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Tuition and Fees Increase for Fall 2001

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The price of an education at ECSU will soon increase. Effective in the fall 2001 semester, tuition will increase by 4 percent for undergraduate students

and 6 percent for graduate students for the 2001-2002 academic semesters. The major fees, which include, student activities, health services, athletics, education and technology, as in computers and other tools used in the classrooms,

will increase by 9 percent along with dining and residence hall fees which will increase by 4 percent.

According to Ernest G. Murphrey, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, tuition and fee increases are needed to cover faculty and staff salary increases, inflationary increases in the cost of services, and in the expansion of these services.

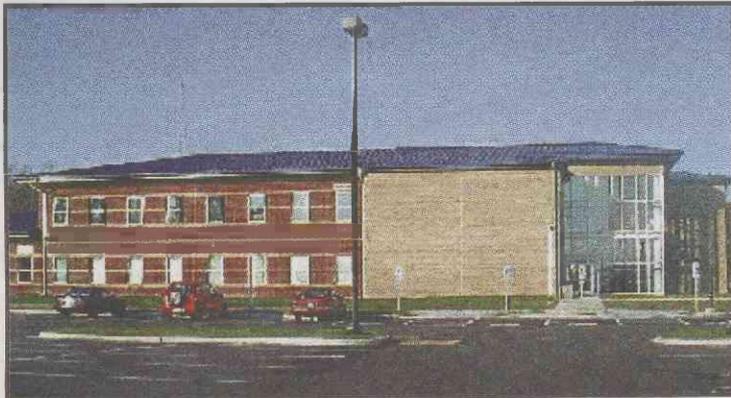
Normally, tuition and fees increase every year. Murphrey explained why the increase in tuition and fees, which is usually about 5 percent, is larger this year. "The fee increases are larger than normal to offset several years of spending which has been higher than revenues. In those years, the University used balances which were already on hand from previous years to cover the higher expenditures. Those balances are being reduced however, and the University must cover the operating costs of the four areas covered by these fees," said Murphrey. One reason contribut-

ing to the reduction of balance is the book rental fees. They were kept unchanged for five years because the University wanted to keep book rental affordable for students.

The University's Administrative Council, which includes student representatives, agreed on the increase. Afterwards, the recommendation went to the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees and was finally approved upon by the Board of Governors.

"I absolutely agree that these increases are needed to provide the services that our ECSU students deserve," said Murphrey. "We will always seek to minimize increases, while at the same time being aware that our students need to be provided first class services."

Information regarding tuition and fee increases is available on the University's web page. Also, students are encouraged to email Mr. Murphrey at egmurphrey@mail.ecsu.edu.



The new computer lab is one of the facilities that will benefit students.

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CBAC Continues to Go the Distance

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CBAC, The Concerned Black Awareness Council, continues to go the distance in enlightening students about African-American culture.

The organization's president, junior, Valenta Wade, said the club has activities planned for the remainder of the semester that relate to the African-American experience. "We plan to place more emphasis on African-American history during the month of February, and in March, we have our annual Culture Day, which will feature poets, dancers and a keynote speaker," Wade said.

CBAC was founded in 1994 on the Elizabeth City State University campus and during the mid 90's, the organization experienced a boom in membership that now includes student's from other historically black colleges and universities.

The organization was founded in an

effort to better inform students and the community about the importance of embracing African-American history in their lives. Having self-love and showing a respect and appreciation for other people and other cultures were also reasons the group came into existence.

Over the years, CBAC has gained a reputation for being an organization exclusively for black students. "Despite the name of the club, CBAC is not an organization for blacks only. CBAC brings not only blacks, but other groups of people together in an effort to unify all people," said Wade. The club's advisor, Dr. Glenda Griffin also explains the organization's objective this way: "CBAC's objective is to encourage students to thrive on positiveness; it emphasizes commonalities among people and helps one to understand their own inner greatness and use that as a link to improve the future."

CBAC kicked off this year's black history month with a forum entitled

"Can you pledge and worship God," which explored whether or not it was possible for students to pledge a fraternity or sorority and simultaneously maintain their religious beliefs. The panelists for the forum included members from some of the major sororities and fraternities on campus, Dr. Margery Coulson-Clark, Assistant Chancellor for Academic Affairs, students in honor societies, social fellowships and religious advocates.

The club will conclude its black history month celebration with a visit to the Great Blacks in Wax Museum in Baltimore, Maryland. The Museum has a nationally acclaimed "Middle Passage" exhibit, which Wade feels will help educate students and members of CBAC about the importance of remembering slavery and the conditions that African-Americans have overcome over the years.



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