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## **An ECU First...**

One of the most exciting events in a young college woman's life is to achieve some form of outstanding recognition in one or more of her endeavors. It takes someone who is worthy of the challenge to accomplish such a task. Ms. Jeri Barnes a sophomore from Goldsboro, NC majoring in Early Childhood Education and minoring in Child Psychology, took the challenge on October 18, 1975 at the site of Homecoming victory she was crowned Ms. ECU. How does Jeri feel about all this "glory"? A shower of mixed emotions was shed in the interview. In her interview Jeri said, "I had to stop and consider what it really was before I realized what it really represented." It represented to Jeri first, the unity among the Blacks, it gave her a sense of dignity and pride to meet the challenge and win, secondly it represented progress. She felt that we as Black people need to stop accepting accommodations and gain victories. Jeri's winning was such a victory.

In other aspects Jeri feels she is missing out on something because she is Black. She does not know what

being queen has entailed in past years, but she does feel that it entailed more than being crowned, given a title and being forgotten. Jeri said, "I am just a face, no one has said anything to me."

Jeri also expressed ideas on the future of Blacks at ECU and the possibility of electing another Black Ms. ECU. First on the possibility of selecting another Black queen Jeri feels that the chances are slimmer than usual because there are many people who do not want to see it happen again, however she is optimistic. She believes that with a greater effort on our part it can be done again, after all if we did it once why not again?

In expressing her ideas on the future of Blacks at ECU Jeri feels we are making progress and that she is an example of it. However, we do have a communication problem, but as we strive toward our goal (becoming more action-orientated) we will solve this problem and others.

Now let us take the hint from Jeri, accept the challenge, unite as one and become a more action-orientated people. Congratulations Jeri!



**JERI BARNES**  
ECU Homecoming Queen

## **Black Cultural Center Opened**

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**"Hard work and true devotion in the interest of the Black Culture has prompted the opening of East Carolina's first Black Cultural Center," explains Michael "P-nut" Taylor,**

outgoing SOULS president, in an exclusive interview concerning the Center. The Center was opened several weeks ago after a series of contacts between the administration

and Black representatives led to a mutual agreement. Taylor noted that the first contact about getting a possible center was made some time ago when Cynthia Newby and Stanley Watkins, both recent graduates, and Taylor himself went to see Dr. Jenkins about getting a place for Blacks to have meetings. It was Dr. Jenkins who suggested using the 'Y-Hut' since the print shop was moving out. After much discussion on the matter, Dr. David Stevens, legal director and Equal Opportunity Director at ECU, was called upon to draw up legal guidelines for the center. The responsibility of the center was put in the hands of the office of Student Affairs by Dr. Jenkins. It was agreed upon that the center was to be named "The Afro-American Cultural Center" and it would operate as an extension of the Student Union with the same rules governing it.

The objectives of the Center were drafted by the members of the SOULS organization and it was decided that the Cultural Center was to serve as 1) "a resource center for publications and educational awareness, 2) a university-community based center for academic

aid, 3) an outlet for segmented campus awareness, and 4) a center for the preservation of group culture and historic development."

The Center has several rooms and could serve many useful purposes. Included in the center is a large lounge area with a music box, an additional room for studying and having meetings, a kitchen with full appliances for preparing refreshments, and restrooms for the convenience of students. The Cultural Center is opened from 9 AM to 11 PM, Monday-Friday.

Taylor noted that there are plans "to set up an education center with books on display for students to read and an information center about job openings and graduate schools." He went on to add that the primary problem of the center at the present time is locating funds to carry out the plans successfully.

In conclusion Taylor said: "We worked hard to get this center and now we have it. The center is for the students and I want to encourage the students, especially the Blacks, to use the center to our advantage. I'd hate for us to lose it."



**The center's multi-purpose room features seating space and comfort of a fireplace.**

# Souls Elections Held

Shelia Scott Managing Editor

SOULS has been for the past several years the functioning organization for the Black populus at East Carolina. Souls has been to a certain degree our VOICE on a predominately white campus. In order to have unity in thought, ideals and movement this type of nucleus was developed to encompass these thoughts, promote ideals, advocate the unity and work as a moving force. This

was SOULS. In its beginnings to avoid becoming part of the scenery SOULS worked hard and the movement was more stressed. But now SOULS has a more deeper meaning. SOULS is now needed to keep our increasing number together therefore the major emphasis has turned toward unity.

