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## What Does It Mean?

Brenda Pearson

Have you ever asked yourself what am I going to college for? Can you really say what an education means to you?

Are you going to college to find a husband or wife, or are you going to meet new people, make new friends, and to find out what people are really like?

Do you find college a suitable place to reside while your parents sacrifice their time to pay your tuition, and your room and board? Or, just the opposite, is college a place for you to really find yourself and your worth to others?

Does college provide a refuge from the military service or from the responsibility of a job? Or, do you find college a challenge toward a high goal in life?

I am sure that none of the students at E.C.S.C. are going to college for any of the above reasons. We are all here to better ourselves, to make a bright future for ourselves and for the world we live in.

To us, college is a challenge, a challenge that we gratefully and proudly accept. For we are the world of tomorrow, and we, the students of E.C.S.C., intend to be a part of that bright and rewarding world.

How about you? Are you going to accept the challenge of tomorrow by broadening your education? Or, are you content with your high school diploma? You shouldn't be, because your high school commencement was only the beginning.

## Sunday School News

By Carol Ashe

With the diligent and dedicated Andrew Hamlett as Superintendent, the College Sunday School—in pattern with the over-all program of the institution—is "on the move."

The stork has had occasion to visit the Sunday School family, this year, and has left several new additions to our activities. The interest which these activities has generated is encouraging.

Two of these new activities deserve special recognition.

1) The Sunday School Choir, with Miss Geraldine Vaughan as director, and some twenty-five enthusiastic and cooperative members, heralding the gospel truths through song. This choral group provides special music on each Sunday morning; and, periodically, there are also solo and ensemble presentations.

2) The special consultants, which represent dedicated faculty participation, include, this year, four members. They are: Mr. L. D. Draper, Mrs. Betty J. Ramsey, Mr. Junius McCoy, and Mr. Thomas Carter.

Becoming increasingly popular and of special significance, both to the regular S. S. teachers, and to other students, is the weekly Sunday School Teachers Meeting and Bible Study Hour, on each Saturday evening at 6:00. This period, under the direction of one of the consultants, with the College Minister sharing, serves to give helpful suggestions and guidelines for the teaching of the lesson on the ensuing Sunday.

In retrospect, we are pleased with the progress which the Sunday School is enjoying; but we are by no means complacent. We seek to include as many as can be reached to share these very rewarding experiences. To this end, there is in progress an Enlistment Campaign. We welcome and en-

## Who...? Where...? What...?

Each issue of the Compass will publish information about graduates in this column. Members of the alumni are invited to submit information about what they are doing and where, to the Office of Information Box 92, Elizabeth City State College 27909.

**Yvonne Cleopatra Joyner, '64** an Elementary Education major, is teaching at Newsoms District School, Newsoms, Virginia. While at the college she was a member of the Lighthouse Committees.

**Mary Perry Grant, '64** an Elementary Education major is teaching at Buckland Elementary School, Gates, North Carolina. While at the college she was a member of the Student NEA.

**Samuel Leon White, '64** a Physical Education major, is teaching at North Everetts School, Everetts, North Carolina. While at the college he was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Golf Team.

**Willie Jasper Dugger, '64** a History major, is employed by the city of Brooklyn, New York Welfare Department as a Social Investigator. While at the college he was a member of the Social Science Club and the Sphinx Club.

**Corine Hunter Winstead, '64** a

Social science major, is teaching at G. W. Carver High School, Pinetops, North Carolina. She plans to do graduate study at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina. While at the college she was a member of the College Players, Social Science Club, Religious Activity Committee and the Ushers Guild.

**Mary Marie Waldon, '64** a Business Education major, is teaching at the McIver High School, Littleton, North Carolina. While at the College she was a member of the FBLA, Women's Government and the Baptist Student Union.

**Airman Alvin C. Griffin**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Griffin of 100 Beekman Street, Beacon, New York, has been assigned to Hurlburt Field, Florida, after completing Air Force basic training.

The airman will be trained on the job as a fire protection specialist with the Tactical Air Command.

A 1961 graduate of Beacon High School, he has a B.S. degree from Elizabeth City State College, '65.

## Faculty Notes

In addition to a number of faculty-staff members being away for recruiting and supervision of student teachers, the following also made professional trips:

Professors **George H. Walker, Louise N. Sutton, and Rosaline M. Edwards** attended the North Carolina College Conference in Charlotte, November 3-5.

**Dr. Edna L. Davis** attended the Music Educators National Conference regional meet held at UNC-G, November 15. Music majors **Judy Freeman, Claudette Moore, and Willie Graham**, members of the campus MENC Student Chapter, accompanied.

Dean **William E. Anderson** was in attendance at the Richmond, Virginia annual session of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools during the week of November 29.

