

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Beamon is ECSU's interim police chief

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On November 1, Captain Sam Beamon was officially appointed to the position of interim police chief and director of public safety for Elizabeth City State University. He replaces George Mountain who retired last month.

"I am encouraging the ECSU police officers to be more visible around campus and to stop any person they don't recognize or who looks suspicious and question them," Beamon said. "It's not about harass-

ment, but making contact with people on campus."

He did not think it was appropriate to make police policies public when asked if the murder of a Virginia Beach man on Norfolk State University's campus had instigated any changes to security policies on ECSU's campus.

However, he commented that an increase of 5 more officers on campus during the 4 p.m.-12 a.m. shift is adding tighter security during this high activity period.

A new security officer position has been added to the ECSU police department.

"The sole purpose of this position is to patrol the parking lots and escort students to their dorms. The shift for this position is 8p.m.-4a.m.," Beamon said.

There is a total of 26 employees working in the ECSU police department: 10 police officers, 6 security officers, 1 parking attendant, and 7 telecommunications personnel.

The telecommunications department has been trained and certified to use the Police Information System (PIN).

"This is the 911 system and can be used by ECSU telecommunications to call in a tag and identify any vehicle," Beamon said.

## Freshman officers elected

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Jabari Young, a History and Secondary Education major from Fayetteville, North Carolina, was elected Freshman Class President on Thursday, October 2. Elizabeth City State University Student Government Association hosted the elections and set up booths on campus.

Jaime Jerman was elected Secretary and Whitney Izzard was elected Treasurer. Ashley Harris and Candice Steadman were elected as Freshman Legislators and will represent their class at the Student Government legislative meetings.

Improving the school's communication with students is one of Young's plans for the Freshman Class. Young believes that people would not have known about these elections if it weren't for his personal campaign flyers encouraging people to vote.

## R.O.T.C. holds fall awards ceremony

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The R.O.T.C., or the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps, recently hosted its annual fall awards ceremony. The awards ceremony brought the R.O.T.C. program together to celebrate the accomplishments of its cadets.

Dr. Gerald McCants, Elizabeth City State University's Assistant to the Chancellor for Enrollment Management, Planning, Research, and Outreach, was the guest speaker.

"Each semester cadets are awarded for their involvement in the previous semester," Cadet Tabitha Clemons said during a recent phone interview.

The Army R.O.T.C. program is an important asset to the campus of Elizabeth City State University. The program serves as course of study

that leads many young people to a successful career in armed forces. The program, as listed on its web site is the study leading to a presidential appointment as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Many awards were given out during the ceremony including Cadet Honors Award, Cadet Scholars Award, Color Guard Certificate of Merit Awards, National Advanced Leadership Camp Awards, Cadet Troop Leadership Training Awards, Honor Platoon Awards, and the Parachute Awards.

Cadets who earned the National Advanced Leadership Awards were those who recently traveled to Fort Lewis, Washington. "The Paratrooper Award was given to the cadet who jumped out of an airplane at Fort Benning, in Georgia," Cadet Clemons said. This award was given to Cadet Brian Overton.

Award winners include:

Cadet Honors Award: Marquita Thompson, Military Science (MS) II  
Cadet Scholar Award: Casey Keyes, MS IV; Saidah Adkins, MS III; Jermaine Goodman, MS II

National Advanced Leadership Camp: Brian Overton, MS IV; Casey Keyes, MS IV; Candida Bond, MS IV; LaVone Riddick, MS IV; Jermaine Purdie, MS IV

Cadet Troop Leadership Training Award: Casey Keyes, MS IV

Honor Platoon Award: LaVone Riddick, MS IV; Candida Bond, MS IV

Color Guard Certificate of Merit Award: Brian Overton, MS IV; Jermaine Purdie, MS IV; Casey Keyes, MS IV; LaVone Riddick, MS IV; Joseph Thornton, MS III; Jermaine Goodman, MS II; Kyle Rose, MS II; Marquita Thompson, MS II

Parachute Award: Brian Overton, MS IV

## Grad school forum preps students for reality

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'Grad School 101' a forum presented by the Mass Media Club on October 15 stressed the importance of being prepared for graduate school. Four faculty members from Elizabeth City State University told the audience of their graduate school experiences. Dr. Miles Fisher, IV, Dr. Margaret A. Young, Ms. Lolethia Underdue, and Mr. Antonio Rook gave insight to the misconceptions that intimidate a lot of students from pursuing their graduate studies.

"I remember when a group that I was in had to create a program for a final exam in grad school," Rook said. "The entire class was Asian except for me and two other African-American students. We presented our program to the class and the professor was stunned that the three of us had

completed the assignment without any help and had us present the program three more times."

All of the speakers stressed the importance of not letting insecurities or circumstances halt graduate study and the importance of not being intimidated by professors, classes or peers.

The graduates also addressed the graduate school workload. Compared to the workload in undergraduate school, graduate studies are far more focused and independent. They said students work independently approximately eighty percent of the time.

"It's not whether or not you know the concept, but how you apply it," Rook said.

The speakers also pointed out that graduate school is not for everyone and said one does not have to attend graduate school immediately after finishing undergraduate study.

"I taught for two years [prior to

attending graduate school] and it helped me focus and find an area that I really liked," Young said. "I was more mature by then too."

For some students experience and a willingness to learn new techniques is sufficient.

"For those students not considering graduate school it depends on your major. I suggest it for self development, personal growth and a plan to fall back on if things don't turn out the way that you plan," Underdue said

The speakers advised that students considering graduate school should begin by going online and researching the area of study and the schools that offer a graduate degree in that area. The speakers also suggested getting information from various sources such as professors, current graduate students, and visits to graduate schools.

