

Campus News

WE NOW PRESENT TO YOU OUR NEW MONARCHS

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On Oct. 31, the new Mr. and Ms. Elizabeth City State University 2002 Homecoming Ball was held in the Bedell Hall Cafeteria.

This year, a lot of changes have occurred that affected our Homecoming. One of these changes is the organization of the coronation ceremony.

In previous years coronation was held as a service and had a reception afterwards. This year, it is held as a ball and not separate events.

The ball included some of the same traditions, such as the presenting of gifts, club and class representatives, and the crowning of the new king and queen.

This year, the former Mr. and Ms. ECSU did not have to pass on the crown to the new king and queen.

To set the atmosphere, Bedell Hall had many fall decorations, which created an autumnal setting.

Kevin Wade, Mr. ECSU 2001-2002, opened the ceremony. He named some of the former queens, the Miss ECSU runner-ups, and other guests. He also introduced the class representa-

tives.

Next, DeShawn Spellman recited the poem, "We Wear the Mask," by Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Next came the introduction of Mr. ECSU, Keith Richardson, and Ms. ECSU, Tanyetta "Tai" Pittman.

Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim presented Mr. ECSU with a medallion and Ms. ECSU with a crown. He then gave his charge to them.

After the chancellor's charge, Mr. and Ms. ECSU made their statements.

Afterward, Wade introduced the representatives of the campus organizations. They came up, stated their names and presented their gifts to the new king and queen. All total, there were approximately 30 groups represented at the ball.

After the introduction of the clubs and organizations, Jevon Whidbee and Urica Twine sang "Center of My Joy."

After the song, the ball began, starting with Mr. and Ms. ECSU dancing. Refreshments were also served during this time while people talked, ate, and danced to the music that played.

Although it was different from previous years, the ball was beautiful and enjoyable.



Mr. ECSU Keith Richardson and Ms. ECSU Tanyetta "Tai" Pittman

Photo by Rich Harvey

ECSU POSTAL SERVICE ALIVE AND RUNNING

Robert Davis

Students, faculty, and staff can conveniently buy stamps and send or receive express mail right on the Elizabeth City State University campus.

In 1966, the mail service first made its appearance on campus in Moore Hall. During this time, the mail service was headed by students who distributed the mail individually to the entire student body. In 1995, mail service opened as an official United States Postal Service that is now located in Ridley Hall University Center. Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins was in office as the University's chancellor. The postal service on campus is a branch of the post offices on Main and Ehringhaus Street in Elizabeth City.

The campus post office benefits the student body by enabling them to receive mail, buy stamps, or send mail without the hassle of going downtown. This is especially helpful for students without transportation.

"Even though the service is for students, we want staff and the public to use this privilege," said Fred Boyd, postal service manager.

There are about one thousand campus mailboxes. Every student does not have one but they could if they wanted one. Mailboxes are distributed to the student body during registration week and it cost \$15. The

cost for keys are \$5, the same cost for dorm room keys. On estimation, the mail service handles 4,000 to 5,000 packages on a daily basis. As with other United States postal services, the highest amount for which a money order is \$300.

Fred Boyd, a retired New York City postal worker with 24 years of experience, has been the manager of the post office at ECSU since 1995. Mr. Boyd, says he loves his job and that the atmosphere is the reason why he is still in his profession.

"Some days the job is unbearable, but the love of what I'm doing keeps me here," said by Fred Boyd.

Rosa Johnson, who also came to work with the university in 1995, helps head the post office with assistance from Willie Reed and Irene Claiborne. They have been working at the facility for 7, 4 and 6 years respectively. They also get help from work-study students.

Mail service hours are from 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday, just the same as the hours downtown and nationwide.

"Here on campus you have a full-time postal service at a full-time historically black university; its really something to be proud of," stated by ECSU junior Zerrick O. Wilson.

Mr. Leonard Ballou, University Archivist provided generous help with this story.

