



U.S. Foreign Service Officer Talks
With ECSU Students

International Week Held On Campus

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As part of International Week, Elizabeth City State University invited Dr. Gordon E. Hill, Foreign Service officer with the U.S. State Department. He addressed an on-campus audience Thursday morning, November 6th at 10:00 o'clock in the Moore Hall Auditorium and gave them an idea of what a position like his called for.

Dr. Hill said decisions are made in his office each day that in some way affects ECSU students. He stressed the importance of knowing what is going on in the world, adding that individual contributions by students could make a great difference in the American diplomatic affairs.

Speaking further, Dr. Hill also said opportunities are open to blacks and minorities with a good education and a responsibility to service, and for those interested to get involved and earnestly seek the openings. He stressed that in the past it was hard for minorities and blacks to get diplomatic service jobs when you had to have attended Harvard, or some other high-ranked institution, or had to have mainline contacts, or even be the head man's son or daughter. All that has changed, he said.

Foreign policies, and world politics have also changed. Now, as he mentioned, nearly 100 new nations that now control two-thirds of the United Nations, unlike in the past when the United States or other world powers demanded action and got it simply for the asking.

Referring to current trends, he mentioned the Panama Canal situation, the U.S. and Cuban relationships, and renewing other relations in the world to illustrate where we, as a nation, are headed in the future. Dr. Hill said that up until President Carter, no U.S. president had visited Africa or taken an interest in Africa. All this was to bring across a realization that we are no longer in-

dependent of other countries. We need them, possibly as much as they need us, Dr. Hill said.

He placed emphasis on getting involved, knowing enough about world affairs to grasp a job if the opportunity arises. "You have to be an extrovert," Dr. Hill announced, as a well needed quality to be a diplomat, "You must be determined and feel within yourself. I've got it, and if you want it, here I am."

No one can expect the job to be handed to them on a silver platter. As Dr. Hill said, "you have got to do your homework. The job is serious, and it's also fun. You must explore to find what's out there, open up connections, keep up with others, and maintain a repose with people."



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Editorial:

Formal Education? Grab It!

Getting a good formal education is a vital part of your life. Without it, you have very little chance in succeeding.

When you look for a job the very first thing that is asked of you is "Where did you go to school?" If you say you only finished grammar school or sometimes even high school, the employer will tell you in a nice way "Get lost, we don't need you." Even if you have a degree, they will tell you "Don't call me, I'll call you."

Times are tight and it's best that you have a little knowledge under your belt. Sure, it's going to be hard getting a degree, but at least after you get it, you have something in your favor for helping you get a job.

Sometimes, you might feel like throwing in the

chips; don't, you're only hurting yourself. If you decide to quit school, what are you going to do? Don't you want to be somebody, make it successfully, and help others move into the mainstream of our society? You can't do that by quitting.

When you get your degree, and you don't find the job you want right away, then what? Still, don't throw in the chips. If you do that you are also throwing in the credential that you worked so hard to earn. Most of the time you have to start at the bottom and work your way up. So instead of "throwing in the chips", place them.

With a formal education you will be able to get most, if not all of the things you want in life. It's your choice.

The Compass regrets the error in the article "New Furniture Purchased" which misspelled the name of Mr. Arthur Morning.

Cartoon Rap

By Lola Yelverton



Stop all that noise out there, I'm trying to sleep.