

Vikings March

On

By Tamara E. Wright
Editor

Rumors are floating all over campus about the new band director and the complete change that the band is undergoing in reference to marching style, routines, and the overall image of the Marching Vikings. Therefore, the need arose to investigate these rumors and print the facts.

The new director, Mr. Henry Duncombe, formerly the director for Livingstone College, came to ECSU in hopes that the Marching Vikings would still be a tradition during the football season, and that other activities such as the Concert Band would still exist.

Simultaneously, Duncombe feels that the stereotype that some Black bands have must be alleviated, and that our band should set a pattern which others may follow.

In the process of obtaining a new band director, ECSU also obtained a number of transfer students from Livingstone who are now members of the Marching Vikings. Duncombe says that many of these students transferred for two basic reasons. These students wanted to continue their education and participate in a band. This is why they came to ECSU. Here they can do both without having to adjust to another band program. He also states that no special arrangements were made to accommodate these students. "They will do the same thing any other new students would do."

Although the Marching Vikings seem to be making a lot of major changes, Duncombe says that the image of the band will not change drastically. So, you may see combat boots, new faces, and new marching styles, but the Marching Vikings will go on. They may be a bit more conservative, but this, Duncombe says, is due to a greater amount of discipline enforcement, and a helpful change in the attitude of the band members. "The band should be a learning experience...it should help make a well rounded individual...discipline is essential to any program like this."

And so the Marching Vikings live on. As for the rumors, judge for yourself how you feel the band is after seeing their performance. But most of all, support the band; they too are a part of the University Family.

Board of Trustees

By Ellis Smith
Assistant to the Chancellor
Academic Affairs

When the Board of Governors was established in 1972 all Boards of Trustees of the constituent institutions were affected. They were affected in terms of their authority, their functions and their compositions. House Bill 1456 (Chapter 1244) clearly outlines the composition, length of terms and duties of all Boards of Trustees.

It states that:

... each of the 16 constituent institutions shall have a board of trustees composed of 13 persons chosen as follows: eight elected by the Board of Governors; four appointed by the Governor; and the president of the S.G.A., ex-officio.

...the Board of Governors shall designate four persons to four year terms and four to two year terms.

...the Governor shall designate two persons to four year terms and two to two year terms.

The powers and duties of the Board of Trustees are to

promote the sound development of the institution within the functions prescribed for it, helping it to serve the State in a way that will complement activities of the other institutions...The Board serves as an advisor to the Board of Governors on matters pertaining to the institution and shall also serve as an advisor to the Chancellor. The powers and duties of the Board of Trustees are defined and delegated by the Board of Governors.

The members of our Board of Trustees are as follows: Mrs. Augusta W. Aydlett, Mr. Issac Battle, Mrs. Naomi C. Hester, Mr. Levin Culpepper, Mr. Leroy Frazier, Mr. W.C. Harris, Jr., Mr. A.H. Williams, Mrs. Elaine Williams, Mr. John G. Wood, Mr. Willie Riddick, Mr. Samuel Roebuck, Mr. W.H. "Fats" Jones, Jr., and Mr. Leroy Beatty, Ex-Officio.

At the time of this writing, the officers for the 1981-82 year had not been elected. They are scheduled to be elected at the first meeting which will be held in September. The Board meets quarterly.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The University Health Center is maintained to conduct the needed services of the students. The Health Center isn't a place where a

student is turned down but is offered help or referred to someone who can. The

University Health Center has friendly staff which is willing

to assist in time of need. The Health Center is staffed with one part-time physician who comes on designated days and times. In order for the

Health Center to give satisfactory medical services they need the support of all students of the university.

The students make the university, so lets make good use of our Health Center, because its only purpose is to help you.

Voice of a
Concerned Student

ALL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WILL BE PUBLISHED, SPACE IS HOWEVER LIMITED.

To The Editor,

Firstly, I am a convict in the Arizona State Prison at Florence, Arizona. To explain my situation and situations would be very difficult to do at this time. I shall not try to justify my past actions, for they were done in utter confusion, but please be assured that I am cognizant of the past reasons that brought me to these hallowed walls. It would be weak to give up, and someday I will defeat this monstrosity.

A short resume of myself:

NAME: BILLY JOE GATES
AGE: 25 YEARS
HAIR: BLONDE
EYES: HAZEL
WEIGHT: 150 POUNDS
HEIGHT: 5' 10"

I am of Irish and Indian descent and I am single. I also have many interests.

Frankly, I would like to correspond with people. My letters will be of a friendly nature, for I seek only friendship from people outside of these four walls.

Thank You,

Bill Bates

Editorial

By Tamara E. Wright
Editor

Student leaders, mingle with freshmen and transfer students, and persuade returning students to become more involved in ECSU. Don't complain about how "dead" it is here, because YOU are the ones who have to take initiative to make things happen.

To those of us involved in organizations and clubs should not limit ourselves to our prospective organizations. The only time that all students seem to come together is at athletic events. This is fine for school spirit, but is this the only time we can join forces on a regular basis? We as Vikings must unite in other areas such as academics, fights for the preservation of Black institutions, and any other activities which are beneficial to our institution. At no other time in our lives will we be able to gather in such a capacity with those our own age. Therefore, the best should be made of our college careers both in academics and in the development of well rounded personalities.

To include a very pertinent quote from our distinguished SGA President, "Remember: The Time Is Now!"

First SGA Meeting Held

Well Attended

By Tamara Wright
Editor

On Tuesday, August 31, 1981, the first Student Body meeting was held at 10:00 am in Moore Hall Auditorium.

The meeting, conducted by the vice-president of the SGA, Thurman Lewis, was to discuss student concerns about the academic year.

There were a number of students representing all classes present at the first SGA meeting, and there were also many members of the

faculty, staff and administration present. The entire SGA staff was also in attendance.

Among other topics discussed, Co-ed visitation was one of many to get controversial reactions by the student body. The many new policies, read to the audience by SGA president D.C. (Leroy) Beatty, III, were

not favorable according to some students. The policy as it stands, however is a "take it or leave it" situation. Either the policy is accepted as is, or no Co-ed Visitation will be allowed.

Another topic which seemed to manifest various reactions was the topic of Homecoming. An entire week of activities has been

scheduled by the SGA to keep up the Homecoming spirit, but the negative reactions began with the mention of the tentative featured guests, Mass Production, for the Homecoming Concert.

The student officers stressed student participation in striving for high academic standards and school spirit. A major concern of many officers was the support of the entire university family in

SGA related activities which are beneficial to the institution's growth, and the support of Viking fans throughout the the year.

Toward the end of the Student Body meeting, there was a question and answer period in which students were allowed to ask questions or make general comments

about matters discussed during the meeting. Housing has become a major problem with the influx of freshman and transfer students. Living conditions in many dor-

mitories are unsatisfactory due to overcrowding, and many students are concerned about not having hot water in their dorms. President Beatty, aware of the housing problem, made a comment

about the situation: "...this situation is being taken care of, so please bear with it until some further arrangements can be made to relieve these matters."

The class election results were also given at this meeting, so CONGRATULATIONS to all new class officers.