ECSU UPDATE: SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Office of University Relations and Marketing

FROM: CHANCELLOR MICKEY L. BURNIM

The special budget provision to fund the stand-alone ECSU School of Pharmacy was cut from the final state budget. In fact, all special provision programs being considered, including engineering at East Carolina, Western Carolina, and UNC-Asheville; and biotechnology at Winston-Salem State were cut as

well. Because of the state budget crisis, funding all of these programs was not feasible to the majority of legislators. Senator Pro Tem Marc Basnight, Representative Bill Owens, and many others remained supportive to the end. ECSU will continue to develop the joint pharmacy program with the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Pharmacy as recommended by the UNC Board of Governors last spring. We will keep you informed of our progress.

ECSU BOND PROJECTS UPDATED ON WEBSITE

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Please take a look at the new and improved web site for the bond projects.

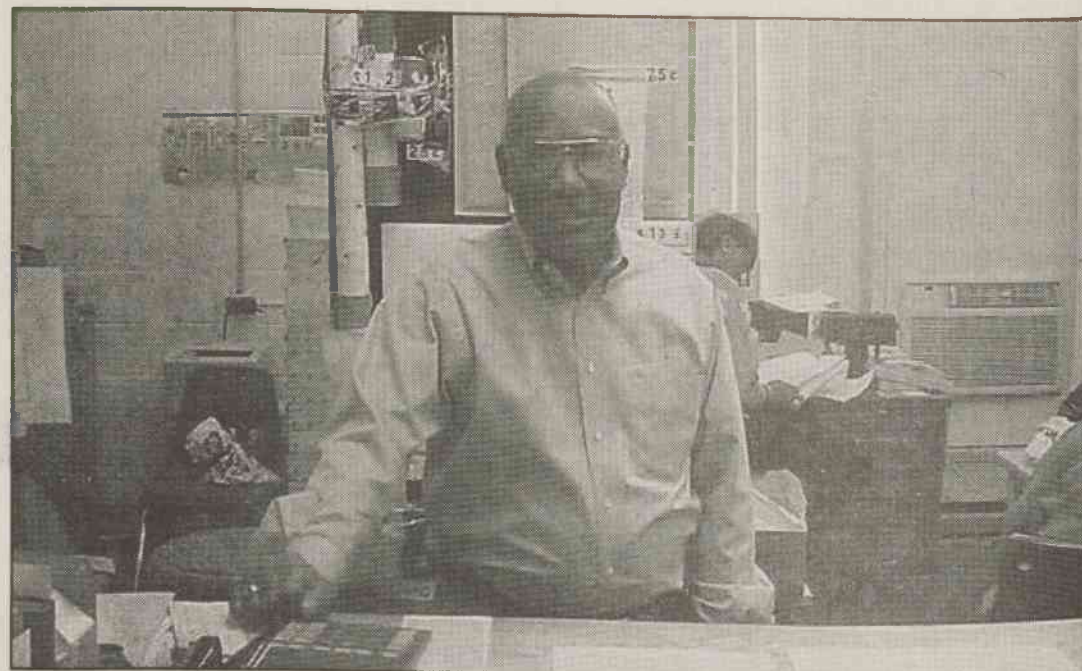
You can find it by scrolling down and clicking on the "Bond Issue Projects" button on the ECSU Home Page at www.ecsu.edu.

The site has a great deal of important information about these projects, including drawings and renderings of future projects and information concerning the sequencing of events. Please take special note

of the information for students, faculty, and staff about road, walk, and parking changes that are necessary due to the construction projects.

While we will be experiencing some challenges through the construction phase over the next year or two, the outcome of these efforts as illustrated in the "Photo Gallery" will make great improvements and create a wonderful environment for our campus.

The "Bond Issue Projects" on the website will continue to be updated. Please refer to it should you have questions.



Mr. Fred Boyd

Photo by Robert Davis