

Coach Walton resigns; Kelley gets his chance

By James Sims

The sudden resignation of ECSU's head football coach Johnnie Walton came as a shock to many of the Viking players.

"It was a surprise that he resigned because with the returning people we had coming back. I just new we had a championship season ahead," said Darin Stuart, a sophomore offensive tackle from Washington D.C.

"Everyone was just getting use to his system, I just wish he would have stayed...but what he did was understandable and I wish him lots of luck."

A number of Vikings have expressed that it will be difficult to start over again after spending two years with Walton. Yet, on the same token the players realize that he made a decision in his best interest.

Walton has taken the job as offensive coordinator for the Raleigh/Durham Skyhawks of the new (WLA) World League of American Football.

"It was a very sensitive situation," said Walton. "I felt myself getting close to a team that was starting to mature around my coaching...but at some stages in life you have to look at what's best for yourself."

Walton feels like the WLA would be a great opportunity for him to become part of a professional league and to help players in the CIAA.

"That's one reason I took the job," said Walton "to help players from ECSU and other CIAA schools. I know

the conference has talent."

At least 40 college players will be drafted by the leagues ten teams.

Johnny Carr, a senior offensive tackle from Wallace, N.C. has stated that if not drafted by an National Football League franchise, he would relish a chance to play under Walton in the new league.

"Walton is a good coach," said Carr "He brought the Vikings a long way."

Walton says he will try to establish an explosive, and high scoring offense with the Skyhawks.

Alvin T. Kelley has been appointed as head coach of the Vikings for the 1991 season.

"I am not a new coach," Kelley said in a team meeting on Feb. 12 "I've been coaching here for 26 years."

In the meeting Kelley stressed the importance of comradery in academics.

"If you know a player is in your class and he's not getting up to go, you need to go and knock on his door in the morning and get him up," said Kelley "It's going to take unity for us to have a successful season."

Kelley feels good about the team he has coming back next year. He is convinced he has enough talent to fill in for key players that are graduating.

"We can replace the seniors with incoming recruits and veteran players," said Kelley, "we'll have a pretty good program once we integrate them."

to be able to tell glitter from true gold. "We all share a belief in the power of education to make Americans confident and creative."

The event attracted dignitaries from all across the state, including U.S. Congressman Walter Jones (D-First District); Samuel Poole, Chairman of the UNC Board of Governors; and Daniel Blue, Nominee Speaker of the state legislature.

Jones, speaking of the changes now sweeping the world, said, "All of this shall pass, leaving us with the most important world of all, education."

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to events like Coronation where you have to wear a suit."

Chancellor Jenkins predicts whites eventually becoming more integrated into the social and ritual life of the school.

"It's the same as in the sixties when blacks went to white colleges," said Jenkins. "They stuck to themselves originally and participation was gradual."

Jenkins also cited a generation gap as a factor in the campus divisions between the races.

"Many of our white students are older, with families, and they are strictly here for a degree," he said.

School officials say it is important for the student body to create a welcome atmosphere for non-black students.

"I don't think the majority of our students make them (non-blacks) feel welcome" said Junior Samia Coaxum. "I think we should because, although this is a historically black institution, they have a right to be here, too."

However, some black students such as senior, Anthony Gilliam, fear "that the growing number of white students will eventually cause blacks to be a minority at their own black institution."

McCants and Jenkins have pointed out that the focus of the school should be on serving the whole region instead of only one race.

"Since this is a state school, it's being financed by state money," said McCants.

Chancellor Jenkins said both black and white students have a place at ECSU.

"It's no longer a stigma for white students to go to a historically black institution," Jenkins said.

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Tillery said although she believes "the troops shouldn't be over there, I'm standing behind them one hundred per cent."

Junior Stephanie Edwards has two brothers serving in the Gulf.

