

Editorial

A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

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Each year as May approaches, many college students are either saying, "Have a great summer" or "I will see you in the fall." However, many graduating seniors are saying "Good-bye." As a member of the spring class of 2002, I am also saying "Goodbye" to the Elizabeth City State University family.

Like most college students, I have had great experiences, and I have met wonderful and inspirational people. Likewise, I have had bad experiences and met people that caused me more distress than happiness. However, overall I have thoroughly enjoyed my college experience as a Viking. Perhaps most of all I have enjoyed being the editor-in-chief of *The Compass*.

It has been a rewarding experience serving the ECSU family, but, most of all, it has been a privilege serving the students. As editor-in-chief, it was my personal goal to make *The Compass* more appealing to students as far as informative news, fashion, and inspiration. I pray that you all feel that we, the staff, have done that.

I would like to thank all of *The Compass*'s readers, because without you *The Compass* does not exist. I want to say "thank you" to every faculty member who gave me encouraging words and supported me this year. Perhaps most of all I would like to thank *The Compass*'s staff, because they were the biggest blessing that God gave me this year as far as *The Compass* is concerned. They have been the most outstanding and dedicated staff that I can remember since I have been here. Words cannot express my gratitude to you all.

Prior to becoming the editor of *The Compass*, I had never been a leader. I was very afraid to take on a leadership position. I did not think that I would do a satisfactory job. I thought that I would be a disappointment to *The Compass*'s readers, legacy, the department of

language, literature, and communication, and myself. However, I as began to pray and ask the Lord for guidance, He gave me comfort and told me that I did not have to take this position, but that He had appointed me to it as a part of His Divine Plan. He reassured me, that as His child, He had not given me the position so that I could be a failure, but that He would be with me throughout each issue to see that I do a good job and reach my goal. He proved to me that if I have just a little faith in Him, He would allow me to do things that I never thought I could, such as be a leader.

I am also aware that God wanted me to have this position so that He could teach me some things before I enter the "real world."

I have learned that you must always be prepared for the unexpected. There have been times when submissions to *The Compass* were either not on time, not as I had expected them to be, or not submitted at all. It was during those times that I had to be creative and come up with an alternative. Sometimes people, staff members and non-staff members, were disagreeable. It was important that I learned how to handle disagreements and different personalities. Most of all, it was important to learn how to be self-motivated and creative.

Though being the editor-in-chief was not an easy job, it has been rewarding and I thank God for giving me the opportunity to learn skills that I did not think was that important.

Now that you have heard my testimony, I challenge all ECSU students to believe that wherever you are and whatever you do, you are not there by coincidence, but it is all a part of God's Divine Plan. You may be doing something that you do not want to right now, but it will all work out for your good in the end if you put all of your trust and faith God.

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and makes Him his hope and confidence." Jeremiah 17:7.

Poetry Corner

I Sit Here Wondering

WAITING
THINKING CONTEMPLATING
WHEN WILL MY DAY COME
SO MANY TIMES I'VE BURST INTO FLAMES
OVER MEN PLAYING LITTLE BOY GAMES
SO I'M JUST HESITATING
WHEN WILL MY DAY COME
WHY
WHY CAN'T I FIND YOU
I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE
THAT STRONG CHRISTIAN MAN
READY TO ASK FOR MY HAND
FOR MY LOVE
FOR ME TO BE HIS WIFE
HIS HELP MEET
HIS LIFE
BUT WAIT
I THINK I'VE FOUND THE PROBLEM
WHILE I'M SEARCHING FOR YOU
GOD IS PATIENTLY GETTING
YOU READY FOR ME
AND MOLDING ME INTO WHAT YOU NEED
SO ON THAT DAY
THAT DAY WHEN THE TWINKLE IN YOUR EYE
CATCHES MINE
THAT DAY WHEN MY VIRTUE LEAVES YOU
SCREAMING CAUSE LIKE ME NONE OTHER
COULD YOU FIND
MY DAY WILL HAVE COME

Krystle Lee

Hate-a-matics

Hate is a drug
It controls your mind
A contagious disease
That spreads quickly in a short period
of time
It can be transmitted verbally or
nonverbally
Through action or through word
Conducted loud or silent
It is well heard
A negative plus a negative equal a
negative
No positive results
Violent after violent scenes
Because minds are corrupt
Some people wanna rage war against
the world
Because they can't win the war within
themselves
Walk around with phony smiles
Until the real turtle pops out the shell
Buildings that take a long time to
build
Can be destroyed in no time
Evil works that take place on reality
soil
Are produced from wicked blueprints
created in the mind
It's wild ain't it?
There's no telling what the man be-
sides you is thinking
He so caught up in his wickedness
His conscious is constantly shrinking
It's bizarre
It seems, we are trap in a human zoo
A boy half my age
Know more about a gun than I do
Come mon, now
That's not right
So much poison lies on the T.V screen
Our children are not seeing the light
And can you believe it, there are people
following
Evil men's lead
Not realizing, they are slaves
Supporting another man's greed
And as the world twist and turn
I continue to learn
The ways of the world
Will keep you in more dirt than earth-
worms
Hate is a drug
It controls your mind
It don't only kill people
But it also kills time
It's the killer of innocent lives
And precious dreams
The brush that Satan use
To paint a murder scene
Hate-a-matics
I do the calculations
As it take action
Instead of us coming together as a
whole
We are divided into fractions

James Hill

**CONGRATULATIONS
SPRING CLASS OF 2002!!
WE WISH YOU THE BEST
AND MUCH SUCCESS!!**

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