

## CAMPUS

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### Gutierrez Repeats Player of the Year

Gutierrez, a 6'1" senior outfielder from Elizabeth City State University earned CIAA Player of the Year honors for the second consecutive season as he led the CIAA in runs scored (43), hits (56), runs batted in (58) and home runs (13) en route to back-to-back Player of the Year selections. (theciaa.com)

### ECSU's Graduation Rate Among Best

Elizabeth City State University was one of 12 universities in the nation recognized for high graduation rates. A new study found that campus culture and university leadership help improve student success. Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim said this recognition of the university's graduation rates reflects the emphasis ECSU faculty and staff place on meeting the needs of students. (ECSU Magazine)

### ECSU Ranked #3 Among Peers

America's Best Colleges 2005 report ranked Elizabeth City State University #3 among its peer institutions of Top Public Comprehensive Colleges in the south. America's Best Colleges is published by U.S. News & World Report magazine. "Elizabeth City State University is an outstanding institution of higher education both in the state of North Carolina and among its peer institutions in the south," Burnim said. (ECSU Magazine)

### New to Pickwick

The Pickwick Honor Society of the Language, Literature and Communications Department recently held its official inductio and installed the 2006 officers.

**Leandrea Hill: President**  
**Toby Tate: Vice President**  
**Ashley Yelity: Secretary**  
**Amanda Spence: Archivist**  
**Rachel Storer: Art Director**

Lovette Brown      Tamara Bush  
Keria Miller      Roychelle Payton  
Kathy Piazza      Derreka Walkup  
Claire Ward      Nancy Wilson  
T'Sha Wilson      Audrey Jacobs

### ECSU, ECU Working on Cancer Research

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Elizabeth City State University and East Carolina University have begun work on a grant proposal for the Department of Defense for cancer research. The funding agency called, the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) seeks to build partnerships between Historically Black Colleges and Universities and larger, research based institutions.

Faculty and staff from both institutions are currently working on two grant proposals targeting prostate cancer research. In order to strengthen the collaboration between the two institutions, proposals team members have developed a "student shadowing program," designed to benefit ECSU students who are interested in health care career fields, which allows them to interact first-hand with professionals and other students in a medical research facility.

On Friday, March 31, four undergraduate biology majors from ECSU (Lashana Chambers, Kia Jones, Tavira Royster and Vandalyn Moore) visited ECU campus, to participate in a tour of the Leo Jenkins Cancer Center.

### Official Address No Child

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings is pledging to scrutinize a loophole that allows states to exclude nearly 2 million student test scores under the No Child Left Behind Act.

"When children are not part of the accountability system, then that's a problem," Spellings said in an interview Thursday at the conclusion of four-day Associated Press series that highlighted the excluded scores. (News and Observer)

### W. Va. Student Spies on Marshall

Heading into only their second matchup in 83 years — and it took the governor's involvement to help set this September's game — school officials on both sides confirm a West Virginia student was caught spying at a Marshall practice this month.

The student was confronted after he was spotted sitting in the bleachers at Edwards Stadium taking detailed notes in a stenographer's notebook. (Yahoo News/AP)

### Kerry Nixes Claim as "Absolutely Ridiculous"

Sen. John Kerry dismisses the notion that his support for Iowa and New Hampshire's prominent roles in the presidential nomination process means he thinks only the votes of white people count as "absolutely ridiculous" (Yahoo News)

### FEMA Wants \$4.7 Millon

Thousands of Gulf Coast residents have been told they must repay millions of dollars in federal Hurricane Katrina benefits that were excessive or, in some cases, fraudulent.

In Mississippi alone, the Federal Emergency Management Agency said it is seeking \$4.7 million from 2,044 people, telling them in a form letter that they have four months to repay or set up a payment plan. (Yahoo New)

### Parasites Kill Endagered Tigers

A blood parasite that has killed scores of tigers in India and Bangladesh has now killed two endangered Bengal tigers at a zoo in Pakistan.

The tigers died in Lahore Zoo on Wednesday, victims of the "Trypanosoma" parasite which is spread by flies and mosquitoes, Nasir Saleem, a deputy director of the zoo, said. (Yahoo News)

### MySpace Banned

Del Mar College students now have to use computers outside the school's system if they want to visit the popular Web site MySpace.com.

The Texas community college has blocked the site in response to complaints about sluggish Internet speed on campus computers. An investigation found that heavy traffic at MySpace.com was eating up too much bandwidth. Forty percent of daily Internet traffic at the college involved the site. (Yahoo News)