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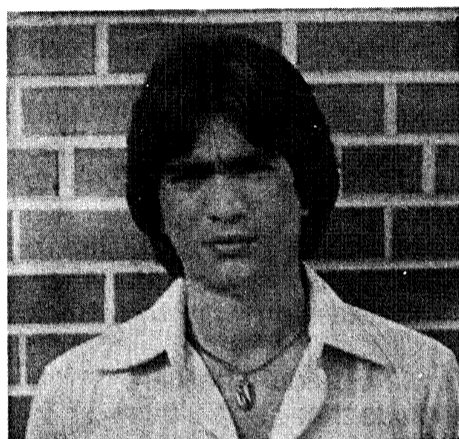
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Sessoms Includes Minorities

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Staff Writer

Neil Sessoms, a candidate for SGA president, is in favor of including minorities in all campus activities. Reed Warren is Sessoms' running mate.

"Reed and I go together," said Sessoms in an interview. "Reed will work directly with the office of Minority Affairs. He will act as a liaison between the minorities and me."



NEIL SESSOMS

When asked how he felt about the office of Minority Affairs, Sessoms said, "the office is definitely important." He feels that the office of Minority Affairs will keep him in touch with minority happenings on campus.

"It is important for blacks to know what offices are open," said Sessoms. He added that he would like to see "more blacks in the legislature." He believes that minority involvement with the legislature would help improve black conditions on campus.

Sessoms noted that it would be difficult for a black to get elected to a high office in the SGA. With this in mind he said, "we can do a lot more for blacks than a black can because a black would have a hard time getting into office."

This already difficult task was made even more difficult when Jeri Barnes, a black, was elected as homecoming queen last year by a bloc vote.

Sessoms reiterated the importance of black involvement. "Many blacks do not know what positions are open," he said.

"Reed and I will be sure that blacks are informed as to what offices and positions are available."

In regard to Student Union activities Sessoms said, "I will be confined by the office and will have to work along with the Student Union."

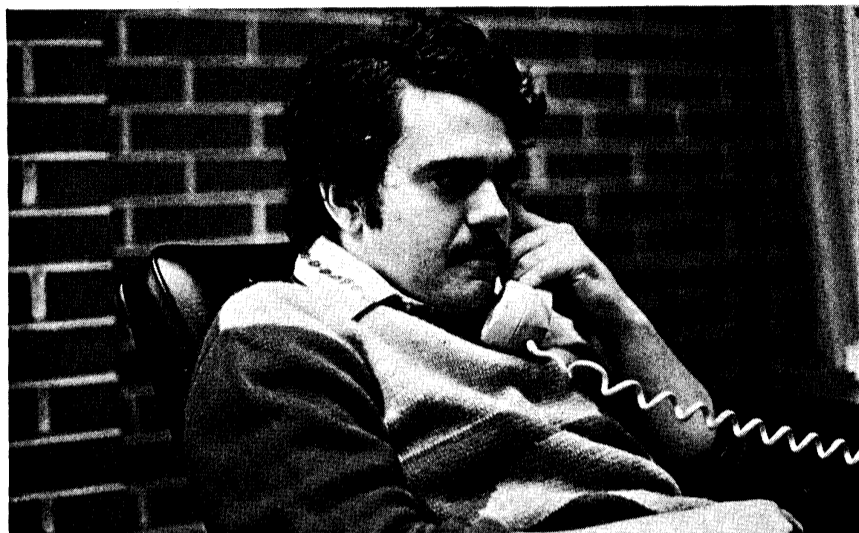
The Student Union is separate from the SGA; therefore the SGA has very little to do with its activities.

Sessoms acknowledged the fact that East Carolina is far behind when it comes to minorities. He said that he hopes the blacks' distrust of the SGA will change. His platform has made the issue of trust one of its highest goals. He assures blacks that he "will not be antagonistic". "Our chief priority is to be very open," he added.

When asked how he felt about the Ebony Herald, Sessoms said, "I think the Ebony Herald has a place, definitely. I would also like to see more coverage of black news in the Fountainhead," he added. He also said, "I won't take anything away from the Ebony Herald." Sessoms feels that the Ebony Herald should remain separate from Fountainhead.

