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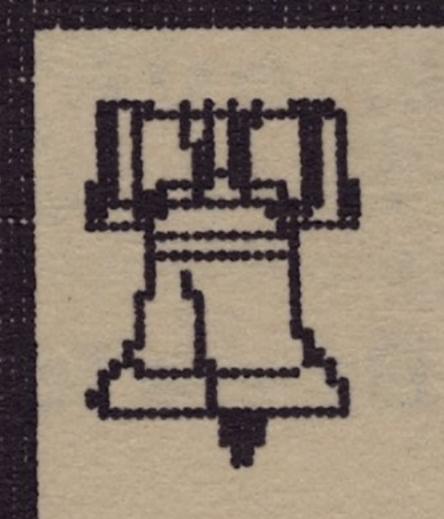
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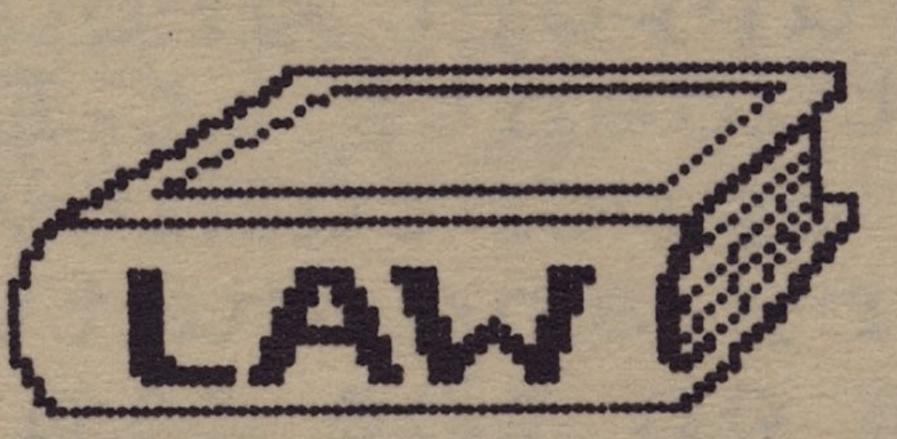
The Office of Minority Student Affairs has developed a peer partner and tutor program. The Peer partner program is designed to use upperclass students to assist new students become familiar with campus resources. The Peer tutor program is aimed at matching students who need tutorial assistance in a given area with a tutor in that field of study.

During the fall semester, peer partners will so through a counseling training program conducted weekly by Dr. Smith. The trained partners will be matched with students during the spring semester.

In order to work as a peer partner or tutor, upperclass students must be in good academic standing and have a college work study award. Freshman students who would like to be matched with a partner should telephone the Office of Minority Student Affairs at 757-6495.



"Freedom has always been an expensive thing. History is that it is rarely gained without sacrifice and self

