

ECSU SPORTS

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Vikings Claim Final Victory

Virginia Union University came to play this game Feb. 14, with a 21-3 record, currently in second place.

This was the last home game of the season for the Vikings with a conference record of 7-4, which made the Vikings eligible to go to the CIAA Tournament in third place.

The beginning of the game was a struggle for both teams. Both defenses were strong and the offenses were shooting "air balls."

But all of a sudden the Vikings pulled out in front with a lead of five points. For a while Union did not play like the team who was in second place. The Vikings were getting more rebounds and shooting better, but they were fouling quite often.

By half-time the score was 30-22, Vikings.

The second half started off in the Vikings' advantage. "Iceman" went to the free throw line twice in this half, making one of both shots each time.

Union tried everything to catch up, but it seemed useless. The Panthers' coaches seemed confused and unsure, so they resumed to constant substitution to try to slow the Vikings down.

At the 11 minute mark in the second half the score was 48-38, Vikings.

John Speller went to the free throw line to shoot a pair worth two points.

Again the Vikings were leaving the Panthers "in the dust" with a score of 60-46. Six points were contributed by Jamie Turner who three consecutive field goals in his favorite corner each time.

Rudy Burton went to the free throw line seeming to talk to himself and shot 2 points and Kenny Hilton added a quick 3 point play.

How could Virginia Union be the only team in the CIAA to beat Norfolk State? This team couldn't make a decent lay-up shot. And they were also losing the game by 20 points at the four minute mark of the second half.

The Panthers just couldn't keep up with the Vikings' devastating playing ability. Final score, 77-67, Vikings.



ECSU's 1984 Tennis Team



front row L-R Thomas Cumming, Jerome Horton, Mark Noneman, Tommie Slade..

back row: David White, Dallas Dunbar, Doug Grombles, and Craig Stepney. The team's coach is Mr. Eugene O'Neal

Lady Vikes Lose

Were the fierce-looking Lady Broncos of Fayetteville State too much for the Lady Vikings, or did they win the first game with a score of 11-6, because of the Vikings' numerous, unnecessary errors?

The highlights of the day were: Connie Berry sliding on second base putting FSU's second baseman out of the game; Shelia Parker hitting a homerun in left field and three feet from homeplate being put out by the catcher, and last but not least, Valerie Crocker's unexpected and needed homerun.

In the second game, the Lady Vikings seemed to be playing like an entirely different team. Valerie Crocker hit another homerun and Jackie Johnson picked up a double play. The score was then 4-0, Vikings. But at the top of the last inning, the CIAA champions of 1983, the Lady Broncos, came back to win the game, 6-4.

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Intramural Championship

Crowd Pleasers Please

The Lady Crowd Pleasers dominated the Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta in intramural basketball on March 16.

The beginning of the game was not easy for either team — defenses on both teams were strong.

Slowly, the Lady Crowd Pleasers pulled ahead.

Then, the Crowd Pleasers surged ahead offensively to take control of the game. With determination, the team claimed the championship title and trophy, and maintained its undefeated record this season.

Plenty of unsportsman-like conduct was carried onto the court, but the referees overlooked the violence — as usual.

The second half started, like the first finished. The Deltas could not nearly match the ball-playing of the Crowd Pleasers.

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Elizabeth City's Own: Jamie Turner

Jamie attended Northeastern High School, in Elizabeth City where he broke two scoring records his junior and senior year. In his senior year he also received the All Conference Award.

During high school he played

the forward position and averaged 21 points per game. Now at ECSU, he plays small forward and averages 12 points per game.

Turner was offered several scholarships but chose Elizabeth City because he wanted to stay close to home. He was offered a scholarship from Louisburg Junior College and Old Dominion University. When asked why he chose not to play with the Big Blue Beast of ODU, he smiled and said, "My grades weren't quite up to their standards."

Turner gets a lot of playing time, but he says that, "It bothers me to come off the bench before other players, who should be in the game before me." When asked who, he said "Ellis Everett."

Turner started the first seven games of the season but he said: "I like coming off the bench and surprising the crowd."

Turner shoots field goals very well from a corner which is his favorite. He is also competent on the free throw line. "Free throws are important and you must concentrate on the line" Jamie said.

Coach Vaughan and Mackey are highly thought of by Turner. He claims he couldn't be where he is without them.

