

NEWS NOTES

The School of Arts & Humanities

The School of Arts & Humanities has developed a new department, the Department of History and Political Science. This department was developed as a part of reorganization in Academic Affairs and because of the similarities of the two fields. Through a faculty vote Dr. Flora B. Brown was elected to head this department. For more information, contact Dr. Flora B. Brown at 335-3367.

The Department of History and Political Science

The Department of History and Political Science has organized its annual program, the Great Decision Lectures. This program is designed for the discussion of topical issues facing the United States in the Foreign Policy arena. The discussions are organized by the Foreign Policy Association.

The Department of Geological, Environmental and Marine Sciences

The Department of Geological, Environmental and Marine Sciences received a donation from the office of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration of a 30 foot research boat currently named RV Hawk. Delivered on December 24, 2003, the boat is in the process of becoming fully operational. The boat will be used for marine and environmental research.

The research vessel is temporarily docked at the Elizabeth City Shipyard until arrangements are made with the Coast Guard to have it docked there permanently. The RV Hawk is merely a precursor to a new boat that is estimated to cost \$100,000.

The Department also received a grant from the National Science Foundation for environmental, remote sensing and marine science research and technology.

The Department of Language, Literature and Communication

The Department of Language, Literature and Communication now has a full minor in Speech Pathology due to the increased desire of students for a minor in this area. This is the University's way of addressing the shortage of speech pathologists nationwide. Speech pathology is a 21-hour minor. A two-course sign language curriculum is expected to begin in the fall. For more information, contact Dr. Gale Isaacs at 335-3354.

Dr. John W. Luton, an Associate Professor of Mass Communications, published his first novel entitled, "Bluebird in Belgium." The 218 page book is available at www.iUniverse.com for \$15.95. Thus far, his book has received good reviews from an independent editorial review and is the winner of a 2004 Editor's Choice Award. Dr. Luton is

excited about its expected success. For more information, contact Dr. John Luton at 331-1046.

The Department of Music

The Elizabeth City State University based community orchestra meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30. Auditions are not required but it is recommended that participants be familiar with note reading and playing an orchestral instrument. This semester, the orchestra will be strings (violin, viola, cello, and bass) only. For more information contact Dr. Michael A. Weaver @ 335-3363 or maweaver@mail.ecsu.edu.

The Davis School of Business and Economics

The Davis School of Business and Economics moved into the newly renovated Williams Hall during the week of February 9 – 13, 2004. For more information, contact Dr. Freda McBride at (252) 335-3310.

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The Compass regrets the omission, in the last issue, of the information that the Office of Career Services was responsible for organizing the trip for the ECSU seniors who attended the Graduate & Professional Schools Visitation Days Program last fall. The program was held at Ohio State University.



Rich Harvey
Construction on campus continues despite snow and inclement weather days for students

Karaoke Tyme spotlights local talent

Press Release

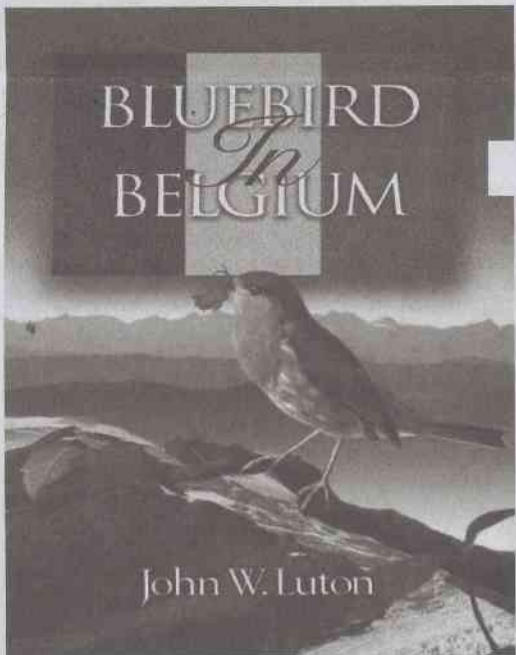
Casting Call for "Karaoke Tyme" It's your time to shine. Come one, come all to Elizabeth City State University's own televised show that makes you the star. It's "Karaoke Tyme." It's the show that lets you show off your talent as a singer and gives you the opportunity to win prizes in the process. The show will be taped at the City Meeting Place and offers contestants an opportunity to enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment. Join WRVS and W18BB for the taping of this new show. Contestants will compete in a series of preliminary rounds and win small prizes. At the

end of the year, a final competition will take place and a grand prize-winner will be determined. The judges will be audience members chosen at random to add to the thrill of the event. "Karaoke Tyme" will be a refreshing addition to W18BB's line-up and a great opportunity for all to have fun and share in the love of music. The taping of "Karaoke Tyme" will be every Tuesday, beginning February 24th at the City Meeting Place, located at 211 Hughes Blvd. in Elizabeth City. Registration will begin at 8:00 p.m. and the competition will kick off at 9:00 p.m. This event is free and we encourage people to participate in the competition as well as sit in as audience members.

