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Paul said he wanted to go to college "because I will be improved."

Paul's home, Namibia, was a former German colony, until 1915, when South African troops, acting on British orders, took over the nearly 319,000 square mile area. For this reason Paul speaks fluent German.

His home's natural resources include uranium, copper and the ever precious diamond.

"My father is an electrician in the Consolidated Diamond Mine," Paul says proudly.

Namibia's vast mineral resources are why South Africa is determined to retain control of Namibia, according to a book on the country, *The Workers of Namibia*. But that, too, is changing.

As a result of a tri-lateral agreement between South Africa, Angola and Cuba, Paul's country will be an "independent nation," according to South African Embassy spokesman Patrick Evans in the District of Columbia. Under the agreement, Cuba will remove its forces from Angola while South African troops will pull out of Namibia as early as March,

Evans said. Namibia will then be under United Nations control, having "a multi-party democracy with a one person-one vote structure."

Paul agrees with his country's drastic governmental overhaul.

"The new government is for everybody to have rights," says Paul, "to go wherever you like because before we couldn't."

The areas to which Paul refers are called "homelands," zones of land where the twelve ethnic groups of Namibians are supposed to live. For example, since Paul is an Ovambo, he is to live in that district, and if he wants to work in a white zone he is required to have a permit or a pass to do so. If he does work in that area he cannot be in that area for longer than 72 hours without permission.

"Even if you go into another black homeland you are questioned why you're there," Paul said.

He believes the government's former policy towards blacks was unfair because what the people needed was "freedom to be equal." Freedom to Paul is "freedom from threats, freedom to have a good job, proper housing, facilities, and higher education."

Namibia's movement for Paul's freedoms began in 1960 with the for-

mation of the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), an armed liberation group similar to Nelson Mandela's African National Congress.

"My uncle was involved in the political movement," Paul said in a quiet voice. "He was jailed for six months in 1977 because he was a member of SWAPO. After he was released, they caught him again, and beat him to death in May of 1978. That's the surprising thing that people die for standing up for their rights. When Europeans came, they came with a Bible in one hand and a gun in the other. They gave us the Bible and nothing else."

Although Paul only studied English for six months his message about his people and apartheid comes through despite his accent.

"Ovambos are hard workers but have very low wages," he says. "They receive 25 cents an hour in some places and that's considered a high wage, for an 8-hour day."

"People have been fighting for a longtime to break apartheid," he continued. "Mandela is free and that's a sign of improvement, but it depends on the people. It's okay to negotiate peacefully, but when people declare

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Paulus Malulu

war on each others' race, violence will be there. A government must have blacks and whites equal."

Even though Paul plans to do undergraduate and graduate work in the geosciences and electronics, he plans to someday return to Namibia and "contribute to my home country."

Paul said he misses his brothers, sisters and parents back home in Namibia. In the land of Big Macs, he also admits to an occasional craving for the traditional African food "oshithima"—a boiled water and maize mixture usually eaten with meat or curdled milk.

Until he does return, he says he'll continue watching basketball, a sport which he's never played, and develop his interest in gymnastics because its

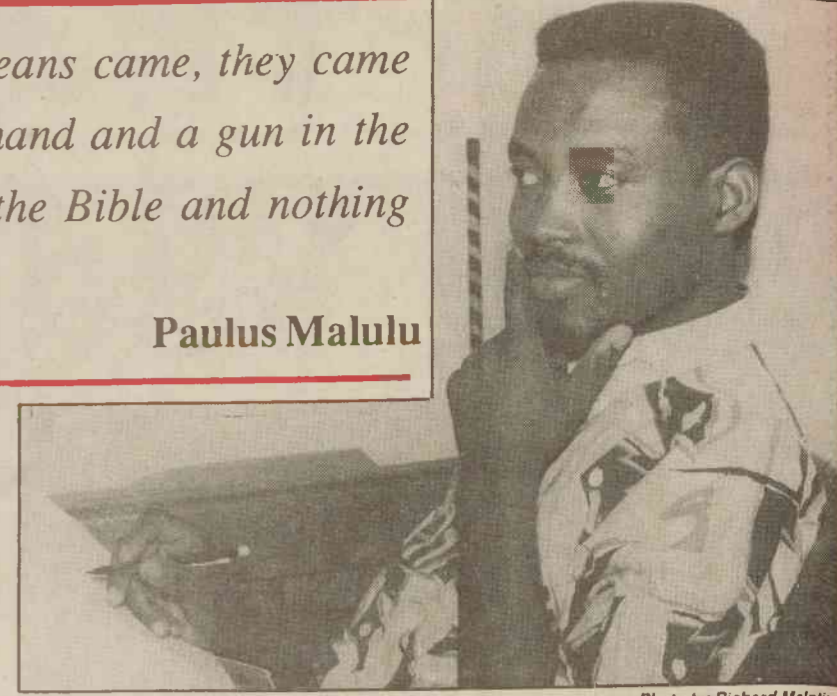


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United Nations Fellowship student Paulus Malulu takes time to study and ponder on his experiences in America.

