

ED. NOTE: THE COMPASS STAFF ISSUED A SPECIAL HAND-OUT FOR ECSU'S WAR MORATORIUM OBSERVANCES. IN IT WERE PUBLISHED EDITORIALS CONCERNING THE AFFAIR. SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE RECEIVED A RESPONSE TO ONE OF THE EDITORIALS AND WE THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO REPUBLISH THAT EDITORIAL.

Vietnam War Moratorium

BAD COMMUNICATIONS ARISE AGAIN

Because of the War Moratorium which is being observed by many universities and colleges in the nation today and the mixed feelings which will be expressed on this day, the Compass Staff deemed it necessary to have published this handout for you.

I'd like to say that I am in favor with the type of observances that we are having here at ECSU. I seriously hope that it will prove to be profitable to all who participate. I join in with our SGA president in requesting that all students who do not participate in observance, go to their classes or do something constructive. Don't use Oct. 15 as a holiday from classes.

One matter which disturbed me greatly about the observances to be performed here was that it was not planned and organized far enough in advance. For several days before our observance no one knew anything definite about how we would protest on today. Really, a lot of students didn't even know if we would have any observance at all. It appeared to me that up until two days before the moratorium our channels of communication were cut off completely.

If it was thought that we would have observances on today, we should have been told exactly what would be carried on at least one week and one-half before October 15. And on the night before we had our observances we shouldn't have had to meet to decide who would speak and lead discussion groups, where we would go to listen to these recordings and discussions. I think it is characteristic of us to do things at the last minute.

The communications with the SGA, I feel should be improved for too many meetings are called which a large majority of the student body know nothing about. I say to you students as individuals, when you are informed on urgent matters, let your fellow Vikings know what is going on. I am sure that if this is done, we will all know in time what we are expected to do in all important matters.

Help pass the word when it concerns student government meetings. I feel that it is within these meetings that important matters are discussed. None of us can afford to miss these meetings. So fellow Vikings lets keep each other informed on our all family matters.

Editor-THE COMPASS

IN RESPONSE

Recently an article was published criticizing the Peace Moratorium because of lack of communication, brevity of time in which the activities had been planned and organized, etc. This article is totally incorrect. We, the members of AWARE would like it made known that we planned the activities in early Oct. The article also stated that until two days before the moratorium the channels of communication were completely cut off. This is a great falsity, and it leaves me wondering if the person who wrote that article is blind? AWARE had signs up all over the campus a week before the moratorium stating that we would hold activities on the 15th. If there was to be a dance and someone found out a few hours before, there would be a large turnout. Everyone expects and anticipates this in advance. Should they not also anticipate activities on a day of importance.

If certain students were as concerned and interested as they profess to be they would have taken pains to be informed, for anyone in a position whereby they inform the masses of e-

vents they should keep abreast of any and all major activities.

No, the lines of communication among the students are not cut, it is the lack of true interest and concern on the part of some students.

Yes, the Compass is satisfactory as a campus newspaper because it caters to those who like to see their gossip in print. The staff takes time to find out all the generalities and trivialities. Why not take a little more time to find out important relevant matters? Speaking of bad communication, are the Compass writers cut off from the outside world? There are things happening in the world almost everyday that a Black student should know. Are these published by the Compass? NO! The whole staff seems to be confused on issues.

An example of this level of confusion is the article published in the Sept. 26, 1969 issue, written by Miss Lillian Riggs. Miss Riggs makes a point of confusing anyone who read the article with contradictions and contradictions to contradictions. She should know by now that no one advocates violence, only

Editor Supports Stand

A LETTER TO AWARE

To the members of AWARE, whoever you are, I would like to say that I am glad that you had some response to my article issued in the hand-out prepared for October 15. In addition, your comments on my editorial from the September 26, 1969 edition of the COMPASS, were well taken. This is a great encouragement to me, for I was beginning to think that no one ever read my editorials.

I would like to know if this AWARE group is a chartered organization? If so, when and where did you originate? If you are not an underground organization, why have't you let the public know about your organization through the COMPASS?

Now concerning the statements made in your article about the plans and organization of the war moratorium at ECSU, I still say that the student body, faculty, and administration were not notified about our observances far enough in advance. Do you deny the fact that the Pres. of the SGA, Jimmie Sutton called a student body meeting on October 14, 1969? And do you deny the fact

that in that meeting he asked for volunteers to speak in the convocation that next morning? Do you deny the fact that he asked people to volunteer to bring recordings of renowned Blacks, such as Dr. Martin L. King, Malcolm X and Dick Gregory? If you are truthful, you couldn't deny any of these things.

Concerning the posters, I did not see one poster concerning the moratorium until Monday, October 13, 1969. And that particular poster urged us to attend the observances the NIGHT of the 15th. Further more, I was of the opinion that this program was being given by a small group of students who earnestly wanted to have an observance, though it would be contrary to the wishes of the SGA. For I felt that, today, it is Monday, the 13th and SGA has told us nothing, evidently we do not plan to participate as a whole student body.

You said that you, the members of AWARE planned the activities for the moratorium early on October. Who did you reveal your plans to; the student body, or the faculty? (Continued on page 3)

TOMORROW'S BLACK CHILD

After speaking with many students on campus a returning student is amazed with the change of thought towards becoming an educator. Who will carry the message of black culture to the class room if elementary education becomes a discarded field, on black campuses? Are we willing to let the white teachers take over our role of seeing to our own? In the early childhood years it is necessary that children receive the basic fundamentals they will need to help them in later years. It is hard enough for the child to begin the learning processes without having to adjust to another race group. After working as an aide in an intergrated school I doubt if we can leave such a task to another racial group. Intergration is already doing away with our black principals and administrators. Many of us criticize our older instructors for a lack of black awareness. We had our Negro History Week and the programs emphasizing black people. We

SELF - DEFENSE. She goes on to state that a person shouldn't become affiliated with the Black movement for the sake of unity. What better reason is there to become affiliated? We ask, Miss Riggs, that you not base your articles on half-truths and parts of statements but that you find out FULLY about that which you are writing. Members of AWARE Power to the People

have progressed faster than any other racial group in the world, because of the dedication of our teachers. We need to explore areas that have just become available to us, but we should never forget where we received our start. Stop and think, after you have obtained your goal in life, will your child have the same chance?

Beatrice T. Fennen

HOME COMING

A GRIPE - ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS LACKING

All over the country, colleges, and universities sponsor cultural enrichment programs. This plays a significant role in shaping the outlook of the students toward contemporary life.

I have a gripe. We don't plan far enough ahead, to get speakers and performers that would interest the entire student body. I would like to help do something to get ECSU in the know, as far as enrichment programs are concerned.

Sponsoring more enrichment programs will enhance our education here, because we will be exposed to a variety of viewpoints on situations in America and the world.

If you would like to add to your present enrichment program, please write the secretary of the Compass staff. Many problems are encountered in trying to contact speakers and performers for our programs. And I am sure that you are interested in helping to solve some of these problems. So, contact me today!

Velmar G. Rountree

What is your opinion about anything on ECSU's campus, the nation or the world? Submit your editorials today.

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