

# SGA Report

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ECSU, along with other Black institutions across the state of North Carolina attended Black College Day '81 in Raleigh on September 28th.

Chanting, singing, and carrying homemade signs, students marched through downtown Raleigh to show their support for Black Colleges. The march began at Memorial Auditorium and went up Wilmington Street ending with a two hour rally at the state capitol.

Students involved in the rally came from NCCU, A & T, Winston-Salem, Shaw, Fayetteville, J.C. Smith, Barber-Scotia, Livingstone, St. Augustine's, and ECSU.

The students, organized by the North Carolina Association of Black Student Governments, expressed concerns that traditionally Black colleges were in danger because they did not receive the same financial backing as the white institutions.

Remarks were made concerning the federal cuts in aid to public and private education which would hurt more predominantly Black institutions because they are already so far behind other schools.

Curtis Massey, SGA president at NCCU, said the UNC consent decree was vague and did not go far enough to help the predominantly Black institutions. Massey also criticized the decree because it placed the responsibility of implementation on the "good faith" of UNC. He said that it was hard to have any faith at

all in UNC, much less "good faith."

SGA leaders said that they were tired of voices telling Black institutions to be patient and cool, because we have been waiting long enough.

The keynote speaker, Benjamin Ruffin, a representative of the governor-minority affairs, criticized the Reagan administration for cutting welfare programs while spending money on personal needs such as buying a \$2000 china set for Nancy Reagan using funds from private donations.

SGA president D.C. Beatty, of Elizabeth City State University, stated that the common objective of the day was that we support the preservation of Black colleges. "We must act upon our belief that Black colleges will survive at any cost." Beatty went on to say that "The time is now for us to right the wrong to insure Black colleges will educate the Black community for our prosperity. No where else in this country can our heritage, history, and our common bond be more institutionalized...no where else can Blacks be educated about their culture, leaders, and the struggle Blacks have met."

Beatty's speech manifested a standing ovation, and received congratulatory remarks from Ben Ruffin.

Also representing ECSU at the rally was Mr. Henry Duncombe and the Marching Vikings.

## International Club News

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The International Club is a representation of various parts of the world. They are the "United Nations"

They meet every other Sunday at 3 p.m. at different locations; at the homes of friends outside campus, and sometimes on campus (watch out for posters). These are more like family get togethers and are very informal.

I want to tell you that if you're reaching out to touch someone and want to make a friend give the International Club a try. If you don't like it (which I doubt) then you're not bound to come again.

This club stands primarily for the intergration of the international community and

Americans at ECSU. It dreams of a world or atmosphere where everybody, red, blue, black, white or green, feels welcome and a part of the Viking family.

Representation comprises friends from the Bahamas, Nigeria, a friend from Ethiopia, another from Sierra Leone, and from all over the USA.

"The total intergration for a better ECSU International program" is our theme for this school year. Together we can do it.

The club would like to say thank-you to Dr. & Mrs. Louis Nadeau for believing in us and for going ahead with the club.

## Co-ed Visitation

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In September a new co-ed visitation policy went into effect on campus. Each dormitory voted with 75% favorability toward the proposal.

The new proposal and visitation privileges are permitted in: Bias Hall, Butler Hall, Doles, Hugh Cale, Mitchell-Lewis, Symera and Wamack

Many students do not agree with some of the contents in this proposal but, in order for coed visitation to continue on this campus we have to adhere and abide by the policy. Therefore if you wish to continue coed visitation privileges each and every section of the policy must and will be in effect. If there are 20 coed violations in a particular residence hall the entire residence hall loses its coed visitation privileges.

If you are unsure of some of the contents in the policy you can pick up a coed visitation policy from Student Services

## Anwar Sadat Egyptian Leader Killed

By Pamela Stanley

Mohammed Anwar Sadat, a man who spent most of his term in office advocating for peace, died violently while celebrating what Egypt called a "glorious Arab victory." His death has caused much alarm around the world.

