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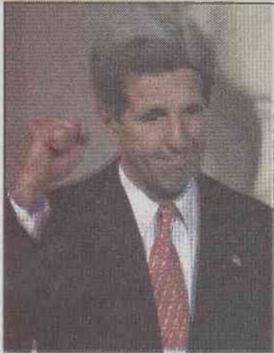
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Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Kerry concession propels Bush to victory

By Toby Tate
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After an arduous campaign of mud-slinging and propaganda from both sides, President Bush has been declared the winner of the 2004 election, winning the popular vote by nearly 4 million, and propelled to victory by the concession of Senator John Kerry. Mr. Kerry called the President earlier Wednesday to congratulate him in what was



Senator Kerry in Boston on November 3rd AP

called a "gracious" phone conversation, and later made a speech from Boston's Faneuil Hall to a throng of cheering supporters.

"In America, it is vital that every vote count and every vote be counted but the outcome should be decided by voters, not a protracted legal process," Kerry said in his Wednesday address, referring to the drawn-out 2000 elections. Bush decided not to make his victory speech until Kerry had formally

conceded, a tradition since the Civil War.

Earlier Wednesday morning, after the Bush team had privately declared victory, many Democrats in the Kerry camp insisted that provisional ballots in Ohio needed to be counted before the ever-important 20 electoral votes could be placed in either the Bush or Kerry column. However, the Kerry team later calculated that he would have to win virtually all of the provisional ballots, about

155,000, to make up for the 137,000+ votes needed to win the state.

The President acknowledged the fact that Senator Kerry was a worthy adversary. According to Fox News, Bush told Kerry, "I think you were an admirable and worthy opponent. You ran a very tough campaign. You should be proud of the effort you put in."

Though many exit polls used by Fox News, ABC, NBC and CBS showed Kerry initially

leading by a substantial margin, the actual numbers turned out to be very different. Throughout the day on Tuesday, Florida had been predicted to go for Kerry, but ended up on the Bush side by more than 100,000 votes. Poll predictions for Ohio were similarly mistaken. "We began noticing there was some very odd things," in the polls, Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes told FOX News. "We knew there

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Flu vaccine shortage caused by production shut down

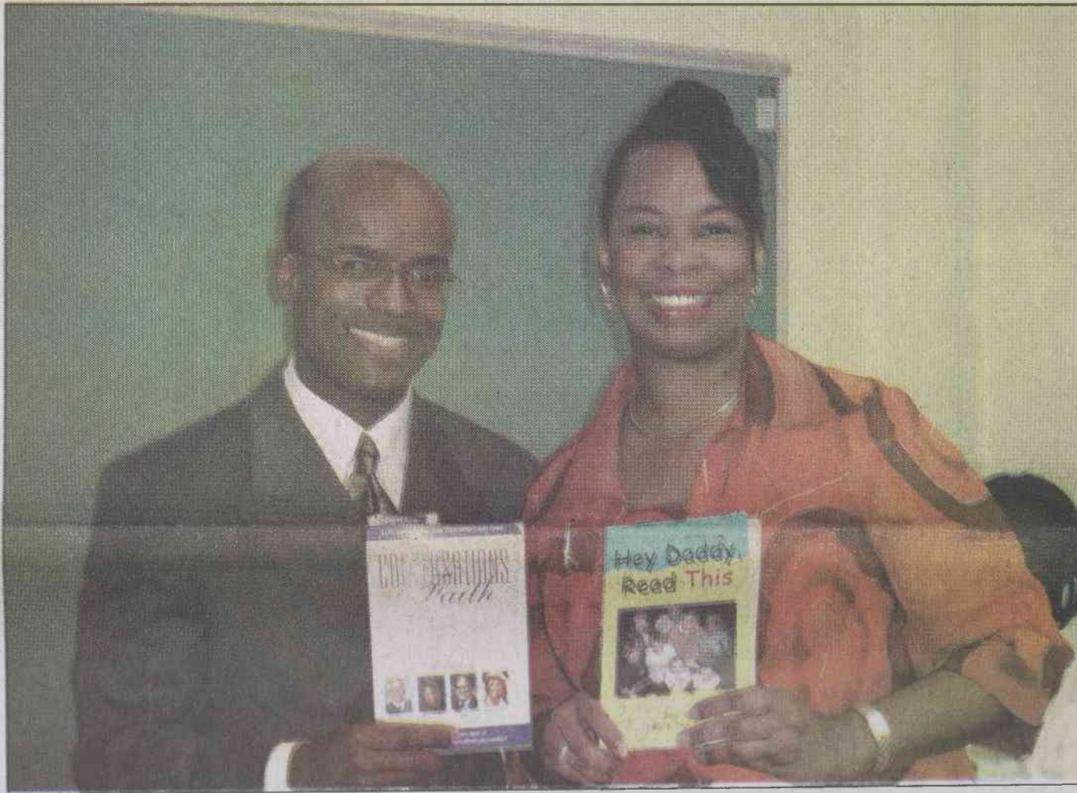
British officials cite manufacturing standards

By Marshall Goatley
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Flu season is rapidly approaching, which means one thing for most people: its time for a flu shot. Or is it?