Students should also find out what tests may be needed prior to applying to graduate school.

## Students network with graduate school representatives

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Elizabeth City State University students were regarded as being very enthusiastic at the annual Professional and Graduate School Day held on Wednesday, October 29.

The purpose of Professional and Graduate School Day is to "allow students the opportunity to talk to the [represented] universities that they may be interested in for graduate school," Dr. Brutus Jackson, the Director of Career Services said.

Mr. Michael Johnson, the Uni-

versity of North Carolina at Greensboro representative, received "a great response from students [who were] enthusiastic about [attending] graduate school.

The East Carolina University School of Allied Health Services representative, Ms. Kit Roberson said, "The students were prepared and the asked the right questions. They knew exactly what they wanted. I am very pleased with the quality of the turnout, and I want to come back again next year."

Don Moring, Jr. proved that the purpose of Professional and Graduate School Day had been fulfilled, "I

learned about new programs that the various schools offered that I didn't know about before. I networked with the recruiters from the respected schools and got the names of people to contact in the future."

Among the programs that received the most inquiries were the Computer Science program, the full-time MBA, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, and Communication Sciences and Disorders.

For more information about graduate school or any other programs offered by the Office of Career Services contact Dr. Brutus Jackson at 335-3318 or Ms. Sandra Gibson at 335-3519.

## ECSU mourns the loss of Dr. Gordon Charles

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Dr. Gordon Charles, who taught sociology at Elizabeth City State University for 16 years was remembered at a memorial service attended by students, faculty, friends and administrators on October 10, in Moore Hall.

"I remember Dr. Charles as a devoted, caring professor with great intellect. He will live on in the minds and souls of the many students he touched," said Dr. Wayman Parson, Chairperson of the Department of Social Sciences.

Dr. Charles died at Albemarle Hospital on October 6, following a long illness.

"There was no one who was not saddened to hear of the death of Dr. Charles," said Dr. Anthony Brown, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. "Gordon was a kind man who met students with enthusiasm," he added.

"He always carried on through his adversity as he went through his illness," Lynn Bias a faculty member at ECSU said. "He still wanted to be a productive faculty member."

A native of Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dr. Charles was educated at Catholic University and received his Ph.D at Howard University. In 1984, he worked as a visiting assistant professor at Miami University, in Oxford Ohio. He also worked at the University of Minnesota, before joining the ECSU faculty in 1988.

"He was a very intelligent man and he was dedicated to his work, even on his bad days," Tanisha Gilliam, a Business Administration major said.

## Calendar

15	<b>Saturday</b> CIAA Volleyball Championships Begin 3 p.m. Location TBA Leadership Development Institute 9 a.m. G.R. Little Library University Players Present - "Picnic" 8 p.m. Floyd L. Robinson Auditorium
17	<b>Monday</b> American Education Week Begins Today Last day to withdraw from classes and receive "WP" or "WF"
18	<b>Tuesday</b> Special Rehearsal - Jazz Ensemble 9 p.m. Floyd L. Robinson Auditorium Sexual Assault Prevention 7 p.m. New Residence Hall Seminar room
19	<b>Wednesday</b> ECSU Planetarium - Thanksgiving Feature 5:15 p.m. Jenkins Science Center Rm 146 Intramural Swim Meet Vaughn Center ACUI Tournament 6 p.m. Bowling Center "Dating Relationships" 6 p.m. Butler Hall Lobby
20	<b>Thursday</b> American Education Week Assembly 10 a.m. Floyd L. Robinson Auditorium Collegians Jazz Ensemble Fall Concert 7:30 p.m. Floyd L. Robinson Auditorium ACUI Tournament 6 p.m. Bowling Center Thirsty Thursday 8 p.m. Bedell Cafeteria Great American Smoke Out No Smoking Workshop 0 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bedell Cafeteria
21	<b>Friday</b> ACUI Finals 6 p.m. Bowling Center Student Life Dance 10 p.m. Williams Hall Gym Last day to withdraw and receive a "WD"
22	<b>Saturday</b> "I" Removal Tests For Weekend/Evening Students
24	<b>Monday</b> Fall Athletic Awards Banquet 6:30 p.m. K.E. White Center
25	<b>Tuesday</b> Student Music Recital 2 p.m. Floyd L. Robinson Auditorium Residence Halls close for Thanksgiving 6 p.m.
30	<b>Sunday</b> Residence Halls reopen 12 noon
1	<b>Monday</b> December is Drunk Driving Prevention Month Classes resume 8 a.m. A.I.D.S. Workshop 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Bedell Cafeteria
2	<b>Tuesday</b> Intramural Basketball 7 p.m. Williams Hall Gym
3	<b>Wednesday</b> Stress Relief Presentation 7 p.m. Hugh Cale Lobby Massage Therapy 10a.m. Commuter Lounge
4	<b>Thursday</b> Holiday Cultural Celebration 7 p.m. University Center
5	<b>Friday</b> 5-9: Final Exams for Graduating Seniors 1st Friday 10 p.m. K.E. White Center ECSU Planetarium Christmas Feature 5 p.m. Jenkins Science Center Rm 146 Customer Service Training 9 a.m. K.E. White Center
6	<b>Saturday</b> Make-up Day for Sept. 20
7	<b>Sunday</b> University Choir Christmas Candlelight Concert 7:30 p.m. Floyd L. Robinson Auditorium

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