Sessoms also responded to the issue of minority recruitment. "As the black population increases, the number of blacks on campus will increase," he said. His platform, however, does not include a plan to aid in black or minority recruitment.

As far as black Greeks are concerned, Sessoms said that he was hoping to provide office space on campus for each black fraternity. When asked if this was possible he said, "there is space available and I think I can get it."



TIM SULLIVAN

Sullivan Speaks To SOULS

By GERALD BARNES
Staff Writer

Tim Sullivan, the current SGA president, spoke before members of SOULS at the Afro-American Cultural Center on March 17.

Sullivan, who is running for his second term as SGA president, asked that his past performance be taken in consideration. According to Sullivan, the promises he made last year have been kept although he has had to "step on some toes" to do it.

Of his accomplishments last year Sullivan included salary cuts for SGA officials by twenty per cent, Buccaneer staff cuts, two more buses for the Transit System and increased free student legal service.

Other promises executed were the starting of retreat programs, a seat on the city council and the current request for a

Tenth St. overpass for students.

Pledges for next year include a referendum to handle the Buccaneer situation, more salary cuts of SGA employees and a continued and if possible improved transit system.

Sullivan presented a positive approach toward black campus organizations. He feels that Ebony Herald should remain separate from Fountainhead and promised there will be no cuts from the Herald's budget. It was his opinion that Minority affairs would be the major representative of blacks on campus.

Sullivan favors the conjunction of the Minority Affairs student position with SOULS, the Ebony Herald and the black fraternities and sororities.

SOULS was assured that he favored the renaming of the Afro-American Cultural Center, although the Board of Trustees would make the final decision.

Bright Stresses Communication

By JOYCE EVANS
Features Editor

Scott Bright, candidate for SGA President, proposes better communication between the SGA and the student body.

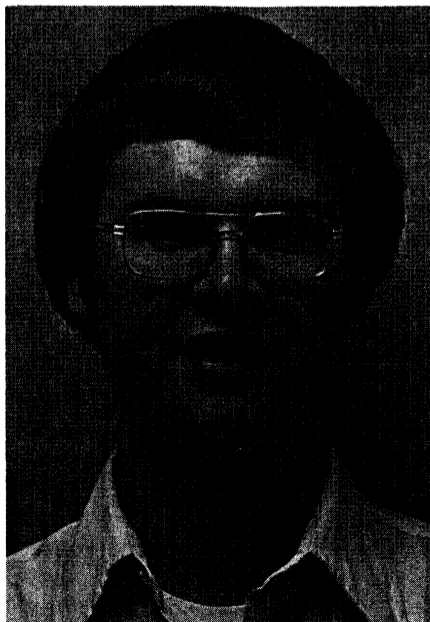
Bright said in an interview that he feels the SGA should let the students know what is happening.

"This year's problems with the Buccaneer, the campus yearbook, has caused so much concern that people are going to get involved.

"I am concerned about the Buccaneer like any other student would or should be," said Bright.

He agrees with the students that they are entitled to the Buccaneer without extra cost. He plans to work to see that the next Buccaneer is funded primarily by fees and advertising and not subscriptions.

When asked his feelings about the need for a black campus publication, Bright said he sees the need for a black publication



SCOTT BRIGHT

because "black news is sometimes different from what whites might publish."

He said the Herald has improved a great deal since it first began and he'd like to see more improvement.

Bright said he'd like to see Herald set with their own personalized boxes and other significant changes that will help them become more efficient.

"I'm willing to work with people because if you aren't able to communicate with them, you lose at the expense of other people."

Bright feels that students has misconceptions about their student fees. He said the fees are channeled into many areas and there are no definite patterns of distribution of the fees. It's up to the legislature's discretion.

Bright proposes that the SGA set a budget similar to the Federal government budget. Take a two or three base years and compare during the summer before returning that fall. To work closely with the SGA treasurer and secretary to set up the budget and keep a close eye on where the money goes.

As former secretary of the 1975-76 Publications Board, Bright feels he is familiar with the organization and the needs of campus publications. Through this position, he became aware of the workings of the SGA. But he admits that he is not directly involved with the SGA.

"Even if I didn't win, I'd feel better to see a high voter turn out," Bright continued.

Bright, also, proposes monthly meetings for the benefit of the students. And if there is a need, we'd have more than one a month.