Just Published...

Bluebird In Belgium

John W. Luton



Bluebird in Belgium tells of heartwarming encounters, painful separations, and the miracle of memory. It is a tale of one man's search for meaning and significance.

Safe spring break – "Good 2 Go!"

Press Release

Spring Break: It's what college students look forward to from the first day of the term. People will be heading off to the beach, ski slopes, and just about everywhere else imaginable. This year, Vikings Assisting New Students (BACCHUS and GAMMA Affiliate) is helping students be "Good 2 Go" by encouraging students to know that you have the power to make responsible decisions, know who you are partying with, know where your drink has been, know that you can call a taxi for a safe ride home, know your sexual boundaries and

know your limits for sun exposure!

The Safe Spring Break Campaign, a national program of The BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network, is a chance for Elizabeth City State University students to get ready for Spring Break and learn how to have all the fun they want without engaging in high-risk activities and events, the programs promote tips to having a healthy, enjoyable Spring Break.

The main goal of the campaign at ECSU is to get students to take the Safe Spring Break Pledge. By taking the pledge, students prom-

ise not to drink and drive, not let their friends drink and drive or ride with an impaired driver. This national campaign is sponsored by *Intercollegiate Communications* and one student who takes the pledge and has their name drawn will win a brand new Jeep Wrangler!

Contact Deborah Branch at ECSU at (252) 335-3271 for more information about what activities are taking place, and make sure that you do all you can for yourself and your friends so that you are Good 2 Go this year!

Dr. Velma Blackmon extends her appreciation

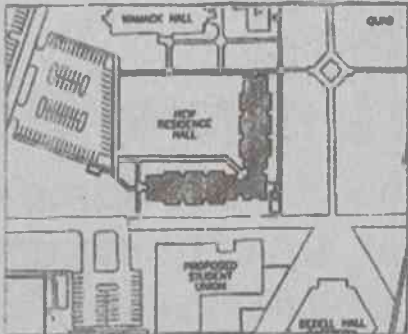
Thank You ECSU

Thanks to excellent medical care, physical and occupational therapy, your calls, visits, cards, notes, flowers, gifts and prayers, I have been blessed to recover from a debilitating illness. I am grateful to each member of the ECSU family for all your support. Please know that I was strengthened by the love, support and prayers sent to me and for me during this difficult time. My therapy continues, so I unable to thank each of you individually, but please know that I am grateful for each act of kindness.

It's good to be back!!!

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Coming in 2004



Elizabeth City State University announces a new on campus residence hall in 2004. This will be a residential community for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. Get in on the excitement. The fun begins with the On line room sign up process starting March 29, 2004. Don't be left out.

- 2 person/1 bath
- 6 person/2 bath
- On site laundry
- 4 person/1 bath
- Phone hook ups
- Key Card entry to building and halls
- Internet access



For more information, contact the Office of Housing and Residence Life

Viking Village



VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS The Place to Be in 2004

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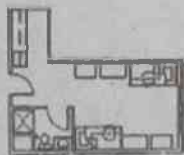
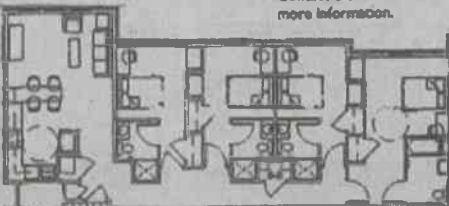
Features include:
Cable television
Internet access
Phone hookups

On site laundry
Key card access
Air conditioned
Fully furnished rooms

Viking Village is a 350 bed suite styled apartment complex opening in 2004. To be eligible you must:

- Be sophomore academic standing
- Have 2.5 GPA at time of application
- Cannot be on Disciplinary Probation

Contact the Office of Housing and Residence Life for more information.



Violence

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increase security on the nights it is likely to have a large crowd. "The campus Pan-Hellenic, along with their advisors, have discussed the issue and have agreed to follow the rules governing all clubs and organizations, and will no longer hold dances off campus," said Brown. Ms. Casteel at the Armory reported that if they become aware of the identities of the individuals causing trouble that they will not be allowed back into the building.

"The fraternities and sororities are victims of the outcome. Students need to look at their behavior at functions if they want to continue to have off campus functions. Individuals are responsible for their own actions," said Harrell.

Some students have expressed hesitation about attending off campus functions as a result of the two incidents. "Personally I don't feel safe going to off campus parties. Maybe security isn't doing a good job protecting students in these environments," said Shinika Johnson, a junior Business Administration major.

In response to the incident at Levels the night before, First Friday, an event sponsored by the Student Government Association and held in Bedell Hall, was canceled, "for safety reasons."

"I believe the Pan Hellenic Organization made a responsible group decision, which takes into consideration the safety of our students and the true mission of the Greek system," said Vice Chancellor Brown.