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OPEN LETTER TO FACULTY THE ALUMNI NOTES

Dear Fellow Alumni:

This is my first attempt to try to reach all of you since our last Annual Alumni Day at which time you saw fit to re-elect all of your officers for their second consecutive term. Allow me to thank you, on behalf of all the officers for your faith and confidence in us. We will not let you down, and, in turn, we beg you to give us the same pledge.

During the past two years, our Association has grown to some extent. Our meetings have been attended. There is more participation as a whole. Yet, there are so many who seem to have forgotten us and our school. Surely life's beginning for all of us was started when we received our diplomas from E. C. S. Can we be blinded by our successes? Do we have a sense of loyalty or duty? Don't we want to see our school and our Association in the limelight with other institutions in the State? If the answers to these questions are yes, as they should be, then, let's get to work. Let's show by doing, our aims, desires, and intentions.

This year, our Alumni Council will face one of the greatest

challenges in its history. This will mark the first time we will sponsor an off-campus Homecoming dance for Alumni and their guests only. The dance will be held at the Army on October 31, 1964. The dance on campus will be for students.

We look forward with great faith in our supporting the Scholarship aid for athletes. In turn, for your \$30.00 membership, you will receive passes to all activities at the College where there will be charges made. This money is also tax deductible. How many of us fail to spend \$30.00 per year to satisfy some whim or fancy? If that we haven't analyzed our sense of values. Above all, we need paid membership in our General Association and attendance at meetings and social activities sponsored by and for us.

Wherever you are, fellow Alumni, please hear my cry for your help and govern yourselves accordingly.

May this be our best year ever. Sincerely,
Isaac A. Battle
General Alumni President

A number of faculty and staff members sought additional training during the summer of 1964. Dr. R. D. Artis was at the University of North Carolina; Mr. Robert Braxton attended New York University; Mr. Thurston Delaine was at Virginia State College; Mr. Carl Franklin was at Indiana University, which Mrs. M. W. Franklin attended Princeton University.

Mr. Chester Gregory was at Carnegie Tech; Mr. Roy Knight attended the University of Connecticut; Mr. Albert Lee was at Virginia State College; Mrs. Dorothy Lee attended Indiana University; and Mr. Waverly Jones was at Hampton Institute.

Mr. William Muldrow studied at Beloit University; Mr. Frank Pereira attended Carnegie Tech; Mr. Leo Rochon attended the Northwestern University and Mrs. H. B. Ridley was at Virginia State College.

Mrs. Hazel Spellman attended the University of Pennsylvania; Mr. L. N. Stallworth was at the University of Wisconsin; Mrs. Helene Taylor took courses at ECSC and Mr. R. L. Vaughan studied at Boston University.

President Walter N. Ridley maintained his busy schedule during the summer and opening period of school; in Atlanta for the ATA Conference during the last of July; in attendance at the "Plans for Progress Program for Equal Opportunity" held in Washington, D. C. on July 22 under sponsorship of the U. S. Dept. of Labor; in Raleigh and on campus regarding reports for the "B" Budget (1965-67 biennium), so important to the ongoing of the College's program; before the Ministerial Association of Elizabeth City for which he spoke on August 31.

Dr. Ridley spoke to the Virginia Beach Teachers Association on September 1 and at the Fall Faculty Conference at St. Augustine's College on September 10. He also addressed the Fall Conference Formal Opening at Winston-Salem State on September 27 and received an award (see p. 1) on October 18.

In all, our faculty, staff and administration have kept ECSC ON-THE-MOVE since last year's Compass appeared in print.

Returning Faculty Staff

Several persons are returning to ECSC family as proud parents of additions to their families. Perhaps September 1 and at the Fall Faculty Conference at St. Augustine's College on September 10. He also addressed the Fall Conference Formal Opening at Winston-Salem State on September 27 and received an award (see p. 1) on October 18.

Master Clifford H. Jones III is the son of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones, Jr. (Mrs. Jones being an Instructor in English); Miss Alison Michele Newby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Archie Newby (Mrs. Newby being Secretary to the President); Mrs. Dewayne Clement Perry adds more joy for Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Perry (Mrs. Perry being Secretary to the Dean); and Master Kevin Rollins Scott is the healthy son of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott (Mrs. Scott being a Stenographer). The Compass welcomes these faculty and staff members returning and congratulates them on having produced these fine future Statesmen (and Women).

Will We Be Ready?

The college student of today faces a challenging, competitive and demanding future.

Opportunities are rapidly increasing. More skilled persons are needed to fill positions created through automation. Job placement officers are visiting campuses daily. Conference room doors are opened for students "Who want to know." Government officials are being sent out on recruiting tours for top-rate students. Industries are providing fellowships for graduates in the upper percent of their classes. Improvements are constantly being made on classroom building. New equipment has replaced the obsolete. More Ph.D.'s today direct the course of study than just two years ago. These are only a minute indications that a new era has come. America has opened her eyes even though she may not have been "fully" awakened.

