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In My Opinion

In my opinion, there is a real need for a good and extensive education. By a good education, I do not mean one that is obtained from a very high rated or famous institution. Of course, the college education obtained from a well known college is fine if it benefits the student, but I am speaking in terms of the material obtained by the student and not the prestige derived from the school itself.

An extensive education is an absolute necessity for today. The student who graduates from high school with a diploma for his twelve years of studies, has just laid the foundation for more learning. After his high school education, there should be at least five to six more years of real learning and training. In other words, six years is the minimum amount of time that a student should pursue a higher level of intelligence. After the six years of college studies, it is up to the individual himself to decide if he has reached his maximum level of learning or if he should continue to broaden his aspects of life. A person must broaden his level physically, morally, and socially, as well as intellectually.

The reasons behind the need for a good and extensive education are very obvious to everyone in this present day world.

Every man has to take care of himself. In order for him to do this, he must be skilled in some specific field of work, so that he may find employment to help carry on the demands and needs of our world.

If a man is to live in this world of modern science, he must have some knowledge of the things around him, and the reasons behind those things. He must be able to read a newspaper or look at a television and understand what is being said and how it will affect him. If he has not been taught to reason and think for himself, how will he be able to adjust himself to crucial situations?

Most important of all, it will be the responsibility of today's students to instruct their own children, as well as others. Because of rapid changes in our world, parents will have to be educated in order to raise a child. No parent wants to tell his child "I don't know" to a question that the child may ask. So, why not start to prepare ourselves today? Just think of our

of certain procedures before time, then they are ignorant of the facts and thus become victims of their own ignorance. This happened to have been the case on our Founders Day.

Sometime on Friday the 25th, these reception admission cards were put in the various dormitories and on the desk of the Lighthouse for students to use the following Sunday. The only thing that was wrong is that students living in the city and even some campus students did not know about this because no notice was posted. If so, it was still too late for the students in the city to know about it unless a special trip was made that Saturday to secure the cards. This surely seems to be a case of bad communications.

It was quite embarrassing to make an attempt to attend an occasion and then be refused because you were not properly informed. There seems to be some need for better communication. There have been other instances, but there are hopes that this break in our communication will soon be mended.

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.

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Are You Doing Your Job?

Nearing the close of each school year, the campus is full of excitement because it is election time. The big Election Week is for the purpose of electing officers to the highest student offices on campus. These offices are Student Council President and Vice-President, President of Men's and Women's Government Associations, "Miss ECSC," Secretary and Treasurer of Student Council, and Members-at-Large.

During this particular week, the candidates gather on the stage and make their campaign speeches. Usually these speeches consist of the many things the candidates promise to do should they be elected.

Election time is over and once more they gather on the stage and thank the student body for having elected them. Everyone should get a good look because this is the last time these leaders will be seen as a group by the students during the whole period. Two-thirds of these so called leaders will shirk the bulk of their responsibilities.

It is really a shame that the President of the Student Council has to run his Vice-President down because he wants someone to fill in for him. After all, that is the purpose of a vice-president.

It is even a bigger disgrace, that out of two elected secretaries, he does not have one whom he can get to type up a letter when he needs it. So what does he have to do? He has to go out and get students who are quite capable, have them put on work-aid to do the jobs of the persons who were elected by the student body.

On other campuses, their equivalent of Men's and Women's Government Associations are really two big organizations. They even give at least two big affairs on campus during the school year and a number of small ones, but not ours. Some credit must be given to the Women's Government Association. At least they have given something during the year and have

had a few meetings.

What has happened to the men? They have done absolutely nothing except make promises. Everyone knows that you cannot live on promises. If you could not fill the positions, why did you decide to run? Men's Government Association, it is time to get the ball rolling!

Members-at-Large! So you did not know we had any did you? Well, we have several but only one or two seem to be doing anything. What has happened to the rest of them? They all are still in school. Just like many of the other officers, they are not functioning. Their job is usually to assist the Student Council with various activities. If you are a member, "What are you doing?"

Miss ECSC has an obligation although it may be of a different nature. Perhaps the trouble here is that she does not appear enough. Maybe she needs to become a bigger part of things. Beauty is fine, but just being beautiful is not enough. However, it could be shown more.

