

CAMPUS NEWS

DO NOT "CRUISE" IN THE RAIN WILLIAMS HALL

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An individual had a wreck a couple of weeks ago and totaled their Lincoln Town Car. She hydroplaned on Highway 135 between Gladewater & Kilgore, Texas. She was not hurt, just emotionally rattled!

She learned a lesson I'd like to pass on to you. You may know this already—but the highway patrolman told her that you should NEVER drive in the rain with your cruise control on. He said if you did and hydroplaned (which she did) that when your tires were off the road your car would accelerate to a high rate of speed (which it did). You don't have much, if any control when you

hydroplane, but you are totally in the hands of God when the car accelerates. She took off like she was in an airplane. She is so thankful she made it through that ordeal.

Please pass the word around about not using cruise control when the pavement is wet or icy. The highway patrolman said this should be on the sunvisor with the warning about airbags.

The only person she found out who knew this (besides the patrolman) was a man who had a similar accident and totaled his car. This has made her wonder if this is not why so many of our young people are dying in accidents. Be careful out there!

UNDERGOES RENOVATION

KerryAnn Cummings & Ira Mitchell

Students at Elizabeth City State University are wondering what is going on with Williams Hall. The street looks like chaos on the campus and the same students have to park a mile away from classes and dorms because parking is limited.

Williams Hall is being renovated. According to Mr. Greg McGee, Director for Design & Construction, the whole project will cost 2.3 million

dollars. William Hall will be the new home for the School of Business and Economics.

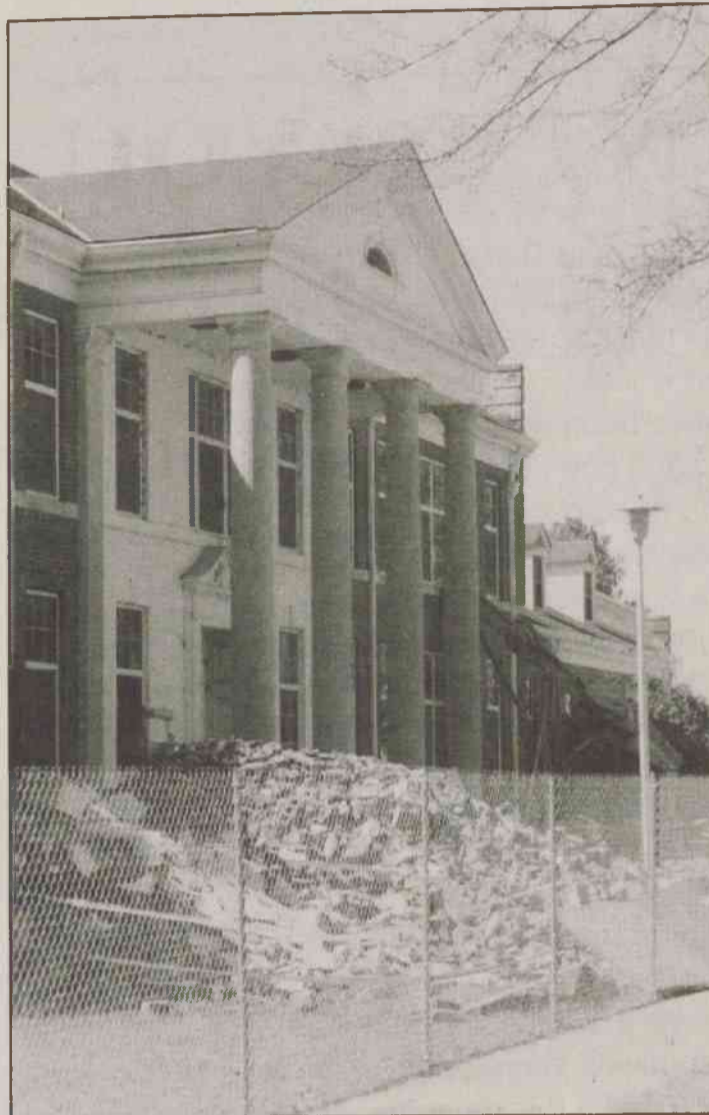
The company hired for this particular job is Waldt Construction. The questions that are surfacing are why begin contracting now? They want to complete the renovations as soon as possible since there are a lot more buildings at ECSU that will be renovated. The building that have been worked on thus far is Johnson Hall. After Williams Hall is complete, Lane Hall and the Trigg Building will be worked on next.

McGee said the new men's dormitory will be completed by Fall 2004. It will be designed by Clark Nexsen.

The bond that was issued to start the building was passed in November 2000. As for the parking situation, more spaces are being constructed by Lane Hall.

"The campus will not be a pretty sight, but when it's all finished, it will be a new and improved campus," said McGee.

For more information on the campus construction, go to the Elizabeth City State University website at www.ecsu.edu under Bond Issue Projects.



HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN YOU ARE ALONE

Hello all. Here's some good advice.

