

University Players Perform Award-Winning Musical

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From February 17-21, the University Players, Elizabeth City State University's theatre troupe, presented the award-winning musical *The Me Nobody Knows* for a four performance run in the Little Theatre, located in the G.R. Little library on the campus of ECSU.

Based on the book *The Me Nobody Knows*, the musical won an Obie Award in 1970 as Best Musical during its original off-Broadway run in New York City. Later it became a Broadway hit.

Mr. Lamar Frasier, who directed the production, said, "It's a good musical, even though it's over twenty years old, the show is still very contemporary."

Based on the writings of inner city kids, the show expressed their reflections, dreams and observations of the environment around them. The show included a semi-rock musical score which was added to subjects that included slums, religion, poverty, relief, as well as lighter and simply fanciful matters.

The youth featured in the play danced, and spoke as they mocked, enjoyed, resented, understood, rejected, and loved one another and showed in an irresistible sense of individuality

that excited the audience with its power. Frazier also thought the play would be interesting to some of the students at the university and says, "Personally, I think they (the students) will enjoy the show and will have a lot to share and think about afterwards."

Mr. Frasier has appeared in a number of plays with the University Players including his starring role as W.O. Grant in last November's *Look Homeward Angel*.

As the production's director, Mr. Frasier has assembled a large cast of talented veteran performers, as well as several newcomers to the stage.

He says that the "energy, singing ability, and a youthful quality" were necessary attributes he looked for in the cast for the award-winning musical.

The show's performers included Dorothy O. Wills, Beshelya Smith, Celina Gray, Corrine Collins, Shalon Hawkins, Christopher Breakfield, Nicole Gray, Michelle Lewis, James Littlejohn, Damon Freshwater, Je'aime H. Powell, Lionel Branche, Kimberly Carter, and Amy Pollard.

The production's stage manager was Jerome Brothers—Khalil Parker served as musical coordinator. The technical director was John Workman. Kelly