There is another organization on this campus. In fact, it is the largest of all the organizations on campus. All of the organizations are just a part of this big one: The Student Body.

The student body has been good in spots, but yet it came along under all the good that it has done. For instance, very few people showed up to support the Band in its annual concert. Yet, we are always talking about how good our band is. My, my, what traitors we are.

Where was the student body on Founders' Day? To look around in the audience, one who did not know better would have thought that we have only one year of growth rather than seventy-five years. We need to hang our heads in shame.

No machine will ever operate properly if there is a fault in one of its parts. We are a machine, one big human machine with minds to control our parts. If we are to produce in quality, as well as quantity, then these parts will have to start working together.

Make Your Dreams Come True

by Yvonne Johnson

Life is made of beautiful dreams-- all which can come true; It does not occur by luck or by chance, it all depends upon you.

After dreaming a dream, don't leave it to neglect; Take it and nourish it to bring the happiness back.

First, ask the guidance of God above, and for you, your dreams, he will bless; He will destroy the bad and preserve the goods of all your dreams of success.

After your dreams become a part of your life; do not be satisfied at this; Continue to let it remain in your life, and your sorrows will be dismissed.

For it is true--- life is made of beautiful dreams all which can come true; It does not occur by luck or by chance, it all depends upon you.

future and what we will have to do. Then decide for ourselves, whether we are getting all that we can from our education.

Serving In A Non-Elected Office

Unlike the thinking of many other colleges, this institution feels that the office of Editor of the college newspaper does not carry with it leadership responsibility. The reason for this seems to be or rather has been stated to be that it is not an elected office. With this statement, I am inclined to go along.

No, it is not an elected office, which means that the student body as a unit does not decide who will become editor of the college newspaper. I feel that this is a position that cannot be filled by the ordinary student, nor is it a position that requires any leadership ability. Some seem to think so.

Have you ever asked yourself, "What would happen if the student body elected the editor of the newspaper?" If you have and the answer is a positive one,

then you should very well understand why there are so many students serving in top offices on this campus and who have done virtually nothing since being elected. Nevertheless, this is the democratic way of choosing our leaders and very little can be done about it.

The editor of our newspaper, the Compass, is elected by the members of the immediate staff. He is elected because the staff feels that through working with the paper, he has the insight and the knowledge to carry on the functions of the "old editor." He is elected because the staff feels that he has enough leadership ability and know-how to fill such a high office. Yet some feel that this is not a leadership position as those decided upon by the students.

A college newspaper is usually considered to be the voice of a campus. Through it, many channels of communication are reached. If used properly by the students, it could aid in many campus issues.

The editor of a college paper must put in many long hours of work and still may not come up with something that is pleasing to the reader. Everything that is published cannot possibly be pleasing to everyone who takes the time to read the paper. These things make him the brunt of harsh criticism and degrading statements. Yet his work must go on. A newspaper editor does not have the time to slow down because he finds that no matter how hard he works or how fast, he is still always three or four days behind.

Under the editor's control are usually twenty to twenty-five persons. Working with these persons requires something special, "leadership ability." Yet he is not considered a leader by some on this campus. I wonder, "What are the qualifications of a leader?" Oh yes, you have to be elected by the student body. As editor of two publications, the Compass, and the Viking, the college yearbook, I feel this office is being slighted.

Faculty Notes

Mrs. Helen M. Caldwell has been accepted as a student in the Famous Writers School of Westport, Connecticut. This is a school which has famous authors as the guiding faculty. Among others, the Fiction Department, into which Mrs. Caldwell will enroll, has Faith Baldwin, Rod Serling and Bennett Cerf as faculty members.

Mrs. Caldwell was accepted after submitting two short stories, one of which deals with the closing of public schools in Prince Edward County.

Lack of Communications

On February 27, we had our annual Founders Day exercise. Following this exercise, there was a reception held on behalf of the speaker. This reception happened to have been held in our student union building, the Lighthouse. Being of a very small size, naturally, it would facilitate only a very few people.

As always around this school, someone came up with

the brilliant idea that reception admission cards would solve the problem. The idea was a good one and perhaps would have worked if everyone had known about the cards. This lack of communications made the idea a "flop" - "a flop" because there are students attending activities on this campus, who, due to reasons perhaps beyond their control, do not live on campus. If they are not informed