

Editorial

FINDING THE STRENGTH TO GO ON

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The past few weeks, since Sept. 11, have been really devastating for Americans and many others across the world. There have been many casualties of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. There have also been casualties overseas. Many families, wives, husbands, children, daughters, mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers, have been left behind to mourn the loss of their loved ones who became casualties and to find the strength to go on in spite of the tragedy.

To make matters worse, there have been even more victims of terrorists' acts as a result of the surprise Anthrax that has been planted inside of mail. This is extremely overwhelming and frightening for many. They ask: "What has this world come to?" We seem to have forgotten that human cruelty, such as countries being attacked on their homeland, has been happening for hundreds of years. However, because one of the wealthiest and most powerful nations has been attacked, people are devastated and some even believe that it is indeed the end of the world.

Well, maybe and maybe not. But in the midst of it all, we have to go on and continue to have faith in the God that we keep asking to bless America.

That phrase, "God Bless America" should not be taken lightly and spoken carelessly. Americans have been singing the song "God

Bless America" for so many years, but do we realize what we are really saying? When you ask for a blessing, you are asking for Divine favor, protection, and guidance. We all know that now, as we always have; America needs God's favor to help us to stay encouraged, to grow in faith, and to show more love to our nation and its people. We also know that we need God to protect us and to prepare us for what is yet to come. When we ask for His blessings, we have to believe that He will do just what we ask of Him. He said that He would never leave us nor forsake us, and He will do just what He said. It is then that we can find the strength to go on.

Elizabeth City State University faculty, staff, and students have shown that we have faith that God can and believe that he will give us the strength to go on. We have set an example to the rest of the world. We have moved on with the rest of the semester, and have made it through midterms. We made our homecoming a success; from the victory over Livingston College to the uplifting gospel concert featuring ECSU's own, *God's Image*. Though many students were effected by the tragedy, they still found the strength to go on with their lives and continued to pray: "God, Bless America!"

I encourage everyone to follow the example of ECSU students and maintain your dignity, faith, and love. We should brace ourselves for what is yet to come, and remember; God is still in control. With that thought in mind, we should all be able to find the strength to go on.

Hello

**Invaded by The Wind
Racing Through The
Stars
In Hopes To Hear Your
Heartbeat
So I May Know The
Sound Of Love**

**Dancing Under Moonlit
Eyes
In Tune To Your Smile
Your Fingertips Are
Instruments
Which Plays Melodies For
My Soul**

I Become Carefree

**My Mind Is Open To Your
World
My Eyes Ablaze By Your
Magnificence
My Emotions In Rhythm
With Your Heart**

Just From Hearing Hello

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Poetry Corner

The Invisible People

**Guns go off at night; they
make it hard to go to sleep
Except for the brothers who
get hit and lie six feet deep.
Plagues pervade the earth like
U.S. troops in foreign lands,
Only to kill, rape, bomb, and
hide the truth to wash their
hands.**

**AIDS is the most deadly dis-
ease we know,
Ironically, it was invented and
the cure they don't know.
You hate what happens, but
you don't hate why
If you're not a solution, you're
a problem, suicide/genocide,
Integrated, but segregated, it
don't be all that drama in the
middle class.**

**We low class are on rat-in-
fested streets with broken glass.
The glass is from the forties
we drink to forget our problems.
I don't wanna sound corny,
but it doesn't solve them.**

**Then there're things like
crack sent to the places we live,
From overseas, some sell it,
some smoke it, but none of it is
positive.**

**You think it's our fault that
we live in poverty,
Harsh environments, are child
molesters, the violence is sodomy.
Don't forget about technology,
reality is a movie script.
Holographic images to idolize
and people implanted with micro-
chips.**

**Sonic weapons to further es-
tablish propaganda and mind
control**

**Receiving the mark of the
beast to permanently sell your
soul.**

**I have just unfolded the scroll
of your subconscious
I believe in conspiracy, not
coincidence.**

-VENOM

The Previous Generation

**Shaving his old face
Time for a new image
They say so sincerely
Things have changed
You must change too
When they've finished
He moves to the basin
His reflection meets him
Perhaps the water's dirty
He wants to think it is—
They have robbed him
The time it took him
To grow those locks
To them his beauty
Was hideous, so they
Made him one of them**

-Jessica Barrier

The Compass Staff would like to apologize to the SGA Cabinet for the misquoting and the misspelling of their names in first issue's "Intelligent Minds Advocating New Ideas."