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Editor Speaks!!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all members of the Elizabeth City State College family back for the second semester. It is my earnest desire to serve you well as Editor-In-Chief.

During the 1968-69 Fall Semester quite a few changes were made. We entered our new dining hall on which incidentally we received an "A" rating. We also have a new president who will be inaugurated in April and we have two new dormitories coming up along with a Student Union. All of these are very significant changes. As a member of the college family here at ECSC, you are a living witness of these changes for they directly affect each and everyone of you. If these changes in any way prove to be detrimental to the college, you will suffer the consequences.

I, for one, feel that these changes should have been made long ago. They are not great milestones, I grant you, but to us they represent a great deal.

I wander around the campus with my ears and eyes open, seemingly seeing and hearing nothing. I do hear! I do see! I see your narrow-mindedness and see how little you are in so many ways. The majority of you are so passive and complacent, I wonder why you are here. You take no active interest in anything. This is your college, and you should at least have an interest in what is going on. You complain about the things that are wrong here, but

you do nothing about them. You wait until someone else decides that he has had a "belly-full", then you react.

Take for instance, the all-college assemblies and other activities, you don't have enough interest to come and hear what is going on or what is being said that might help shape your future. How "no-caring" can you be? Wake up People: It is past time that you should. Take an active interest in the happenings around your campus that concern you. The Student Government Association is lousy and the college newspaper is lousy. Why, because, you, the students haven't done a cotton-pick'n thing to help the Student Government Association or the college newspaper. Out of a Student Body of approximately 1,000 students, there are two students on the newspaper staff -- the Editor and Associate Editor. This is ridiculous. The newspaper doesn't belong to two of us, it belongs to you the student body. Help us out - okay.

If you continue to walk around concerned with only the little things of life, everything that the administration, faculty and anyone else worked so hard to achieve will be gone so rapidly and in such devious ways that you will wonder where they have gone. Or will you? You will be in the same rut that you were in before, and won't even know what is happening.

Well, now that I have given you some eye-opening facts, let me once again welcome you back

There's A Place In The Sun

BY Carol M. McKiver

Each man believes he has a purpose,
A life and he struggles to find
His place in the sun. How can he
Find his place or must he merely
Exist? Exist for what?
If not to find
His place in the sun.

Some believe their place is only to
Enjoy the pleasures of life and they
Become the tasters of a wine that
Intoxicates and distorts.
This is their
Place and it is called nowhere. This
Is their place in the sun.

Some believe life is service. Service
To others. They spend their lives creating
A world through good endeavors.
They gain
Their places in the sun but often
They become lost in the sunset finding
Their places in the sun.

There are the drifters who say life will take
Care of itself. "I have not loved the world nor
The world me" and they cannot cast away their
master
Plays and live their lives for they give nothing and
They take less. This is their place in the sun.

Finally man comes to his climax
And the curtain is discreetly drawn. The
Play is over and the role has become
A passing scene of a time gone before
Man has experienced yesterday, today
And forever which marks the point of infinity.
Man's place in the sun. After the close of the
play and the audience Applause do they really
see the lines written in the
Script? Do they understand the revelations,
The impacts, the seriousness? They too seek their
places in the sun, the sun.

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to campus. I sincerely hope that this semester will be a truly productive one and that you will find your stay here on campus one that is unforgettable. Remember what I have said and govern yourself accordingly.

I A Negro!

By VELMAR ROUNTREE

Brought here as an indentured servant,
To struggle by the sweat of my brow.
For no praise,
No fame, no hope:
I A Negro!

It was I who was Exploited and I who
Died many times to correct
The wrong of unjust
Servitude.
I A Negro!

It was I who sat in
The back of Buses because
I was black, and lived
In Ghettos and went
To unpainted, unheated,
and
Unfurnished schools.
I A Negro!

It was I who sang
For deliverance from
The Sinful persecutors
Who shamed me before
The entire universe.
I A Negro!

It is I who's striving
To make my heritage
Known to all, to let it be
Known to all, to all generations
The price of black liberty.
I A Negro!

It was the great Martin
L. Kings'
And the potent Malcom
X's who fought
For a cause, the black
man's
Cause, unselfishly and
Ever diligently
I A Negro!

I shall overcome
Some day, Yes I shall
Overcome
I A Negro!

Are You In The Know?

Want to know what's really going on at other colleges in the nation? If so come in to Publications at ECSC. Browse through the many exchange papers we have here.

Remember the girl who graduated from high school with you and went to that big college out west? Do you ever wonder what she's doing there in the line of social activities, civic work and academic activities? Pick up an exchange paper from her college. You just may see her name listed among the members of the Pyramids, the Ivy Leaf Club or the Archonian Club or some other sorority at that college. You say she wrote good poems in high school. Good, you might see a nice poem she wrote for their last issue.

Or what about your favorite instructor at ECSC who left to go teach at another well known college, what activities and programs are he or she sponsoring there? Is he invited by other colleges for lectures, speeches etc.

The Black Man's Personal War

By DONALD WOODS

Fighting the feeling of hunger,
Fighting the agony of pain;
Fighting ignorance while the face of refusal
stares at you constantly,
And innocently born in a world of adversity,
Supplying the one human asset that is lacking and is most important -
Peace and tranquility for your fellow man, with equal rights and opportunities for all, is a war fought each and every day by each recognized as a Black Brother in the United States.
This, my Black Brothers, is truly our personal war that must
Be fought unitedly by US alone!

You say you'd like to know what the students are doing at your old alma mater, your hometown high school? The staff at Publications can help you there too. Want to know who was elected the new student council president or who had the best average during basketball season, pick up an exchange paper and find out. I'm sure many of you would enjoy reading newspapers from your local high schools.

All of us have at one time or other thought about other people who we know at other colleges, junior colleges, high schools, and technical schools. By browsing through our exchange papers you'll be amazed at how interesting it will prove to be.

If your interest lies here at ECSC and its past, we have all back issues of the COMPASS dating back to the time it was called the STATE NORMAL BANNER and the STATE TEACHER'S COLLEGE NEWS LETTER.

So come on over to Publications you'll have no trouble finding: A and T's REGISTER, THE BENNETT BANNER, Lincoln University's THE LINCOLN CLARION, Morgan State College's SPOKESMAN, Howard University's HILLTOP, Norfolk State's THE SPARTAN ECHO, St. Joseph's College's COUNTERPOINT, A and M College's PRAIRIE VIEW, The College of the Albemarle's OLD SALT and THE VOICE of Fayetteville State College. These are only a few but we have many others both of high schools and colleges, many issues which are quite interesting.

We here at Publications will be glad to have you come and see more of what we can offer you in the line of news. Broaden your scope about all kinds of happenings in other colleges and schools and be in the know. Know all you can about everything.

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