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## Ebony Herald Logo Changed Due To Student Opinion

by Kenneth Campbell, Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE LOGO ON THE EBONY HERALD DOES NOT APPEAR IN THIS ISSUE AND IT PROBABLY WILL NOT APPEAR IN FUTURE EDITIONS BECAUSE OF NEGATIVE STUDENT OPINION.

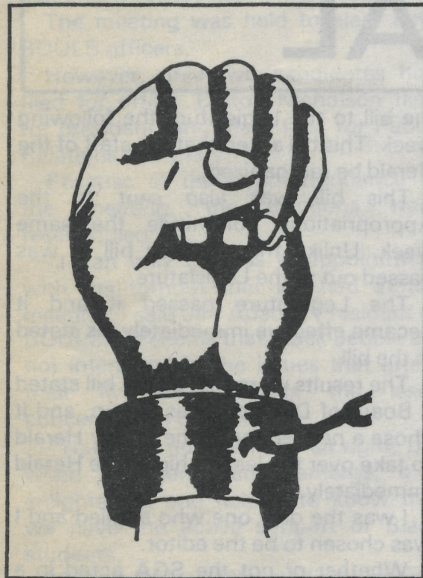
"How do you feel about the logo on the Ebony Herald?" "Do you think it symbolizes what you think the purpose of the Herald should be?"

"What's a logo?"

"The logo on the Ebony Herald is the clenched fist with the cuff and chain around the wrist."

"Oh, yeah, well I really hadn't given it any thought. I've seen it, but I've never really thought about it."

Many conversations between this writer and ECU blacks began in this manner last week. Responses to the question were of course opinionated, but they were also diverse and thought provoking.



Old "Ebony Herald" Logo

The responses ranged from comments on the black man's condition in general in America, to the plight of ECU blacks in general.

Many students decided to use the question to release personal frustrations caused by the 'disunity of blacks' on ECU campus as they observed the (the blacks).

Such was the case when one student said blacks at ECU and black oriented events are run by one or two cliques.

"Man, blacks at ECU are not organized," said one frustrated student. "The same people do everything - what little that is. And, it is hard to break into these little groups of power too."

"I don't know how it is on other campuses, but blacks at ECU must not want anything because we will not get together."

It was suggested to this respondent that he run for an office in the recent SOULS (Students of a United Liberal Society) elections.

Unfortunately, he felt that SOULS offices are closed.

"If you are not a member of a fraternity, you can't win an office in SOULS," he said. "Besides, right now, SOULS is an ineffective organization."

Straying away from the original question was not unusual, and many of the responses were related to the above one.

However, respondents who went astray were somehow led back to the original question, which they promptly answered.

"The clenched fist with the cuff and chain makes the paper look like an underground paper," said one student. "Who's idea was it? I'd like to . . . (expletives deleted)."

"You know that many of the white students (including members of the Student Government Association) do not want us to have the paper," another student commented. "It is only giving them more reasons to challenge the paper."

"You see the problems we have been having recently with the money. We are falling right into their hands. I don't see why we should keep giving them something to hang on to."

Another student said he believes the logo is relevant to what he conceives to be the purpose of the Herald. The logo, he said, symbolizes unity and at the same time, it shows a struggle for power that blacks at ECU are experiencing.

A female student said she would rather see white space rather than the clenched fist with the cuff and chain.

"I had rather see nothing there than the symbol that is there now," she exclaimed. "It reminds me of the militancy of the sixties."

"We have progressed since then, and something new is needed to symbolize our situation."

Other responses relating to the progressive attitude included one student saying, ". . . (expletive deleted) it use to be that our feet were chained too. The logo shows that we have progressed some."

Many of the students questioned associated the logo with militancy, especially that of the sixties.

"It is just not relevant to today," concluded some female observers of a card game in the soda shop of Wright Annex. "The paper needs something also."

Other interesting interpretations of the logo were centered on the broken chain connected to the cuff on the wrist of the clenched fist.

"Because of the chain, students can interpret the symbol anyway they want to," said one student.

Another student expressed a related opinion.

"In order to serve the educated and uneducated at ECU, the Herald needs to find a median point. In finding this median point, the Herald must be careful not to be too conservative."

Another of the interesting interpretations based on the broken chain was that the cuff and chain can

represent pride and freedom.

It represents pride because the chain is being worn not because the black man has to wear it, but because he does not have to wear it.

