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Breazeale scholarship established at EC

A trust fund has been established at the Mississippi Baptist Foundation by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Breazeale of Jackson to provide financial assistance for qualified students to attend East Central Community College in Decatur.

The Breazeales are both alumni of East Central and natives of Philadelphia. Mr. Breazeale, co-founder and partner in the accounting firm of Breazeale, Saunders and O'Neil, Ltd. in Jackson, was selected ECCC's Alumnus of the Year in 1994.

Scholarships granted under the trust will be called the Paul V. and Voncille H. Breazeale Ministerial Scholarships. Distributions to ECCC from the trust will commence in the first calendar year after which the principal balance of the trust exceeds \$10,000. The award will then be presented on an annual basis to an incoming full-time freshman who demonstrates financial need and who is enrolled in a curriculum which will prepare the student for a ministry in fulltime Christian service. Preference will be given to Baptist students, with selection made by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must:

(1) be a high school graduate as verified by a high school transcript;

(2) be a first-time, entering freshman in the fall semester;

(3) demonstrate financial need on a current federal student financial aid form; and

(4) provide letters of recommendation from his/her high school principal, local pastor and a

personal acquaintance. To retain the scholarships for the four semes-



ECCC President's Council

Selected to serve on the Presidents Council at East Central Community College in Decatur for the 1995-96 term are (first row, from left) Chris Gomillion, Harperville; Kyra Fulton, Philadelphia; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president; Jeremy Swindle, Union; and Matthew Howell, Walnut Grove; (second row,from left) Olivia Hamil, Sebastopol; Jessica Warren, Carthage; Adella Rainer, Decatur; Jennifer Thomas, Philadelphia; Vicki Adcock, Decatur; Tabitha McGee, Hickory; Jon Sharp, Newton; and Richard Edwards, Forest; and (third row, from left) Sammy Sullivan and Nic Massey, both of Union; Ryan Smith, Little Rock; Joey Thrash, Walnut Grove; Lee Pair, Philadelphia; and Tommy Eldridge, DeKalb. The membership of the Presidents Council is made up of student leaders from all official college student clubs and organizations. The Presidents Council is led by College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith.

Students named to fall semester

ECCC students tapped for Who's Who

The 1996 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STU-DENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES will include the names of 43 students from East Central Community College in Decatur who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Students were chosen for the honor based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for success. The ECCC sophomores join an elite group of students from more than 1800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

Honorees include the following:

LEAKE COUNTY: Heather Dittmer, Carthage; and Tabitha Gainev, Tiffany Lathem and Joey Thrash, all of Walnut Grove.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Robert Courtnev, Kvra Fulton, Jason Fulton, Mandy Goldman, Jill Kirkland, Christy Madison, Tv Nowell, Jennifer Thomas, Craig Vowell and Michael Wilson, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Vicki Adcock, Lucas Harms, Melissa McLelland, Gloria Rigdon, Wendy Russell, Kim Spillman and Staci Strebeck, all of Decatur; Valeria Buggs, Brad Gipson, Brian Parks, Jon Sharp and Rhonda Sheeley, all of Newton; Kristi Gordon, Shannon Harrison and O.J. McNichols. all of Union; Ryan Smith, Little Rock; and Daniele Strait, Hickory.

SCOTT COUNTY: Angela Anthony and Bobby Viverette, both of Sebastopol; Melanie Cleveland, Forest; Chris Gomillion, Harperville; Shannon Goss and Brandi Laird, both of Morton; and Brad Gressett, Lake.

WINSTON COUNTY: Chuck Dunlap, Peyton Weems and Lee Wylie, all of Louisville; and Brent Gregory, Nanih Waiya. ALABAMA: Marty Stojkovic, Tuscaloosa. See related photo on page 6

ters of eligibility, the recipient must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average as a student at East Central Community College and exhibit those characteristics which are expected of one who intends to follow a career in full-time Christian service.

For more information contact the Office of Financial Aid, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 218.

Cast members announced for 'The Music Man'

Cast members have been selected for the East Central Community College production of Meredith Wilson's The Music Man following auditions recently held on the Decatur campus.

Director Judy Carroll said those chosen for the musical include Shawn Houser and Jim Savell, both of Lake; Glen Hansford, Rick Brooks, Lee Rigdon, Lucas Harms, Chris Carson, Luke Howell, Staci Strebeck, Vicki See **CAST**, page 6

honor roll at East Central

Students named to the 1995 fall semester honor roll, including the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention List, have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, director of admissions, records and research.

Those students listed on the President's List With a 4.0 grade point average include the following:

LEAKE COUNTY: James Travis Cain, Shirley Standridge Freeny, Mistee Heather Hollis, Deborah Garvin Johnson and Leslie Michael Tucker, all of Carthage; Dawn Suzanne Cockrell and James Bradley Johnson, both of Lena; and Natalie Duncan Johnston, Tiffany McDill Lathem, Connie Hafers Lewis and Joey Bryan Thrash, all of Walnut Grove.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Christie R.

Students named to the 1995 fall Fulton, Emily Jill Kirkland, Whitney mester honor roll, including the Presint's List, Dean's List and Honorable ention List, have been announced at all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Victoria Bernice Adcock, Wendy Leigh Russell and James Gregg Simmons, all of Decatur; James Wesley Boykin and Rhonda Lynn Drane Sheely, both of Conehatta; Valeria M. Buggs, Linda Jo Walker Dukes, John Bradley Gipson, Richard Graydon Hamrick and Heather N. Loper, all of Newton; Doris Jean Clay, Louis Madison Skinner Jr., Kimberly Boykin Smith and Mildred Bre-

land Stephens, all of Union; Angela Celeste Cleveland, Larry Daniel Crader and K. Daniele Strait, all of Hickory; Brandi June Dean of Chunky; and Tami Lynn Howington of Little Rock.

SCOTT COUNTY: Angela Gave Anthony, Olivia Marie Hamil and Jonathan Eric Sharp, all of Sebastopol; Mark Dale Bradshaw, Jason Lee Frith, Shannon Renee Goss, Brandi Gilbert Myrick and Lori Tullos Phillips, all of Morton; Kelly Margo Cook, leffery Aaron Curtis, Joseph Andrew Sistrunk, Stephanie D. Taylor, Stephanie Reed Thames, Irwin Janell Ward, Yashica Veni Wash and Michelle Prichard Young, all of Forest; Christopher A. Gomillion of Harperville; and Terri Medders Gould, Connie Myers Harvey and James Marcus Savell of Lake.

WINSTON COUNTY: Lakisha Schneil Cistrunk, Scott William Gronewold and Penny Pritchett Hill, all of Louisville, and Shurron Young Phillips and Evelyn Ingram Robinson, both of Noxapater

LAUDERDALE COUNTY: Reza Hunter Bazyari and Brenda Hellen Car-

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Senior Days scheduled at East Central

Senior Days have been scheduled at for Leake, Scott, Neshoba and Winston counties. They are as follows: Leake and Scott County, Thursday, Feb. 22

Newton County, Wednesday, Feb. 28 Neshoba and Winston County, Wednesday, March 25 The schedule for all Senior Day activities is as follows:

9:00-9:30 Registration 9:30-10:00 Welcome/Orientation 10:00-10:45 Tours 10:45-11:15 Interest Sessions 11:15-12:00 Collegians Concert 12:00-12:45 Picnic Lunch

ECCC sophomore officers

These East Central Community College students have been elected sophomore class officers for the 1995-96 school year. From left are Brandi Laird of Morton, treasurer; Tommy Eldridge of DeKalb, president; Shannon Harrison of Union, vice president; and Daniele Strait of Hickory, secretary.



Freshman class officers

Lee Pair (standing) of Philadelphia has been elected freshman class president at East Central Community College in Decatur for the 1995-96 school term. Other officers include (seated from left) Jason Frith of Morton, secretary, and Jennifer Musgrove of Carthage, vice president. Not pictured is Tera Agee of Brandon, treasurer.

Make-up days scheduled for EC students

During the weeks of Feb. 19-23, 1996, and Feb. 26 to March 1, 1996, the following schedule will be followed.

FEB. 19-23, 1996

Monday-Regular schedule with 1st period from 2:45 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Tuesday-Regular schedule with 2nd period from 3:20 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.

Wednesday-Regular schedule with 3rd period from 2:45 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Thursday-Regular schedule

Friday-Regular schedule

FEB. 26-MARCH 1, 1996

Monday-Regular schedule with 4th period from 2:45 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Tuesday-Regular schedule with 5th period from 3:20 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.

Wednesday-Regular schedule with 6th period from 2:45 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Thursday-Follow the Monday schedule of 1st through 7+

Friday-Regular schedule

This schedule of make-up days will allow the College to maintain the Spring holidays and Good Friday holiday as scheduled.

East Central students write on...

Alcohol and its responsibilities

By MANDY PORTER The Tom Tom

As with any other college campus, East Central is also involved with the war against alcohol. SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) is a worldwide organization designed to right this problem. SADD gives students the power to enhance their confidence and their ability to change and control behavior in a way that helps them make choices that are necessary for a health and productive lifestyle.

Some of these decisions include: Should I drink? Should I drive while I drink? and Should I put myself into the situation of getting taken advantage of? Drinking involves more responsibility than just staying off the road. It also requires the responsibility of a child for those who accidentally get pregnant, or the pain of a death that was caused by someone driving under the influence. There are suddenly other innocent people to think about, who have done nothing worth dying over.

Most people put themselves into this situation just to be "cool" or to be considered in the "IN" crowd. Most college students are at the stage where they want to be accepted by their peers and liked by other friends who sometimes are not good influences. These feelings sometimes put them into situations where decisions need to be made and many times are made incorrectly.

Alcoholism is a problem many teenagers face just to be considered cool, along with the risk of drugs, teenage pregnancy, and AIDS. Being

different is no longer a good thing. This day and age teenagers want to be like everyone else, even if it calls for drinking, having sex, or worse. No problem has ever been solved by drinking because the problem is still there and carries a headache on top of it.

Although the Decatur campus is not excluded, it has its advantages. East Central's location plays a big role in this. With the campus being located 30 miles from Philadelphia, 45 miles from Meridian and 75 miles from Jackson, a student would have to drive a minimum of 30 minutes one way to purchase alcohol. This helps to alleviate the problem, but does not solve it. The only way to solve it is for students to stand up for what is right and say NO!

Stay alive, don't drink and drive.

A balanced budget

restrictions on us, yet we do not

believe there should be a limit to this

madness. Welfare, in my opinion, is

simply a burden and should be dealt

with appropriately. Other issues

I'm not an anarchist, but I do

restrict the government.

By STEPHANIE TAYLOR The Tom Tom

As President Bill Clinton's words screamed from the television, images of eventual disaster appeared in my mind. "What did he say," I asked myself. Clinton's State of the Union Address called for many unnecessary proposals. Republicans, wanting to "boo" the President during his speech, had the opportunity to make the displeasing comments in person that I was making in private. My views regarding President Clinton's comments were strongly in favor of the Republican's view. Why not strive for a balanced budget?

How is it that a company or incorporation, such as the United States Government can be in such an unstable position? There are laws concerning debt and the foreclosure of business; yet, our "previous" government, who made the laws we cherish and live by, has no restraint. As an individual and citizen of this nation, if I were to have a debt which I could

For a lifetime.

I'd live my life

If there was one thing I could do,

By TRAVIS MIZELL

Oh no, Valentine's Day is coming up, what am I going to do? I've got to find a way to tell that special someone just how much she means tome. I could buy her roses, but their beauty would fail in comparison to hers. I could write her a poem, but the words couldn't say the right things. Maybe sing her a song, but the music wouldn't be soft enough and the lyrics would be too harsh.

match the twinkle in her eyes. But the star would burn out, the feelings I have for her never will. Maybe I'll grab a ray of sunlight and put it in her pocket. But the sun always sets, and darkness prevails.

regarded. Our government sets such as health care reform, defense, and raising the minimum wage, need to be regulated in such a manner that balancing the budget will be possible. Now is the time to stop increasing debt. Payday is here, and the United States Government needs to pay up!

It's almost Valentine's Day!

The Tom Tom

I could capture a star, one to

There's s million ways to show the one you love just how you feel on Valentine's Day, treat that someone right, show them just how much you care. You don't have to go through all the trouble that I am, all you have to do is whisper those three words, I Love You. Man, what am gong to do this year? Wait a minute That's right, I'm single. I guess all the stars will stay in the sky, and all the rays of sunshine will be there to brighten everyone's day. Maybe next year. Until then, good luck!



their 1995 fall semester program held in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center. Pictured are (first row, from left) Mrs. Marian Thornton of Decatur, accompanist; Kristie Pilgram, Union; Terri Smith, Brandon; Carla Clark, Philadelphia; Susann Carter, Noxapater; Margie Dickerson, Union; Valeria Buggs, Newton; Jessica Jordan, Kosciusko; and Charles Hinson of Decatur, director; (second row, from left) Rhonda Landers, Decatur; Angela King, Forest; Kari Willis, Newton; Amy Boatner, Philadelphia; Greta Hodge, Forest; Dandy Shepard, Lawrence; Rosalind Evans, Chunky; LaRee Lyle, Lena; Heather Dittmer, Carthage; and Starre Wainscott, Lake; (third row, from left) Roderick Johnson, Meridian; Jeremy Swindle, Union; Josh Bamberg, Decatur; Lisa Harrison, Little Rock; Staci Strebeck, Decatur; Laura Ander-Philadelphia; Allison Wood, Waynesboro; and Bruce Posey, Philadelphia; and (fourth row, from left) Vince Parker, Lake; Richard Edwards, Forest; Lee Rigdon, Decatur; Dan Hendon, Union; Shawn Houser, Lake; Marcus Jones, Morton; Lucas Harms, Decatur, Robert Evans, Newton; Glen Hansford, Decatur; and Travis Mizell, Carthage. Not pictured are Jessica Everett of Newton, Harold Farmer of Philadelphia; Gregg Perkins of Carthage, Alex Savell of Chunky and Nicole Simpson of Morton.

Now my heart will leave you never For you have taken it, too. But will you also give me your love, For me to cherish and keep? Or will you simply take it away While I your rejection reap?

THE VOW

For you I have fallen in more ways than one

Only to be pushed away. You never seem to realize, my love, I can make you happy today.

I can't promise I'll wait forever, I can only promise right now. But I know you'll always have a place in my heart,

Marsha Thomas

Budget showdown

By CARRIE GLAZE The Tom Tom

ECCC Concert Choir

Republicans have told President Clinton that they will accept reasonable spending and tax cuts in order to get around a government default. When Clinton found out about this he quickly let them know he would consider it. Even if they do decide on this, it will leave this yearlong debate over Medicare and Medicaid to be dealt with by the voters in the fall.

Senator Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich told President Clinton that if they did begin saving and create new tax cuts this could be a so-called

"down payment" on balancing the budget. This offer by the Republicans and Clinton's interest in it, show that they are trying to get something from the budget impasse.

The government shutdown has been going on since October and is still far from over. It was first caused by political problems between the Republicans and President Clinton, and then, just a few weeks ago, by terrible weather problems in Washington. Unless, something is done the government will be forced into a first-ever default by March 1 if its borrowing power is not extended above 4.9 trillion dollars.



Webster's Dictionary defines a valentine as a gift or greeting sent or given especially to a sweetheart on St. Valentine Day. It's almost here, the day everyone remembers as the "love" day. So we asked the following students "What is your ideal gift for Valentine's Day?"



Mack Stubbs "A beautiful woman wrapped in a big red bow"



Brad Babb "A sack of happy"



Michelle Winstead "A bulldog puppy from my boyfriend"



Mark Davis "A card'





Tonya Williamson "Roses"







Transfer Preview Day

You are invited to attend Preview Day at Mississippi College on Friday, March 29 on the Clinton campus. This date has been set aside specifically for you to tour the campus, meet some of our first-rate faculty and staff, and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship!

For 170 years, Mississippi College has emphasized quality education in an atmosphere that encourages you to grow in knowledge, wisdom and spirit. We hope you will agree that you belong at Mississippi College - where faith and learning are valued!

To register, or for more information, call our office of Admissions at 601.925.3240, or write us at Box 4203, Clinton, MS 39058.



Mandy Goldman "A romantic dinner"

Jill Kirkland "A long stem rose and a sweet card'

*****Honor roll

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penter, both of Meridian, and Lilah Danielle Schickel and Susan Annette Smith, both of Collinsville.

KEMPER COUNTY: Kimberly Reel Estes, Preston.

JASPER COUNTY: Debra Wilson Boulton, Rose Hill.

The Dean's List includes the following students with a 3.5 or above grade point average:

LEAKE COUNTY: Jennifer Dawn Alexander, Samuel Lamar Beckham, Ashley Nicole Davidson, Heather Marie Dittmer, Crystal Joy Ingram, Shalle Juan McNair, Melanie Allyson McPhail, Karen Louise McRae, Jacqueline DeLynn Moore, Jennifer Leigh Musgrove, Allen Peoples and Melanie D. Weaver, all of Carthage; Amy Desha Brooks, LaRee Anne Lyle and Wendy Destee Smith, all of Lena; and Heather E. McMillan of Edinburg.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Amanda Lynn Bell, Amy Suzanne Boatner, Bradley A. Burns, Carla Shay Clark, Micheal Bryant Davis, Matthew Ernest Eakes, Rhonda Michelle Farve, Johnna Suzette Foster, Jason Scott Fulton, Lynette Kelly Fulton, Kimberly Dawn Gentry, Amanda Jill Goldman, Justin Lee Griffin, Mary Linda Herring, Jill Marie Martin, Natalia Suzanne McKay, Benjamin Glenn Myers, Tyler Aaron Nowell, Carla Adele Parker, Sylvia Willis Pope, Erica Denise Roberson, Amy Nicole Shealy, Tyrome Wayne Tank, David Craig Vowell, Justin Collin Walley, Chasity Nowell Warren, Samuel Wayne White, Robert Irven Whittle, Robert Bradley Wilburn, Alan Wayne-Williamson and Parish Lane Williamson, all of Philadelpllia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Heather Bailey Armstrong, Elaine Annette Blount, Ginger Bethan Carter, Maleca Shaunta Henderson, Jason Paul Holmes, Joan Estes Loper, Adella Etoy Rainer, Lee Rigdon, Melissa Williams Shive and Ted W. Valentine Jr., all of Decatur; Joseph Lee Brown, Michael Thomas Edwards, Christopher Wade Graham, Joe E. Green and Danny Wayne Haralson, all of Conehatta; Kristi Michelle Conrad, Melissa Guthrie Galloway, Jean Kristi Gordon, April Lynn Ladd, KeeKee Denise Micheal, Gayla Marie Penson, Alan R. Spears, Terrance H. Strickland, Andy Jay Suggs, Charles O. Tillman, Richard Daniel Tolbert and Peggy Marie Warren, all of Union; Toshia Tonyell Harris, Krystal Dawn Harrison, Janet Warnsley McCree, loe Nathan Moore, Brandi M'Lee Parks, Jonatha Stewart Sharp, Pamela Denise Smith and Jason Vanderporten, all of Newton; Robin M. Bugg Hines of Lawrence; Sylvia Dawkins Alexander and Michelle Cooley Robinson, both of Hickory; and Ryan Michael Smith of Little Rock.

COTT COUNTY I I

Anthony, Amy Renee Moore, Laquita Moore, Andrea Karen Persons and Stacy Lee Stevenson, all of Noxapater, and Derek Randolph Eaves, Jim Bart Gregory, Sheila Loving, Charlotte M. McAdory, Jeremy Clifton Nowell, Mahonda Sherrod, Robert Dowdle Thomas, Robert Lee Wylie and Cindy Hatcher Yarbrough, all of Louisville.

CLARKE COUNTY: Martin L. Jenkins, Shubuta.

ATTALA COUNTY: Jessica Marie Jordan, Kosciusko.

The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

LEAKE COUNTY: Michael Shane Atchley, Frankie Roberson Beckham, Shannon Nicole Brown, Eric Steven Cook, Jacqueline Ann Dixon, Tammy Berryhill Evans, Nesa Lee Gressett, Sandra Martin Hannis, John Ramey Harrell, Lori Ann King, Monte Damon Ladner, Brenda Michelle Long, Tara Lynn Renaud, Justin James Schmidt, Tunya L. Thornton, Kipling Dewayne Wilcher and James Danny Wilkerson II, all of Carthage; Shannon Edward Berryhill, Tabatha Lynn Gainey, Matthew B. Howell, Jerry Ross Moody and Jennifer Leach Russell, all of Walnut Grove; and Robert T. Alexander, Amy Coleman Grappin, Jessica Faulkner Moss, Debra L. Page Sessurms, Lawanda Shepeard and Amy Phillips Thomas, all of Lena

NESHOBA COUNTY: Juakita Anderson, Patricia Lofton Anthony. Randy Morris Bain, John Thomas Bates, Renate Kaye Ben, Chancy Clinton Branning, Lawanda Coleman, Robert Ernest Courtney. William Brent Cumberland, Wendy Marie Davis, Kyra Lea Fulton, Lisa Copeland Gray, Tara Suzanne Hall, Willie LaShon Horne, Lucretia Ann King, Anthony William Lach, Christy Leann Madison, Joe Robert Martin, Olivia Dean McDaniel, Jimmy Michael McWilliams, Amanda Jo Barfoot Porter, Bruce Scott Posey, Leslie Daree Robertson, Ladonna McKay Roebuck, Dana Morris Spears, Shannon Statler Thaggard, Marsha Diane Thomas, Ariadne Kay Wallace, Tanya D. Weatherford, Melanie Elaine Webb, Rowena W. Whitham and Michelle Lee Winstead, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Tracey Annette Anderson, Daniel Lemont Arrington, Jennifer Nicole Bonner, Justin Wayne Chapman, Leroy Coleman Jr., Jessica N. Everett, Melanie Lucas Hamrick, Stephanie Bender McCune, Valerie A. McMullan, Kellv Renae Prine Miller, Michelle Leigh Moore, Phyllis Jowers Morrison, Carrie Allison Norman, Brian A. Parks, Jeana P. Santmyer, Matthew Todd Sibley, Marcia Leigh Vance, Jason Eric Ward and Martha Renee Wheeler, all of Newton; Dawn Johnston Bailey, Lillian Zulinda Blalock, Jennifer L. Bufkin, Leslie Miles Cleveland, Karri Kerske Dean, Dwayne Herbert Dunkerson, Amanda Kelly Garrison, James Glen Hansford, Marcus D. Hill, Donald Jason Hisaw, Sara Delabar Houston, Shannon Beth McDonald, Melissa Shea McLelland, Summer L. Measell, Robert Kevin Pierce, Douglas Scott Reppond, Gloria S. Rigdon, Deborah Skinner, Kimberly Propst Spillman, Lorrie Ponder Stamper, Staci Michelle Strebeck and Nickie Wynette Taylor, all of Decatur; Sandra Michelle Baldwin,

Cumberland, Pamela Cumberland Goss, Shannon Alice Harrison, Jason Lee Jones, Stephanie R. Joyner, Joey Frank Lang, Nic D. Massey, Shameka McDonald, Amy Anette Monk, Amanda Denise Phillips, Mark D. Rauner. Amanda D. Savell, Brandy Russell Sullivan, Sammy Dale Sullivan, Angela R. Sumrall, Jeremy Allen Swindle, Don C. Wells, Jeremy A. Wilkerson and Stephen M. Yarborough, all of Union; Robert (Robby) K. Brady, Lisa Michelle Harrison, Elizabeth M. Knochenmuss, Christina L. Miller and Lori Anne White, all of Little Rock; Mary Denise Dooley, Stephanie D. Gibbon, Lorene Jones Graham, Justin Hedrick Horn, Jason Thomas Jackson, Heather Lynn McDill, Linda Nelson McDill, Rebecca M. Nickey, Kimberlea K. Peckham, Melanie R. Stephens, Robert Todd Williams, Janice Williamson and Wilburn Williamson Jr., all of Conehatta; Kelly Michelle Griffith, Bill Henry Johnson, Tabitha Lee McGee and Brenda Hutchison Rose, all of Hickory; and Jimothy Lamon Lewis and Linda Breland Pierce, both of Lawrence

Janice N. Beckham, Jennifer S.

SCOTT COUNTY: James Corey Alford, Sherry Munn Brown, Terri LaShane Cooks, Joseph E. Crain, Lance E. Eichelberger, Brian M. Eure, Catina Raylynn Graham, George Kevin Gunter, Jeremy L. Harvey, Elizabeth Hawkins, Christopher F. King, Mary E. Knowles, Darrick Tremayne Massey, Wendy J. Nicholas, Grayland D'Earl Rankin, Frankie A. Reed, Michael L. Sessions, Bradley W. Sigrest, Nida Graham Ware and Wanda Chlorisa Wash, all of Forest; Tony Michael Anthony Jr.. Donna Goss Gilmer, Bryant Max Lang, Andrew T. Underwood and Bobby Dewayne Viverette, all of Sebastopol; Alisha Black Bennett, Teresa Wilkerson Brown, Cherri Danyelle Dunlap, Cassandra Leigh Harrell, Melissa Areli Strickland and Gary A. Tracy, all of Morton; and Marlina Cox, Carrie Lynn Glaze, Brad M. Gressett, Nancy Lee Jones, Sonya Federick Kelly and Amy D. Phillips, all of Lake.

WINSTON COUNTY: Jennifer Nicole Bateman, Amanda L. Lundy Bates, Aimee C. Chandler, Demascusa Cistrunk, Michael Eugene Coleman, Charles David Dunlap, Krista Leann Goldmon, James Brent Gregory, Reta Dickerson Hartness, Philip A. Lundy, Patrick Morgan Moore, Tammy Gale Sanders and William Peyton Weems, all of Louisville, and Lanette Lynch, Amy Rebecca Parker and Deana Louise Reynolds, all of Noxapater.

ATTALA COUNTY: James Kenneth Mangrum and Lucinda McAdory, both of Kosciusko.

CLARKE COUNTY: Alicia Stokes Atterberry of Stonewall, John Michael Donovan of Enterprise, Emily Ruth Jenkins of Shubuta and Lisa F. Riley of Quitman.



The Work-Based Learning program provided through the Skill Tech One-Stop Career Center is striving to provide business and industry in East Central Mississippi with a quality workforce. Roger Whitlock, right, coordinator for the program, works with students in technical programs, giving them the opportunity to gain "hands-on" experience by applying classroom learning to "real world" work situations. Pictured from left are Jimothy Lewis of Lawrence, machine shop technology major, working with ESCO Corporation in Newton; Mark Bradshaw of Morton and Randy Cumberland of Union, also machine shop technology majors, working with U. S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia; and Tiffany Lathem of Walnut Grove, business technology major, working with the Union Chamber of Commerce.

Work-based learning partnerships reward East Central students

Students at East Central Community College are reaping benefits from the Work-Based Learning (WBL) program through partnerships with local businesses and industries.

"Work-Based Learning enables businesses and industries to groom future, fulltime employees and allows technical students to showcase capabilities in competitive industrial settings," said Roger Whitlock, WBL coordinator. "The program also provides instructors direct communication with the employers who trust them to prepare students for tomorrow's workforce."

Currently, there are 20 progressive businesses and industries in the ECCC district employing WBL students. These include Riley Memorial Hospital, Leake County Chamber of Commerce, Choctaw Maid Farms Inc., Kids' Korner Daycare, ECCC, Weyerhaeuser Corporation, Newton County Bank, U. S. Electrical Motors and Taylor Machine Works.

Warren Weed, human resources director for Riley Memorial Hospital in Meridian, said, "Work-Based Learning gives Riley a chance to select capable students with specific education. This type of student placement gives Riley a direct line of communication to influence the development of future employees. The partnership is very beneficial to us. Work Based Learning is provided through the Skill Tech One-Stop Career Center. Also participating in the program are Maxim Manufacturing Corporation, Community Bank of Forest, Union Chamber of Commerce, La-Z-Boy South, Climatic Control Engineers, Twin States Electric Company, Laird Hospital, ESCO Corporation, Killens Chevrolet, Peavey Electronics, T&B Enterprise and Watkins Service Center. "We at Community Bank are very excited about this program. It gives us the chance to look for qualified personnel, while offering students work experience that enhances their classroom learning," said Hughlene Anderson, human resources director

for Community Bank in Forest.

There are 30 students from 10 technology programs gaining "hands-on" experience this year. They are able to apply educational knowledge to "real world" work situations which parallel their chosen college major.

Karen Adams, administrative assistant at the Leake County Chamber of Commerce, said, "The Work-Based Learning program is helping me gain valuable experience while pursuing a degree. "

Through WBL, students receive a financial reward in addition to academic credit. They also receive clockhour recognition for participation in these quality controlled, "cooperative" educational arrangements.

"The Work-Based Learning program positioned me to qualify for a great fulltime job after graduation," said Christy Barrett, administrative assistant at Taylor Machine Works in Louisville. Technology instructors are constantly challenged by students who face relevant, meaningful situations on jobs arranged through the program. These partnerships give instructors a foundation to adequately prepare students for immediate success in the workplace.

"Work-Based Learning students force me to keep abreast of employer needs and address those expectations through the business technology curriculum," said Elizabeth Pitts, business technology instructor.

WBL creates an opportunity for greatly enhanced communication between employers and educators. Through this school-to-work initiative, ECCC can ensure that the students learn the right things, teachers address the appropriate competencies and business/industry commtmities access-"work ready" students prepared to make an immediate contribution to the area workforce.



SCOTT COUNTY: Jerami Lynn Beard, Katherine F. Easterling, Lenora Marie Femyer, Ricky Shawn Frazier, Brandi Janea Laird, Misty Gatewood Tracy, Robert Allen Venters and James Micheal Williams, all of Morton; Melanie Ann Cleveland, Jason Scott Driskell, Jennifer R. Durr, Richard Dwight Edwards, Angela Suzanlle King, William Bradley McKinley, Marilyn Ann Reed, Jewellia Rochelle Reid, Sonny Aron Sparks, Margie Ann Stephens, Kimberly Renae Tew and Ben David Wall, all of Forest; and Tonya Fay Williamson of Ludlow.

WINSTON COUNTY: Amy Lynn

Clear the sets

By MARSHA THOMAS The Tom Tom

For all those drama lovers out there, the Baptist Student Union has renamed their drama team. We are now "One Accord". We even have new members. No one who has tried out for the team has been turned down. One Accord believes that there is some talent in every person. As a member of the team, I agree whole-heartedly.

The new semester brings new opportunities. One Accord has several dates for performances lined up. On Feb. 10, we will travel to Midway Baptist Church; On Feb. 17 we will perform at Harperville. Baptist Church and Feb. 18, Clarke Venable Baptist Church has us on their agenda.

On March 23, One Accord will be at Youth Night for the Newton County Baptist Association. Then, on March 29-31, the group will go to Gulf Shoes to perform at the Leadership Training Conference.

The practices for One Accord are currently held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center. As well as being serious about the rehearsals, we also have a lot of fun in the meantime! We welcome any and all who will join us. To get involved, see Philip Lundy or Bruce Posey. HARRISON COUNTY: Melissa Shea McLelland, Gulfport.

JASPER COUNTY: Kimberlyn C. Adams, Montrose.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY: Brian L. Ballenger, Eric Landis Butler, Leah J. Goudeaux, Jeremy Wayne Hopkins, Roderick V. Johnson, Erick Matthew Lashley and Zayne Strickland Mayers, all of Meridian, and Tosha J. Frazier, Collinsville.

LAWRENCE COUNTY: Marilyn Sue Rockco, Foxworth.

NOXUBEE COUNTY: Chris Harvard Triplett, Macon.

OUT-OF-STATE: Ron Carter Perkins, Bowling Green, Ky. 1996 has gotten off to a great start for Phi Theta Kappa International. A historic event for Phi Theta Kappa International, and especially for the MS chapters of Phi Theta Kappa, occurred in Jackson on January 26. Phi Theta Kappa has begun a building project to construct a new international headquarters to be located in Jackson. The new center will serve as a training facility for Phi Theta Kappa and will also be used to conduct training seminars for area businesses.

The long-awaited building of the new multimillion dollar facility was kicked off at a ground breaking ceremony held at the MS Educational Research Center on Ridgewood Road in Jackson. Mississippi's legislature recently approved the building of the facility on the property of the research center in Jackson. Attending the ceremony were numerous representatives from the educational and business communities. Speakers at the ceremony included Phi Theta Kappa executive director Rod Risley, Lieutenant Governor Ronnie Musgrove, and Dr. Olon Ray, director of MS Community Colleges.