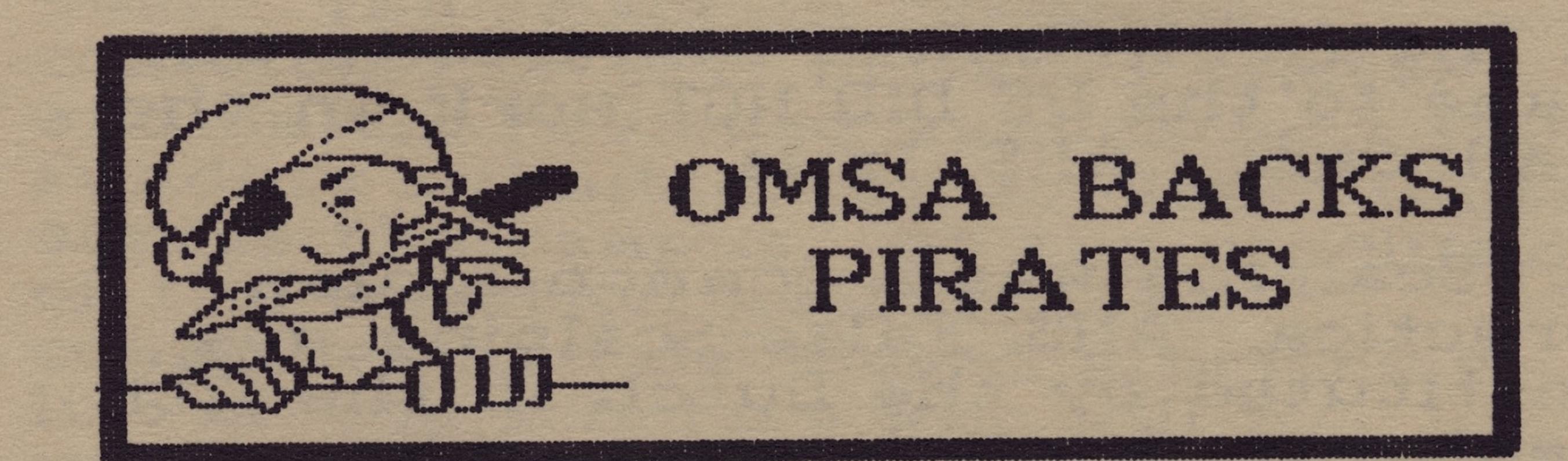


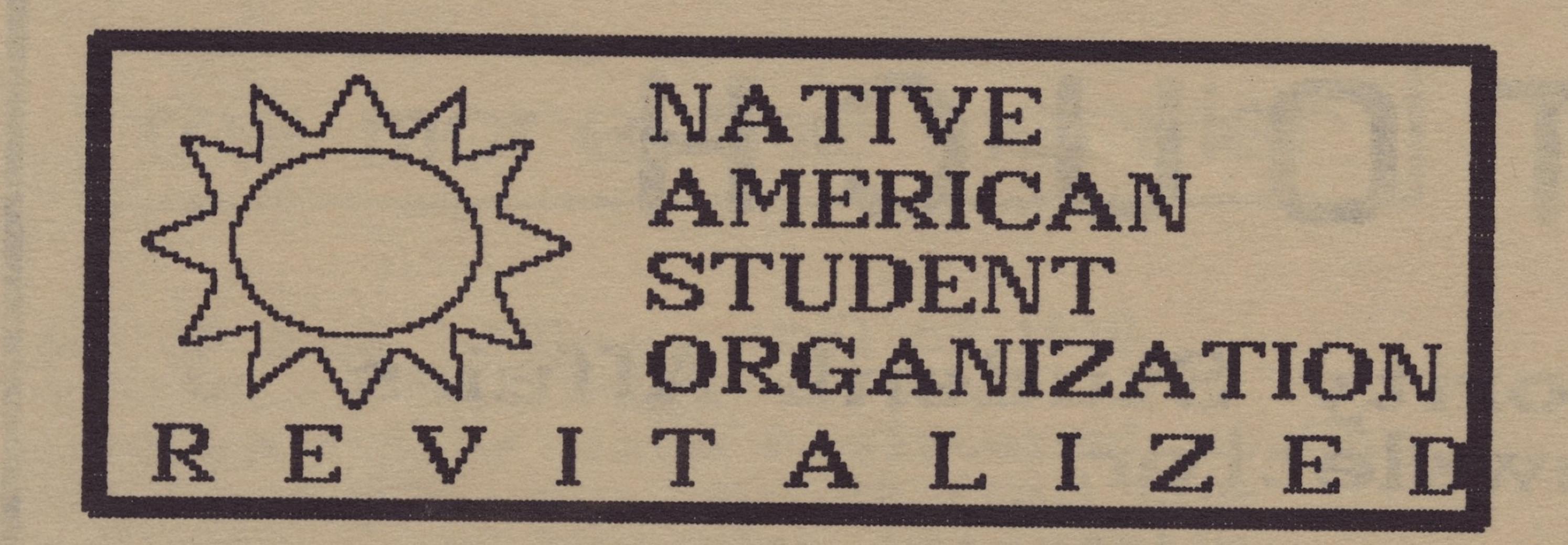
RACIAL AND ETHNIC HARASSMENT POLICY IN FFET

As of May 1, 1989, East Carolina University adopted a new Racial and Ethnic Harassment Policy. Dr. Eakin immediately adopted the policy on an interm basis pending review by the Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association, which will take place this fall. The policy was developed by an ad-hoc committee, chaired by Dr. Larry Smith.