"The broken chain shows that blacks are free a little bit," a student rationalized. "We are still depressed somewhat, but we are breaking away."

This view was shared by other students.

"I can identify with the symbol," a student said. "It shows that we are breaking away and getting something."

"But, it does not symbolize what the purpose of the paper should be. Also, the articles in the paper do not relate to

the symbol."

According to the Ebony Herald's new editor, Kenneth Campbell, the logo will soon be replaced. Idea for a new logo will be left up to the Herald's staff, and any other person who express a concern on the matter.

Any student who wants the previous logo to be reinstated on the paper as it appeared, or any student who has an idea for a new logo should express his opinion to a member of the Herald staff.

These opinions will be considered when the staff discusses the logo change it in its next meeting, Campbell said.

## Prof. Murray Speaks At AACC



DR. ROBERT F. MURRAY, JR.

by Shelia Scott  
Managing Editor

Sickle Cell Anemia and other health problems concerning blacks, whites, and to other minorities was the topic of a recent discussion in the Afro American Cultural Center (AACC).

Dr. Robert F. Murray, Jr. chief of the Division of Medical Genetics at Howard University led the discussion.

Murray, who was in Greenville conducting a two-day seminar for Allied Health professions, was the second prominent speaker in the AACC this year.

In a brief lecture preceding the discussion, Murray cited health care as

the third largest industry in the United States.

Problems with sickle cell anemia have led blacks to desire to be in policy making programs, Murray said. These problems have also led blacks toward a need for involvement at the public levels, especially the research area because so many blacks are misinformed at this level.

Murray entertained many questions from the crowded audience.

Responding to questions concerning the extent of the problem with sickle and government involvement, Murray said sickle cell research in America is not totally built on concern for Blacks as

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## Ebony Herald Editor Chosen

Kenneth Campbell, was chosen as the new editor of the Ebony Herald during a March 8, screening held by the Ebony Herald Board of Directors.

Campbell is a junior, majoring in political science and minoring in journalism.

"I think the Herald can serve vital functions to the black students at ECU," said Campbell in a recent interview. "The Herald can be a voice of the whole black populis at ECU rather than just the opinions of a few students."

"Probably the greatest function this paper can serve is to inform the black students, and other readers what blacks at ECU are accomplishing."

"We are not all athletes or cardplayers. The Herald needs to focus more on the academic side of student life."

Campbell said some students have already suggested to him that the amount of fraternity and sorority news in the Herald needs to be decreased.

Also, as far as changes in the paper, Campbell said he wants to include an editorial column from the President of SOULS and a column from the Office of Internal and Minority Affairs.

Another important function of the Herald, according to Campbell, is to recruit more black students to come to ECU.

"When I was gathering information for a news article on enrollment last fall, the source I was talking to said ECU black students are probably the biggest recruiters of black students to ECU, Campbell explained.

"But to get more black students here, we as black students should have something to offer them. The Herald is our biggest outlet for showing the



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potential black ECU students what ECU blacks have, and what ECU blacks are doing.

Campbell was the only person who applied for the editorship of the Herald.

The screening board consisted of the Secretary of Internal and Minority Affairs, the President and Vice President of SOULS, and the President of the SGA (Student Government Association).

Also on the screening board were the Speaker of the (SGA) Legislature, and the Secretary of Public Relations for SOULS.

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### Prof. Murray

Speaks at AACC continued from page 1 a whole.

Former President Nixon declared sickle cell anemia a major disease and allotted six million dollars to a program for research.

Corbett King, while a member of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, opened up doors for financial involvement with sickle cell. King's step made blacks more conscious of conditions more common to blacks.

### FACTS ABOUT SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

Statistics show that one in every 600 blacks, more or less, carry a recessive trait for sickle cell. Many times it is not recognized because of lack of education concerning the disease.

Among whites, approximately one in every 400 have the trait. (Whites include Italians, Greeks, and those with black ancestry.) Lack of knowledge in this case is because Sickle cell is classified as a "black disease."

As far as the extent of sickle cell outside the United States, in parts of Africa, 25 percent of the population have the disease.

Sickle cell affects red blood cells. It changes the cells from their normal shape to a sickled shape which makes them more susceptible to piling up. This causes death or damage to the major organs of the body - heart, liver, kidney and brain.

If sickle cell carriers marry at least a fourth of their children will be affected, in most cases.

Ironically, medical treatment causes sickle cell to thrive. By not being destroyed, it may be transmitted to the next generation. Lack of treatment can cause death before the age of 30, and in most cases, it causes death in childbirth.

