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14 National Education Week Begins	15	16	17	18 National Education Week: Assembly - FAC 10am	19	20 National Education Week Ends
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the top of the list according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site. For the people who may not be able to receive the vaccine, the CDC recommends covering your mouth when you cough and washing your hands many times a day.

This means not all colleges may receive all the vaccines they need for all of the students on campus. The local health clinic has to abide by governmental guidelines and give people of higher risks the flu vaccine first.

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were some problems from the get-go." In the end, the most important factor seemed to be the war on terror, and though Kerry lead among voters in the area of domestic issues, Bush was seen as the stronger of the two to lead the war on terror. Those who thought the war in Iraq was going poorly voted overwhelmingly for Kerry.

Another surprise was the win for Republicans in both the House and the Senate, where they picked up three new Senate seats and ousted Democratic Party leader Tom Daschle. A major victory for Democrats was the election to the Senate of Barack Obama from Illinois. Obama, who defeated Republican Alan Keyes, is a rising star among the Democrats and a future presidential hopeful.

Though voter turnout among the 18-29-year-old age bracket was much lower than expected, some ECSU students who voted for Kerry had quite a disappointment on Wednesday. Asked about where she thought the country was heading after the Bush victory, Sociology student Monet Basnight said, "I think there will be problems like higher taxes, war, less money for education..." Though Bush has promised to cut taxes again, Basnight doesn't believe it. "I think Bush is going to raise taxes."

Students were not the

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a new student center, not to mention the planned pharmacy school.

McCants said, "It's an exciting time for our campus." Since 2001, student enrollment has grown more than twenty-two percent. The university has 2,448 students. "By next year, we expect to grow to 2,557, but that's just the minimum," McCants said.

The university's population is diverse, according to McCants. Seventy-five percent are African American, twenty-one percent are Caucasian, and four percent are other. "It makes us the most diverse in the system," he said.

What made the difference this year? McCants said, "We took advantage of a lot of our strengths. It is more intimate, face-to-face. You go to a school of 36,000; I can guarantee you won't have that."

According to McCants, the students at ECSU, "...have changed, period. Their intellectual capacity is very high. It's not all measured by SAT scores. The caliber of students is outstanding."

only ones with an opinion on the election. Dr. K.O. Boansi, Professor of Political Science at ECSU, had some thoughts on why there seemed to be such a shift to the right in the U.S. this election. "The country is so polarized," he said. "Moral issues such as gay marriage trumped economic concerns in a lot of red states. There is a cultural war, and it tipped the balance to Bush. The international community thought people were sick of Bush, that we were going to throw him out, but Americans don't see things the way the international community sees them. There is a disconnect between the international community and the American people." Boansi believes the war in Iraq was the deciding factor. "He (Bush) was able to link the war on terror to the war in Iraq."

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Thompson. Even with minor problems Thompson's spirits are still high about living in Viking Village. Some said they were inconvenienced by not having cable or a phone. Thompson said, "Not having a phone just made it hard to communicate. I hope I get a check for my cell phone bill."

Wayne Halloway, a sophomore, says that living in Viking Village is better than regular campus life but not much different. Jennifer Mason, a junior, said, "It is totally different and better." She said that she enjoys being able to cook in her suite. Mason said that having no phones or cable didn't bother her, "I'm just happy to finally be in here."

Cedric McNeil, a

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Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce; Russ Haddad, director of tourism, Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Melanie Blackford, ECSU Foundation; Howard Draper, educator, Museum of the Albemarle; Pamela Etheridge, Albemarle Hospital; and Doris Creps, US Coast Guard.

The closest North Carolina science museum to Elizabeth City is Imagination Station in Wilson, North Carolina. According to its website (www.imaginescience.org), all the exhibits at the museum are hands-on. Some of the activities available include generating your own electricity; watching yourself float in air by looking in a special mirror; racing against a bat, a bear and a cheetah; feeling the pull of a magnet, the working parts of a sailboat and the spinning force of a gyroscope, and more. Imagination Station also has a science on wheels program which will bring hands-on science demonstrations directly to a school or other facility.

ECSU is not the only institution interested in seeing the project flourish. "There has

sophomore, is one of the ones whose dishwasher malfunctioned on him his first time using it, but he still likes the new dorm. "It's a better campus experience, plus these joints is nice. No cable, no phone. Fine, I'll find another way to occupy my time", McNeil said.

