

Shawn Lane, an ECSU student, takes a snooze in the University Center on a recent rainy afternoon.

momentum to win the tournament "until a coaching decision changed the attitudes of the players."

The Viking criticized Cullen for showing "favoritism."

In response to these criticisms, Cullen said, "Criticisms are part of a coaching job and you aren't going to please everyone with the decisions that are made. If a player has a problem with a decision I have made they should come and talk to me about it "

Cullens said he and assistant coach Darryl McCallop made decisions together.

"I don't run a dictatorship in my baseball program," Cullens said. "I have an open mind and I am willing to talk to my players. I haven't had any players to talk to me about the decisions I've made."

Several players were also critical of the selection of the CIAA team.

"The CIAA voting was disappointing because we had a couple of guys who were quite deserving making the All-CIAA team," said Albritton. "Instead, there were two surprises. How can three white guys make an All-CIAA team at a predominantly black University?

"We had one of these guys who really deserved the award, but I have to question the other two choices."

The Vikings had three players to make the All-CIAA team. Senior Jeff Creef made the first team as a pitcher; junior centerfielder Shawn Biggsbie made the second team; and Brian Biggs, a sophomore, made the second team for designated hitter.

"Jeff was one of the top three pitchers in the CIAA," said Cullens. "Shaun batted .395 for the year. I felt that Shaun should have been a first team selection; his offense was the best on the team. Brian had a good year for us and he batted .368 for the season and he played catcher as well."

Cullens said he is pleased with the team's performance.

"Overall, we had a good year. I wish we had won more games, but with a young team making it to the finals shows how much heart the team had."

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speedy recovery
to

Mr. Tommy Faust:
Good Luck and
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