In order to establish a healthy population research must work on a cure.

Symptoms of sickle cell included two forms which are age related. In children two to three years old, the symptoms are severe attacks of pain to the joints or abdomen or to the brain causing severe damage.

In older persons, a symptom is ulcers on the legs because of weak blood vessels.

Doctors and researchers are looking for a cure, however, but progress is slow. The reasons fall into categories

such as acceptable experimentation, and lack of experienced blacks in research, clinicians, medical doctors, technicians and family counselors.

There are some drugs being used for treatment of sickle cell. One drug is oral Sianate Potassium. It causes hemoglobin to hold oxygen tighter to keep the red blood cells from sickling.

However, this drug causes a nervous condition as a side effect.

Other drugs are questionable as to their effect on sickle cell. Types of acid which cause cases of prolonged diarrhea, and nitrogen mustard (a cancer drug) are being considered.

Following Dr. Murray's detailed overview of sickle cell, and its symptoms, he gave an outlook of social drawbacks sickle cell has had for blacks.

Murray mentioned that sickle was once used to keep blacks out of the armed forces, to keep them out of high risk jobs which obviously paid more money, and it was used to make insurance premiums hard to obtain and keep because of extreme rates.

Knowledge of sickle cell today has cleared up many of the biased questions regarding it. Knowledge about sickle cell has also made black people more aware of their health.

Murray summed up his lecture and the discussion, saying, "Blacks shall denote the destiny of their own race. To stay alive for survival, blacks must stay away from illness. This can only come about through working together in the health professions, and laymen."

## Column From Secretary of Minority Affairs

by Dalton Nicholson

There are several things on my mind which I consider important. They are the Afro American Cultural Center, and the organization, SOULS.

Both are vital and are on an endangered list. If SOULS is to become more useful, and if the Center is to remain, some changes must be made.

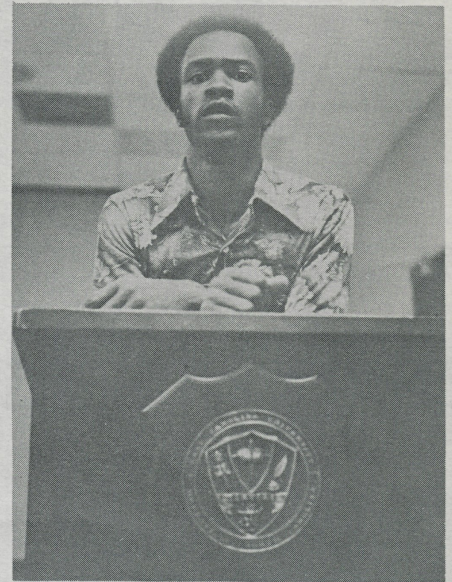
I can visualize SOULS as a force standing up for the black students in various areas on campus in which the students are getting "shafted."

The majority of ECU students and part of the administration are exercising ways to keep this force from evolving. I must admit that they are succeeding. Internal dissention is killing possible progress through unity. Intelligence dictates that this has to end.

I can visualize the Afro American Cultural Center being utilized by the organization that was created to represent all black students. The possibilities of utilizing the Center are infinite. The Center can be a place where students go and capitalize on opportunities to meet, understand, and learn to respect different personalities.

But prior to this meeting, preceding this understanding and before respect can materialize on this campus, self-evaluation is needed.

The organization responsible for operating the Center can and should help develop a sense of awareness



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through self evaluation. A person can not encourage some one else to respect their point of view unless that person knows and respects his own point of view. After this realization takes place, and if a person learns to respect his position in life, in relation to his brothers' and sisters', then he has an obligation ot perpetuate the cause of acceptance for his brothers, sisters, and himself.

This is something that black students can and should consider. This is step one!

## Ebony Herald EDITORIAL

By Kenneth Campbell  
Editor

Internal and Minority Affairs because he is closely associated with the SGA and he should what's going on in it.

As far as I know, it has never been clear whether the Ebony Herald is a minority paper, or a black paper. I am not attempting to bring up this question again, but I think it is one that needs to be settled. Hopefully by the next edition, we will have a final word on that issue.

Finally, in this my first editorial, and if you permit my last, I would like to explain what has been going on with the Ebony Herald recently.

While questioning students about their opinions concerning an issue that appears in an article in this edition of the Herald, most of the students questioned me also.

