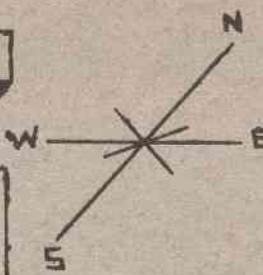




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YM Task Force On Campus

By Sylvia Peele

During April 13-15 members of the Youth Motivation Task Force visited Elizabeth City State University.

The task force was sponsored by the National Alliance of Business Men. Their Headquarters is in Washington, D.C. The task force leader was Mr. Loranza Rooker. The members of the task force were graduates of E.C.S.U.

The task force is a group of successful businessmen and women with similar backgrounds who, therefore, relate well to disadvantaged

youngsters. Their simple message is quote "I made it; you can too."

The Alliance's metro office provides established employer-school relationships through its Joint Industry-Education Committee. The Task Force members are recruited from companies participating in Alliance programs.

The information imparted during task force visits increases student awareness of private sector employment opportunities and the need to correlate their education with career goal-setting.

COMPASS Editor Receives Honor

ECSU Chancellor Marion D. Thorpe, right, congratulates Compass editor James Finch, Senior Political Science major, for being the first Elizabeth City State University student to receive an Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society National Scholarship. "Finch was the runner-up by a fraction of a point to one of the stiffest competitions ever held," stated Harlee Davis, president of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu. ECSU students Davis and Alvin Jones attended the annual convention at which the scholarships were awarded. The \$800 scholarship will be sent to the school of his choice. Finch is a pre-law student who plans to attend law school in the fall.



Student Leadership Forum Is Held On Campus

By Ms. Joyce Terrell

The Student Leaders of Elizabeth City State University participated in a Student Leadership Forum on Friday, April 1. The Forum was held under the auspices of Dr. Louis V. Nadeau, Director of the International Curriculum Development Program and Ms. Helen M. Caldwell, Chairperson of the Convocations and Assemblies Committee.

Guest lecturer for the Forum was Judge Keith Simmons of Magistrate's Court, Barbados. Judge Simmons was here under the sponsorship of the Caribbean-American Exchange Program of the Phelps-Stoke Fund. Attorney Frances Cooke, Assistant to the Chancellor, spent the week in Barbados under the same program. During his stay here, Judge Simmons chose as his theme "Professional Involvement In The Community". An All-University Assembly, with Judge Simmons as guest speaker, was held on Thursday, March 31, at 10:00 A.M. in Moore Hall Auditorium.

The Student Leadership

Forum was held in the University Center at 11:30 A.M. Dr. Nadeau directed the activities of the leaders. The students were divided into four groups which were assigned different campus problems to discuss. The topics for discussion were: (1) Faculty-Student Relationships, (2) Student-Student Relationships, (3) Faculty and Student Apathy, and (4) What the University and Its Students Can Do In The Community. The students of each group were allotted a certain amount of time to discuss the situation among the group members and to find alternative solutions and to decide if any questions were left unanswered after the discussion.

After the discussion period, the groups and other participants adjourned to the Viking Room for a luncheon. After the luncheon, each group leader presented the group's findings.

Ms. Gwendolyn Sanders acted as coordinator of the discussion. The first group reporting on Faculty-Student Relationships expressed the fact that faculty should (1) treat students as individuals

and (2) not try to teach when part of the class is sleeping. This group also felt that the grading system should be changed to the pass-fail system instead of the A,B,C system because students are too grade conscious. In the discussion that followed the group leader's report, it was brought out that the pass-fail system would not motivate the students to do better than just enough to pass. Dean Holley suggested that some of the sleeping in class could be overcome if the teacher would try to find out why the students are sleeping and then try to alleviate the problem. Other faculty members voiced their opinions.

Group II then gave their report on Student-Student Relationships. Their findings revealed that students do not communicate effectively because of a lack of listening skills, antagonism towards constructive criticism and a too low level of communication. They also brought out the point that student leaders have failed to get students to participate in various student-related organizations and activities.

The students only participate if they hold positions. A suggestion to solve this problem was to reward students for their participation with certificates, cash, etc. They felt that the way to get qualified people to run for offices in the Student Government was for the voters to decide to vote for quality instead of popularity.

Group III's discussion was centered around Faculty and Student Apathy. The group suggested that if the faculty and staff members were to participate in all University activities, then the students might become motivated to attend. Faculty members were encouraged to inform students of such activities in class and, if necessary, have bonus questions related to such events on tests. The group felt that students are given too much freedom to do what they want to do so they do that and nothing more.

There was a suggestion from a staff member that the students have a radio system, operated by students, that would be used primarily to inform students of such events. It was also brought out in this discussion that the

loud music played by the students disturbed residents of the community.

The last group to report had as its topic of discussion "What The University and Its Students Can Do In The Community." These group members felt that we do many things to help the community (such as the extended-day program), but receive very little feedback. The point was brought out that the Student Government Association is donating money to the Boy's Club. There was a question as to why we do not get the type of support that Northeastern does from the press. (for example: Northeastern's Corner section of the Daily Advance) The Chancellor suggested that the students at Elizabeth City State University take the initiative to create their own corner.

The Forum ended with comments from Judge Simmons, who had circulated among the groups when they were seeking solutions to their topics. The students were encouraged to try to put some of their solutions to work.