

Editor's Views

As Editor-In-Chief of "The Compass"; I would like to extend a welcome to the Freshmen and returning students and to introduce the Freshmen to "The Compass". "The Compass" is the official publication of the students at ECSU. I would like to impress upon you the importance and worth of a college newspaper. A college newspaper is the mainstream of communication on a campus. To the best of our ability we will try to present factual and significant news that will be of interest to our students, faculty and administration.

Due to a lack of funds, the frequency and magnitude of each edition will be hampered. "The Compass" has been allocated \$800. for the first semester. With this sum we can produce three four-page editions. In addition from the faculty and staff activity fee we are to receive a \$142 contribution. This addition to our budget, however, is not enough to publish an additional issue.

Properly utilized "The Compass" can be an essential organ of the University, therefore, we are asking all students to help us in the collection of news. Although, I feel that "The Compass" staff is both competent and resourceful, it is impossible for us to collect all that is news worthy without your help.

Each issue will contain a lead editorial, written by the editor, and a "Letters to the Editor" section. When writing your letters to the editor or submitting an article, be conscientious of the rules of writing. We will try to exemplify as much professionalism as possible. Because of the lack of space I reserve the right to edit whatever may be submitted. All articles should be signed; however, a person may request to be left anonymous. As stated before, we can only produce a four-page paper, therefore, we must be selective and chose the most newsworthy articles. If not printed, your article, if still newsworthy, may be printed in a later edition.

Within the framework of a four-page paper we will try to cover relevant national-international news, poetry and art, university news, community news and news in other areas worthy of printing.

Let "The Compass" be your guide, so that "together we can find the right direction."

James Finch
Editor

FORUM:

For Academic Hawkers

By Humphrey Igwilo

The above theme, I know, will set up some psychological problems to the minds of many, but my advice to the reader will be for him or her to have patience and compare the theme with the situation of the expectant mother under pregnancy, for we don't know what the expectant mother will bring forth.

With observations obtained through my visits and satistical data collected in both developing countries in Africa and the developed countries, like the United State of America, Western Germany and some others of the World Community; the slow rate in which professionals are being produced in different fields is spreading like a wild fire in the bush. I feel, it is high time the world community started fighting against these social and economic cankerworms which burrow and weaken the developments rate of our globe; taking into consideration the high demand for these professionals in the world. Hence the ratio of the demand to supply, of these professionals will be in form of one million to one (1000000:1). Hence I felt it wise to pick up this topic from my portfolio entitled "Forum for Academic Hawkers" to discuss this problem and suggest some ways in which the world community can be rescued.

Most mornings, the moon will start to say good-bye to the world, while the world will say welcome to the sun. These two systems of the universe are inter-related with day and night. And so the setting of the sun sets up different actions in different systems of the beings of the world. These actions give rise to many professional and amateur employers in different fields to carry their field's bag as academic hawkers looking for what to buy and sell in the world market which takes the name forum. This struggle among the employers, who are the hawkers, has lead to an academic professional scarcity. In some cases, some parts of the world live in the habitant of academic professional famine. Hence all parts of the world will have to try their best to increase the rate of cultivating a highly productive seed of manpower, which is capable of yielding an encouraging harvest.

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Dr. Walter Blackstock

Dr. Walter Blackstock was a quiet man who carried in his soul a great talent, a great perception, and a great love for all people — especially students — of all ages and from all walks of life.

As a teacher, he touched many individuals with his knowledge, his kindness, his gentle touch.

As a friend and colleague, he was someone who was always where he was supposed to be, doing what he was supposed to do — always the team member — smiling, willing, ready.

As a poet, he was lyricist, romanticist, realist; his changing moods, his images, his themes all reflecting his depth of feeling, his awareness of life, and his gift with words.

A quiet man, Dr. Blackstock's presence was always felt when he was here with us; now that he is gone, his absence is deeply felt. However, he has left us with good memories and fine poems that will remain with us for years to come.

By Ann M. Henderson
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Editor's Note: Dr. Walter Blackstock, a professor of English in the ECSU Modern Languages Department was killed August 16, 1976 in a car accident.

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Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:

Yesterday I cried while standing in the cafeteria line. Why? The reason being that my fellow students act like animals fighting over one piece of meat. It doesn't make any sense. I could understand their behavior if they hadn't eaten in years, but most have had breakfast. The way some of them push you around makes my stomach turn. They almost knock you down trying to get to the food. Once they finish licking their plates and their bellies are full they sit back and complain about how sorry the food is. What ever happened to manners? Are we suppose to forget them once we enter college? There are some students with a reasonable excuse, not everyone, but some. For them, I submit that word of mouth would be the best solution. My world civilization teacher told us that three square meals a day

is the difference between primitive and civilized man. It seems to me that three meals a day has made some people more barbarian.

I have heard various reasons as to why students jump line. Some say that they're impatient. I feel very sorry for these people. If they think that they are going to get everything they want, then they're in for a tremendous let down. With this attitude I'm quite sure they will never get anywhere in life. Some say that they have an early class. How do these people know that the person they've just jumped didn't have an earlier class.

One famous saying is "Say it loud, I'm Black and I'm Proud." When I walk into the cafeteria I can no longer be proud. All I can feel is shame to see my people act like this. It hurts me so bad that I cried.

Elizabeth Wooten



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