

CAMPUS NEWS



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University officials participate in the groundbreaking ceremony.

University ventures in the realm of privatized apartments

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On September 9, Elizabeth City State University ushered in a new era of change, the groundbreaking of the Viking Village Apartment Complex. The ceremony was held at 4:00 p.m. on the intersection of Weeksville Road and Herrington Road.

The Viking Village student housing facility will be a three-story brick building of approximately 150,000 square feet, offering

residential housing to 350 students. The five, four, and single bedroom apartments will be fully furnished including an electric range, refrigerator, dishwasher, and microwave. Each bedroom will have its own private bathroom. The housing complex will also have a clubhouse, laundry facility, meeting rooms, vending, 175 parking spaces, and a courtyard. The project was planned about one year ago, which was aimed toward the focus of a growing enrollment, and will receive fixed rate finances.

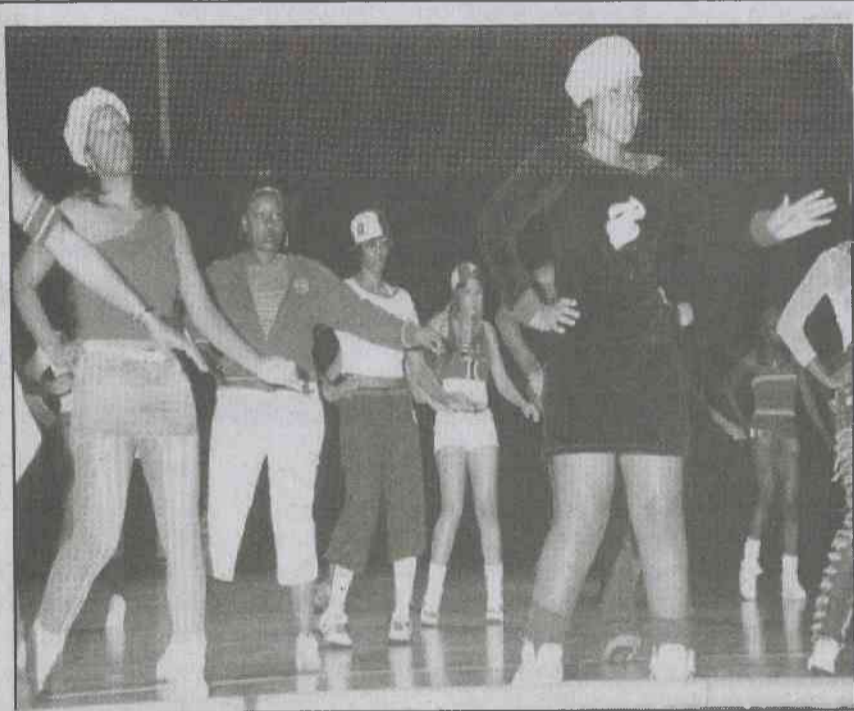
Following the invocation

from Reverend Henry B. Pickett Jr., Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim gave remarks to those in the audience about the event and recognized ECSU Board of Trustees.

"ECSU is now venturing in the realm of privatized apartment-style housing," Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, Mr. Elliott Robinson said.

"Viking Village used to just be a twinkle in everyone's eye, but now it is the 2003-2004 vision," Mr. Walter Davenport, Chairman of the ECSU Board of Trustees said.

Remarks were also given by Mr. Terence Boyd, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the ECSU Foundation, Mr. Richard Green, CEO of First Floor, and Mr. Carl Seward, President of the Student Government Association.



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ECSU's Vike' Nu Fashion Troupe held a fashion teaser in the Floyd L. Robinson Fine Arts Auditorium Complex on Thursday, September 11. (l-r) Tahmycha Coleman, Tanisha Gilliam, Cylia Williams, Aletea Joosten, and Sophia Dunn (front).

Hip hop artist visits on labor day

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The Back to School concert, over Labor Day weekend, featuring Trina, helped to kick off the beginning of what promises to be an exciting school year. The Student Life organization at Elizabeth City State University sponsored the concert.

There was much excitement over the appearance of the Florida-born rap artist Trina coming to ECSU. Students came out and showed their school spirit at the performances of Trina and various local acts.

"It was a good turnout although not as many students came out as we expected," one student said.

Another activity that took place over the Labor Day weekend was Yardfest 2003, sponsored by the Student Activities Council. Students came out in the space between Bias

and Butler Hall to watch the introductions of the various athletic teams and organizations, which were done by host, Tanyetta "Tai" Pittman, former Miss ECSU, and alumna. The performance by our prestigious marching band "Sound of Class," was another highlight of the afternoon. Students also participated in an assortment of activities ranging from competitions such as best freestyle, best dressed, best dance (perculator) to a dunking booth.

One of the co-chairs of the Student Advisory Council, Ginjah Baptiste responded, "It (yardfest) was good. We wish more people would've come out, but it was fun for the people that were there."

The weekend concluded with the first football game of the season between ECSU and Benedict College and a free SGA sponsored after game party, which took place in Williams Hall gymnasium.

New field house opens

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Students, officials and Viking football fans met on Aug. 30 to dedicate the new, \$1.4 million field house at Roebuck Stadium. Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim presided over the ceremony held under a tent adjacent to the new field house.