"We're going to get it together" says Jim Adams, the new president of SOULS. That being the goal for the

functioning year. But he stressed the fact that an organization cannot function without funds. He said some of the funds can come from the students through projects and a small membership fee but SOULS moves in the direction of progress no matter how diverse the speed. Miss Black ECU was a product of the workings of SOULS and so was the Afro-American Cultural Center in part

A lot of good things have evolved from SOULS and perhaps this year can bring about some needed surprises.

The SOULS officers for 75-76 are

President	Jim Adams
Vice President	Willie Harvey
Secretary	Brenda Johnson
Treasurer	Veley Copeland
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**Ken  
Strayhorn**



# Ken Strayhorn

By Anthony Ray Everette  
Sports Editor

When the name Ken Strayhorn is heard or seen around East Carolina, the first thing that comes to one's mind is "He's a football player". To some people, football players are not considered as ordinary human beings . . . they are looked upon as creatures that line up on a football field and pile up on each other. Ken Strayhorn IS a football player but he's also a person, one who's great in both roles.

Strayhorn came to East Carolina in 1972 from Trenton, N.C. where he attended Jones Senior High School. While at Jones Senior Strayhorn played football and made all conference, all-state, and all-East.

Despite his great football talent Ken had no intentions on attending college but his high school guidance counselor pushed him a lot. Ken was first contacted about playing college football when he was just a sophomore in high school. That college was Wake Forest University and after that many contacts followed. Asked about why he chose East Carolina, Ken replied, "I didn't choose it, my family did." he added, "it's been a good experience though and things have turned out pretty good for me." Ken went on to mention that he got his first start in a college game as a sophomore against Southern Mississippi after Carlester Crumpler was hurt the previous game. "My sophomore year was my best year," he said. "I gained 900 yards that year but after that I had problems with my knee and had a knee operation on May 4, 1974. I thought I'd never play football again but here I am, still playing."

As a junior Strayhorn led the Southern Conference in scoring. At the present, Strayhorn is ECU's 8th all-time offensive player 4th all-time

rusher, and 1st all-time Kick-off returner. Since Ken has been here, East Carolina has gone 9-2, 9-2, and 7-4 in three seasons and this year has a chance to go 8-3.

Asked about his personal goals, Strayhorn says he doesn't like to set goals because many guys set high goals and if they fail to reach them after trying so hard, it will hurt the person mentally. Strayhorn contends, "My goal is to do the best I can under the conditions I have to work with." Strayhorn says he would like to play pro-football if he is drafted, he noted that several teams had representatives at the ECU-Carolina game Saturday watching him; they included New England, Atlanta, and the New York Giants. Ken says he would like to play in Cincinnati because he feels he can make the team there; but he added, "I'm not sure I can play pro ball. I will go with the attitude that if I make it, it's okay and if I don't, it's okay."

Strayhorn is a Physical Education major and a broadcasting minor. He hopes to go into radio and television work. During the summer Ken worked at WSFL radio in New Bern, N.C. Ken's hobbies include radio broadcasting and playing football.

A football player, he is . . . and a great one at that; but Ken Strayhorn is a down-to-earth person like the average individual. "I come from a large family and we are very close," Ken notes. "I have played in only one game since I came to East Carolina in which I had no relatives at the game." That included home and away games and with East Carolina playing as far as Southern Mississippi, The Virginias and Carolinas, that's saying quite a bit about Ken Strayhorn, as a person, and his family.



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## The Counseling Center

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# The Counseling Center

As students here at East Carolina, we should all be familiar with the Counseling Center on campus. This center functions as a program to aid in any vocational, academic, or personal problems of the student.

Up-to-date materials are available for finding any needed information. There are lists and pamphlets of occupations. These are set up to inform the student of the types of jobs related to his field and what the job involves. There are catalogs of graduate and undergraduate institutions. These catalogs may help the student who plans to transfer, or who may intend to further his education on a high level. There is a study skills program set up for the student who wants to develop better study habits.

The program is operated by competent and sincere psychologists, who take a personal interest in all the students who visit the office. The counselors are there to advise the student on any problems, and all conversations are kept confidential.

Entering freshmen should take special note of this program, for it is there to offer any help in your orientation here at East Carolina University. Upper classmen should familiarize themselves with the office, even if it is just to talk to someone. The program is set up to help you — the student, while enrolled here and after leaving.

