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What Has Happened To Our Human Decency?

Too long have we, students here at Elizabeth City State College, been subjected to abuse and inhumane treatment by the administrators, faculty and staff. Because of the varying degrees of ill-treatment suffered by other students, as well as myself, I am compelled to voice a complaint to all concerned. How often have students been ousted from offices when making a personal inquiry concerning accounts, housing, work-aid, records or scholarship? Far too often for the well-being of students and for good intra-personal relationships.

We realize that these people are busy and have their various responsibilities to fulfill for the college to function properly and punctually, but we also feel that the students are a college's first responsibility and that their questions should be answered. This, however, has not been sorely abused and belittled. Is this the type of conduct that encourages such abstractions of education as respect, admiration and human dignity?

Realizing the truth that no party is all to blame, we know that students too are guilty of the lack of common courtesy, but not to make excuses, that are reacting to like treatment. If we are to thrive in a wholesome academic community, we must practice more wholly the racial graces of kindnesses and courtesy. My plea is as old as our Christian philosophy - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

I think that if each of us were to re-examine himself in our daily encounters, we would soon have a campus upon which working and learning would be much easier tasks.

Leroy Douglas, President
Student Government Association

GREETINGS FROM WGA

Our vacation is over, and now we are faced with challenges of a new academic year. To the new students and to the returning students, I bid you a hearty and most sincere welcome. As a freshman, you will encounter many new experiences. As a returning student, you are returning to Elizabeth City State College for another year to achieve the goal that you established as a freshman. Let us strive to make this a very successful year. Our goal has been set, and it is up to us to accomplish this goal. We cannot be successful by just sitting down. We must GET UP and GET INVOLVED with ourselves and with others. First, we must act among ourselves, the Women's Government Association. We need "Togetherness." We must WORK together; We must PLAN together; We must THINK together; and then, we must ACT together. Then we must unite our strength with the other half of our college family, The Men's Government Association. With this union we should have a strong and united Student Body. We must not stop here. We must work with the faculty and the administrative officers.

So let us, upperclassmen, set the pace and a good example for the freshmen.

To all I promise, if you will cooperate and work with me HALF-THE-WAY, as President of the Women's Government Association, I will work and serve you ALL-THE-WAY.

YVONNE JOHNSON

PATTERSON

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encouraged to apply along with those who have had more formal education or training," Mr. Patterson emphasized in his appeal to the Guyanese people. Arriving in the country on March 10, 1968, he is accompanied by his wife, Kathryn, a nurse-anaes-

thetist, and their two-year-old son. On the staff of experienced instructors under Mr. Patterson's administration is Mr. Joseph E. Butcher, former brick mason and vocational education instructor at Elizabeth City's P. W. Moore High School.

An Awareness - Black Students- Communication Arts

BY: ROOSEVELT WRIGHT, JR.

There is a growing awareness, finally, of the career opportunities for black students in the field of Communication Arts. But, I am sure many of you have already asked the question--What are the Communication Arts? Well, the Communication Arts are those broad areas of concern that may be called the creative areas of mass media. The area of mass media in this article refers to those exciting areas of Radio, Television, Motion Pictures, Photo-Journalism, etc. Such professional areas as the Communication Arts, serve as the very backbone of the American way of life. Everyday your life is influenced by news, music, information of public interest, entertainment, etc. through the various mass media outlets.

However, fellow black students, have you ever stopped to think, with such an out pouring of information product, there must be a "grand man power machine." This man power machine is the complex of men and women employed, to produce the many Radio-television programs, motion picture presentations, photo - journalistic works, that you see all the time. This "man power machine" represents such career opportunities as actors, actress, cameramen, public relations specialist, radio-television motion picture engineers, announcers, photographers, advertising specialist, mass media salesmen, etc. All jobs to be found in the various communication arts areas, and, "guess what?"--there are jobs available for black people also.

