. Comprised of class officers and appointed persons, the legislature is responsible for upholding the statutes of the ECSU student government constitution. Before Destiny 2000 this year are possible amendments and proposals seeking their review. Vice President Hawkins places

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