The Counseling Center is located on the third floor of the old union, (in front of Rawls). A cordial invitation is extended to all students.

# Profile on Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Among the few Black organizations here at East Carolina University, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is one of those that exemplifies pride, service and Blackness.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on January 13, 1913 by 22 Black women.

The Kappa Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma was the first Black sorority on campus here at East Carolina University. This chapter was chartered with fifteen members on November 10, 1973.

The state purpose of the founders was to establish a society to promote high cultural, intellectual, and moral standards among its members.

This sorority considers service a major aspect of their program. A great amount of time, activities, and finances are devoted to the benefit of the individual and community services conducted in the past have been raising money for the JoAnne Little Defense Fund, working in the Spruill's Home for Retarded Adults, conducting a children's workshop on Saturdays at Saint Gabriel's Catholic School, and assisting at Operation Sunshine.

This school year the Kappa Sigma Chapter, has worked with voter registration. A continuation of last year's project with VISTA has been

underway. This project consist of being a Big Sister to young Black girls ranging from ages 9 to 16.

The colors of Delta Sigma Theta are crimson and cream. Sisters of this sorority collect during their lifetime 22

elephants in honor of the 22 original founders.

In order for a young lady to become a member of Delta Sigma Theta, she must have a cumulative average of 2.0, must do a minimum of 15 individual

service hours and 10 group service hours. Pledges of Delta Sigma Theta are called Pyramids. During the last few weeks of pledging, they are called "Ducks."

Delta Sigma Theta is not limited to the continental United States. Chapters have been established in the Republics of Liberia and Haiti. Many Delta women have reached national prominence. Some of these include Nikki Giovanni, Roberta Flack, Nancy Wilson, Patricia Harris, Shirley Chisolm, Barbara Jordan, Ruby Dee, Margaret Walker and Mary McLeod Bethune.

At the present time, there are nine Delta women here at ECU. They are Elsie Bruton, Carol Caldwell, Eldred Clemons, Debbie Collins, Patricia A. Jones, Paulette Jones, Renee Moore, Denise Patterson, and Terry Thompson. Officers for this year are President; Renee Moore, Vice President; Elsie Bruton, Recording Secretary; Patricia A. Jones, Corresponding Secretary; Debbie Collins, and Treasurere; Paulette Jones.

Greeks are a fundamental part of being Black on campus here at ECU. Organizations of this type offer togetherness and a working force. In the future, other Greeks will be explored in depth.



Kappa Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc., at ECU.

**Poetry,  
Anyone?**



## Purlie Victorious



Mr. Ron McIlwain directs Purlie Victorious at ECU auditorium.

Purlie Victorious is a hilarious, yet eye opening cut from the Old South, with its vivid descriptions of plantation life and mannerisms. Purlie is a preacher, before his time, enacting the schemes that the "Ignorant Nigra" performed to get over on the plantation masters.

The play is being directed by Mr. Ron McIlwain, a native of Washington, D.C. who has appeared in many television shows and movies. Some of his television appearances include, "My Mama", "Bob Newhart Show", "Hawaii Five O", and such movies as "Detroit 8000", in which he starred. He has lived in Hollywood for the past six years. He expressed his excitement over being in North Carolina, and being asked to work with the students here. He has a lot of much potential on the stage, and his inspiration and talent, said Ron with much enthusiasm.

The play runs from November 9 - 11.



## On Becoming Queen

Jeri,

Congratulations on becoming Ms. ECU Homecoming. Congratulations on becoming the first Black Ms. ECU Homecoming.

I congratulate you on behalf of the people you represent, the people who are called the minority but through standing together proved themselves the majority. I realize Jeri that you represent the total student body and I will applaud all of your endeavors to fill this capacity to the best of your ability; but I also realize what you represent to us. You are another example of what can be accomplished through working together. You are another steep forward for the advancement of Black people on this campus.

Jeri,

I realize that at times you are going to wonder if its all worth while; the ridicule, the taunts and the remarks are enough to disenchant anyone, but remember that those who elected you are still behind you. And now to stop rejoicing in this victory and make plans for the next battle I address myself to the Black students.

Is is nice that Jeri won but we must not allow ourselves to stay at this stagnated position. There is still an enormous amount of work to be done for the advancement of our people. I say to you that we as a chosen few are constantly striving and at anytime you wish to join us WELCOME we need all the help we can get.

