

# Court Views Rights and Role

By **Lola Yelverton**

Rights of Elizabeth City State University students and the duties of the Student Court were discussed during the first session of the court, on September 22, 1978.

The main purpose of the student court, as stated in the 1978-79 Student Handbook, is to "hear, try and decide all cases submitted by the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs (Dr. Eloise Horton) and return these case along with recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor for Student Af-

fairs within five days, or as soon as speed permits when school is not in session."

Most student do not know that they have certain legal rights given to them by the school constitution such as:

A. The student has the right to select his/her own defense counsel (counsel may be appointed by the court; counsel does not include a professional attorney.)

B. The student must receive a 72-hour-written notice prior to the trial of the specific charges against him

or her; be informed of the composition of the court and his/her constitutional rights.

C. Have at least five character witnesses in his/her behalf.

D. Request that the court disqualify person(s) on court showing possible prejudice.

E. Request a closed or public trial.

F. Plead innocent to any circumstances without fear of being tried for lying relative to the plea if proven guilty. However a student may be held for perjury.

The student, Court wishes to become an integral part of the university. It is felt that in order for the court to benefit each student, they must cooperate with the court, and know that it was created to give them a chance to judge themselves and not be judged by any member of the administration, who may not be as sensitive to the lifestyle and roles of students.

Officers of the student court which were chosen by SGA or the class presidents represented are:

Attorney General  
Paramjot Gill  
Assistant to Attorney General  
John Lewis  
Chief Justice  
Robert Branch, Jr.

The eight justice are:  
Betty Yelverton and Denise Wright (Senior Class)  
Alexis Denkins and Ronny McNeil (Junior Class)  
Tammy Lann and Warren Hall (Sophomore Class)  
Holly Moaney and Elaine Yelverton (Freshman Class)

## Activities In Mitchell-Lewis Dorm

By **Shirley D. Cherry**

Mitchell-Lewis residents welcome their new Residence director, Mrs. Cymera Banks, who completed requirements for the Bachelor Degree from Elizabeth City State University, and furthered her education at Virginia State College. Banks has taught in Accomack County in Accomack, Virginia for the past five years and now resides at 401 Magnolia Street, is married,

has four children, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

On August 29, 1978, Hezekiah Cooper, head of Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) and Mrs. Rae Williams, Associate Director of Student Personnel—Women, explained the procedures for operating the new alarm system which will be installed, once the weather breaks. Mr. Cooper stressed very clearly that it will be to the advantage of the young

ladies to help carry out the procedures.

Mitchell-Lewis joined in observing "Sickle Cell" month. Mrs. Karen McCombe, Genetic Counselor at the District Health Department, discussed facts and showed a film about Sickle Cell Anemia and the Sickle Cell Trait.

The first house meeting of 1978-79 academic year was held on September 12. Nominations for each position

were presented and the election was held on September 19. The residents decided that the election of new officers would be determined by secret ballot. The new system of voting encouraged more students to get involved. This year the elected officers will try to encourage more residents to attend the house meetings and work with the various committees on planned projects.

The 1978-79 Officers of Mitchell-Lewis Hall are:

Sharon Corbett, President  
Josephine Copeland, Vice President  
Susan Byrum, Secretary  
Triquita Hooper, Assistant Secretary  
Annie Coleman, Treasurer  
Shelia Holley, Assistant Treasurer  
Cheryl McWilliams, Resident Council Assistant  
Susan Taylor, Miss Mitchell-Lewis

## Co-Op Adds Two Agencies

The Cooperative Education Program at Elizabeth City State University began the academic year with the addition of two new agencies to its growing list.

According to Miss Valerie F. Villines, Director, the North Carolina Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

and the Department of the United States Air Force are providing Cooperative Education job slots this semester.

Assigned to the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Group at East Hartford, Conn., as an industrial engineer, was

junior industrial technology major James McLean, Shannon, N.C., while Charles W. Jones, sophomore Mathematics major, Pollockville, N. C. will be working in the EPA office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, at the Research Triangle Park.



WRAL-TV, Raleigh, N.C., provided summer Internship opportunities for Dorenda Bryant (class of '78) and Carter Bing, Senior English major, as the two former "Compass" reporters worked as projectionists.



The staff dedicates this edition to Faith Long, Junior Sociology major, Garysburg, N.C., "Miss Compass."