

Student Life

2010 Homecoming Highlights

HARLEM RENAISSANCE COMES ALIVE DURING THE 2010 CORONATION OF MR. & MISS ECSU

By D.A. Baker

Each year, two individuals with integrity, high morals, and a high level of intelligence are voted upon to become representatives of Elizabeth City State University. These two individuals reign as King and Queen for the academic year. On Sunday, October 24, the Mickey L. Burnim Fine Arts Center was the home of royalty as ECSU Alumni, current students, and faculty gathered to witness the official crowning of Mr. Glenn Bond II and Miss Alana Simmons, Mr. and Miss ECSU 2010-2011.

As a historically black college, ECSU has tangible ties to African-American culture. So, it is no surprise that the 2010-2011 ECSU Homecoming Committee drew upon aspects from the Harlem Renaissance to plan the Royal Coronation. This was noticeable in the unique words of the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, Mr. D.A. Baker and Miss Alisha Stokely. Calling upon the names of Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, and Duke Ellington, the Harlem Renaissance was alive and well during the coronation.

The fine arts center was tastefully decorated with touches of the Harlem Renaissance,

ranging from the grand piano taking center stage to the "cotton club" stage décor. In addition to the visible aspect, there was a regal air about the fine arts center that boosted not only the morale of the audience, but the overall feel of the entire presentation.

Not only were Mr. and Miss ECSU crowned, but the royal court, including the Mr. and Miss of each class, Mr. & Miss Blue and White, and a number of other ECSU royalty were inducted into office for the 2010-2011 academic year. Along with ECSU royalty, individuals from clubs and organizations came together to make their presence known. Approximately 35 clubs and organizations were represented at the coronation.

The Harlem Renaissance was not the only theme throughout the night. The evening was filled with the rich cultural heritage of the African-American people. This was perhaps best exalted in the poem by Langston Hughes, read by D.A. Baker, "I been scared and battered. My hopes the wind done scattered. Snow has friz me, Sun has baked me, Looks like between 'em they done tried to make me. Stop laughin', stop lovin', stop livin'-- But I don't care! I'm still here!"



Photo by D.A. Baker

Glenn Bond II and Alana Simmons, Mr. and Miss ECSU 2010-2011, in attendance at the homecoming football game on Saturday, October 30. Bond and Simmons will reign as king and queen at events for the 2010-2011 academic year.



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VIKING FOOTBALL TEAM DOMINATES THE HAWKS IN HOMECOMING GAME 55-14

By Jenell Howard

Homecoming is the most anticipated event of the fall semester, and the Elizabeth City State University Vikings put on a spectacular high scoring performance against the Hawks of Chowan University. After a slow start, 7-0 lead by Chowan, the mighty Vikings soared past Chowan to take a 34-7 halftime lead. ECSU benefited from the efforts of their defense with Geno Trundle, Zavis Padgett, Orlando Barrow and Malcolm Jenkins all capitalizing on the mistakes of the Hawks offense and scoring touchdowns. Playing their final home game in a Viking uniform, the seniors rallied their teammates to cruise to a 55-14 victory. Daronte McNeill had a record setting performance against the Hawks, rushing for 290-yards and 11 carries and becoming the first Viking since 1995 to record 1,000 yards in a season. Senior defensive end Malcolm Jenkins

said, "I will never forget my last game in Roebuck Stadium. It's homecoming and we came to play hard and get a win. It feels great to end my career as a Viking like this." The Vikings will closed out their season at Lincoln University of Pennsylvania on November 6.

