

The Good, The Bad, And The Ugly

Jenkins, Jackson, and Haley

by
Algie H. Mabry, Jr.

Hats off to Dr. Jenkins for the positive things that he has done. Only four months into his "Chancellorhood" and numerous changes can be seen. These modifications are for the improvement of this University. Through his endeavors, Jenkins hopes to place this institution among other top ranked colleges and universities.

For those of you who are not acquainted with Bedell Hall Cafeteria, things are gradually getting better day after day. For those of you who are, you must admit that the cafe has come a very, long way.

There are more napkins for those who need them. There are also fountain drinks for those who are caffeine and carbonated water freaks. We now even have those homemade rolls that we missed first semester.

Not only can changes be seen in the cafeteria, but also in the attitudes of those employed by the University. For some reason or another, horrid attitudes have changed and turned completely pleasant. It is almost as if it was an about-face maneuver. Students now walk into offices and are greeted with a smile. THANKS!!!

Jenkin's major concern is student enrollment. Without students there are no budgets, no income and no jobs. A scholarship drive is now in progress. This campaign is soliciting funds to attract students to this University. This means more scholarships will be available and the student enrollment should increase. More Vikings! Contributions, checks, and other sources are coming from everywhere. ECSU is climbing higher!

Dr. Jenkins is certainly a "Student's Chancellor." Already students can see what he plans to do to assist them in any way. The atmosphere he is creating for students is an example of his striving for academic excellence.

Although Dr. Jenkins is getting the ball bouncing and the show on the road, there are a great deal of things that the students can do to help make his objectives easier to accomplish. It is all about teamwork and good sportsmanship.

Why all the fuss and confusion? What's wrong with Jesse Jackson being the next President of the United States of America? What's even wrong with him trying? Ronald Reagan tried and was successful!

History has made changes that everybody has been able to see as far as race is concerned. We never had a Black Miss America until now. The government is sending blacks into space. So what's wrong with a black man being president of a land that has been led by so many white men?

The big issue about Jackson running is the color of his skin. People are afraid that if a black man is elected President, our country will be in total chaos. If color is the big issue, what would happen if Jackson decided to bleach his skin.

In the past years there have been Presidents from all facets of life. What could possibly go wrong if Jackson was President? He is a human that was created equal by God just like the actor, Catholic, or Southerner we have had for president.

WHY NOT JESSE FOR PRESIDENT?

Alex Haley's return to ECSU was a big deal for our campus. It is not often that people of his fame come and share words with us. Those who attended the Lyceum were so stung by his appearance on our campus that they overlooked the fact that Haley was to deliver a "Keynote Address."

If a summary or a synopsis is the same thing as a "keynote address," then many people need to venture back to grade school. An address is just what it says -- an address! There was no significant message, but Haley did leave us with a challenge. That challenge was one that mostly everybody has been fronted with -- "Be Somebody." Jesse Jackson says "be somebody." Martin Luther King, Jr. said "be somebody." Even Eddie Murphy says "be somebody!" Haley only recapitulated the whole story of "Kunta Kinte."

After seeing Roots numerous times on television, everyone knows why he wrote Roots and what it was all about. If not, where have you been?

Getting away from the Haley Lyceum, attention should be geared to the hospitality that was rendered for this occasion. It is sad. Alex Haley comes to our school and the repass for the reception consists of store-bought cookies and peanuts. What a combination? To top it off, they were served on aluminum foiled covered trays! Our school has a catering service that is willing to do almost anything for the school and has plenty china and silver serving trays. Our school should become familiar with Emily Post's book on etiquette.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Have you ever noticed when celebrities or dignitaries come to our campus how students are treated by administration and other employees? Students are given the back seats on the "society bus." Placed before the students are relatives and friends who may not be attending this institution. Apparently, the students' accounts receivable has little clout. If the university employees can afford to show off their aunt, uncle, Tom, Dick, and Harry, then why not show off the people who support their salary. To put it simply - when company comes the students are sent to their rooms and told not to come out.

Algie H. Mabry, Jr.
Executive Editor

R.J. Walker

Bits and Pieces



from
the Editor's Desk

Well here we are again in the middle of another Black History Month. We should all be proud that a month has been set aside to pay tribute to those who gave so much so that we can be in the position we now are in our society.

Many of us, especially students take for granted the accomplishments famous black americans have done. If it wasn't for people like Dr. King or Malcolm X the majority of us wouldn't be here at ECSU. We are all in debt to these people and should at least recognize this month by doing something to show we honor these people and their accomplishments.

