

## Talk of ECSU:

by Laquisha Tisdal

What types of events or venues would you like to see brought to campus to enhance campus life?



Kesse B. Satterfield  
Sophomore

"I would not mind having church service on campus."

Amanda McDonald  
Junior

"A work out gym, like a rec center with more than just a basketball gym."



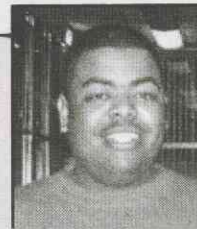
Aliciah Mosley  
Freshmen

"A real fast food resturant, like McDonald's, a skating rink and bus transportation."



Bryan Hawkins  
Sophomore

"A movie theater and more parties with different organizations hosting them."



The Compass Staff would like to apologize to both Carol Calloway Jones and Dr. Carol Charlotte Jones. Pictured in last month's issue was Dr. Carol Calloway Jones, but quoted was Dr. Carol Charlotte Jones.

## ECSU Tae Kwon Do Team Return with Silver and Bronze Medals

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On February 3, 2001 four of Elizabeth City State University's finest Tae Kwon Do athletes, under the coaching and instruction of Mr. Ronald Carter, participated in a Regional Tae Kwon Do Tournament in Chesapeake, Virginia. These students exemplified an extraordinary means of discipline, dedication and energy. These students were juniors Kelvin Turnage, Randy Crawly, Neils Ribierio and Dywane Leonard. They fought against major Tae Kwon Do League schools such as Virginia Military Institute and Howard University. Turnage received a silver medal over Virginia Military Institute, Crawly received a silver medal over Howard University, Leonard received a silver medal because of disqualification in one of his matches. And Ribierio received a bronze medal.

Coach Carter said that to get the men ready for the tournament, he trained them to build their skill level and cardiovascular ability. At the tournament, there were various things that competitors were allowed to do including forms, breaking stunts and sparing. Turnage, Crawley, Ribierio and Leonard competed in the sparing contests. "I am proud of them because they repre-

sented the school well," Carter said. Coach Carter emphasized how dedicated the four men were; they used second hand sparing gear and played their own fee to register. Carter said that three weeks prior to the tournament he had to get the necessary paper work for funding but was turned down and never understood why. "Even though they were willing to represent the school, the university gave them absolutely no funding at all for uniforms, equipment or fees, which was \$50. They actually did everything on their own," said Carter.

Turnage felt hostile towards the administration for their unwillingness to support the Tae Kwon Do Team. "We didn't ask for much and we didn't have a problem representing ECSU," Turnage said. Though the University did not congratulate the men when they returned, Turnage was glad to know that his dorm, Mitchell Lewis, acknowledged his efforts with two awards. Turnage said that this appreciation and recognition encouraged him to want to continue.

Despite the lack of support from the University, Turnage said that he enjoyed the experience, and that it is something that he has wanted to do since he was 13. Turnage admits that he is no stranger to the fighting ring. He has a black belt in Karate and an advanced green belt in Tae Kwon Do. However, during train-

ing, Coach Carter helped him improve his speed and ability to adapt to different situations. "I came to class frequently, and Mr. Carter taught us to get used to man to man contact, so what I was taught became second nature to me during the matches," said Turnage. In order to prepare himself for the tournament, Turnage said that he and his teammates did breathing exercises and pictured their actual fights inside of their minds. He said this helped him to have a more realistic picture of the fight. Turnage said that because of this tournament, he will be better prepared the next time.

Crawly, the silver medalist winner against Howard University, said the experience taught him how determined he is to do something that he thoroughly enjoys no matter what the obstacles are. "I had sixty dollars in my account, and I took out fifty so that I could go to the tournament, and I'm glad I went. This was my first tournament, and it was a learning experience for me," said Crawly. During training, Crawly said Coach Carter worked all of them on their kicks, but he in particular had to work on his axle, crescent and hill kicks. "He taught us that during a fight, if we make a mistake, ratify it right then, and be ready to counter the attack," said Crawley. Crawly said the he has wanted to do this since he was eight years old and now that he has finally made his

dream come true, he is looking forward to earning his advanced yellow belt in Tae Kwon Do soon.

Ribierio, who received the bronze medal, said "I was disappointed that the University would rather recognize more popular sports, but I was not disappointed with my performance or bronze medal." Ribierio said the reason he received the bronze medal was because he had to fight against his own teammate, Dwayne Leonard. "I did what I could, and we didn't want to hurt each other, so I am not mad," he said. Ribierio concluded that there would be more dedicated students if ECSU's staff more flexible with class accommodations. "One weekend, the gym is open to us and then the next weekend it is closed, that kills the interest in students," he adds.

Like his teammates, Leonard was extremely upset about the lack of support from the University. Leonard said that the University's doubt did not shake his confidence, but it was his own self doubt that cost him a gold medal. "The only enemy was my own fear and doubt. "I shouldn't have measured the last guy I had to fight, said Leonard. Consequently, I was disqualified from the gold and got the silver instead."

Leonard said that he has a natural drive for Tae Kwon Do and competition and has always wanted to be a

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