

Editorial



Students participating in Campus Beautification Project.

Graduation is almost upon us now, and we will soon be leaving Elizabeth City State University. It has been four exciting years. During these years we have cultivated our vocational interest into the molding of our career objective. We have become more mature, both mentally and physically. And now we are ready to meet the challenge of the competitive work world.

Are You Ready? In answering this question most of us feel that we are, some feel that they are not, and there are those who are not sure.

For those who are not ready or not sure, what has been the problem? Did you fail to utilize the educational facilities that ECSU has to

offer; or did you concentrate more on your social activities, than your education. Whatever the cause, it is something that you yourself instigated by not being scholarly enough to reap the educational fulfillment that could have been obtained.

For those who are ready, let's go forth from here and make our contribution to and input into society. Continue and follow through with your career objective, remembering the important part that ECSU has played in your future.

In summary, it is not a question of whether ECSU has prepared you for graduation; but rather, have you prepared yourself for graduation while at ECSU.

Jenkins Speaks To Seniors

I believe that your coming to this institution matriculating in this institution, and graduating at this point in time is no accident. It is because of the nature of this institution, along with the dedication and concern of faculty, staff, and administrators to resolving any and all of the deficiencies that were identified when you first enter this institution,

that has made it possible for you to graduate and to take your place in the real world of competition.

I am therefore, appealing to the seniors to support this institution upon graduation. Realizing that this institution, like all the other institutions, must have the finances to continue to do the job that you expect and deserve of your Alma Mater.

Letter To The Compass Editor

To The Editor:

Our battle against ignorance prompts us to seek an education; still without obtaining that which we're after, we remain ignorant. Now is the time to put our vanities to rest and become united in our quest. The System has said that our school is not up to their standards (white society standards).

Being a black institution, we were the prey to their malicious foreplay. This is only the calm, before the

storm. Things are going to get thick, and we will all sweat. We will feel the effects like an earth tremor.

We are seeing things, but not the true reality of it all. This is because we have gotten off track with so many unrelated distractions, such as the freedom to wine and dine, dine and wine, and have a wining dining good time. Our purpose seems to become lesser and lesser important. We love having a good time, but in the race we

have got to stay ahead to win, or the system will take our paradise away. They will bury us in our ignorance.

I'm no prophet nor am I a fortune teller, but many miseries are yet to come. Lets put our armor on remembering both our battles, the one against ignorance and the one against white society's "ME MASTER, YOU SLAVE" attitude. United we can welcome a victory that is sure to be ours.

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The New Dawn

By Ronnie King
For The Blackman
BLACKMAN! wake up
From your mental sleep.
Arise! Regain your
rightful place, in time
and in s-p-a-c-e

You have lost your pride
and dignity. The whole world
laugh at you. But, the
time has come. We must
stand. We must fight.
BLACKMAN! wake up

For the Blackwoman
BLACKWOMAN! yes you
You are the S-E-E-D
of the Black spiritual
nation. You are the woman
of our Eastern Nation.
We love you. Yes,
Blackwoman, We love you.

You are our consciousness,
our reality. You are the
Eastern woman of beauty
and splendor

You are the most beautiful
in the realm of life.
BLACKWOMAN! yes you.

Dr. Murphey Talked To NCCU Students

Dr. Melvin L. Murphy, Chairman of the Department of Social Sciences at Elizabeth City State University, participated in the recent Helen G. Edmonds History Colloquium, at North Carolina Central University. Under the theme, "The Struggle for Freedom Through Scholarly Research," Dr. Murphy presented a paper on "The Effects of the Massive Afro-American Exodus From the Deep and Rural South During and After World War I - Columbus, Ohio."

After discussing the causes of the "massive black exodus from the south," growing racial unrest and other factors, Dr. Murphy concluded that "the positive effects of the migration on Columbus greatly outweighed the negative."

"On the economic front, the migration produced new

blood into the economic life of the Columbus Negro community...doctors, dentist, lawyers, teachers, social workers, ministers, and other professionals," Dr. Murphy pointed out.

However, "To check the social ills caused by the migration, Columbus agencies and concerned citizens organized the Federated Social and Industrial Welfare movement" which addressed the problems of housing, employment, health, education, etc., Dr. Murphy added.

By participating in the Helen G. Edmonds History Colloquium, Dr. Murphy joined twenty four graduates from the NCCU Department of History and Social Science "who have achieved terminal degrees in the discipline." He was awarded the PhD degree in history, in 1970, by Ohio State University.