"The impact of having relatives in

Supporting the Troops

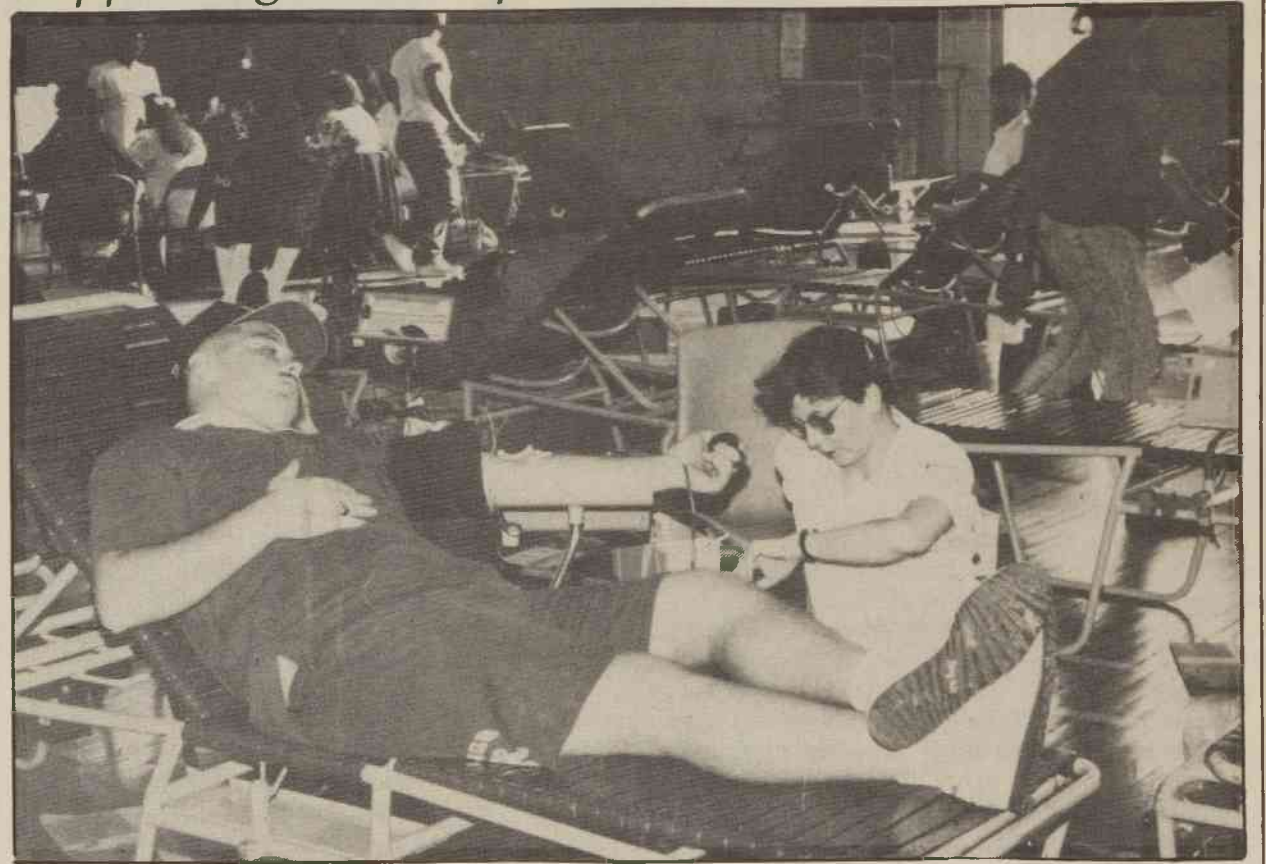


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ECSU student donates blood in Williams Hall Gymnasium. The "Desert Storm" Drive was co-sponsored by the infirmary, R.O.T.C., and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

the Middle East upsets my studies a lot," she said. "I worried so much I got an ulcer, and it kept me out of school for awhile."

Edwards said although she supports the troops themselves, "I can't support what they are fighting for."

She added, "I hope the war is over soon, and our boys come home safe and sound. I hope everybody keeps praying for them."

Senior English/News Media major Daryl Brown was notified in December 1990, that his unit was on stand-by for gulf duty.

"Knowing I'm going to the Middle East is like going to the unknown," said Brown. "I know I'm going there, but I don't know what I'm going to face."

