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Orientation

Presentation Summary I: Tutoring and Mentoring

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On September 8th we had a tutoring/mentoring presentation in the SSB Auditorium. I unfortunately got lost and almost was late to the presentation. Some guy in a suit who was getting off the elevator showed me the way to the presentation.

At the presentation, I made a few observations about my environment. One of the presenters wore a red T-shirt and jeans. The other presenter wore a suit. Both of the presenters were cordial. The one in the suit helped me find the presentation itself and helped me out in the elevator.

The first piece of the presentation was on tutoring and mentoring. He was presenting the fact that volunteers are very much needed in helping the students that need a role model. The guy in the suit was next. He was a psychologist. He was presenting the fact that people that needed help with anything should see him or someone like him. This he said is a “free service of the university” and should be taken advantage of.

Both presenters were trying to get the audience to be interactive and play with them, however, the guy in the suit had problems with this (perhaps it was his suit). Even though something like this is unintentional, students don't want to step out of line. This is especially true maybe so early in the semester. I personally enjoyed this presentation because it opened me to some great stuff that I could use. Even though the immediate above being my own opinion and observation, if true, it shows how impressionable a freshman straight out of high school can be. I however am not right out of high school, but I understand.

In conclusion, take advantage of ECU's programs and services. This will help in the growth of any student. Go see a psychologist or a mentor. Exercise the freedom of being a student; however use this freedom wisely by getting help when needed.