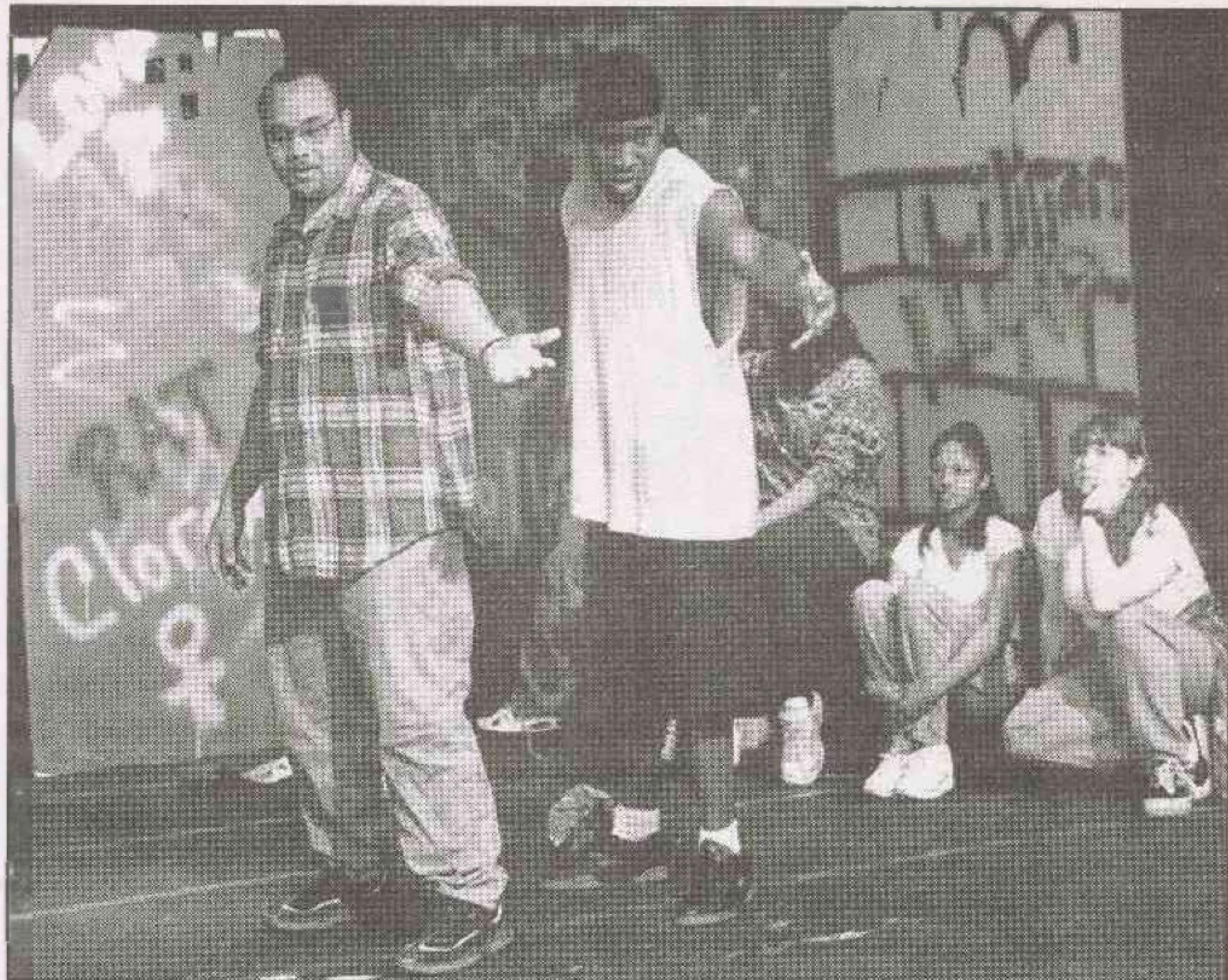


photo courtesy of the University Players

Compass staffer Je'aime Powell, left, and Lionel Branche, right, perform one of the songs during the University Players' production of "The Me Nobody Knows" as Beshelya Smith and Nichole Gray look on.

Mahaffey served as costume mistress.

Once again the University Players enlightened audiences of all ages with what *The New York Times* critics called,

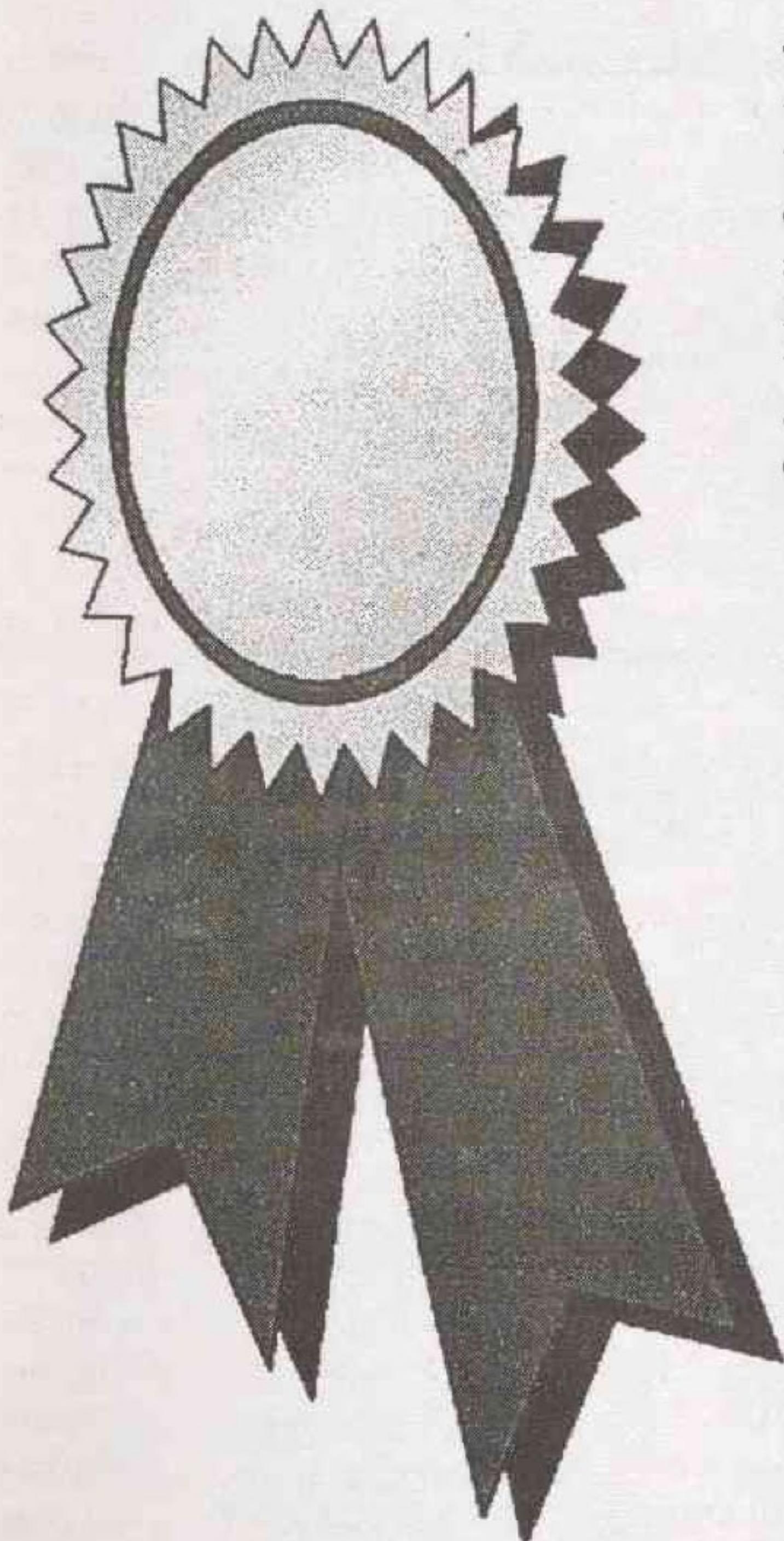
"One of the best musicals on Broadway and unequivocally the most moving, the most poignant."