The parking issue seems to be at its worst now and nothing seems to be done about it, according to Bright.

He proposes that the "mud flats" be paved and that a four story car garage be built in the large day student parking lot at the bottom of College Hill to relieve some of the parking problems.

Bright's campaign slogan is "I am for you." He said he's willing to listen to "you", the student.

OPSSO Aids Minority Students



DR. ZUBIE METCALF, Director of OPSSO

By GERALD BARNES
Staff Writer

The Optional Programs for Special Students Office (OPSSO) offers its services from eight to five on weekdays in Room 225 Whichard for minority Health Career students who have problems and need help.

Since its director, Dr. Zubie Metcalf, took control last September, the office has helped many students and is presently extending its programs to encompass more student needs in the future.

Since he transferred from Tuskegee to East Carolina, Metcalf has been instrumental in founding OPSSO's Student Outreach Programs.

According to Dr. Metcalf, "This office has been established in the School of Medicine at East Carolina to provide special assistance to individuals who find it difficult to actualize their potential for successful careers in health professions."

Major activities of OPSSO will be to provide services in the recruitment and retention of minority students who have the desire and the ability to succeed in the health professions in spite of a disadvantaged background, Metcalf said.

One of Metcalf's first actions as director was to send orientation letters about OPSSO's programs and functions to all minority students in health related fields. This was to inform students of its existence and to acquaint them with the services offered.

ECU Receives Third Black Sorority

By TIM JONES
Acting Executive Editor

Twenty-two ECU women are presently in the process of chartering a chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho, which will become the university's third predominantly black sorority next fall.

Louise Roseborough, president of the Gammettes Pledge Club of Sigma, said that the group was officially inducted as pledgees of the sorority upon receiving a constitution from the national chapter, making Sigma Gamma Rho active on ECU's campus.

Permission from the dean of women was required before obtaining a constitution, according to Roseborough.

Under the motto of "greater service, greater progress" the Gammettes stress unity, sisterhood, and scholastic ability.

Roseborough said that the group is mainly concerned at present with interaction among themselves, holding such affairs as pajama parties, socials, retreats and a softball team.

Fields of concentration for services include medicine, nursing and allied health professions.

OPSSO's recruitment program will attempt to enlist North Carolina minority students attending high school, technical school, and junior or community colleges.

Metcalf said that recruitment strategies will be to eliminate students skepticism of the available job opportunities in the health professions.

"Efforts will be made to inform these persons with the educational aspect of the fields," he commented.

OPSSO's director also feels that the retention of students already enrolled in health fields to be vitally important. Because minority students preparing for health related professions face many problems, OPSSO is prepared to help them on many levels.

Major problems that the program has already confronted are primarily academic and financial. Since good basic study skills are prerequisites to success, the office helps students who are having difficulties with their academics. If the problem cannot be solved by OPSSO, students are sent to other academic support areas.

OPSSO also helps students take advantage of any funds that may be open to him if financial difficulties arise. Not only does the program work in conjunction with the Financial Aid Office, but it investigates other financial programs and areas.

Perhaps the most encouraging of OPSSO's many phases is its dedication to overcome the underrepresentation of minority and/or disadvantaged individuals in the health professions.

Accordingly, OPSSO's creation was basically for minorities, although it will help any student with problems.

"The office is not only for minorities and does not deny the right of any student to come in for help," Metcalf said with emphasis.

Metcalf is also pleased with the number of students who have already come by for help or consultation.

"The majority of students contacted have come in and we have had pretty good response," said Metcalf. "I encourage all minority students to take advantage of the opportunities offered and to use this office."

Fund-raising projects include a cake raffle, talent show and a slave sale.

A service organization, Sigma Gamma Rho, requires its pledgees to initiate service to the community. The ECU Gammettes have involved themselves with working as volunteers for Caswell Center in Kinston, as guides for the admissions office. They have also done work with retarded children, and in the Greenville Rest Home.

To become a Gammette, one must be a college sophomore with a 2.0 average. She must be dedicated to service, and above all dedicated to Sigma Gamma Rho.

Officers of the Gammettes are Louise Roseborough, president; Fay Elliott, vice president; Carolyn Powell, secretary; Renita McGhee, treasurer; Roberta Scales parliamentary; and Claudia Massenburg, historian.