Fellow students, are we adequately developing the mentality needed to make the best possible

use of these assets? Are we striving for academic excellence? Do we have the courage to put forth extra efforts in our studies or are we satisfied with a job half done? Are we making the Ph.D.'s "work" for their salaries? Are we challenging our potentials? Have we developed self-respect and pride in our dress, speech, attitude? Do we have a sense of values?

This is an age of new adventures. This is an age of change. Competition is keen and getting keener. There is no room for the complacent person. Geographical location is no longer an excuse for not knowing. Excuses are listened to, but not accepted. Discrimination in top-rated positions has diminished rapidly. The minority groups are being invited for graduates who can meet the challenge of the hour.

Will we be ready to meet the challenge? Will the job placement services have a "sit-down" until we can "stand-up" and say, "We are qualified?"

Where Is That Ole "Vikings" Spirit?

Students sit and watch a football game as if they have had garlic or onion soup for dinner and washed it down with lemon juice. What happens, student body, when our team fails to lead in points? The student body shows defeat before the team does. The reference is to our previous football games. We seem to have a number of "DINING HALL GRANDSTANDERS" and "STOOL PIGEONS IN THE STANDS."

We cheer until we are hoarse while the team is leading, but once the team is a point or more behind the reaction from the fans changes. Fellow Vikings, our "warriors" on the field do not particularly need us when they are winning. The time to cheer is when the team is behind.

Students Handbooks Are Available

The Compass is proud to acknowledge the presence of a STUDENT HANDBOOK on campus this school year. This Handbook is for the benefit of new students and for those who are returning. The STUDENT HANDBOOK gives authentic information as to the

cheering builds the morale of the players. It gives them a feeling that they are dependent on them to protect our "mighty Viking" pride. It's natural to whoop and holler when the team is leading, but name a player who needs us when they are winning? Athletes want to be for them when they are winning, but it means more to their morale if they knew we were with them when they are losing

Think you could do a better job in uniform? Do you leave the game when the "Vikings" are behind? Are you a loyal fan-winner or loser? If your school spirit is vanished, no one is interested in wise cracks against the team. Take a suggestion—STAY IN THE DORM and ask yourself, "Are Vikings like me worth sweating for?"

history, traditions, principles, and requirements of Elizabeth City State College. It serves as a supplement for information found in the college catalog.

The Handbook can be secured at the Student Council Office. Material found in the Student Hand-

The Way I View AuH₂O (Goldwater)

By ROBERT HADDOCK
November 3, 1964, will mark another chapter in the United States' political history. The citizenry of America will cast their vote, for Goldwater or Johnson. They must decide between ultra-conservatism and liberalism. The choice the voters make will control the destiny of America for four years.

Barry Goldwater's political doctrine of conservatism is ambiguous and vague. The domestic policy of Goldwater is too conservative for the twentieth century. His values State Rights over civil and individual liberty. Goldwater puts too much power in the hands of local and state government. The enforcement of the Supreme Court Decision of 1954, has shown the ineptness of state and local government.

Goldwater's theory of atomic supremacy can be fatal. His theory of Communism should be totally destroyed. It is a known fact that an open act of aggression will lead to total annihilation of the human species. He can not see peaceful co-existence as a solution to the world conflict. Goldwater can best be described as a fanatical anarchist.

The citizens of America should decide on November 3, 1964, between peaceful co-existence and atomic annihilation. The vague concepts and planned aggression of Goldwater can lead only to an explosive end of a great and progressive civilization.

book will serve as a valuable asset to all who attend Elizabeth City State College.

The Handbook, which is now in mimeographed form, will be printed. Suggestions for revisions or improvements must reach the President of the Student Council, Otha Sydner, not later than November 10.

Vivian Thornton

Vikings Beware

By Avon Chapman '68
Our great heritage as loyal Vikings is in trouble when any one of us neglects to contribute our share in carrying on the true spirit and drive of the great Vikings here at ECSC.

If we are to honor this name, and our school, then let us measure up to the standards the Vikings of old stood for.

If they were bold and courageous in all their undertakings, let us be also!

If they had the initiative to march against unforeseen obstacles in life with a strong and courageous determination to overcome, "Why can't we?" If they used their keen intellects and wills in order to find ways to seek the finer things in life, "Shouldn't we, as Vikings of ECSC today, strive to embrace knowledge and help to smother the vice of ignorance forever?"

Let us move forward with the true zeal of a Viking, and with the sound policies of this great institution, and we will be aware of the fact that the siren call of defeat will have been answered by us with the exciting and stimulating cry of victory!!!

Obituary

Mr. Joe White of Altavender, father-in-law of Dr. Randolph D. Artis, passed on October 12.

Mrs. Minnie Wilson Ward '66 lost her grandmother recently.

Mr. Alfred L. Cooper of Norfolk, uncle of Ray M. Cooper '65, died on October 9.

Miss Frances Deloatch '68, lost her first cousin, Miss Garris.

The late Miss Garris, who died in early September, was sister of Viola Garris '64, last year's WGA president.

Miss Marion Britt '65, lost her uncle in early October.

The Compass expresses deep sympathy to these members of the College Family and their families.