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The COMPASS Salutes The Inauguration Of Chancellor Jimmy R. Jenkins

Poussaint To Speak

1984 Commencement Speaker

by R.J. Walker
 Editor-in-Chief

Another academic year has come and gone; it's now time for graduating seniors to bid Elizabeth City State University farewell. The years spent here at ECSU are memorable ones that shall be cherished in the hearts of all of us forever.

We have seen many changes during our stay at ECSU. Some were considered good others not so good, but through it all we stuck it out. Some times the going got rough and we felt like giving it up, but with the support of many we held our ground and worked things out.

The closer we approached our final semester, everything appeared to become more complicated. I mean classes got harder, instructors became less tolerant, campus life became a bore and of course the price of tuition increased rapidly.

Through all of this, we illustrated our Viking Spirit and hung on in there. Now it's time for our long awaited reward, Graduation. May sixth is a day that means more to many of us than anything in the world at the present time, a day that we can take all the knowledge we have acquired here and put it to use in the working world.

This is a very special part of the semester for seniors. We have senior week coming up. Many things will occur this week such as, the Chancellor's lawn party, the Senior Talent Show, trips and a host of other things.

The most important happening that week will be Commencement Exercises. Everyone is looking forward to a beautiful day with everything running smoothly and a well known speaker. This year's graduation will be the first held in Roebuck Stadium. The speaker for the 1984 Commencement Exercise is Alvin Poussaint, MD.

Mr. Poussaint is Dean for Student Affairs at Harvard Medical School. He is also on the staff of the Children's Hospital in Boston, where he is a member of the Family Support Center staff and is active in research.

He is a best-selling author of *Why Blacks Kill Blacks*, 1972, and (with Dr. James P. Comer) *Black Child Care*, 1975. He has written dozens of articles for lay and professional publications.

He has served as consultant to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Congressional Black Caucus. Born in Harlem, he attended Columbia and received his MD from Cornell in 1960. He took postgraduate training at UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute, where he served as Chief Resident in Psychiatry in 1964-65. At UCLA, he pursued research in the use of drugs in treating childhood bedwetting.

He has also worked alongside such civil rights leader as Stokely Carmichael, Martin Luther King Jr., Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson. He is currently a member of the board of directors of Operation Push. Mr. Poussaint has a host of other achievements and awards.

This year's graduation should truly prove to be a memorable one as ECSU welcomes to its 1984 Commencement Exercises Mr. Alvin Poussaint, MD.

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Events of the Ninety-Ninth
 COMMENCEMENT SEASON
 — 1984 —

- *Commencement Sunday, May 6 — 10:00 a.m.
 Carrie M. & Sam Roebuck Stadium
 Speaker: Dr. Alvin Poussaint
 - *BAND and CHOIR CONCERT Sunday, April 29 — 8:00 p.m.
 Moore Hall Auditorium
 - *CLASS NIGHT PROGRAM Wednesday, May 2 — 8:00 p.m.
 Moore Hall Auditorium
 - CHANCELLOR'S DINNER FOR SENIORS Friday, May 4 — 4:30 p.m.
 Outdoor Classroom
 - BRIEFING SESSION Friday, May 4 — 6:00 p.m.
 Williams Hall Gymnasium
 - ALUMNI MEETING Saturday, May 5 — 10:00 a.m.
 Graduate Center
 - ALUMNI RECEPTION Saturday, May 5 — 5:30 p.m.
 Graduate Center
 - ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET Saturday, May 5 — 7:00 p.m.
 Graduate Center
 - *RECEPTION Sunday, May 6 (Following Commencement)
 University Center
 - *KINDERGARTEN COMMENCEMENT Wednesday, May 2 — 7:30 p.m.
 G. R. Little Theatre
- *The public is invited to attend.

Third Annual Regional Technology Fair Held

by R.J. Walker
 Editor-in-Chief

A Science Fair contest was also held and the participants were Junior and Senior High School students. The awards were \$50 bonds to each of the eight winning students. The bonds were made possible by various businesses in Elizabeth City and surrounding areas.

Emphasis Placed On Computers

Elizabeth City State University and Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow held their Third Annual Regional Technology Fair on April 19-21 in the Robert L. Vaughan Center.

The fair was composed of exhibits from the local, regional and state level. Contributions were also made by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Commerce Development, Department of Commerce and Marine Resources. ECSU also had contributions representing the thirteen departments of the University.

