EDITORIAL

Goodbye and Thanks

By Artelia Covington
Editor

Well, as another chapter of my life begins to draw to a close I could not leave these hallowed halls without saying a few words to some of the people who have made my life here at ECSU memorable and wonderful. I will be the first to admit that I am not all that I could be when it comes to my upcoming career, but with the firm foundation I have been given here and the wonderful professors and students who have forever shaped my life, I feel confident that whatever the task I can and will succeed at doing it. When I sat down to think about how I would end my stay as editor of the newspaper I knew that I just couldn't leave without telling you how much I have appreciated being a student here at ECSU and some of the lessons I have learned. When I first entered as a freshman in 1996, I was unaware of the challenges up ahead and had no real idea of what I wanted to do with my life. It wasn't until the end of my sophomore year and the beginning of my junior that I discovered that journalism was what I so desperately wanted to do. So I was drafted to be editor of the newspaper, a task I was both relishing and dreading. Somehow though, I managed to pull it off. This is and was no easy task. Being the editor of a newspaper is a very demanding and difficult jopb. This I discovered the hard way. As a result of being editor, I got the opportunity I had been waiting for, I got the chance to to do my first internship. Interning at Emerge Magazine in Washington D.C. turned out to be the best thing that could ever have happened to me. Having never done an internship before, I had no real experience to base it on, but I just knew that it was what I wanted and I was going to do the best I could at doing a good job. I think I succeeded. I made several good contacts and beneficial friendships that have opened some other doors for me in the field of journalism. And so now as I get ready to take my last bow and march across the stage and start my life as a college graduate, I will say I am going to miss this place. There is no other place on Earth quite like ESCU, and if I had to do it all over again I know I would choose to come back. It has been a wonderful ride, and I have enjoyed every blissful second. Before I close I would like to say thank you to all the people who have given their advice and unwavering support.

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