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A Message To The Booster Students

In life there are many steps to be taken. Those are not easy, nor are they short ones. As one closes his senior year of high school training, he must take a long look and try in some way to decide what is ahead for him and the best direction in which to travel. The decision is not easy. The step you take can shape your entire future.

Will the young ladies go into the kitchens of others and be satisfied with laboring over a hot stove for fifty cents an hour? Will the young men be happy as a common laborer digging ditches; washing cars rather than selling them; being a janitor rather than being boss? Take a long look and think hard for your future rests on the choice you will make now. This is a long and important step.

This new "Booster" program will help many of you decide on a direction in which to travel as you take that long step into the future. Will it be easy? No, the program will carry with it many difficulties. These difficult tasks will only be achieved through hard work. The many things you will be exposed to will open the door to many new opportunities.

The "Booster" program will afford you the opportunity to become familiar with many college conditions. You will get the choice to taste courses taught on the college level while being treated with new

social and cultural activities. For some of you, this is your first time being away from home. You are living with others outside your household for the first time. Will you be able to adjust yourselves to these abrupt changes? If so, then you are ready to meet the challenges of college life.

Summer school is no picnic nor is it a summer vacation. It is a job and if you are to get paid, then you are to work hard. This pay is the amount of knowledge you will obtain.

The purpose of the Pre-College Booster Program is to boost your academic status before college entrance. You are the selected few to take part in this program. Take advantage of the courses taught and you'll be off to a running start at the beginning of your college career, whether it be Elizabeth City State College or some other college.

As this step in your life is completed, you will leave behind many things. Some of the friends you've made will be left behind, and also a small part of you. As you near the end of your "Booster" studies, remember, it is not the things you are leaving behind you but the things you take with you. Take what you have learned and carry it with you. Make good use of these things for there are bigger steps to come.

Have You Spirit? No Man!

Students have asked the question time and time again, "What has happened to the spirit on ESC's campus?" This question is never directed to anyone particular but flies around through the atmosphere as frequently as the air molecules. Many answers have been given but none seem to be concrete.

Students feel that as individuals they can do nothing to lift the spirit of the entire student body. The student body is made up of these individuals and if each person would re-evaluate himself, he or she would find that there is something that they are missing. In a sense college is like a machine. If its parts do not function, then surely the machine will not. You can not separate the parts from the whole nor can you separate the whole from the parts. What little bit you do have to offer does count and it counts greatly.

Fellow students if you want to have a spirited campus, then you and you alone will have to do all you possibly can to make it that way. Sitting down waiting for someone else to act can become a long painful sit. It can be a disastrous one. College life will have passed you by without you having displayed any type of spirit whatsoever.

When most of you were in high school, you yelled at athletic

games. You sang in the choir. You acted in the dramatics club. You ran and shouted as if you were in a world all by yourself. You attended pep rallies and programs of all types given by your school. Each of you was a functioning part of your school year and you enjoyed every moment of it. "You had the spirit."

Now you are in college a dignified, intellectual, well-composed and very formal individual. Your good spirit is no longer needed because you are now a mature college adult. Are you fully aware of the fact that the same type of activities you shared in high school are now a part of your college life and will need even stronger spirit to keep them going?!

Yes, college life is a bigger machine and will need stronger parts to keep it operating. Your spirit will give others spirit and their spirit will inspire others. Become a part of what is around you. That is the way to enjoy college life. It offers far more than the academic aspect.

This is only the summer school session but you can start now by building your spirit. Make it a part of your daily life. Carry it everywhere you go and let it flow. Bring it back when you return in the fall. College life can be as much fun as you want it to be.

Have you got spirit? Yeh, Man!

A Message From A Booster

"Preparedness"

By Robert O. Hughes

As the twentieth century progresses in the diverse areas of scientific technology and in other fields of human endeavor, we as students on the threshold of matriculating to college must be prepared in meeting the challenge that has been thrust upon us this fall. Preparedness is the key issue in our world today.

What has preparedness got to do with the booster program, one many ask nonchalantly? The primary aim of the program under the directorship of dedicated individuals is to prepare us, help us, and guide us as we take our initial step to college this fall. It is a necessity that we be prepared academically as we enter college; not only college, but in any course of endeavor.

Just as one sets out to fill a position in an employer organization, students should be prepared to the same degree when college entrance comes; I grant sometimes this isn't the case. Some American schools didn't offer college preparatory courses or the necessary course to aid college bound students. Some students didn't take advantage of their secondary education and they are weak. Whatever the case maybe we shouldn't rely on those two points or any others to cover our weakness but strive to prepare ourselves for the future.

By taking advantage of the opportunities provided by the government, the college, and the individuals who are sacrificing their time and energy, we will be obtaining a priceless possession, and knowledge.

Through concentrated studies, hard work and discipline, we will have prepared and boosted our academic ability to the extent that we will be able to meet the fall challenge of '65.

Looking Out On Life

By Charles Jeffries, Jr.,

As you become more thoughtful about the meaning of life, many questions come to mind: What is the meaning and purpose of life, or has it any meaning? Where can I find the truth. What is right? What is wrong? What are the highest values of life? What are the things I would choose to hold fast to if everything else had to be given up? The answers to some of these questions could be found in books, but we cannot pass them by as factual information; we cannot prove them by any scientific experiment.

The answers to these questions are matters of belief and faith. The way in which you answer these questions has a great bearing on the shaping of life.

Maybe some of these answers could be found in our study of philosophy, religion and ethics. But the answers found will not be acceptable to all people.