Phyllis Shivers, a resident of Greenville and a member of the Elizabeth City chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho, is the Gammettes' advisor and dean of pledgees.

Nicholson Supports Sullivan

By DALTON NICHOLSON
Former President of SOULS

Each year, around SGA election time, there is a question in the minds of black students. Should I vote for an officer for the student government? The question is usually answered -- No, there is no black person running, so why should I?

THIS IS A MISTAKE! A truly qualified candidate will respond to the needs of the students be they black or white. Race should not be the only motive for voting.

As an educated student, as a SGA member, and as a black person I am stressing the need for the black students to be more involved in the politics of student government. I have mentioned before the truly qualified candidate in reference to the SGA elections for March 30. I consider Tim Sullivan to be that person for SGA president.

I am not saying vote for Sullivan for me. Vote for him for the students at ECU. I have known Tim for two years. In those two years he has proven himself to be an honest, hardworking, and capable champion for students. My involvement with the SGA and SOULS has brought me in contact with a lot of people. While working for the SGA and the black students I can think of no one who has been more concerned about the welfare of the students than he has.

Don't take my word for it. Talk to all the candidates. Listen to them. Read their comments and their platforms. Consider their experience in working for students, and ask them what they think they can offer the students.

We are all educated students or we wouldn't be here. After your evaluation I am sure you will conclude that Tim Sullivan is the person. He should be re-elected.

SOULS Elects New Officers

By TIM JONES
Acting Executive Editor

The Society of United Liberal Students (SOULS) elected new officers in its monthly meeting last week.

Elected were Doneil Croom, President; Louise Roseborough, Vice-President; Beverly Ware, Secretary; and Sheila Judd, Treasurer. The new officers began their terms immediately following the election, after taking the oath of office.

Dalton Nicholson, outgoing SOULS President, gave a brief farewell address, and asked the members of SOULS to give full support and to work with the new officers.

In other business, the body accepted a proposed Constitution of SOULS with a few alterations. The Constitution, drawn up by Nicholson and his consultants, eliminated the office of Executive Secretary, and added the two positions of

Historian and Parliamentarian.

The Parliamentarian shall maintain parliamentary procedures during the meetings, according to the Constitution.

The Constitution also states that the Historian shall perform the duties of collecting all articles of interest pertaining to the activities of the organization and keep a history of SOULS in the form of a yearbook. The Historian shall be responsible for the minutes in the absence of the secretary.

Both of the new offices are filled by appointment by the president, the Constitution said.

Nicholson stressed a need for a faculty advisor, in his general remarks. Nicholson said that an advisor is required for student organizations by the Student Government Association. He added that an advisor would prove beneficial when asking for SGA appropriations.

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Dancers Arouse Audience

By JOYCE EVANS
Features Editor

Young ... Talented ... Provocative ... and Black! A brief description of the Rod Rodgers Dance Company!

On March 9 and 10, the Rod Rodgers Dance Company performed spectacularly at the ECU McGinnis Auditorium.

With supple beautiful bodies, the dancers twirled and swirled rhythmically and dramatically to music of several dimensions.

A special part of the show was a dance entitled "Box 71" which is ... a study in confinement, dedicated to Soledad Brother George Jackson and the men who were massacred at Attica.

The dramatic performance was by Thomas Pinnock and Rod Rodgers.

When the entire Company danced, the effects were astounding and devastating. They performed in complete unity—the choreography was magnificent.

An emotional number entitled "Love Flower" was soul-evoking. Tamara Guillebeaux, dressed in a lovely evening dress, danced to Aretha Franklin's "Ain't No Way." It was so amazing that one could imagine the feel of energy flowing through her body. Her mate sat in a chair with his back turned, yet she effectively relates to him sharing the love, the hurt, and the



RODGERS DANCERS perform *Rhythm Ritual*

mixed feelings through her body movements.

Then the two of them danced together by the incredible Roberta Flack's piece of soft mood music. And it was love and dance at its best.

The last act by the dance company was the "Rhythm Ritual," a piece that

distinguishes the Rod Rodgers Dance Company from any other dance group.

Instruments used during the dance were congo drums, cowbells, wood sticks, jingle bells and other sound resemblance of the African heritage.