Dr. Shelby Harris, Mrs. Ann Burkes, and the Theta Xi officers traveled to Jackson during the fall semester to visit the site of the new building. The group was also privileged to attend the ground breaking ceremony on January 26. The new building is projected to be completed in the spring of 1997.

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Sports

Brown has 'Golden Dreams'

By MARCUS BEASON The Tom Tom

Most of us readily recognize the great Olympic stars of the past such as Carl Lewis, Mary Lou Retton or Jackie Joyner-Kersey. But, did you know that the next great American Olympian might just be one of our fellow students at East Central?

Jeremy Brown, who hails from Mendenhall, is one of the 26 finalists to make the U.S. All Styles Martial Arts team. This is not something that has just fallen into Jeremy's lap however. It has taken countless hours of practice and preparation.

Jeremy began studying martial arts when he was 12 years old, because as he puts it, "It was some-

didn't want to met my tail kicked!" He began studying at the Martial Arts School in Jackson but has moved one to specialized training all over the country. With all of the training and preparation behind him, Brown is ready to take his martial arts career to the pinnacle.

Brown holds second degree black belts in Jiu Jitsu, Tae Kuan Do, Shota Khaun, and kickboxing. Jeremy is a five-time state champion in kickboxing and has earned three state titles in all styles. Over his martial arts career, he has racked up an impressive 147-1 overall record.

Brown heard about the tryouts for the Olympic team and sent in his application. On the basis of his application, Jeremy was chosen to go to

thing I just wanted to learn, and I Florida for try-outs which e will be doing in the near future. Out of the 26 candidates trying out, 11 will be on the U.S. Olympic team roster.

Jeremy feels like his chances of making the team and representing America in the '96 Atlanta Olympics are fairly good. "From what I have heard, I have a good chance of making the team. I just try to keep focused and have a positive attitude," Brown said. "Making the team would be my greatest accomplishment so far. It would make all the hard work and effort worth it."

This summer when the Olympics are on, check your TV Guide to see when the Martial Arts competition will be afraid and you just might see one of our own taking home the gold.



ECCC flag football champs

Winning top honors in the flag football competition at East Central Community College in Decatur were members of a team named "Killer Bees" who include (kneeling from left) Richard Givens of Meridian, Bert Melendez of Vardaman, Rio Loving of Louisville, Dede Beamon of Lawrence and Istanding from left) Karlos Kincaid of Louisville, Andre Williams of Thomasville, Ala.; Stacey Williams of Forest and Jimmy McWilliams and Gabe Scott, both of Philadelphia. Not pictured is Willie Ware of Newton.

Clark puts high expectations on team

By JASON BAILEY The Tom Tom

team is "more of an East Central

year's record-setting 30 win club, that going to the playoffs and suc-Coach Clark emphasized that this ceeding there is a long term goal. The team has to overcome losing



ECCC football players honored

These members of the East Central Community College football team received various honors following the 1995 campaign. Honorees and their respective high schools include (seated from left) defensive back Jamie Day of Neshoba Central, All Star, second team All-State; strong guard Chad McBride of Tuscaloosa (Alabama) Central, second team All-State; running back Marty Stojkovic, also of Tuscaloosa Central, All Star, first team All-State; and linebacker Kemba Bryant of Riverwood (Georgia), first team All-State. Standing from left are players named honorable mention All-State who include running back Freddie May of Tuscaloosa Central, wide receiver Tim Liv-ingston of Carthage, linebacker Neal Keeton of Morton, center Wilbert Holmes of Louisville, Kicker Peyton Weems and punter Lee Wylie, both of Louisville; and strong tackle Nepo Scott of Demopolis (Alabama). Not pictured are linebacker Harold Roberts of Neshoba Central, All-Star and honorable mention All-State; linebacker William Mayes of Wenonah (Alabama) High School, All-Star and second team All-State; tight end Ray Ivy of Louisville, honorable mention All-State; defensive back Marcus Green of Holt (Alabama) High School, honorable mention All-State; and defensive back Ashanti Webb of King High in Tampa, Fla., honorable mention All-State.



The East Central baseballers start the '96 season on the 14th of February this year. The diamond Warriors kick off the year with, formerly 3rd ranked in the nation, MS Delta. Coach Jamie Clark, assisted by former EC star Davis Martin, is pumped up. "We wanted a tougher schedule this year," says Clark, "but I know we're ready."

Comparing this year's club to last

baseball team." He goes on to say that the players are ore team oriented this year as opposed to being india. vidually concerned. Captain Willis Lally commented, "I really like the way the team has come together so far. Even though practice is long and hard the players know that all the practice will beneficial."

The goals of this year's squad is 'to simply be better than we were the year before," stated Clark. He adds

1996 Women's **Softball Schedule**

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March 2	Moss Point Tournament	Moss Point
March 4	East Miss.	Away
March 5	Holmes	Away
March 19	Hines	Away
March 20	Co-Lin	Home
March 21	Gulf Coast	Home
March 25	East Miss.	Home
March 26	Pearl River	Away
March 29-30	Northeast Tournament	Booneville
April 1	Holmes	Home
April 2	Hinds	Home
April 3	Co-Lin	Away
April 8	Southwest	Away
April 9	Joneș	Home
April 11	Pearl River	Home
April 15	Gulf Coast	Away
April 17	Jones	Away
April 18	Southwest	Home
April 20	Shelton State Tournament	Tuscaloosa
April 27	State Tournament	Kosciusko
May 4	Regional Tournament	Meridian

All games are doubleheaders Game time 3 p.m.

eight players that contributed greatly last season, but Clark doesn't see that as a major problem. "This year's team can hit better, the infield is solid all the way around, and the pitching staff has more depth than ever. People around the league don't expect us to compete, but with a little luck, we just may sneak up on some people," says Clark.

Captains Willis Lally and Johnathan Jones agree that the locker room attitude is very eager and upbeat. Jones continues to say "I hope the team and players meet their expectations."

Diamond Girls ready for season

Baseball season is almost here and the Diamond Girls squad has been selected. The Diamond Girls are very helpful during baseball games. The duties of a Diamond Girl include working the concession stand, chasing foul balls, picking bats while the team is batting, and any other errands needed by the team or coaches.

The Diamond Girls have been selling raffle tickets for the purchase of their jackets. The drawing will be held during the first baseball game scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 14. You don't have to be present to win but we look forward to having a big crowd and having a variety of concessions to enjoy during the game.

Serving on the 1995-96 Diamond Girl squad are the following: sophomore members, Heather Eakes, captain, Jessica Warren, captain, both of Philadelphia; Aimee Chandler, Louisville, Lanette Lynch, Noxapater, Kendra Gage, Philadelphia;

Freshman members, Robin Burkes, Clarkdale, Tonya Williamson, Ludlow, Nesa Gressett, Karen McRae, Stephanie Cook, all of Carthage; Tonya Covington, Noxapater, Erica Roberson, Christina Miller, April Ladd, Jill Martin, Lila Warren, Whitney Salter, all of Philadelphia. The Diamond Girls squad is sponsored by Lanette Hanna and Midge Hedrick.

Win ECCC intramural basketball title

Winning first place in the three-on-three intramural basketball competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur were the above members of a team called "Dangerous Crew " From left are DeMarkis Hill and Willie Ware, both of Newton; MaCreszz Beamon of Lawrence; and Toma York of Walnut Grove.



ECCC tournament runners-up

"Deathrow" placed second in the three-on-three intramural basketball competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (from left) Jarius Norman of Newton; Ollie Triplett of Carthage; and Stacy Williams of Forest.

Women's softball gets under way March 2

By STEVE RICHARDSON The Tom Tom

East Central's women's softball season begins March 2, with a four game minimum tournament at Moss Point. The sophomore team members are Shannon Harrison, Union; Joanie Winstead, Carthage; Shakesha Coleman, Louisville; and Christy Madison, Philadelphia. The freshman team members are Amy Moore, Noxapater; Margaret Vance,

McDaniel and Jennifer Thomas, both Carthage.

Sebastopol; Sylvia Alexander, Hick- of Philadelphia; Stephanie Houston ory; Renate Ben, Conehatta; Olivia and Cassandra Luckett, both of

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Tournament runners-up

"Power Rangers" finished second in the flag football competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling from left) Tommy Alford of Philadelphia, Travis Mizell of Carthage, Bruce Posey of Philadelphia, Bart Gregory and Jeremy Nowell, both of Louisville; Gregg Perkins of Carthage and (standing from left) Justin Walley of Philadelphia, Corey Alford of Forest, Mike Donovan of Enterprise Chad Cannon of Philadelphia, Brad Sigrest of Forest and Brad Babb of Morton.



ECCC Mu Alpha Theta inductees

These students are the newest members of East Central Community College's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the honor society for students majoring in math or related fields of study in two-year colleges. The students were inducted during ceremonies in December. Pictured (first row, from left) are Tonya Williamson, Ludlow; Angela Anthony, Sebastopol; Karen McRae, Carthage; and Olivia Hamil, Sebastopol; and (second row, from left) Andy Sistrunk, Forest; Amy Boatner, Philadelphia; Jonathan Sharp, Sebastopol; and Adella Rainer, Decatur. Mu Alpha Theta is sponsored by Lois McMullan, mathematics instructor.

More younger people catching flu this season

More younger people are catching as Mississippi's fourth leading cause seen flu-like symptoms all the way



STRAIGHT FROM THE

the flu this winter, raising Mississippi's level of flu activity above the past season's standing.

Health officials have labeled the state's flu activity as widespread, meaning they've found flu in counties that contain a total of more than 50 percent of the state's population.

Mississippi's past flu season never rose to the widespread level.

One of the major types of flu going around this season hasn't been widely seen since the 1950s," said State Epidemiologist Mary Currier, MD, MPH. Fortunately, that type is similar to A-Texas, one of several types that this year's flu vaccine can prevent."

Older people usually suffer most from influenza, a viral illness that can take different forms each year. Flu and pneumonia combine to rank

of death among people over age 65. ages of five and 44 years have and will probably reach its peak in

Mississippi State Department of accounted for 63 percent of the nation's flu cases, according to the U.S. Sentinel Physician System.

More cases of flu in younger populations could mean that older people did a good job of getting flu shots while younger people neglected them, Currier added.

In Mississippi, the flu season started with laboratory-confirmed flu cases in Northeast Mississippi. Flu activity quickly spread southward.

So far, lab tests have confirmed flu in Corinth, Greenwood, Kosciusko, Mississippi State, Okolona, Tupelo.

have started seeing flu-like illnesses bring their Medicare card and social in the emergency rooms, and we've

down to the Coast," Currier said. This season, people between the ZFlu season is just now cranking up February or March. Everyone's at risk, but getting a flu shot now can still help you avoid getting the flu." The State Department of Health

encourages those who want to avoid the flu to get the influenza vaccination from a county health department, private physician, or community health center.

Because the State Department of Health gets no state or federal funds for the flu vaccine, county health departments will charge a \$6 fee. Still, no one will be turned away for inability to pay.

Medicare will cover the cost of Physicians in the Jackson area shots for eligible recipients who security number.

Mississippi Symphony Orchestra schedules Valentines Concert for senior citizens

Orchestra has scheduled the 18th Annual Valentines Concert for Senior Citizens on Sunday, February 18, 1996, from 2:00-3:30pm, in the Thalia Mara (Jackson Municipal) Auditorium. The concert will be conducted by Colman Pearce, Music Director and Principal Conductor.

The concert program will include Ball, Waltz from 'Masquerade', This Guy's in Love with You, Michelle, Do You Remember this One?, My Funny Valentine, Perpetuum Mobile, Forgotten Dreams, and Selections from 'South Pacific'. The emcee for the afternoon's concert will be Gene Edwards of WAPT - Channel 16. The featured soloist will be Jacksonnative Guy Hovis.

years as a regular member of the Lawrence Welk Television Show, is considered by many to have one of ca. He has been on television for 25 years, beginning with Art Linklet-

The Mississippi Symphony 1967. His television credits include churches, charity organizations, and appearances with Johnny Carson, Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Jim Nabors, Mike Douglas, Merv Griffin, and Dinah Shore, as well as his other appearances in TV commercials, on game shows, and for numerous national telethons and charity fundraisers

During his years in the entertainsuch favorites as The Belle of the ment business, Hovis distinguished himself as a performer, songwriter, and record producer, and he has been honored by the recording industry as a nominee for both producer and artist of the year. His career credits include starring roles in a number of stage musicals and two musical revues which he wrote and produced.

Born and raised in Tupelo, Hovis graduated from Tupelo High School Hovis, best-known for his 12 and attended the University of Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in accounting. He currently serves as the Mississippi the most recognized faces in Ameri- office director for United States Senator Trent Lott. Though living in Jackson, Hovis still records and perter's House Party Show on CBS in forms for conventions, festivals,

other non-profits, such as the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. He occasionally takes time off to perform with some of the stars of Lawrence Welk, and he was even one of the stars of a recent PBS special, "From The Heart, A Tribute to Lawrence Welk.'

Refreshments will be provided after the concert, in the Auditorium Lobby, by the Jackson Symphony League. Door prizes, gifts and prizes for things such as "the longest-married couple" will be awarded during the concert by the Bank of Mississippi, sponsor of the event. Promotional assistance for the concert has been provided by St. Dominic's Hospital.

This concert is free and open to all senior citizens, and anyone accompanying a senior citizen. For further information on this and other Mississippi Symphony Orchestra concerts, call the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra offices, 960-1565 in the metro Jackson area, or 1-800-898-5050 within Mississippi.

HEART Our very best wishes and words of thanks to all our readers on Valentine's Day!

The Tom Tom Staff

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Outstanding ECCC students

These East Central Community College sophomores have been named to the 1996 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES. Students are selected for the prestigious honor based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for success. The ECCC honorees join an elite group of students from more than 800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries. Pictured are (front row, from left) Gloria Rigdon, Decatur; Mandy Goldman, Philadelphia; Daniele Strait, Hickory; Jennifer Thomas, Philadelphia; Melissa McLelland and Staci Strebeck, both of Decatur; Rhonda Sheeley, Newton; Brandi Laird, Morton; Kyra Fulton, Philadelphia; and Kim Spillman, Decatur; (second row, from left) Brad Gipson, Newton; Vicki Adcock, Decatur; Christy Madison, Philadelphia; Tabatha Gainey, Walnut Grove; Heather Dittmer, Carthage; Shannon Goss, Morton; Joey Thrash, Walnut Grove; and Ryan Smith, Little Rock; and (back row, from left) Jon Sharp, Newton; Jason Futon and Craig Vowel, both of Philadelphia; Brian Parks, Newton; O.J. McNichols, Union; Brent Gregory, Nanih Waiya; Bobby Viverette, Sebastopol; and Chris Gomillion, Harperville. Not pictured are Angela Anthony, Sebastopol; Valeria Buggs, Newton; Melanie Cleveland, Forest; Robert Courtney, Dill Kirkland, Ty Nowell and Michael Wilson, all of Philadelphia; Chuck Dunlap, Peyton Weems and Lee Wylie, all of Louisville; Brad Gressett, Lake; Lucas Harms and Wendy Russell, both of Decatur; Kristi Gordon and Shannon Harrison, both of Union; Tiffany Lathem, Walnut Grove; and Marty Stojkovic, Tuscaloosa, Ala.



U.S. Motors begins training program

The first of several training sessions for supervisory personnel at U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia was recently conducted by East Central Community College and held in a Mobile Learning Lab provided by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. The three-hour class, "Working in Teams," was presented by Larrv Blackburn (standing at left) who serves as workforce specialist at ECCC's Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center. Blackburn is conducting the training session to groups of 16 and will eventually present the special program to approximately 100 company employees. Joining Blackburn during the initial training class were various college and company officials who include (standing from left) Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president; David Evans, training coordinator for U.S. Motors; Earl Marshall, team leader at ECCC's Career Center; and Karl Brantley, company plant manager. The ECCC Career Center, established following passage of the Workforce Education Act of 1994, provides a variety of services to area businesses and industries. For more information call 635-2111, ext, 299.



ECCC scholarship recipient

A scholarship in the amount of \$1000 was recently presented to East Central Community College sophomore Brian Eure (third from left) of Forest who received the award from Green Acres Farms in Sebastopol. Eure, an honor student majoring in poultry science, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dink Eure of Forest. Green Acres made the presentation to the College's Poultry Science Scholarship Fund through which qualified ECCC students are eligible to receive the award. Funds for the scholarship were earned by Green Acres through the 1995 BASF Growth Is A Promise Scholarship Program. Representing Green Acres during the scholarship presentation are (from left) Gary Nelson, feed manager, and Jill Ware-Hudson, personnel manager. At right is Randall Lee, ECCC academic counselor.



Receives U. S. Motors scholarship

The East Central Community College Carpentry and Cabinetmaking Program has received a financial boost following the recent presentation of a \$30,000 check from the Mississippi Home Corporation in Jackson. According to an agreement between East Central and MHC, these funds will be used by the vocational program to purchase materials relating to the construction of a single family home. The home will be sold at public auction, and East Central will use the proceeds to pay back the \$30,000 loan with no interest. Any additional funds raised above the \$30,000 will be used by the carpentry program for future projects. Participants in the check presentation included (from left) Ricky Pea, planning specialist with the Mississippi Home Corporation; Clark Howell of Carthage, a member of the MHC Board of Directors; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president; Janet Scott, MHC marketing manager; and Neddie R. Winters, MHC executive director.



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Adcock, Blair Anderson, Dru Anderson, Krissi Harris, Haley Harris, Jennifer Carson Dinah Howell, Whitley Harris, Kelli Harris, Natalie Boggan, Emily Boggan, Colby Amis, Cathrine Brooks, Marie Hinson, Matthew Boggan and Carmen Ezell, all of Decatur; J. B. Ware and Jeremy Swindle, both of Union; Matt Howell and Tabatha Gainey, both of Walnut Grove; Richard Edwards and Ben Wall, both of Forest; Lisa Harrison, Little Rock; Heather Dittmer and Karen McRae, both of Carthage; LaRee Lyle, Lena; Allison Wood, Waynesboro; Erica Roberson and Ken Evans, both of Philadelphia; Aimee Chandler, Louisville; Nicole Simpson, Morton; and Ja Nance, Nanih Waiya.

The Music Man will be presented April 10-13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center on the ECCC campus. Tickets are \$7 for the

public and \$5 for ECCC students, faculty and staff.

Tickets go on sale Monday, April 1, 1996, and must be paid in advance to assure reservation. Reservations can be made by calling 635-2111.

ECCC carpentry program receives funds

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Collegians **Olympics-bound**

As the Olympic torch makes its way to the United States and through Mississippi for the Centennial Olympic Celebration, the Collegians will follow to that same destination as they gear-up to perform at the 1996 summer games in Atlanta, Ga., July 19-

Aug. 2. "The Collegians have performed so many entrol we get nicked for things. In my mind, we're going to perform in Atlanta. I keep reminding myself when I see a TV commercial that this is the Olympics. It is a big deal, because obviously if the games were in Hong Kong, we wouldn't be going. We are fortunate the games are in the United States," said Thomas W. Carson, Collegians director. As the Olympics celebrate 100 years, 17,000 athletes from 200 nations will join in Atlanta for the summer games. Over 2 million visitors are expected in Atlanta during the two-week span of the Olympics.

Last fall, Carson received a letter from the City of Atlanta encouraging college bands from around the United States to submit audition tapes for an Olympic performance. The bands would be selected by a committee of college/university band directors from the Atlanta Metropolitan Area.

"I responded with 'I've got too much else to do.' But when the fall got here and I saw what a strong group I had, I decided to send in a tape. I never expected to be selected." Carson said.

As the Top 40, rock-n-roll band prepared for their November campus concert, the thought of the Olympic performance was long forgotten. However, notification of selection was not scheduled until Jan. 1.

"Knowing band directors, especially college band directors, I thought they would look at us and say we're not a band group because of the singers, flashy costumes and everything," Carson said. "Then low and behold on Nov. 14 I get the notifi-



Sammy Pace

Melody Reed

Mona Owens

Pace selected Coach of the Year: two team members honored

received honors for the 1995-96 campaign.

Coach Pace led the East Central women to their second straight South State Tournament championship and a 17-10 mark Prior to competing in the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College in Clinton. Pace also won the honor

East Central Community College coach Sammy Pace two years ago after leading ECCC to the Region 23 title has been selected MACJC Women's Basketball Coach of and the NJCAA Consolation Championship. The Lady the Year and two of the Lady Warrior team members Warriors completed the 1993-94 season with a 28-7 record.

> Also recognized for their accomplishments this year are sophomores Melody Reed of Forest, who was named first team All-State and freshman Mona Owens of Warren, Arkansas, selected as an honorable mention.

Baucum, Anthony recognized as 1995-96 HEADWAE honorees

Gressett, Goldman named Mr. and **Miss ECCC**

Sophomores Brad Gressett of Lake and Mandy Goldman of Philadelphia have been selected by the student body as Mr. and Miss East Central Community College for 1995-96.

Gressett, a product of Lake High School, is serving his second year as manager, trainer and statistician for the champion Lady Warrior basketball team. A proven leader on campus, he serves as president of the Warrior Corps and Alpha Alpha Epsilon.

He is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta and Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. An outstanding student, he is a member of the Scholars Bowl Team, serves on the Presidents Council and was named to Who s Who Among American Community/Junior College Students.

A computer science major, Gressett has a 3.4 grade point average and has been named as a Dean s List scholar. He is also receiving a full scholarship to East Central as a result of his perfect 31 score on the ACT.

He is the son of James and Ruth Rucker of Lake and Larry and Terry Gressett of Newton.

Goldman, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, has an outstanding academic record with a 3.79 grade point average. An elementary education major, she has been named a President s and Dean s list scholar.

She has been chosen freshman homecoming maid, freshman and sophomore beauty, and freshman class president. She was also selected for Who s Who Among American Community/Junior Colleges.

A leader among her peers, Goldman was elected vice president of the Student Body Association. She also serves as vice president of programs for Phi Theta Kappa.

She is an active member of the Presidents Council, Mu Alpha Theta, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Student Education Association. She serves as a Warrior football and basketball cheerleader and is a member of the Warrior Corps.

She is the daughter of Wayne and Madonna Goldman of

Philadelphia.

cation way before Jan. 1 that we're going to the Olympics.

The Collegians differ from concert bands in the variety of music they play. Their up-to-date songs range from pop and rock to oldies and country. They immediately establish popularity with audiences by playing something for everyone. This is sure to make them a hit among Olympic audiences that will include people from all over the world. Carson states, "Our music appeals to general audiences so someone from Brazil might recognize one of our songs from the radio. We've had people from other countries come up to us at Six Flags and Disney World thinking we were the actual group performing a song from the radio." The Collegians will perform one or two shows on a designated day, July 22-31.

Possible performance sites include Olympic Stadium Plaza and the Martin Luther King Peace Memorial Plaza. Olympic Plaza connects Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, site of Olympic baseball, and Olympic Stadium, site of the opening and closing ceremonies and track and field. MLK Peace Memorial Plaza is the most popular tourist attraction in Atlanta and record crowds are expected to visit the site during the Olympic Games. "This was a selection process. Knowing that our tape was watched by college band directors, I was very flattered that we were chosen," Carson said. The Collegians' audition tape was unique because it featured

See COLLEGIANS, page 4

English instructor Linda B. Baucum of Decatur and sophomore Angela Anthony of Sebastopol have been selected East Central Community College s outstanding HEADWAE faculty member and student for the 1995-96 term.

The two honorees will be recognized along with other representatives of the state s public and private colleges and universities during a special luncheon scheduled Tuesday, March 19 in Jackson and hosted by the Mississippi Legislature.

The annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence) program was initiated in 1988 to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution by the state s public and private institutions of higher learning.

In addition to luncheon activities, a booklet will be published featuring biographical sketches and photographs of each honoree.

Mrs. Baucum has been a member of the ECCC faculty for two years. She previously served as English instructor at Newton, Newton County and Decatur high schools where she was chosen STAR Teacher on three occasions. In all, she has over 25 years service in the



English instructor Linda B. Baucum (seated) of Decatur and sophomore Angela Anthony of Sebastopol who have been selected the College's outstanding HEADWAE faculty member and student for 1995-

field of education.

In addition to her classroom duties, Mrs. Baucum previously served two terms as a member of the Decatur Board of Aldermen and has held membership in various clubs and organizations. She helped implement the DARE program in the Newton county schools.

Her professional affiliations include membership in Phi Theta Kappa, Lambda Iota Tau and the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English, an organization she formerly served as president.

Mrs. Baucum holds an associate of

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Brad Gressett and Mandy Goldman were selected Mr.and Miss East Central Community College for 1995-96 by the student body in recent elections on the Decatur campus.

Broadway Hit, 'The Music Man' to open in Decatur April 10-13

Meredith Willson's award-winning Broadway musical, The Music Man, will open for a four-day run, April 10-13, in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Theatre on the East Central Community College Decatur campus. A show for all ages, the production is presented by the ECCC Players under the direction of Judy A. Carroll.

The Music Man opened on Dec. 9, 1957, at Broadway's Majestic Theatre in New York. It was a huge hit and ran for 1,375 performances. It won the New York Drama Critic's Circle Award and nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The film version won an Academy Award in 1962 for Best Musical Adaptation.

According to Carroll, The Music Man is based on Willson's recollections of his childhood in a small Iowa town. He crafted his boyhood memories into what is widely regarded as one of the most accomplished works in Broadway history. It "lovingly and humorously" captures the lost innocence of America at the beginning of the 20th century.

The Music Man is the story of Professor Harold Hill (Rick Brooks of Decatur) and his impact on the sleepy town of River City, Iowa. Hill arrives in the small community on July 4, 1912, with nothing but the lowest intentions. His "con" is simple but effective. He convinces River City's residents he can teach their children to play in a marching band if they buy the instruments and uniforms he has for sale. He will simply collect the money and escape without fulfilling his promises.

Hill's plans go awry when he falls in love with the town librarian, Marian Paroo (Lisa Harrison of Little Rock), who makes an honest man of the "perennial huckster." Trapped by his love for her, he is literally forced to face the music when he is made to "conduct" the children's band. While the children can hardly play their instruments, the inner music that Hill and the band bring into the life of the town transforms River City.

The music will make your feet snap into a marching step to the entire company number of "Seventy-Six Trombones," make you reach for vour hankie in Harrison's "Goodnight My Someone" and want to dance in the aisles to "Shipoopi,"



The Music Man has become not only a hit, but a phenomenon. During the Tony Awards in New York, the musical beat out the season's other Broadway classic, West Side Story, for Best Musical. This annoyed some in the New York theatrical community and created a mild anti-Music Man backlash. Only nine months later, the critics were once again cheering the show. One critic, Brooks Atkinson said, The Music Man retains its popularity because it has a winning spirit. In an angry, ominous world, everyone is hungry for a guileless evening in the theatre." Pictured is the cast (first row from left) Ben Wall, Jennifer Carson, Krissi Harris, Natalie Boggan, Kelli Harris, Dinah Howell, Emily Boggan, Whitney Harris, Haley Harris, and Aimee Chandler, (second row from left) Staci Strebeck, Tabatha Gainey, Allison Wood, Heather Dittmer, Blair Anderson, Dru Anderson, Carmen Ezell, Luke Howell, Glen Hansford, Ja Nance, Matt Howell and Jeremy Swindle and (third row from left) Vicki Adcock, LaRee Lyle, I. B. Ware, Jim Savell, Rick Brooks, Lisa Harrison, Shawn Houser, Erica Roberson, Richard Edwards, Lee Rigdon and Lucas Harms.

East Central students write on...



By TREBA SMITH The Tom Tom

It's 1996 - election year! It's only the beginning of March and yet several northern states and South Carolina have held caucuses and primaries. As always, many names and faces enter the Presidential race. We have the career politicians such as Pat Buchanan and Bob Dole, Senate majority leader. Then we have Steve Forbes, the multi-millionaire who has spent much of his inheritance to campaign. And out of nowhere comes Lamar Alexander, who may be lucky enough to win the Republican nomination if the party threatens to split. Along with these famous names are the 30 or 40 less popular candidates who qualified to run for the Presidency, including a Biloxi native. Because most of us have only recently registered to vote, it is hard to justly select a candidate to support. For those of us who live on campus, it is difficult to make a trip home just to vote and some of us may not be able to fill out an absentee ballot when we are home for the weekend. But some of us do make the effort, and we must try to select a candidate who will best fit the needs of our country. We must also select someone who will fit our needs on the home front as well.

Most of us have seen the roadside posters (sometimes billboards) of the candidates running for the Third District Congressman position, vacated by Sonny Montgomery. I myself have a personal stake in this political race because my cousin, John A. Eaves, Jr., is a candidate. Another candidate, Michael Lang, has grandparents who reside in my hometown. But even though my voting choice is made, how will others choose whom to support? Hopefully by choosing a proper candidate who will fill Sonny Montgomery's shoes, and bring about even better changes for Mississippi.

But the most important message I hope to convey is that all of us who are registered should vote. Comb through the list of candidates, and support the one you believe will best fight for the needs of your country. And if your candidate gets put out of the primaries, choose another with those same values and vote for him. We are the blood of this country, and we are the future. It is important more now than ever to pick leaders who will make our nation even greater. Think about these things and visit your polls on election day.

Look who's smoking!

By CARRIE GLAZE The Tom Tom

Smoking has become one of the most addictive habits among many U.S. citizens today. The habit of smoking covers a broad spectrum of the U.S. population.

Even though it is illegal to sell tobacco products to those under 18, this has become something many marketers have overlooked. Six million teens in the U.S. start smoking before they are in the tenth grade. Many companies have said that if teen smoking is reduced by half, 1,000 jobs would be lost each year. So most producers are not burdened with the fact that children are smoking or with what it could result in, but instead with how many people could lose jobs.

In a recent survey white males were more likely to smoke than were black males. There is said to be more

smoke than on black males. Also, it has been found that more white role models are smoking, which makes cigarettes appear "cool" to white males. Statistics from the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association and the American Heart Association say about 3,000 teens smoke their first cigarette each day and about 1,000 of those will eventually die from the effects.

peer pressure on white males to

Women have become another part of the population who have began smoking uncontrollably. Many women who smoke believe that if they quit they may gain weight because instead of lighting up a cigarette they will turn to food for satisfaction. Women who are taking certain kinds of hormones may also be in danger if they smoke. Estrogen, which is taken by many women for hot flashes and to prevent bone loss, could have dangerous effects if the

woman smokes. These are only a few of the many discoveries found about smoking.

A major problem of those who smoke is the secondhand smoke involved. Over 53,000 deaths occur each year from secondhand smoke. Nonsmokers who live with smokers increase their risk of heart disease and heart attacks by 30 percent compared to households that do not smoke. Even if you are not a smoker and you are around someone who is, in your home or in public, your life will be in great danger.

In conclusion, I believe that people who smoke should do it in their own homes and not out in public, because they are not only endangering their lives but the lives of the many innocent people around them. So, as we enter a new and more health conscious future smoking in public should become a thing of the past.

Save the planet

By JESSICA HOLLIS The Tom Tom

Earth Day is around the corner and what better way to celebrate than to do something nice for our great planet? There is something everyone can do to help preserve our precious Earth, whether it is a small task or a big task. So when April 22 rolls around, do something to help protect our plant. One person can't protect the environment, save endangered species, or stop the destruction of rain forests, but if we all put in a little effort to help out, our plant will be beautiful and STAY beautiful. If you are clueless on how to go about contributing to our plant, here are a few tips:

1. Stop using Styrofoam and have your own coffee mug wherever you drink coffee (work, school, etc.).

2. Buy lower voltage lightbulbs which use less electricity, and always turn of flights when you leave a room.

3. Ride a bike or walk whenever possible; it will keep you in shape and cut down on auto emissions.



4. Put a large, water-filled plastic bottle in the tank of your toilet to conserve about 5,000 gallons of water a year.

5. Take shorter showers, and don't leave the water running in the sink while you brush your teeth (most of us are guilty of this.)

6. Air-dry clothes instead of using the dryer to save energy. Clothes stay in better condition, too.

7. Recycle! Boycott any companies that disregard our environment.!

Building greatness

By MARK BEASON The Tom Tom

It is every high school athlete's dream to make it to the next level. To play Division I sports. But all too often they find out that they don't have the necessary academic requirements to play Division I or just simply weren't recruited by a Division I school. They feel since their only option is to go to a junior college and that if they do then they will be sinking below their talent level. What many don't realize is that there have been some great players in recent sports history that have played junior college athletics and gone on elsewhere to excel.