Thurlis J. Little, Jr., Interim Chairperson of Health and Physical Education described his experiences playing football for Elizabeth City State in the 60's. Before, there were no available facilities for the athletes to use.

"The field house is a tribute to all Viking Athletes, both past and present," Chancellor Burnim said.

Designed by Applegate Architects and built by Blueridge General, Inc., the 10,000 square foot building is the result of many months of collaboration between the administration, coaches, the designers and the contractors.

"It was a long time coming, but we got it!" Little said.

The air-conditioned building includes classrooms, faculty offices, a weight room and locker rooms. Classrooms are complete with chairs, projection screens and marker boards. Student athletes can use these classrooms not only to go over plays and game film, but also to learn. The faculty offices are perhaps the nicest on campus, with wooden desks, a view of the field, and even carpet. The home team locker room has extra wide lockers, shower and toilets. The visiting team's locker room isn't as large as the home team's: with smaller lockers and restroom facilities. Viking Blue is the dominant color throughout the building. The barrel-shaped roof, the lockers, and even the mini-blinds are all Viking Blue.

Comedy tour at ECSU

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The rain, wind, and sharp lighting did not stop the students of ECSU from attending the September 4th "Off the Hook Comedy Tour," sponsored by the US Army. The US Army personnel gave away t-shirts, head and wristbands, CD Singles, and candy as the students came in. By 8:00, the slow assembling crowd was a good size in the Floyd L. Robinson Fine Arts Complex. Everyone patiently waited to see what the night had in store, while listening to various music selections played by a D.J. When asked, most students responded that they were attending in order to alleviate boredom, and because the event was free.

One of the many highlights of the night came from the opening rap act, "Cool Nuts," whom the audience obviously did not enjoy. The act became the object of numerous jokes

throughout the entire night. Whenever there was a problem, "Cool Nuts" was the cause; or just when someone had a good, quiet moment "Cool Nuts" was shouted from the background.

The performers included Tony Woods, Todd Lamb and Shane Forbes, who can be seen on BET's Comic View and Def Poetry. Each comic brought his own style and flavor to the stage. Some were interactive with the crowd, like the first act who conducted a "Get Low" contest. In the get low contest, three couples faced off to see who could "Get the Lowest". The crowd really enjoyed this as they judged who would win. The other comics gave their own personal accounts, which was funny to the majority of the audience.

The night slowly proved to be successful. After the emcee announced a Kappa Alpha Psi party, most headed off to that, while others stayed back to receive autographs from the performers. But, the night could not end without one more joke for the road- "Cool Nuts!"



SGA President, Carl Seward (left) poses with Chancellor Burnim (right).

Calendar

September	October
29 Monday Resume Writing 2p.m. H.L. Building STD Prestation 7p.m. Mitchell-Lewis Lobby	1 Wednesday Drug Awareness Week Begins 335-3267 What Employers Expect of Interns 6p.m. H.L. Trigg Building
30 Tuesday Recruiting (all majors) Kroger 9 - 4p.m. H.L. Trigg Building Self Defense For Women 6p.m. Butler Hall Lobby Honda Campus Challenge 6 - 8p.m.	2 Thursday Honda Campus Challenge Championships 2 - 4p.m. Little Theatre Recruiting (all majors) U.S. Navy 6p.m. Substance Abuse And Its Consequences 7 - 8p.m. Womack Hall Lobby
	3 Friday First Friday 10p.m. K.E. White Center
	4 Saturday Down East Viking Football Classic 6 - 8p.m. Rocky Mount, NC
	6 Monday Volleyball Washington, DC 335-3388
	7 Tuesday ROTC Fall Awards 2 - 4p.m. 335-3237 SGA Student Body Meeting 2p.m. Moore Hall Politics in Corporate America 6p.m. H.L. Trigg Building Drug Awareness 7 - 8p.m. Bedell Cafeteria Stress Management 7p.m. New Res. Hall Seminar Rm
	8 Wednesday Breakfast with the Deans 8a.m. Commuter Lounge Bowling Tournament (Men) 6 p.m. Bowling Center Student Life Forum 7 p.m. UV Center Sexual Harassment Presentation 7-9 p.m. Hugh Cale Lobby Introduction to GraduateSchool 6 p.m. H.L. Trigg Building
	9 Thursday Date Rape Discussion 7p.m. Mitchell-Lewis Hall Bowling Tournament (Women's) 6p.m. Bowling Center Resume Writing Seminar 2p.m. H.L. Trigg Building
	10 Friday Lyceum Series: Steel Drum Concert 7-9p.m. Fine Arts Amphitheater Volleyball: 7-9p.m. Bowie, MD
	11 Saturday Football 1:30p.m. Petersburg, VA
	14 Tuesday Volleyball 6:30-8:30p.m. Lawrenceville, VA Student Recital (music) 2-4p.m. Fine Arts Complex
	15 Wednesday Snacks and Facks 12:30p.m. Commuter Lounge Drug/Alcohol and Prevention Presentation 7p.m. Hugh-Cale Lobby Summit: Shortage of Minority Male Teachers 1p.m. 335-3297
	16 Thursday Mock Interview Skills 2p.m. H.L. Trigg Building
	18 Saturday Football 1:30p.m. Roebuck Stadium Fall Open House 8a.m.-1p.m. Volleyball 6:30-8:30p.m. Vaughn Center