Turner's favorite Basketball teams are North Carolina and the Boston Celtics. His favorite player from the Vikings' team is Rudy Burton. He says Rudy

plays pretty good ball and he likes to watch him play. During his high school days, his favorite was a former basketball player, Ivory Groomes, whom Burton imitates in many of his plays.

Turner is unsure about his major at this time, but he thinks it will be Sociology. He is definitely going to stay in school and work hard.

Elizabeth City is very proud of Jamie Turner, especially his father, James Turner, who makes sure everyone spells his son's name right: J-A-M-I-E.

ROTC Triumphs

An aggressive game was played between the ROTC and the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. For a while it seemed as though the players of the ROTC had left their minds at PT that morning. Then they realized they were playing a championship game and came out on top to win. High scorer for the ROTC was James Holman, and Ed Costley for the Ques.

The Legs of Halftime

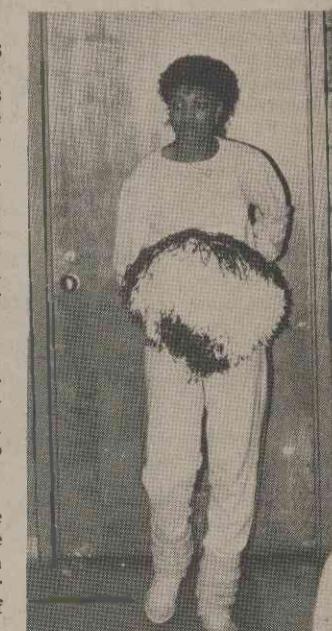
by Duan Mebane and Vincent Ruffin

They were the ECSU pom-pom squad!

The squad consists of 16 performers and 4 alternates. Captains are Erin 'Pinkie' Davis and Elyse Jenkins. Three seniors, five juniors, five sophomores, and seven freshmen make up this squad. They will be performing dance routines during halftime to add to an already excited crowd. Routines are choreographed by Davis with help from several squad members.

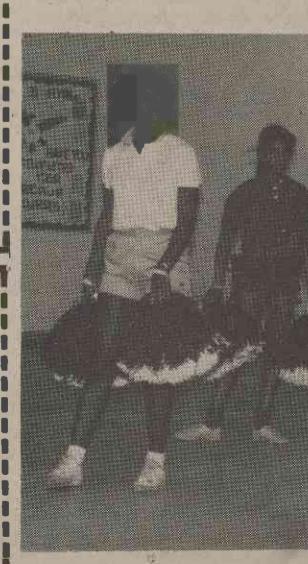
These girls were chosen from 38 who auditioned. Criteria for acceptance included: originality of dance, choreography, agility, smile, appearance and ability to learn the routines.

When asked whose idea the squad was, Davis replied, "The idea was not mine alone but a group effort." She would rather not name individuals for fear of omitting someone.



The sponsors for the squad are Miriam Jackson, Brenda Overton, Pearl Riddick and Ruth Williams. Project funding comes from Dr. Harry Ghee and Mr. Roger McLean with small donations from the girls themselves. They have no budget for travel yet; so "away games" are nearly impossible.

Squad members are: Ernestine Northern, Elaine Strong, Lisa Thompson, 'Kittie' Peters, Paula Johnson, Elyse Jenkins, Ana Combo, Juana Respasse, Katrina Hood, Sharon Smith, Hope Carter, Debra Seward, Selina Everett, 'Pinkie' Davis, Chiquita Mitchell, Patricia White, Melanie Locus, Dana Turner, Jackie Pearsall and Gail Davis.



Jackson and Chris Pendergrass. Pendergrass is a three-time all CIAA Champion in the javelin event. Mackey wants to make him a decathlete, which is to compete in ten events. Pendergrass feels he is too heavy for the pole vault, but Mackey believes, "He is afraid."

Leon Hester, one of the sophomore runners, competes in the long jump. In high school, he competed in the triple jump and held the school record. Mackey said, "He could be a better runner. He has the talent but no desire. He's just not serious." Leon agrees by saying, "I just don't practice hard enough."

Leon also commented, "The track team would be better if everyone practiced and concentrated on his event. At this point, half the team practices and the other half doesn't."

"Also, Precious Morrison is probably one of the better female runners on campus, but she is so busy telling people how good she is that she doesn't find time to run and prove herself," said Mackey.

The track team consists of 24 men and 10 women. There are approximately ten freshman, eight sophomores, four juniors and two seniors, who are "BJ"