## Looking Back

Throughout the years, Black Americans have made great contributions to the development of this country. Somewhere along the way Black contributions have been "lost, stolen, or strayed."

Benjamin Banneker has been a great Black contributor. He was born in 1732 in Baltimore County, Maryland. His father was a slave, but his mother was a free woman and she later bought her husband's freedom.

Benjamin was required to work very hard at home when he was not in school. In his spare time he was always doing arithmetic and planning how to make things. Benjamin's long hours of curiosity were beneficial for he made

the first clock ever made in this country.

Being the inquisitor that he was, Benjamin began to calculate the position of planets, eclipses, and when a star would rise and set. Benjamin's curiosity was again beneficial for he made the first Almanac ever made in this country.

Mr. Banneker sent a copy of the Almanac to President Thomas Jefferson who in turn sent it to the Academy of Sciences at Paris and to the Philanthropic Society.

Benjamin Banneker never married, lived alone, and spent most of his time calculating. He departed in 1804 at the age of 72.

## Poetry, Anyone?

I can't express my total self  
for feeling that there's not much left.  
On the subject of together people  
Look inside the haystack that has the  
needle

You've got to look hard to see that pin  
But harder yet this predicament we're  
in

In a haystack of white, we're a needle  
of Black  
so let this enlighten you on where its at  
oh yeah before forgetting a monumental  
scene

Congratulations on your homecoming  
queen

the very First Black I'm sure you've  
note  
but for her how many of you fine  
Blacks botes

Think what your vote might have cost  
now think that the one you voted for  
lost

That's right! Of all the power that you  
carry  
1/3 of that went for Jeri.

At least she takes pride in what she's  
done

She went against THEM and she still  
won.

You all had better unite before too long  
For pretty soon all your hope gon's be  
gone.

DINK

**Support  
your  
S.O.U.L.S.  
Organization**



# Pirates Punish Tarheels 38-17

By Anthony Ray Everette  
Sports Editor

It was Saturday, October 25, 1975. The setting was Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill, N.C., home of the Tarheels of the University of North Carolina. Here the Pirates of East Carolina University were to appear to challenge the Tarheels in a football duel. The last time these two teams met the Tarheels staged a fourth quarter comeback, with the aid of a controversial interference call, to edge the Pirates, 28-27. That was in 1973....history. This time, however, an aroused and much determined Pirate squad took the field in Chapel Hill and stunned a crowd of 42,000 fans with a convincing 38-17 victory over UNC.

## Offensive Show

East Carolina used an entire team effort in defeating the Tarheels. The Pirate offensive machine under the direction of quarterback Mike Weaver, racked up 403 yards in total offense, 370 of them on the ground. Weaver ran the wishbone offense to perfection with four different players crossing the goal line for touchdowns. UNC scored first on a one yard run by Mike Voight, who rushed for 209 of UNC's 232 yards rushing. Then it was ECU's turn with the ball and the Pirates responded by going 78 yards in 11 plays for its first score with Kenny Strayhorn taking it in on a six yard run. After a Jim Bolding interception, his first of two for the afternoon, Weaver passed to Clay Burnett who scamped 18 yards down the side line for a 14-7 ECU lead. The next ECU score came after Harold Fort recovered a Voight fumble. Freshman runningback Eddie Hicks took the handoff at the ECU 47 and went 53 yards for a 21-7 ECU lead. After that UNC scored on a six yard run by Voight and a 32 yard field goal from Biddle and they were through for the day.

## Defense Shine

While the ECU offense was adding 17 more points to their 21-17 halftime lead, the pirated defenders were causing fumbles, intercepting passes and totally dominating the UNC offense. Both Zack Valentine and Jim

rushing effort. Mike Voight collected 209 in 42 carries and no other ball-carrier gained more than 12 yards for the Tarheels.

So far East Carolina football fans, it was a day of jubilation and joy. It was

the first time the Pirates have defeated the Tarheels and the victory came as a result of total effort on a day when the offense clicked, the defense picked and the speciality teams kicked. Now two questions remain in the minds of

many Pirate fans: "Will the Pirate gridgers be back down to earth in time for a conference encounter against Furman on Nov. 1st?" and "Can the Pirates refrain from looking ahead to Virginia when they play on Nov. 8th?"

## Editor's Notes

What can an Editor say about a newspaper . . . its good — it could be better . . . we are proud of it so far. The 1975-76 edition of the Ebony Herald will prove itself. It will be four pages long and twice the size it was last year. It will also be published twice a month, time permitting. The changes made in the paper type are obvious and the content is the same.

