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Bits and Pieces from the Editor's Desk

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Well, another semester has come and gone. It was full of many precious memories. After a busy semester like this one we all need some relaxation. Let's all sit back and reminisce for awhile.

The COMPASS is a success, keep cooperating with us and above all keep reading. DR. JIMMY R. JENKINS NEW CHANCELLOR, boy what a relief; Is it the Superdome? No it's Roebuck Stadium; ECSU's Homecoming featuring Tom Brown and Slave, did they shake us up or what?

Ms. Anderson and her staff deserve a round of applause for a job well done; maybe they should run for public offices. The buffet meals this semester sure did fill the empty spot, thanks Mr. Johnson and crew. Oh yeah, what about those fabulous Marching Vikings? They still aren't finished freaking yet.

Coronation, boy what a night of glamour and elegance; (A Night to Remember.) "PURLIE SWEEPS ECSU AUDIENCES AWAY." The University Center was always there to release us from times of despair. How about football? Well we won the Fish-bowl.

Freshman are finally adjusting, but stay off the grass. Sophomores think they got class, not really. Juniors now know what GPA stands for, they no longer think it means Go Party All-Night. Seniors do everything right, they are never wrong. Good luck to all seniors who think they might graduate this year.

If there's anything I left out don't worry I have it all here in my delicate mind. Fall semester 83 was a great semester, but we will never be able to relive those happy days. Let's look forward to Spring semester and hope it's just as good.


Welcome back to the present. Are you awake yet? If not maybe this will help you. There's a new policy here called the Absentee Policy and you have exactly two minutes to get to class. I hope everyone has enjoyed the COMPASS this semester. We will do our best to continue producing a successful paper in the future. May all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Grand Slam of a New Year. Bye now, gotta say CHOW!!!

ATTENTION

The COMPASS staff would like to extend an invitation to all students that may be interested in joining the staff next semester. One does not have to be an English major or the best of writers to join. There are many other jobs pertaining to a newspaper besides writing and reporting. Advertising management, graphic arts and lay-out design, to just typing, are among the many available positions needed to be filled for the staff of next semester's COMPASS.

Don't gripe and say that you don't have any experience because through working with the COMPASS one will gain the expertise needed. Once again, we invite anyone that may have the desire or dream to be a great news writer or just have some experience in the Journalism field. Come on; give it a try!

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CHRISTMAS

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A Moving Secretary

Mrs. Jean Sims spent her Thanksgiving vacation moving. Formerly the secretary of Academic Affairs in Moore Hall, she may now be found in Thorpe Hall serving as Administrative Secretary to Chancellor Jenkins.

Q.-What changes do you anticipate in your new job?

A.-"My job will be more challenging. It is a highly respected position. Some aspects of my new position are similar to my old title, however I deal with a higher level of authority."

Q.-What were your feelings when you were named to this position?

A.-"I was enthusiastic about the position, but I was more pleased that Dr. Jenkins was appointed Chancellor. My main difficulty at this time is getting acclimated to a new office. Dr. Jenkins and I get along very well."

Q.-What type of duties does your job entail?

A.-"My job as a whole will be in the area of meeting and working with people. Also I will work closely with the Board of Trustees, and excel in things that I don't already know."



photo by R.J. Walker
Mrs. Jean Sims

Q.-Is it difficult working with a new group of co-workers?

A.-"They are very easy to get along with; we work well together."

Q.-How has the University family responded to you?

A.-"I have received a number of cards, and flowers from the administration, faculty, and student body."

Q.-What is your relationship with the students at ECSU?

A.-"As a whole, I have a congenial relationship with the students. They come to me with personal, social and academic problems, and I do the best that I can to help them."

Mrs. Sims' husband, James, is employed by New York Transit Authority in N.Y., N.Y. and by Franklin Life Insurance Company, Garden City, N.J. They have a daughter, Akyma, eight. Their son, Derrick, nineteen, is a construction apprentice graduate.

Chancellor Jenkins is happy with his newest staff member:

"Mrs. Sims merits the position. I hired her directly from N.Y. when I became Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs. She brought efficiency and dedication with her. I can feel confident with Mrs. Sims on my staff, especially since she has worked with me over a period of time. It seemed natural to have Mrs. Sims move with me. The move I made is one that all new Chief Executive Officers make when establishing a new administration. Mrs. Sims fits that criteria due to our long, successful working relationship. She is a very talented secretary"

The administration, faculty, student body, and the COMPASS staff congratulate Mrs. Sims on her new position.

Repeating History Add-On

by Mike Moore

REPEATING HISTORY will be a running feature story in the remaining issues of the COMPASS this year.

In addition to the instances of American history resembling those events of pre-war America, another similarity has been noticed.

Like their preceding administrations, the governments of certain countries are attempting to keep their nations

uninvolved in controversial, international issues by isolating themselves from the world community.

More specifically, the nations of Greece, Belgium and the Netherlands recently announced their neutrality in the talks on nuclear missile deployment in Europe. These same countries made this move before the outbreak of WWII. Neutrality did not keep their countries free from involvement in the war; and, experience should teach

them that isolation will not save them from any "nuclear holocaust" today.

The feature editor of the COMPASS invites anyone comments on the topic of international, or personal isolation. Written opinions may be given to Robin Beamon, secretary of the Modern Languages Department in Johnson Hall. Your comments are appreciated.

The Good, The Bad, And The Ugly

by Algie H. Mabry, Jr.

Be Thankful For What You've Got

During the yuletide season, people tend to reflect over the past and express gestures of thankfulness. We also should be grateful to ECSU for what it has done and will continue to do.

Having come from a race of people whose only Christmas present was someone saying "Merry Christmas" or receiving a piece of fruit, we have expanded to many dimensions.

Because of the education that we have received from colleges and universities today, the Black race has prospered a great deal. We have come a long way with education through the goodness of a superior being.

What triggered this editorial was a recent trip to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Students on our campus who are familiar with Carolina often complain that "Carolina has this;" "UNC has that;" and "UNC has this to offer." Instead of being worried with "what Carolina has" they should be concerned with what ECSU has. If ECSU does not meet their expectations, then a bit of good advice would be for them to work towards making their dreams or expectations a reality at ECSU.

What is ironic about the entire situation is why are those who gripe enrolled at ECSU. If they adore UNC-Chapel Hill so much, then why are they matriculating here?

In comparing Carolina with ECSU, one must address the key factor-student enrollment. The student body here at ECSU is no match to that of the "Tarheels." Through the student enrollment, funds are generated for buildings, social activities, and equipment. Just as Chapel Hill can afford those elaborate structures through their budget, so can ECSU. We have buildings on campus that are representative of our financial status; for example, the Kermit E. White Continuing Education and Graduate Center and the Charles Griffin Education and Psychology Building. One thing that ECSU has that Carolina does not is the New Complex Facilities for residential life.

If this editorial appears to the reader to have strayed from the Christmas meaning, well it has not! Use us, for example, as the Christ child who was born into this world in a manger and throughout His short stay on earth did not possess riches or wealth. During His life, there were some who had all the world could afford while He had none.

In the long run, He proved making the best of the resources available to Him to be richest among all men. If we, as students of ECSU, cease complaining and use what is around us to its fullest capacity then one day we will have proven that we may not have had the best educational equipment or facilities but we have overcome and reached a level of competitiveness.

Today, 2000 years later, we find ourselves at an institution of higher learning waiting to be taught. Our reasons for coming to ECSU are many, but our common goal should be to acquire a knowledge of a field or profession that we later wish to venture out in.