

## "Mr. Mac," New Bandman



by Ricky Wilkins

Mr. Willie McElroy, better known to band members as "Mr. Mac," is ECSU's new band director. Mr. McElroy, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, attended Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama. He received his Master's Degree from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. He is married and the father of three children.

Mr. McElroy is very proud of the band's determination and dedication shown by practicing on the field without the knowledge of whether or not they would be under the guidance of someone.

Previously, he held the position of band director at Shaw University, Raleigh, NC, for four years.

He feels right at home here, stating that everyone has made him feel very comfortable. He has had many students join the band since his arrival. His plans for the year for the Marching Vikings are to develop outlets for the students who are very talented.

Mr. McElroy hopes that the band will become more active, performing several concerts featuring the marching band and jazz band. These will include other participating universities along with ECSU.

Mr. McElroy feels there's still room for improvement and thinks the band will be one of the best in the CIAA.

Mr. McElroy, welcome to the Viking Family!!

He expresses thanks to our previous band director, Mr. Duncombe, a very close friend. Duncombe was his mentor, recommending him for the position at ECSU.



In recognition of Sick Cell Month, ECSU's infirmary sponsored an information seminar moderated by Mr. Kevin Josephson, a genetic counselor from Raleigh, NC.

Using lectures, films, and discussion sessions, Josephson explored all aspects of the disease. Ms. Jean Robertson, ECSU's registered nurse, and her staff, were there to assist Josephson in educating the students on sickle cell anemia.

Robertson and her staff gave tests for sickle cell.

"The test consists of sticking a finger to draw a

small amount of blood into a tube," explained Robertson. "After that, the blood samples will be sent to Raleigh to be tested for the disease. The results will be mailed in about two weeks to students who participated."

An estimated 75 students attended the seminar.

The fund-raising drive, a Sick Cell Sing-a-Rama Gospel Program, was held on September 11 at 3 p.m. in Moore Hall. The purpose of the drive was to provide the whole community with "soul stirring" gospel music while raising money for Kevin Brumsey.

The Elizabeth City State University "Marching Vikings" kicked off their fund raising drive for new band uniforms with a five mile walk-a-thon on September 11.

The walk-a-thon was comprised of not only band members, but other participants as well, and raised approximately \$200.00.

Patrons sponsored walkers at the rate of \$.25 per

## Sickle Cell Seminar and Sing -a-rama

by Rick Jones

Kevin, 20, began taking classes at ECSU in the fall of 1981. Because he has sickle cell anemia and is troubled with complications, he withdrew from school. He now lives at home with his family.

Groups singing in the sing-a-rama were Samuel Chapel Male Choir, Bethel Gospel Choir, Palmyra Junior Choir, Spence Singers and Bethel Celestial Choir.

Mr. Hughes and Mr. Cowell sang solos. There was a dollar donation and all proceeds were presented to Kevin at the seminar.

The Alumni Association donated \$132.75 toward the project.

The cost of the uniforms will be about \$375 per uniform. The band's goal is \$56,250. This drive will require total campus participation to be successful.

The Elizabeth City State University Viking family would like to extend to the band our best wishes and say, "March on Vikings."

## Band Walks for Wampum

by Diane Williams



Student Michael Logan and Instructor L.B. Thorpe discuss career options in the field of social service.

## Career Carnival

by  
James Howard, Jr.

Nearly a thousand people participated in this year's highly successful Careers Day on Thursday, September 22, in Vaughn Center.

The main purpose of Careers Day is to provide information to students about different occupations and departments on campus. It gives people the opportunity to make direct contact with employers without having to travel far.

Representatives from across NC and the District of Columbia advised students of career opportunities and how to prepare for the future.

Steven Rheinhartsen, chairing his first Careers Day, had lots of help from Harold Murrill, Brenda Creecy, Kathy Cofield, Dr. Williams, Gerald Tyler and Valerie Villines.

"I would like students to ask career questions such as: What kind of qualifications are required? What kind of classes should I be taking now?" Rheinhartsen said.

ECSU academic departments and 17 employers from various occupations were represented including: N.C. Highway Patrol, Carolina Telephone and Telegraph, National Park Service (Cape Hatteras), Office of State Auditor, Tours Information, N.C., Marine

Resource Center (Roanoke Island), U.S. Geology Survey, U.S. Navy Officers Program, Food Lion, Continental Telephone Company of Virginia and Virginia Electric Power Company (VEPCO.)

Campus departments participating included: Army ROTC, Modern Languages, Biology, Mathematics and Computer Science, Industrial Technology, Art, Music, and Social Science.

"We had many people there, but I just wish that everybody would attend," said Rheinhartsen. "Students should be interested in their careers and think about what they want to do with their lives before it is too late for adjustments."