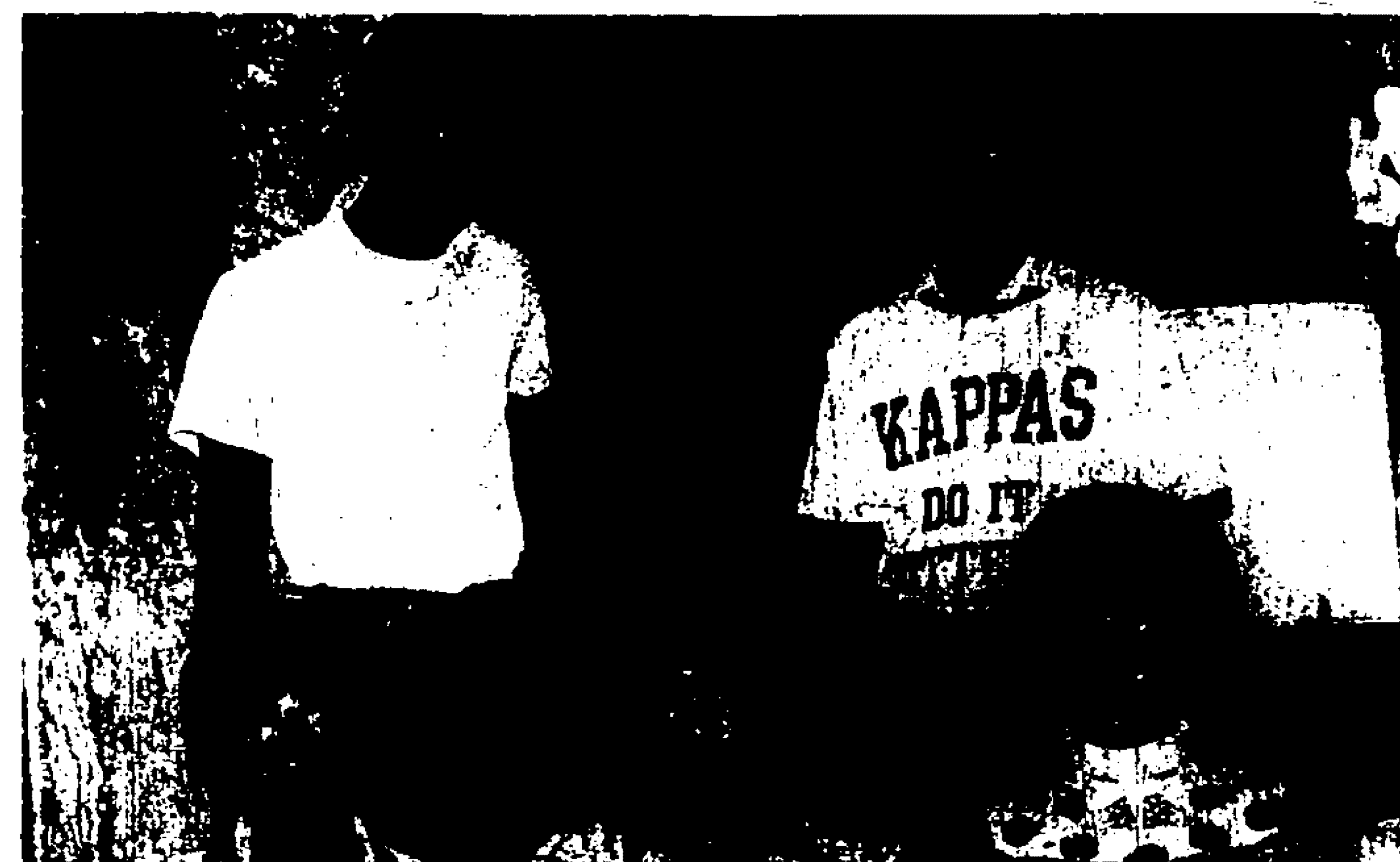
## The Staff

Ray, Nelda, Shelia, Paulette, all these names are familiar to all of us. These people have worked hard when their wasn't money nor reward for putting together a newspaper.

Ray is one of the new editors. This year Ray will be responsible for the front page news stories. We feel this is a very important part of your paper. A good front paper catches eyes and makes the reader take note. Ray also will handle the sports. This is one of Ray's wishes and we feel he does a great job with it.