Videoconference Held

The Public Broadcasting System held a free Satellite Videoconference, "Teaching Literacy to Adults with Learning Disabilities," on Thursday, Feb. 11th

from 2-4 p.m. in ECSU's Videoconference Center G.R. Little Library, Room 215. The conference was coordinated by Ms. Deborah S. Flippens.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ECSU'S NEW VANS!



The Counseling and Testing Center extends congratulations to thirty-eight students who have been selected as VANS (Vikings Assisting New Students) for the 1999-2000 academic year. This year, the VANS will have the opportunity to become certified as Peer Educators by participating in a 12 hour training program sponsored by the Counseling and Testing center and the BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network. The VANS play an important role as campus leaders and mentors for new students. They are actively involved in the University's New Student Orientation Programs, Parent - Family Weekend Program and other campus activities. Their names are:

Curtis W. Braswell Jr.
Christopher Breakfield
Latoya J. Brown
Tyshaun Bryant
Tinika Bunch
Abrian C. Carter
Kimberly M. Carter
Trenette T. Clark
Monica Cofield
Samantha R-Cunningham
Denita Dalton
Karin D. Davis
Shaleka Eley
Shamelya England
Keisha Y. Ferguson
Sherri G. Horner
Joya N. Jenkins
Arnold Jones
Nina S. Jones

Towana Mann
Tresha Morning
Inger L. Parker
Carol "Kitty" Pressnell
Cynthia Roberts
Tremaine L. Roberts
Sabrina Robinson
Jacquetta Rosemond
Beshelya Smith
Sherenia Solomon
Keisha Stephenson
Felicia M. Taylor
Yram S. Terry
Michele Thompson
DeAsia M. Tyler
Valenta Wade
Fred L. Watson Jr.
Lisa Wang
Mikel C. Womack

ECSU PRE-REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Registrar's Office

Advisement Week

(Fall & Summer)....3/29 - 4/1/99
(See Advisor for assistance)

Weekend/Evening Students Only
(Fall & Summer).....4/10/99

(8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon/
Registrar's Office/Marion D. Thorpe
Admin. Bldg.)

All Other Students:

Fall4/6 - 4/12/99
(8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M./
Registrar's Office/
Marion D. Thorpe Admin. Bldg.)

Summer4/12 - 4/16/99
(8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M./
Registrar's Office/
Marion D. Thorpe Admin. Bldg.)

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