The policy is based on the premise that "discrimination on the basis of race and/or ethnic affiliation is unacceptable at East Carolina University". The policy also provides a definition of racial and/or ethnic harassment.

Anyone interested in reviewing the document may obtain a copy in the Office of Minority Student Affairs located at 204 Whichard Building.

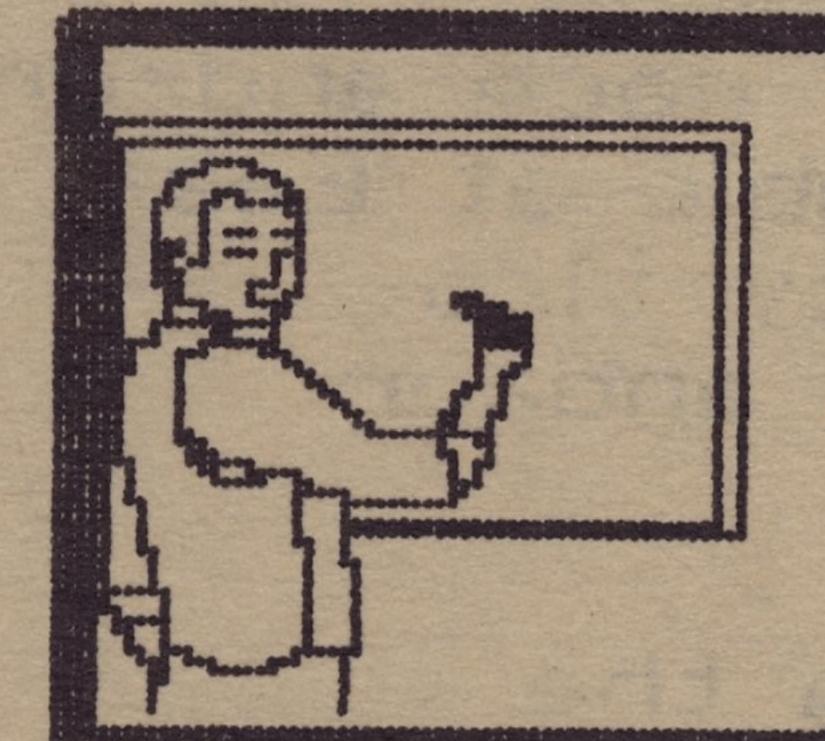




The Native American Student Organization has been reactivated at East Carolina University. The major objectives of the group are: to provide a support group for Native American students at ECU and to provide an opportunity to share their history and cultural hertiage with others on the campus.

A steering committee of twelve students met early in the fall and elected officers for the group. Officers include President, Cheryl Chavis; V-Pres., Hope Johnson; Secretary, Leslie Oxendine; Historian, Timothy Locklear.

Students interested in joining or working with the group should contact one of the officers noted above or The Office of Minority Student Affairs.



GET IT RIGHT

GET IT RIGHT is a column where we test our cultural awareness.

The last time IN TOUCH was published, there were five statements in this column aimed at assessing your cultural awareness. The answers to those statements are found below.