For all you football fans, remember Lamont Crockett who came out of the woodwork to propel the Indianapolis Colts into the ABC title game when Colts superstar Marshall Faulk went down with an injury. You might know that Faulk was a standout for coach legend Bobby Bowden at Florida State but did you know that his first two years of college football were played at Hinds Community College? Dontae' Jones is a name all Mississippi State fans are familiar with as he is now one of the top players in the SEC. Jones was ranked as the top junior college player in the country last year but his was a career that almost wasn't. After dropping out of high school his senior year, he got his GED and his basketball talents were discovered basically playing street ball

in Memphis. These are just two examples of the many great athletes who got their beginnings in the junior college ranks. Take a look at the rosters of any Division I school and you will find them loaded with junior college transfers. They are looking now more toward the junior colleges due to the fact that they have proven themselves against good competition where as a high school senior is still yet untested against top notch competition.

If a high school athlete thinks that junior colleges are sub-par and that they are a dead-end road, they need to take a closer look because many times they can be the stepping stone to something special.

Physical fitness

By MARSHA THOMAS The Tom Tom

Every Monday night at 6:30, I trek on down to MECA fitness center. There for an hour and a half, I, with other students, practice high blocks, middle blocks, side kicks, and knife-hands. No, this isn't some new age dance. I take karate class.

Joy Munn, the instructor, is a black-belt in Shotokan. She begins the class with the words, "Master Funikosha Sensay...Rey!" To each of these phrases the class bows. We begin with a series of stretches and other warm-up exercises. Then comes the fun part. Blocks, punches, and forms. All in a day of karate class.

Not only do they have karate classes, there are also step-aerobics

and tap dancing classes. Different strokes for different folks. As for myself, I chose karate for a number of reasons.

First, as a female in the nineties, I want to be able to defend myself if necessary. Second, the amount of exercise involved in karate helps me to stay physically fit. There is also the possibility that if some guy tries to court me, I am able to rearrange his body parts. Then I can protect my husband when I get married.

There are many on campus who are also taking lessons. Heather Dittmer, for example, who is also in this semester's play, takes karate and says she enjoys it very much. I checked it out and became totally involved in the fact that I can kick someone's face!

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If you cannot risk, you cannot grow,

If you cannot grow, you cannot become your best,

- If you cannot become your best, you cannot be happy,
- If you cannot be happy, what else matters?

The purpose of growth is to become better. Accept

By TRAVIS MIZELL My resolution is that they start

Legislative economics

The Tom Tom

Recently, the students in Dr. Ethridge's honors history class took a trip down to the State legislature Media Day. There they were entertained by about four hours of speeches. Some of the topics discusses were economics, sessions, and Mississippi's growth. I would like to address the economics discussion-at least one aspect of the economic discussion. A question was raised as to why, even though at the end of every year, the surplus monies are supposed to be divided in half, with one half appropriated to education, is the percentage of money going to education decreasing (46.8% in 1990 to 40% in 1996)? The answer - it really isn't going down; however, some of the monies are being given to Corrections

Now, to clarify, money is being taken from educational programs to build more jails. What's ironic is that if the money was there for education, then people could learn, which would lead to them getting jobs, which would counter the need to rob, cheat and steal. Yet money is bring taken from education programs to build jails to put away the criminals, who, since there is less money for education, have to resort the crime.

SEA news

By SHANNON GOSS The Tom Tom

The Student Education Association held its most recent meeting on Feb. 6. Miss Wood spoke of the NTE graduation requirements. Scholarships, and other various necessities for education majors. Mrs. McMullan was our guest speaker. She spoke of the love and concern required for the teaching profession. She told of various things that will be helpful for education majors. If you have not applied for the NTE, and you are a sophomore, TIME'S RUNNING OUT !!! You need this test to be accepted into the school of education. Our next meeting will be in March. WATCH THE BULLETINS! We hope to see you there!

giving more money to the educational programs; after 10 years see if the crime rate has risen or fallen. Then we can see where our money needs to go. Perhaps we could do the same thing with some of the Welfare programs. We could discontinue them for a few years and see how society copes. If we aren't any worse off than we are now, then we may as well spend that money for something else, like AIDS or Cancer research.

Of course, from the outside looking in, things always seem simpler than they perhaps really are. But, we've tried this system for a while and haven't gotten anywhere. Maybe it's time for a change. Who knows, it just might work.

Baptist Student Union news

By TREBA SMITH The Tom Tom

Just across from Dr. Smith's front yard sits a little white building with a sign out front that says "Baptist Student Center." It is quaint, and quite unnoticeable at times. But inside it is a Mecca of activity-good clean fun and a place of companionship. Many friendships have been created here, many "loves at first sight" are born, but each relationship has a significant place in the lives it touches.

Each day the BSU is open to the student community. It offers many activities-a place to play pool, watch television, Bible studies, and the lunch encounter each Wednesday during fifth period. It also has many regular visitors, and is open to anyone willing to make new friends.

For instance, a first semester student here at ECCC related to me that since he had been coming to BSU, he'd made many friends. And because he is a commuter, without BSU he might never have known these people.

I personally met many close friends through BSU, and have many changes in my life because of these friends. BSU is for everybody, no matter who you are or what you like. So next Wednesday, come by lunch encounter and bring a friend. Stay and shoot a game of pool. I guarantee you'll make a new friend, maybe two. Soon you'll be visiting everyday, just like me. And, more guickly than you think, life will change for the better.

JESSICA'S FAVORITE QUOTES

* "It is not how much we have but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness." —C.H. Spurgeon

* "A sense of humor reduces people and problems to their proper proportions." —Arnold Glasow

* "When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on." —Anonymous

* "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow." —Anonymous

* "Well done is better than well said."

-Ben Franklin

* "If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere."

—Anonymous

* "There are many shadows, but remember, where there is a shadow there must be light."

-Anonymous

your life as a gift. Accept the responsibility to act in your own best interests.

Believe that if you are a good person what you seek for yourself will also be good, providing you are honest about your needs.

Whenever people avoid acting in their own best interest and shirk the responsibility for their lives, they hold others ransom, demanding appreciation, fulfillment and a sense of completeness by proxy. The truth is that no one can ever fulfill you except you. The way you do that is to take risks. Failure to do this is an act of fear and in the long run harmful to everyone.

You can never be helpful to others until you can help yourself. You can never be giving to another person until you can give to yourself. Some people may object to this view, calling it narrow-minded and selfish, but if you don't take of yourself, why should anyone else? Anyway, it is your responsibility to make the most of you.

You are responsible for what you say. You are responsible for what you are.

You are responsible for what you feel.

You are responsible for what you do.

You are not responsible for making anyone else happy. You are not responsible for becoming what someone else wants you to be.

You are not responsible for distorting the truth to keep from hurting another person's feelings.

You are responsible when someone breaks a secret you told him, because you were a poor judge of character. You are responsible when people use what you say to hurt you, because you should be able to tell when a person does not wish you well, and you are responsible for defending yourself. You are responsible for the ties other people have with you, because it takes two to tango. You are responsible for everything in your life that wouldn't be there unless you did something.

Without taking responsibility for your life, you will never be happy, because no one can fix your life but you.

Without taking responsibility for your life, no risk is worth taking, since you will not feel joy at your success and living becomes an exercise in hope.

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Receives Phi Theta Kappa Award

Chris Gomillion of Harperville, a sophomore, was recently inducted into the Order of the Golden key at the Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Phi Theta Kappa Convention in Waveland. Induction into the Order signifies ahim as an outstanding member of the ECCC Theta Xi Chapter. Gomillion serves as president of the Mississippi/Louisiana Region, which includes 34 chapters. Phi Theta Kappa is the official international honor society of the twoyear college



Gaining experience in the business sector along with education received from classroom instructhe goal of a new program offered at East Central Community College. The innovative idea. "job shad owing," is part of the school-to-work initiative and is available for students in Mrs. Virginia Pace's Eng lish classes. Instead of the tradition research paper, Mrs. Pace allows students to conduct research participating businesses and industries, exposing them "to realistic viewpoints relating their car choices while completing class assignments." In the above photo, ECCC freshmen Nesa Gressett (le of Carthage and Lila Warren (right) of Philadelphia, observe Rhonda Poole, owner of Rhonda's Connect tion in Meridian, as she refers to information regarding customer accounts. The liberal arts majors also received information pertaining to fashion merchandising and other aspects in operating a clothing bus ness

Applied Academics and Integrated Methodology - catch the wave

By STEVIE RICHARDSON The Tom Tom

East Central Community College recently received a \$30,000 planning and development grant to implement applied academics and integrated

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arts degree in liberal arts from East Central Community College, bachelors and masters degrees in English from the University of Southern Mississippi and an education specialist degree in Secondary English from Mississippi State University.

She was married to the late Billy Wayne Baucum. Their children are Wayne Baucum and Cheryl Baucum Amis, both of Decatur.

Anthony, a Presidents List scholar majoring in chemical engineering, has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while attending East Central. She received the General Chemistry I award her freshman year durspring.

rior Corps and serves as reporter for Mr. Randall Lee, academic counneers. She is a recipient of the tional counselor, Mrs. Maudean National Collegiate Engineering Award.

methodology at the post-secondary level. EC is one of only five of the state's community colleges to receive a grant. The announcement them. Local businesses and ind was made by Dr. Therrell Myers, tries, as well as schools and med-Associate State Superintendent.

Maudean Sanders, East Central's Tech-Prep Coordinator stated, The primary goal of the program is to provide students with learning experiences in mathematics, science, and communications courses that will actually mean something in their field of study. This will be accomplished by a joint effort of administrators, academic faculty and vocational-technical faculty."

East Central plans to carry out its mission by teaming one academic and one vocational-technical instructor from each of these areas into teams. Michelle Ergle, business technology instructor and Virginia Pace, English instructor; Ricky Harrison, drafting instructor and Gloria McRae, mathematics instructor; Janice Jacobs, surgical technology instructor and Ron Davis, biology ing Awards Day activities held last instructor; comprise the instructional teams. Other members of the project Anthony is a member of Phi include Mr. John Adcock, Director Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, War- of the Vocational-Technical Center; Alpha Alpha Epsilon, The Engi- selor; Mr. Jimmy Dempsey, voca-Sanders, Tech-Prep Coordinator; and Mr. Roger Whitlock, work-based learning coordinator. The nature of the program calls for a very close working relationship between educators and leaders in business and industry. The first steps in developing this relationship have already been taken. Students in Valedictorian and received various Mrs. Virginia Pace's English composition classes were assigned a careerbased research paper. As a part of the project, students interviewed local business and industry leaders pursuing a career in the student's chosen field. Then the students actually went "on the job" for a specified period and experienced first hand

ing experience gave the students opportunity to decide if the cho profession was the right one facilities were very cooperative providing mentors for the stud

The applied academics and in grated methodology model will developed over an eighteen month period and will serve as a basis f institutions. This program will ask in meeting the goals of the Carl'I Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act of 1990, "He pur pose," stated Mrs. Sanders make the United States more petitive in the world economyol developing more fully the academ and occupational skills of the gene population.



munity College in Texas recently conducted a for various personnel at East Central Comal-technical and academic learning. Work-English instructor; Janice Jacobs, surgical Starke; Maudean Sanders, tech-prep coordiand (standing from left) Roger Whitlock, worksign technology instructor; Ron Davis, biolodirector of vocational-technical instruc-



awards during the Regional Convention in ssippi and Louisiana. Chris Gomillion (left) gion's Order of the Golden Key. Chapter unner-up, the David Leonard Travel Award, ding Newsletter Award, Fellowship Hallmark Runner-up and 5-Star Level recognition signieive. Pictured from left with the awards are Joey Thrash, vice president for leadership, and Brian Parks, newsletter editor, both of elphia. Phi Theta Kappa is the official inter-Harris, Mathematics and Science Division, (Photo by Jarrod Ravencraft)

came out of the woodwc. It pel the Indianapolis Colts into the



She was also selected a USA Ali-American Scholar and was recently named to WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES.

An honor graduate of Sebastopol High School, Anthony was named other honors. She was also a Beta Club member and served three years as editor of the school newspaper.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Anthony of Sebastopol.

She plans to continue her education at Mississippi State University and pursue employment in the chemical engineering field.

*****Music Man

featuring Richard Edwards of Forest as Hill's old friend and reformed coconspirator Marcellus Washburn. The Music Man soundtrack from Capitol Records earned an RIAA Gold Record Award within a year of release and won a Grammy Award in 1958.

The orchestra is conducted by Thomas W. Carson, ECCC director of bands, with choral direction by Charles Hinson, ECCC choir director and music instructor, and accompanist Marian Thornton, ECCC musickeyboard instructor.

The show was revived on Broadway in 1980, but The Music Man has entered the fabric of American culture in a way that few Broadway shows can match. When President Reagan left office in 1989, The New York Times published an editorial comparing him to Harold Hill.

The additional cast includes LaRee Lyle of Lena (Eulalie MacKnecknie Shinn); Heather Dittmer of Carthage (Mrs. Paroo); J. B. Ware (Mayor Shinn) and Jeremy Swindle (Eddie Dunlop), both of Union; Matt Howell (Oliver Hix) and Luke How-Lucas Harms (Olin Britt), Staci Strebeck (Alma Hix), Vicki Adcock 2111, ext. 241.

What they could expect in their chosen profession. This job shadow-

(Maud Dunlop), Chris Carson (Tommy Djilas), Glen Hansford (Salesman), Blair Anderson (Amaryllis), Krissi Harris (Zaneeta Shinn) and Jennifer Carson (Gracie Shinn), all of Decatur; Allison Wood of Waynesboro (Ethel Toffelmier); Tabatha Gainey of Walnut Grove (Mrs. Squires) and Shawn Houser (Charlie Howell) and Jim Savell (Constable Locke), both of Lake.

The chorus and River City townspeople include Karen McRae of Carthage; Erica Roberson of Philadelphia; Aimee Chandler and Ja Nance, both of Louisville; Ben Wall of Forest and Marie Hinson of Decatur. The River City children include Dru Anderson, Haley Harris, Whitney Harris, Kelli Harris, Natalie Boggan, Emily Boggan, Carmen Ezell, Colby Amis, Brad Sutphin and Matthew Boggan, all of Decatur; Dinah Howell of Little Rock; Ken Evans of Philadelphia and Carol Creel of Atlanta, Ga.

Curtain time for all performances is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for East Central faculty, students and staff and \$7 for the general public. Tickets ell (Winthrop Paroo), both of Little go on sale April 1. For more infor-Rock; Lee Rigdon (Jacey Squires), mation contact Carroll, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, (601) 635-



inductees

nto the Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta New inductees include (first row, from Krystal Harrison of Newton; Joe Green of Sammy Sullivan of Union, Brandi Parks (Photo by Ann Burkes)

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, preside has announce the selection of Jimmi R. Jones of Philadelphia as instructed for the Mississippi Band of Choct Indians Carpentry Program. MCB previously contracted with ECCCs offer the vocational course on th Choctaw Reservation located ne

carpentry

instructor

Jones bring over 28 years expendence ence in the carpentry field to the new position.

Jones selected

He previously served as a pa time instructor Philadelphia/Neshoba County tional-Technical Center and formert taught carpentry and cabinet making for MBCI and ECCC. In addition Jones has over 22 years experien as a self-employed carpenter

Jones is a graduate of Bond H School in Neshoba County

He is married to the former Am Parker of the Linwood Communit who is employed as a receptionist h Garan Inc. in Philadelphia. Th have four daughters and one son





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Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. ealy, Christie Fulton, Whitney Salter and oberson, Kim Smith and Sylvia Pope, and Davis, Ben Myers and Matt Eakes, all of itation only to freshmen with a 3.4 or above rade point average. Serving as advisors for Division chairman, and Ann Burkes, librari-

Philadelphia.



HOSA contest winners

These East Central Community College students received top honors in the surgical technology skills. competition of the District HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Contest held in Meridian. Award winners include (seated from left) Dawn Bailey of Decatur, first place; and Roshonda Anderson of Meridian, second; and (standing from left) Stephanie McCune of Newton, third; Rochelle Reid of Forest, fourth; and Ronda Sheely of Newton, fifth. At right is Michelle Young of Forest who placed first in Research Persuasive Speaking. McCune also finished fifth in the prepared speaking competition. All advanced to the state HOSA contest held in Jackson April 1-3, 1996. The surgical technology majors are students of Mrs. Janice Jacobs.

ECCC fashion show presented

The latest in spring fashions were presented by members of the East Central Community College Fashion Squad and area youngsters during program activities recently held in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

Participants in Spring Fashion '96 included (not in order) squad members Amy Anthony of Noxapater, Linda Clay and Gayla Penson, both of Union; Dawn Cockrell and Jessica Hollis, both of Lena; Kendra Gage and Carla Parker, both of Philadelphia; Olivia Hamil of Sebastopol, Sonya Kelly of Lake, Brandi Laird of Morton;

Rhonda Landers of Decatur and Karen McRae of Carthage, and area Taylor Roberson of Noxapater, Jake the direction of Mrs. Alice Pouncey, children Chelsey Boatner of Noxapa- Taylor of Morton, Savannah Vance ECCC Fashion Squad director.



ter, Brandice Brown, Troy D. Brown of Decatur, Traquitae Wansley of Jr. and Jeremy Carson, all of Union, and Tyler Yates of Conehatta. Decatur; Emily Deaton of Philadel- ECCC sophomore Ja Nance of Nanih phia, Alli French of Lake, Andrew Hanna of Union, Corey Kelly, Dent monies. Kelly and Tanner Kelly, all of Lake;

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The fashion show was held under

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOOTBALL SIGNEES FEBRUARY 9, 1996

CARTHAGE HIGH SCHOOL

Tight End/Defensive End 6'2" 200 Horace Nash

EDINBURG HIGH SCHOOL

• Jason Moore Offensive Lineman 315 6'3"

FOREST HIGH SCHOOL

170 **Defensive Back/Punter** Nathan Russell 6'

LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

- Gary Ashford Offensive Lineman 5'11" 300
- **Steve Henley** 225 Fullback 6'
- Linebacker Kenyon Smith 6'1" 210

MORTON HIGH SCHOOL

 Shaun Walker 5'11" 170 Punter/Kicker

NANIH WAIYA HIGH SCHOOL

6'4" 255 **Offensive Lineman** Charles Pease

NESHOBA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

6'	215	Offensive Lineman
5'11"	175	Running Back/Defensive Back
6'2"	245	Tight End
5'11"	200	Linebacker
6'	180	Defensive Back/Running Back
	5'11" 6'2" 5'11"	5'11" 175 6'2" 245 5'11" 200

NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL

•	Chris Arrington	6'2"	210	Tight End
•	Rodell Johnson	5'10"	180%	Defensive Back
•	William Johnson	6'	215	Linebacker/Running Back

PHILADELPHIA HIGH SCHOOL

Shadrick McCallum 5'10" 155 Wide Receiver

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•	Keith Mann	6'1"	190 .	Defensive Back
•	Ernie Stribley	6'	165	Quarterback/Defensive Back

HOLT HIGH SCHOOL

(TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA)

•	Kendrick Clancey	6'2"	250	Defensive Lineman
•	Jordan Whitehead	5'11"	175	Running Back/Defensive Back

TUSCALOOSA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Dejuan Clark	5'11"	205	Linebacker
William Curry	6'2"	232	Defensive End
Delvin Rainea	6'2"	230	Defensive End

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

GEORGIA

- Bouchard Green 6'4" 285 Rome High School - Rome, GA
- Karya Jackson 5'11" 212 Kendrick High School - Columbus, GA

Defensive Lineman

Running Back

FLORIDA

5'10" 215 Mac Pittman Bay High School - Panama City, FL

Running Back

SOUTH CAROLINA

Al Hunt

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6'1"

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ECCC TEAM MEMBERS WHO SIGNED SCHOLARSHIPS

- Jamie Day (Defensive Back)
- William Mayes (Linebacker)
- Chad McBride (Strong Guard)
- Nepo Scott (Strong Tackle)
- Marty Stojkovic (Running Back)
- **Delta State** Louisiana Tech Arkansas - Monticello **Kentucky State** Ole Miss

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'The Music Man' to be presented April 10-13



Hill puts River City in a panic

When Harold Hill (Rick Brooks) arrives in River City, he has a pitch all worked out: the new pool table in town threatens the moral foundations of River city life and can only be combated by the creation f a River City children's band, with him as the leader. Hill's rendition of "Ya Got Trouble" sends the townspeople into a panic, and he's in business. Pictured above during the production number, "Ya Got Trouble" are (first row, from left) Matt Howell, Ja Nance, Lee Rigdon, Glen Hansford, J. B. Ware, LaRee Lyle, Lisa Harrison, Brooks, Vicki Adcock, Heather Dittmer, Aimee Chandler, Staci Strebeck and Richard Edwards and (second row, from left) Erica Roberson, Shawn Houser, Jim Savell, Lucas Harms, Ben Wall, Allison Wood and Tabatha Gainey.



"Rock Island"

The Music Man opens on a train traveling through Iowa on July 4, 1912, with what may be Wilson's most remarkable invention, "Rock Island." Arthur Masella, who directed a 1989 New York City Opera production of the show, said, "Wilson spent about eight minutes on a scene that is built around a rhythm, without a note of music underneath it. Yet it's incredibly musical. He then took that rhythm and incorporated it into the character of Harold Hill." Pictured in the opening scene of the show performing "Rock Island" are (seated from left) Lucas Harms and Matt Howell and (standing from left) Glen Hansford, Shawn Houser, Rick Brooks, Jeremy Swindle and Lee Rigdon.



River City children's band

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In the last scene of the show, Harold Hill (Rick Brooks) finally has to prove that he can lead a band. Pictured above are members of the children's band he directs. From left are (first row) Emily Boggan, Krissi Harris, Blair Anderson, Dru Anderson, Carmen Ezell, Haley Harris and Luke Howell and (second row from left) Kelli Harris, Dinah Howell, Chris Carson, Jennifer Carson, Whitney Harris and Natalie Boggan.



The Music Man has comedy in gossiping ladies

Some of the most comical scenes in the show feature the Mayor's wife, Eulalie MacKecknie Shinn (LaRee Lyle) and the gossiping ladies of River City. In one comical production number, the ladies gossiping seems to turn them into a flock of hens with the tune "Pick-A-Little, Talk-A-Little." Pictured above in a scene at River City's Fourth of July pageant are, from left, Staci Strebeck, Vicki Adcock, Lyle, Tabatha Gainey and Allison Wood.

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Harold pursues Marian

Pictured above, Harold Hill (left), played by Rick Brooks, pursues Marian Paroo, the town librarian played by Lisa Harrison. Marian is beginning to succumb to his charms as he serenades her with "Marian the Librarian."



Harold Hill: an award-winning role

What do Ray Bolger, Art Carney, Dan Dailey, Phil Harris, Danny Kaye, Gene Kelly, Bert Parks and Jason Robards, Jr. have in common? Unlike Rick Brooks, they all turned down the Tony award-winning role of Harold Hill in The Music Man. Brooks (left) is shown with Richard Edwards, who is cast as Hill's old friend who works in the River City Livery Stable. They are pictured singing "The Sadder-But-Wiser-Girl," one of the many scenes from the show where Harold receives advice from Marcellus about the lovely town librarian, Marian Paroo (Lisa Harrison).



The Music Man receives rave reviews

After the show's Dec. 19, 1957, Broadway premiere, the New York critics gave *The Music Man* rave reviews. Brooks Atkinson of *The New York Times* called it "a marvelous show, rooted in wholesome and comic tradition. It is as American as apple pie and a Fourth of July oration." John Chapman of *The Daily News* called it "one of the few great musical comedies of the last 26 years," ranking it with *Of Thee I Sing* and *Guys and Dolls*. Pictured are chorus members from the ECCC Players production of *The Music Man* (first row from left) Marie Hinson (chorus); Ja Nance and Aimee Chandler, both chorus members; and Ben Wall (chorus) and (second row from left) Jim Savell (Constable Locke), Shawn Houser (Charlie Howell), Erica Roberson (chorus), Richard Edwards (Marcellus Washburn) and Glen Hansford (Salesman).



And the band plays on. . .

Pictured above, Harold Hill (Rick Brooks) directs the band he has formed with the River City children. The performance is pretty awful, and the melody is barely detectable, but the parents love it. In this scene, Hill finally finds his way into the hearts of the townspeople of River City. Pictured from left are Emily Boggan, Kelli Harris, Krissi Harris, Dinah Howell, Blair Anderson, Chris Carson, Dru Anderson, Carmen Ezell, Jennifer Carson, Haley Harris, Whitney Harris, Luke Howell, Natalie Boggan and Brooks. East Central Community College will present Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man" Wednesday, April 10 through Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Theatre.

"The Music Man" is pure entertainment with songs that are popular American standards, characters of every conceivable kind, and dramatic situations that are touchingly funny. The musical revolves around the fast-talking character Harold Hill, who cons the citizens of River City, Iowa into buying musical instruments by promising to crate a boys' band.

Not knowing a clarinet from a saxophone, Harold plans to skip town with cash in hand. Instead, Harold finds himself caught in the arms of the beautiful Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a reformed rogue and respectable citizen.

Come join the cast of "The Music Man" for an evening of music and entertainment. Tickets are \$7 for the public, \$5 for EC students, faculty and staff. Reservations can be made now by calling 635-2111. Tickets must be paid in advance to assure reservation.

The cast includes Ben Wall, Jennifer Carson, Krissi Harris, Natalie Boggan, Kelli Harris, Dinah Howell, Emily Boggan, Whitney Harris, Haley Harris, and Aimee Chandler, Staci Strebeck, Tabatha Gainey, Allison Wood, Heather Dittmer, Blair Anderson, Dru Anderson, Carmen Ezell, Luke Howell, Glen Hansford, Ja Nance, Matt Howell and Jeremy Swindle and Vicki Adcock, LaRee Lyle, I. B. Ware, Jim Savell, Rick Brooks, Lisa Harrison, Shawn Houser, Erica Roberson, Richard Edwards, Lee Rigdon and Lucas Harms.

Class favorites selected







Freshman Class Favorites

Selected as Freshman Class Favorites for 1995-96 are Tonya Covington of Noxapater and Karen McRae of Carthage (top photo); and Bart Gregory of Nanih Waiya and Maurice Bowie of Morton (bottom photo)



Sophomore Class Favorites

Selected as Sophomore Class Favorites for the 1995-96 term are Christy Madison of Philadelphia, Shannon Harrison of Union and Melissa McLelland of Decatur (top photo); and Brad Babb of Morton, tives scheduled May 1. Jon Sharp of Newton and Tommy Bryan of Carthage (bottom photo).



Establishes scholarship

Mrs. Lynette Fulton, president of the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Arts Council, is shown presenting a check to East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith which will be used to establish a scholarship for students majoring in music, art or drama. Students eligible to receive the \$200 per semester award must have resided in Neshoba County for at least two years prior to attending ECCC; be of sophomore status; have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better; and have demonstrated leadership ability and have high moral and ethical values. In presenting the scholarship, Mrs. Fulton urged other organizations and individuals to support education by providing financial assistance for worthy students to attend East Central . Mrs. Fulton is also enrolled at ECCC, where the freshman nontraditional student is majoring in music with vocal emphasis. For more information about the Philadelphia/ Neshoba County Arts Council Music, Art or Drama Scholarship, contact the Financial Aid Office at East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 218.

Former ECCC student receives technology award

A recent graduate of the electron- Outstanding Technology Major ic technology program will be hon- Award, the highest honor presented ored by the University of West Alabama during Awards Day acti-

Mrs. Patsy Chisolm of Union has been informed she will receive the

to a student majoring in a technical field of study.

Mrs. Chisolm is a 1994 ECCC graduate.





VICA donates proceeds to Union Fire Department

Alan Spears (fourth from left), VICA Club president, is shown presenting a check for \$1,027 to Bob Ammon, Union Fire Department chief. VICA raised the money from donations given on a chair donated to the Club by La-Z-Boy in Newton. The Fire Department will use the proceeds to buy new equipment. Pictured from left are Lester Miles, VICA advisor, and Robbie Pearson, automotive technology instructor, both of Decatur; Ammon of Union; Spears of Philadelphia; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College presi-



Ac'cents

Selected as members of the Ac'cents for the 1996 spring term are (seated from left) Staci Strebeck of Decatur; LaRee Lyle of Lena; Laura Anderson of Philadelphia; and Jeremy Swindle of Decatur; and (standing from left) Lucas Harms of Decatur; Starre Wainscott of Lake; Lisa Harrison of Little Rock; Robert Evans and Kari Willis, both of Newton; and Lee Rigdon of Decatur. This popular vocal ensemble is selected by audition. The group is directed by Charles Hinson, music instructor. (Photo by Bubby Johnston)



Collegians

Selected as members of the Collegians for the 1996 spring term are (front row from left) Matt Eakes (alto/tenor sax) of Philadelphia; J. B. Ware (trombone) of Union; and Glen Hansford and Mingo Tingle (technicians), Lori White (keyboards) and Ryan Clarke (bass), all of Decatur, (second row from left) Josh Bamburg and Brian Green (trumpet players) and Clay Hammond and Jim Savell (technicians), all of Decatur; Chancy Branning (drumset) of Philadelphia; and Nic Massey (guitar) of Union and (third row from left) vocalists Kim Blackburn, Lucas Harms and Jeremy Swindle, all of Decatur; Valeria Buggs of Newton; Staci Strebeck of Decatur; and Shawn Houser of Lake. The band is directed by Thomas W. Carson and Johnny May. (Photo by Bubby Johnston)

*****Collegians

footage from one of their campus concerts. The judges saw a light show, flashy costumes and a variety of upbeat songs

"I put several songs on the tape like "Old Time Rock and Roll," which everybody knows and a country song, fast-paced song, and a slow ballad. I really wanted the selection committee to see that no matter what type music people like, we're going to do something that appeals to everybody," Carson said.

The Collegians are also performing at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Washington, DC, April 17-22. Approximately 5,000 college students will be on hand for this Convention of the official honor society of the two-year college.

An audition tape was sent to the Convention Entertainment Committee for consideration as one of five groups to perform. The judges later decided that the Collegians would be the only group to perform as the featured entertainment for the Convention is Saturday awards night. "We won't be sharing the spotlight with anyone else," said Johnny May, assistant to the band director. "This is going to be a lot of fun, because the main body of people

that love us are college students."

The Collegians perform each year at high schools in the ECCC district; local, state, regional and national conventions; and at the Neshoba County Fair. The Fair performance has become a tradition for fairgoers.

"Last year, I had people come up to me at the Fair saying 'I never miss the Collegians performance,' and 'The Collegians concert is something I have to always see when I'm here," said Lucas Harms, a second-year vocalist for the group. "These were people from out-of-state who have cabins there, not just our local fans."

This will be the group is third performance in Atlanta following two prior performances at Six Flags-Georgia. They have also performed at Six Flags-Texas in Dallas/Ft. Worth and Disney World's Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Fla.

Other invitations for the Collegians this year include a comeback performance at Disney World and performances at Universal Studios-Florida and I watch MTV. I even try to catch and Opryland. You can see the Collegians live on April 29 at Huff Auditori-

selected each year by audition in the that all of our audiences can enjoy.'

fall. Members of the Collegians include vocalists Kim Blackburn, Harms, Staci Strebeck and Jeremy Swindle, of Decatur; Valeria Buggs, Newton; and Shawn Houser, Lake; rhythm section Nic Massey (guitar), Union; Ryan Clarke (bass), Decatur; Lori White (keyboards), Little Rock; and Chancy Branning (drumset), Philadelphia; winds Josh Bamburg and Brian Green (1st and 2nd trumpet), both of Decatur; Matt Eakes (alto/tenor sax), Philadelphia; and J. B. Ware (trombone), Union; and technicians Jim Savell, Lake; and Clay Hammond, Glen Hansford and Mingo Tingle, all of Decatur

"I love being a Collegian. What makes us so unique is that we're a college group, but we're a country/rock-nroll band that does Top 40 music like you hear on the radio," said Buggs.

Carson, Collegians director for 14 years, said, "I try to keep the music current as I get older. I listen and continuously change stations on the radio, the groups on 'David Letterman' and 'Conan O'Brien.' I make sure we have state-of-the-art equipment, but most of The vocal/instrumental group is all we work hard to put together a show

Sports



The Lady Warriors following their championship victory

How the South was won

By MARK BEASON The Tom Tom

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There is an old saying in sports that you can't win the Kentucky Derby on a donkey. Well you might say that a basketball season is similar to a horse race in that you can't win without talented players and a good coach. Heading into the 1995-96 basketball campaigne very few people expected the Lady Warriors of East Central to bring much to the track. After all they lost a good portion off last years squad which finished state runner-up.