Much like last year the United States currently does not have enough of the flu vaccine to go around. Two companies, Chiron Corp. and Aventis Pasteur, were making flu shots for the United States this year. In the past, as many as four to six companies have been involved in vaccine production. Chiron's vaccine was being made in a factory in England, but British

Don Roberts visits ECSU



Staff Photo

Don Roberts, seen here with Ms. Lynetta Jordan, visited Ms. Jordan's Comp. and Lit. class to read excerpts from his new book, *Hey Daddy, Read This*, a collection of letters children have written to their fathers. Mr. Roberts was at ECSU on Oct. 14 th as part of SuccessFest.

Viking Village opens despite inadequate facilities

Students deal with out of service phones, bad plumbing

By Nate Rhone
Staff Writer

After weeks of anticipation students are finally settled in to the new campus dorm, the Viking Village. Following a one-month delay the building was finally ready for occupancy on Sept. 18th, or so everyone thought.

Since moving in, students have filed complaints about the plumbing in the building. Some rooms on the first floor of the new complex have had problems with overflowing toilets and bathtubs. Others throughout the complex have had problems with their dishwashers. Students living in Viking Village are just now

"young adults...are not at the top of the list to receive flu shots."

officials revoked the company's license over concerns about manufacturing standards at the plant, preventing Chiron from selling any of its vaccine.

The lack of vaccine causes a problem for young adults - they are not at the top of the list to receive flu shots. Infants and seniors, especially those with chronic health conditions such as asthma, are at

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School still plagued with parking problems

Students pay fines, often late to class

By Kimberly Murphy
Staff Writer

During the summer, students prepare themselves for an exciting and prosperous school year, whether the preparations are making sure that their finances are squared away or having safe vehicles that will allow them to go to destinations of their choice. After making all these preparations over the summer in order to have a successful school year, there should not be any large problems for students, but there is:

parking!

Parking is a big issue for students at Elizabeth City State University. Numerous students feel that if they pay for parking each year, there should be plenty of parking spaces for commuter and boarding students. However, commuter students are often late for class because of trying to find a legal place to park.

Chief Samuel Beamon informed the students at the Student Body meeting, which was held September 2, 2004, that parking will be available for students, faculty and staff after Christmas break. At the moment, it is limited due to construction on the campus. Parking spaces are available for visitors and students along the main



File photo

Row upon row of automobiles can be seen in this photo of the designated ECSU parking areas.

entrance. These parking spaces extend on the right side from the Campus Police building to the University Center.

When Viking Village is open, Beamon said there will be parking spaces for students who live in the Complex, Bulter Hall, and University Suite. Williams Hall and Hugh Cale parking

spaces will be available for faculty and staff only. Beamon also said that there will be 62 spaces added to the parking lot behind the General Psychology building.

The University is asking for students, faculty and staff to bear with them until after Christmas break.

Viking Village

\$4,005/yr (4)
\$3,960/yr (3)
\$3,870/yr (2)
Co-Ed
351
Single/
Doubles

receiving cable TV service and phones in their rooms, which they were without for about a month.

Marquita Thompson, a junior, says she likes the new building despite its problems. Thompson's room did not flood. "I didn't care we didn't have cable. I have DVD's" said

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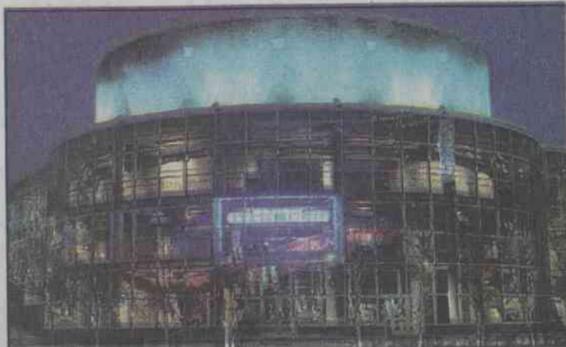
ECSU to build science center

LuAnne Pendergraft spearheads university project

By Toby Tate
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Elizabeth City State University has hired LuAnne Pendergraft to spearhead and coordinate what has been dubbed the "Elizabeth City Science Center" to be built in Elizabeth City and with the direction of ECSU. The exact location and name of the new

museum have yet to be finalized. "We are still trying to secure a location," said Pendergraft. The mission of the science center, according to the planning committee, is to "enhance the public's understanding and enjoyment of science through interactive and engaging exhibits, programs, and activities for people of all ages." The 23-person planning committee for the science center reflects a variety of University departments and community organizations and includes Dr. Carolyn Mahoney, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs; Dr. Ron Blackmon, dean of the School of Math, Science and



Discovery Palace Science Center in Charlotte, North Carolina lights up the night with spectacular colors. Photo courtesy visitnc.com

Technology; Dr. Sultana Khan, professor and director of the ECSU Planetarium; Marsha McLean, director of university relations & marketing; Rhonda Twiddy, president of the

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ECSU enrollment exceeds 2004-2005 school year goal

Enrollment highest in school's history

By Rukiya Williams
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According to Dr. Gerald McCants, Elizabeth City State University's assistant to the chancellor for enrollment management, planning, research and outreach, ECSU met and exceeded its enrollment goal for the 2004-2005 school term. "We wanted to enroll 546 freshmen; we ended up with 550. That's the highest in the university's history," McCants said.

According to McCants, the university has been taking every measure to recruit students. "In order to get growth, if you are faculty, staff or a student, all we want you to do is communicate to one student that they can benefit from ECSU. We would expand our enrollment and achieve our goals," McCants said.

Growth is visible throughout the campus with privatized housing, newly remodeled Bedell Hall and Williams Hall, renovations, and

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