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high emphasis on accountability, responsibility and commitment.

Felecia Taylor (daughter of the former Connecticut alderman candidate, Patricia Taylor), possesses inherent leadership attributes and adds creativity and flexibility to Destiny 2000's core. Felecia has had other nominal leadership experience in organizations throughout "the yard."

Destiny 2000 consists of six Greek-affiliated persons. This will allow for a heartening rapport between Pan-Hellenic Council and Student Government. On many Historically Black College and University campuses, the absence of such a relationship gives birth to major conflicts. All eight executive board members have other organizational affiliation, which allows for equal representation in every sphere of student life. There is also diligent effort underway here on our campus to change the individualized campus of the recent past to the collective, family-oriented atmosphere of HBCU's.

Tremaine Roberts and Shaleka Eley are the known "work-a holics." Both are excellent motivators and "mobilizers." As a member of V.A.N.S.

(Vikings Assisting New Students), Ms. Roberts and Ms. Eley were able to recruit a phenomenal amount of volunteers to work with Destiny 2000. Serving as Attorney General and Recording Secretary respectively, they also represent the strong-arm of the core.

Likewise, Keisha Ferguson represents another of the strong-voices of Destiny 2000, a definite attribute to have in dealing with money matters. As treasurer, Ms. Ferguson promises to demand ethical and accurate accounting by members, administration and all other segments of the University.

Our queen, Miss Elizabeth City State University 2000-01, Miss Waquita Lane, a native of Halifax, NC, is the epitome of a diva. Her beauty, class, brilliance and royal personality, always present during her continual travels, illustrates what an ECSU woman is all about.

Destiny 2000 has set in motion a strategic plan that is reinforced by a strict set of missions, goals and objectives that includes mass participation, support of the student body, continuous community involvement and the cooperative efforts of the administration.

## Registration Process Difficult for Students

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Summer is officially over and it's time to get back into the swing of things around campus. Many students have said that this semester has been quite a challenge getting back into the routine because of registration and financial aid problems they experienced upon their return to the University.

"I along with several other students and parents had to wait in the financial aid line for a long period of time during registration before our financial needs and concerns were met," said Erica Lewter, an ECSU freshman.

In the fall of 1999, the University had 1,966 students enrolled. Of those students, only 70 percent had pre-registered according to Mr. Andre Farley, Director of the Registrar.

Mr. Farley stated that students experienced problems when trying to register because they did not pre-register. "The key to enrolling in classes and

completing any schedule changes is to pre-register," said Mr. Farley. "Too many students complain they don't get the classes they need, however pre-registering would ensure availability of those classes and would provide the University with the opportunity to ensure adequate staffing for those classes."

Mr. Farley also stated that because students did not adhere to the alphabet system that had been implemented, it caused longer lines during registration for students already present in the K. E. White Center.

Another reason it was a challenge for students to get back into the routine of going to classes was because some students had financial aid problems or the lack thereof.

The Director of Financial Aid, Barbara Simpson, said that if people were more informed about the financial aid process, there would be less chaos. "The more educated people are about the process of Financial Aid, the less problems we will have and more focus will be put on this in the school year of 2000-2001." Mrs. Simpson further explained that a staff shortage has also contributed to problems that students faced with Financial Aid.

Since the fall of 1999, the Financial Aid office has lost over 20 years of experience due to the retirement of the Loan Coordinator, the College Work Study Coordinator and the former Director and Director's Assistant of Financial Aid.

"We have not been able to receive resources to refill the positions," said Mrs. Simpson. "I need administration to recognize the needs of the office and then provide what is needed."

Changes are being made in the office of Financial Aid. There will be a new counselor that will provide more one on one assistance to ECSU students. Also, an automated process using P.A.R.S. software, which packages financial awards and is compatible with S.I.S. (student information system), will be implemented in the spring of 2001 to help improve the registration and Financial Aid process.

## ECSU Appoints Deans to Head University's Four New Schools

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As of August 1, 2000, four new Deans, Dr. Charles Cherry, Mr. George Jackson, Dr. Jose' Gil and Dr. Carolyn Mahoney, have assumed their newly appointed positions. These appointments are to improve the effectiveness of operations at Elizabeth City State University and to bring ECSU in line with the structure of the University of North Carolina System.

**Dr. Charles Cherry**, Dean of the School of Education and Psychology, is a 1963 graduate of ECSU. He received a M.A. degree from Hampton University in 1973, a C.A.S. degree from Old Dominion University in 1981 and an Ed.D. from Peabody College at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee in 1989.

Dr. Cherry has also served as chairperson and professor in ECSU's Division of Education since 1997.

**Professor George Jackson**, Dean of the School of Business and Economics, graduated from East Carolina University in 1972. Dean Jackson received his M.B.A. from the College of William and Mary in 1974 and his Juris Doctor from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1983. In 1991, the dean of the School of Business and Economics was awarded his Masters Degree in

Law from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Mr. Jackson has been associated with ECSU since 1996 when he was appointed Special Assistant to the Chancellor. Since then, Professor Jackson has occupied both positions of Interim chairman and chairman of the Business and Economics Department.

**Dr. Jose Gil**, Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, joins the ECSU family from the University of the District of Columbia, where he was a professor in the Department of Languages and Communication Disorders.

The new dean obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Aside from teaching, Dr. Gil has held administrative positions in the Office of the Provost and Vice President at the University of the District Columbia.

**Dr. Carolyn Mahoney**, Dean of the School of Mathematics, Science and Technology, comes to ECSU from California State University at San Marcos, where she chaired the Department of Mathematics. In 1970, she received a B.S. degree from Sienna College in Memphis, Tennessee, and later earned her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State University in 1972 and 1983.

With the appointment of these new Deans, Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim

hopes to increase the services given to the students and the effectiveness of operations throughout the University. Previously, all of the University's fourteen academic departments reported solely to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

This new set up will allow a higher quality of service and faster responses. This is a historic change for ECSU, which, for the first time, will have schools which are major parts of the University.

ECSU continues to grow and adapt to the changing image of the millennium. The needs of the University continue to be addressed, both by local administration and the UNC System.

The *Compass* staff joins the University community in welcoming the new Deans to campus.

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