

## Campus News

### STUDENT RECALLS CHANCELLOR BURNIM'S SPEECH

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When I arrived at Freshman Convocation, I did not know what to expect. In the back of my mind, I figured that there would be a speaker to address the freshman class. However, I was not aware of the fact that our speaker would be Chancellor Burnim. Dr. Burnim's speech, "Keep it real," was a needed boost of influence for all the students who attended.

Chancellor Burnim's voice was as strong as the general of a squadron of troops. There was no sign of difficulty in hearing; when Dr. Burnim speaks, everyone listens. There were four major points issued in the foundation of his speech: find out what you like, choose a major based on what you like, make a plan and stick to it. "There is", he said, "no free lunch. I was very enlightened by each of these topics, and attempted to relate everything he said to my personal situation.

His first point, about finding your personality preferences, was self-explanatory. A person's likes and dislikes make up part of one's personality. Dr. Burnim encouraged us to go to the Career Center and to take the Student Interest Inventory to see what jobs would relate to our personalities.

The second point addressed the process of choosing a major based

on our personality preference. You will enjoy your studies throughout college if you like your major. If your interest is Computer Science, then why major in Biology? This related to me because I'm a Physical Therapy major, but I'm also curious to see what other jobs may interest me.

His third point was about making a plan and sticking to it. Making a commitment to anything takes courage, discipline, and strong will. You have to stick to it and if you make a commitment to excellence it will pay off in the long run.

His final point, no free lunch, was a life lesson. Dr. Burnim said that nothing in this world is free, and that everything you receive in life depends on how much you put in. He went on to give examples of Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods, two of the greatest athletes of the century. He explained that the successes they have had are the result of all of the hard work and paying the price to be successful.

I feel Dr. Burnim's speech was a blueprint for all freshmen. He was the architect who laid out the plans for us to build a tower of success for ourselves. This influential speech is something I will try to pass along to my children, and something I will use to help lay down my foundation for my tower of success.



Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim was the speaker of the Freshman Convocation and Candlelighting Service on September 22, 2002.

### LIBRARY CLUB IS NOT JUST FOR BOOKWORMS

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The Library Club of Elizabeth City State University is making moves like you would never believe. The current members are proving that the Library Club is not just for nerds and geeks as once stereotyped.

The club has been active on the campus for more than 20 years.

"Over the course of those years membership has fluctuated," said Burnella W. Griffin, one of the advisors.

One of the goals of the club is to increase membership. Keisha Malory, historian wants the club to grow in number and would like people to realize that the club contains an elite group of humanitarians. The club has recently reached out to the student body through a membership drive in hopes of encouraging students to realize that there are many interesting aspects offered by the club.

"Many people think that the

Library Club is for bookworms, which is why they are reluctant to join," said LaShonda Harvey, President. Harvey explained that the stereotype is not true. She says that the club has much to offer everyone.

The members plan to interact with the Elizabeth City community by reading and doing arts and crafts with the younger children in elementary school as well as elderly persons in the retirement homes. They intend to begin a book club in which a book will be chosen, read, and discussed over cappuccino and other refreshments.

For the first time this year, the Library Club had a field trip. On April 12, they visited the "Great Blacks in Wax Museum" in Baltimore, Maryland. The members are looking forward to more trips in the future.

So the next time you visit the library to check out a book, how about checking out the Library Club?

### ECSU REPS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Student Government Association

The Student Government Association of Elizabeth City State University just recently attended the North Carolina Black Student Government Association conference held at Fayetteville State University on September 20, 2002. The NCBSGA is an organization that allows all those Historically Black College and University Student leaders to gather and discuss and attack those issues that directly impact the African American Student Population.

The NCBSGA serves as a channel of communication between the faculty, staff, and Administration for those HBCU's located in the state of North Carolina. In addition, NCBSGA has a drive in providing portals that will serve as mechanisms capable of addressing itself to the surrounding communities as well as other institutions. Ultimately, NCBSGA is the locomotion and unified

thrust of the African American College Voice in the University of North Carolina Education.

The membership institutions are Livingstone, North Carolina A & T, Barber Scotia, North Carolina Central, Shaw, Saint Augustine's, Johnson C. Smith, Elizabeth City State, Fayetteville, and Winston-Salem State. A number of topics covered while at the conference. Some of the forums given were as follows:

- Institution Constitution Awareness
- Black College Day
- "Growing Your Own Grass"
- "HBCU's: A Political Powerhouse"

The members of the ECSU SGA executive board are anxious to attend the next meeting scheduled to happen sometime later in the month of October.

### SGA MEETING RAISES IMPORTANT ISSUES

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Elizabeth City State University held its second Student Body Meeting on Oct. 8 in the Moore Hall auditorium. The Student Government Association addressed several important issues that will affect the university during the year.

As the meeting opened Linwood Creekmore, SGA's Corresponding Secretary, gave several announcements which included:

- freshman immunization records should be turned in by Nov. 11,
- the last day to register to vote is Oct. 11, and
- due to the quality of previous yearbooks there will be no yearbook this year instead there will be a yearbook CD.

Following the announcements, ECSU's Gospel Choir performed "God is Great".

After the selection, Tanyetta Pittman, Miss ECSU, introduced the speaker, Robert Phillips. Mr. Phillips from North Carolina Common Cause, a non-profit organization which serves to hold elected officials and government officials accountable for their decision making process in the legislature, explained the responsibilities of the state legislature and the influence students have by voting. Mr. Phillips strongly recommended students to

vote.

"You will need to participate. You will need to let them hear your voices. I urge you all to get involved. I urge you to vote," said Mr. Phillips.

Following Mr. Phillips's speech, Ms. Pittman gave a brief update of the voting drive. Ms. Pittman spoke of the various efforts the university was taking to get ECSU students and Pasquotank citizens to vote such as the voter registration door team, in which Miss ECSU, and Miss ECSU runner ups, members of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc., and other interested candidates went door to door to make sure students were registered to vote. There will be provided transportation to the K.E. White Graduate Center on Nov. 5, 2002 for the students who will participate in this year's election.

Following Vike Nu's ECSU's fashion troupe, presentation and the Gospel Choir's second selection, "River of Life," Darius Eure, assistant to SGA treasurer, Kevin Wade, gave this year's budget report.

In closing Damiyon Sledge, SGA President, addressed some last important issues and concerns. These issues included this year's yearbook status, limited parking, and concerns with Residence Life. Mr. Sledge also gave a brief overview of the 2002 Homecoming Activities.

### ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

It has been brought to my attention that unfortunate mistakes have entered into the last edition of the paper. Before I make the corrections, I would like to first say that some of the mistakes were beyond my control. Therefore, you must find out what went wrong. As I make the corrections, I will let you know where I got the information from.

← Dr. Christopher Palestrant works in the Music Department. His wife, Mrs. Dr. Jennifer Palestrant works in the Business Department. Contact the Office of Human Resources for corrections.

← The Upward Bound article was written by Maxine Baskerville. To cease confusion, contact the Webmaster and ask him to update that section.

← Elizabeth Martins: As a budding journalist, I would like to apologize to Dr. Rouson for compromising my journalistic integrity by not interviewing him directly before the article about his resignation was published.

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