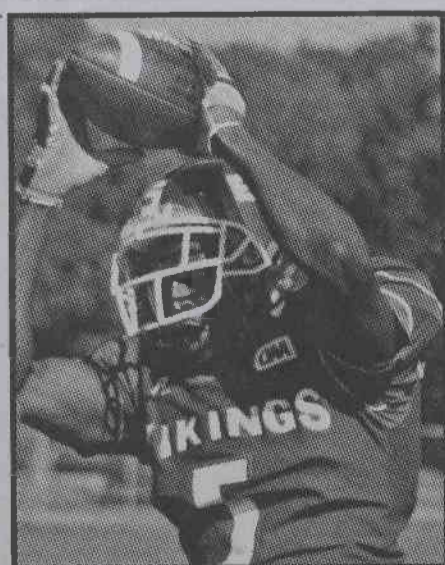
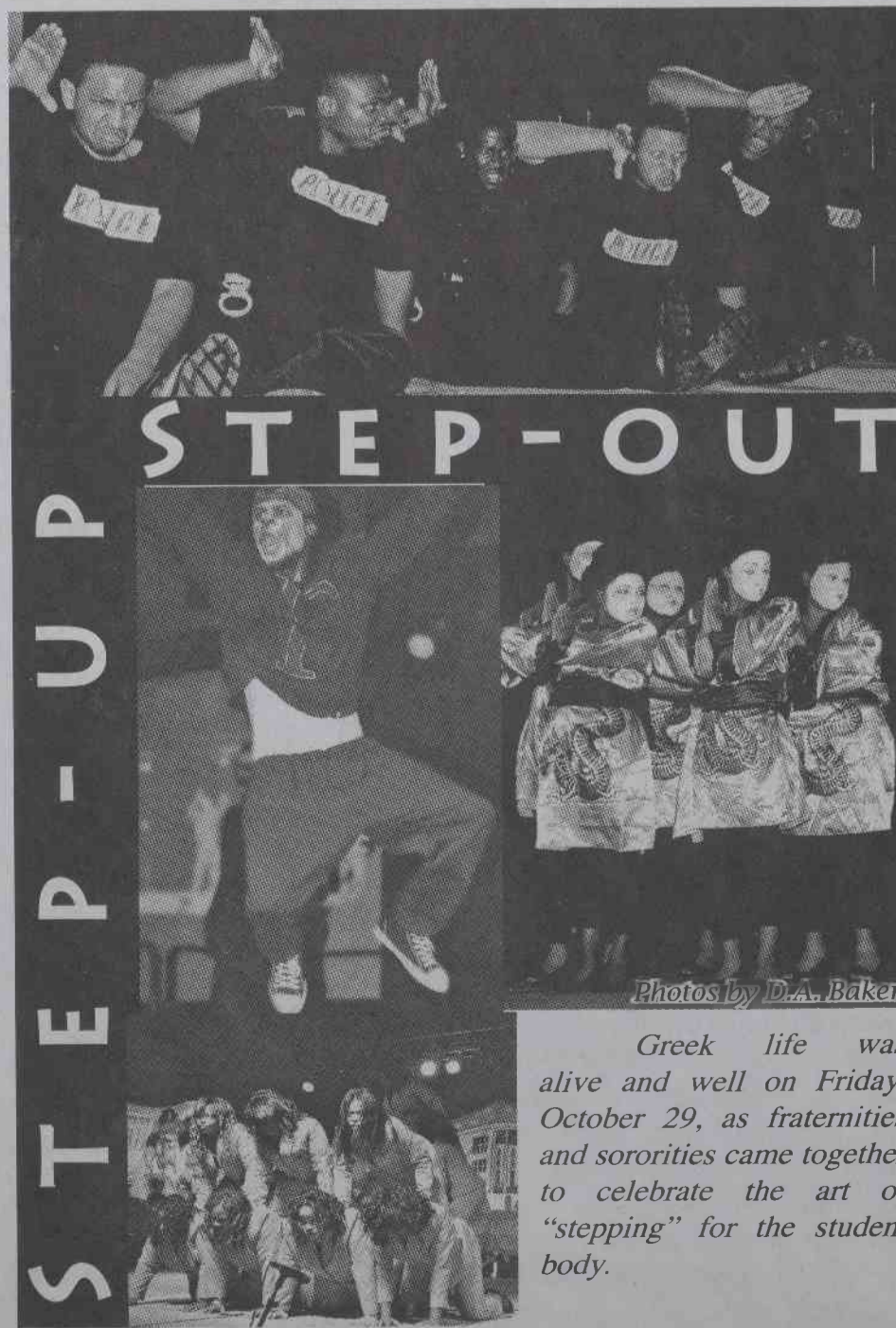


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Dexter Manley, wide receiver, catches the first touchdown of the homecoming game on October 30. Manley is a senior at ECSU.



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Greek life was alive and well on Friday, October 29, as fraternities and sororities came together to celebrate the art of "stepping" for the student body.