

EC Alumnus Retires From Pro Football

By THOMAS GRAVES

After fourteen seasons with the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League, Jethro Pugh has decided to hang up his cleats. But no other alumnus of Elizabeth City State Teachers College or University could have done it in such a grand style.

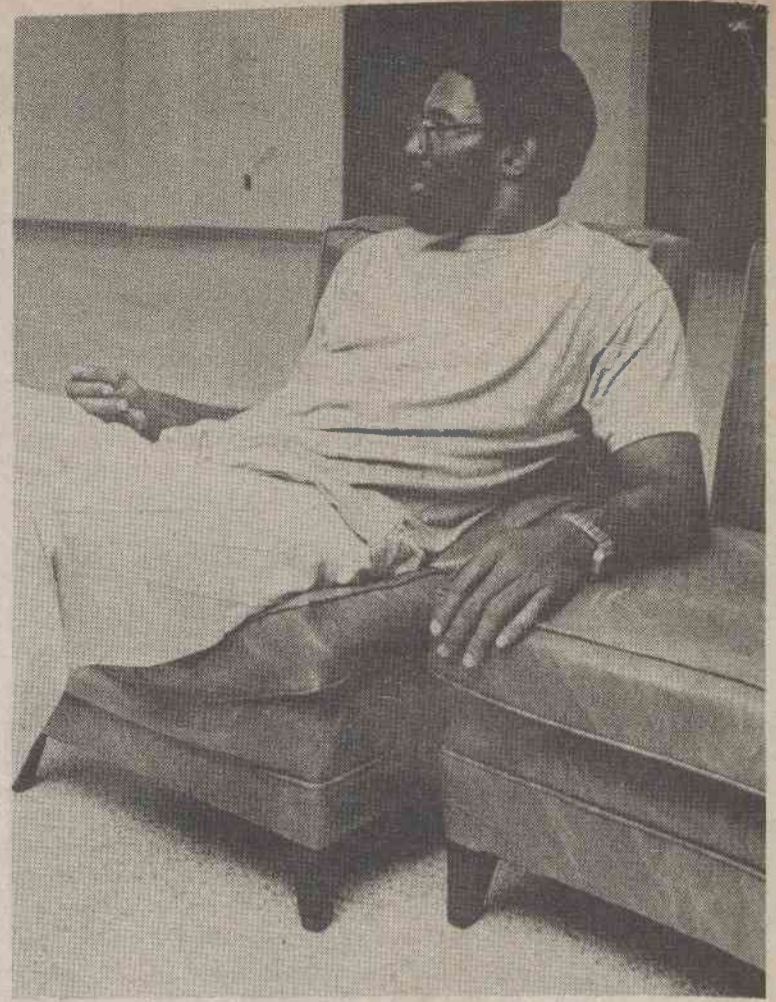
Pugh came to ECSC in 1961. The head football coach was Coach Tom Caldwell. Coach Caldwell pointed out that the time came to ECSC, there were no scholarships for athletes at our school. In his freshman year at ECSC Pugh weighed 212 lbs. and stood six foot six inches. However, he did not play one minute his freshman year. The reason for this says Coach Caldwell is that he was not ready to play football. After his freshman year, Pugh got a job in the cafeteria and worked hard on conditioning himself.

His sophomore year he walked into camp weighing 235 lbs., still standing a 6'6". Pugh was ready to play ball, and play he did. Pugh started every game from his sophomore to his senior year at EC.

During his time at EC, the Windsor, N.C. native, was voted, All CIAA, his junior and senior year and Honorable Mention to the Little All-American Team. Coach Caldwell attributes this to the fact that small black schools received little publicity in those days and therefore the athletes were shunned when it came to honors. Many black athletes therefore failed to get the honors they rightfully deserved.

The Dallas Cowboys became interested in Pugh when they came to scout another member of the EC team, Argo Whitefield and captain of the team, "Moose" Thurlis Little. However, the

Cowboys saw Pugh and decided to draft him on the eleventh round. Pugh and (now) Coach Claudie Mackey both left to try out for the Cowboys. Pugh however, made the team and the bold number "75" has been his ever since. During his years with the Cowboys, Pugh appeared in 23 playoff games, a NFL record and also played in five super bowls. But the 183 games he played in as a professional began to take their toll on the at the end of the 1978 season, Pugh announced he would not play football anymore. "It was a good clean, honest career and I feel good about it," says Pugh. But maybe Coach Caldwell sums it up the best. "I rate Jethro among the top five linemen I ever coached," says Caldwell, "but there is something that can be distinguished from the rest. Athletes today want to know what the school is going to give them. Athletes in Jethro's school days wanted to know how much playing time they were going to get."



