

USFL STAR RETURNS TO ECSU

Yes, Sports fans, he's back! Not to dazzle the fans with his fancy foot work and interception, but to complete his four-year college education.

Bobby Futrell, former defensive back for the Michigan Panthers, feels that he has made a wise choice in coming back to ECSU as a student. Bobby is from Ahoskie, N.C. where he played defensive back, punt and kick returner during his high school years. During his senior

year, 1980, he made the All Conference team and scored 13 touchdowns.

Futrell was offered scholarships to North Carolina Central University, Winston Salem State University, and East Carolina University.

Finally, pro-football player and ECSU alumnus, Johnny Walton,

influenced Futrell to play for ECSU.

Futrell made the All-CIAA squad as defensive back in 1981, '82, '83. In 1983, he was honored as punt return specialist. Fame came to Futrell last year when he was drafted by the Michigan Panthers.

When asked how it felt to be in the Pros, Bobby said: "It feels pretty good; you get to meet a lot of people and travel to places you've never been before."

As for having any trouble adjusting to the USFL, Bobby said that it was hard with the new defenses and new techniques on covering receivers.

"The conditioning part didn't bother me because I was in good shape when I was at ECSU," Bobby said.

Futrell feels that ECSU has played a big part in his success and hopes to continue to be successful in his professional endeavors.

Roebuck Stadium.....

by Dennis Parker
Sports Writer

For 18 years the Elizabeth City State Viking football team was homeless. Finally in 1983, ECSU entered a season with its home games being played on campus in Roebuck Stadium.

In the past, The Vikings' home football games were played at Northeastern High School's stadium. This was a great disadvantage for the team, fans and Athletic Program. For home games, Viking players and their opponents had to change in ECSU locker rooms and then be

transported to Northeastern's stadium to play the game. This was costly, since ECSU had to pay a stadium rental fee and clean the stadium thoroughly after each game.

"One advantage of Roebuck Stadium is that it brings football back on campus — close to the students again," said ECSU Athletic Director Robert L. Vaughan. "The players do not have to worry about being transported anywhere, because their home field is within walking

distance," he added.

Vaughan said that ECSU is now able to sponsor a wide range of activities such as shows, commencements, outdoor track, Special Olympics, cross-country meets and other recreational events for the public during the year.

Only two of the four major construction stages have been completed. Stage one was clearing the land and building the stadium. Stage two was installing the restrooms. Stage

three will be installing lights around the stadium. The final stage will be to expand the wings of the homeside and to add two team locker rooms. Eventually, there will be 1000 seats added to the visitors' side.

Money for the stadium was raised through charity, donations, and school fundraising activities. Roebuck Stadium has brought ECSU many advantages and will continue to strengthen the University in the future.

Brings Football Back to Vikingland

Former Vikings Join ECSU Hall Of Fame

Joseph Buggs 1956 — 59

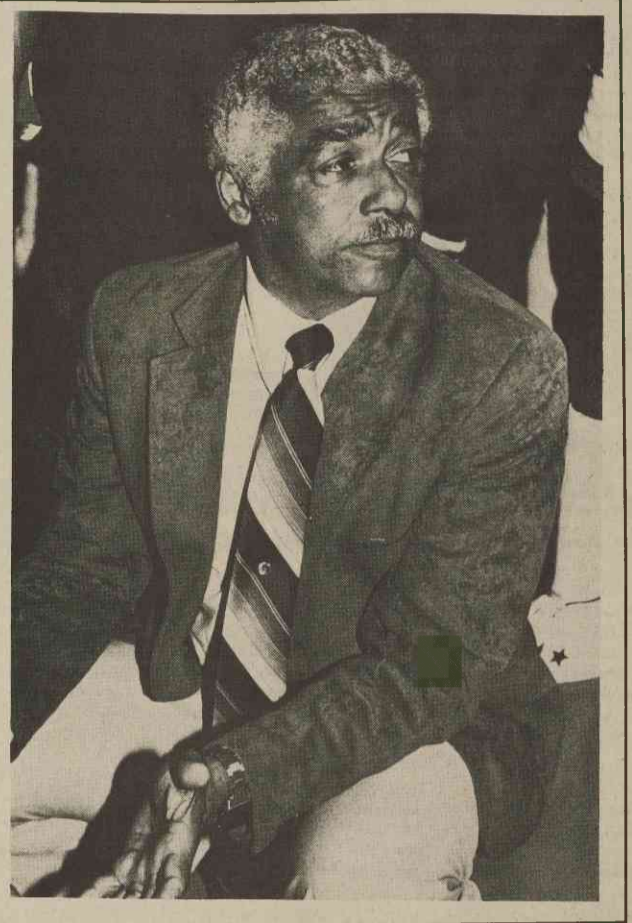
Lettered and started four years in football as a running back. He led the CIAA in scoring in 1959 and was selected to the All-CIAA Team. He also was selected as a Black College All American. He was selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers of the NFL to participate in their preseason camp. He also lettered 3 years in basketball, 3 years in baseball, and 3 years in track at ECSU. Currently employed as a teacher and head football coach at