Going into the season the Lady Warriors were pre-season picked to

finish fourth by the other coaches in make a quality basketball team. He the South only to prove them wrong finishing not only No. 1 in the regular season but followed that up by winning the South half tournament over 23 points and 16 rebounds per held at Pearl River Community Collage.

"We were overlooked by a lot of people. Nobody really gave us much credit," Lady Warrior coach Sammy Pace said. "We did about as good as I expected, maybe a little better. I had no idea that we would win the South." But once the season started coach Pace reveled to everyone just what he had in his stable.

He had all the tools it takes to 17-11 record.

had a dominating post player in Melody Reed who averaged a double - double for the season averaging game. Also he had returning at the key point guard position Jenifer Alexander who averaged almost four and a half assists per contest. Mix those in other key role players and you get the making of a pretty good basketball team.

Coach Pace said he thought that they would win anywhere between 15 and 20 games and he was right on the money as the Lady Warriors finished the season with an impressive



Diamond Girls

The Diamond Girls for the 1995-96 Diamond Warrior baseball campaign include (first row from left) Whitney Salter of Philadelphia; Tonya Covington of Noxapater; Jill Martin and Heather Eakes (Captain), both of Philadelphia; and Jessica Warren (Captain) of Carthage; (second row from left) Tonya Williamson of Ludlow, Stephanie Cook of Carthage, Christina Miller of Union, Nesa Gressett of Carthage and Kendra Gage of Philadelphia; and (third row from left) Lanette Lynch of Noxapater, Karen McRae of Carthage, Erica Roberson of Philadelphia, Vicki Adcock of Decatur and Aimee Chandler of Louisville. Lanette Hanna, recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center director, serves as Diamond Girl advisor. (Photo by Bubby Johnston)



Lady Warrior tennis team

Members of the 1996 Women's Tennis Team include, from left, Lori White of Little Rock, Stephanie Taylor of Forest, Tara Renaud of Carthage, Shannon McDonald of Decatur, Melissa McLelland of Gulfport (formerly of Decatur) and Coach Natalie Vance of Decatur. (Photo by Jarrod Ravencraft)





Softball team

Member of women's softball team for the 1996 campaign include (kneeling from left) Pheebe Lockett, Louisville; Christy Madison, Neshoba Central; Joanie Winstead, Leake Academy; Shekeisha Coleman, Louisville; Amy Moore, Noxapater; and Margaret Vance, Sebastopol; and (standing from left) Jennifer Thomas, Neshoba Central; Sylvia Alexander, Hickory; Shannon Harrison, Union; Olivia McDaniel, Neshoba Central; Stephanie Houston, Carthage; Angela Amos, Choctaw Central; Cassandra Luckett, Carthage; Renate Ben, Choctaw Central; and Carleata Kelly, Louisville. The Lady Warriors are coached by Mike Anderson. (Photo by Bubby Johnston)

Softball team begins season in Moss Point tourney

Participation in the Moss Point Choctaw Central; Stephanie Houston Tournament on Saturday, March 2 officially begins season action for the East Central Community College women's softball team, which this McDaniel and Jennifer Thomas, both year is composed mostly of freshmen for fourth-year coach Mike Ander-

Although the 1996 version of Lady Warrior softball is somewhat inexperienced, Anderson anticipates another winning season.

We're young but we have a lot of talented players who have really come together as a unit. We should have a good year, Anderson said.

Returning from the 1995 squad which posted a 28-24 record and placed fourth in state tournament competition - are sophomores Shekeisha Coleman of Louisville, Shannon Harrison of Union, Christy Madison of Neshoba Central and Joanie Winstead of Leake Academy.

Freshman team members include Sylvia Alexander of Hickory, Attalia Amos and Renate Ben, both of

and Cassandra Luckett, both of Carthage; Carleata Kelly and Pheebe Lockett, both of Louisville; Olivia of Neshoba Central; Amy Moore of Noxapater; and Margaret Vance of

Sebastopol. Although a sophomore, this is Thomas first year of participation as a Lady Warrior softball team member.

East Central begins home action on March 20 against Copiah-Lincoln.

1996 Women's Softball Schedule (Remaining games)

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April 11	Pearl River	Home
April 15	Gulf Coast	Away
April 17	Jones	Away
April 18	Southwest	Home
April 20	Shelton State Tournament	Tuscaloosa
April 27	State Tournament	Kosciusko
Лау 4	Regional Tournament	Meridian

ECCC baseball team

Members of the 1996 baseball squad include (seated from left) shortstop Jason Bailey, Brandon; second baseman Nick Dumas, Chatom, La.; outfielder Brandon Williams, Gonzales, La.; pitcher Jason Latham, Morton; pitcher Tony Perozo, Lake; pitcher Joey Rigdon, Decatur; outfielder Greg McBride, Newton; and third baseman Freddie Gentry, Hickory; (kneeling from left) catcher Mick Garrity, Slidell, La.; catcher Bryan Madison, Philadelphia; pitcher Willis Lally, Breaux Bridge, La.; shortstop Cary Lambert, Gonzales, La.; third baseman Jonathan Crowe, Philadelphia; outfielder Coby Miller, Louisville; and outfielder Danny Hight, Leakesville; and (standing from left) outfielder Monty McMullan, Stonewall; outfielder Tommy Bost, Philadelphia; third baseman Jonathan Jones, Philadelphia; pitcher Craig Vowell, Philadelphia; pitcher Mark Davis, Stonewall; pitcher Coleman Smith, Leakesville; first baseman Eric Butler, Clarkdale; pitcher Kenny Estep, Bastrop, La.; outfielder Marcus Thames, Louisville; first baseman Eric Cook, Carthage; first baseman Ray Ivy, Louisville; catcher Steve Ricks, Carthage; and pitcher Germaine Chambers, Noxapater. Not pictured are Coaches Jamie Clark, David Martin and Ricky Harrison

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Golf team

Members of the Golf Team for 1996 include, from left, Jason Driskell of Forest, Lee Wylie of Louisville, Ben Myers of Philadelphia, and Peyton Weems and Dow Thomas, both of Louisville. Joe Clark serves as coach for the team. (Photo by Jarrod Ravencraft)



ECCC students win honor

These East Central Community College students placed second in the seventh annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges South Mississippi Scholars Bowl competition held Jan. 26 on the Jefferson Davis campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Team members, shown with the trophy they received, include (seated from left) Jonathan Sharp of Newton and Chris Gomillion (captain) of Harperville, and (standing from left) Joey Thrash of Walnut Grove, Brad Gressett of Lake and alternate Andy Sistrunk of Forest. At right is ECCC English instructor Linda Baucum who serves as sponsor. Sharp was also recognized as the top scorer in the academic competition and received a plaque for his achievement. The ECCC students later advanced to the statewide Scholars Bowl contest held Feb. 16-17 at the University of Mississippi in Oxford.





Mayes signs scholarship

William Mayes (left) of Roosevelt, Alabama, a two-year defensive standout at East Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi, has signed a national letter of intent to attend Louisiana Tech. Mayes, a 6'3", 244-pound linebacker, was named second team All-State and participated in the annual MACJC All-Star Classic following the 1995 campaign. A product of Wenonah High School, Mayes is shown during signing ceremonies with ECCC assistant football coach Frederick Lyons.



Men's tennis team

Members of the Warrior Men's Tennis Team for the 1996 campaign include (first row from left) Asif Iqbal of Forest and Ryan Smith of Little Rock, (second row from left) Ty Nowell of Philadelphia and Jon Sharp of Newton, and (third row from left) Bart Gregory of Louisville and Brian Parks of Newton. Joe Clark serves as coach for the team. (Photo by Jarrod Ravencraft)



All-stater

Freshman basketball standout Maurice Bowie was named first team All-State following the 1995-96 campaign. Bowie, a 6'6" product of Morton High School, averaged 19 points and seven rebounds per game for the Warriors. Bowie, the only freshman selected on the All-State first team, posted a 56.3 field goal percentage. Bowie is the son of Rose Marie Honeysucker of Lena.



Ethridge honored

Dr. Richard C. Ethridge, Chairman of the Division of Social Science, Business Administration and Education at East Central Community College in Decatur, was recently selected an honorary member of the Collegers Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. In recognizing Dr. Ethridge, who has taught social science classes at East Central since 1961, chapter officials cited his distinguished service to PTK and the field of education. A long- time advocate of academic excellence, Ethridge was one of the first instructors trained to teach the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Course. He continues to make significant contributions to the program by teaching not only a leadership course for ECCC students but also assists in presenting the Leadership Newton County program for local community leaders. Dr. Ethridge was honored during ceremonies to induct East Central students into the prestigious honor society.

Mu Alpha Theta inductees

These students are the newest members of Mu Alpha Theta, the honor society for students majoring in math or related fields of study in two-year colleges. Pictured (first row, from left) are Tonya Williamson, Ludlow; Angela Anthony, Sebastopol; Karen McRae, Carthage; and Olivia Hamil, Sebastopol; and (second row, from left) Andy Sistrunk, Forest; Amy Boatner, Philadelphia; Jonathan Sharp, Sebastopol; and Adella Rainer, Decatur. Mu Alpha Theta is sponsored by Lois McMullan, mathematics instructor. (Photo by Jarrod Ravencraft)



SIFE officers

Selected to serve as officers for Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) for the 1995-96 term are (seated) Ryan Smith of Little Rock, president, and (standing from left) Staci Strebeck of Decatur, vice president; Peggie Warren of Union, treasurer; and Jennifer Bonner of Newton, secretary. The organization is sponsored by Wanda Moore, economics instructor. (Photo by Jarrod Ravencraft)



State officer

East Central Community College sophomore Rochelle Reid of Forest was recently elected **Central District Representative** of the Mississippi HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) chapter during the annual state convention held on the ECCC campus in Decatur. HOSA is an organization designed to help health occupation students acquire the knowledge, skills and behavior essential in preparing for a health career. Membership is open to all students enrolled in health occupation courses. Reid is enrolled in the College s surgical technology program. Her instructor is Janice Jacobs



Alman addresses psychology students

Dr. Rex Alman, retired director of Weems Mental Health Center, was a recent guest speaker for Alice Pouncey's psychology classes. During his remarks, Dr. Alman urged students to believe in one's self and added it is up to the individual to fulfill one s prophecy. He also stressed the importance of having a positive attitude about life. In addition, Dr. Alman expressed concern about the increasing divorce rate. He said statistics continue to show that the primary reason couples divorce is a lack of communication between partners. Dr. Alman is a regular visitor on campus, speaking to various classes upon request. (Photo by Bubby Johnston)



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Five inducted into Hall of Fame

Five new member were added to the East Central Hall of Fame during Awards Day Ceremonies on May 2. Inductees include: Vicki Adcock of Decatur; Valeria Buggs of Newton; Christopher Gomillion of Forest; Brad Gressett of Lake; and Jonathan S. Sharp of Newton. Being selected for the Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student can achieve at East Central.

Vicki Adcock of Decatur is a member of The Tom-Tom staff, the President's Council, and the Warrior Marching Band. She is also actively involved in the Baptist Student Union and the Student Education Association. Vicki was in the cast of "Annie", "Steel Magnolias" and "Rumors" as a member of the ECCC Players. She served as Secretary/Treasurer for the Warrior Corps, is a President's List Scholar, and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Vicki is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Adcock of Decatur.

Valeria Buggs is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny F. Buggs of Newton. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau. She was the recipient of the Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Scholarship for Biological Sciences and was selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Valeria is also a President's List Scholar and a member of the Warrior Corps. She has been very active in the music department at East Central by participating in the concert band, the Warrior Marching Band, the Concert Choir and the Collegians.



Vicki Adcock

Society. He is the recipient of the National Collegiate Engineering Award, a Mathematics Achievement Award, and an Academic All-American Scholar Nominee. In addition, Chris is active in the Peer Tutorial Program, and represented East Central at the Natchez Literary Festival as the outstanding humanities student. Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Erbert Gomillion of Harperville.

Brad Gressett is President of the Warrior Corps and Alpha Alpha Epsilon. He is also a member of



Valeria Buggs





Chris Gomillion



Commencement scheduled May 10

record 360 candidates for graduation during commencement exercises scheduled Friday, May 10, announced Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Instruction. Ceremonies begin at 8 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

Delivering the commencement address will be Valeria Buggs of Newton, a President's List Scholar who maintained a 4.0 grade point average during both years at East Central. The pre-pharmacy major was recently named to the College's Hall of Fame, the highest honor presented to an ECCC student.

Other students participating in program activities include 77-yearold Lorene Graham of Conehatta, recognized as the oldest inductee from Mississippi in Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, who will give the invocation; soloist Staci Strebeck of Decatur who will perform, "We Have This Moment Today"; and Missouri Ferguson of Philadelphia, benediction.

Degrees and certificates will be awarded by College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Students who have completed the

application process and are candidates for graduation include the following:

LEAKE COUNTY: Rella B. Billy, Mistee H. Hollis, Misty Jones,

Diplomas will be awarded to a Alice Suzanne Brown, Steve Christopher Ricks and Johnny Mack Chancellor, all of Carthage; Heather McMillan, Edinburg; Billie Jean Martin, Thomastown; James Bradley Johnson, Cynthia Pigg, Lori Williamson Gunn, Amy Desha Brooks, Dawn Suzanne Cockrell, Jessica Faulkner Moss and Stephanie Ann Hodges, all of Lena; and Glenda Isaac, Hugh Ralph Isaac, Willie Solomon, Penny L. Starr, Yancy Thrash, Tabatha Lynn Gainey, Tara U. Cager, Tiffany McDill Lathem, Jerry Ross Moody, Leller McCarty and Marie L. Riley, all of Walnut Grove

NESHOBA COUNTY: Gary P. Akins, Robert Whittle, Sherry Barstis, Kesha Lynette Baxstrum, Melanie D. Benn, Angie Billy, Herman Glenn Billie, Kameron Nelson Clay, Timothy P. Comby, Robert E. Courtney, Ella Mae Crocker, Barbara Farmer, Sandra Farmer, Rhonda Farve, Sharon Gibson, Kellie M. Goss, Rana Jo Hall, Sherry Burkes Heflin Susie M. Henry, Gwendolyn D. Hickman, Willie LaShon Horne, Liza Ketcher, Shannon Craig McNeil, Bernita Joyce Reynolds, Sharon Thompson, Tanya Tullos, Jimmy L. Vaughn, Jr., Sandra K. Weaver, Ronald Ryan Sam, Kevin Wayne Baysinger, Jimmy Paul Gray, Shannon J. Keats, Carla Adele Parker, Dawnena Dey John, David Craig Vowell, Wendy Ann Phillips, Tyler Arron Nowell, Tyrome Wayne Tank, Juakita Anderson, Jason Scott Fulton, Bradley A. Burns, Joyce Porter Ellis, Michael David Wilson, Robbie Lee Farmer, Ariadne Kay Wallace, Rowena W. Whitham, Amanda Jill Goldman, Kvra Lea Fulton, John Thomas Bates, Jonathan Davis Jones, Marsha Diane Thomas, Missouri Ann Ferguson, Kimberly Rushing, Shaunta Moore, Chancy Clinton Branning, Kimberly Dawn Gentry, Christy Leann Madison, William Brent Cumberland, Jennifer Marie Thomas, Randy Morris Bain, Emily

Chris Gomillion is a President's List Scholar and a member of the ECCC Scholar's Bowl Team both his freshman and sophomore years. He is also the Regional President of the Mississippi-Louisiana Region of Phi Theta Kappa. Locally, Chris serves as President of Mu Alpha Theta and Vice-President of Alpha Alpha Epsilon Engineering

Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta and the Scholars Bowl Team. He served as the student trainer and the statistician for the women's basketball program for two years and led a leadership conference for area high school students. Brad received a full scholarship to East Central based on his outstanding ACT score. He is a member of the President's Council and was selected to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. Brad is the son of Mr. Larry Gressett of Newton and Mrs. Ruth Rucker of Lake.

Jon Sharp is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Sharp of Newton. He **Brad Gressett**

Scholar, a U. S Achievement

Academy All-American Scholar,

and one of two EC nominees for

the PTK/USA Today All-Academic

Jon Sharp serves as President for Phi Theta team. Jon participated, on the Kappa and Vice-President of Mu Scholars Bowl Team both his Alpha Theta. Jon is also a member freshman and sophomore years of the President's Council, the and was the recipient of the J. Warrior Corps and the tennis team. Andy Miller Freshman Engineer-He is a National Dean's List ing Award. A President's List

Nanette L. King, Anthony R. Morgan, Michael Andy Johnston, Monte Damon Ladner, Ozie Anderson, Brenda Michelle Long, Debbie Lynn Wilcher, Justin James Schmidt, Shane Juan McNair, Leigh Merchant Watkins, James Wood Babb, James Withers, Charles Aaron Griffin, Allen Peoples, Jessica Lee Warren, Tammy Lynn Martin, Kipling DeWayne Wilcher, Samuel Lamar Beckham, Eric Steven Cook, Deborah Garvin Johnson, Heather Marie Dittmer, Sheila Nanette Morgan, Joanie Lynn Winstead, Mac Arthur McFadden, Leslie Michael Tucker, Jennifer Dawn Alexander, Frankie Dewayne king, Marla Lee Chamblee,

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New ECCC park

A sign officially designating the new Sullivan Park area was recently constructed. The picturesque park, a project of the ECCC Alumni Association, is named for one of the College's first faculty members, Janie Harrelson Huff Sullivan, an education instructor from 1925-1956. Mrs. Sullivan died in 1965. Several former and current ECCC personnel played key roles in establishing Sullivan Park, including (from left) Dr. Brad Tucker, former dean of instruction; Frank Rives, former director of admissions, records and research; Carol Vickers, former English instructor who currently teaches adult basic education classes at the College; Lucille Wood, physical education instructor and former women's basketball coach; Mike Dearing, physical plant director; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president. The park area, a popular gathering place on the Decatur campus, contains walkways, benches, tables, lights, various flowering plants and shrubbery, and the recent addition of 125 day lily plants donated by alumnus Paul Simmons of Louisville.

Cheerleaders announced for 1996-97

American Junior Colleges.

Scholar at East Central, Jon was

also selected for inclusion in

Who's Who Among Students in

Cheerleaders for East Ce Community College footbal basketball teams during the 199 term have been selected follo tryouts recently held on the De campus.

Leading cheers for the Wa football squad will be female bers Jeana Santmyer and He Munn, both of Newton; Crystal ley of Hickory, Shannon Chan Philadelphia, Emily Jenkin Shubuta, Kelly Melton of Enter Stephanie Rascoe of Stonewal Kristi Temple of Hickory and Covington of Noxapater. squad members are Wade Brea Ryan White and Brian Madisc of Philadelphia; Travis Mizel Greg Perkins, both of Edinburg Bill Johnson of Hickory. P. Moore of Louisville was select alternate.

Chosen as cheerleaders for Lady Warrior and Warrior bask teams are four females: Santa Cooley, Melton and Martin three males: Breazeale, Mize White. Alternates are Rascoe and Johnson.

Selected to serve as the Warrior Chief mascot for the football and basketball seasons is Gabe Miller of Hickory.

Virginia Pace serves as cheerleader sponsor.

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8, 1996 beginning at 8 a.m.

Grades will be due in the Admissions Office Thursday, May 9, 1996 at 2:30 p.m.

East Central students write on...

The cost of smoking

By ROBERT ALEXANDER The Tom-Tom

Companies who manufacture cigarettes should have to pay portions of the Medicaid and Medicare costs which result from cigarette smoking. Companies have been getting richer and richer while insurance companies and the general public fight rising medical costs.

While large numbers of smokers die each year from diseases related to cigarette smoking, they are not the only ones to suffer. Hundreds more are affected through second hand smoke over which they have no control. If inhaling someone else's cigarette smoke is not bad enough, think about the thousands of dollars people are forced to spend each year because of illnesses which result.

Many families lose everything they have accumulated by paying

astronomical health care costs for cancer, emphysema, or other smoking-related illnesses. These costs can quickly consume insurance benefits, family savings, and family earning due to loss of work.

Some people would argue that the cigarette manufacturers aren't responsible because the companies do not force people to buy cigarettes. What cigarette, companies have done is worse-they have seduced people into smoking. Their market begins with children too young to make rational judgments. Cigarette manufacturers promote their products in a variety of ways which readily attract the underage buyer. Some cigarette advertisements even revolve around cartoon characters, Joe Camel for example. Joe Camel is probably more readily recognized by the general public than the vice-president!

Advertisements make smok-

ing appear "cool" which is a sure enticement to young people trying to "fit in". While recent legislation makes it unlawful to sell cigarettes to minors, vending machines have made it simple to purchase cigarettes. Children don't realize the harm they are doing to themselves.

In addition, some cigarette companies have added chemicals to their products to make the cigarettes more addictive. When these youngsters get older and perhaps realize the dangers of smoking, they have a difficult time quitting because of this addiction.

Why should cigarette companies be allowed to sell tobacco products? They should be classified just as any other entity selling illegal drugs; yet they have an open legal market. Cigarette companies have gotten away with this for too long; they should have to pay states Medicare and so much more.

To smoke or not to smoke

of contracting lung cancer or many

other types of respiratory ailments

due to smoking are very high. If

they choose to ignor the warnings

and continue to smoke, then they

have no one to blame but them-

selves. No one deserves cancer, but

people who continue to smoke

despite the warnings certainly don't

deserve to be compensated for the

illness. The truth of the matter is

that the cigarette smokers should pay

part of the costs of medical treatment

fo rvictims of secondary smoke.

They are the only "victims" in this

By JOE GREEN The Tom-Tom

In a recent court ruling, a major tobacco company paid out huge sums of money to states on behalf of victims who suffered cigarette-related illness. Cigarette companies should not be responsible for cigarette related illness. Nobody forces a person to smoke cigarettes so tobacco companies should not have to pay part of a person's Medicaid or Medicare coverage.

People have been warned repeatedly by the surgeon general that

> **My Future By MARSHA THOMAS**

When I look back over my life And see the things I've done, It is then that I realize The Lord is number one. It makes me wonder why I'm here, Why I'm on the earth. If only I knew some of God's plans, I'd understand my worth. He sent Jesus to the earth for me, To die for all my sins Knowing someday I would come clean, Let Jesus make amends. Although I don't know what tomorrow will bring, I know what my future will be. When I die, I'll go to meet Him,

And I know that He'll know me.

Best Things By TRAVIS MIZELL isinist s'noM

Plaver, TV Nowell Sometimes the best things in life are already taken.

There for me to see, but never touch. And when I stare, tears in my eyes, It begins to hurt so much. My heart belongs to yours. Your heart belongs to another.

smoking can be hazardous to one's tragedy. health. They know that the chances

Some cigarette companies have been accused of putting addictive drugs into cigarettes. If this can be proven without any doubt, then the company should be forced out of business. People, on the other hand, are still responsible for the consequences of smoking. The warnings on the package and the media warnings against smoking should be sufficient to convince people not to smoke. If they continue to smoke once they know the dangers, they should be the only ones responsible for paying for the health problems that result.

Student Education **Association meets**

On April 2, the Student Education Association held its most recent meeting. Judy Beaird, Recruitment Coordinator for the Mississippi Teacher Center was our guest.

She brought information on shortage areas in the state, NTE requirements, salary scale, certification information, and job placement procedures. Mississippi Teacher Center was established to attract and retain quality teachers in Mississippi. The Mississippi Teacher Center was mandated by the Mississippi Legislature to open July, 1994. There are several programs and services of MSTC.

Questions are welcome. Mississippi Teacher Center, Mississippi Department of Education, P.O. Box 771, Jackson, MS 39205-0771. Or you may call 601-359-3631.

Mother Nature By TRAVIS MIZELL

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all of Newton and Connie I Magnificent treesmont tower up from the ground, Cheerful birds flying all around. Beautiful flowers, blue, purple, and red, Sitting upright in their own comfortable bed. Luscious green grass lining the street, The soft moist ground under your feet. All creatures of the earth, in their own little nest, This is Mother Nature at her best.

The silent battle

By CARRIE GLAZE The Tom-Tom

There is a battle taking place, not only in America, but in many other countries as we speak. This battle does not involve the bickering of two nations, but it involves the lives of our citizens. We are fighting the terrible enemies of malaria, tuberculosis, and AIDS.

Many believed the diseases of malaria and tuberculosis were a thing of the past, but now they are feared by over half of the world's population. AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis killed 16.5 million people in 1993,

Sometimes life may be unfair.

according to the Global Research Organization. There are reasons why these diseases are resurfacing and why new diseases are beginning. Increasing population, extreme poverty, sanitation, incorrect use of medicines, and polluted water and air are among the many reasons why these diseases are taking the lives of so many.

These diseases, mainly malaria and tuberculosis are exploding in developing countries, such as India and Thailand. In Thailand AIDS is said to cut life expectancy from 69 years old to 40 years old by the year 2010. HIV-AIDS in India is said to

lion. These results are not only in foreign countries, but in the United States as well. They have caused death to 58% of American people between 1980 and 1992. Our only solution for these dis-

increase from 1.5 million to 30 mil-

eases is prevention. By doing this we should have better sanitation, some sort of pollution control, checking people with sexually transmitted diseases, and educating our children about these diseases. If these measures are not taken, then these diseases will not only take lives, but it may become a battle that we are unable to fight!01 which include sw petiti

To My Friend

By MARSHA THOMAS

It may throw you a curve. You may feel as if you are down for the count. That's when friends are needed, To help you through your turmoil. To lend a hand when one is needed. Friends can be there for you, whenever you need them You just have to learn how to let someone be your friend. After they help you a special bond is made, Between the two people. This bond is then very hard to break. The only thing bad about friends, Is Learning to be One.

Friends

By TRAVIS MIZELL

Blind and lost I stumbled through the Thorny Forest. I could hear the echoing voices of the Hamilton leading me on

like the soft words spoken by a stranger who holds a knife to your throat.

They try to soothe and comfort your fears, but at the same time hint at your mortal danger. The fear of my loneliness gripped me as I stumbled onward.

My goal was close; I could feel it. The warmth of the unseen fire could be felt on my face and chest. Yes, I was almost at the end.

An end to the torment and misery of this trip. I felt the sudden comforting feeling of worked wood brush my fingertips

A door to a cabin and my salvation. I could feel the warmth seep through the cracks. I beat upon the door face until I felt its surface give way.

My vision began to clear as I stepped into the radiance within.

I thanked my host for his hospitality. And embraced the soothing touches of freedom and of death was over me.

Gabe Miller

I only met you A short time ago. But you've become invaluable to me just wanted you to know. Certain things have happened Between you and me. Everything that has occured Has become a friendship key. There have been times both good and bad, As I'm sure there will be more. But if you really think about it, What else is a friendship for. So much already have you done for me, That the only wish I can make, Is that for even half of what you have given, May I so offer for you to take. More than you will ever know, That's how much I love YOU. And it's because of all the love you give In everything that you do.

Try and try as I may, You seem not to bother. So I convince myself to move on, But my heart doesn't take the bait. As hard as I push, It's still willing to wait. Getting over this problem Is such a hard chore. Some things are special, And your love is definitely worth waiting for. So as I watch you with someone other than me, An ounce of courage I try to find. Enough to let me wait,

In Your Heart **By TRAVIS MIZELL**

I push and push with all my might, To try to get rid of the beautiful sight, Of your face floating through my mind, Not every once in a while, but all the time. To have that picture there really pains me. Because I know we can never be. It hurts and hurts and hurts me so, For having your love, I will never know. So I close my eyes, to go to sleep, But even in my dreams, I weep. So I wake up, with a great pain in my heart, Wondering how did this feeling start. It started when I had looked in your eyes, My heart skipped a beat, my stomach filled with butterflies.

But as I stared, the world turned bleak, A single tear, ran down my cheek. Because as I looked, all I could see, Was in your heart, there was no room for me. **The Computer** Age By MICHAEL WHITE

Eye wrote this little poem Four all the whirled to here Eye hope that ewe can sea that Eye hold it very deer I ran this threw my spell check And I'm glad two let ewe no It's absolutely perfect My PC tolled me sew

The ability to laugh at life is right at the top, with love and communication, in the hierarchy of our needs. Humor has much to do with pain; it exaggerates the anxieties and absurdities we feel, so that we gain distance and through laughter, relief.

-Sara Davidson

* Commencement

Jill Kirkland, David Wayne Gray, Goodin, Pamela Hickman, Aimee C. Calvin W. Moore, Sylvia Willis Pope, Joe Robert Martin, Charlie Brad Moody, Victor Reynard Donald, Stacey Dale Ricks, Denise Michele John, Jacquelyn Mathis Porter, Patty Steve and Patricia Terrell Trest, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Dennis L. Dooley, Alan Ray John, Sylvia Johnson, Patricia Webb, Jason Thomas Jackson, Henry Lee Shumake, Deana Helen Chickaway, Janice Williamson, Lorene Jones Graham, Ryan Scott McDill, Christopher Wade Graham James Wesley Boykin, Rebecca M. Nickey, Kerry Alane Gibbon, Heather Lynn McDill and Wilburn Williamson, Jr., all of Conehatta; Kimberly Propst Spillman, Rhonda Nicole Landers, Leslie Ann Terrell, Elaine Annette Blount, Lester Miles Cleveland, Wendy Leigh Russell, Stephanie Suzanne Baskin, Victoria Bernice Adcock, Angela Hartness Jones, Timothy Bryan Richarson, Karri Dean Kerske, Melissa Shea McLelland, Gloria S. Rigdon, Staci Michelle Strebeck, Lorrie Ponder Stamper, Anita Taylor Harris, Allen W. Amis, Cathy L. May, LaRae Wilkerson, Lisa K. Moulds, Tammy V. Sessums, Katrina Thames, Brandy Graham, Chris McElhenney, Clay Legette Hammond and Mandy Henry White, all of Decatur; Sylvia Dawkins Alexander, Angela Celesta Cleveland, Larry Daniel Crader, Chris Bond, Ross Whitney Little, Deloris Tanksley Coleman and K. Danielle Strait, allof Hickory; Stephanie Ann Wilhelm, William Ryan Buteux, Linda Breland Pierce, Macreszz L. Beamon, Robin M. Bugg Hines and Sammy Dale Boykin, all of Lawrence; Brandi K. Smith, Robet Chad Lewis, Melissa McDill, Ryan Smith, Robert (Robby) K. Brady, all of Little Rock; Marcia Leigh Vance, Tracey Annette Anderson, Rosie Deloris Boyd, John Bradley Gipson, Alphonzo L. Norman, Jonathan Stewart Sharp, Jennifer Nicole Bonner, Brian A. Parks, Valeria M. Buggs, Leroy Coleman, Jr., Kari Lynn Willis, Martha Renee Wheeler, Sincere S. Moncrief, Freddie Steve Warnsley Hedrick. Janet McCree, Mistie Robinson Arthur, Eric G. Norman, Kelly Renae Prine Miller, Keshia Latrese Hodges, Toshia Harris, Glenda W. Logan, Sonia McBreairty, Lisa Shante Cunningham and Steven Maurice Morris, all of Newton; and Connie Elaine Thompson, Sequita Yvette Williams, Redell Nash, Alan R. Spears, Bryant Keith Creel, Amanda Denise Phillips, KeeKee Denise Micheal, Jeremy A. Wilkerson, Gayla Marie Penson, Mildred Breland Stephens, Kenneth Eugene Bankston, Bruce Scott Posey, Teresa Neese Barton, Amy Annette Monk, Jennifer S. Cumberland, Orenthal J. McNichols,

Pamela Cumberland Goss, Marinda Joy Comans, Charles O. Tillman, Peggy Marie Warren, Louis Madison Skinner, Jr., Angela Michele Valentine, Don C. Wells, Jean Kristi Gordon, Shannon Alice Harrison, Bridgett D. Stevens, Jason Lloyd Germany, Jennifer Elizabeth Conn, Jason Allen Jones, Delda N. Barfoot, Tawanna D. Carter, Linda Clay, Phoebe Lyon, Phoebe Rachel Rogers, Jennifer E. Conn and Eeborah Dates Rigdon, all of Union. SCOTT COUNTY: Melanie Ann Cleveland, Sharon Renee Butler, Jeremy L. Harvey, Brian M. Eure, Margie Ann Stepehens, Elizabeth Hawkins, James Corey Alford, Frankie A. Reed, Bradley W. Sigrest, Keith Daniel Tadlock, Darwin M. Hatch, Melody L. Reed, Irwin Janell Ward, Kizzy Tyshon Williams, Patrick John Watson, Shonda Marie Sanders, Meckard Deon Carter, Carol Dannette Burkes, Teresa Dunlap, John M. Hines, Kathy McDaniel, Sojourner T. Warnsley, Mary Knowles, John Lamar Vincent and Cashmere K. Sharpe, all of Forest; Christopher A. Gomillion, Harperville; Brad M. Gressett, Carrie Lynn Glaze, Pamela D. Pinkston, Michael Antonio Perozo, Charles Hamilton Harris, Clarice L. Harris Starre Michelle Wainscott, Shannon Michelle Towner, Vince Lee Parker and Rhonda M. Towner Weathers, all of Lake; Luther D. Stingley, Joel Carroll, William Chris Crain, Scott D. Myrick, Mark Dale Bradshaw, Brandi Jeanea Laird, Shannon Renee Goss, Robert Allen Venters, Steven Ryan Crotwell, Gary A. Tracy, Misty Gatewood Tracy, John Franklin McCurdy and Tomeca Nicole Harper, all of Morton; and Angela Gaye Anthony, Bobby Dewayne Viverette and Tony Michael Anthony, Jr., all of Sebastopol. WINSTON COUNTY: Robert Dowdle Thomas, Rosie Mae Clark, Shekeisha L. Coleman, Tammy Gale Sanders, Robert Lee Wylie, Penny Pritchett Hill, Elizabeth Cole, William Peyton Weems, Scott William Gronewold, Reta Dickerson Hartness, Jason F. Nance, Darron L. Beeman, Bradley K. Addkison, Angela Burns, Jimmy D. Collins, Stacy Morris Edwards, Nicole Hirst

Chandler, James Brent Gregory, Charles David Dunlap, Chris Triplett and Elizabeth Hale Wyatt, all of Louisville; and Germaine Chambers, Deana Louise eynolds, Amy Lynn Anthony, Lanette Lynch, Treba Joy Smith, Christ Barrett, Jeffie Annette Lockwood and Denita Kay Howard Thomas, allof Noxapater.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

CLARKE COUNTY: Antonio Jones, Stonewall.