Nelda, the other news editor is responsible for assignments and supportive news stories. Nelda is the "note taker" message carrier and the other end of our news that came to you the reader. Her job seems to go on and on, for most time she has to work with the feature writers for the stories edit them and prepare them for final draft.

Shelia, if not for this busy young lady I'm not sure I could make it. Shelia, the managing editor, is in charge of putting together the news



Standing: Maurice Huntley, Editor; Ray Everette, News Editor; Seated: Paulette Jones, Typist; Shelia Scott, Managing Editor; Nelda Caddell, News Editor.

feature and the total product that you read today. Many times this job causes her to work late hours, and to take back many articles for another reading. In addition to trying to keep the staff going smoothy, Shelia also writes stories for the paper. her job is challenging, however she meets the challenge well.

Paulette our typist will make or break the paper, for if the time comes to go to print and the articles aren't in, well . . . no press. Paulette also proof reads and this we feel is most important to a well thought out form of the art of Journalism.

And I am the Chief Editor. I hope this

paper because of the layout and the material will be to your pleasure. We welcome help as well as well as your thoughts. We are open to suggestions. Before we close we would like to thank the Sec. of Minority Affairs and the president and Officers of S.O.U.L.S. for their help in making this publication a reality.

Read the paper. Put it away for later remembrance of your college years. We will touch your life in some way ever other week.

Thank God for minority students for without us there would never be a majority. Think about it. Till next time

Maurice



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## Superb Kicking Game

ECU Kickers played a perfect game Saturday against the Tarheels. Larry Paul was 5 for 5 in extra points and 1 for 1 in field goals. Tom Daub had a super day punting; averaging 48.4 yards in 7 punts, forcing Carolina to start with poor field position on every possession.

## Balanced Running Attack

Kenny Strayhorn continued to lead the ECU running attack with 72 yards on 14 carries, but he had lots of help. Mike Weaver carried the ball for 68 yards, Eddie Hicks had 68, Ray Jones and Willie Hawkins added 57 and 56 respectively. Jimmy Southerland carried the ball four times for 32 yards. For UNC, nine different players carried the ball in the Tarheels 232 yard

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# Greek Columns

## Kappa Alpha Psi

The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi, in realizing the Fraternity's objective of inspiring service in the public interest, are in the process of planning to work with the Greenville City Schools, in a tutoring program. Also, the Kappas plan to participate in the VISTA Big Brother Program.

In the field of social events, we have sponsored two parties, and will participate in the block show, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Eta Psi Chapter now has a line of eight pledges: Michael Taylor, Dexter Murray, Anthony Morris, Ira Thorne, Donald Ferguson, Steve Smith, Brian Kelsey, and Joe Durham. The pledges also have participated in active campaigning for Black candidates in the Greenville city elections.

Keep an eye out for the Scrollers; they will be getting off on the block again, during the week of November 3-8.

## Alpha Phi Alpha

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity officers for the upcoming year are: President, James Green; Vice-President, Michael Harrison; Secretary, Carter Suggs; and Treasurer, Perry Simmons.

## Alpha Kappa Alpha

Alpha Kappa Alpha began the school year with a Rush party, that was held in Mendenhall Student Center. The attendance was greatly appreciated.

On September 27, 1975, Cynthia Newby, Gloria Fisher, Janice Parker, Rolanda Allison, and Shelia Bunch attended the Eleventh Mid-Atlantic Leadership Conference in Rocky Mount, N.C.

On October 9, 1975, Alpha Kappa alpha had a bake sale in the lobby of the old union to increase their scholarship fund.

On October 15, 1975, Alpha Kappa

Alpha sponsored its annual Man of the Year Pageant. The Man of the Year for 1975 is Jesse Coppage. The reception for the participants was held in the Afro American Cultural Center.

## Omega Psi Phi

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity started their pledge period about three weeks ago. The pledges are: Alvin McFadden, Henry Faison, and Marion Barnes. On October 23, 1975, the pledges had a bake sale for the needy. They are also working with VISTA Student Volunteer Association as a service project.

The Omegas entered a float in the Homecoming Parade as part of their activities for that weekend. That float was entitled "Omega Man In History," featuring Brother Charles Drew, who discovered blood plasma.

To highlight Homecoming activities, the Omegas gave a "bag jam" at the Ebony Lounge.