Smithfield High School, Smithfield, Va.

Mike Gale 1968

Lettered and started four years in basketball at ECSU. He was selected All CIAA in 1970-1971, was CIAA Player of the year in 1971 and selected to be captain of the team in 1970 and 1971. He was twice one of the nation's leaders in rebounds and steals. He was an NAIA All

American and was selected to the NAIA All Tournament Team. He was drafted by the Chicago Bulls of the NBA and the Kentucky Colonels of the ABA. He played 12 years in the ABA/NBA with the Kentucky Colonels, New York Nets, San Antonio Spurs, Portland Trailblazers, and Golden State Warriors. Gale was selected two times to the NBA All Defensive Team. Gale is currently employed in real estate in San Antonio, Texas.



Larry Horton Posthumous

Lettered four years as a wrestler at ECSU. Selected to All CIAA Team at 118 lbs. in 1971, 73, All CIAA, NAIA District 26 Champion-118 lbs. 1971, Captain of wrestling team 1973, 74, National Athletes-in-Action Champion 105 lbs. and placed 6th in World Games in Greco Roman Wrestling in Moscow, Russia

George D. Felton

Lettered four years in football as a two way tackle, punter and kicker. Was selected Captain of football team in senior year. Lettered two years in track as sprinter and long jumper and two years in baseball with a career batting average of over .300. Felton is currently retired.

Lite To Select NFL Man Of The Year

Milwaukee (Oct. 10, 1984) -- Harry Carson, a three-time All Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference performer at South Carolina State College, and Leslie Frazier, who earned All Southwestern Athletic Conference honors at Alcorn State University, are candidates for the Lite/NFL Man of the Year.

Eighty-four players--three from each of the 28 National Football league teams--have been nominated for the award. The honor is based on a player's contribution to his community as well as his performance of the field.

Past recipients include: Rolf Benirschke, San Diego Chargers; Joe Theismann, Washington Redskins; Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh Steelers; and Harold Carmichael, Philadelphia Eagles.

Carson, entering his ninth season with the New York Giants, has been named to the All-NFL team four times. He works closely with the Southampton Fresh Air Home for Crippled Children. He frequently visits the home during the season and often buys Giant tickets for the youngsters, who

suffer from crippling birth defects.

Frazier, entering his fourth season with the Chicago Bears, is active in Sports Teams Organized for Prevention of Drug Abuse, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Better Boys Foundation, and the Brian Piccolo Cancer Research Fund.

Lite beer from Miller has established a \$36,000 scholarship fund in support of the Man of the Year program. The scholarships are awarded to deserving and qualified high school students across the nation.

Lite representatives will present the scholarships in the names of the leading vote-getters from the 28 NFL teams.

A \$5,000 scholarship will go to a selected student or students in the team city of the Man of the Year. Lite will also award #2,000 scholarships in the names of the four leading finalists and \$1,000 scholarships in the names of the top vote-getters from each of the remaining 23 teams.

Fan balloting for the program will continue through November 25. The Lite/NFL Man of the Year will be announced on Tuesday, Jan. 15, prior to Super Bowl XIX.



Cheerleaders Go Co—ed

The Viking cheerleaders are back and the squad is bigger and better than ever before.

Yes, it is true; the cheerleaders have flourished with quantity and also quality of beauty. The Viking cheerleading squad consists of ten lovely young ladies and two talented men: six freshmen, four sophomores, one junior and one senior. Only five are veteran cheerleaders.

Try-out sessions were highly competitive, with a large number of students competing for the squad positions. There were a few deferred dreams, but the selection was honest and professional. The squad added two alternates and two male cheerleaders.

The cheerleaders are leading Viking morale to a new high.