The way we look at things and their existence becomes a part of our philosophy of life. You may ask yourself this question, what does a person need? Basically a person needs a sense of duty and a sense of humor. Each individual needs a productive purpose. A deprived man has nothing to live for. In order to lead a worthwhile life, he must set up a goal and strive to fulfill it.

Throughout life you will be asked many times, what is your philosophy of life? Will you be able to give a straight forward answer? Be it religious minded or politically minded, have some

Adjusting To College Life

Interview with Dean Thomas Hawkins, Hampton Institute
By Robert Hughes

The Compass conducted an exclusive interview with Dean Thomas E. Hawkins concerning "Adjusting to College Life" during the Coffee Hour for conferences and consultations after his lecture on "Preparations for College" during his stay on campus.

Dean Hawkins restated some of his major points concerning college adjustment, which we feel will be beneficial to you.

Hughes: What do you consider the most important factors in freshman adjustment?

Dean: Three of the most important factors to consider in college adjustment are, first, Goal—What type of vocation you will choose; second, Developing discipline which involves sacrifices and third, students must not be afraid to seek the aid of their instructors.

Hughes: Wouldn't you consider it vital to ask questions?

Dean: Yes, it is necessary that students ask questions and really have conferences with anyone that can answer their questions. The great teachers are really concerned about student growth and development and students should not hesitate to go to them.

Hughes: Associates play an important role in the students' adjustment, wouldn't you say?

Dean: Students should consider the right type of associates with similar interests and high conviction on life.

Hughes: Interests in cultural activities are also important. Concentrations on cultural, intellectual and religious interests are vital elements in adjustment and college life in general.

Hughes: Dean Hawkins, you have recently contributed an article entitled "The Importance of Scholarship in Today's World" to the Lambda Kappa Mu Journal; what are the main points stressed?

Dean: The publication was concerned with the disadvantaged student. The basic idea conveyed relates to the interest in helping young people through community agencies as well as school, colleges and other institutions.

Hughes: On behalf of the Compass staff, I thank you.

answer to give. For every man there openeth a way.

To build a better life for yourself three important factors must be considered: First, imagination. A great life starts with a picture, held in a person's imagination of what he would like some day to be or do. Take Edison, I bet he pictured himself as a great inventor. John Keats pictured himself as a great poet. He overcame many handicaps before departing his life at an early age of 26.

Hold a picture of yourself in mind and you will be drawn toward it. Picture yourself defeated and victory will be impossible. Do not picture yourself as anything and you will drift to nothing.

Second, common sense. There is no use in trying to fit a round peg into a square hole. It has never worked and never will. Study yourself and use your head in picturing your goal.

Third, courage. When everything is going wrong and the world seems against you, have faith and you will overcome.

Imagination, common sense, and courage will produce results. Whether with good guidance or without, pick a goal; don't drift.

Faculty Staff Notes

Summer study is the current agenda for the following members of the faculty: Dr. Thelma H. Henderson (University of Michigan); Mr. Harold L. Gamble (Carnegie Tech); Mr. Leo E. Rochon, asst. Professor Business Education and Miss Ruby G. Hayes (New York University) all three under assistance from Educational Services, Inc.; Mrs. Helen H. Muldrow (Arizona State) under a grant from NSF; Mrs. Julia M. Hoffler (Indiana University) Mr. Albert F. Lee, (Institute in Arts).

Scheduled for study leaves during the 1965-66 are Mr. Rochon, Dr. Maude J. Yancey and Mr. William H. Ryder. Mr. Chester W. Gregory also to be on leave, is mentioned elsewhere. Mr. Ryder will be at the University of Michigan, Dr. Yancey at Yale, under a grant estimated at \$6,000 for this work, and Mr. Rochon at Columbia University where he has been awarded an assistant-ship in counseling.

With us this summer as personnel in the Booster Program are Miss Claudine Whitehurst and Mr. Kenneth McLaurin, both May, 1965 Honor graduates.

Announcing New Arrival of Miss Diana Preston

Mr. and Mrs. Preston E. Gurganous welcomed their new daughter, the fifth one, May 18, 1965. Her name is Diana. Mr. Gurganous is part-time Data Processor of ECSC.

A Long Road—A Short Step

By John H. Adonis

The uniting of wounds stretched across lands of despair bring forth the hands that form the corps known as V.I.S.T.A. (Volunteers in Service to America).

Vista Volunteers will mend the roads of poverty cut deep by the insufficient degree of education, releasing the core of new generations from the vindictive surroundings of their birth. They will strive together in migrant camps, on Indian Reservations, hand in hand with the poor in over populated tenements, on the farms, and on the paths of slums.

Ours is a long road, but a short step. We are the volunteers who must sweep clean the bitter scars that grasp the soul of migrants—a task to aid and prepare those in need of Health Education, a better understanding of the problems of sanitation, the glow which soothes the body from the help of the nurses aid. The three tracks—Day Care, Recreation, and Homemaking, touching the very spark which ignites the understanding of one adult and another, one child and another, the joys which flame all the hands together from the cold grave to a richer berth.

With the teaching and guidance in Community Development from our two training associates, Rev. L. H. McDonald, who has spent five years pioneering the way in Race Relations in the Southeastern part of the United States; and Bob Walker, who has devoted fifteen years of service with the Y.M.C.A. and has been a conscientious camp worker; we have prepared a way for teaching others, as well as learning ourselves a continuous knowledge that shall follow so long as there is a need in cleansing the desires of mankind.

Migrants like all of us need the fires of friendship, a feeling of belonging, a chance to give to others and most of all the faith which

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