- 1. The first Chinese immigrants who came to the US DID NOT work on the railroads. ANS. True
- 2. Scalping was a common Indian practice. ANS. False-Scalping was instituted by the Dutch in the 17th century. Settlers were paid a bounty on all scalps brought in; male scalps generally were paid more than female and children scalps.
- 3. When congress passed the Chinese

Exclusion Act of 1882 it was the first time the US denied entry based on national origin. ANS. True

- 4. "Jumping de broom" was a slave phrase that meant getting married. ANS. True
- 5. Huey Newton said that Blacks can only win their freedom through the "Ballot or the Bullet". ANS. True

Here are five more, see if you "get" these "right":

- 1. Rice, corn, wheat and potatoes are world staple foods, which two were first domesticated by Indians?
- 2. James Weldon Johnson was a dancer. True or False.
- 3. Macho refers to being manly and honorable. True or False.
- 4. Which of the following was not an Indian invention: cano, kayak, parka, tomahawk.
- 5. What is the significance of September 17, 1983 to African-Americans?

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LET'S MAKE DATE

*Christian Fellowship meets EUERY Thursday night at 8PM in the Cultural Center

*ECU Gospel Choir has rehearsal every Wednesday evening at 5PM in the Cultural Center.

*MSO (Minority Student
Organization) holds its meetings
every other Thursday evening at
7PM in BB102. First meeting was
September 13. Check the
Announcements section of the East
Carolinian for correct date, time and
location.

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES:

*Oct 12-15

*Nov 06

*Nov 21

*Anor 21

*Spring and/or Summer Incompletes (I's)

