

Editorial

IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORST

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The term "holidays" refer to the days set aside by law to observe religious or secular events. Those days are also days for on to rest from everyday school and work. This time of year, Thanksgiving and Christmas, is usually categorized as one; "the holidays." I particularly like this time of year, because it is the only time of year that can bring all of an entire family together; even those who have differences puts them aside. This time of year is magical, because the Reason for the season somehow helps people see things, even negative things, in a new and positive light.

"The holidays" are always the most celebrated time of the year because of the large family gatherings, the feasts, and the family telling each other why they are thankful and appreciative of each other.

Well, I am glad that I can be thankful year round for many things. I am thankful for the small things that many people take for granted. I am thankful for the ability to hear, see, smell, reason and think on my own. I am thankful for food, shelter, clothing and an institution that is to giving me a quality education. Many people complain about the University's size and lack of activities. While this may be true, it could be worst. Many other Elizabeth City State University students and I are thankful for the passionate, culturally diverse, and well-trained faculty, many of who have had many wonderful experiences, who help educate us. There are many universities where the professors are not as dedicated and as well trained to teach. The intimate relationship between ECSU students and professors is well appreciated and admired

by surrounding larger universities. There are some students who never thought that they would make it to college, who are thankful for being at ECSU and given a chance to do something productive with their lives. At many larger universities in larger cities, students are treated as numbers and not individuals; they are also easily distracted from their studies by other urban lures.

I appreciate the family and friends that I am blessed with. Without their love, support, and encouragement, I would not be able to function. Though at times I may get upset with them, it could have been worst. It could be that I have not family or friends. I appreciate all four seasons and the earth that is designed to accommodate our every physical need. I am thankful for a country that allows me so many opportunities and freedom. It is a blessing to be able to worship, study, travel, and live the way that I want. Although the United States has experienced a lot of tragedy over the past two months, we have become united since Sept. 11.

The reason for my gratefulness is because of my love for Jesus Christ. He is the One who has had mercy on the United States and has held back what could have been. He is the One who blessed me with the abilities that most of us take for granted. He is the reason why ECSU is so prosperous and will continue to prosper. Jesus Christ is the reason for all of this, the turkeys, the presents, and the joy of the holiday season. For his love, mercy, and grace, I am thankful.

Soon we will be celebrating the day set aside to observe His birth. Let us do so with the heart of thanksgiving. But, all year, let us remember that we do not have a reason to complain, because it could have been worst.

Poetry Corner

More God

**I woke up this morning
And I wasn't satisfied with my life
In my heart there were desires
But still, there was no life**

**I sat and thought,
"How could I live another day?"
In my heart, I heard a new prayer
I listened and began to pray**

**God, I want more you in my life
Help me to do your will
Negative thoughts once bruised my mind
But your word continues to heal**

**God, how can I touch your heart?
How can I make you smile?
How can I make you proud?
Lord, please show me how**

**I was planting seeds in the wrong field
I should have invested more time in you
I wonder, where did I go wrong
Then I realized it when I took my focus off
you**

God, I want more you in my life.

-James Hill

More Than

**More than just a sweet voice
Rays of sunshine beam through
her smile
Volcanic streams of passion over-
take my body
As my name flows out of her
mouth like
Pure water over rocks in the river**

**More than a switch in her walk
Honey glazes her thighs, keeping
her legs**

**In perfect symmetry
Wind massages her hair and face
While her head faces the sky
Her upright back symbolizing the
pride**

**Of a people, a nation, a unified
soul**

**More than just casual sex
With each kiss, nature become
obsolete
With each stroke, two souls be-
come
One immortal being
With each minute, we get one step
closer to**

**A plateau beyond ecstasy
Love unblemished, undenied,
uncontrolled!!!**

**More than a love jones
A deeper understanding of
Pleasure and pain
Joy and sorrow
Courage and fear
The Sweetest thing I'll never
know**

**More than a Woman...
Excellence personified
Beauty Undescribable
Power Unrivaled
Grace Undisturbed
Angel on Earth before me**

**More than my heart can take
Bittersweet goodbyes...
Hopes and prayers that we'll meet
In a different time and place
Two hearts beating as one
But if it's meant to be
May God wipe away the tears of a
weary soul
And send her back to me.**

-Pierre Wood

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FOR THE SEASON!!

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