"Why hasn't the Herald been coming out?" they asked. "When is the Herald coming out again?"

And they asked, "Why was another editor chosen?"

As explained to me by a SOULS representative, the secretary of Minority affairs, and SGA legislators, the following is the recent history of the Ebony Herald.

When, as of January 1976, only one edition of the Herald had been published, some members of the SGA became concerned about the students' fees which are used to support the Herald.

SGA Legislator Phil Arrington introduced a bill to the Legislature asking that all Ebony Herald funds be reverted back to the SGA Treasury. The bill was sent to the SGA Appropriations committee.

In the Appropriations committee, the situation of the Herald was discussed with Herald editor, advisor, and other representatives present.

Maurice Huntly, who was editor at that time, explained that the Christmas edition of the Herald was planned.

The stories were written, but the photographer did not get the pictures ready, and therefore the paper could not go out since it was based on the pictures.

The Appropriations committee agreed to postpone the bill, and allow the Herald to publish another edition.

However, Arrington, who introduced

the bill to the Legislature the following week. This bill asked that the staff of the Herald be reorganized.

This bill was also sent to the Appropriations committee the same week. Unlike the previous bill, it was passed out to the Legislature.

The Legislature passed it and it became effective immediately, as stated in the bill.

The results were that as the bill stated a Board of Directors was set up, and it chose a new editor of the Ebony Herald to take over the leadership of the Herald immediately.

I was the only one who applied and I was chosen to be the editor.

Whether or not the SGA acted in a right manner, by passing the bill to change the structure of the HERALD IS QUESTIONABLE SINCE, ACCORDING TO A REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOULS, was in the process of determining wht the Herald wasn't coming out, when the SGA began its actions.

It appears that blame can be placed upon a number of individuals but that is unnecessary now, if we want to keep the Ebony Herald.

There is one other thing I must mention before concluding.

I have worked closely with members of the SGA this school year. As a reporter, it was my job to get the news to the students. Because of this relationship with the SGA, I knew what was going on inside the SGA concerning the Herald before it was publicized. I attempted to share this information with whom I though were the proper individuals. (I guess I failed in this attempt.)

As it is said, we are all politicians. While bills were being considered concerning the Herald, I let it be known to certain individuals that I was interested in seeing the Herald get responsible leadership, and that I was interested in giving it that leadership.

I will probably be tattooed with derogatory names for disclosing that bit of information, but, that is to be expected.

By the way, it has already charged that I let some SGA member push me into the editorship role of the Herald. So, you've got to do one better!

## Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity News

The Kappas will have a Greek Dinner for the Delta Sigma Theta and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sororities along with the Alpha Phi Alpha and Omega Psi Phi Fraternities, Sunday March 28, 1975, 5:00 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union. The price is \$1.50 per person and each greek is entitled to bring one guest.

Also in the future, the fraternity will help sponsor a Sickle Cell Anemia Drive within the next few weeks.

A MIK Club (Men Interested in Kappa) is now being formed. Any interested people thinking about pledging in the fall or those just interested in the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity should contact Brothers Richard A. Daniels or Grover Cooper at 752-0480.

## SOULS Elections Postponed

Less than 20 of ECU's approximately 460 black student attended a SOULS meeting, Tuesday night, March 23.

The meeting was held to elect new SOULS officers.

However, only two candidates had filed for office. Dalton Nicholson filed for president, and Marti filed for Public Relations Secretary.

Because of the poor attendance at the meeting, the elections were rescheduled.

"I can only express disappointment with the turnout that we had at the meeting," said Jim Adams, President of SOULS. "It seems that Black people are not interested in the issues that affect their livelihood, unless the issue concerns their party life."

"Having a good time is all right, but when important issues emerge, it is enlightening and helpful to know that we have the active support of Black students.

"I urge the black students to get behind SOULS and show the officers that they still have your — the black students — support."

The elections have been rescheduled for Wednesday night, April 7. The filing deadline was extended to Monday,

## Petis Chosen As Advisor

by Connie R. Knight  
Staff Writer

Mrs. Joyce Petis, a black ECU English professor, was recently chosen by SOULS (Students of a United Liberal Society) to act as an advisor to black students at ECU.

Mrs. Petis, who has been at ECU for two years, teaches freshman English and black literature.

"I can offer the students my experience and whatever other qualities I have that may prove beneficial to them," said Mrs. Petis in a recent interview.

Mrs. Petis also said she thinks she can offer the students another source to come to when they have problems which they would like to discuss with someone.

