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Reflections from Student to Instructor

The first question which immediately comes up from friends, new acquaintances, and associates is why did you come? How could you come back?

Quite honestly, the first few times, I had to admit that it was a very present thought in my mind. Afterwards, however, I concluded that no really special or particularly new influence caused me to return, but it was an important old reason, at least to me. I was, as a student, a first-class critic of the organization, academics, and environment of my University, and, like many others, I was attracted to these inadequacies without much thought as to the cause, the effects, and needed solutions. Elizabeth City State University existed for my needs and no reciprocity was needed, expected, or given.

What happened? I suddenly realized that wherever I went ECSU would go, for it had become as much a part of me as I of it and we represented each other. For this reason I wanted to be a good representative and likewise I wanted to be a representative for an institution which merits representation to a degree inferior to none - not necessarily equal to all - but INFERIOR TO NONE!!

A combination of chance, circumstance, and opportunity combined to bring me back to my alma mater and to my Department of undergraduate study. Chance, because a vacancy existed and I was reachable; circumstance because I was ready for movement from a soon-to-become routine job; and opportunity because of the demand for experience and here

was the situation by which to gain experience.

Am I happy? I made a positive decision and look for a fulfillment of many objectives. Have I any regrets? Many things could be different, but if so not necessarily better.

My hope is that Elizabeth City State University and I can establish that reciprocity so long missing and meet our obligations to each other, being representatives of each other with no doubt of the merit of such representation.

Thanks for the opportunity. Let's all work to achieve the goals.

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Miss ECSU

Students Represent ECSU

Six members of the Compass Staff represented Elizabeth City State University at the 48th Annual Associate Collegiate Press Conference, November 2-4, held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in New York City.

Student representatives were Eva Britt, Thomas Harris, Shirley Jones, Dennis Deloatch, Annie Mitchell, and Donald Liverman, Editor.

Registration began

Thursday, November 2, 1972 at 10 a.m. After completing registration, everyone had an opportunity to meet representatives from other institutions from various parts of the United States. Some of the universities represented were Texas Southern University, A & T State University, South Carolina State, Northeastern U's Cauldron, Ball State University, University of Southern Cal-

ifornia, University of Tennessee, Washington State University at Pullman, Michigan State, Iowa State, Southern Illinois University, and Texas Southern University.

Elizabeth City State University was one of the universities having a small representation. Some universities had at least ten to 15 representatives. A and T State University was one of the universities to have 15 representatives.

ECSU Marching Band Performs

The Elizabeth City State University Marching Vikings Band will give a Half-Time Performance during the NFL game between the New York Jets and the New Orleans Saints, Sunday, December 3, 1972. The game is being played in Shea Stadium, New York City, and is being nationally televised over the CBS network starting at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. If carried in the Elizabeth City area the game will be seen on Channel 3 - Norfolk, Virginia.

The Marching Band is composed of 122 students. Twenty-two of these are Music Education Majors and 100 are representatives from the ten major departments of the University. Ernest Brooks, Sr., is the Director of Music.

North Carolina is serving as Drum Major. There will be three Twirlers and seven Majorettes among the MARCHING 122.

The Half-Time Show has for its theme: PRECISION AND DANCE TO THE NOW SOUNDS. It will be based on precision movements and dance routines to current popular hits, and will be filmed by the Jets.

The Director of the University Band is Mr. Floyd L. Robinson, a native of Newport News, Virginia who came to the University in 1971. Mr. George Richardson of Spring Hope, North Carolina and a 1972 graduate in Instrumental Music Education from ECSU is the Assistant to the Director. Dr. Edna L. Davis is the Chairman of the Department of Music.

ECSU's Foundation

Why should we give to the Elizabeth City State University Foundations? First, we should give because this is our family. Second, we have pride and love our university. Third, we are state assisted, and not state supported. Fourth, it is for our benefit. Fifth, the money draws interest and this helps to increase the amount of money. Sixth, the money is tax deductible and seventh, we as "Vikings" owe it to our "Alma Mater."

We hope all of you will join and help us to reach our goals that have been set for this year. Student leaders are asked to please relate the message as much as possible.

ECSU Is...

I've heard a lot of Brothers and Sisters talking about how un-together Elizabeth City State University is, how jive ECSU is, how un-for-real ECSU is and how there "ain't" nothing to do at ECSU. When I hear this, I wonder if these Brothers and Sisters ever really apply themselves to conditions and situations here at Elizabeth City State University or do they just stand back checking everybody else out and reach the conclusion that they are what's happening and everyone else is jiving. But after all that is done, what has been accomplished? Maybe an inflated ego has been acquired, but with all your togetherness what have you done? Have you tried to get things together at ECSU? Have you ever really rapped with your jive Brothers and Sisters? As a matter of fact, what do you know about them or their ideas? Have you attempted to make things real or

relevant here or participated in the functions that do exist? Or do you just sit in the Union or the dorm and complain about what is, what ain't and what should be but do nothing? It takes much more of a man or woman to activate change. Anybody can sit and rap about it.

If you are dissatisfied with things on campus, do something! Participate in your class meetings; come out to the Student Government meetings; get involved in your own government. Attend functions on campus, make suggestions, but don't just sit and complain. Remember, we are Elizabeth City State University and if ECSU is jive, un-together, unreal and dull, then Brothers and Sisters, we are responsible and are equally as jive, un-together, unreal and dull.

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