

Pros and Cons of Changing Schools

TRANSFER STUDENTS
by Z. Mariah Bunch

The transfer student is often the forgotten person on college campuses. There is the ego-deflating question, "Are you a freshman?" Being a transfer student myself, I know some of the problems first-hand.

There are not many transfer students at Elizabeth City State University. Mr. Sterling Hudson, Admissions Director, and Mrs. Vivian Armstrong, Transfer Advisor for General Studies, place the number at 75 to 85 per fall semester, 15 to 25 per spring semester. The usual grade point average is between 2.0 to 3.0. According to Mr. Hudson and Ms. Armstrong, many of the students are junior college graduates continuing toward their Bachelors Degree.

Many of these continuing education students are from The College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City. The only problem these upper-class students seem to face is taking the General Studies courses, which makes them feel like freshmen again.

Other than being a junior college transfer, students may change universities in the midst of a college career. Some of the transfer students are wives of men stationed at the Coast Guard base. One of the ladies I spoke with is attending her fifth university. Students like this bring a wealth of information about life and study from campuses throughout the country. They are able to compare our campus with others, frequently to our benefit.

There are many students who are considered transfers. Some have left the college life, only to return years later. Many attend other colleges than the ones they began in. Ms. Armstrong typifies this student, "They're usually older, more mature than the straight-out-of-high-school student. They know exactly what they want from their educations. Most of

them live off-campus and although they're not as involved with the social aspect, they are involved. Organizations like Student Government Association, Veterans' Club, and publications staffs appeal to them." Mr. Hudson noted that he finds the least student apathy among the older students.

Among the majority of transfers, there are other reasons for the move. Both Mr. Hudson and Ms. Armstrong agree that the primary motivator is financing the continued education. ECSU is comparatively inexpensive and with the changes in financial aid programs, ECSU should have more students attending. However, some students prefer the small university atmosphere.

When there is a change of university, a student may face the possible loss of credits. Generally, the Admissions Office and Registrar accept any grade of "C" or above from an accredited institution. However, for General Studies, match-ups must be made between the former institution's curriculum and ECSU's. Course of study requirements may vary from school to school.

I have experienced some of these thorns-in-the-roses myself. But, overriding all the difficulties has been the instant peer acceptance and the "hominess" of ECSU. This a college I have quickly and lovingly called home.



FIRST NEWSPAPER

The world's first newspaper was probably Tsing Pao, a court journal published in China. It is said to have begun as early as the 500's and continued until 1935.

What is an X?

by Rita Carroll

Many students are finding themselves having problems with "X"-grades. They are confused about what the "X" means on their transcripts and how they can take it off. The biggest problem of students is finding out whether they have an "X"-grade.

If any student is having such a problem, he should contact Mrs. Godfrey in the Registrar's Office immediately to see whether or not they have an "X" on their transcripts.

In the event that a student should go to the Registrar's Office and obtain information stating that he has an "X" on his transcript, it is vitally important to find out whether it is in a General Studies course such as Math, English, or Speech.

If any student has an "X"-Grade in any of those courses, then the people he should see are: for Math, Dr. Sachdev; for English, Mr. Peterson; and for Speech, Ms. Oliver.

Make sure to set a Skills Laboratory time and schedule a date to take or retake the tests. If a student doesn't take care of these matters promptly, he will find himself having a lot of unexpected difficulties.

Another problem that students are encountering is what the "X"-Grade will turn into if they don't take care of it in time. The registrar's office has stated that the "X" will not turn into an "F" immediately, but it will turn into a "U" for an elective course if it is not removed before graduation. But if a student has an "X" in a major course such as English or Math not removed before graduation time, then that will hinder the student's marching.

It is very important that if a student has an "X"-Grade, the matter be taken care of immediately or the student will find himself not being able to graduate on time.



Housing Renovations

by Jacqueline Godfry

The housing renovations at our university have proven to be profitable investments in the improvement of the beauty of our campus. Some of our buildings were in dire need of repair.

Roger McLean, Vice-Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs, stated that, "There will be renovations in Butler Hall, Bias Hall and Hugh Cale Hall in the near future." The lobby entrance and the windows of Hugh Cale Hall will be repaired.

One dormitory that is now in the process of being renovated is Symera Hall. It is presently receiving new bathrooms, painting, plastering and lighting. Mr. McLean added, "It should be completed no later than the first of December."

Most of the students that were residing in Symera Hall were moved into Butler Hall and the new housing complex. The problem that this situation created was overcrowding, but Mr. McLean stated that, "The students were very cooperative and should be given a special thanks."

Another improvement at ECSU is the new housing complex, which can accommodate as many as 232 students. It offers off-campus living with your own bedroom and the ability to have a common living area. There are two showers and two basins to a suite. The suites also have central heating, central air-conditioning, and the capacity to have private telephones as well as cable vision. These accessories cost the student a little extra.

The funds for such renovations are supported by State Appropriations and student fees.

The renovations that are in the process of taking place are essential if we want to make this university a better place for all.



HOOP-EDY-DO-LA!

The Hula Hoop is no longer just a dusty artifact from the forgotten past — it's back and spinning. So when shopping for beach balls, badminton sets and other summer toys, be sure hoops get put on your list. Wham-O makes a candy-striped peppermint-scented model for \$3.50.



TWIN FREQUENCY

Twins are born less frequently in the eastern part of the world than in the western.