HINDS COUNTY: Kim Buse, Jackson

JASPER COUNTY: Kimbery Adams, Louin and Rowena Norvell Davis, Montrose.

JONES COUNTY: Ruthie M. Bell, Heidelberg.

KEMPER COUNTY: James T. Eldridge, DeKalb and Janice Lynn McLauchlin, Preston.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY: Denise Mabry, Michael L McWhirter and Tosha J. Frazier, all of Collinsville; and Brian L. Bellenger, Roderick V. Johnson, Richard L. Givens, Melissa Ann Winham McWhirter, LeAnn Thomas, Lisa C. Beadles, Laurie K. Hall, Jeff S. Vance and Lukelvin Chambers, all of Meridian

RANKIN COUNTY: Brad Austin Shedd, Sandhill.

OUT-OF-STATE

ALABAMA: Derrick Dorell Ballard, Birmingham; Netasha Shewann Ward, Livingston; William Mayes, Roosevelt; and Claude Pearson and Arick Campbell, both of Toxey. ARKANSAS: Darvis Elton Rasp-

berry, Pine Bluff. LOUISIANA: Cary Vincent Lam-

Awards Day ceremonies held May 2 at East Central

bert, Gonzales.

Awards Day ceremonies were held Thursday, May 2. Award recipients include the following:

Football Awards: First Team All-State, Marty Stojkovic and Kemba Bryant; Second Team All-State, Chad McBride and Jamie Day; All-Star, Marty Stojkovic, Jamie Day, William Mayes, and Harold Roberts; MVP Offensive Line, Chad McBride and DeMarcus Holmes; MVP Defensive Line, William Mayes; Best Offensive Back, Marty Stojkovic; Best Defensive Back, Ashanti Webb; Team Captains, Kemba Bryant and Marty Stojkovic; Academic Award, Lee Wylie.

Mens' Basketball Awards: Freshman of the Year, Maurice Jones; Most Improved, Darrick Massey; Best Defensive Player, Darvis Rasberry; Most Valuable Player, Maurice Bowie.

Women's Basketball Awards: Freshman of the Year, Mona Owens; Best Defensive Player, Pachasia Thompson; Free Throw Award, Olivia McDaniel; Rebounding Award, Melody Reed; Most Improved Player, Jennifer Alexander; Academic Award, Jennifer Alexander; Most Valuable Player, Melody Reed; Warrior Award, Kim Gentry.

Women's Tennis: Team Captain Award, Stephanie Taylor.

Men's Tennis: Most Valuable Player, Ty Nowell.

Golf: Most Valuable Player, Lee Wylie.

Vocational Awards: Cabinet Making, James Boykin; Carpentry, Tyrome Tank; Cosmetology, Doris Clay; Licensed Practical Nursing, Kimberly Estes; Vocational Student of the Year, Doris Clay.

Technical Awards: Automotive

Faculty Memorial Awards: J. Wallace Bedwell Business, Randy Bain; Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry, Stephanie Taylor; Sara Carr Deaton Business Technology, KeeKee Michael; Robert G. Fick Memorial Scholarship, Lucas Harms; Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Scholarship for Biological Sciences, Lee Rigdon; J. and Andy Miller Freshman Engineering, Brad Wilburn; Charles H. Pennington Business Technology, Tiffany McDill.

Special Honors: HEADWAE Award (student), Angela Anthony, (faculty), Linda Baucum; Scholars Bow Team, Chris Gomillion, Jonathan S. Sharp, Brad Gressett, Joey Thrash, Andy Sistrunk; All USA Community/Junior College Academic Team, Chris Gomillion and Jonathan S. Sharp.



East Central student vies for state pageant title

When contestants in this summer's Miss Mississippi Pageant are introduced before a statewide television audience, a familiar face will be among those vying for the state crown and a chance to become Miss America for 1996-97.

Nicole Simpson, an East Central Community College freshman from Morton, qualified for the Miss Mississippi contest after capturing the title of Miss Morton earlier this year. Simpson also won the swimsuit competition.

Winning Miss Morton marked the first pageant win for Simpson, 20, whose first involvement in beauty contests began her sophomore year at MHS. She was chosen third alternate that year, and later competed in the Miss Morton and Miss Dixie pageants in 1994. Although she did not place in either contest, her participation "helped me a great deal" in preparing for this year's competition. The liberal arts major said she is

simply "ecstatic" about competing for Miss Mississippi.

"I like being on stage and really like to entertain," said the 5'4", 105pound beauty, who will sing "Le Jazz Hut" for her talent, somewhat of a mood change from her rendition of "Cabaret" performed at the Miss Morton Pageant. "I was advised to change my song, and I really look forward to doing a jazz number," she said.

Simpson said she has been very busy preparing for the state contest, although obviously somewhat hampered by a broken foot she sustained in April. She hopes to have the cast removed in late May which would still leave her plenty of time to continue preparations for the annual event, scheduled July 10-13 in Vicksburg.

She said she is receiving a lot of assistance in her pageant preparations from advisors Lisa Cross of Pelahatchie, Dr. Cliff Coats of Memphis and a former Pelahatchie resident, and Brenda McCaughn, executive director of the Morton Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to fine-tuning her talent for the state contest, she is busy preparing for the other areas of som- of petition, which include swimsuit, evening gown and interview. Simpson said she has received a

lot of helpful advice and tips regarding her preparations.

- "Besides changing my song, I was also advised to 'tone up' my thighs. The best way to do that, I was told, is to swim or walk in water wearing blue jeans and high heels. It hould be kinda tough but I'm definitely going to try it," she said.



Miss Morton, Nicole Simpson

enjoying "being on stage," Simpson's involvement in such activities has been somewhat limited during her first year at East Central.

She added she looks forward to landnot too excited at first because of all president.

the work involved in preparing for the pageant. But the closer it gets to the contest, the more excited she becomes. And my dad (Ed Simpson of Lena) is, of course, very proud of his little girl," she said.

East Central Community College is also proud to have one of its students compete in the state question "We wish Nicole the very best

and will certainly be pulling for her to win the title of Miss Mississippi,"

ECCC Players hold Oscar Night

The ECCC Players celebrated a successful year in theater at their annual banquet in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on April 23. The ceremonies were hosted by Judy Carroll, ECCC theater director. Oscars, honoring outstanding achievement in theater, were given out in 13 categories including the following: Best Actress, Lisa Harrison as Chris Gorman in "Rumors"; Honorable Mention Best Actress, La Ree Lyle as Eulalie MacKecknie Shinn in "The Music Man"; Best Actor, Rick Brooks as Harold Hill in "The Music Man" and Matt Howell as Lenny Ganz in "Rumors" (tie); Best Supporting Actress, Vicki Adcock as Claire Ganz in "Rumors" and Emily Bullock as Cookie Cusack in "Rumors" (tie); Honorable Mention Best Supporting Actress, Heather Dittmer as Mrs. Paroo in "The Music Man"; Best Supporting Actor, Richard Edwards as Ernie Cusack in "Rumors"; Best Female Vocalist, Lisa Harrison as Marian Paroo in "The Music Man" and Staci Strebeck as Alma Hix in "The Music Man" (tie); Best Male Vocalist, Matt Howell, Jeremy Swindle, Lucas Harms and Lee Rigdon as the Quartet in "The Music Man"; Best Female Chorus Member, Karen McRae for "The Music Man"; Best Male Chorus Member, Shawn Houser as Charlie Cowell in "The Music Man"; Best Cameo, Jim Savell as Detective Welch in "Rumors". Special awards were given to Jarrod Ravencraft (Most Outstanding Contribution Award) for his work as the stage manager for "The Music Man" and J.B. Ware (ECCC Players Award) for his overall contributions to the theater department as both a crew and cast member.

She served as stage crew member for the fall dinner theater production of "Rumors" and the recently held spring musical, "The Music Man. ing a leading role in one of next year's productions. My mom (Dorothy Simpson of Morton) was said Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College

Body Repair, Lukelvin Chambers; Auto Mechanics, MacArthur McFadden; Child Development Technology, Rowena Whitman; Computer Technology, Mildred Stephens; Electrical Technology, Pete Graham; Electronic Technology, Jason Fulton; Heating and Air Conditioning, Keith Tadlock; Machine Shop Technology, Mark Bradshaw; Metal Fabrication Technology, Wilbert Holmes; O.L. Newell Drafting Award, Robert Venters; Surgical Technology Award, Rhonda Sheely; Technical Student of the Year, Rhonda Sheely.

Special Awards: Citizenship, Gloria Rigdon; Delta Kappa Gamma, Lynette Fulton; Tom Tom Award, Carrie Glaze; ECCC Players, Matthew Howell; ECCC Singers, Staci Strebeck; Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council Scholarship, Missouri Ferguson; History, Jim Savell; Mathematics (Freshman), Penny Hill; Mathematics (Sophomore), Angela Anthony; S. Lebrun Hutchinson, Shane Atchley; MBEA Student Award, Wendy Russell; Secondary Education, Madison Skinner; Spanish, Jonathan E. Sharp; AND Outstanding Achievement (First Year), Evelyn Robinson, (Second Year), Kim Spillman; Walter Arno Vincent Award for Excellence in Athletics, Robert Dowdle Thomas; Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Excellence in Non Traditional Education, Mary Knowles; Wo-He-Lo, Kyra Fulton.

Alumni Memorial Awards: Billy Wayne Baucum Secondary Education, Brent Gregory; Opal McMullan Dickinson Elementary Education, Jill Kirkland; Alatha Chaney English Award, Vicki Adcock; W.A. Coursey, Jr., Engineering, Chris Gomillion; Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers, Maurice Bowie; Sue Yarborough Fulgham Speech, Ja Nance; William S. Giffin Men's Intramural, Marcreszz Beamon; Danny R. Killens Engineering, Jonathan S. Sharp; Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa, Ryan Smith; Dr. Edwin Miller, Medical Services, Valeria Buggs; Howard Sessums Men's Basketball, Ja Nance; Andrew F. Webb Football, Marty Stokjovic; Earline Wood Women's Basketball, Kem Gentry.

Chris Gomillion



Jon Sharp

Gomillion, Sharp named to Academic **All-State Team**

Chris Gomillion of Harperville, a computer engineering major and Jon Sharp of Newton, an industrial engineering/business administration major were recently named First Team members to the 1996 All-Mississippi Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges.

In all, 50 students were named to three teams. Winners are selected on the basis of completed applications, written essays, letters of recommendation, academic performance, deonstration of leadership and community service involvement.

"Selected from among the more than 75,000 students enrolled in Mississippi;s Community and Junior Colleges this year, these students through their academic and leadership accomplishments restore one's faith in the future of our state and country," said Dr. David Haraway, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges prsident. students named to the All-Mississippi Teams are considered for placement on the All-USA Academic Teams, sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kapp and the American Association of Community Colleges.

In addition to preparing for the various areas of competition, Simpson has already participated in television promos publicizing the Miss Mississippi Pageant.

"I've done commercials-one at WTOK-TV in Meridian and another at WLBT-TV in Jackson. All I had to say was "I'm Nicole Simpson, Miss Morton. Be sure to watch the Miss Mississippi Pageant on July 13," she said. "It was really a lot of fun," she added.

Simpson has also had various photos taken which have been sent to pageant officials for use in publicity materials and other uses.

Although she earlier mentioned



State HOSA winners

Students in the surgical technology program recently participated in the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) State Competition. Pictured above are the winners (front from left) Dawn Bailey of Decatur, surgical technology skills, third; Roshonda Anderson of Meridian, surgical technology skills, fifth; Michelle Young of Forest, research persuasive speaking, third; Stephanie McCune of Newton, surgical technology skills, fouth; and (back from left) Rhonda Sheely of Conehatta, surgical technology skills, first and Rochelle Reid of Forest, surgical technology skills, second.





Win intramural women's title

Winning first place in the intramural women's basketball competition held recently on campus were the above members of the "Lady A's." Pictured are (first row from left) Carletta Denson, Shannon Cooke, Crystal Isaac and Amanda Reed, all of Philadelphia, and (second row from left) Coach Mark Williams, and Melanie Carson, both of Philadelphia; Felicia Sharp of Sebastopol; and Coach Shaun Grant of Conehatta. (Photo by Jarrod Ravencraft)



Win intramural basketball title

Winning first place in the intramural basketball competition held recently on campus were the above members of the team "Ghetto Blasters." Pictured are (first row from left) Quentin Holmes of Louisville; Dejuan Clark of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Jimmy Kincaid of Morton; and Justin Walley of Philadelphia and (second row from left) Kelvin Lyon of Decatur; Shaun Grant of Conehatta; William Mayes of Roosevelt, Ala.; Letrail Cistrunk of Louisville; and DeAngelo Wilson and Harold Roberts, both of Philadelphia. (Photo by Jarrod Ravencraft)







Intramural basketball runner-up

"Southern Players" placed second in the intramural basketball competition held recently in the old gym. Team members include (first row from left) Calvin Williams of Carthage; Edwin Moore of Noxapater; Neal Keeton of Morton; and Willie Grace of Meridian and (second row from left) Hollywood Green and Mark Thomas both of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Bouchard Greene of Atlanta, Ga.; Xavier Thomas of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Kevin Banks of Meridian. (Photo by Jarrod Ravencraft)

ECCC announces '96 football schedule

A road trip to Holmes Community College kicks off the 1996 football campaign for East Central, announced head coach Willie Coats. The non-divisional matchup is scheduled at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 5 on the Goodman campus.

The Warriors begin home action the following Thursday against Northeast, the first of five home contests. The Northeast game, as is the case with all home games played on Thursdays, begins at 6:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

Homecoming takes place on Saturday, Oct. 12, with the Warriors taking on Hinds in a 2:30 p.m. kickoff.

The complete 1996 football schedule is listed below:

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and	Thursday, Sept. 26	Itawamba	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
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	Saturday, Oct. 12	Hinds (HC)	Decatur	2:30 p.m.
	Saturday, Oct. 19	Gulf Coast	Perkinston	3 p.m.
	Thursday, Oct. 24	Jones	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
	Thursday, Oct. 31	Co-Lin	Wesson	7 p.m.
	Thursday, Nov. 7	Southwest	Decatur	6:30 p.m.

Centralettes selected for 1996-97

New members of the East Central Community College Centralettes, the dance line for the Warrior Marching Band, have been selected for 1996-97 following tryouts recently held announced band director Thomas W. Carson.

Those selected and their respective high schools include Tracey Richards and Layla Peoples, both of Newton; Mandy Sanders and Brandi Atkinson, both of Carthage; Erin Craven, Newton Academy; Tori Jordan, Michelle Henley and Kelly Alexander, all of Newton County High School; and Amanda Posey, Neshoba Central. Also chosen are freshmen Bonnie Bates and Jill Martin, both of Neshoba Central.

Returning squad members include LaRee Lyle, Scott Central; Karen McRae and Nikki Hurdle, both of Carthage; Jessica Hollis, Morton; Allyson McPhail, Leake Academy; Whitney Salter, Neshoba Central; and Lisa Harrison, Newton County High School.



ECCC infielders

Infielders on the baseball team for the 1996 season include (kneeling from left) Cary Lambert of Gonzales, La.; Nick Dumas of Chatom, Ala.; Freddie Gentry, Hickory; and Jay McLendon, Belzoni; and (standing, from left) Jonathan Jones, Philadelphia; Ray Ivy, Louisville; Eric Butler, Clarkdale; Eric Cook, Carthage; and Jonathan Crowe, Cleveland. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark and assistant David Martin.



Long's in Union donates to ECCC Diamond Girls

Long's Building Material in Union recently donated \$125 worth of plexiglass to the Diamond Girls at East Central Community College. The donation will be used to help construct an area for the Diamond Girls at Chris Gay IV Memorial Baseball Field. The Diamond Girls serve as hostesses for the Diamond Warrior Baseball Team during home games. This contribution designates Long's as a Brave in levels of giving for the Warrior Club, which supports ECCC athletic programs. Pictured are Lanette Hanna (third from left) of Union, Diamond Girls sponsor and ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center director; Whitney Salter and Jill Martin (fifth and sixth from left), Diamond Girls, both of Philadelphia; and children and grandchildren of Long's employees.

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"Great Strides," a great success at ECCC

East Central Community College students and faculty, area businesses, friends and families recently teamed up to make "Great Strides," a walk to cure Cystic Fibrosis, a great success. The walk-a-thon was held on the ECCC Decatur campus. Cystic Fibrosis is the number one genetic killer of children and young adults in this country. It affects approximately 30,000 people in the United States. Pictured are the more than 50 walkers sponsored by the following East Central organizations: Association of Student Nurses, Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and Health Occupation Students of America, and area businesses. The walk-a-thon raised more than \$1,000 to aid in financing continued research to cure the disease.



Gospel choir

Selected as members of the Gospel Choir for the 1996 spring term are (seated) Brenda K. Johnson, director, (first row standing from left) Carolyn Gladney, Louisville; Latorreia Davis, Morton; Clarice Harris, Lake; Susan Carter, Noxapater; and Shandra Moppins, Lake, (second row from left) Vanessa Young, Philadelphia, Theresa Gill, Walnut Grove; and Lisa Triplet, Philadelphia, (third row from left) Alex Gill, Walnut Grove; Toshiba Tyler, Louisville; Coby Miller, Louisville; and Schnetta Jones, and (fourth row from left) Robert Evans and Marcus Jones, both of Morton.



State HOSA winner

Students in the licensed practical nursing program at ECCC recently participated in the Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA) State Competition in Jackson. Pictured above are the winners. From left are (first row) Amy Thomas, Gerontology-fourth place and Creative Problem Solving Fifth Place Team, and Debra Sessums, Health Care Issues Exam Top 20, both of Carthage; Michelle Moore, Health Care Issues Exam Top 20, and Lisa Taylor, Extemporaneous Health Display-first place, both of Lake; and Tanya Weatherford of Philadelphia and Amy Blackburn of Lake, both members of the Creative Problem Solving Fifth Place Team, and (second row) David Ezell of Union, Pathophysiologyfourth place; James Johnson of Lena, HOSA Bowl Fifth Place Team and Medical Terminology-second place; Lori King of Carthage, Pathophysiology-second place, HOSA Bowl Fifth Place Team and Health Care Issues Exam Top 20; Kim Estess of Louisville, Medical Math-third place and HOSA Bowl Fifth Place Team; Frankie Beckham of Carthage, Administrative Medical Assisting-first place, Creative Problem Solving Fifth Place Team and Health Care Issues Exam Top 20; and Shannon Berryhill of Walnut Grove, Health Care Issues Exam Top 20.



Talent show winners

The rap group "East Side Click" was one of the winners in the recent Gospel Choir Talent Show. Members of the band include, from left, Karlos Kincaid of Louisville, Joel Rendleman of Newton, Corey Henderson of Atlanta, Ga., and Patrick Ford of Slo. Calif.





District HOSA winner

Students in the licensed practical nursing program recently participated in the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) District Competition at Meridian Community College. Pictured above are the winners. From left are (first row) Cindy Yarbrough of Louisville, HOSA Bowl first place and Medical Terminology fourth place, Lisa Taylor of Lake, Extemporaneous Heath Display third place; Sandra Hannis of Carthage, HOSA Bowl third place; Shannon Berryhill of Walnut Grove, HOSA Bowl third place; and Debra Sessums of Lena, Nursing Assisting second place; and (second row from left) Lori King of Carthage, HOSA Bowl first place; James Johnson of Lena, HOSA Bowl first place and Medical Terminology first place; David Ezell of Union, HOSA Bowl third place; and Kim Estes of Preston, HOSA Bowl first place and Medical Math fifth place.

Golfers finish second in region tourney

Sophomore linkster Lee Wylie of ticipate in the NJCAA Golf Tourna-Louisville carded a two-day total of 157 (75-82) and led East Central Community College to a second place finish in the Region 23 Division III Golf Tournament held at Millbrook Country Club in Picayune April 23-24.

Wylie, the tournament's firstround leader with a three over par 75, was selected to the All-Region 23 team, thus qualifying him to par-

ment in Pinehurst, N.C., June 6-10.

Other golf team members and their respective scores included Peyton Weems, also of Louisville, who posted a 166 (83-83) total; Jason Driskell of Forest, 171 (84-87); Ben Myers of Philadelphia, 173 (81-92); and Dow Thomas of Louisville, 180 (88-92).

The Warrior golfers are coach by Joe Clark.





Talent show winners

Terminal Decay," an alternative band, was one of the winners in the recent Gospel Choir Talent Show. Members of the band include, from left, Joseph Tucker of Forest; Isaac Vega and Aaron Vega, both of Lawrence, and Johnny Johnson of Newton.



The Music Man "behind the scenes"

Pictured above are the crew members from the ECCC Players production of "The Music Man". The crew is responsible for running the show once it opens to the public. From lights to curtain to props to getting actors in place to calling ques, they are responsible for making sure the show runs smooth from "behind the scenes." First row, from left are Jarrod Ravencraft and Mingo Tingle, both of Decatur; Marcus Withers of Carthage; Brandon Hillman of Conehatta and Vic Parker of Pelahatchie, and (second row, from left) Nicole Simpson of Morton, Jessica Hollis of Lena, Chad Lewis of Little Rock, Mona Owens of Warren, Ark., and Karen Persons of Noxapater. (Photo by Lisa Harrison)

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"Hot wings" eat-off winners

Pictured above are the winners of the First Annual "Hot Wings" Eat-Off sponsored by ARAMARK, Inc., and the Student Body Association. Held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria, the team walked away winners after eating 120 of the hottest and spiciest chicken wings Jack Shaw, ARAMARK director, could prepare. The winners received T-shirts from Meridian Coca-Cola and pizzas from Pizza Hut. From left are (front row) team members Demarcus Holmes of Louisville; Brad Jackson of Opelaika, Ala.; Patrick Bacon of Thomastown; and LeTrail Cistrunk of Louisville, and (back row) Kelvin Lyon, team coach, and contest judges, Mandy Goldman, SBA vice president, and Heather Eakes, SBA treasurer, both of Philadelphia.

The Music Man pit orchestra

Pictured above are members of the pit orchestra for the recent ECCC Players production of The Music Man. Members are selected each spring semester from the concert band. Members include (first row, from left) Gayla Penson of Union, flute; Olivia Hamil of Sebastopol, trombone; Charlotte Smith of Decatur, keyboard; Marian Thornton of Decatur, piano; Tom Carson of Decatur, conductor, and (second row, from left) Brian Green of Decatur, trumpet; Ryan Clarke of Decatur, bass guitar; Philip Triplett of Louisville, trombone; Johnny May of Decatur, percussion; and Josh Bamberg of Decatur, trumpet.



A new TREND is happening on college campuses across the country.

TREND is a national peer support movement for young adults who enjoy socializing without drinking or the use of other drugs. TREND leaders form chapters that provide alternative activities including social/recreational events, community service projects, leadership trainings and educational programs including peer helping and mentoring programs. For those students 21 years and older, TREND has an additional focus on educational efforts that promote responsible decisions and safety programs that discourage drinking and driving.

Currently there are college TREND chapters on campuses in Missouri, Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York and Massachusetts. The most active TREND chapter is at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Operating under the name of C.A.L.V.I.N. +H.O.B.B.E.S. (Creating A Lively, Valuable, Ingenious New Habit of Being (at) Buck-



ECCC catchers

Catchers on the baseball team for the 1996 campaign are (from left) freshmen Mick Garrity of Slidell, La., and Bryan Madison of Philadelphia. The Diamond Warriors are coached by Jamie Clark and assistant David Martin.



East Central welcomes new faculty members

Several new faculty members have been added to the East Central staff. They are:

Rosemary S. Adcock of Decatur was recently named Special Populations (Mathematics) instructor announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Adcock, who began her new duties on Aug. 1 previously served as mathematics instructor at Carthage Junior High School. She is also a former math instructor at Louisville High School. In addition, she has served as an adjunct faculty member at East Central.

A graduate of Yazoo City High School, Adcock holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics education and foods and nutrition from Mississippi State University. She is married to John Adcock, ECCC District Director

of Vocational-Technical Instruction. They have one daughter, Vicki, a 1996 ECCC honor graduate and Hall of Fame member, who is currently a junior at Delta State University.

Juan Beckum of Hattiesburg was recently named to the football coaching staff at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced head football coach Willie Coats.

Beckum's main area of responsibility will be coaching wide receivers and tight ends.

The new Warrior assistant was a starting quarterback his senior season for Coach Coats when he led the football program at Hattiesburg High School.

When Coats left Hattiesburg to



Rosemary Adcock



Juan Beckum



Larry Hogue



Dale McNair

Warrior Band turns 50

By RICHARD EDWARDS The Tom Tom

On Sept. 26, 1946, twenty-four students gathered together to form East Central's first band. Since then, the band program has grown to become one of the most prominent highlights of the college's activities. The band has served not only to entertain at football games and various school functions, but also has been featured in many parades and performances across the five-county district. This fall, the Warrior Marching Band celebrates its 50th birthday with a record enrollment of one hundred and twenty-one members and a promising new season.

The 1996 edition of the Warrior Band came together on Aug. 9, to begin a brand new year of music and entertainment. Under the direction of Thomas Carson and John May, the largest band in the history of East Central began practice with hopes of one of the best years ever. Mr. Carson stated that he was very pleased and excited about having the growth of members in almost every section of the band. "I set a goal of one hundred and twenty members, and I'm very happy not only to have just met that goal, but to have also passed it," Carson said.

Mr. Carson isn't the only one who's excited about the changes in this year's band. Captain LaRee Lyle and Assistant Captain Lisa Harrison were very pleased about this season's Centralettes, the dance line for the Warrior Band. "We've added two more girls to the team and we're working so hard. I think this is going to be the line's best year yet," stated Lyle. Harrison added, "We're bigger and better and we're ready to show everyone all of the hard work we've been doing." Many of the playing members of the band also expressed their enthusiasm for this year. Sopho-See BAND, page 3



become head football coach at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Beckum joined his staff and served four years as a manager and trainer. Beckum also served as manager for the PRCC men's basketball team when the Wildcats won the 1994-95 state championship.

Beckum is also a former teacher at the Head Start Center in Hattiesburg.

He is a graduate of Hattiesburg High School and Pearl River Community College.

His parents are Tony and Mamie Beckum of Hattiesburg.

Larry Hogue of Flowood was recently named Director of Development and Alumni Relations, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

In this new position, Hogue will be responsible for coordinating all functions related to the



Martha McElhenney

Derek Pace

goals and purposes of the ECCC Foundation, Inc., and the College's Alumni Association.

"I'm delighted to be part of one of Mississippi's fastest growing community colleges. Explosive growth means new demands on school facilities, and it's great to play a small role in helping meet those needs," Hogue said. Hogue, who began his new



Maxine McKee

Leesa Lee Wilkinson

duties on Sept. 2, previously served as Senior Community Relations Specialist at Entergy Corporation in Jackson. He was previously employed with the Mississippi State Department of Education, first serving as Public Relations Coordinator, Vocational-Technical Division, and later as Public Relations Director. He began his career as a teacher in

Jon Williams

the Biloxi schools, then served as Public Relations Director at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson for three years.

In all, Hogue has over 32 years experience in the fields of business, government, and education. A graduate of Forest High School

and ECCC, Hogue continued his

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Leading ECCC band-Leading the Warrior Marching Band on the field for the 1996 season are Richard Edwards and Cheryl Watkins. Edwards, a secondary education major, is returning for his second year to serve as head drum major for the band. A native of Forest, Edwards previously served two years as drum major for Scott Central High School and received six consecutive superior ratings at district and state and tri-state festivals. He also served as student conductor. Edwards has also conducted several local band and guard camps. He is the son of Debbie Tadlock of Forest and Richard Edwards of Lake Charles, La. Selected to serve as assistant drum major is Cheryl Watkins. Watkins, a freshman from Lake, previously served as drum major for three years at Lake High School, where she received superior and excellent ratings. Watkins was selected to perform at the 1995 Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla. She is the daughter of Travis and Billie Watkins of Lake. The ECCC Band is directed by Thomas W. Carson.





Pageant finalists-These East Central Community College students were among finalists in the annual Miss Neshoba County Pageant held during the Neshoba County Fair. From left are freshmen Reagan Collins and Eve Chapman, both of Philadelphia. East Central presented a full tuition scholarship, valued at \$2,000, to the pageant winner. College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith made the presentation to this year's winner, Keyla Seward.



Pageant scholarship winner–Keyla Seward (right) of Philadelphia was crowned Miss Neshoba County 1996 during the annual Neshoba County Fair held in August. Along with the crown, Seward received a \$2,000 scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Making the presentation during the pageant is Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.





No win situation

By VICKIE MCGEE The Tom Tom

President Clinton hit the tobacco industry hard when he imposed new regulations on the advertising of tobacco products. These new regulations would also put more restrictions on the sale of tobacco products to teenagers. President Clinton hopes that these restrictions will cut the number of teenager smokers and make it harder for teenagers to purchase cigarettes. Some of these regulations include:

Tobacco advertising in magazines read mainly by teenagers be put in black and white text only. Billboards advertising tobacco products in black and white.

Billboards that advertise tobacco products can not be within 1000 feet of schools and playgrounds.

Photo identification with proof of age for every cigarette purchase. It has been stated that these reg-

ulations would cut teenage smoking in half, but the fact is, cigarettes and chewing tobacco will still be on the market. By these products remaining on the market, teenagers will still have the opportunity to get tobacco products through older people. So the ques-

tion remains, Will these regulations cut teenage smoking and make the purchase of tobacco products harder?

The answer is "no" because with tobacco products on the market the chance remains. If president Clinton wants to cut the number of teenage smokers, the answer is simple, ban tobacco products all together.

Banning tobacco products would end teenage smoking but it would also unemploy thousands of people and this would be a bigger problem for Clinton to handle. In reality, Clinton is fighting a no win situation

Peer pressure and you

By MISTY SMITH The Tom Tom

No one reading this article can claim that he or she is immune to the effects of peer pressure. Each of us has, at some point in life, let outside opinion determine how we act. It's part of human nature to strive to gain the respect of those around us. We want to be popular, we want to be liked, and most of all, we want to be accepted.

But exactly how far are we willing to go to achieve this? Too many people allow society to think for them. If someone condemns the actions of another, we tend to automatically view that person in a dif-

ferent light, even if we are guilty of the same faults. In small towns such as Decatur, the harsh words fly like rabid bats to attack the unsuspecting, and a common defense is to call out the shortcomings of others in order to divert attention from our own.