Black people for sometime have found an awareness in the field of radio broadcasting. They have found employment from radio stations in international waters, such as "Radios Caroline International," broadcasting three (3) miles off the coast of England to the American Giants of KDAY - Los Angeles, WBEE-Chicago, to WWRL New York. Companies such as Spiedel and Rollins, Inc. have done much in providing employment for the black people in

their broadcasting operations. Black people have formed their own radio stations, such as WERD - Atlanta, Georgia and part interest in such stations as WCHB- Detroit, Michigan. James Brown, popular black entertainer, better known as "Soul Brother No. 1," has purchased three radio stations in Augusta, Georgia (his hometown); Knoxville, Tennessee; and Los Angeles, California and, Mr. Brown is looking desperately for black employees to fill the jobs of station managers, salesmen, announcers, engineers, secretaries, etc.

There are 3,500 am, 800 fm, 165 fm educational radio stations operating in the United States. To some degree, we find black employees in many of these radio stations. Most of the jobs found are those of announcer and program directors. The upper level jobs of salesmen, station managers, public relation directors, still remains vacant of black employees. But, in spite of the past and present radio broadcasting activities, black veterans have emerged. Locally known persons, such as 20 or more year veterans, Jack Holmes - WRAP-Norfolk, Virginia; or Norflet Whitted-WSRC-Durham, N.C. are working hard among other veteran black radio employees. Hal Jackson, Del Shields, Sid McCoy, Herman Griffin, Mark Allen, Bob King, Leola Dyson and many other black radio personalities are continuing the fight for full recognition of black people in the ranks of radio broadcasting.

Black awareness in the visual and aural art of television and motion pictures, has been felt by black people. Lately, we have seen a great change in the role of black actors in various presentations. From the latest "Coca-Cola" advertisement to Sidney Poiter's latest movie, "For The Love of Ivy," a change has come about.

To further help in the awareness of the communication arts, the Education Media Center would like to sponsor a communication arts club.

The sole purpose of the club would be to increase black student awareness in the areas of Radio, Television, Motion Pictures, Photo-Journalism, etc.

This awareness would be accomplished by bringing resource persons to the campus; visits, to Radio - television stations; Campus motion picture productions; campus radio presentations; free creative, foreign and art film showings; plus a host of other mass media activities. Interested, contact Mr. Roosevelt R. Wright, Jr., Educational Media Center.

MISS ECSC WELCOMES FRESHMEN

It gives me great pleasure as this year's Miss Elizabeth City State College to welcome the Freshman Class to our college.

As fellow Vikings you are now entering a new threshold of life. The road to intellectual achievement will be long and tedious, but the rewards will be great and fulfilling.

Please feel free to call upon my assistance if you encounter problems of any nature. It is my duty as well as that of other fellow Vikings to be of help to you.

Betty Egleston
Miss ECSC 1968-69

New Vikings AHoy!!

With the other organizations of Elizabeth City State College we join to welcome you as members of our Viking family. It is our sincere hope that you come with a purpose, in pursuit of some objective, and have the determination needed to make your stay profitable and successful. One idea which we hope you bring with you is that in coming to college you are not only on the receiving end, but must give of your talents both academically and otherwise, to establish convictions, to share in the organization and execution of the activities which you feel will make your college days wholesome and complete.

The Lighthouse College Center offers positions of leadership, creativity and group participation. As the informal living room of the college family it is the center of campus activity. We extend to all freshmen and new students a sincere welcome to our facilities, to serve on the various functional committees, and to serve as, or to become leaders, in the operation of the Lighthouse (Student Union) College Center. Alfred Carter, President Lighthouse College Center.

GREETINGS FROM MGA

The officials of the Men's Government Association are very happy to welcome the freshmen and new students to the Viking Family of Elizabeth City State College. We also welcome the returning upperclassmen back to the Viking Family.

The officials of the Men's Government Association wish to share with the freshmen, new and returning students the thought that no institution will ever be what it is supposed to be until all students are what they are supposed to be. On the other hand, the students of any institution will never be what they are supposed to be until the institution is what it is supposed to be. This institution is striving to be what it is supposed to be. Why can't we, the student, strive to be what we are supposed to be?

Earnest Bell, President
Men's Government Association