MILWAUKEE (Aug. 8, 1984)--The new Miller High Life quart can, called the "King Kan," began distribution to 18 states -- following successful testing in Chicago, New Orleans and Houston. Full national distribution will follow soon. The quart cans, sold singly or in cases of 12, will be available this month in several states, but not N.C. Miller High Life is the only American beer available in quart cans.

With new moves, new cheers and new faces, the squad members are: Bonnie Crump, Lumberton, N.C.; Krystal Simpson, Elizabeth City, N.C.; Olivia Tyson, Fayetteville, N.C.; Stacey Green, Washington, D.C.; Angela Rice, Philadelphia, Pa.; Deidre Bacoate, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Juanda Dixon, Norfolk, Va.; Elrina Rawls, Weldon, N.C.; Valerie Custis, Baltimore, Md.; and Macune Williams, Hopewell, Va.

The male cheerleaders are Gary Shearod, Goldsboro, N.C. and Tracy Winborne, Ahoskie, N.C. The alternates are Shannon Helliger, Orlando Fla. and April Cathcart, Beaufort, S.C.

The squad's advisors are Mrs. Caleese Abbot, Mrs. Addie Griffin and Mrs. Florence Hinton.

"I feel that this summer was one of the best because of the vast majority of activities which were provided for the students," Foster said, "The summer activities that were planned gave students meaningful recreational activity and allowed them a fellowship among each other in a comfortable setting."

said Rev. Charles Foster, program director of Walter N. Ridley University Center.

In addition to sporting activities, movies, seminars and trips were planned for the students.

According to Foster, these activities assisted in keeping students active while in summer school.

Topics of two of the most informative seminars were: "Job Application" and "Floral Arrangement." Each seminar was interesting and was conducted by people who are prominent in their occupations. "Seminars are designed," Foster said, "to enhance a student's knowledge and to provide them with additional information."

Bryant Follows Brother's Footsteps

No one would ever suspect that a fellow-ECSU student is the brother of USFL's all star Kelvin Bryant, a player who signed a 2.5 million dollar contract with the Philadelphia Stars.

When asked how he liked having a brother in pro football, Wayne responded: "It is a great feeling and I am very proud of Kelvin's success."

Wayne Bryant, a sophomore from Tarboro, N.C., came to ECSU and is a walk-on football player for the mighty Vikings. At Tarboro High School, Wayne played defensive back for the team and started two years. In 1980, his high school finished second in its conference and made it to the AAA State playoffs in 1981.

During his senior year, Wayne was awarded Honorable Mention Defensive Back and Honorable Mention, All Eastern. Although he had the opportunity to attend many schools in the nation, Wayne chose ECSU because many of his close friends are here. He was very determined to become a player for ECSU's ball club. He achieved that goal one year ago.

Wayne does not feel that relatives of famous people have special advantages.

"With Kelvin being the superstar, people are more open to me, but as far as achievements, I have to work just like everyone else to accomplish them," he said.

Kelvin Bryant has been with the Philadelphia Stars for two years.

Kelvin was the 1983's Most Valuable Player and 1984's second leading rusher, which helped the Stars to become the USFL Champions this year.

Wayne feels great and blessed that things turned out well for his big brother, but he is looking forward to a great year for himself in the upcoming season.

NEW ACTIVITIES RECRUIT

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time out to enjoy many delightful evenings by pitching balls, sliding from base to base, and knocking home runs. Some were even overwhelmed by their striking out.

Softball games were one of the many activities planned by Student Affairs for the Summer School session.

"Funding for these activities was provided through the Director of Summer School,"

At the bottom of the third inning, the score was 8-2 with the students staying on top of the ECSU staff.

The sport which really brought out the athletes this summer was softball. Teams were composed of students, staff personnel and anyone else who wanted to join in the fun. These agile beings took

Foster agrees that with the number of activities that were planned, none of the students had the opportunity to become bored or to complain that there was nothing going on.

"Various beach trips were planned so that students' weekends were not dull," Foster added, "This gave students an opportunity to visit some of the East Coast's finest beaches."

Foster, who enjoys BINGO, was also impressed by the number of student participants at the BINGO parties, skating parties and movies. "I found students to be attracted to those activities which best attracted their interest," Foster added.

Confident that this past summer session has played a leading role in the future of ECSU, Foster believes that, if the same type of activities are held during the regular school year, many more students will be attracted to our University.

"The Summer School session served as an excellent form of recruitment for our University," Foster said.