

**Basketball A Way  
Of Life To Viking  
Israel Oliver**

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Basketball is more than just a way of life with Israel Oliver. It is life. "This year's CIAA Tournament was the most disappointing thing in my life," says Oliver. Oliver says this for two reasons.

First, there is a burning desire within him to set things straight for the "champ". The "champ" is a lady, (his mother) who resides in Chesapeake, Virginia. Twenty-one years ago she gave birth to a squalling bundle of energy and named him for people who overcame suppression, poverty, and all the sad things in life.

Another son came two years later, followed by a heart touching family problem which eventually led to the father's departure. Oliver's mother went to work. Oliver calls it domestic work; some call it servitude.

Oliver says, "You see, I used to get into trouble. I'd influence somebody and they would influence me. At night we would venture out and do a little mischiefs-throw rocks at street lights and like items from a merchant's store. Everytime I'd come home, my mother would brawl me out for my wrong doings.

"She always encouraged us to play basketball, baseball, football or anything to keep us from roaming and to keep us out of trouble."

Oliver feels that his second reason for disappointment is the fate to be met in the last 0:13 seconds in the first game of the CIAA tournament. He wanted to make a good showing before to the pro-basketball scouts. A nudge in the right place in the midst of a fast brush sent Oliver reeling through the air. He landed on his knees and for an instant, all were in panic. He could not rise.

In spite of disappointments, Oliver is not bitter at all. He is somewhat pragmatic in the way he chooses to use them in his own philosophy.

Oliver says, You go out there on the basketball court and you get a busted mouth, or an elbow, a shove, or a bone in the jaw." "When I go out in life it's going to be the same. You have to overcome the elbows, shoves and hard times. When you do that, you're a "champ". My mother proved this when she was left with two little boys and did not give up."

**PEASANT GIRL SWAYED A GOVERNOR'S MIND**

WHEN SHE WROTE A NOTE TO A ROMAN GOVERNOR ANNOUNCING THAT SHE WAS DESTINED TO BE A QUEEN, AND HE COULD SHARE HER GOOD FORTUNE IF HE MARRIED HER! THE SUPERSTITIOUS SEPTIMUS SEVERUS ACCEPTED THE OFFER OF IULIA AND SIX YEARS LATER BECAME EMPEROR OF ROME-- MAKING HER A "QUEEN".



**MISS ECSU  
VIRNOLA POOLE  
AND ESCORT**

The most thrilling part of any Coronation Ball is always the announcement of the new queen and the Coronation at ECSU was no exception.

The students, faculty, and staff members present at ECSU's Coronation Ball were all extremely anxious to have their new queen crowned.

The exciting moment of the evening revealed Miss Vernola Poole of Elizabeth City, N. C. as Miss ECSU.

Miss Margaret Gregory the former Miss

ECSU gave Miss Poole her congratulations on having been named as our queen. She also presented the new queen with a beautiful bouquet of roses. The official installation of the new queen was given by Dr. Thrope.

Our lovely Miss Poole is a graduate of P.W. Moore Jr. Sr. High School and interesting enough she was Miss P.W. Moore in the year 1967.

Miss Poole is a junior Intermediate education major and is affiliated with ALPHA KAPPA

ALPHA Sorority.

The Vikings are proud to have Miss Poole as their queen and hopes she will have a successful year.

Entertaining the small but attentive crowd on that glorious night were Mr. Wendell Wilson an instructor here at the university, the modern dance group and the choir ensemble.

To conclude an enchanting evening, the queen and her attendants with escorts performed our famous Coronation Waltz.

**"Speak Your Piece" Session A Success**

Students, faculty and staff were saying something at the "Speak Your Piece" Session held in the University Center Saturday, April 25, 1970.

The first session of this kind was carried out informally opening with a coffee hour where the persons attending expressed their concerns.

Concern was expressed about lack of participation in student activities, of cooperation among students for activities, lack of respect by

faculty for students, lack of respect by students for faculty, lack of efficiency in some resident directors, lack of variety of activities in athletics, lack of social activity after 10:00 P.M., lack of a human relations attitude to prevent anti-social behavior, etc. After expressing their concerns the group divided into smaller groups to make positive suggestions for helping the situation. Because of the enthusiasm about the session, another session is being planned for May 3 and a general

invitation will be extended to the University community.

Student Personnel Services in cooperation with Basic Education hopes to continue these sessions including representatives from faculty, staff and students, maintenance, administrators, and the Board of Trustees. It is hoped that by informal dialogues of this sort each person in the University community will become involved in sharing his concerns and ideas for Elizabeth City State University.

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