Jethro Pugh relaxes in the Viking Sports Arena.

Tournament Winners Awarded at Banquet

By LARRY LISTER

On Monday, February 19 tournaments sponsored in Elizabeth City State University's Ridley University Center consisting of pool, chess, table tennis, backgammon, spades, and checkers began. The tournaments were jointly supervised by Charles Foster, Director of the University Center, and Jerry Parker, President of the University Center.

According to Foster, his supervision of the tournaments extended through February 28. The tournaments he supervised were in pool, table tennis, and chess. The winner of the chess tournament, Foster stated was Willie Satchell in which six people participated. The winner of the pool tournament, which was held at Horace Davis pool room due to lack of pool tables was Robert Jones for the males and Wayne Taylor runnerup. The female winner was Sylvia Peele. Total participants in the pool tournament was twenty-four. The winner of the table tennis tournament was Johnnie Hurdle.

Foster stated that this recreational tournament is held annually and there is no fee to the students for participating. Tournament winners will be awarded trophies or certificates at the

annual Intramural Banquet. The participation, he stated, was very good. Mr. Foster wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation.

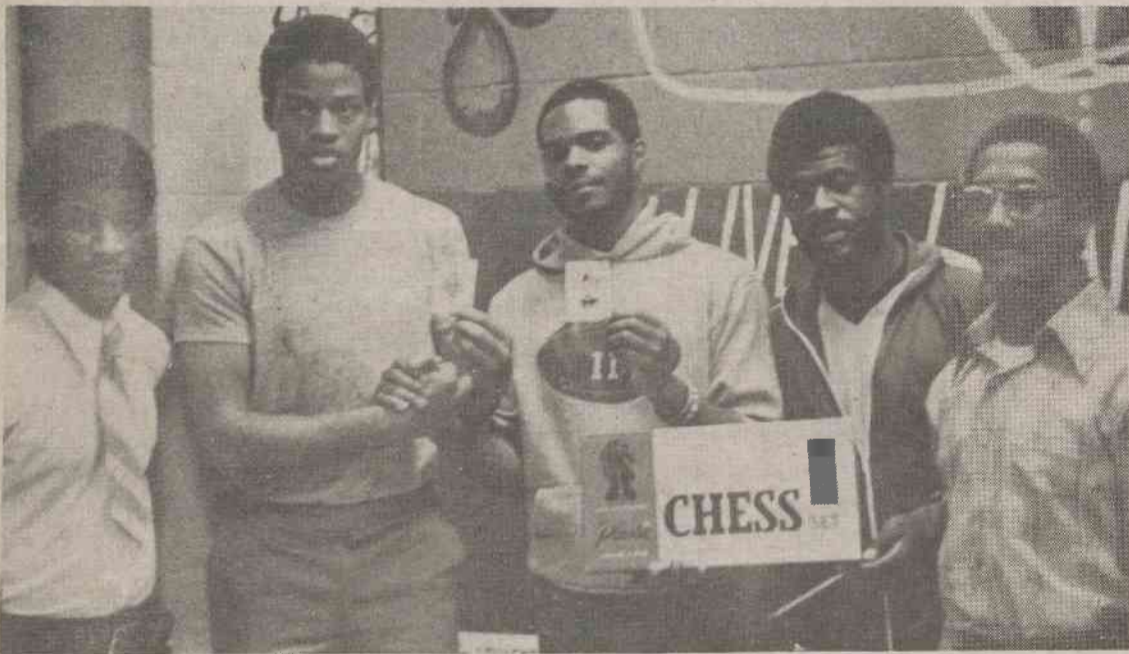
Jerry Parker supervised the backgammon, checkers, and spades tournaments which started on Monday, February 26 and ended on Thursday, February 29.

For the champions, trophies will be awarded at the Intramural banquet.

There were many students who wanted to participate, but failed to pre-register for the tournaments. They, Parker stated, were not allowed to participate in the tournaments.

Jerry Parker and Charles Foster wishes to thank everyone that participated in the tournaments.

According to Parker, the tournaments turned out to be a great success and the center plans to sponsor the tournaments again. In each event the champions were: checkers Wayne Taylor; runnerups, Anthony Swain, spades: ECSU's powerful football players Johnny Williams and Gerald Honeyblue defeated Raymond Robinson and Michael Patrick. On backgammon, Frankie Bordeaux defeated John Ward in the finals where both players had a great tournament.



Tournament winners pictured are Gerald Honeyblue, Johnnie Williams, Willie Satchell, and Frankie Bordeaux, accompanied by University Center President, Jerry Parker.



Short stop Gloria Westry fires the ball to First basewoman, Kathy Fennell to make a quick out.