Sadat, while standing on a platform during a parade, was assassinated when 6 Egyptian soldiers jumped from a military truck and charged the stand firing automatic weapons. The men, who called themselves Moslem Fundamentalists, attacked Sadat because they claimed he betrayed Islam and the Arab world through his peace with Israel. This action broke the cycle of three decades of Mideast wars. Many Palestinians celebrated Sadat's death because they felt that he had sold them out to the Israelis.

President Ronald Reagan said "America has lost a close friend, the world has lost a great statesman, and mankind has lost a champion of peace; a man of hope."

Because of Sadat's death, Egyptian-American relations are in question concerning their economy.

## ECSU Loses A Friend

By K.C. Harney  
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There have been many changes this year at ECSU, in an effort to better our school. Among these have been several changes in personnell. One is the replacement of the food service director, Ossie Myles. This change has proven to be most controversial, thus a cause for an investigation has risen.

Mr. Myles, former director of food service at ECSU, was released from his position early this academic year. Immediately, rumors arose concerning the cause of his release. Most of the rumors were centered around the act of embezzlement. However, the majority of the student body would not accept this.

The reason behind this was that Myles is a highly respected figure on campus, and the thought of him guilty of embezzlement is considered absurd. Myles was employed by the ARA (formerly American Retailers Association), not ESCU. Therefore, let it be known that the administrators of this institution had nothing to do with this incident. Mr.

Johnny Harvey, assistant food director, says that as far as he knew Myles was a good worker, and he detected nothing dishonest. "It started with a discrepancy over inventory," said Mr. Harvey. "All I know about it is what I've heard."

Mr. Kirt D. Johnson, new director of food service, says that he is a friend of Mr. Myles and is somewhat disturbed about the situation. "When I heard it was Myles that I was replacing, I didn't want to come." Mr. Johnson admits that it is very difficult following Myles footsteps, but he is learning to cope with it. "Myles is just a victim of not following the company's policy."

It is believed that a bad record keeping is what caused the problem. However, Mr. Johnson was quoted as saying, "There are some financial statements which are not accountable for." Mr. Myles was unable to be reached for a statement.

And so the world turns, Myles has been removed from ECSU's team. However, he shall always be a member of our university family. One female student is quoted in saying, "Myles will always have place in our hearts."

## Students Aiding Students

By Kit Cole  
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"Students are our most important resources," says Ronald Peterson. "They have the present capability in aiding the university in times of cutbacks and diminishing programs that aid students."

Ronald Peterson is the coordinator of the Student Mentor Program on Elizabeth City State University's campus. "The program is a growing trend at most colleges and universities and on our campus; it has the the potential of being the top program of its kind in the nation," says Peterson.

To provide underclassmen, particularly Freshmen, with a trained upperclassman to help them adjust to college life, tutoring and guidance is the purpose of the program. "It improves every year," Peterson stated. Presently, the program is centered around sixty Freshmen who comprise three Freshman Orientation classes. Working closely with these students are fifteen student mentors and various instructors.

Each week, the fifteen student mentors attend a training session. Here they are given paraprofessional training on how to assist their

peers in various situations such as goal-setting, decision-making, and managing study skills. At a designated time, they administer their learned skills, all with one goal in mind--to aid the students.

What are the necessary qualities that enable one to qualify as a student mentor? First, one must express an interest or desire by informing the coordinator, Mr. Peterson, verbally or in writing. Second, one must follow the procedures for being elected as a student mentor which are:

- complete an application secured through the coordinator.

- make available two letters of reference from someone who is a part of the university system.

- make oneself available for a personal interview with the coordinator.

What would one gain if selected to be a student mentor? One would receive first-hand experience at working with people, a work experience that could be put on a resume, and the most important benefit, one would receive personal and emotional satisfaction knowing that someone has been aided in getting through their first year.