One thing we can do is find out more about these famous black americans we here so much about. There have been numerous books published about the life and times of these people. It doesn't take long to read a book and believe me it is worth your time.

I have a question for every student. If you made sacrifices in your life and suffered so that others would have a peaceful and equal life wouldn't you want people to be thankful or at least act thankful?

What's up on the yard? Would you like to be a "roving reporter?" See Mike Moore/Feature Editor

Do you attend the games? Would you like to write sports stories? See Tammeye Jones/Sports Editor.

Heard the "News"? Wanna write about it? See Ricky Wilkins/News Editor

At one time things weren't as easy as they are now for black americans in this society. Now that we are beginning to get things we desperately fought for in the past a lot of us are doing anything with it.

Take school for instance. We all are here for one major purpose and that is to obtain the best education possible. While in reality many of us look at the academic part of school as a trivial matter. We just don't take school seriously enough.

I challenge each and every student to take school with the correct attitude and make something of yourself. There's plenty of time for social life. Let's get our priorities right, academics first and then socials. Remember, many fought and died so that we could be in the place we are now in society. Let us all do our own part and pay our debt by making the "dreams" of so many a reality.

R.J. Walker

Special Announcemnt

ECSU will celebrate its 94th Founders Day, Friday, March 2, 1984. Founders Day is one of the University's most prestigious annual convocational events. Students, faculty, and staff are urged to make a special effort to make this one of our most memorable Founders Day observances.

The Founders Day Convocation will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. in Moore Hall Auditorium. Following the Convocation, we will assemble at McLendon Hall to initiate a transfer of name. After the transferral of the name of McLendon Hall, we will make our usual pilgrimage to the grave of the Honorable Hugh Cale and former presidents of this institution, Dr. Peter W. Moore and Dr. John H. Bias.

A special invitation is extended to students, faculty, staff and friends to join us in this special memorial ceremony.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S Day FROM THE COMPASS STAFF

Our Own Mr. Styles

by Ricky L Jones

Harry P. Styles, former ECSU English and Drama instructor, visited his contemporaries and students in the Modern Languages Dept.

Styles now produces, writes and hosts Spectrum; a weekly public affairs news magazine. It is aired Sundays at 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Channel 27, WYAH-TV network.

He is also manager of Public Relations and Community Affairs. His responsibilities include compiling annual ascertainment of community needs; surveying, selecting and coordinating all public service announcements.

Styles serves as a fill-in anchorman for WYAH-TV Update News and as a liaison between WYAH and the Tidewater community. He developed Ready Access System for Codifying Public Service Announcements Processed (RASCAP.)

During Style's tenure at ECSU he successfully directed You Can't Take It With You; Ritual Murder, and Ceremonies in Dark, Old Men.

Many students who had his classes or acted in plays he directed gave lofty and positive comments about Styles.

"He was a great instructor; I enjoyed his drama class," Burdette (B.J.) Johnson, a junior said.

Styles admires the students and the university: "I enjoyed teaching here because I was able to interact with the students and was able to teach on a professional level."

Styles gave two reasons why he reached his long sought after goal of becoming successful in the television industry.

"Have faith in the Lord and what he can and will do for you," Styles said. Also one must have the "sheer tenacity to keep trying," he noted.

Styles received his B.A. in English Education at Kentucky State University and his M.A. in Theater Arts at the University of Kentucky.

Letter to The Editor

Mr. Editor:
I would like to express my thanks to the people in the Special Services Program. These people, Mrs. Mahaffey and Miss Baskerville especially, have helped me to set goals and reach for those goals.

To my "second home": Thank you for your time and care -- Keep up the good work!!!!

From a student who is proud to be in Special Services.

SPECULATION

by Mike Moore

EDB ★ Another Killer In Our Food



"Worry about long-term harm from EDB should be stronger than the possibility of any immediate danger," said Robert Metcalf on Face The Nation. Metcalf, a biologist, said that EDB represents a slight risk which people must decide to take or leave. EDB does cause cancer in humans, but the minimal level is unknown.

"EDB is largely eliminated when any contaminated food is cooked," said Sherwin Gardner, spokesman for the Grocer's/Manufacturer's Association.

Ten years ago, hazardous levels of EDB were discovered in parts of the food supply. After a long delay, the Environmental Protection Agency relayed the news to the American public.

America's agri-industry is a large part of America's economy. American farmers need herbicides and pesticides to protect the productive yields of their crops. The question is: which chemical does the least harm?

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