The Rod Rodgers Dance Company was founded by Rod Rodgers. He directs and

choreographs the dances.

The company was one of the first American Dance companies under the direction of a Black artist to establish a base of recognition for something other than the exclusive ethnic or traditional Afro-American styles.

The Rodgers company maintains a year round studio-school in New York. Training is offered in Afro-Haitian, several styles of jazz, and modern dance techniques.

In addition to the direction of the dance company, Rodgers has a number credits in his favor.

He staged and directed the Afro-American Singing Theatre's version of "The Black Cowboys," which was performed at the City Center Center of Music and Drama and at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Rodgers choreographed and staged "Journey Into Blackness," a WCBS-TV special which featured Voices, Inc.

He choreographed "The Prodigal Sister," a Black Off-Broadway musical.

Rodgers was the recipient of a John Hay Whitney Fellowship and the recipient of the 1975 AUDELCO award for audience development programs. He has received choreographic commissions from the New York State Council for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C.

Deltas Sponsor Scholarship Program

By JOYCE EVANS
Features Editor

The Greenville Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority presents its 15th annual "Miss College Bound" contest 8 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the West Greenville Recreation Center.

According to Mrs. Mary Murrell, vice-president of the sorority, the twelve participants compete by raising money. The young lady who raises the highest amount of money will be crowned "Miss College Bound 1977."

A member of the sorority sponsors each contestant, and both the contestant and her sponsor work diligently to raise funds, stated Mrs. Murrell.

Each participant receives a scholarship amounting to 60 percent of the money she raises.

This is a recent change in the program according to Mrs. Lillie H. Powell, president of the sorority.

She said that Delta Sigma Theta is a public service sorority and it sponsors this contest to aid young women to attend college.

"We felt the girls deserved the greater portion of the funds they raise for that purpose," said Mrs. Powell.

"A girl might not know the type of people or enough people who are willing to help her with the fund raising program. She may work as hard as the other contestant who knows many people, yet she won't raise as much money."

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Black Press Speaks For Blacks

Editor's Note: Kenneth Campbell, ECU graduate and former editor of Ebony Herald, recently won first place in a Howard University Journalism contest for the following essay. It is reprinted here with the permission of the author. Campbell, who currently reports from the Niagara Falls Gazette in New York has been accepted for graduate work in Journalism for Fall, 1978 by UNC-Chapel Hill, The University of Maryland, and Columbia University in New York City.

"The Roles of the Black Press"

The progressive social-political atmosphere prevalent in America today is greatly indebted to the American black press. *Freedom's Journal*, the first black newspaper in America, was started to allow black people to speak out on issues for themselves. As a result, the power of the pen was realized by many blacks and used to champion the cause of black people.

In the past, the role of the black press consisted of instilling racial and cultural pride in black people by informing them of accomplishments made by blacks. Also in the same vein, the black press served as an outlet for black talent, particularly poetry and other literature.

A second role of the black press included showing black people that not only the white press but the entire white news media discriminates. Here, intentional discrimination is not always involved, but nevertheless, it is discrimination. On the other hand, much of the discrimination was intentional. Although most news reporters were practicing objective reporting in the 1950s and 1960s, many blacks charged with a criminal offense were often convicted (and sentenced) by a newspaper before trial. The black press has been very effective in helping to eliminate such ethical problems. Indeed, some black papers will devote considerable attention to fair trial/fair sentence cases.

Thirdly, the black press has accepted

the responsibility for interpreting local, state, national, and international news events in a black perspective so that blacks, especially the undereducated, would know how the event had its ensuing ramifications affect blacks. Such has been and continues to be accomplished via editorial pages of black publications.

The black press has been commendable in fulfilling three roles just discussed. The major problem with members of the black press is the editor who wants to make big profits. To make his profits, this editor sacrifices the quality and quantity of news and other informative copy in his paper. He is also prone to tell his readers what they want to hear rather than what is right or what they need to hear.

Because of the progressive nature of the present social and political atmosphere, two new roles must be added to those of the black press. Also, the definition of the black press needs to be expanded. In addition to just black publications, the black press must now include the contributions of journalists who work for traditionally white papers.