"so good for health." He will strive to play the guitar. In addition, Paul says he really wants to go to Arizona, "because I've read it has a landscape that would be good for geology students to study."

"I want to experience America and

all things American." When asked if he would ever become an American or apply for citizenship his eyes widened and he replied sternly, "I could never do that, that would make me a traitor."

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rights, economics, social and political justice. He has no tolerance for communism and is a firm believer that communist expansion on a global front must be stopped.

Dr. Ju sees a continuous conflict between America's financial and military aid to support foreign dictatorships and the popular will of the people who the dictators have pledged to support. This conflict has led to confrontation and rebellion in numerous third world countries with South Korea as a prime example. The popular will seeking freedom and justice vs. dictators supported by American dollars. Into this void steps angry anti-American advocates who began to sow the seeds for a communist takeover.

Dr. Ju seems to believe that Senator Edward M. Kennedy, heir apparent to his brother Jack's "New Frontier," continues to be the American

Messiah for liberty, freedom and a truly democrat South Korea.

Margaret McKoy, a senior majoring in Psychology, will present a paper at the Eighteenth Annual Alpha Kappa Delta Sociological Research Symposium, which meets from February 22 to 24 in Greenville, N.C. McKoy's paper, "African-American Anomalous Experiences and Folklore" is a condensed version of her senior honors thesis, which she wrote under the direction of Dr. James McClenon.

McKoy has been participating in Dr. McClenon's folklore research project and in Dorothy Redford's oral history seminar. Her paper analyzes African-American anomalous experiences such as rootlore narratives and apparitional experiences. She evaluated two theories within the study of folklore and found that each are applicable to various aspects of her evidence. Her findings are important within the study of the sociology and folklore. Dr. McClenon will be taking some students to attend.

### Department of Geosciences

One of the two students from Namibia, Paul Malulu (Southwest Africa) joined ECSU last month on a United Nations fellowship. Namibia is a newly independent country, which was formally called South-West Africa and was occupied by South Africa.

The U.S. Geological Survey has offered a four-week training program this summer for up to eight ECSU teacher education students. USGS will provide all normal expenses for the students.

Dr. William Porter, Assistant Professor in geosciences, presented a paper on micro-computing at the first National Conference on Computing at Minority Institutions in December, 1989 at Washington, D.C.

### Dept. of Physical Education

By C. Cullipher Hanchuck  
ECSU Senior Carol Modecki has won the June P. Galloway Award, a

dance scholarship sponsored by the North Carolina Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation.

The honor and accompanying scholarship money were awarded to Modecki for her outstanding academic service and leadership achievements at a ceremony at the General Session of the North Carolina Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention on Thursday, November 30th, in Greensboro.

"Carol Modecki does an excellent job of juggling private sector responsibilities while making great strides toward becoming an outstanding professional educator," wrote Coach Debbie Lynch.

Modecki also received a congratulatory note from Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins, Chancellor of Elizabeth City State University.

"I felt very excited and also relieved to know I would have additional monies to cover educational expenses," Modecki said, after receiving the award.

There were only two awards given

by N.C.A.H.P.E.R.D in the state of North Carolina per year. Only outstanding majors in the disciplines of health, recreation, physical education and dance receive this award.

Modecki has also been nominated for Outstanding Physical Education Majors of the Year Award for 1990, sponsored by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education.

Modecki, who commutes to ECSU from Kill Devil Hills, is a physical education major. She has worked with the Department of Social Services in Dare County for three years, working with the elderly and disabled adults. She has worked in summer camps for the physically disabled in Pittsburg, Penn. and Kentucky. She received an Associates Degree from Eastern Kentucky University in Therapeutic Recreation and Supervision Leadership.

She has previously won the Lois Capland Human Relations Award from the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Citizens for her work with the mentally handicapped.

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tered difficulty teaching. That student, said Roberts, "refused to take advantage of the plan, preferring to work out the problem within the school."

One ECSU teacher education major, Sue Emmert, said she had mixed feelings about the program.

"I don't think this plan is good because it allows a person to have a job and then run the risk of being fired. In another way, however, the plan is good because it may act as a deterrent for a prospective teacher, making the student try even harder."

Ethel Sutton, a fifth grade teacher H.L. Trigg Elementary School in Elizabeth City, said she was in favor of the plan.

"The prospective teacher should return to ECSU to improve his or her weaknesses," she said. "They will be working with children for thirty or more years, and they will need to be experts in their chosen fields."

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