*Nov 19-26

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*Thanksgiving Break

*Dec 12 Classes END

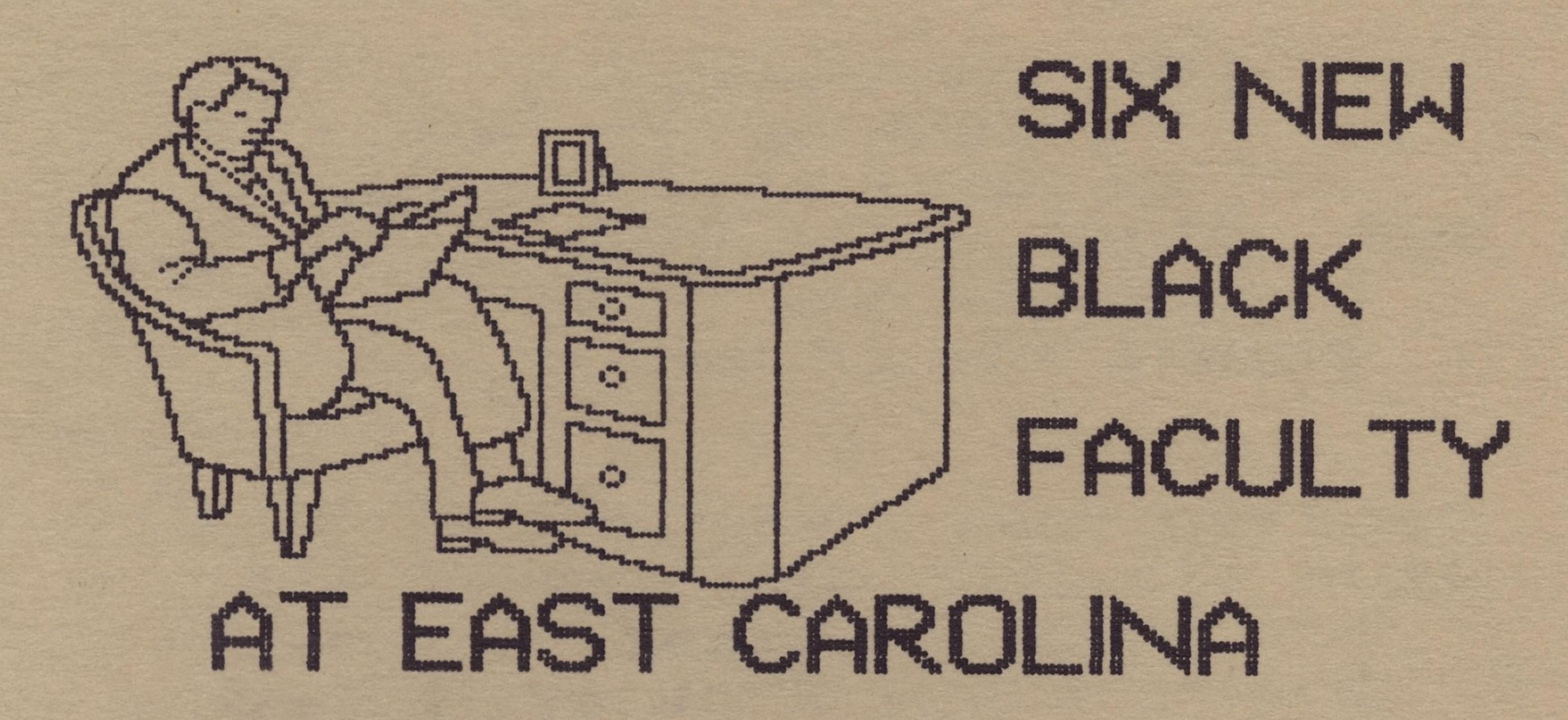


MSO OFF TO A GREAT START BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

On Thursday, September 14 at 7PM, Ms. Carla Hooker, this year's President of MSO, presided over the organization's first meeting. Brewster B102 was almost filled to capacity as the President reviewed the organization's agenda for the year.

Items presented to the general body included the development of a logo, activities planned to the semester, and plans for an extensive membership drive. Ms. Hooker also introduced her exective board and the planning committee. Members of the board include Tonya Scott, Vice President; Chevonne Eason, Secretary; and Andrea Murray, Treasurer.

Not only are the officers of MSO doing a superb job at making the organization work, they now have an office in the Mendenhall Student Center. The office is located directly across from the SGA suite. The telephone number is 757-4708.



Students in music, medicine, art, education and nursing may have the opportunity to work with Black faculty in their field of study. This fall Carroll Dashiell, Music; Ephraim Msier, Medicine; Sharon Pruitt, Art; Edwin Bell, Education; and Marion Williams, Mursing, joined the East Carolina faculty.

These scholars join the 28 other Black faculty at East Carolina. As of

fall 1988, the Office of Planning and Instructional Research reported that 13 of the 28 Black faculty were tenured, eight were on tenure track but were non-tenured YET, and seven were non-tenured. Among the 28 reported in 1988, 11 hold earned PhDs, four MDs, three "other" doctorates, nine have masters degrees and one holds the bachelors degree.

You should also note that members of our Black faculty have noteworthy professional careers. Stop by thier offices and find out why and how they became members of the faculty in their field, the conversation just might make you think about a career option you had never explored - WE NEED YOU!

Not only have we added new Blacks to the faculty, the Division on Student Life hired Mrs. Carla Jones as Director of Residence Education. Mrs. Jones supervises a staff of 13 Residence Educators who are responsible for providing program and activities in the residence units across campus. Jones joins the Division from The Florida State University and is currently completing her dissertation. Stop by her office in Fletcher Hall and welcome her to PIRATE COUNTRY.

MINORITY PRESENCE INITIATIVE

Be on the look out for Black scholars on the campus. Last spring the Office of the Chancellor, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the Equal Opportunity Program Office "set aside funds for honoraria and travel expenses to support visits by minority scholars, especially black scholars to, East Carolina University". The program as also been funded for this academic Wear. The selection committee, consisting of Drs. Holsey, Register, and Smith, reviewed applications for funding submitted by academic units across the campus. At the conclusion of the selection meeting, the committee had developed a priority list of the scholars who will be wisiting the campus. So, watch notices in your departments, there may be someone of color coming to the campus to discuss research genmane to your interests and/or experience in America.

the more the merrier

As of fall 1989, a total of 1816 students from minority group backgrounds were registered at the University. You might find the following information interesting:

	Males	Females
Black	523	961
Hispanic	37	46
Indian Amer	35	43
Oriental	88	83

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Any student who wishes to have a news item published in this news-letter is encouraged to contact the Office of Minority Student Affairs.