ECSU Junior James Sims, also an English/News Media major, said he has an uncle in the Middle East.

"My uncle is in his late forties," said Sims, "and he's already served in Vietnam. I don't feel he should have to leave his wife and two young daughters and serve again."

Sims said he had considered joining the Navy in 1988, but he decided to go to college instead.

"I wouldn't feel too good being in the Gulf right now," Sims said.

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By Sharon Chappell

"ECSU has the potential to be a premiere campus within the UNC system," added Mavretic. "It is a magnificent resource for the education of young people within North-eastern North Carolina."

ECSU has not cancelled classes during this event. However, teachers should take their classes over to Vaughan Center at 11 a.m., according to the office of Dr. Helen Caldwell, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The event, which will last about one and a half hours, will conclude with a luncheon for the visiting state legislators.

Sen. Marc Basnight and Sen. Frank Ballance (D-Northampton) will remain in Elizabeth City to hold a public hearing at 3 p.m. in the Pasquotank County Courthouse. They will be seeking to gather information on congressional and state redistricting.

The 1991 General Assembly must redraw all congressional districts, state senate districts, and state house districts based on the new federal census requirements.

Elizabeth City State University will observe its Centennial Founders' Day Celebration on March 3, 1991 at 2 p.m. in Moore Hall Auditorium.

Dr. Alan K. Colon, Vice President for Student Affairs of Hampton University, Hampton, Va. will be the guest speaker, according to Sheila A. Johnson, Office of Public Relations.

Dr. Colon is the grandson of Dr. Sidney David Williams (1892-1974), the University's fourth president. Dr. Colon has been Vice President for Student Affairs since 1988. He came to Hampton in 1987 as Special Assistant to the President after serving as Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management at the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina.

After the Founder's Day assembly, there will be a pilgrimage to the gravesites of the University's founding fathers—Hugh Cale, Peter Weddick Moore, and John Henry Bias. A reception will follow the pilgrimage. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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creasingly responsive to the needs of today's world."

Stevens stressed that the business world needs graduates "who have been trained to think in a problem-solving way, who don't automatically seek out life's smoothest path, graduates who can work in a spirit of teamwork."

"Education should help students deal with important moments of life-changing truth; it should help students to step back and think things through,



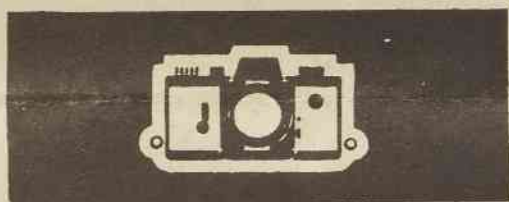
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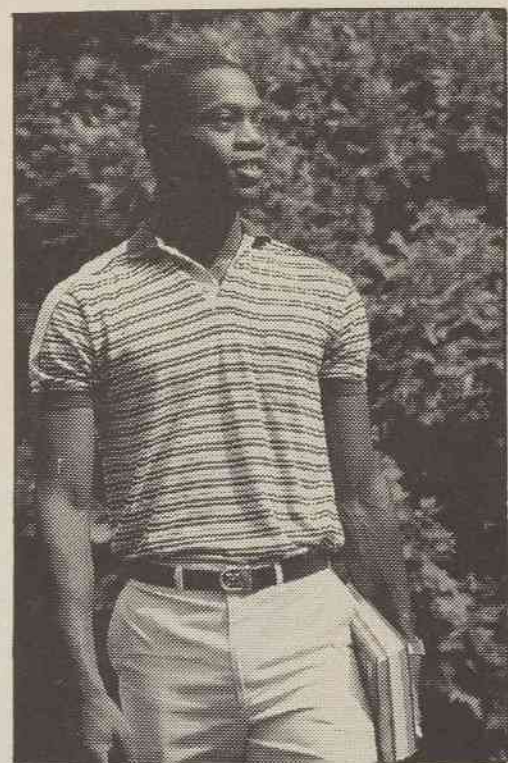
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