Ashley Edwards, a sophomore and second floor resident assistant in Viking Village, says that living in the Village is a great experience. "It's nice over here! I don't watch TV and I have unlimited minutes on my cell phone so I enjoy it either way", Edwards said. Richard Hewlin, a senior, said, "It's way better than living on the yard! It's like a whole new world over here! I never would have thought ECSU would have something like this."

The one major inconvenience that most

been so much enthusiasm. North Carolina's Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative has been very encouraging," said Pendergraft. The NCGSMC is an organization that began in 1990 with the association of eight North Carolina science and technology centers. In 1992, the North Carolina General Assembly authorized appropriations to support the statewide collaborative which now includes twenty-four science centers throughout the state, such as Imagination Station and others.

The science center project complements other Elizabeth City cultural initiatives including the new Museum of the Albemarle and the expanded Pasquotank Arts Center set to open in the restored Chesson's Building. It is anticipated that with these attractions, visitation to Elizabeth City will continue to increase and will generate additional tourism related dollars for the local economy.

Pendergraft named several positive effects the science center will have on the local community. "The science center will be positive for economic development, will enhance quality of life, and will be a valuable tool for educational

students living in Viking Village have is the parking. "The only problem I have is the parking," said Hewlin. "They need to use some of that extra land by the main road for some parks." Thompson, Halloway, Mason, McNeil, Edwards, and Hewlin all say that their number one inconvenience is the parking. Both Shakema Thomas, a junior, and Natasha Yancy, a senior, agreed that parking is their only problem. Yancy said, "We should share parking with Harrington Village." Thomas said, "We shouldn't share parking with Harrington Village, but we need more parks." Students living in Viking Village are not allowed to park in Harrington Village, an apartment complex located next to Viking Village.

Resident Administrator Arvin Mullins says that students are not allowed to park in Harrington Village at

the owner of Harrington Village's discretion. He goes on to say that in an attempt to accommodate students for the parking situation, the school is providing a shuttle bus service that runs from 8:00a.m to 5:30 p.m. and at night students have to park behind the Psychology building. Campus security provides rides to the Village.

Mullins defends the buildings late opening saying it was caused by contract delays. Also, Mullins says that the plumbing issues are just routine problems that occur when moving into a new building. "Every student I talk to tells me that they are happy with the building and that they love staying here" said Mullins. He said that he has already received room deposits from students wanting to return and students trying to get in to the Village for the 2005-2006 school year.



Professor LuAnne Pendergraft, director of the science center project, poses with Dr. Carolyn Mahoney, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs at ECSU.

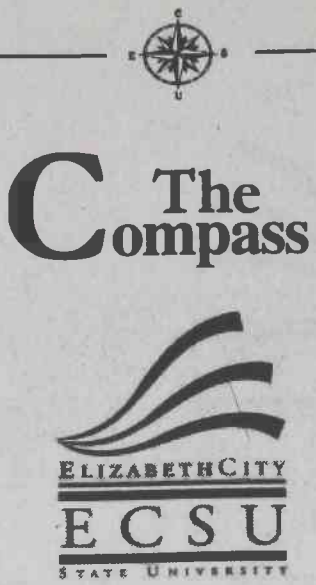
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development. It will also build upon the University's community outreach programs including the free planetarium presentations for the public and the Lyceum series at the fine arts complex."

The science center will also work hand in hand with local schools to provide educators with additional hands-on science tools and programs. Beginning in 2006 North Carolina schools will be doing end-of-year testing in science, along with math and reading. "We hope that the science center will provide educators and schoolchildren with resources to increase access to and enhance appreciation and understanding in the sciences," Pendergraft said.

Though the first step of hiring a coordinator has been taken, much is still needed to get the ball rolling on the science center project. "We're at the investigating and visioning stage," said Pendergraft. "We're still seeking funding from grants or private sources for the master plan project, which covers the programs, mission, marketing, and design. Right now we're doing small public focus groups to get community feedback."

About the staff and faculty at ECSU, Pendergraft said, "the faculty has been enthusiastic and great to work with." As for the museum, "It's not strictly a children's museum," she said. "It will encourage parents, grandparents and caregivers to learn together."



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