The fact that society has deemed us "The Armageddon Generation," a title that suggests self-destruction, doesn't help matters at all. Some of our age group feel so pressured to prove they can be as mature and responsible as our elders that they throw away their youth to embrace the conformities of "acceptable" behavior. In effect, we become as guilty as our parents of prejudism and narrow minds. We're so afraid of a spark of something different, something new, that we want to crush it before it can become a flame.

Individualism is supposed to be the trademark of our generation. We're doing things and forming ideas that no one else has before us. We're not the ones to bring about the end of the world; we're the age of creativity and diversity. Maybe it's time we stopped waiting for the anvil of our parents' beliefs to drop on our heads and started doing what we were born to do.

Sure people are going to talk, just like they always do. They will call us immature, irresponsible, and unreasonable. But, quite frankly, isn't that what peer pressure is all about?

Life on the Web: the Cyberpunk

By GABRIEL D. MILLER The Tom Tom

Hackers, crackers, cyperpunks, and phreakers all belong to the subculture of Cyberpunk. The cyberpunk is a stereotypical phrase created by Gardner Dozois, editor of Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine, to describe a type of literature. The name was quickly picked up by the youthful partici-

wrong on the web but the users themselves." That is the driving thought of all cyberpunks. May he or she be an American or an oppressed college student from China, everyone is equal on the web and untouchable by any nation's law, but their own.

So what benefit do they serve? Cyberpunk is the world's future. They are the people who will be our world's leaders socially and technologically into the next century. They are the next weapons of war. Imagine, hacker mercenaries who will fight for the highest bidder. Any government would pay a person well if they had the power to cripple the economy, transportation system, and telecommunications systems of another country. Welcome to the future. A new world where information will be the new form of monetary exchange. The Cyberpunks are preparing themselves, we must prepare to join the information age or be lost in the stampede.

Go vote

By JERAMI BEARD The Tom Tom

Many of us as college students tend to believe that voting in every election is not very important. Yet, many of us forget that in a few years we will be the generation in charge of America. It is our duty to express our views by registering to vote and by taking advantage of our right to do so.

The first Tuesday in November is set aside every four years for an election that will change history. This election is to select the President of the United States. 1996 just so hapens to be a Presidential year.

Based on the novel, written by John Grisham, this movie offers its viewers a look at the Old South. A Time To Kill gives al all too real portrayal of prejudice in the Mis-

sissippi of the past. Set in Canton, it is the story of Carl Lee Haley, who is on trial for killing the two men who abducted, raped and tortured his ten year old daughter. Haley is defended by lawyer Jack Brigance. Helping Brigance is a spunky law student from Ole Miss, an amorous divorce attorney, and another attorney who was disbarred from practice for hitting police officers in a demonstration.

A TIME TO KILL

By JACKIE DIXON

The Tom Tom

On the opposing team is the district attorney. In order to establish himself nationally, he uses every dirty trick in the book so he can win. Helping him is the Madison County KKK, who is headed by the brother of the son of the men Haley killed. The KKK is determined to put Haley in the gas chamber. They attempt to do this by threatening Brigance's family, by using bombs and burning cross-

Brigance perseveres and justice wins in the end. This movie is as good as it gets. It has an excellent cast in Samuel Jackson, Sandra Bullock, Matthew McCaughnehy, and many more. A Time To Kill is a movie everyone should see.

FOR US, THE LIVING

as a turmoil of the sixties reached its peak. That generation was to see the assassination of not only Medgar Evers but also the assassinations of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, civil rights workers slain in June 1964 after their release from jail in Philadelphia, Mississippi. The assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and Robert Kennedy would also come to pass. Abroad and at home, the Vietnam conflict was worsening. The 1960s were tumultuous

apart by forces beyond its control

years of racial murders, bombings, threats, and hostility from state agencies. These were the years of the White Citizens Council, a group of prominent white men who organized and accomplished economic boycotts against blacks who owned businesses and favored school integration; they encouraged and condoned physical intimidation. This allowed the Byron de la Beckwiths of Mississippi to have their way with the black man. An organization called the State Sovereignty Commission used state funding to spy on civil rights activists such as Medgar Evers, integrationists, as well as anyone else who could be a threat to white Mississippi. Violent acts were by no means confined to members of the Klan alone is a said

Medgar Evers was, by accounts of those who knew him well, a decent, efficient man who could not ignore the calling of his heart. A native of Decatur, Evers was a World War II veteran and former running back for the Alcorn A & M Braves.

Later as the Mississippi NAACP field secretary, he was the sissippi. They were a young, college-educated couple who could have easily closed their eyes to the injustices of Mississippi. They could have joined the almost three million Southern blacks who migrated to the north and west during those times.

Medgar once told a reporter from Ebony, "I don't choose to live anywhere else. There's land here, where a man can raise cattle, and I'm going to do that someday. There is room for my children to play and grow, and become good citizens - if the white man will let them." When the NAACP offered to send him tc California, he said, "I belong here."

After moving to Jackson in 1955 to become NAACP field secretary, Medgar began to receive calls concerning many instances of injustice, and he vigorously followed up each one. Often in the disguise of a sharecropper and under the cover of night, he traveled the dusty roads of the Delta towns to investigate racial murders and other transgressions.

Medgar's name was at the top of the "death lists" of many hate groups, and by the spring of 1963, the end was drawing closer. Medgar Evers was destined to become a martyr for living and working with the knowledge that he would die for the cause of civil rights.

At the age of thirty-seven, he was gunned down outside his home in June 1963 by a midnight assassin, Byron de la Beckwith.

Some may wonder why this book should be read thirty years after its first publication. It contains universal themes important to all Americans: courage, sacrifice, loyalty, and love. Within these themes lie its importance. These characteristics give For Us, the Living its eloquence and intensity. It is a book that opens hearts and minds while reaching across thirty years to remind this generation that freedom nor strength are ever achieved without great sacrifice. In the words of author Willie Morris, who introduced For Us, the Living when it was re-released by University Press of Mississippi in 1996: "The book endures. I consider it one of the finest of our American memoirs.

pants on the net as a means to describe their attitude and way of life

Just being one of the above "criminal classes" does not a cyberpunk make. As said before cyberpunk is an attitude. The average cyberpunk views the web as the source of all knowledge, and the cyberpunk has the right to whatever they please with it. A cyberpunk hates censorship on the web. Their rebuff to any mention of control on the web would be very heart felt, "No one has the right to judge what is right and

If you are 18 years old and not registered to vote, you should take the time to do so today. It is a very simple procedure and will only take a few minutes of your time. Just go by your county circuit clerk's office and tell them you need to register. You will answer a few questions and that is all. You can also get a mail-in form by telephoning the office.

November is not very far away. So take advantage of your rights today. Remember, if you don't vote then you have no right to complain.

By JACQUELINE MOORE The Tom Tom

"Somewhere in Mississippi" For Us, the Living begins, "lives the man who murdered my husband. Sometimes at night when my new house in Claremont, California, is quiet and the children are in bed I think about him and wonder how he feels ... He cannot escape it completely."

Medgar Evers had been dead more than four years when For Us, the Living was originally published by Doubleday in 1967. American society was being ripped

most prominent and visible advocate for equal employment, school integration, access to public transportation, and the right to vote. Blacks were largely excluded from the ballot box by extra-legal devices, as in Decatur during the summer of 1946 when Medgar and his brother Charles were denied the right to vote.

In For Us, the Living, Myrlie Evers gives a moving account of how her husband was torn between love and hate for Mississippi, yet they felt the promise held by this state. They chose to stay and lead the fight for racial equality in Mis-



ECCC football coaches-Willie "Tenny" Coats (kneeling) is beginning his second year as head football coach at East Central Community College in Decatur. In addition to being head mentor, Coats also serves as offensive coordinator and coaches quarterbacks and running backs. Assistant coaches are (standing from left) Terry Underwood (defensive coordinator; linebackers), Timmy Coats (defensive backs), Fredrick Lyons (defensive linemen) and Juan Beckum (wide receivers and tight ends)

The Ladder of Life

People said it would be easy this vertical ladder in life. just keep your eyes upward and never look down. But my mind began to wonder, after a mile or two, just how it was proved, life's ladder was trouble free. For if we never falter or fall a step behind, then how do you suppose we'll learn exactly where to climb? For is it not mistakes, that teach us right from wrong and little tiny mishaps that keep up climbing strong? So should we not ask questions and try all sorts of things that we may be experienced when problems come to call? If all of this is true, then tell me no more lies let me fail a little that I might succeed and claim my prize.

Janis Rebecca Martin

Recent violence should change our minds

By KRISTI WEAVER The Tom Tom

In the solitude of this peaceful, quiet setting, danger lurks. Crime is rampant in the area that surrounds our temporary home. In light of the recent crimes in Newton County - two people have lost their lives - in what seems to be gang related activity. The Wal-Mart parking lot has fallen prey to purse snatchers, thieves, and muggers. Neighborhoods that were once safe for families have become settings for drive-by shootings and burglaries. Unless proper precautions are taken, we could become the next victims of this raging violence. We need to use caution in everything that we do. When leaving our dorms in the day or evening, we should never go out alone. It is not guaranteed that a friend will protect us from any act of violence, but it is a well-known fact that a criminal is less likely to strike when there is a large group present. Now that we are all "on our own," we need to practice what we were taught while growing up. We don't need to talk to strangers and we don't need to go out late at night without someone else. If we follow some of these very simple procedures, we can all continue to be safe. We all want to think that East Central is a safe haven from crime, but in reality, if we do not take caution in all that we do, we could become just another statistic.

*****Faculty

education at Delta State University where he received a bachelor's degree in English. He also holds a master's degree in Communications from the University of Southern Mississippi and has attended various seminars relating to Total Quality Management, Supervision, Time Management, Budgeting and Management by Objectives.

Immediately prior to taking the East Central position, Hogue was a Total Quality Management Consultant for National School Services.

He is married to the former Sandra Gilbreath of Jackson. They have two children, Laura, 20, a junior at Delta State University, and Lisa, 18, a Delta State Freshman.

Martha McElhenney of Decatur was recently named first-year Associate Degree Nursing instructor, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

McElhenney, who began her new duties on Aug. 1, previously served as Director of Nursing/Extended Care Unit Supervisor at Leake Memorial Hospital in Carthage.

She is also a former staff nurse at Newton Regional Hospital and was previously employed as Director of Nursing at Neshoba County General Hospital in Philadelphia.

McElhenney has a total of 30 years experience in nursing, including four years teaching experience with Matty Hersee School of Nursing in Meridian, and eight years experience in a clinical setting as a nursing supervisor.

She is a graduate of Meridian Junior College, Matty Hersee School of Nursing, the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received a bachelor's degree in nursing; and the Mississippi University of Women, where she earned a master's degree in nursing.

She is married to Jimmy D. McElhenney, Sr., who is retired, and they have four children: Nicky Sharp, Angie Reeves, Debbie Payne and Dale McElhenney. Mr. and Mrs. McElhenney also have six grandchildren

Maxine J. McKee of Jackson was recently named sociology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College President.

McKee, who began her new duties on August 1, previously served as an adjunct sociology instructor at Tougaloo College and Jackson State University. She is also a former graduate research assistant for Dr. Orville Cunningham at JSU.

She is a graduate of Jackson State University, where she received bachelor's and master's degrees in sociology. She is presently working toward a doctoral degree in public policy and administration at JSU.

Mrs. McKee has two children. Eugene is self employed (Jones Pest Control), and Debora (D.J.) is a systems analyst with the Mississippi State Tax Commission and also serves as an adjunct computer instructor at JSU. Mrs. McKee also has a granddaughter, Shawntiah.

her duties on Aug. 1 1996.

Wilkinson earlier served in the same capacity at East Central from 1985 to 1993 prior to moving with her family to Texas, where she was employed as music and choir instructor for the Conroe Independent School District. She also served as piano accompanist at First United Methodist Church in Conroe.

Her work experience also includes service as music instructor and accompanist at Meridian Little Theatre; church organist at Poplar Springs Drive United Methodist Church in Meridian; music director at Newton County Schools; band director at Decatur High School; church organist at Decatur United Methodist Church; and accompanist for the Mississippi State University Madrigal Singers and choir.

A graduate of Forest High School, Wilkinson attended East Central Junior College and receive bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from Mississippi State University. She has completed further studies at the University of Southern Mississippi.

She and her husband, Keith, a flight instructor at the Naval Air Station in Meridian, have an infant daughter, Kirstin Lee.

Jon Williams of Panama City, Fla., was recently named to the football coaching staff, announced head football coach Willie Coats.

Williams' main area of responsibility will be coaching offensive

linemen He comes to East Central after serving in the same capacity at Wingate (North Carolina) University, a National College athletic Association Division II program. His duties also included a stint as head junior varsity coach.

A highlight of his career at Wingate was that he coached the recipient of the Jacobs Blocking Trophy, presented to the outstanding offensive lineman in Division II.

Prior to beginning his coaching career, Williams was a three-year starter for Wingate, first as a tight end before moving to the center position. He was unable to play during his senior campaign due to a knee injury. Prior to his senior season, he started in the Florida Shrine Bowl All-Star Classic. He was recognized during his first year of competition as the top academic freshman with a 3.64 grade point average. Williams was also involved in various campus activities and was a charter member of Kappa Alpha social fraternity. He graduated from Wingate with a bachelor's degree in public relations.

Prior to signing with Wingate, Williams was a standout athlete at Bay High School in Panama City, Fla., where he was an All-Star and All-County offensive tackle. He was selected "Player of the Year" his senior season.

His parents are Jon and Phyllis Williams of Panama City Beach.

Gallery, where we saw thousands of

historic photographs from the earliest

Humanities Division Students and

Faculty Members were also recog-

nized. Author Nikki Giovanni, Pro-

fessor of English at Virginia Tech

University, Blacksburg, delivered a

lively discussion, "Diversity as Art:

Art is Diversity," in which the ironies

and history are found in all aspects of

Natchez. Good food, drink, and

entertainment also abound. The

strength of Natchez, which lies in

SEA holds first

meeting

Beautiful architecture, gardens,

of Southern life were discussed.

At the close of the celebration, the

years in Natchez

A tribute to Myrlie Evers-Williams

By JACQUELINE MOORE The Tom Tom

The first thing one notices about Myrlie Evers-Williams upon seeing her enter a room is the mixture of grace and dignity with which she moves. Listening to her speak at the Natchez Literary Celebration in the city's municipal auditorium this summer, I was deeply moved by the inner strength that radiated from her to the audience.

After and introduction by the former Governor William Winter, as well as acclaimed author editor-inchief of Harper's magazine, Willie Morris, Ms. Evers-Williams captured the attention of the audience immediately as she began her topic of discussion, "America at the Crossroads.'

On February 18, 1995, Evers-Williams was elected chairman of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP. A native of Vicksburg, Ms, she and her husband, the late Medgar Evers, opened and managed the first NAACP state office in Mississippi. After her husband's assassination in 1963, Evers-Williams moved to California where she continued as an activist for human rights. While raising three small children alone and holding down a job, she continued her education on Pamona College in California, and later became Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Los Angeles.

A beautiful and moving woman, Evers-Williams spoke lovingly of her late husband Medgar, who was killed by an assassin's bullet on June 12, 1963, in the driveway of his home. On that day, President Kennedy delivered on national television the strongest civil rights speech that he ever gave. Medgar and some of his colleagues watched it in their office in Jackson that night. Working late, Medgar drove home shortly after midnight and turned his Oldsmobile into his driveway. He got out of the car. A number of sweatshirts saying "Jim Crow Must Go" were in his arms. His assassin, Byron de la Beckwith, armed with a 30.06 caliber rifle with a telescopic sight, was crouched in honeysuckle vines in a vacant lot across the street from the house. Medgar was struck from behind by the bullet. As the

blood streamed down the driveway, viction and life sentence to prison Myrlie and their three children, Darrell, Rena, and Van, rushed to him from inside the house where they had been watching television.

Medgar Evers was buried four days later in Arlington National Cemetery

Recalling the violence of the '60s, Evers-Williams stated that there were many times when she wanted to move away from Mississippi to keep her children safe from the evil that lurked in the hearts of those pitted against Medgar and the civil rights movement.

She realized that Medgar could have never considered leaving Mississippi and his work here because he felt in his heart that he was meant to fight the battle for equality for African-Americans in Mississippi. Myrlie joined him with equal strength in the battle. They became partners in every sense of the word. Together, they ran the first NAACP office in Mississippi

Put on trial in 1964 and 1965 for the murder of Medgar Evers, Byron de la Beckwith was set free both times, despite the amount of evidence against him. Myrlie Evers-Williams testified in the two 1960's trials in front of an all - white male jury.

As the years passed, she kept her contacts in Mississippi. In February of 1994, at the third and final trial of Beckwith in Jackson, Myrlie and her children came from California to be there every day. Once again, she would testify, just as she had in the 1964 and 1965 trials which had ended in hung juries.

With no statute of limitations on murder, starting in 1990, a young white Assistant District Attorney, Bobby DeLaughter, came forth with evidence of jury tampering in the 1965 trial. New evidence, including Beckwith's own statements to audiences and individuals through the years that he had murdered Evers, was found through his research.

At age seventy-three, Beckwith sat in the defendants chair for the last time. Jackson was again seized by the old emotions and shadows from the past. The February 1994 trial and the investigations which led to it constitute one of the most unusual episodes of criminal prosecution in American history. Beckwith's concould open a new age in which unsolved racial murders of the past generation will come to justice.

As the now elderly white supremacist sat in the courtroom wearing a bright red sports coat, displaying a Confederate flag pin upon his lapel, he frequently turned off or removed his hearing aid during portions of the testimony he did not like.

At times Beckwith seemed amused and grinned widely at the jurors and spectators in the courtroom. Feelings of deja vu overcame many Mississippians as the turbulent 1960's again came to the forefront. Tensions rose as the trial wore on. It seemed as though Jackson moved from the past to the present and back again. Myrlie was there through it all

After the guilty verdict was read, Myrlie shouted, "Yeah, Medgar!" through bittersweet tears. A murderer was finally brought to justice.

Ironically, Medgar's death hastened the pace of justice for African-Americans while withholding it from him for thirty years. The life and death of Medgar Evers, who was born and raised in Decatur, Mississippi, helped to advance the nation as a whole. He should receive recognition as a national hero for living and dying for the causes of justice, freedom, and equality for all of God's people.

When asked what could we, as Mississippians, do to support the cause for which her husband had died, Myrlie emphasized the importance of exercising the right to vote. Non-voting citizens seem hypocritical when complaining about the political system and the issues of the day. Her advice to Mississippi is to get involved, vote, and learn who our politicians are at each level: local, state, and national.

Evers-Williams drew strength and character from her grandmother in her early years. She recounted a story which her grandmother had used to explain the difficulties of life. One is molded and shaped by the events of life, just like a potter sculpting clay. The potter can form any shape with the clay, but it only becomes strong and durable when put through the fire. Myrlie Evers-Williams has been through the fire and emerged victorious.

itself and in its diversity, has made at East Central adventures to Europe

By JERAMI BEARD The Tom Tom

With the summer day slowly fading, many of us can only rely on memories of our good time vacations and gatherings. For many East Central students and faculty, one summer vacation will remain in their minds for a lifetime

only get better. Just as suspected, the trip improved everyday!

After all the experiences of Amsterdam, including a night time walk through the Red Light District, the group loaded the bus and headed to Cologne, Germany. Here the group explored The Gothic Cathedral.

Palace

Night life for the young people was also topped off by visits to the Hard Rock Cafe in Paris and London

Although the group saw many other sights, they also experienced the feeling of meeting new people.

The Tom Tom

Natchez Literary Celebration, this summer with Mrs. Virginia Pace, I

William F. Winter, former Governor of Mississippi, the program honored Dr. Cora Norman, retiring Executive Director of the MS Humanities Council.

concerning Southern women. From a description of the Natchez Indians Kinship system to the first public college for women, Mississippi University for Women, the influence of

Willie Morris, former editor-inchief of Harper's magazine and author of North Toward Home (1967); The Last of the Southern Girls (1973); The Courting of Marcus Dupree (1983); and My Dog Skip (1995), introduced Ms. Myrlie

Attending the Seventh Annual **Richard Wright Literary Excellence** Awards were given to Ms. Ellen Douglass (fiction) and Mr. Willie Morris (nonfiction). The Outstanding

had the opportunity to witness many well-known authors and politicians give their presentations for the program, "Southern Women: 300 Years of Influence.

Led each year by the Honorable

A variety of topics were discussed Southern women was discussed.

Evers-Williams and her book, For

By JACKIE MOORE

Natchez Literary Celebration

Dale McNair of Newton has been named automotive technology instructor, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

McNair, who began his new duties on Aug. 1, previously served as automotive instructor at Ross Collins Vocational Center in Meridian. McNair brings a total of six years teaching experience and four years of full-time work experience to his new position.

McNair is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, where he was salutatorian and selected Mr. BHHS and senior class president.

He continued his education at East Central Community College, earning an associate arts degree in secondary education.

McNair is married to the former Renee' Majure of Greenville. They have five children: Stephanie, 8; Layken, 5; Jamie, 4; Caleb, 3; and Jacob. 1

Derek Pace of Philadelphia was recently named Assistant Director for Technology Management, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president

Pace, who began his new duties on July 22,1996, previously served as data processing manager at Peco Foods of Mississippi, LLC, in Sebastopol. He also held similar positions at Hughes Aircraft of Mississippi, Inc., in Forest; Green Acre Farms, Inc., in Sebastopol; and Data Center Systems located in Jackson.

A graduate of Lake Attendance Center, he attended East Central Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's of science degree in computer science/data processing

Pace is married to the former Patty Calvert of Philadelphia who is employed at National Bank of Commerce in Philadelphia. They have an infant son, Benjamin.

Leesa Lee Wilkinson of Meridian was recently named music instructor (keyboard), announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president. She began Us, the Living, which was rereleased by University Press earlier this year. "A Worn Path", a film based on Eudora Welty's short-story, was introduced and presented by producer-director, Bruce Schwartz of Hollywood, California.

We spent our afternoons on tours of Natchez. After visiting Mount Locust for a living history presentation, our tour guide drove by the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians on the way to the oldest college in Mississippi, historic Jefferson College, where we were given a picnicstyle dinner.

I became more familiar with the differences in Margaret Walker and Richard Wright's Mississippi. For Wright, it was the land of his birth, a place where experience is molded into meaning, which Wright interpreted in his fiction. For Walker, Mississippi was a safe haven, despite its racial and political conflicts. The contribution of these two writers has led to the creation of a Mississippi paradigm in literature.

Also present at the Natchez Municipal Auditorium was Pulitzer Prize winner William Styron of Roxbury, Connecticut, who read passages from his works in which he has written about Southern women in particular.

Dr. Thomas Gandy, author and Natchez historian, pointed out the influence that women have wielded over the activities in their community. A thriving industry in itself was created when, in 1932, members of the Natchez Garden Club sponsored the first Spring Pilgrimage of Natchez homes. They drew attention to the need to preserve their city's history, architecture, and natural beauty. More than six decades later, historic preservation is a way of life in Natchez.

The last day of our stay in Natchez included tours of historic homes such as Airlie, Melrose, Riverview, and Longwood, which was to have been the most elegant residence in Natchez. Construction on Longwood stopped when carpenters and craftsmen laid down their tools to fight in the Civil War. Our tour included a photographic history of Natchez at Stratton Chapel

Tuesday, Sept. 2. Ms. Lucille Wood the organization sponsor, informed new members of the functions of the SEA and then officers were elected. They are as follows: Jo Lynn Hall, President; Whitney Salter, Vice President; Nikki Callahan, Secretary; Rena Ezelle, Reporter.

The SEA (Student Education

Association) held its first meeting

The SEA is an organization for education majors and all are urged to attend. There will be guest speakers such as Mr. Raymond Mcmullan from ECCC as well; as representatives from the state education department to inform members about NTE exams, what subjects and districts have teacher shortages, pay scales, benefits and scholarships that are available.

Once again, all education majors are urged to attend. There are no dues and it will take up very little of your time. This organization if for you, so take advantage of it to obtain valuable information or to ask any questions that you may have. Check the daily bulletin for the time, date, and place of the next meeting.

*****Band

more Lee Rigdon said, "I am amazed at how many people there are and how everyone is working together as a team. I really love the band." Freshman Emily Bullock said, "It's really hard work putting the show together, but it's so much fun that you really don't mind." The flag and rifle corps also had its record number of members with twenty young ladies who provide a visual show to compliment the band's music. Flag Captain Roz Evans stated, "Our flags have been busy putting together new and much more difficult routines this year. We've got a lot of talent and energy this year and we're ready to show it!'

The Warrior Marching Band is celebrating it's birthday this year with the largest group of performers in the history of the band program. These members are excited, thrilled, and dedicated. Under the direction of Mr. Carson and Mr. May the band can be expected to turn out another great year of music and entertainment for all the Warrior fans.

During June of this year, Jerami Beard, Jason Frith, Olivia Hamil, Glen Hansford, Gayla Penson, Joey Thrash, Ja Nance, Carla Parker, Dr. Shelby Harris, and Mrs. Carol Vickers left the Jackson International Airport, along with many other friends, for a ten day journey to explore several European countries.

Upon arrival at the airport in Amsterdam, Holland, the group began the rout. From lost luggage to unairconditioned hotels and restaurants, many hoped the trip would

Many of the members climbed the Dom. This 509 step climb included an overlook of the German city.

One day later, the bus left again for Brussels, Belgium. In Brussels, the group took its separate ways for a look at the Mannequin Piss.

From Belgium came Paris, France, where the group traveled to the top of the Eiffel Tower and watched the setting sun over the city of lights.

Next came a cruise across the English Channel into England. In London the group watched the changing of the guard at the Royal

The group adjusted well to the task of exchanging currency in each country

Most of all, the group learned about friendship and how important it is to explore the rest of the world.

If you missed the opportunity to experience this cultural event, never worry, Dr. Harris is now planning a journey back to London, England. The trip is scheduled for Spring Break 1997.

If you have any questions, just go by Dr. Harris's office in Newton Hall today. It is an experience you do not want to miss.

Recent violence should change our minds

By KRISTI WEAVER The Tom Tom

In the solitude of this peaceful, quiet setting, danger lurks. Crime is rampant in the area that surrounds our temporary home. In light of the recent crimes in Newton County two people have lost their lives - in what seems to be gang related activity. The Wal-Mart parking lot has fallen prey to purse snatchers, thieves, and muggers. Neighborhoods that were once safe for families have become settings for driveby shootings and burglaries. Unless

BSU off to great start

By GARY HODGES The Tom Tom

The Baptist Student Union is off to another great year. The year started off with the "Redneck Uhlimpiks," the theme of the '96 welcome back party. The attendance for the party was around 50. The games began with the ceremonial lighting of the bar-b-que grill. Games such as the "hubcap" throw, and "tootsie roll" spitting contest were highlights of the party.

Some of the events that the BSU has planned for this year are as follows: Lunch encounter every Wednesday during fifth period. Great

could become the next victims of this raging violence. We need to use caution in everything that we do. When leaving our dorms in the day or evening, we should never go out alone. It is not guaranteed that a friend will protect us from any act of violence, but it is a well-known fact that a criminal is less likely to strike when there is a large group present. Now that we are all "on our own," we need to practice what we were taught while growing up. We don't need to talk to strangers and we don't need to go out late at night without someone else. If we follow proper precautions are taken, we some of these very simple proce-

dures, we can all continue to be safe. We all want to think that East Central is a safe haven from crime, but in reality, if we do not take caution in all that we do, we could become just another statistic.



Bible study is every Wednesday at Morning devotional is every

Tuesday night worship service. Song service and sermon. The service starts at 8:31 p.m.

home cooking, and inspirational

speakers:

The BSU is open most times during the day. Jonathan Sharp and Joey Lang, co-presidents of the BSU Invite everyone to stop by during their free time and experience the Christian fellowship of the BSU. "All people are invited. It is not just for Baptist, but for all students of ECCC." says Jonathan.





4:30 p.m. morning at 7:40 a.m.





ECCC football team-Above are members of the football team for the 1996 campaign. Pictured are (first row, from left) strong safety (1) Xavier Thomas, Holt, Ala.; wide receiver (2) Calvin Williams, Walnut Grove; kicker/punter (3) Shaun Walker, Morton; linebacker (5) William Johnson, Newton; cornerback (7) Ashanti Webb, Tampa, Fla.; running back (9) Mack Pittman, Panama City, Fla.; cornerback (10) Mark Thomas, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; linebacker (11) Kemba Bryant, Atlanta, Ga.; quarterback/punter (12) Al Hunt, Honeo Path, S.C.; free safety (13) Ernie Stribling, Walnut Grove; quarterback (14) Jake Kizziah, Northport, Ala.; wide receiver (15) Calvin Johnson, Newton; and tight end (18) Chris Arrington, Newton; (second row, from left) free safety (19) Joey Pinkston, Forest; strong safety (23) Joseph Anders, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; cornerback (25) Chris Crosby, Louisville; wide receiver (26) Tim Livingston, Carthage; strong safety (33) Jeff Rowell, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; fullback (34) Billy Singleton, Philadelphia, cornerback (35) Edwin Moore, Noxapater; fullback (36) Steve Bradford, Forest; linebacker (39) Jimmy Kincaid, Morton; linebacker (40) Zachary Sanders, Philadelphia; defensive end (42) William Curry, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and linebacker (43) Terry Dugas, Dunwoody, Ga.; (third row, from left) manager (30) Brad Evans, Newton; defensive lineman (44) Kevin Blanks, Meridian; defensive end (45) Neal Keeton, Morton; fullback (46) Chad Neese, Philadelphia; defensive lineman (51) Delvin Rainer. Tuscaloosa, Ala.; defensive lineman (52) Byron Johnson, Louisville; strong guard (53) Bo Thomas, Morrow, Ga.; center (54) Wilbert Holmes, Louisville; defensive lineman (56) Tyquan Taylor, Louisville; linebacker (58) Dejuan Clark, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; quick tackle (59) Ryan Stokley, Morton; quick guard (60) Charles Pease, Nanih Waiya; quick tackle (64) Gary Ashford, Louisville; center (66) Brian Harpole, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and manager (75) Patrick Bacon, Thomastown; and (fourth row, from left) noseguard (67) Earl Truss, Edinburg; quick tackle (69) Russell McCann, Conehatta; noseguard (71) Corey Hamler, Charleston, W.V.; strong tackle (73) Jason Nixon, Seminole, Ga.; strong tackle (74) Letrail Cistrunk, Louisville; coaches Fredrick Lyons, Juan Beckum, Willie Coats (head), Jon Williams, Timmy Coats and Terry Underwood; strong guard (76) Cyrus Ben, Philadelphia; tight end (83) Undeon Hardy, Philadelphia; wide receiver (88) Horace Nash, Carthage; and defensive lineman (99) Kendrick Clancy, Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Coach Coats very optimistic

By STEVIE RICHARDSON The Tom Tom

East Central's Warrior Football team kicks off the 1996 season on a two game winning streak from the 1995 season. Coach Coats says, "We hope to build on last year's wins and gain the respect the team deserves."

The Warrior defense is led by Kemba Bryant of Atlanta, Ga. Bryant was an All-State linebacker last year with 119 tackles. Other sophomore players include: Strong safety Xavier Thomas of Holt, Ala.; Linebackers William Johnson and Jimmy Kincaid of Morton; cornerback Mark Thomas and strong safety Jeff Rowell of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; defensive lineman Kevin Blanks of Meridian; cornerback Ashanti Webb of Tampa, Fla. and alternating nose guard Earl Truss of Edinburg.

New faces on the Warrior defense include: defensive lineman Kendrick Clancy, corner back Dejuan Clark, defensive lineman Devin Rainer, defensive end William Curry, and free safety Joseph Anders all of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Others include defensive linemen Byron Johnson and Tyquan Taylor, and cornerback Chris Crosby all of Louisville. Also free safety Joey Pinkston and Nathan Russel of Forest, linebacker William Johnson of Newton, free safety Ernie Stribling of Walnut Grove, linebacker Kenny Kelly of Panama City, Fla.; corner back Edwin Moore of Noxapater, linebacker Zack Sanders of Philadelphia, linebacker Terry Dugas of Dunwoody, Ga.; and nose guard Corey Hamler of Charleston, W. Va.

The Warrior offense is led by sophomore quarterback Jake Kizziah of Tuscaloosa, Ala. The rest of the sophomore offense includes wide receivers Tim Livingston of Carthage and Calvin Williams of Walnut Grove, running back Derrell Reed and fullback Steve Bradford both of Forest, and quick tackle Ryan Stokley of Morton.

