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Work and school putting the squeeze on moms

Working moms feeling the pressure

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With midterms out of the way and finals around the corner, many student-parents at Elizabeth City State University have to do more than just rearrange their normal night out with friends.

When student-parents make out their school schedules they have to take in consideration things like baby-sitters, availability and balancing their study time and work schedules. Balancing school and family is not as easy as one might think for these serious non-traditional students.

Asked what she thinks about finding time to study, junior ECSU student-parent, Audrey Jacobs said, "Studying is not easy, especially with an infant at home. Time management is very important as well as teamwork between my husband and me. When he gets home from work I put him right back to work with babysitting my baby."

Jacobs is not the only student who sometimes has trouble balancing family with school and work. Greta Johnson, also a commuter student at ECSU, is also having a difficult time.

"I love spending time with my children, but my grades are also very important," Johnson said.

Some ECSU commuter students also have families and children to raise. Finding an balance can be both expensive and time consuming.

"It is extremely difficult trying to support children in school while having living expenses, babysitting, working and school tuition," Johnson said.

Johnson's typical day begins at 5:00 a.m. when she dresses herself and the kids and heads out the door. It takes an hour to go and come back from the babysitters and to work. Later in the day, after they have dinner, the kids finally go to bed and Johnson begins to study. Johnson said, "There is not enough time in the day with being a single parent, raising four boys, going to school and work."

Now with exams around the corner it is a challenge trying to study.

"It's tough enough trying to study, let alone trying to make good grades. With finals coming up, I'm not sure when I can squeeze in the extra study time," Johnson said.



Johnson Hall, continued

targeted completion date in December. He adds: "We are definitely headed in that direction." If the current pace is continued, the new Johnson Hall will be ready for occupation and operation for this spring semester.

This spring will definitely be an exciting time for the LLC and honors departments. Dr. Velma Blackmon, director of the Honors Program and one of the individuals who has provided advice and expertise to the planning and oversight of the project, is excited about the project's progress.

"We are excited to get back and excited for the students to be back in their own facility," Blackmon said. The reason she is excited is because the new Johnson Hall will be much improved, and radically different than it originally was. There will be more classroom and office space, with all the offices being on the first floor, and

Parks continued
 Luther King, Jr. that began Dec. 1, 1955. Because of her refusal to give up her seat, Parks and her husband lost their jobs and moved to Detroit in 1957.



Parks was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Montgomery, Alabama. Just

classrooms on the second. This new layout will make it easier for students and instructors to find their way around.

Blackmon says this will "make the building more efficient." The facility will also have new and larger restrooms and a better elevator. The renovations also feature more accessibility options, ranging from ramps in the auditorium to left handed desks in the classrooms.

In addition, the current labs are also getting a facelift, with some entirely new labs being constructed. There will be a new resource writing lab, as well as a computer, foreign language, speech pathology, and mass media labs. All of the facilities will be state-of-the art, and meet current technological standards. E.A. Johnson Hall will also be outfitted with an impressive array of modern technology. The labs will all be updated with new equipment, such as new computers, laptops,

Smart boards, projectors, and so on. Even the facility itself will be online with a wireless network so students will have access to the Internet via their own personal notebooks. Johnson Hall will also feature a 100-seat auditorium integrated with various media connections for teleconferences and films.

Although Johnson Hall will primarily house LLC and the Honors Program, Blackmon says that her program and LLC will share their new riches with the other university's schools and departments. ECSU's departments will not be the only beneficiary of the new renovations. More importantly, says, Pernell Bartlett, longtime administrative assistant in the LLC department, each student will benefit from the building's modernization and enhanced programs.

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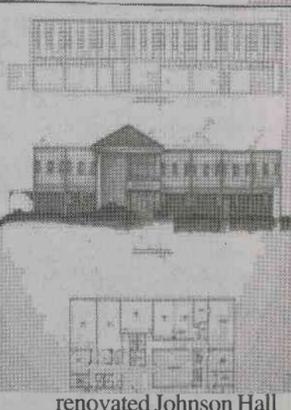
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Tyson. Parks was awarded the Congressional gold medal, congresses highest honor, in 1999 and in 1996, and was presented with the Presidential Medal of freedom by former President Clinton. "I feel Rosa Parks not only represented African American rights when she refused to give up her seat, but also the rights of women," said Jacqueena Wilson, an ECSU junior. The first row of seats on hundreds of city buses in Detroit Michigan remained

experience in technology and advanced studios," says Bartlett.

As the remaining days of the fall semester wind down, many of the people involved in the LLC and honors departments and programs are looking eagerly toward spring when E.A. Johnson Hall, ECSU's new media center, will shine once again and greatly enhance the LLC and Honors departments.



renovated Johnson Hall

empty on Nov. 2 in remembrance of Parks. Thousands of people stood on the streets to watch the horse-drawn carriage carry Parks' coffin to the cemetery. She now lies in Mourners queue outside the Charles H. Wright museum of African American History in Detroit, Mich

