



ECSU development director James R. Spence, second from left, meets with ECSU alumni who participated in the career exploration program. Left is Lawrence Alford, Little Creek Naval Facility, third from left, Ulysses Bell, director of Administration of the North Carolina Manpower Development Corporation. To right Shelly Willingham, Ashland Oil Company.

Freshman Career Day Held On Campus

Successful last year with its expanded approach to freshman orientation, the area of Student Personnel Services at Elizabeth City State University again sponsored a Freshman Career Day Program, on Friday, August 27. Under the theme, "Turning My Dreams Into A Reality," approximately twenty representatives from business, industry and government informed the students of career opportunities and requirements for entering the non-teaching professions.

Dr. Eloise B Horton, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, said, "We are more than pleased with the willingness of the various firms and agencies to join in providing this unique ex-

ploration for our new students."

"The continued interest of those firms that are represented in our College Industry Cluster Program is most encouraging," she added.

Following registration, from 8:00 - 8:30 A. M., in the Ridley University Center, the business representatives joined close to 500 new students in a Career Exploration Program, at 9:00 A.M., in Moore Hall Auditorium. The program brought back to the campus ECSU alumnus Ulysses Bell as the keynote speaker.

Introduced by Dr. Marcus V. Ingram, Co-Chairman of the ECSU Cluster Program and Chairman of the Business Department, Bell is Director of Administration of the

North Carolina Manpower Development Corporation. Awarded the masters degree by Columbia University, he is also currently a student at the North Carolina Central University Law School.

According to William A. Pierce, Director of the Office of Career Counseling and Placement, during the afternoon the students met with representatives from the National Alliance of Businessmen, Ashland Oil Company, First Union National Bank, GTE Sylvania, Western Electric, IBM, Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, the Naval Retail System Office, IXL, Norfolk and Western Railway, the Oceana Naval Air Station, and the Albemarle Savings and Loan Association.

The Record Rap

By William Hartley
OHIO PLAYERS
Contradiction

The Ohio Players have another million seller "Contradiction". Yes, Billy, Diamond, Jones, Merv, Pee Wee, Satch and of course Sugar Foot have a follow-up to "Honey," another smash album. Songs to listen for: "Contradiction", "Precious Love", "Who'd She Coo?",

and "My Ladies Run Me Crazy".

AVERAGE WHITE BAND
Soul Searching

The white band with the soul sounds is into it again with "Soul Searching". With the help of the Brecker Brothers, Randy and Michael. This album is worth listening to. Songs to listen for: "Love your Life", "I'm the One", "A Love of Your Own"

PARLIAMENT

The Clones of
Doctor Funkenstein

Parliament's Mothership has landed into another P Funk, "The Clones of Doctor Funkenstein". Produced and conceived by George Clinton, Parliament has created a monster. Songs to listen for: "Gaming on Ya", "Everything Is on the One", "Doctor Funkenstein".



The most common surname in the United States is Smith. Close to 2.5 million Smiths reside here.

Former Student In Pro Football

By Lazarus Simons

Students from the previous school term witnessed a young, energetic and talented football player. If you can remember the tall, young man that worked at the desk in the Ridley Center, then you know him. His name is Johnnie Walton.

Walton played for the Los Angeles Rams in 1969. George Allen, the head coach of the Rams at the time, saw Walton as a kid with a wicked arm. He was shuffled to a farm club, "The Indianapolis Capitals". The club won the championship of the Continental League and Walton was voted most valuable player.

The following year he was taxed by the Rams until 1972. During the years 1972 and 1973 he did not play football.

In the year 1974, he joined the parade of talented football athletes in the World Football League.

He was cut by the Chicago Fires, but came back strong with the Toros last year. He emerged as the leagues No. 1 quarterback until the W.F.L. collapsed. Walton is veritably, a forgotten hero of the W.F.L. years.

The colorful Johnnie Walton, with his dynamite throwing arm, is making his bid to become the Eagles first Black quarterback.

Counseling Center Providing Service

By Sylvia Peele

The Counseling Center invites all Freshmen to come in for an interview with the counselors in the Student Services Building. The counselors are: Enid Smith, Room 110, Mrs. Olive Wilson, Room 102 and Mr. Lafayette Robinson, Room 106. The counselors' doors are always open to the students.

There are plans for group counseling in the following areas:

- (1) Test taking
- (2) Developing skills for taking tests
- (3) Entering in the job market and Graduate School.

Any student having any type of problems should come to the counseling center and talk about it before it can hinder them in doing their college work.

The GRE exam will be given on campus on December 11, 1976 and at

intervals thereafter.

CLEP Exams to be given are:

(1) GRE (December 11, 1976)

(2) NTE (November 13, 1976, February 19, 1977 and July 16, 1977)

(3) MAT (arranged on individual basis)

The next Communications Performance Test will be given on November 15th, 17th, and 18th. The written part will be given on November 15th, and the Speech part will be given on November 17th and 18th. This test is free.

Students should take the tests early enough to apply for financial assistance or admission to various schools before the deadline for acceptance. Graduate school catalogues are located in the Student Personnel library. Free waivers will be available according to qualifications.

Hicks Wins Olympic Gold Medals

By Anthony Rahming

Earl Hicks is the gregarious student that everyone has been seeing wheeling a wheelchair across the campus. Hicks was a victim of an automobile accident on September 6, 1975. The accident was nearly fatal. His neck and spinal cord was broken on impact, paralyzing him from the waist down. At the time of his unfortunate accident Hicks was enrolled at ECSU but of course, he had to discontinue his enrollment.

Being a true Viking Earl did not let his condition sadden his life. Before the

accident Hicks had been a good athlete. Fighting back against ill luck he entered the 1976 Special Olympics Games in Canada. This special event was exclusively for handicapped athletes. Earl did remarkably well in the games, winning four gold medals and one bronze. He set three world records in the shot put, discus and javelin events. At the end of the games Hicks was awarded a special emblem for his outstanding performance at the games. He was the first athlete to ever win five medals at a special Olympics Game.

The determination and

optimism of Hicks is to be truly admired and emulated. His handicap has not left him desolate. He is very sociable and his friendly personality has caused him to be liked by most everyone.

Earl faces his condition with an alacrity. His family, however, after hearing about his accident were completely confused and grief-stricken.

The 26 year old quadraplegic intends to marry and start a family after graduation.

Presently, he is majoring in the Fine Arts. He hopes to build a home and an Art Studio before he graduates.