For an award given **Dr. Louise N. Sutton**, see another column, this issue.

## Music Students Hear Renaissance Music

Ever heard a lute plucked? Ever taken in the melodies of alto and soprano recorders? How about the strains of a viola da gamba?

These sounds and those of a tenor singer were on display for an overflow audience at Norfolk Museum, November 22, when the Renaissance Quartet of New York presented the 200th recital to be held by the sponsoring Norfolk Society of Arts.

A lengthy program (an hour and a half) did not seem to dampen the enthusiasm of an overflow crowd of intent listeners. Consisting entirely of secular music of the Renaissance, the variety of music was for most listeners an unexpected occurrence. Today's concert fare is primarily of 19th century vintage, therefore for so much interest to be shown in music of four-to-five-hundred years earlier was testimony to the durability of that music and the skill of the performers.

**Vinnia Nicholson, Lonnie Anderson, and Willie Graham**, members of the Sophomore Music History Class, were in attendance, reporting a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Their instructor, **Mr. L. R. Ballou**, and **Mrs. Ballou**, attended also.

## "College And You"

When you took your first step on the campus of E.C.S.C., you probably turned your head and gazed about, finally saying to yourself, "Well, here I am." Some have pondered this statement deeply, and have bettered their resources since being here. In most colleges this represents the majority. Then, there are the others who become shiftless and irresponsible. This, in most cases appears to be the minority. Which category do you fall in?

In my opinion, most students at E.C.S.C. fail to get the full value of college life. This is not in a single area, but a combination of areas. They fail to get this full value mainly because of a lack of participation, fear of not being trusted, poor academic preparations, and poor peer group relationship. These are vital ingredients if a student is to get the full benefit of a college education.

### Lack of Participation

When you look around you, and you wonder why campus life is so dull, ask yourself this question, "What am I doing to make college life more eventful?" So you cannot answer that question. This is where one of the problems rests. Too many students fail to find the answer.

Usually on campus, the same students are found to be the leaders in various organizations. On Awards Day, the same students receive all of the awards, and the same students always participate in assembly programs. This happens because these select students want to get most out of their college lives.

It is a shame to see so many students turn up for a talent show and as soon as the show is over you see or hear no more of them. Why don't some of them join the choir, the band, or some other activities? Almost always, the answer is, "I don't like the advisor," or "Mary is the head of that organization and I don't like her." The advisors are put there to help you and whether or not you like them has nothing to do with their capabilities. These activities are for your enrichment.

### Fear of Not Being Trusted

It is quite evident, we as students have a feeling of not being trusted. In many instances we are not trusted. That is, trusted to the extent that we are allowed to do more critical thinking or aid in solving many of our own problems.

Other students feel that they are constantly being watched by their supervisors as they go down town, attend dances and other night activities. It is felt that this is the way children are treated. Students should be given the chance to grow up.

A sense of trust is an emotional need and this need should be satis-

fied if we are to remain emotionally stable. Once this is done, we can become better students in all areas.

### Poor Academic Preparations

Cheating is becoming a bigger and bigger part of our academic preparations. The harder the subjects become the more we cheat. Some students at E.C.S.C. believe that at least 90% of our entire student population cheats in some way. In national surveys, it has been discovered that only 65% of the college students cheat. Where does that leave us? It leaves us 25% higher than the national ratio. Surely this appears to be poor academic preparation. We are really short changing ourselves. Many students complain about our low education level and what we need to add to our curriculum without thinking about and getting that which is offered already.

When we resort to cheating, we employ poor academic preparations. Most of all we are defeating our main purpose for being in college.

### Poor Peer Group Relationship

So many times it is said that if you don't belong to a sorority or a fraternity, then you don't belong at all. This is perhaps the understatement of the year and bears no truth. There are other just plain groups where the relationship is just as strong and in some cases stronger.

Anytime or anywhere there is poor peer group relationship, college life is like a bad taste of medicine. You can hardly swallow it. It has to be forced down. If college life is to be a total success, we have to be able to get along with each other.

Yes, college life carries with it many obstacles and to get the best out of it, these obstacles must be crossed.

## ... But Why So Much Noise?

By Barbara Fearing

Sure we enjoyed the show. We wanted the performers to know that we loved them. The Omega Talent Show is always a big affair and everybody enjoys it; but, did we have to make so much noise, students?

Do you realize that we sounded like a room full of young adolescents? Well we did! We did not conduct ourselves as young adults are supposed to.

We were not expected to sit still and hold our hands, nor were we expected to watch the show with tight lips, but we were not expected to raise the racket that we did.

As soon as a performance began, our cheers and yells began. There is nothing wrong with this.

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