

Dear Vike

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I have a huge dilemma. I am a senior quickly approaching graduation, and at this point, I am still unsure about my future endeavors. Recently, I attended the Career Fair and I must say it was disappointing to enter and to not have any options pertaining to my major. I have no desire to attend graduate school at this time, and I am not sure of what I want to do. I know that I want to enter the work place however, I don't know how to find a satisfying job or career when I am uncertain of what I want to do. Please help.

Unfocused at ECSU

Dear Unfocused,

As far as the Career Fair, you must realize that opportunity does not really knock-you have to make things happen. The Career Fair is not for everyone; it's just a function of Career Services. In case you don't know, Career Services is the office located on campus designed to address any specific needs that you might have in advancing your career.

But generally, there are three basic things you need to do to make things happen. First, discover what it is that you want, to do. When you make that discovery, write it down for reference. The second thing you should do is take what you discovered about yourself and list step by step all of your plans to make that happen. That's where goal setting and planned progress comes into place. The final and most important thing you should do is to take action. Once you have your ideas and objectives in front of you, you'll then be able to make your plan a reality.



Viking Spotlight

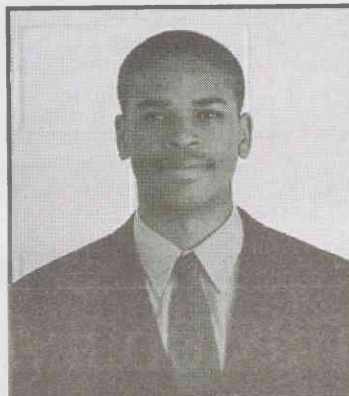
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Torri Saleste Ruffin is from Windsor, NC. Ruffin is a senior Biology, Pre-Medicine student and said that she was inspired to attend Elizabeth City State University because of the legacy of her family. Ruffin's great grandmother attended the University in the 1920's, and her grandmother attended in the 1970's. Ruffin describes herself as optimistic, funny, bright and cheerful. She enjoys reading, exercising, merchandising, sewing quilts, watching movies and Tae Kwon Do. She is a former member of ROTC and the University Choir and is a current member of the Zeta Phi Beta, Inc. sorority and the Health Careers Club. Her favorite book is *Roots*, by Alex Haley. Ruffin says her best experience

at the University was touring with the University Choir. Her advice to underclassmen is, "don't equate God's love to man's love because His love surpasses all." Ruffin plans to work at a health clinic after graduation. She says that she believes her purpose in life is to help people who are in need, and said she plans to use her major to help people through medicine.

Michael West Clay is a freshman majoring in Business Marketing and Administration with a minor in Pre-Law. Clay is from Montgomery, Texas and said he decided to come to ECSU because he wanted to experience living in a new environment. He describes himself as funny, quiet, outgoing and serious. Clay says he enjoys reading, playing golf, basketball and watching movies. He also enjoys gospel and inspirational music and watching Tiger Woods and Muhammad Ali. Clay is the President of the freshman class, he is Mr. Pep Squad, a member of VANS, New Generation Ministries, the Gospel Choir, the Criminal Justice Club, and he is a member of the Judicial Board for Mitchell Lewis. Clay's advice to students is, "do your best, give 100%, and get involved in campus activities. His motto is, "Each day, try to hammer a new nail." Clay feels that his purpose in life is to help anyone who needs assistance, and he plans to do this using his major by giving financial advice.



Sista to Sista



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Living in today's world, there are many things that we want, and it seems that we just have to have these things as soon as possible. Some of us will take extreme measures to retrieve these desires.

Hey ladies, how far will you go to get the things you want?

Believe it or not, there are many extremes a person should take to get the things they want. Maybe an extreme measure will be working two jobs and going to school full time to have the car you want and to live the lifestyle you desire. Yet, there are other extremes one should never take to achieve a goal, particularly strong sophisticated women.

So look at it this way ladies, say one of your short term goals is to get a cellular phone or even a car. The positive thing to do is to work hard and build your credit to own these types of luxuries. An extreme measure that some women seem to take is the, I hate to say it, is the "gold digger" approach. Let's get something straight, accepting gifts from someone is fine, but if you are being scandalous to get the gifts, that's wrong. You should only accept gifts if you appreciate the giver, that way the gift will definitely mean more to you.

Another extreme measure a woman should never take is having sex with someone to receive what she wants. It is better to work hard and earn the things you want to have. If one decides to have sex with someone just for a gift, they are basically lowering themselves to a level of prostitution because they are selling themselves for material things. Women doing this may very well be dealing with some self-esteem issues.

A woman should want to work hard for the luxuries she wants. It is all right for the one you love to shower you with presents because you honestly love him and he honestly loves you. Women today are independent and we can now buy our own clothes and get our hair done for ourselves. We are women of high standards, and we don't have to take dishonorable measures to seek the things we deserve.

Congratulations!

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