She encourages students to talk to her because she can be "more than an instructor," she said.

Citing her age, Mrs. Petis said she believes that she can be a service to the minority students because she has been

## Omega Psi Phi Stresses Scholarship and Service



Omega Psi Phi originated at the Science Complex of Howard University on Nov. 17, 1911. It was molded by Ernest E. Just, Frank Coleman, Eager A. Love and Oscar J. Johnson.

The Upsilon Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc. was founded at East Carolina University on May 15, 1973. The founders were Willie H. Harvey Jr., Michael D. Jones, Tim Jones, Marshall B. McAden, Les Strayhorn, Maurice Huntley, Gary Phillips, Eddie Dungee, and Connie Toppins.

Upsilon Zeta stresses scholarship and service to the community and the campus. Their many activities include having participated in the Vista Program, Boys Club telethon for Cerebral Palsy, Walk-A-Thon, Halloween Parties and the annual Omega Dance. Their Fraternity also conduct bake sales, and participates in a variety of other events throughout the year.

The present members and officers

are: President Cedric Dickerson; Vice-President, Dalton Nicholson; Secretary, Connie Knight; Treasurer, Willie Harvey; and Chaplin, Gary Phillips. Other members are Maurice Huntley, Larry Daniels, Kennon Powell, Morris Stanley, and Marshall McAden.

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi do not ask, "What can Omega do for them, but rather ask what can we do for Omega." This is one of the key reasons for having well-rounded brothers and the success of the fraternity.

Some of the activities of the brothers include: Dalton Nicholson who was President of his freshman class and is now Secretary of Minority Affairs; Cedric Dickerson who is this year's champion of the one-on-one (6 ft. and over) Basketball Tournament; Maurice Huntley who was Secretary of Minority Affairs (two years ago), a former member of the legislature and Track champion; Willie Harvey who is chairperson of the lecture Committee, Vice-President (2 yrs.), Track Letterman and member of the Rho Epsilon (Real

Estate Fraternity); Marshall McAden who has directed several dramatic plays at ECU etc. and a host of other Omegas who are very active in different areas.

Several prominent leaders of our country are Omegas. Rev. Jesse Jackson, chairperson of "Operation PUSH,"; Earl Graves, publisher of the Black Enterprise Magazine; Walter Washington, mayor of our nation's capital; Vernon Jordan, chairperson of the National Urban League; and Clarence Lightener, former mayor of Raleigh. Other prominent Omegas includes Ed "Too Tall" Jones, defensive end for the Dallas Cowboys; Jackie Robinson, the first Black Major League Baseball Player; and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College.

The Omegas presently have two pledges. The Omegas say to them: The straight and narrow road is hard and sometimes it takes a sincere effort, now and then a traveler!

The Omegas are fortunate to have a host of 20 Pearls and Miss Kathy Williams as their queen.

March 29.

A candidates forum will be held Tuesday night, March 30. Each candidate will present to answer questions relevant to their position and platform.

The purpose and duties of each office will also be explained.

SOULS offices open are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Secretary.

## Delta Sigma Theta Hosts Weekend

The most up in coming events among the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is the Annual Deltal Weekend. This year, it will be on March 26-27. The Deltas will be hosting visiting Sorors from the campuses of Fayetteville State University, Winston-Salem State, Elizabeth City State, Johnson C. Smith,

and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The weekend's activities will include a DST Sing-In on Friday, March 26.

Also, scheduled for Saturday, March 27, are a Workshop and Black show, and the Red and White Dance.

## Alpha Phi Alpha Plans Scholarship Fund Drive

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. plans to have a fund raising drive for scholarship fund. The drive will be supported by a raffle of various prizes. This raffle started March 22, 1976. Tickets and other information can be obtained from anyone in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

The Alphas also are making plans for an Easter service project during the spring break.

## Alpha Kappa Alpha Pledges Spring Line

Recenty Alpha Kappa Alpha pledged their spring line. They are Pat Caddell, Delcia Harper, Vanessa Henderson, Arthine Saunders, and Sharon Jones. On March 12, the "Big Sisters" and the "Ivies" had a pajama party at Stratford Arms in order to facilitate sisterhood.

Alpha Kappa Alpha's future projects in the making include a Hypertension Clinic in April.

**Ebony Herald ENTERTAINMENT**


NATALIE COLE

Gladys Knight, it is not your 'imagination.'