The vocational and educational portion of the fair was contributed by students throughout the region, the industrial representation consisted of material from local, state, county and community colleges.

The co-chairmen of the fair are Dr. T.V. Beasley and Dr. Bishop M. Patterson. The purpose of the Technology Fair is to provide an overview of the economic resources of Northeastern, North Carolina and to showcase technologies which would advance future development and enhance the quality of life for the region.

The four years I have spent here have been the best years of my life, academically and socially. Accompanying my feelings of happiness upon graduation are also feelings of sadness, for I shall be leaving many people whom I have grown to love. I now know what it means to be part of a University Family.

Working together, sharing, and caring are the main ingredients, and ECSU surely has a lot of it. For those who view ECSU differently, maybe you're looking for the wrong things.

In conclusion, I only hope my brothers Steven and Victor, who will be here next semester, can experience the goodness I have and enhance the magic of ECSU. Wherever I am or whatever I do, when asked what university I attended, I shall reply with my head up high, Elizabeth City State University. I am proud to be an eternal VIKING!!!

Newsly Yours,
 Robert J. Walker
 Editor-in-Chief
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SGA President Bids Farewell



Dear Fellow Vikings, It has been a very complicated and pleasurable year for all of us. It has been educative, as well as painful, but through it all we managed to come together as the true VIKING FAMILY that we are. We must forever remember that the students are the backbone of this university

Being the backbone of this university, you must demand respect and demand that you are heard. You need to be aware of what is happening around you. You should not take anything for granted, and ask questions if you do not understand. You should take time each day to reflect on the goals you have set for yourself.

I feel that if you want change you must stick together, and remember that any change must start at the bottom and work its way up. It was an honor and a privilege for me to serve as the Student Government Association President this year. I feel that we have accomplished many things, and I sincerely wish you the best in the future.

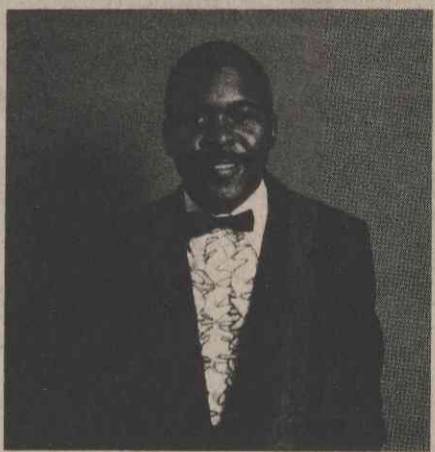
Together We Did Make A Difference

Finally, with the words of our College Hymn's last stanza I close because I feel "Together We Made A Difference."

"With courage and convictions deep,
 Thy hollowed walls we'll leave,
 To take our place in life's great race.
 To make and set the pace,
 'Gainst ignorance we'll wage a great war,
 The light of learning we'll spread far,
 With faith thy honor, we'll defend.
 Ne'er will our love e'er end."

In the Viking Spirit,
 E. Renee Anderson, President
 Student Government
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COMPASS Editor Bids Farewell



Finally, I have the opportunity to write my farewell note. As Editor-in-Chief of the COMPASS I've had many good times, but where there's good the element of badness is not far away.

I would now like to thank all who have made my duties as Editor go a lot easier than sometimes anticipated. They include Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins, Dr. Anne Henderson, Ms. Robin Beamon, Mrs. Diana Gardner, Dr. Harry Ghee, Mr. Roger McClean and of course the COMPASS staff. There are more to whom I owe thanks, but if I listed you all, that's all this newspaper would consist of; so now I say thanks to everyone who has helped me in any fashion.

I feel quite satisfied with the issues we have produced. Each one of them appear to reflect the goal I dreamed of reaching with the newspaper. I feel the COMPASS has been a positive reflection of ECSU and I hope all of you feel the same way. We've tried to cover every aspect of campus, but naturally everything can't always go into the paper. For the things that were omitted that you felt were news-worthy I now extend my apologies to you.

From working on the COMPASS I have gained valuable experience as well as worldly knowledge which I hope I can use constructively in the working world. One goal I have is, not only to make myself proud, but all those who have been affiliated with me in any manner as well. I feel as though I am a spark that ECSU has ignited; now it's my turn to shine upon the world.

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