

**EDITORIAL**

# It's A Question Of Ethics

By Artelia Covington  
Editor

A lot can happen over five weeks. For instance, the President was almost impeached; I'm sure by now you know that he has been acquitted of all charges. An innocent man was killed in New York. The first hand transplant was performed. King Hussein of Jordan died. These are just a few of things that have been publicized in the media.

I am sure you are probably wondering: What in the world does this have to do with me? Well, not much if you are not concerned about what is going on in the world and what is going on around you, but if you are, then I say it has a lot to do with how you are affected by things.

Let's take a look at the first issue I brought up, President Clinton's impeachment. I really thought that he was on his way out for good. But I stand corrected. Let's move on to the second, the young man killed in New York. In case you don't know the specifics, let me fill you in. A young African man was shot 41 times by the New York

Police Department because they thought he was carrying a firearm. But, he wasn't. Then we have the first hand transplant for an emergency medical technician who lost his hand in an unfortunate firecracker/cigarette accident. The transplant was a great success. And last, but certainly not least, King Hussein of Jordan succumbed to cancer.

Now, why did I mention all of those things to you? Am I just so fascinated with the news and what is going on in the world that I feel the need to share? Well, that is only part of it. The major reason that I've taken the time to mention these things is to get you to make a connection. What is the connection with Clinton's acquittal, an innocent man's murder, a hand transplant and King Hussein's death? The answer is ethics. An ethic is a code or a moral standard to which we must all aspire to.

We must all ask ourselves the eternal question: Have I lived up to my moral and ethical standards, and do I continue to hold myself in high esteem?

Ask yourself.

## Telephone Numbers You Should Know

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Emergency                  | 911      |
| Campus Police              | 335-3266 |
| ECSU Infirmary             | 335-3267 |
| Elizabeth City Police Dept | 335-4321 |
| Sheriff's Office           | 338-2191 |
| Student Counseling         | 335-3276 |
| Albemarle Hope Line        | 338-3011 |

## COMMENTARY

### What To Do About Our Enrollment?

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How do we improve the student enrollment and student retention rates here at ECSU? That is an age old question that students and administrators alike have been asking for years.

Students here on campus have been saying give us the other perks that other schools enjoy like air conditioning in every dorm, up to date facilities, and a good solid social life to rival the academic one.

What they may not know is that our concerns and questions have been heard and that steps are currently being taken to ensure that we here at ECSU not only receive the best possible education, but that we get those perks that our rival schools enjoy.

Our solution came in the form of Mr. Stanley Henderson, the Associate Vice-President for enrollment management consultant for the University of Cincinnati. Mr. Henderson came to us highly recommended; he has over 25 years experience in financial aid/ registrar's office, and also as director of enrollment and admissions.

Mr. Henderson was on our campus for three days and met with commuter students, honor students, leaders on campus, faculty, senior administrators, Chancellor Burnim, Dr. Margery Coulson-Clark, Dr. Lois Green, and rep-

resentatives from the Registrar's office, Career Services and Counseling, General Studies, Financial Aid, University Relations, staff and supportive staff.

Dr. Deborah C. Fontaine, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, envisions ECSU's enrollment improving almost dramatically over the next ten years, from our current 1,932 students to 2,800 by the year 2008.

Also according to Dr. Fontaine, the state of North Carolina acknowledges that over the next 10 years it expects some 40,000 to 50,000 students to be seeking higher education. If this happens as she expects ECSU will want to step up to the plate and be competitive with the likes of North Carolina A & T and UNC-Chapel Hill. This is one of the reasons why we brought in outside help in the form of Mr. Green, the consultant.

It is a well-known fact that when the economy is up and thriving people go to work to take advantage of the money floating around; when the economy is bad people go to school to get some skills to make themselves more marketable.

America's economy is the best it has been in thirty years, so we must ask ourselves where does that leave us and what do we do to make ourselves more appealing to students seeking higher education?

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the spirit's fives do blow,  
playing night and day.  
listen...

## A Spiritual Score

chords mid-score  
tell all things, each piece moving.  
the ears obscure gather tones  
what of words, the lyric?  
revealed to the soul.  
whispering truths and foes of the same.  
listen. . .  
sit and play with the Spirit.

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