Let's say it's 6:15 p.m. and you're driving home (alone of course), after an unusually hard day on the job. You're really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home; unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far. What can you do? You've been trained in CPR but the guy that taught the course neglected to tell you how to perform it on yourself. Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this article seemed to be in order.

Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and

very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough. The cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. And a cough must be repeated about every 2 seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital. Tell as many other people as possible about this, it could save their lives! From Health Cares, Rochester General Hospital via Chapter 240s newsletter AND THE BEAT GOES ON...

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MUSEUM OF THE ALBEMARLE: TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

TG Tate

The Museum of the Albemarle was set to open in 2003. Then it was set to open in 2004. Now it is slated for opening in 2005. Funding has been slow in coming, due to the recession that began before 1999; the year ground was first broken for the museum site, as money is funneled into other pet projects in Elizabeth City and elsewhere.

"The museum thought they were going to get the proposed 12.5 million, but initially they got about 6.5 million. That was enough to set the foundation, erect the steel, and do the whole exterior of the building," said Don Pendergraft, the Exhibit Designer for the MOA and an adjunct professor teaching Art Appreciation at Elizabeth City State University. Then the money ran out.

Eventually, the legislature proposed another 1.6 million after they discovered the interior of the building was beginning to corrode from condensation; so the heating, air conditioning and ventilation system was installed to prevent further rusting. "The building needed to breathe," said Pendergraft.

"Most people think the museum is ready for operation, but it's not. They were in the process of putting in elevators for access to the upper floors, but all that was installed was a basic service elevator and some staircases. There is more work to be done," said Pendergraft.

Inside the four-story structure, huge empty rooms wait to be filled with wonders from regional history.

There will be offices in the tower on top, but everything that happens in the building will happen on the first two floors. There will be a library on the third floor, with a family research center for genealogical research. One of the first exhibits to be shown is expected to be a Civil War display, providing the temporary gallery is finished.

Most of the artifacts featured in the current museum will be transferred to the new one once construction is completed. "The small fire engine, Inez, will definitely be moved. The ladder truck won't make it,

though since it's too big to get on the elevator to the second floor," Pendergraft says. There won't be any airplanes or anything larger than a 30-foot boat, which will probably be suspended from the ceiling.

Other displays being discussed for the first and second floors range from prehistoric to modern artifacts. Many of the exhibits in the current museum will be expanded to include many more objects.

"The building housing the current museum would easily fit in the exhibit gallery of the new structure," says Pendergraft. "There will be a lot of extra space, and more display area. That included three changing galleries that will continuously shift to new exhibits. There will definitely be more work involved."

The long-term gallery is not expected to be finished until 2005 or 2006.

Mr. Pendergraft admits that one of the weak links in the chain is marketing. Very little money is spent on advertising or image promotion. "I've always said that private fundraising and getting to the right people is what we need to do. Having a marketing plan put in place, signage for the building... we should really try a sustained ad campaign."

The MOA also needs to reach beyond the region of Northeast North Carolina.

"We don't get outside our region. We need to be more of a Virginia and North Carolina destination instead of a destination for people who just live down the street or even in the next county. I don't think people realize the potential of what we have in, not only the museum, but in Elizabeth City. There are some amazing, historical places such as Elizabeth City State University," said Pendergraft.

Pendergraft notes that the old MOA on South 17 is still doing some smaller shows.

"We just did a case exhibit featuring some duck decoys. We'll also be doing a case exhibit on artifact identification. We've lost a lot of our membership, though, so it's getting harder to do the bigger shows."



NEW HOUSING TO IMPROVE STUDENT LIFE

Lacey House

The Elizabeth City State University Office of Student Housing is doing all it can to make the students' lives easier.

The office is planning on making a number of changes around the newly refurbished campus and will better accommodate future students with amenities, including living in an apartment without having to leave campus. The underpinnings for this privatized housing are being finalized by Housing Director Warren Basket and his staff.

Planning for privatized housing is still in the approval stage. It is the biggest initiative on Basket's agenda. If approved, building will begin January of 2004 and the large apartment style complex will house 340 students, each having their own private bedroom and private bathroom.

Student Housing and Residence Life have other ideas for improvement. These ideas include installing new locks on dorm doors and also micro fridge units, which include a micro-

wave and mini fridge, for every room.

Students will be able to sign up for housing online for the first time starting after Spring Break.

"These things may not be a significant change, but they will help improve life on campus," Basket said.

Basket says he has been walking around campus, observing things he would like to see changed or improved. His list includes lighting, as well as the sidewalks and drainage patterns.

Basket says that budgetary constraints may thwart his hiring new staff.

"With tight budgets we may not be able to hire new staff," Basket said.

Despite that, Basket says he would like to continue to improve the relationship between staff and students and better utilize his staff to meet the students' needs.

"Student Housing and Residence Life is open to anything a student has concerns or issues with around campus," Basket said. "We're looking at every student's opinion—we're open to suggestions students may have."