The first new role of the black press must assume is to keep a check on the white press. By recalling the sixties, the riots and other violence, the reasons for this new role should be obvious. It is a documented fact that oftentimes staged events of violence were filmed and recorded as actual occurrences during disturbances. Oftentimes, during a disturbance, the white press talked to black persons and identified them as community leaders when actually they were not community leaders. Also, the white press oftentimes limited its coverage of a disturbance to only the disturbance itself when the real story was the causes of the disturbance. However, unintentional biased reporting is, it is still biased. The black press must guard against it. At the very least, the black press must attempt to balance such reporting.

Finally, the second new role of the black press consists of keeping a close check on the black political leaders. This role, as well as the preceding one, is a direct result of the black press fulfilling its responsibilities in the first three roles mentioned here. Today, the social-political atmosphere in America is characterized by a different attitude than that which prevailed as few as ten years ago. Blacks are now able to progress up the social ladder. Black politicians are now being elected and appointed to numerous local, state, and national offices. Although the chance for advancement is not equal to that whites, it is closer to being equal today than it was ten years ago.

Realizing that all men are created equal, the black press must assume that black political leaders can become corrupt just as whites have. Therefore, black political leaders must be closely covered by the black press.

It is not a purpose of this essay to imply that the black press is without fault. Surely, the black press could not claim its due recognition without also admitting to its faults and mistakes. One already mentioned fault of the black press is the money mongrel type editor who feels little or no responsibility to the black community. Another fault of the black press is its tendency to emphasize crime news and violence in its newspapers.

Crime news should only be emphasized when it acts as a deterrent or when it points out discrepancies in the administration of justice. Violence should only be emphasized in a newspaper when the news story warns the readers of the recurrence of such violence. The story should also offer suggestions to prevent such violence.

Nevertheless, the black press has done a good job in accepting its roles and fulfilling its responsibilities. Yet, it still has a good job to do. It is a job which can only be finished when there are no more black people to speak for themselves.

A crowd pleaser

Invitational Track Meet

By WILLIAM DAVIS
Sports Editor



PIRATES compete in long jump.

For the second year the East Carolina track meet, a delightful event, has brought some of the finest track talent in America to the ECU campus.

Noted schools such as Howard, Seton Hall, Delaware State, UNC-Chapel Hill and others competed in the track event, which gave many ECU fans their first look at the 1976-77 Southern Conference Indoor Track Champions—the Pirates.

The Pirates placed high in the male and female competition, claiming several first and second honors in several events.

The fleet-footed sprinters seemed to be the major crowd pleaser of the day. Most of the sprints were won by a very slim margin.

One of the most exciting events was the traditional one-hundred yard dash, which found Seton Hall's Calvin Dill nosing out ECU's Carter Suggs, with a time of 9.6.7.

Marvin Rankin's victory in the 110 yard high hurdles was indeed the highlight of the meet.

Rankins, a sophomore from Bertie High School, got the edge on Seton Hall's two All-Americans, Reggie Blackshear and Larry Bunting, with a winning time of 13.68.

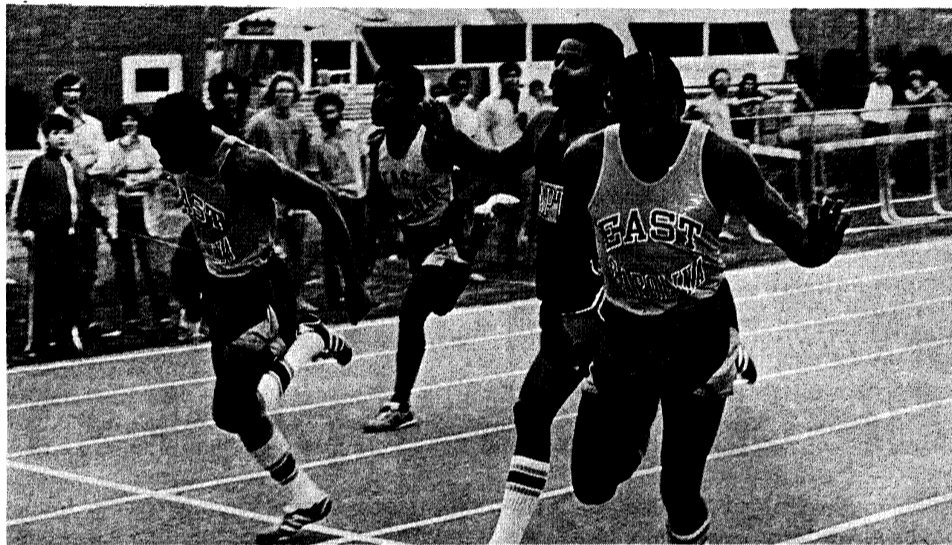
Other Pirates who competed in the sprint events were Charlie Moss, Larry Austin, Calvin Austin, James McCullough, James Rankin, and Terry Perry.

