

Black Health

News



Cancer

If you have a healthy interest in good health, here are some questions and answers that may help you understand more about your body.

Q. What should I do if I find one of those signs?

A. If one of the symptoms lasts more than two weeks, you should see a doctor right away. Don't wait for the symptom to become painful. Pain is not usually an early sign of cancer. When you call to make an appointment, be sure to say that you are concerned about cancer.

In men, the symptoms of prostate cancer can be caused by an infection or some other condition. Only a doctor can tell for sure.

A free booklet called "What Black Americans Should Know About Cancer," is available by writing to: National Cancer Institute, Building 31, Room 10A18... Bethesda, Maryland 20205, or calling the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER.

Q. Why is early detection so important?

A. Cancer is very often curable if it is discovered early. Treatments are often more effective and easier on the patient if the tumor has not grown and spread to other parts of the body.

Q. How can I tell if I might have cancer?

A. You know your body-how it looks and how it feels-better than anyone else. As a result, you will usually be the first one to notice any changes. Therefore, you are a very important person in the early detection of cancer. Learn the possible signs, or symptoms, of cancer. Be alert to such changes in your body.

Sickle Cell Anemia

The fight against sickle cell anemia, the inherited blood disease that affects one out of every 500 black Americans, is getting a boost this year from a nationwide campaign headed by celebrated athlete Willie Stargell.

Stargell, former All-Star baseball player for the Pittsburgh Pirates, is national spokesman for the second annual major fund-raising campaign to help the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease (NASCD). The project is under the auspices of Champale, Inc., a subsidiary of Iroquois Brands.

During March and April, Champale will make cash contributions to NASCD. Look for Willie Stargell posters which hold canisters for cash donations by the general public at retail outlets. Moneys raised by that portion of the effort will go directly to the local NASCD chapters.

Part of the campaign will be a major public services publicity effort to focus attention on the programs offered by NASCD. Willie Stargell, who has devoted many years to the fight, will appear on national media interviews during the campaign.

The Association, headquartered in Los Angeles, is a national voluntary organization of community groups working full time to provide comprehensive program research, screening, counseling, education and other services to those affected with sickle cell disease and to their families.



One of the nation's star athletes, Willie Stargell, is putting more power into the national campaign against sickle cell disease.



Miss ECSU

Greetings Fellow Vikings:

As Miss Elizabeth City State University 1983-84, I would like to extend to you a very cordial welcome. I hope that your summer has been an enjoyable one and that you are now ready to get back into your studies.

This year is guaranteed to be an exciting year with your support. I ask that you, as Vikings, exemplify school spirit and pride in our school.

Become active in other activities and organizations; but in doing so, remember

your reason for being at ECSU.

Once again, welcome to ECSU and best wishes for a successful year.

Gracefully yours,
Inez C. Campbell

Rumor Has It.....



...that the COMPASS and VIKING staffs NEED YOU!!!

...that the caf will serve real food this semester.

...that athletes can't live in the Complex.

...that Renee has some surprises for the student body.

...that Butler Hall had cosmetic surgery this summer.

...that Terry D. and Christopher P. tied the knot this summer.

...that R.J. will be married next May!

...that Robin finally left the nest.

...that Prince is searching for a new hairdo.

...that the other Siamese Twin is minus half a heart-poor Jay H.

...that the VP has a crush on an RA.

...that visiting fans in Roebuck Stadium may have seating... sometime in the next few years.

...that "Big O" is changing his number... no more "95?"

...that the flag team is the best marching unit in the band.

...that the Dancing Bear is in hibernation.

...that the band THOUGHT they'd get new uniforms.

...that Mike and Tammy E. are happily married.