



Students search for parking and try to be on time to morning classes.

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Parking problems plague campus

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As of Sept. 15, 936 student vehicles at Elizabeth City State University have received parking decals, enabling these vehicles to be parked on campus. An informal Compass survey has determined that many more students have yet to purchase their parking decals. However, student parking will only accommodate 970 vehicles.

Mrs. Willa Lamb, the Commuter Student Coordinator, addressed some actions that were taken in attempts to correct the parking dilemma.

"The Commuter Club saw that there was a parking problem and we meet with Campus Police last fall about problems with parking," said Lamb. She also mentioned that the Office of Campus Police was committed to begin work on parking expansions.

"They said they would expand by Jenkins Hall, which they did. They also expanded the parking spaces by Lane Hall," said Lamb. "However, the Commuter Club was told they would be expansions behind Griffin Hall, McLendon Hall, and the Fine Arts Complex." Mrs. Lamb is uncertain if all the space expansions have been made yet.

"There are currently enough spaces for everyone, but not always where staff and students want them to be," said Mr. Gregory Magee, P.E.,

Director of Design and Construction at ECSU. "We try to provide parking on campus for all of our needs."

"There will be a total of about 140 new spaces before mid-semester...100 additional spaces will be added behind the infirmary, and 40 spaces will be added to the existing lot behind the School of Education," he adds.

The new lots will be located toward the outer edge of campus, and pedestrian traffic will be able to flow easier from one place to the next via new walkways.

According to the Office of Campus Police, all students enrolled at this university who own cars need parking decals, a temporary parking permit, or a visitor's pass. Also, all vehicles on campus must be registered with

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ECSU ranked #1

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Elizabeth City State University ranks first in the U.S. News & World Report survey in the category of public comprehensive universities in the South.

There are 324 schools ranked in four geographic regions of the country: North, South, Midwest and West. Each region offers ten placement categories for the schools.

The category of Comprehensive Colleges - Bachelor's is designated for those institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer fewer than 50 percent of their degrees in liberal arts.



Factors that contribute to a school's rank include, faculty resources, student selectivity, alumni giving, and financial resources.

Following close behind ECSU in the ranking is Winston-Salem State University, with the University of South Carolina in Aiken at #3, and West Virginia University Institute of Technology at #4.

ECSU restructures campus

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The on going construction throughout the ECSU campus, which began in 2000 with the \$3.1 billion Higher Education Bond Referendum, will continue with the facelift in an effort to help increase enrollment to 3,000 by the year 2008.

The referendum, voted on in November of 2000, brought \$46 million of the \$3.1 billion slated to North Carolina's community colleges and universities, though an additional \$50 million is needed for further construction.

The money is being used to build a new University Bookstore, a Student Center for study and recreation and a new Physical Education facility, among other things.

Several buildings such as Williams Hall are also being renovated, receiving new air conditioning systems, electrical systems, bathrooms and windows. There will also be new dorms constructed, one featuring 4-bedroom suites with a private bath.

According to Mr. Gregory H. Magee, P.E., Director of Design and Construction for ECSU, the renovation

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Isabel damages ECSU

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Hurricane Isabel caused destruction throughout the northeastern region of North Carolina Thursday as she made landfall on the Outer Banks with sustained winds reaching as high as 85 miles per hour and gusts in excess of 105 mph.

Isabel's attack resulted in 3 deaths in North Carolina, thousands of uprooted trees, suspended utility service, structural damage to buildings, flooding, and a staggering amount of debris strewn across the area.

Angelique Jones, of Edenton, was killed as a tree crushed her car. A utility worker from Newport and another motorist from Franklin County were also killed.

Uprooted trees were the main source of damage from the storm. Friday morning Elizabeth City State

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University Drive the morning after Hurricane Isabel hit Elizabeth City.

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First Student Body meeting proves successful

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The first Elizabeth City State University Student Government Association Body meeting of the 2003-2004 school year was held on Tuesday, September 2, in Moore Hall. Before the meeting began the DJ hyped up the crowd with music from Nas and Kelis, Busta Rhymes and Pharrell, and Juelz Santana. At 2:30, the meeting began with the introduction of SGA officers and representatives, while "Step in the Name of Love," by R. Kelly



Newly elected SGA officers: Shanyell Parker, James Futrell, Danielle Harrigan, Damiyon Sledge, Linwood Creekmore, and Carl Seward.

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played in the background. The order of the introductions went as follows: Willie Gilchrist, Mr. ECSU; Cleantha Samuel, Miss ECSU; Shanyell Parker, Attorney General; James Futrell, Treasurer; Damiyon Sledge, Corresponding Secretary; Danielle Harrigan, Recording Secretary; Linwood Creekmore, Vice President; Carl Seward, President.

Seward greeted the crowd with a welcome and introduced the cheerleaders.

"Carl's speech was very informative because he addressed issues about getting involved, and his presentation was very formal," said Natasha Yancey, a junior.

The cheerleaders performed two routines, the first one was a cheer and chant, and the second one was a choreographed routine to Sean Paul's "Get Busy."

"The crowd seemed to respond to us well, and they seemed excited," states Aletea Joosten, a member of the cheerleading squad.

Once the cheerleaders cleared the stage, the football team quickly made their way to it, with Justin Ford, and Carlos Smith commenting on the way the football games will be played this year.

"This year things are going to be different," said Ford, while his com

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Making college count: Freshmen unleash inner monsters

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Elizabeth City State University students met in the Floyd L. Robinson Auditorium on September 4 to attend the *Making College Count* Seminar as a required part of their Freshman Seminar class.

Angela Ray, a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill graduate and a Mahogany Dime Productions representative, addressed the freshmen at the seminar, which was subtitled *Unleash Your Inner Monster*.

Ray defined the "inner monster" as one's potential to be a success and she outlined various habits to achieve success both in and out of the classroom and on the job. She also urged the students to join clubs and other extracurricular activities, but to make sure they find time to study.

"There are 168 hours in a week," Ray said. "The average college student takes eight classes...with an average of two hours per class; that's 16 hours a week spent in class. Average in another 16 hours for work, clubs and other extracurricular activities. Now, we're going to assume that you all get the full 8 hours a night [of sleep], which is 56. Subtract all that from 168 and you get 80. That's 80 hours a week that you can use to study."

"It helped me a lot with managing my time and academics and with meeting new people," Spanyelle Hatch, a freshman Computer Science major, said. She also found the seminar interesting and informative.

"The students were vivacious and full of school pride. They responded really well to my lecture," Ray said after the seminar ended.

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