

# EDITORIAL

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Editor

In the case of the impending impeachment of President William J. Clinton, the American people are forced to not only take a look at themselves but also at the leaders they select for themselves.

What President Clinton has done is not an old thing, adultery has been a household term for years, centuries even. But the fact of the matter is that he could not cover it as well as his forefathers.

What does this mean?

Does this mean that We the People, who are entitled to inalienable rights and such are also entitled to the intimate details of the President's sex life?

I don't think so.

We have become too comfortable with knowing too much; sometimes, and more often than not, knowing too much is not a good thing. Do we gain or profit anything from knowing how the President handles his personal affairs, or is it just a thing that we want to know just for the sake of knowing?

We must force ourselves to look at the big picture. President Clinton's impending impeachment is not due in part to his sexual misconduct or even his poor leadership. It is simply a political issue.

Congress has been riding his back and pulling his coattails ever since he took his oath, as if to say: as soon as you foul up we will be waiting.

This type of thing is not usually unsettling, for there are always people who mean to do you harm, but when it

begins at the Executive level of things then it becomes an issue and that is why we all need to worry.

Beyond a shadow of a doubt in my mind, President Clinton has certainly proven himself as a man throughout all of this. For instance, there have been several affairs, whether they be sexual or otherwise, to occur in the Oval Office.

But Clinton is actually confessing to his mistakes, his crime, in front of the American people.

I think that this takes great gall and character. Clinton is bearing his heart and soul before God and America, and the least we can do is give him a fair shake. After all, it was the American people who decided together that he was worthy of the presidency, not once but twice.

So at the advent of an uproar we and hide behind untruths, but men do just the opposite, they come to the front and bear it all, regardless of how incompetent and unworthy they might seem.

Ironically, it was Benjamin Franklin, one of our nation's Founding Fathers, who said "Honesty is the best policy."

So now what?

Where do we go from here and what do we do once we get there?

Well, my fellow Americans, that is a question that only you can answer for yourself. And in so doing here is a bit of caution: before you come to a final conclusion take some time to evaluate yourself and, if, after that you discover that you are worth your salt then by all means cast the first stone.

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Elizabeth City Police Dept.	335-4321
Sheriff's Office	338-2191
Student Counseling	335-3276
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## Are We Being Prepared For The Next Millennium?

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This particular question arose out of a conversation that I had with a dear friend of mine. We constantly bounce ideas and concepts off of each other, so this was no different; it was however, something that was of great importance to me. It got me so upset that I almost lost my cool and lashed out.

The question: are we really being prepared for the challenges and tasks that face us after graduation?

When I first arrived here that was all that I heard: ECSU Preparing Leaders for the Next Millennium, I mean it was everywhere, at basketball games, at football games, at various functions around campus, you could not escape it.

Granted, I think that Chancellor Burnim has our best interest at heart, but are we really prepared as young aspiring college students to handle the rigorous and daunting tasks that the workforce present?

I believe strongly that he has tried and continues to work hard improve our education so that when we go out and apply for those top notch schools and go on those high level job interviews that we will have taken full advantage of the resources offered here at the University.

There are a number of resources offered on this campus designed to ensure that we receive the best possible.

There are also some changes that I have seen on campus, for instance the new Fine Arts building that is supposed to be completed before the next millennium, and then there is the ever growing list of majors offered here, and then let's not forget the fact that in the near future we will also have a master's program in the works. Well, then, maybe we are somewhat unknowingly really being prepared for the next millennium and maybe my argument is

falling on deaf ears.

I must say with passion and conviction, however that the following is a list of things that I think we cannot allow to happen: let our student "leaders" leave with degree in one hand but still little concept of how to interview for that high level job; allow our "leaders" to venture out into the work force without solid preparation in order to take standardized tests and pass them; allow our "leaders" leave this institution without making sure they know how to crank out a good resume' and cover letter; and allow social events take precedence over academics.

So, ECSU, we have to make sure that we use each and every avenue available to us in every department and each and every person's expertise in order to make sure that things like I've said above don't happen.

This is not an editorial geared at pointing out each and every fault that we have here at ECSU: I am sure that even Harvard has its weak points.

But if we are expected to go out and compete for the high level positions of the next millennium then we have to make sure that we have been given the firmest foundation that ECSU has to offer upon which to stand.

So, I am posing this challenge to each and every professional ECSU employs: accept the task put before you and meet it!

Make sure that at the end of each day you can say with a smile that you have helped another student understand Chaucer or the Pythagorean theorem. In other words don't just be satisfied with the humdrum, exhibit excellence and expect to get nothing less from your colleagues and students. After all, if we are truly preparing leaders for the next millennium, then shouldn't we make sure that we look just as good on the inside as we do on the outside?

Let's start today.

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