Running back Mack Pittman of Panama City, Fla., the MVP of the Florida and Georgia High School All-Star game last year heads up the freshman offensive players. Shaun Walker of Morton is the starting kicker/punter.

Other freshmen include: fullback Billy Singleton and Chad Neese, strong guard Cyrus Ben, and tight end Undeon Hardy all of Philadelphia; quarterback/punter Al Hunt of Honey path, South Carolina; wide receivers Calvin Johnson of Newton and Horace Nash of Carthage, tight end Chris Arrington of Forest, strong guard Bo Thomas of Morrow, Ga.; quick guards Charles Pease of Nanih Waiya and Russel McCann of Conehatta, quick tackle Gary Ashford of Louisville, strong tackle Jason Nixon of Seminole, Ga.; and center Brian Harpole of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Coats said, "We worked hard recruiting and signed a great group of freshman and have a great group of returning sophomores.





Trainer assigned to ECCC-Joey McLeod (left), a full-time trainer available to ECCC athletes through Rush Foundation Hospital, is shown wrapping an ankle for Warrior basketball layer Maurice Bowie of Morton while trainer Chad Barker (who previously served as ECCC trainer before taking on a new assignment for Rush) check Bowie's teammate Jason Smith of Union for a possible shoulder injury. ECCC and Rush have combined efforts to provide a full-time trainer for College athletes.

ECCC, Rush Hospital provide trainer for college athletes

When student athletes come to East Central, they not only can expect to be members of competitive sports programs; they can also anticipate the highest quality of medical care available to treat their injuries.

Thanks to an agreement between East Central and Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, a certified trainer is available on a full-time basis to treat player injuries.

Joey McLeod, an athletic trainer with the Rush Sports Medicine Team, was recently assigned to the Decatur Campus where he serves the college's student athletes and is also available for area high school players.

McLeod, who came to ECCC last spring, succeeds Chad Barker who served as the first full-time athletic trainer and began his duties in summer 1995.

Barker was later promoted to another position with Rush Sports Medicine, but remained on campus through the spring to assist McLeod with his new assignment.

McLeod comes to East Central with many years experience in the sports medicine field. Certified on the national and state levels, McLeod is a graduate of the University of Alabama where he worked as a student trainer for three years. He was head student trainer his senior season when Alabama won the 1992 National Championship. He also served the Alabama men's basketball team in the same capacity for one season

In addition, he previously worked

with the New Orleans Saints professional football team for four summers and served as an assistant trainer for the Delchamps Senior bowl in 1995 and 1996. He is also a former trainer for UMS-Wright Prepatory school in Mobile, Ala.

Having a full-time trainer at East Central is obviously a welcomed addition to the athletic department.

Athletic Director Sammy Pace, who also serves as head women's basketball coach, said "Having a full-time, certified trainer takes so much responsibility away fro the coaching staffs.

It is great to have someone who has the skill and knowledge to know what to do when injuries occur."

skilled person as trainer whose judgment we can depend on. This allows us coaches to go about our business of coaching without having to be as concerned about player injuries," Pace added.

Coach Pace praised Rush Foundation Hospital for its assistance and cooperation in making available a full-time trainer for ECCC athletics.

"We have a great relationship with Rush Hospital. Having a trainer on campus was really a mutual setup with Rush. They were looking to provide a service for area colleges and schools, and we were looking for help in providing a trainer for our athletes. We just happened to get together and everything worked out "It is such a great relief to have a very well," Pace concluded.

Warrior baseball

By DAN GRESSETT The Tom Tom

The EC baseball players began working out on August 20, with the first two weeks being strictly conditioning. The players are looking forward to the upcoming fall season and inter-squad games.

New members of the 1996-97 East Central Community College baseball team were recently announced by head coach Jamie Clark. Signees include: Brian Hardy of Philadelphia; Zach Sanders of Neshoba Central; Dan Gressett of Lake; Joey Smith, Greg

Wood and Jeremy Chaney of Newton County; Joey Burchfield of Louisville; Eric Weaver of Newton; Dean Murray of Pascagoula; Travis Matherene of French Settlement, La; Seth Hebert of New Iberia, La; Kevin Grier of Baton Rouge, La.

Last year the Diamond Warriors experienced a record-setting campaign by posting 31 victories and qualifying for their appearance in the Region 23 Tournament.

With several experienced sophomores returning and new talent from the incoming freshmen, the Warriors look to have another successful season.

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ECCC plans full day of **Homecoming activities**

Recognition of outstanding alumni, instructors, new athletic hall of fame members and lifetime achievement recipients will highlight Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 12, 1996, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Also honored will be alumni representing all classes ending in "6", members of Coach Tom Cheney's 1958 through 1961 baseball teams and graduates of the 1935, 1936 and 1937 classes.

As an added treat for half-time activities of the ECCC-Hinds football game, which kicks off at 2:30 p.m., former members of the Warrior Marching Band are scheduled to join the present group of musicians in a special performance. For more information regarding the ECCC Alumni Band, contact band director Thomas W. Carson at the College.

The day's activities begin at 8:30 a.m. when members of the ECCC Development Foundation will have a breakfast meeting to discuss college needs resulting from enrollment growth.

Registration of alumni begins at 9 a.m. in front of the Student Center, with reunion groups meeting at 10 a.m. at various campus locations.

In addition, former ECCC athletes and other supporters of Warrior athletics will meet at 11 a.m. in Newton Hall, Room 60. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Earl Marshall, Warrior Club president, whose office is located in the College's Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center.

Recipients of the various awards will be honored at the annual alumni luncheon beginning at 12 noon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Honorees include Ray Britt of Walnut Grove, Alumnus of the Year; Brenda Whatley Kirby of Forest, Alumna of the Year; M.E. "Boe" Davis of Cary, North Carolina; John W. Golden of Stone Mountain, Georgia; Julie Latham of Morton and Malcolm Phillips of Newton, new additions to the Athletic Hall of Fame; Charles Hinson of Decatur, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Jimmy Dempsey of Decatur, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year.

Others being honored are Decatur attorney W.H. Johnson, Jr., a recipient of a Special Achievement Award in recognition of 35 years



Jimmy Dempsey

service as public address announcer for Warrior football games.

Britt (Class of 1966), president of the Bank of Walnut Grove, is involved in various community activities including the Leake County Industrial Development Association, where he currently serves as vice president. A former Walnut Grove "Man of the Year," Britt was named "Volunteer of the Year" for 1995 by the Leake County Economic Development Council.

Britt made national headlines on September 29,1992 when he was taken hostage by three men who robbed the Bank of Walnut Grove. Britt was forced to drive the getaway car, leading law enforcement officers in a high speed chase through Scott and Rankin counties. The incident ended without anyone receiving serious injury, although gun shots were fired between the bank robbers and law enforcement personnel. The patrolman who protected Britt from the gunfire was fellow ECCC alumnus Corporal Joe Nelson of Forest, who was later selected "Trooper of the Year" by officers in the ninecounty Meridian district of the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

Whatley Kirby (Class of 1962) is a member of the ECCC faculty where she is employed as skills lab instructor for the Associate Degree Nursing Program. She was recently elected by the Mississippi Nurses Association to represent the state's registered nurses at the 1996 House of Delegates to the American Nurses Association in Washington, D.C.



Charles Hinson Brenda Whatley Kirby

provides entertainment at various civic and community clubs throughout the five-county district. His musical groups are also featured during campus concerts and other special events.

Dempsey, ECCC vocational-technical counselor since 1990, has over 23 years of experience as a school administrator. He is presidentelect of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Counselors' Association and will lead the organization in 1997.

Davis was a standout center/linebacker on the Warrior football team during the 1954 and 1955 seasons. He continued his athletic career at Florida State University where he was the leading tackler for the 1958 season.

Latham was a starting forward on the Lady Warrior basketball team during the 1975-76 and 1976-77 seasons. As a freshman, she helped lead the ECCC women to the North Division and State Championships. The Lady Warriors were state runners-up her sophomore season. Latham was also a member of the tennis team during the 1977 spring season and won the state singles championship in the Class B division.

Golden was an All-State performer in football and baseball during the 1955 seasons. A standout halfback, Golden continued his athletic career at Mississippi State University as a member of the 1956 and 1957 Bulldog squads.

Phillips was regarded as one of the best ends and pass receivers to wear an ECCC uniform. He was a member of the 1946, 1947, and 1948 football squads, earning letters in all three sea-

ECCC alumni association adopts 'marquee' project

Fundraising efforts are under way for a proposed new electronic marquee to be located at the campus entrance of East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College President.

Dr. Smith said the marquee project was rated the "top choice" by members of the College's Alumni Association Board of Directors at the group's fall semester meeting. The proposed project has also been endorsed by the ECCC Foundation and Board of Trustees.

The fundraising endeavor, called "Welcome Home," features a recreation of the archway that greeted campus visitors for almost three decades, from 1951 to the late '70's. Included in the archway will be an electronic marquee that would continuously announce campus events.

Hogue said the computer-controlled structure will cost approximately \$30,000.

He added there are various levels of investments for alumni and other supporters of the college to consider including the following:

(1) \$50 minimum (name of contributor will be designated on brick in columns):

(2) \$ 100 minimum (contributor will receive lifetime membership in ECCC Alumni Association); and

(3) \$500 minimum (name of contributor will be displayed on plaque positioned on brick in columns).

For more information contact Larry Hogue, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 323.



service as Board of Trustees attorney; and J. W. Thrash, also of Decatur, who will be presented an Athletic Recognition Award for his 30 years

Hinson has served as music instructor at East Central since 1983. He also directs the concert choir and the Ac'cents, a select vocal group that

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An artist's sketch of a new electronic marquee proposed at East Central Community College in Decatur. Fundraising efforts are underway to fund the project, expected to cost approximately \$30,000.

East Central mourns student

Sam Beckham, a sophomore student. was found dead in his residence hall on Tuesday, Sept. 24. His roommate noti-

fied the school Sam Beckham nurse that he was

unable to awaken Beckham. Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College President, and Mr. Joe Clark, Director of Housing were also notified and rushed to the scene.

Newton County law officials and the county coroner were notified by school officials when local officials, including the college nurse, determined that Beckham was dead. The autopsy conducted by Mississippi Mortuary Services of Pearl concluded that Beckham was not the victim of foul play although complete autopsy results are not yet available.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith addressed the student body in a school-wide assembly shortly after the body was discovered. He also contacted the victim's family to offer condolences.



Johnson to be honored during Homecoming



Beckham was an honor student majoring in computer technology and recently won first place in a computer programming competition.

A friend remembers

By TRAVIS MIZELE The Tom Tom

As he walked around campus, one couldn't help but notice him. He was a giant among men. Samuel Beckham was his name. He had a smile for everyone and was willing to drop whatever he was doing to help his fellow student and friends.

When we went to high school together, Sam and I were close friends. I moved to Edinburg, Mississippi, about four years ago. Sam was one of the first people to take me under his wing. He did whatever he could to make my new life easier. In chemistry class, everyone always said that Sam would be famous one day. Well his fifteen minutes of fame is going to leave a lifetime of pain and grief to those that knew him. Sam passed away on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 24, in his dorm room in Todd Hall.

Instead of talking about the circumstances of his death, I think Sam would prefer that I discuss the circumstances of his life. Sam graduated from Edinburg High School in 1994. He was named Star Student and Valedictorian of his class. Sam was on the right path to a golden future. At ECCC, Sam shone in his classes. He made many friends, and there was rarely a time that you didn't see someone he was talking to smiling. He was a good friend, and he will be missed by all of us at East Central.



Members of the 1996 East Central Community College Homecoming Court include, from left, freshman maids Mandy Sanders of Carthage, Quanta Hill of Philadelphia and Kamonica Craig of Louisville; Maid of Honor Olivia McDaniel of Philadelphia; Queen Karen McRae of Carthage and sophomore maids Jennifer Musgrove of Carthage and Jill Martin and Whitney Salter, both of Philadelphia. The court will be presented during halftime ceremonies of the ECCC-Hinds football game on Saturday, Oct. 12. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

ECCC names Homecoming royalty

Carthage has been selected 1996 Homecoming Queen at East Central Community College and will be

crowned by College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith during halftime ceremonies at the ECCC-Hinds Community College football game on Saturday, Oct. 12 in Decatur with kick offset for 2:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

McRae is an accounting major from Carthage High School. At East Central, she is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, serving as project chairman; Phi Theta Kappa, serving as historian; and the Diamond Girls. She is also a member of the Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Marching Band, and was select-

Sophomore Karen McRae of ed a freshman class favorite. She is a graduate of Neshoba Central High McRae.

> Her escort will be Jacob Grimes, son of Grover and Cornelia Grimes of Carthage. A second-year liberal arts major at East Central, he is a graduate of Carthage High School.

Other members of the Homecoming Court include Maid of Honor Olivia McDaniel of Philadelphia; sophomore maids Jill Martin and Whitney Salter, both of Philadelphia, and Jennifer Musgrove of Carthage; and freshman maids Kamonica Craig of Louisville, Quanta Hill of Philadelphia and Mandy Sanders of Carthage.

McDaniel, daughter of Jan McDaniel and Clifford McDaniel, is

the daughter of James and Gloria School. At East Central, she is majoring in sports medicine and is a member of the Lady Warrior basketball team; Lady Diamond Warrior softball team; Warrior Corps, the official student host and recruiting group for the College; and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, and she received the 1996 Free Throw Award in basketball

> Her escort is Danny Wilkerson II of Carthage, son of Danny and Faye Wilkerson. He is a graduate of Leake Academy and a physical education major at East Central. He is also a student assistant for the Lady Warrior basketball team.

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East Central Students Write On



By JERAMI BEARD The Tom Tom

Although we have some answers, many questions remain unanswered about the newly named infirmity that is sweeping across the world today, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Although Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is not life threatening, it is still incurable and can do major damage to the immune system.

According to Disease Directory, in April 1987, the Center for Disease Control convened an open meeting in Atlanta to organize a group that would devise a definition and select an appropriate name for the new syndrome. Increasing law and professional attention was placed upon the illness and it then became known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. When the researchers compared blood samples from seventeen healthy volunteers with those from eighteen Chronic Fatigue Syndrome sufferers, they found several immune differences.

According to the United States Public Health Service, the illness often seems to begin during a time when an individual is feeling highly stressed. Incidentally this information is undocumented. Many also believe that CFS begins after an acute infectious illness such as the flu, bronchitis, hepatitis, or mononucleosis.

Researchers have yet to pinpoint the exact cause of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Many people diagnosed with CFS describe its onset as sudden but not alarming because many of its symptoms mimic those of the flu. Disease Directory affirms that whereas flu goes away in a few weeks, CFS symptoms persist or recur frequently for more than six months.

Symptoms of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome include: low grade fever, headache, fatigue and weakness, tender Lymph glands, muscle

and joint pain, mental confusion, inability to concentrate, loss of short term memory, and lack of energy to perform most daily activities.

Some researchers have linked CFS with temporary disruptions in the normal function of Lymphocytes, the blood cells that play a major part on the body's infection fighting immune system.

While in this massive search for the exact cause of CFS, The Center for Disease Control concluded that many doctors as well as patients, have looked to the possibility of a psychological breakdown. Psychiatric disease, and especially depression, are frequently found in people with persistent fatigue and among patients referred for evaluation for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Even so, many people with CFS have no sign of psychiatric disease and the depression usually develops after symptoms of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome begin.

During the mid 1980's, several disease studies described a prolonged illness that associated chronic infection with Epstein Barr Virus. Hence, many researchers concluded that the Epstein Barr Virus tends to be a common cause of CFS. According to Public Health Services, in the United States eighty to ninety-five percent of all adults have been exposed to the Epstein Barr Virus by the time they are forty, thus have developed the antibodies that cause Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

The Epstein Barr Virus is a member of the herpes family and is related to the viruses that cause genital herpes and shingles. EBV is highly contagious. It can be passed by close contact, kissing, sharing food, or coughing. Moreover EBV can be sexually transmitted.

In spite of the 1987 United States naming of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, clinical portraits of diseases similar to CFS have appeared under other names of centuries. Some generations have favored but not proven explanation that include: Anemia which is iron poor blood; Hypoglycemia, which is low blood sugar; candidiasis, which is body wide yeast infection; and even environmental allergy.

U. S. Public Health Services agree a Chronic Fatigue Syndrome patient should eat soured products such as yogurt and cottage cheese. A sufferer should consume plenty of water and juices, and should make sure bowels move daily by adding fiber to the diet. One should eliminate the following foods: fried foods, junk foods, coffee, tea, soft drinks, sugar and other stimulants. No aspirin should be taken. One should also be careful not to over exert oneself with heavy exercising.

A Chronic Fatigue Syndrome patient should, on the other hand, consume foods that supply energy and build immunity, specifically vegetables, fruits, whole grains, seeds, and raw nuts.

As stated before, a cure for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome has not yet been discovered. However, doctors agree that low doses of antidepressant drugs seem to improve the symptoms of CFS. A variety of anti-viral and immune system modulating drugs and vitamins also tend to conquer these symptoms.

Doctors and researchers are still looking for the answers to many questions. They do believer that the name Chronic Fatigue Syndrome totally underestimates the severity of the disease because fatigue is only a small part of many symptoms. It is especially important for CFS sufferers to follow recommendations as directed by a doctor. This treatment can only be recommended with a hope that a cure is around the next corner.

Same sex marriage

By BRANDI MYRICK The Tom Tom

In recent weeks the controversy of same sex marriages has been a major issue in the media and in politics . Homosexuals are fighting to convince Congress to re-define marriage so they may legally marry one another and receive the same benefits as married couples today. I feel that Congress should not do this. I believe that the government of this country should not change its moral standards for such an issue.

I feel that it is an individual's choice to choose whether or not to support homosexuality. If Congress were to change the law, it would be changing the morals of this country without the support of the majority of its citizens. This would be like Congress imposing a change of morals to every person who does not support the gay movement. Also, this would have a major conflict with many peo-

To choose. ... or not to choose

By MICKEY THRASH The Tom Tom

Should parents be allowed to choose the school that their children attend? Or should all students be required to attend school in the district in which they live? As a parent, I have spent quite a bit of time trying to decide how I feel about this issue. I have become convinced that the answer lies not in one side or the other, but in the gray area in between.

There are serious problems with the policy of allowing parents to freely choose where to send their children to school. Some parents would never be satisfied with any particular school, and their children would be denied a stable environment in which to learn. These children would be switched from school to school. Another drawback to this system is the possibility that some school might be tempted to recruit

ple's religion. I think it would be wrong for Congress to change the "tradition" of marriage for such a small percentage of the population. Gays make up roughly 24% of our population. It would be wrong to change the law for such a minority of people.

If Congress were to pass a law permitting same sex marriages, many people would lose faith in our government. Congress needs to focus on cleaning up some of the problems we have now, instead of creating future problems for our country.

In conclusion, I feel that same sex marriages should not be permitted. Homosexuals are a minority. They have different morals and values than the majority. Being different always comes with a price tag. In this case, the homosexuals should have to pay the price of being different, instead of the citizens who oppose such a union.

students for their athletic programs. Such practices would be detrimental to students and school systems alike.

There are also serious problems with requiring students to attend school in the district where they live. Some students actually live closer to a school in another district than they live to the one in their own district. In other instances a parent may work in another town or district, and may desire to have their children go to school close to where they work. Both of these instances could place parents and/or students under unnecessary hardships.

The best option, then, would be to require students to attend school in the district where they live unless they can obtain a transfer. The school district would be required to grant the transfer if the parent could show a sufficient need for one. This system avoids the previously discussed drawbacks by being neither too rigid nor too flexible.



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Renae Ezelle

EC student shares air force experiences

By VICKIE MCGEE The Tom Tom

On East Central's campus, there are 1828 students. There is no possible way that one could get to know each of these students, much less know their accomplishments. This year a student has been discovered whose life has been rewarding and adventurous. This student is Renae Ezelle.

Renae graduated from Clinton High School. She received a basketball scholarship from Belhaven College. At Belhaven, she was a member of the basketball and track teams. She attended Belhaven College for two and a half years. At this point of her life, Renae did not know what she wanted to major in. She decided to join the U.S. Air Force.

While in the Air Force, she was stationed in Fayetteville, NC. Renae traveled to all fifty states including Alaska and Hawaii. She has also traveled to England, Spain, Greece, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Korea, the Phillipines, Japan, and Thailand. Renae was involved in the mission to Panama when the U.S. captured General Noriega. The airplane she came home on had four bullet holes in it. She was also a crew chief on a C-130. Renae's

favorite countries are Greece and

Korea. She enjoyed the cultures and

food. The state that she liked the best

is, of course, Mississippi. It is her

ECCC to present 'The Mousetrap' **The Scarlett Letter**

By RICHARD EDWARDS

tles many skeletons. Another famous

By JERAMI BEARD The Tom Tom

With today's technology, it has become an American passion to make great novels into good movies. From James Fenimore Cooper's "The Last of the Mohicans" to John Grisham's "A Time to Kill", the popularity of both the books and the movies are on the rise. This popularity also holds true for Nathaniel Hawthorne' s "The Scarlet Letter".

Although Demi Moore portrays an excellent Hester Prynne, the plot and actual storyline is transformed to fulfill the expectations of the American viewers, who have yet to read the romance.

To explain the storyline and plot differences, one should begin at the very opening. Hawthorne leads in with much suspense. Unlike the video, which gives a play by play account as to why Mistress Hester Prynne is to wear the scarlet letter, Hawthorne speaks only of the jail itself. He describes the wooden edifice as "the door of which was heavily timbered with oak, and studded with iron spikes" He continues to explain that this door is used as an entrance and exit of the jail where Hester Prynne is being kept. At this point the reader knows nothing of adultery, nothing of the scarlet letter, and nothing of the story yet to come.

In further reading, as compared to further listening and watching, one would recognize many other differences. Such a difference was evident in chapter five of the novel Hawthorne writes "It was the art then, as now, almost the only one within a woman's graspof needle work". Hester was exceptional with her needle work "By degrees, nor very slowly, her handiwork became what would be termed the fashion." Contrary to Hollywood Pictures, which gave Hester no meaningful trade, Hawthorne connected Hester with the townspeople through her attractive and admired talent.

Although there are many other differing aspects from Hawthorne to Hollywood, the next distinction

created a contrast beyond belief. The film industry that created the interpretation of "The Scarlet Letter" succeeded in making a version that is very fascinating. Unfortunately, the motion picture did not conclude as did the romance.

The finale to the novel occurred at the Election Ceremony. Reverend Dimmesdale, the unplanned child's father, stood before the town congregation. He announced that he could not depart heavenward without a sign. Yes, the minister, who was loved by all, was soon to pass away, yet he would not pass without sin.

Not long after this bold speech, Mister Arthur Dimmesdale turned towards the scaffold with his arms stretched out to those he loved so much. "Hester," said he, "come hither! Come my little Pearl .' Dimmesdale then announced upon the scaffold his love for both Hester and Pearl. It was upon this same scaffold that Reverend Dimmesdale died in the arms of his beloved Hester.

According to Hawthorne, Reverend Dimmesdale died, thus leaving his adored family and friends. Nevertheless, Hollywood Pictures had to create the "happily ever after" ending. This conclusion took place as Arthur, who did not die, Hester, and darling little Pearl ride away in the horse and buggy. They ride even though the town is in complete turmoil with the Indian savages. The family presumably lives together, never to encounter the scarlet letter again.

Many times the motion picture companies try to produce a film that appeals to the viewpoints of the movie watchers. There is but one problem with this situation.

In "The Scarlet Letter", the problem is completely obvious The novel, which was composed in 1850 by Nathaniel Hawthorne, was an original. This original did not need modification.

Both the novel and the movie were extremely worthy of one's time. Despite the emotional drama of the film, one should realize the differences in plot, storyline, and overall meaning.

The Tom Tom

East Central Community College will present Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" Thursday, Nov. 14 through Saturday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in Mabry Cafeteria.

"The Mousetrap" is a thrilling "who-dunnit" mystery that revolves around a group of strangers stranded in a boarding house during a snow storm, one of whom is a murderer. The suspects include the newly married couple who run the house, a spinster with a curious background, an architect, a retired Army major, a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift, and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone. Into their midst comes a policeman on skis. He no sooner arrives, than the jurist is killed. To get to the rationale of the murderer's pattern, the policeman probes the background of everyone present, and rat-

Flu season rapidly approaching

By GARY HODGES The Tom Tom

Well, it's that time of year again, and we all have sniffles and a slight cough. Before you know it the flu will be spreading like a wildfire.

Symptoms of the flu include: fever, muscle pains and soreness, weakness, fatigue, sore throat and a dry hacking cough. To relieve these symptoms you should take an aspirin or acetementaphen -based pain reliever

Health officials are urging everyone to get a flu shot this year. The reasoning behind this is that the past two years have been "light" flu years. Meteorologists are predicting a colder winter this year which means people will be staying in together, warming themselves, which provides a breeding ground for the flu virus.

Doctor's offices and state health centers are now offering the influenza vaccination. The cost will vary depending on where this is done. If you have any questions you should contact the local health department or your family doctor.

gatha Christie switch provides for a dramatic ending.

Come join the ECCC Players for an evening of enjoyable entertainment and a delicious dinner on Nov. 14, 15, and 16, at 7 p.m. in Mabry Cafeteria, East Central Campus.

The stage is set; a murderer is loose. Come and see who will be caught in 'The Mousetrap'. Tickets go on sale Nov. 4. **CAST OF THE MOUSETRAP**

Mollie Ralston Lisa Harrison of Newton County

The Arts: Landscape of Our Times

By OLIVA HAMIL The Tom Tom

As you visited Burton Library these first weeks of college you probably noticed the Phi Theta Kappa display and bulletin board on "The Arts: Landscape of Our Time", the Phi Theta Kappa Honors study topic for 1996-97.

As citizens of the United States, we understand the importance of art, but are we sure "What is Art?" This and other questions such as: "What are the origins of and influences on the Arts?, the "Differences in Fine Art and Popular Art" and "Relationship Between Art and Science" will be studied by Phi Theta Kappans this

The topic is timely, international in scope, issue-oriented, appropriate for interdisciplinary study and amenable to study on small college campuses.

The college is working with Phi Theta Kappa in seeking ways to provide the college and the community with a comprehensive current events enrichment program in the arts. Mr. Bruce Guraedy, chairman of the Humanities Division, will help Theta Xi Chapter host a Fall Art Show. The College is also seeking funds through the Mississippi Humanities Council for a "Night of Art", an art demonstration by Mr. Guraedy.

A field trip to the Rogers Museum in Laurel is in the planning stages for the semester.

As we Phi Theta Kappans explore the arts on our campus and in our communities, the honors courses, speaker series, and field trips, we will, in time, reach our own conclu-

Corey Robinson of Scott County **Christopher Wren** Richard Edwards of Scott County Mrs. Boyle LaRee Lyle of Scott County **Major Metcalf** J. B. Ware of Newton County **Miss Casewell** Emily Bullock of Newton County Mr. Paravicini Ben Wall of Scott County **Sergeant Trotter** Max Lobentovich of Newton County

sions about the value of art in our

society and our individual lives. We

might even want to become active

participants in the creative processes.

ECCC Presidents

By RICHARD EDWARDS

The Tom Tom

representing 31 organizations came

together to form the East Central

Presidents Council for 1996-97.

Under the leadership of East Cen-

tral's President Dr. Eddie M. Smith

and Dean of Students Randall Lee,

the council serves the purpose of a

communications bridge between the

College's many campus organiza-

dents and representatives from any

ECCC club. The members of the

Presidents Council will meet

throughout the year to discuss the

progress and activities of each of

council. The officers for the 1996-97

term are as follows: Bart Gregory,

President; Jim Savell, vice-president;

last Monday of every month, at 3

p.m. in the conference room of the

Administration Building. All presi-

dents of all organizations are encour-

The Presidents Council meets the

Officers were elected to serve the

their respective organizations.

and Olivia Hamil, secretary.

aged to participate.

The council is open to all presi-

tions and the administration.

On Monday, Sept. 30, 26 students

Council holds

first meeting

Giles Ralston

favorite because it is home. "After visiting other countries and seeing the living conditions of the people, Mississippi is not as bad as it seems," said Renae.

Renae was selected to play on the Air Force softball team and the Armed Forces softball team. She played in the nationals for three years. During each of these years, her team placed in the top five in the nation. Renae was selected as female athlete of the year in the entire Air

Force for her accomplishments. After getting out of the Air Force, Renae lived in North Carolina for six years. She moved back home to Stratton in December of 1995. Renae started attending ECCC last semester. She is working toward a degree in secondary education. She hopes to attend MUW or USM after EC.

International **Service Project**

achieve its instructional goals, will offer opportunities for mental development. Theta Xi Chapter will participate in Phi Theta Kappa's International Service Program for 1996-98 which was officially launched at International Convention in Washington, DC in April. Theta Xi will conduct an "Aids Awareness Day" on Oct. 29 during the week-long activities seeking to educate the students and faculty on personal, family and community issues related to HIV/AIDS, a mission Ryan White himself established before his death

It is felt that Theta Xi will not only perform a service to its members and the community, but will become part of the international movement to recognize this important aspect of HIV/AIDS awareness. Red ribbons will be distributed during the week and the money collected will be given to the Ryan White Foundation for AIDS research.

East Central, in order to

Four named to ECCC Hall of Fame

Membership in the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame increases to 26 this year with the induction of four former sports greats scheduled during Homecoming activities on Saturday, Oct. 12. Ceremonies begin at 12 noon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Also recognized during the annual alumni awards luncheon will be recipients of alumni of the year and special achievement honors, and those selected outstanding academic and vocational-technical instructors.

Joining previous athletic hall of fame inductees are M.E. "Boe" Davis (Class of 1956) of Cary, North Carolina; John W. Golden (Class of 1956) of Stone Mountain, Georgia; Julie Latham (Class of 1977) of Morton; and Malcolm Phillips (Class of 1949) of Newton.

BOE DAVIS

Davis was a member of the Warrior football teams during the 1954 and 1955 campaigns. Like many of his teammates, Davis was known as a "60-minute man," playing on the offensive (center) and defensive (linebacker) side of the ball.

He came to East Central from Hapeville, Georgia, where he received All-Region and honorable mention All-State honors in football. He lettered in football, basketball and track

Davis first learned of East Central after being persuaded by some friends from College Park, Georgia, to come to Mississippi and tryout for football. Davis was among those who came to Decatur following his senior season and tried out for the Warrior football team, led at the time by Coach Bill Ray Lindsley. Davis said he was asked by Coach Lindsley to come back to East Central for the following fall campaign and he did, along with many other out-of-state athletes. (Davis said he did not realize there was a limit to the number of out-of-state scholarships the college offered; and he really had to work hard during pre-season drills to earn his spot on the team.)

When Davis arrived on the Decatur campus to begin fall workouts, he remembers feeling like "every other college freshman" who was far away from home.

"Our practices were very rough and we were not allowed to drink water. To make matters worse, many of the players were Korean War veterans and obviously much tougher than most of us who were right out of high school. To survive, we learned to mature very quickly," Davis said.

Davis added there were times when he and some others often thought of going back to Georgia. "I just kept saying to myself, 'If they can do it; we can, too' and that's how we made it through those preseason workouts," he said. "After all," he continued, "back then freshmen were forced to have their heads shaved and when my hair was cut I was just too darn ugly to go back home!"Even though it has been over 40 years since Davis wore a Warrior uniform, several games still stand out in his mind - and body! He recalled a game against Pearl River when the Warriors attempted to "trick" the Wildcats by using a single wing formation. "I was the center and the Pearl River defender who lined up against me had a cast on his arm. On the first play, I snapped the ball and the defender hit me so hard with his cast that I fell over backwards. On the next play, he hit me even harder and I was knocked into our running back causing him to fumble. On the third play, we abandoned the single wing formation," Davis said laughing.



M. E. "Boe" Davis John W. Golden



Malcolm Phillips Julie Latham

and three situation deep in Warrior territory, Coach Blount decided not to punt and gamble that East Central could maintain possession and run out the clock, preserving the upset victory

Davis said he well remembers the 'situation"

"Charlie Hope was the quarterback and he looked over at Coach Blount on the sidelines to find out what to do. Coach Blount really didn't say anything but just turned his back to us and running back James Gordon said, 'Let's just run the darn ball,' and we did. Gordon carried the pigskin and with a lot of help from us linemen (he smiled) we made the first down and eventually won the game.'

Coach Blount, who was inducted last year, also commented the Hinds game was "the greatest win" of his coaching career.

