

# THE COMPASS

"Together we will find the right direction"

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## WELCOME!!!!!!

By Chancellor  
Marion Thorpe

Students, you have the opportunity of a lifetime to now prepare yourself for a competitive world that will need all you can bring to it in order to make sure that your future is secure. It is most important that the working person of today be an efficient, well-prepared person who can compete in the world's market places. It is our hope that ECSU will provide you with all the necessary ingredients to become both competitive and successful in those marketplaces.

Elizabeth City State University stands tall as a major University for Northeastern North Carolina and all its people, so students and colleagues, lift your heads high. Unfortunately, just the lifting of heads will not be enough in today's world. The lifting of heads must be accompanied by substance, by involvement, by leadership, by achievement, by motivation, and by being efficient and effective in

all undertakings. This is a time where we all ought to have some fun, but it is also a time to be serious. It is a time for you to prepare yourselves and to join hands for the uplift of our athletic programs and for the uplift of a new social life that is more meaningful and of a higher quality.

Those of us who work here are striving daily to make sure that this is a better place for you. We (students, faculty, staff) are about the business of building a better and greater ECSU. And so, I challenge you, especially as students, not to complain about or dwell upon just the frills of university life, but to make sure that you are getting the most out of your educational dollar that you can possibly get by way of study, by way of the library, and by way of extra activities. You want to be prepared for what's out "yonder" after graduation.

By D.C.(Leroy) Beatty

As we embark upon another academic year, it is my sincere desire that you will become more actively and intensely involved in university functions. It shall be the responsibility of this office to insure that all student concerns are addressed and that any problem is impossible to do anything without your support and your confidence.

We are asking for your attendance at every Student Body meeting and class meetings. It is here that we will be able to inform you as to answers, various activities and attend to necessary actions. It is our hope that you will not wait until Student Body meetings, but that you will let us know of your concerns prior, so that we can give blanket information to all.

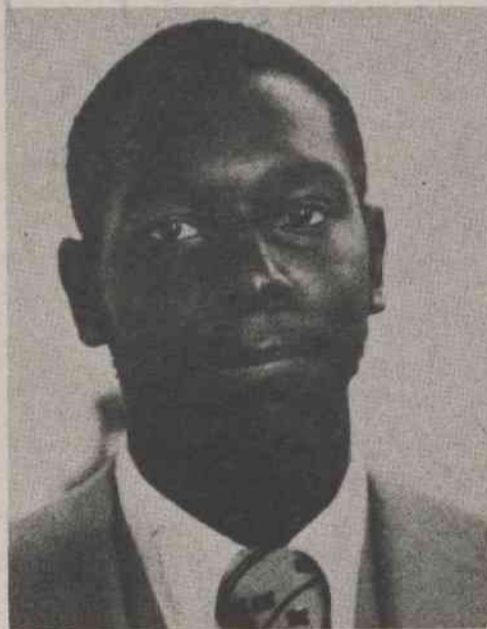
It shall be our responsibility to maintain constant interaction with all students. It is of major concern, however, as to the response this office will receive from you. Never forget that we are your elected officials, but we are here to serve you. We cannot serve efficiently if you sit in your rooms and do not make us aware of your concerns and problems. Because of this need for interaction, we ask you to give us your constructive criticisms and recommendations. We are available for your convenience.

It is our hope and trust that the goals we have set ourselves are a success. We extend to you these desires for a productive 1981-82.

Remember: "The Time Is Now."



Chancellor Thorpe



D.C.(Leroy)Beatty, III



Miss ECSU

By V. Cheyenne Mitchell

As Miss Elizabeth City State University I extend greetings to all new and returning students. I hope that this year will be prosperous for everyone united in the Viking Family.

It is my sincere hope that we will remember our purpose for attending this institution; to obtain the best possible education available. I also hope that we can come together in school spirit, whether that means organizationally or individually. Becoming an active Viking is almost as important as growing mentally, for the two hand in hand produce a well rounded individual.

Keeping these things in mind, have a most enjoyable year.

By Tamara Wright  
Editor

Welcome all new and returning students to another academic year. I hope that this will be a year of excitement, academic excellence, and productiveness in keeping with the Viking tradition.

As Vikings, we must remember the honor, pride, and prestige of E.C.S.U. It is our responsibility as students to uphold the spirit which we are noted for in the CIAA. However, we must also make our institution known for it's academic capabilities-to demonstrate the true purpose for our attendance here at E.C.S.U. We must support not only our athletes, but we must also support our university family-the administration, faculty, staff, the S.G.A., and other clubs and organizations -who are all striving to help make a successful year.

Get involved with those who are involved. Be a true Viking. Join the campus leaders who take pride in being Vikings and remember: you have chosen Elizabeth City State University as your Alma Mater, so hold your head high! Make the best of your stay here! Get involved!