

# To The Editor

Mr. Finch, Editor  
The Compass  
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Dear Mr. Finch:

As a Senior student enrolled in the Comprehensive Business Education program, I would like to share my observations of the Business Department of Elizabeth City State University, as well as of the University in general.

Since 1965 I have attended several colleges and universities. Among these are East Carolina University, College of the Albemarle, Hardbargers Business College, and Appalachian State University; therefore, I have a base upon which to make a comparison.

The majority of my experiences at ECSU have been positive experiences. The most professional instructor I have ever studied under has been at this school. I have had courses in English literature, education, and business taught by very competent, knowledgeable instructors at ECSU. Not all of my instructors have taught me to my satisfaction, but this is a situation I have encountered at each school I have attended. I have met bright students who were lazy, students who worked very hard but could not do the work, and students who were bright, as well as industrious. This, too, is a situation I have seen repeated at each school I have attended. College is not an extension of high school. The student must be responsible and self-reliant by this stage of his education.

I have read an unfavorable letter written by a dissatisfied Business Administration major, and while this letter is not a reply, nor a rebuttal to that letter, I would like to make the following comments. I found the letter to be sensational and emotional; it was unsupported by factual, objective experiences. To that student I would say that inequities and lack of professionalism exist in all educational systems. For the unkind remark concerning intellectual abilities of the students, I would say that this remark is unfounded and is not the attitude I share.

To all students who dissipate their energies complaining, I would say, "Stop griping and do something constructive. Shouting is not the answer. Join the student government, confer with your department head, and dig on your own." Seldom has an instructor failed to provide me with extracurricular material if the course did not offer enough substance or challenge. If you are not getting what you want, perhaps you are the answer to your question.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Katie James

# From The... Chancellor's Desk

Reacting to the growing "desegregation in higher education" controversy that has cause some confusion and deep concern, Chancellor Marion D. Thorpe was quick to point out that "Elizabeth City State University is to continue to become an institution that serves all races of people, with particular emphasis on meeting the needs of the disadvantaged, as has historically been the case."

"In our daily strivings to upgrade and expand the services of Elizabeth City State University, there is every belief that The University of North Carolina

system is helping, and will continue to help us reach our immediate and long-range goals," Chancellor Thorpe hastened to clarify.

He stressed that, "According to existing State policy, we must continue to recruit and enroll a larger percentage of what would be minority students for Elizabeth City State University."

The Chancellor indicated that "A recent court order mandated that the desegregation process in the UNC-system not be an undue burden on the historical or predominantly black universities."

# EPB Service Aids Teachers

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# Career Day '77

Dr. Anthony Ingram, Acting Director of the Center for Afro-American Studies, at Eastern Michigan University, was presented a certificate of Honory membership for outstanding contributions in the field of the Social Sciences, by the Social Science Club at its first annual appreciation banquet.

Dr. Ingram, who is editor of a scholarly research journal on Afro-American literature, entitled "Journal of Social Commentary," was the Keynote speaker of the first annual Career Day Program on career trends under the theme, "The End-Towards a New Beginning". On the April 21 morning assembly Dr. Ingram spoke along with other representatives from business, industry and government. In the afternoon the participants visited classrooms to talk with ECSU students on career trends, specialties, entry level salaries, the value of a college education, and other issues that would aid in "giving them a better understanding of growing career opportunities in the non-teaching professions."

The Social Science Club was a co-sponsor of the Career Day Program. Seniors members of the Club are President James Finch and Vice-President Oliver Felton. Felton a Sociology major with a better than 3.8 cumulative average, on a 4-point scale, received the most outstanding member trophy during the banquet along with Peggy Ford, a junior sociology major.



Snakes never close their eyes because they have no eyelids.

# Gifts For Seniors

The Graduate magazine and a Miniature Diploma will be given free to all graduating seniors, compliments of the Elizabeth City State University Alumni Association.

The 96-page Handbook for Leaving School is an easy-reading, educational magazine. It includes information on careers, job hunting and life styles, as well as numerous other articles designed to prepare seniors for life after college.

"Employment Outlook '77" reviews and analyzes job options seniors have in several career areas, while "Choosing a Career" offers self-inventory exercises to help seniors determine their skills and where they can lead.

A number of Graduate articles are designed to aid seniors in their job hunt. "First Impressions Count" reveals what recruiters look for; "Tracking the Elusive Job" presents 10 ways to stand out from the crowd of other job hunters. Still another feature examines the

importance of appearance. "First Job Realities - What Can You Expect?" is a special 3-part section including articles on entry level jobs, life in a big corporation and basics to learn from a first job.

Post-college life styles are also examined with special features in The Graduate. "Rural Living" takes a look at the reasons young people are returning to small towns and villages to live; "The Single Experience" covers the advantages and disadvantages of being single in today's society.

Other articles in the handbook include "Fiscal Shock: or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Debt;" "A primer for Starting Your Own Business;" and "Lifelong Learning: It's Not Too Early to Think About Going Back to School."

The Graduate magazine is published by Approach 13-30 Corporation, Knoxville, Tennessee, and eight-year-old marketing and publishing firm specializing in educational programs.

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