Millie Jackson, stepping aside for Natalie Cole may not 'hurt so good,' but

... And Aretha Franklin, you're not 'daydreaming,' she's the 'real thing,' like you haven't never seen.

Bidding to be the new "Queen of Soul," Natalie Cole is definitely playing her cards right.

Natalie, already from a family of royalty being the daughter of the late superstar, Nat King Cole, emerged on the soul/pop scene last summer with a dynamite disco flavored soul rocker. With outstanding arrangements, and production from Chuck Jackson and Marvin Yancy, Ms. Cole's first single, "This Will Be," reached the number one position on both soul and pop charts.

"This Will Be" was an instant soul hit. Before it became the country's number one hit on the pop charts, it had turned gold (sold a million copies) and had established Ms. Cole as an undisputed earnest challenger for the coveted title, the "Queen of Soul."

It appears that soon she 'will be' 'inseparable' from the title.

Evidence of Natalie's instant success is her immediate acceptance for her vocal talent rather than for her name. Nevertheless, she represents her family name exceptionally well.

Other evidence of her immediate acceptance is the fact that she was responsible for two Grammy Awards recently. One, she won outright, and personally, and another was bestowed upon her material.

And, an even greater act of acceptance that Ms. Cole's only album, "Inseparable," turned gold (sold 500,000 copies) recently. It appears that the album may remain on the charts for at least a year. Her recent single, the title tune from the Inseparable album has been on Billboard magazine's pop charts for 14 weeks, and it is still moving upward. (The single has already made the number one position on Billboard's Soul Singles chart.

Two Grammys, a gold single, and a gold album in less than a year.

Keep on 'shackin' up,' Barbra Mason, and Diana Ross, 'if you do not know where you are going to,' do not set your goals to be the Queen of Soul. That title is already taken.

To her fans who want good music, she 'can't say no.' Natalie Cole 'will be' the next Queen of Soul.

(Natalie Cole's sister plays the part of Grady's daughter on the NBC comedy, "Grady.")

*Poetry Corner*
**THE LITTLE BLACK BOY  
DOESN'T UNDERSTAND**

We reap what we sow,  
We tell what we know;  
We are Black, we do not have to act.

Our Black background makes us  
proud you see,  
Not that I'm stressing it but do you  
really love me?

You lead us to believe  
That when you bark we're suppose to  
run up trees;  
But we will stand and fight till death,  
We'll fight for right with our last  
breath.

I am Black and you are white;  
We are both men but why are you  
always right?

I'm just a child, I don't understand,  
Maybe I'd like to be a white man!

But I know that desire could not be  
true,  
I know I couldn't be just like you.

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**SPORTS**

by Anthony Ray Evrette, Sports Editor

**ECU Basketball  
Disappointing**

ECU basketball concluded a very disappointing season losing to Appalachian State University in the first round of the Southern Conference Tournament on Feb. 28.

ECU's 11-15 record this year is the team's first losing season since the 1967-68 season when the basketball Pirates were 7-17. After losing to ASU in the tournament, ECU basketball coach Dave Patton commented, "I guarantee you that you won't see another season like this one."

The season was disappointing, but perhaps it was good in the sense that the players have something extra to work for next season.

Pirate starters Al Edwards and Earl Garner are graduating this year. Returning to the team next year are the talented Reggie Lee, Louis Crosby, Larry Hunt, Tyrone Edwards, and Clay Windley. And of course, General Patton will be back in his third year as head coach. Patton's two year record at ECU is 30-24.

**Spring Sports  
Off and Running**

Spring sports are off and running now, and ECU's teams are surely in the race.

The baseball team is sporting a 9-3 overall record as of Mar. 22

After a 3-2 victory over the University of North Carolina, ECU is now 7-0

against Atlantic Coast Conference teams. The baseball Pirates are posting a 1-3 Southern Conference record.

"Is the Southern conference that much stronger than the supposedly powerful ACC?" Let the record speak of itself!

**Spring Football Drills Open**

Spring football practice is in its third week at ECU. The spring practice sessions will conclude with the annual Purple-Gold game on Saturday, April 3, at Ficklen Stadium.

ECU students and followers should see an exciting brand of football next season. The Pirates have experience at about every position. Coach Pat Dye has said he is most concerned with

depth now.

One major change this season will see powerful Emerson Pickett at running back rather than linebacker. Last year, Dye made a successful switch, moving Bobby Myrick from offense to defense. Dye has similar hopes that his switch with Pickett this year will be just as successful.