The Pirates qualified best in the field events as George Jackson and Herman McIntyre won the long jump and triple,

respectively. Both set new track records with their efforts.

Freshman Robert Bailey won the discus throwing event.

The Pirates mile relay team was in an exciting race to the finish, with the local taking third behind Howard and Delaware State, winding up a super day of track competition.



CARTER SUGGS runs in 100 yard dash.

S and S On The Loose

By WILLIAM DAVIS
Sports Editor

Two key players in Coach Monte Little's ECU baseball lineup are third baseman Bobby Supel and centerfielder Charles Stevens.

Both are second year players for the Pirates who have made an instant bang in the Pirates' attack.

Stevens who hails from Princeton, N.C., attended Louisburg Junior College before entering East Carolina last school year.

One of his most notable accomplishments was being named M.V.P. in the N.C. Summer League in 1975.

His speed and quickness is just one of the many assets that has him labeled as one of the best all-around players in the state today.

Bobby Supel probably has been the most pleasant surprise to the Pirates' baseball fortunes in recent years.

The junior from Snow Hill, N.C., has just come into his own and has become a terror at the plate.

He was named to the N.C. Summer All-Star team last summer, and indeed he's an all-star on anyone's team.

Bob is off to a good start this season with three homeruns to his credit and batting around the 300 mark.

He is also known as one of the best defensive infielders around the league, just an attribute to him for his hard work in making himself a good ballplayer.

The Pirates are presently seven wins and four losses for the season, and their success clings heavily on the play of these two outstanding players.



Bob Supel, hard-hitting Pirate.

Spring Practice Underway

By WILLIAM DAVIS
Sports Editor

Spring brings a new season and this holds quite true for the ECU football crew. As spring practice is well underway, the Pirates are anxiously awaiting next season.

Practice in its fourth week, Coach Dye seems very optimistic about his young team for next season.

With the losses of such talented performers as Reggie Pinkney, Ernest Madison, Jake Dove, Raymond Jones, and Nick Bullock, there are many new faces who are ready to replace them in the Pirate line-up.

Returning are two All-Southern Conference selections, juniors Gerald Hall and Eddie Hick, both of whom are destined for All-American recognition, along with such good ones as Willie Hawkins, Harold Forte, Mike Brewington and Zake Valentine.

New ones that are counted on for heavy contributions are Charlie Carter, Ruffin McNeil, James Freer, Theodore Sutton and Leander Green, along with many others for the Pirates to continue their successful winning ways.

ECU will be an independent school next year, and the caliber of competition in football as well as all the major sports will be tougher.

With the talent the Pirate football team has they definitely will be competitive and we are all hoping they can continue their winning ways.

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Ms. Powell said the contestant's inability to obtain a source of income to attend college is probably what makes the contestant work harder.

To be fair to all the contestants, the change was made to give all the girls a scholarship instead of the original setup of giving only the winner a scholarship.

According to Mrs. Powell, there were times when the winner was a person who could have paid her tuition regardless of the scholarship.

The contestants are Paulette Hill and Gressell Smith of D.H. Conley High School, Vanessa Allen, Sherrie Lenzy, Adirenne Scott, Laura Myles, Sheryl Forbes, Cheryl Gardner, Carlette Cherry, Catherine Stevenson, Vanessa Teele, and Kyndale Gallope of J.H. Rose High School.

Mr. Walter Plemmer's group of Tarboro, N.C. will entertain during the evening.

Tickets are \$2 and all the contestants are selling tickets as a supplementary fund raising drive.

Announcements

Staff Meeting

There will be an Ebony Herald staff meeting on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center.

Car wash

Omega Psi Phi will have a car wash on Saturday, April 2 at University Exxon from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.