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At left, Dominick Allen, a sophomore and SGA Attorney General, speaks during a February campus forum on "Interracial Relationships," while Leslie Metzger, a senior history major, looks on. At the far right is Brandon Scott, freshman class president, and, in the background Eric Walton, a senior history major. The forum was sponsored by The Concerned Black Awareness Counsel.

ECSU's TV Station to be broadcasting by Spring, 1995

By Scott Lawrence

ECSU's new TV station will be fully operational by spring of 1995, according to Marsha McLean, Interim Television Operations Manager.

The station will be housed in the Telecommunications Building behind Johnson Hall, McLean said.

The building is currently being renovated to accommodate the station.

Initially, the station will broadcast its programs from the University's radio tower, via a TV antenna connected to the tower. The station's initial range will be five to seven miles, McLean said. Later on, however, the University will hook into Aldephia Cable, which will extend the station's range throughout Northeastern North Carolina.

University officials plan initial programming to center around educational programs and on-campus athletic events, McLean said.

The new station will also serve as a laboratory for communication majors interested in careers in broadcast journalism, according to

Dr. Linda Callahan, Chairperson of the Department of Language, Literature & Communication. The station will allow students to work on programming, production and on-air narration.

Callahan and McLean have scheduled "a series of meetings" to decide what new courses will be added to the curriculum for communication majors.

The television station will be eventually housed in the new Mass Communication and Fine Arts building, after the building is completed, McLean said.

The University's first video-conference center is also expected to be complete by spring, according to McLean. The \$300,000 center will be set up on the second floor of the G. R. Little Library.

This center will enable students to take classes taught at other campuses in the UNC-system.

Video conferences can also be broadcast over the University's television station, McLean said.

"The new TV station will be invaluable to the University," said McLean, "in expanding the horizon for providing high quality education through telecommunications."

The Compass wins 6th national award

The Compass, ECSU's student newspaper, has received a first place award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) for issues published in 1993.

This is the fifth first-place award the publication has won since 1987, according to Stephen March, faculty advisor for *The Compass*. Last year *The Compass* won the prestigious Medalist Award from CPA, with 972 out of a possible 1,000 points.

Judges in the national contest of college newspapers evaluate student publications on depth reporting, fairness of news coverage, features, editorials, lay-out, photography design and overall style.

Judges praised *The Compass* for style and content. In a critique accompanying the award one judge wrote of *The Compass*,

"You've got a lively looking and reading newspaper. I get a real sense of enthusiasm. Overall yours is one of the more enjoyable papers I've read this year. There's lots of life and people in it."

To improve the publication judges recommended recruiting more student staff members to increase the number of issues each semester and expanding the coverage to include more features "especially about non-scholastic athletic pursuits, such as faculty who run or play tennis."

Judges also recommended improvements in some stylistic areas, March said.

The Compass received especially high marks on features,

entertainment coverage and editorials, which judges said were fair, suggested "possible alternatives to the problem" and avoided personal attacks.

"We're proud of this award," said March. "The staff and editors of *The Compass* deserve a lot of credit for their hard work and talent."

March said *The Compass'* six CSPA awards really pay off when former staff members go out into the marketplace to get jobs.

"Employers see that the students have worked on an award-winning paper and they are impressed," March said. "This enhances the students' credibility in the job market."

March said former staff writers for *The Compass* are working in nearly all areas of communications, including broadcast media, public relations and print journalism.

"Many times former students come back and say they got their start on *The Compass*," March said. "When I hear things like that, it makes all the hard work worthwhile."

The Compass is published by the University's Department of Language, Literature & Communication, Dr. Linda Florence Callahan, Chair. March is an assistant professor in the Department.

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association, a department of Columbia University in New York City, has been evaluating student publications since 1925.

POETRY

Writing On The Wall

Your bodies rest across the world
Your souls are here today
And when I come to visit
you beg of me to stay.

You whisper peace, I've found at last
In Youth I'll never leave,
Through your tired eyes read my name,
Your aged heart doth grieve.

And though the writing tells of those
Who gave beyond the call,
Too many still, have not read
The writing on The Wall.

Forty seven west, the fourteenth line
Your permanent engraved place,
Only shows your given name

But I can see your face

21 August of 68
Your smile heeded not the call,
For there today amidst the names
Your smile is on The Wall.

Too many days I reflect upon
The day you took your flight,
Too many nights I relive that day
I can't forget that sight.

And yet my eyes still see the past
Today on you they fall,
And in the future they will ever
Read the writing on The Wall.

Samuel Shaw

(Dedicated to the memory of: Alfred Bailey, Jr.)