In addition to playing against 'very tough" competition, Davis recalled some of the athletic facilities - as well as some fans - were equally as difficult.

"I remember traveling to one game and when we got there we had to dress in a slaughter house. Needless to say, we got dressed in a hurry at that place. And at another away game, I can still remember being spit on by our opponent's fans as we walked onto the field. Thank goodness rivalries aren't what they used to be," he said.

In addition to being an outstanding athlete at East Central, Davis was also a popular student. He was elected to represent the freshmen class on the Student Body Association and served as vice president of the Executive Council in the fall of his sophomore year.

He also served in another capacity during that fall term, and still chuckles a little when reminded of

four-sport letterman in football, basketball, baseball and track. He won numerous honors including All-County and All-State in football and baseball. He was unanimously voted best halfback by all county coaches. He was selected most valuable player in the East-West All-Star Baseball Game and he participated in the North-South All-Star Football Game. He was also selected to the All Tournament Team in the regional basketball playoffs. He was obviously a highly recruited college athlete. How did East Central land such a prize recent?

Golden was originally signed up by the University of Alabama but became unhappy with Tide coaches who wanted him to play end instead of halfback. So Golden began looking for another college to attend and chose East Central, mainly because of Larry Tuggle, Gale Tuggle, and Thurman Alley, who attended EC and were friends and former high school teammates of Golden. Another reason Golden selected East Central was that he knew he would be much happier "as a big fish in a little pond instead of being a little fish in a big pond."

Just like his teammate Boe Davis, Golden recalled "some very tough workouts" on the Warrior practice field. And, like Davis and other members of the 1955 football squad, the highlight of the season was the "Hinds" game. Described by writers of that time as the "upset of the year" the Warriors were rated at least a two touchdown underdog to the Eagles who were the defending Little Rose Bowl champions and National Junior College champions of 1954.

Playing in their own "backyard," Hinds jumped to a quick 7-0 lead but the Warriors responded with a score of their own behind Golden's eightyard blast. Jackie Wilks tied the contest with his PAT. Other names mentioned as having key roles on the scoring drive were quarterback Charlie Hope (inducted in 1994), running back James Gordon and end Earl Marshall (inducted in 1989).

The game remained deadlocked going into the final stanza when East Central put together a 65-yard scoring march, set up by a Hinds fumble. On that game-winning drive, Golden, Gordon, Wilks and running back John Mooney made key runs to maintain possession. It was Wilks who plunged the final two yards for the go ahead tally. The PAT was not successful but the Warriors held a six-point advantage late in the fourth quarter.

Hinds took the ensuing kickoff and began a march from its 27. Behind the power-running of fullback Jim Taylor the Eagles drove to the East Central 10-yard line and appeared to be setting up for a gamewinning score. But the Warrior defense stiffened and caused an Eagle fumble which EC recovered. The Warriors were able to win the game by maintaining possession, including a risky gamble on fourth and two deep in East Central territory. On that fourth down situation, Hope handed the pigskin to Gordon who found the necessary first down yardage thanks to the "parting" of the Hinds defense by the Warrior offensive line. After the upset victory, Golden said he can still remember head coach Clayton Blount being carried off the field by the Warrior players and fans. Blount, who was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame last year, often calls the Hinds game "the greatest win" of his coaching career.

In high school, Golden was a driving in 12 Warrior runs - (seven hits in nine at bat with two home runs, two triples, one double, and two singles) - obviously a record that probably still stands today

It should be no surprise that Golden led the junior college league in home runs, triples, stolen bases and batting average.

Following his successes as a football and baseball standout, Golden was an unanimous All-State choice in both sports.

When he was not participating in athletics Golden enjoyed campus life "and doing things college kids did back then." He was an active member of the Chapel Committee, International Relations Club, Liberal Arts Club and the Drama Club.

He and his roommate, fellow inductee Boe Davis, had "a lot of fun" and referred to, as were other out-of-state players, as "outlaws" or "the dirty 30." Golden was also a popular student, having been elected a campus favorite.

When he left East Central, Golden faced several options regarding his athletic career.

He could return to Alabama, go to Florida State like some of his Warrior teammates had planned, or play professional baseball with the St. Louis Cardinals who had offered him a contract

Golden chose instead to continue his football career at Mississippi State University, joining his brother Joe, a standout quarterback, who had led the MSU freshman team to a winning campaign the previous sea-

For Johnny, then 21, and Joe, 19 at the time, being on the MSU team together in the fall of 1956 marked the first time the two had been reunited since high school days at Oak Grove.

But a return to glory was not to be, Johnny, who was redshirted and later had to give up football due to a knee injury.

Golden received a bachelor's degree in education from MSU in 1957 and soon began his successful career in the finance business which began with Commercial Credit Corporation. He later served as a loan officer with Birmingham Trust National Bank before his involvement in the retail automotive industry. He retired in 1995 after receiving numerous awards for outstanding leadership and accomplishments in sales and finance.

He is also an Air Force veteran.

Golden lost his wife of 35 years, Glenda, who died of a heart attack on Father's Day, 1991. Their children reside in Georgia and include Gerri Golden of Dacula, Greg Golden of Dunwoody and Stacy Salter of Griffin. Mr. Golden also has a grand-



ECCC student leaders

Serving as leaders for the Student Body Association at East Central Community College in Decatur for the 1996-97 year are, seated from left, Jill Martin, vice president, and Erica Roberson, secretary, both of Philadelphia, and Tonya Covington of Noxapater, treasurer, and, standing from left, Maurice Bowie of Morton, president, and Randall Lee, interim dean of students.

*Homecoming

sons. He also lettered one year in basketball.

In addition, he was a successful high school football coach at various schools in Tennessee and at Newton County Academy. Phillips was named Football Coach of the Year" by the Memphis Civitan Club, after leading South Side to the city championship, a share of the state title and a perfect 11-0 season.

Several activities and events are scheduled for Homecoming week, including tennis and golf tournaThursday, Oct. 10, in Huff Auditorium. Kirby, a 1975 East Central graduate and Newton native, is a nationally known entertainer, who has received much acclaim for his performance in honor of the country music star.

Performing as the Kirby concert's opening act will be the ECCC Blues Band, 'Round Midnite. In addition, members of the 1996 Homecoming Court will be introduced prior to Kirby's performance.

For additional information

He also remembered a game at Marion Military Institute in Alabama, and how impressed he was with the number of Marion students who attended the contest.

"We just could not believe how many students were in the stands; the stadium was packed. It was a good game, too, and we went into the dressing room at halftime, we discussed our adjustments for the second half and made comments about the good crowd. But when we came onto the field to start the second half, there were only a handful of Marion students left in the stands. We later found out that all the Marion students had to attend the first half, then they could leave after halftime if they wanted to . . . and they did," Davis said.

But the biggest game for Davis and his Warrior teammates occurred during his sophomore season, when East Central was led by coaches Clayton Blount (head) and Dudley Miller.

East Central had a good team that season, but was thought to be no match for the powerful Hinds team, led by fullback Jimmy Taylor who would later become an All-American at Louisiana State University and All-Pro with the Green Bay Packers. With East Central leading Hinds 13-7 late in the game and facing a fourth

his participation in the campus event.

"We had what they call a 'mess pageant' and I dressed up as a female impersonator. I must have looked pretty good because one of my teammates, Earl Marshall, tried to ask me out for a date," Davis replied with a laugh.

Despite the tough football workouts and the sometimes less-thandesirable playing conditions, Davis still has fond memories of his days on the East Central campus.

"It was a wonderful experience and I met some really great people. Everyone took me in as if I were a native Mississippian, and because of that fact I will forever be grateful," he said.

Davis transferred to Florida State University following the 1955 fall term and continued his athletic career with the Seminoles. He was the leading tackler for FSU in 1958. He received a bachelor's degree in marketing in 1959.

Since 1978 Davis has served as president and chief executive officer for L & M Transportation Services, Inc. in Raleigh, North Carolina. L & M is a transportation consultant, brokerage and logistics management concern for national and international shippers and receivers.

Prior to locating in North Carolina, Davis resided in Atlanta where he formed and operated a small chemical company and commercial refuse service. He was previously employed as regional manager and sale agent for ZEP Manufacturing Company. He began his business career as an internal auditor with Allstate Insurance Company.

An Army veteran, he served 17 months active duty earning the rank of SP 4th Class.

Davis and his wife, the former Jackque Kelley, observed their 34th wedding anniversary in January. They have four grown children: Lance, 37; Kelly, 33; Tully, 32; and Jeff, 30; and five grandchildren.

JOHNNY GOLDEN

He was appropriately nicknamed 'Golden Boy" Golden, as the standout athlete from Oak Grove, Alabama, was known for his "Midas" touch in athletics. He found success in whatever sport he participated.

Although the win against Hinds was the most memorable for Golden, it did not represent his best game as a Warrior

In a 39-0 whipping of East Mississippi that same season, Golden rushed for 134 yards on 15 carries and scored four touchdowns, including a 38-yard scamper to paydirt. He also had a standout performance as defensive halfback as he grabbed two interceptions made seven tackles and recorded a safety. In addition, Golden handled kickoff duties and successfully converted three onside kicks. According to MERIDIAN STAR sports editor Dick Smith's account of the game, Golden was obviously the "master of points" that day! Golden was also an outstanding baseball player at East Central, and ironically had his best performance on the diamond also against an East Mississippi team.

In one game Golden blasted a bases-loaded triple then followed that performance with a three-run homer, which at the time marked a record for runs batted in (6) during two successive at-bats.

The next week East Central again played East Mississippi and this time Golden hit a home run, triple and two singles, and drove in six of the Warriors' 14 runs.

In two games with East Mississippi, Golden was responsible for

child, Jake Salter.

Mr. Golden is dedicating this award to his parents, James N. (Pola) and Agnes Golden, who still resides in Oal Grove, Ala. He stated "The award could not have happened without their continuos support." Mr. and Mrs. Golden are not able to attend the award presentation due to health reasons

JULIE LATHAM

Although she was not the top pointmaker or rebounder for the Lady Warrior basketball teams during the 1975-76 and 1976-77 campaigns, Latham played a vital role in leading her teammates to successful seasons both years.

As former coach Lucille Wood described one of her favorite players: "Julie did not lead the scoring. . . she led the team!"

A starting forward both years, Latham was the playmaker or "the brains" behind East Central's North Division and State Championship titles her freshman season. Additional honors were anticipated for the 1975-76 squad - recognized as one of the best ever at ECCC - but the Lady Warriors were not eligible to compete in the Region 7 Tournament that year because the College was not a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association. The state champions completed the season with an 18-5 record.

In addition to Latham, the Lady Warriors featured All-Staters Evelyn Bender and Diana Lyons (both recent Athletic Hall of Fame inductees) who scored over 1000 points their two seasons at East Central and continued their athletic careers at Jackson State University and the University of Southern Mississippi, respectively.

Both were also drafted by the Women's Professional Basketball League.

The Lady Warriors came close to winning a second consecutive state title during Latham's sophomore season but fell to Gulf Coast in the championship game held in Perkinston. EC had eliminated previously undefeated and nationally ranked East Mississippi in the semi-finals.

Latham, an honorable mention

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As added attraction to this year's observance, ECCC alumnus Pat Kirby will present A Tribute Garth Brooks" beginning at 7 p.m.

*****Royalty

Martin, a marketing major, is the daughter of Joe and Janice Martin and a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. Her East Central activities include Phi Theta Kappa; Warrior Corps, the official student host and recruiting group for the College; vice president of the Student Body Association; Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Marching Band; and Diamond Girls.

Serving as Martin's escort is Sam White of Philadelphia, son of Buddy and Kathy White. He is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and a forestry major at East Central.

Salter, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is the daughter of Stanley and Kay Salter and Cham and Vicki Trotter. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa; Warrior Corps, the official student host and recruiting group for the College; Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Marching Band; and Diamond Girls.

Her escort is Monty McMullen of Stonewall, a graduate of Lamar High School. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Albert McMullen. At East Central, he is majoring in business administration and is a member of the Diamond Warrior baseball team.

Musgrove, a physical therapy major, is the daughter of Danny and Janie Musgrove and a graduate of Leake Academy. She is a member of the Warrior Corps, the official student host and recruiting group for the College; Lady Warrior basketball team; Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Mu Tau and was selected freshman class vice president.

Her escort is Joe Green of Conehatta, son of Bobby Earl and Annette Green. He is a graduate of Leake Academy. At East Central, he is majoring in accounting and is a member of the Warrior basketball regarding Homecoming activities, contact Mr. Larry Hogue, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, (601)635-2111, ext. 323.

team and Phi Theta Kappa.

Craig, a pre-pharmacy major, is a graduate of Louisville High School where she was the recipient of the Student Scholar Athlete Award and the Advanced Physics Award. At East Central, she is a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau; Warrior Corps, the official student host and recruiting group for the College; the Lady Warrior basketball team and Mu Alpha Theta.

She will be escorted by Maurice Jones of Forest, son of Betty Jones. He is a graduate of Forest High School. At East Central, he is majoring in liberal arts.

Hill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hill and Kim Hill and a graduate of Neshoba Central High School where she was Miss Sweetheart 1994, Senior Homecoming Maid and the recipient of the Library Award. A psychology major, her East Central activities include being a member of the Gospel Choir and the Warrior Marching Band Flag Corps.

Danielle Johnson of Dodge County, Ga., son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, will serve as Hill's escort. He is a graduate of Helena High School and is majoring in liberal arts at East Central.

Sanders is a graduate of Carthage High School where she was Miss CHS, Homecoming Queen and Most Beautiful. At East Central, she is a Centralette, the danceline for the Warrior Marching Band, and is majoring in medical office technology. She is the daughter of Bobby and June Sanders.

Her escort is Joseph Brown of Conehatta, son of Betty Brown. He is a graduate of Sebastopol High School and a second year pre-nursing major at East Central.

*****Hall of Fame

All-State selection both years and team captain her sophomore season, when she was named best defensive player, said there were "many highlights" associated with her athletic career at East Central, but winning a state title "was a special thrill."

"I just really loved playing basketball at East Central. We were successful because we worked well together. We got the job done due to teamwork," she said. Latham added She and her teammates also had a lot of fun playing spades on the bus. "Playing cards was a great way to pass the time while traveling around the state," she said.

Latham gives Coach Wood credit for leading the Lady Warriors to successful campaigns.

"Coach Wood made us believe in ourselves. She also believed in stretching, conditioning, weight training and long workouts. And I really mean workouts," Latham said.

"But," she added, "it was certainly worth it." Wood obviously believed in mental preparedness or psychology as well.

Latham told how a former speech/drama teacher would help inspire the team.

"Before every game the manager would read a poem by Mr. (Bruce) Peterson that he had written for that particular ball game. His poems were really great and helped us to relax before game time," she said.

In addition to being an outstanding basketball player, Latham of the key to win the conference excelled as a tennis player. Although she had never picked up a racket prior to attending EC, Latham soon discovered a love for the game.

Wood recalled how Latham began in tennis, "It was my custom to have my basketball girls learn to play tennis. I used the month of September and part of October to work with the tennis team. Even though Julie had never played tennis before she worked at the game with the same spirit she did everything else here at East Central. Her sophomore year Joe Clark was the tennis coach and Julie became the state singles champion in the Class B division. She played tennis like she did basketball all defense.'

Latham also found success participating in the College's intramural program, as she won the table tennis championship.

"I really enjoyed playing ping pong and one of my favorite opponents was Mr. (Raymond) McMullan Latham made her mark at East Cen-(Director of Admissions, Records, and Research). I got in a lot of practice with Mr. McMullan. Anytime we could work in a game or two we would. He was a very good ping pong player and a great competitor,' she said

Participating in student government and various activities were also tion Bible School Director and assisa part of her campus involvements.

she was the third female selected

where she participated in helping underprivileged children in the intercity housing projects.

Since 1979 Latham has been employed with Morton Public Schools where she teaches fifth grade history at Bettye Mae Jack Middle School. For the past 11 years she was also junior high girls' basketball coach, compiling an overall record of 126 wins and 34 losses. Four of her teams experienced undefeated seasons. She gives credit to principal Percy Parker for most of her success.

"Mr. Parker has been a tremendous inspiration in my life. He was my basketball coach when I was in junior high which was during the first years of integration. He was a great coach then, and a great principal now. I just cannot say enough about what an influence this fine Christian person has had on my life," she said.

Latham said she enjoys coaching and teaching at her alma mater, where she first learned to fine-tune her basketball skills. She remembers playing basketball at a very early age with family members but it was junior high where she knew she could play the game.

When she was in the ninth grade she led Morton to the overall Little Dixie Conference title. The Lady Panthers had trailed by one point in that championship battle and Latham took a last -second shot from the top crown

As a high school player, Latham led the Lady Panthers to three straight appearances at the state tournament held in the Jackson Colise-

During her sophomore season, Morton won the State A-AA title but lost the overall state championship to Hatley by one point.

Latham's coach during her sophomore and junior years was the late Durwood Smith and Ray Riley led the squad her senior year.

Latham was the recipient of various athletic and academic honors while a student at Morton.

She served as team captain and was named best defensive player, All-Star and made several All-Tournament teams. She was also Valedictorian and received the Danforth and Citizenship awards along with several other honors.

It has been almost 20 years since tral. She continues to spend her time helping educate young minds and making her community a better place to live with church and community involvement.

She is a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Forkville, where she serves as church secretary, Vacatant pianist.

Phillips remembers receiving many hard blows to his nose and

"I've had my nose reconstructed and after some games I could hardly breathe because my nose had been hit so hard. We had to really be tough back then because players who could not take the pain were considered sissies. And nobody wanted to be called a sissy no matter how many cuts and bruises were on his face,' Phillips said.

In looking back over his football career at East Central, Phillips said "winning" was the most important thing, and coaches Shows, (M.L.) Vines and (Hillary) Horn (head coaches during Phillips' three seasons) "made sure we worked very hard to achieve success.'

Phillips recalled several "game highlights" during his EC days. Back then not many teams had much of a passing attack, but when Phillips name was called in the huddle, he tried to make the best out of every play.

In a game at Senatobia (Northwest), he caught two touchdown passes and led the Warriors to a 13-7 win. Against Summit (Southwest), his touchdown reception was the only score in a 7-0 victory. Competing against Moorhead (Miss. Delta), he caught 12 straight passes and set up three scores.

He also remembered some unusual playing conditions on some of the opponents' playing fields:

'At Wesson (Co-Lin) it rained three straight days including game day. The rains covered ditches and drains and the field was flooded. The football would land with a thud and the condition were obviously horrible. Once the ball floated off in a drainage ditch of swift water!

"In another game at Goodman (Holmes), the field was brand new. As we walked onto the field prior to game time, we would step on a piece of metal, railroad spikes and what looked like Civil War relics. During the game we tried our best to get tackled or fall away from those objects.

"And at Scooba (East Miss.), they also had a new field. The day of the contest, a torrential downpour occurred and in several areas of the field a person could really get bogged down. On one play I remember teammate James Hancock running the ball and when he tried to make a cut on the wet field his foot got stuck in the mud as he was tackled. Then we heard a loud popping noise like a 30.06 rifle being shot. We knew he had broken his leg. That was obviously not a pleasurable experience."

When Phillips was not catching touchdown passes, he said his other "favorite thing" was blocking punts, some of which he returned for touchdowns. In one game he blocked two punts. And he once blocked three punts in a high school contest. He would later teach his punt-blocking technique as a successful high school coach.

Phillips tore a hamstring which ended his playing career, For two years he could barely walk and it took four years before he could run a steady jog.

But before his career-ending injury, there were even happier days ahead for Phillips, as he and Maxine exchanged wedding vows on April 16, 1949. He would also soon begin a successful career as a teacher, coach and administrator.

After receiving his degree from MSU, Phillips began his coaching career in 1950 at Central High School in Memphis. He coached ends at Central which that year won the state championship. Both starting ends made All-Memphis and one was chosen All American.

Phillips left Central after one season for Humes High School in Memphis where he served as football, basketball and track coach from 1951 through the 195455 school term.

It was at Humes that Phillips had the opportunity to teach two unforgettable individuals. One that evolved from being "the meanest person who ever lived" to a respectable evangelist, and the other aspiring athlete who later became an international entertainer.

"One of my former students, John "Bull" Bramlett, was really the meanest person I have ever known. He later became one of the finest people when he became a Christian. He wrote a book titled TAMING OF THE BULL and it is quite fascinating to read how he became the person he is today. John and I visit each other from time to time and he has come to Newton County and preached at various locations," he said.

The other former player was also a character Phillips said he would obviously never forget.

"A shy, poor kid by the name of Elvis Presley went out for spring training his junior year at Humes. I remember watching this scrawny kid try to hit the blocking sled and I asked one of my assistants, 'Who is that?' and he said, 'That's Presley, coach.' Another time it was a very cold day and I told the players to keep their helmets on at all times so they would not get sick. Everyone kept his helmet on except Presley, who took it off to repeatedly slick his hair back," he said.

Phillips said Presley lasted "about 10 days" and had to guit because he needed to make money. Phillips added he still laughs when he recalls, his reaction to the first time he heard Presley perform on stage.

"There was a talent show at the school one night and I was working the concession area with other school personnel. When Presley got on the stage and started singing, he quickly attracted a large crowd. I can still remember what I said when I heard

School as football coach and American History teacher. In four years at Prep, he led the football squad to one bowl game and the state playoffs on two occasions. His 1981 team lost the state title by one point and finished the season with a 13-1 record.

Following the 1981 season, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL named Phillips "Best of the Best; Class A Male Sports Coach of the Year"

Phillips left Memphis Prep for Briarcrest Christian School as assistant coach to one of his former players. Briarcrest went to bowl games in two of the three years he served as coach. Two teams posted 8-3 and 7-4 records.

At this point he decided to again retire from coaching and return to Newton.

He was later recognized for his service as a coach and teacher in the Memphis area, but it took a little "trickery" on the part of his wife to get him back to Memphis to accept the "surprise" award.

She explained:

"I told Malcolm we had won a free weekend at the Holiday Inn in Memphis and had tickets to a Memphis State game. Everything was going okay until the game when I had the most difficult time getting him to leave the stadium. He kept running into people that he knew. But when we finally left the stadium and returned to the Holiday Inn, there were over 300 people waiting on us when we walked into the ballroom. The Memphis mayor at that time, Richard Hackett, presented Malcolm with a proclamation and plaque of appreciation for his 38 years of service. The mayor even proclaimed Nov. 12, 1988, as 'Coach Malcolm Phillips Day.' It was obviously a great day for us."

Phillips later found himself "unretired" when Newton County Academy asked him to serve as football coach and headmaster. He led the Generals to a 4-5 mark the first season and followed with 6-3 and 7-2 campaigns and a trip to the state playoffs. His 1992 squad, which posted the 7-2 record, registered six shut outs and held seven opponents to under a 100 yards of total offense.

Although now officially retired, Phillips maintains a very active life.

He is a member of First Baptist Church of Newton where he serves as a deacon and choir member. teaches the Sanctuary Sunday School Class and leads the Wednesday night music program and other special music. He also leads the Sunday morning services at Conva Rest Nursing Home. In addition, he leads a gospel quartet.

While in Memphis, Phillips served as church deacon and was director of the high school youth Sunday school department for 25 years.

In addition he enjoys spending time hunting and fishing.

Phillips made it clear that any success he has achieved he "owes to the Lord. I glorify and praise his name for the blessings he has bestowed upon me and my family."

Phillips and his wife have three grown children: Kent, Patsy and Larry. Kent and his wife Brenda have three children: Aaron, Danielle and Ben. Patsy York has a daughter, Katie. They all live in Orlando, Fla. Larry and his wife, Valerie, have two children, Curtis and Michael, and they live in Nashville, Tenn.

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to serve as student body president and was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa and Baptist Student Union.

Latham said she had "a lot of fun" planning student events with then dean of students Denver Brackeen.

"I remember we had a mess pageant and as student body president I was suppose to crown the winner. Naturally I had to dress as a man and Dr. (Shelby) Harris let me borrow a hat and one of his suits for the occasion. The pageant was really a big hit," she said.

Latham was also involved with the BSU, led at that time by Gladys Bryant.

"Miss Bryant was like a mother to all of us. We went on many trips and she really took good care of us. I made many friends at East Central thanks to the BSU," she said.

Latham commented she enjoyed "hanging out" at the student grill/bookstore which were managed by Mr. and Mrs. Grover Shoemaker. "The hamburgers were great and it was a good place to gather," she added.

"Basically I just really loved the atmosphere at East Central and the teachers went out of their way to help students. It is such a great place to go to college," she said.

When Latham graduated from East Central she was selected salutatorian and received the College's highest honor, induction into the Hall of Fame. She was also selected a sophomore class favorite and was named to WHO'S WHO IN AMERI-CAN JUNIOR COLLEGES

Latham continued her education at Mississippi College where she graduated with special distinction end in high school; the only end and received a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She was also chosen "Honor Student of the Year" in the School of Education and was a member of the tennis team. She later earned a master's degree in the same field from Mississippi State University.

During summer months of her college years, Latham was involved in mission work, serving in such places as Brazil and East Africa. She also served in Atlanta, Georgia,

She is married to Richard Latham, a Bank of Morton vice president. Richard is a deacon and executive committee member at Bethlehem Baptist. He is also an avid turkey and deer hunter

They have two children: Alicia, 14; and Erik, 11.

Julie is the daughter of Sonny and Dreta Latham of Morton. Mr. Latham is an ECCC Alumnus.

MALCOLM PHILLIPS

Phillips was a standout offensive and defensive end on the 1946, 1947 and 1948 Warrior football teams. He took a high school refresher course offered to WW II veterans in 1946 and therefore was eligible to play three years of junior college ball.

He had previously attended Newton High School until mid-term of his senior year when Phillips joined the Marine Corps and began his service in World War II. When he returned from active duty in the Pacific, Phillips recalled how he began his football career at East Central

"Coach (Carroll) Shows kept asking me to come play for him in August, 1946. I told him I did not feel ready for college as I had been discharged only a few days earlier and was planning on waiting until mid-term to enroll. However, he convinced me to come and play.

In addition to playing football, Phillips also lettered in basketball. But it was football that the 6'3", 175pound athlete had his most success.

Although statistics were not kept during those years, Phillips was regarded by teammates and followers of Warrior football as one of the best offensive ends to ever play the game. He had been named All-Southern selected from Mississippi on the prestigious team.

Like many of his teammates, Phillips was a "60-minute man," and seldom came out of the game. Football players were required to not only be in excellent physical condition, but they also had to be extremely tough and dedicated to the sport. As one may recall, face masks had not yet been invented, which obviously meant there were a lot of injuries to the face.

Although he does not recall each season's won-loss record, Phillips said his last season at East Central was the most successful. The Warriors were invited to a bowl game held in Panama City, Fla., where they defeated a team from Chipola Junior College

Phillips also played basketball during the 1947-48 season under then head coach Arno Vincent who also served as an assistant football coach before being named ECCC president.

"Coach Vincent was and still is such a quality person, as was (then president) Dr. (L.O.) Todd. There were so many outstanding faculty members during my years at East Central," he said.

In addition to his athletic abilities, Phillips was quite a musician. He played saxophone and sang in the ECCC group, "Campus Buddies," an eight-piece band that performed for dances in Decatur and throughout the district. He said they regularly performed at Roosevelt State Park near Morton. He added the group was paid \$100 (\$ 12 each) for each performance, which was great money for those days." A few times when they played during football season, Phillips said he had to alternate sides of the mouth to play the sax because he often had to perform with a busted lip received in a game

Phillips obviously found success in athletics and other campus activities. Be he quickly added that the "greatest thing" to happen to him at East Central was when he met his future wife.

He and Maxine, a Conehatta native, dated his sophomore year and later married after Phillips had transferred to Memphis State University. He had a productive campaign that year at MSU, playing offensive and defensive end and scoring three touchdowns. Memphis State posted a 10-1 mark that fall, losing only to Ole Miss.

During spring workouts in 1950,

him sing. I commented to people around me that I didn't know what he was doing but I was sure it would never catch on. Boy, was I wrong!" he quipped.

Although he was no longer on the team, Presley made his presence known in another way.

"There was a jukebox located in a teenage hangout across from the football field and the music was played very loud. Elvis had just recorded 'That's All Right, Mama' and when the song played at the jukebox, players in the huddle would sing along instead of listening to the quarterback's signals," Phillips said.

He added: "I guess you can say that my claim to fame is that I am the only person alive who coached Elvis Presley in football!"

Phillips left Humes for Central High School in Memphis where he led football, basketball and tennis teams to various championship titles. He led the boys' basketball team to the 1957-58 Memphis City Championship and a 22-3 record.

He then went to South Side in 1959 when his 1960 football team went 11-0, won a city championship and tied for the state title. After that successful season he was named "Football Coach of the Year" by the Memphis Cititan Club. His baseball team won a district title in 1963, the only year he served as head coach. In addition, his tennis teams won two city championships and he had a successful stint as track coach as well.

During his years at South Side, he coached three All-Americans and several who received All-State honors.

After 14 years of teaching and coaching, Phillips moved to administrative positions with the Memphis City Schools.

From 1964 to 1980, Phillips held the titles of Director of Classified Personnel, Director of Certified Personnel and Coordinator of the Department of Personnel Services and Labor Relations. He was responsible for over 10,000 employees with his administrative position.

When he retired from the city job, Phillips got the call to return to coaching, which he accepted.

He went to Memphis Preparatory



Pat Kirby

ECCC alumnus Pat Kirby to perform homecoming week

Nationally-known entertainer Pat director Johnny May, and students Kirby will appear in concert at East Central Community College on Thursday, Oct.10, as a featured attraction during homecoming week activities scheduled on the Decatur campus. Kirby, a 1975 ECCC - graduate and Newton native, will present "A Tribute to Garth Brooks" beginning at 7 p.m. in Huff Auditorium.

Performing as the opening act will be the ECCC blues group, 'Round Midnight' whose members include band director/music instructor Thomas W. Carson, assistant

Shawn Houser of Lake, Nic Massey of Union and Ryan Clarke of Decatur.

Also scheduled will be introductions of the 1996 ECCC Homecoming Court, presented by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Tickets to the concert are \$7 per person and may be purchased by contacting the Public Information Office, (601)635-2111, ext. 333.

The Pat Kirby concert is sponsored by the East Central Community College Alumni Association.

New Warrior Corps members selected

New members of the Warrior Corps have been selected for the 1996-97 term. Warrior Corps is the official student host and recruiting group for ECCC.

Members from Winston County include Christal VanLandingham and Kamonica Craig, both graduates of Louisville High School; Justin Miles, Nanih Waiya High School; Megan Young, Winston Academy; and Penny Johnson, Noxapater High School

In high school, VanLandingham was a class officer, cheerleader captain, an honor graduate, senior class favorite and received the computer award. She was also a member of the Beta Club, annual staff, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Students Against Drunk Driving. At East Central, she is majoring in nursing.

Craig was a member of the Beta Club and selected Homecoming Queen, Miss LHS and the women's basketball team's best defensive player. She was also an honor graduate and received the advanced physics, Lady Wildcat and the scholar athlete awards. At East Central, she was recently selected freshman homecoming maid and is a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and the Lady Warrior basketball team. She is majoring in pharmacy.

Miles was valedictorian, an honor student for four years and senior class president at Nanih Waiya. He was also a member of the Beta Club for four years and played in the Mississippi High School All-Star baseball game. At East Central, he is majoring in chemical engineering and is a member of the Diamond Warrior baseball team and Alpha Alpha Epsilon.

Young was a class officer and cheerleader, selected to Who's Who and a member of the Beta Club in high school. At East Central, she is majoring in nursing.

Johnson was Homecoming Queen, Miss NHS, an honor student, a member of the Math and Science Team and selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students. At East Central, she is majoring in nursing and is a member of the modeling squad.

New members from Neshoba County include Cyrus Ben, Paula Crawford, Whitney Salter and TaRita Williamson, all graduates of Neshoba Central High School, and Brian Hardy, Philadelphia High School.

Ben was an honor student, recipient of the art and football scholarships and received the national football, national government and history awards in high school. At ECCC, he is majoring in liberal arts and is a member of the Warrior Football team

valedictorian, Mu Alpha Theta presi- tral, he is majoring in liberal arts. dent, Neshoba County Junior Miss and Homecoming Queen. At East Central, she is a member of the Lady Diamond Warrior softball team and vice president of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau. She is major.ng in nursing. Salter was student body vice president and senior homecoming maid; recipient of the I Dare You, Girl Scout Gold and leadership awards; and was chosen HOBY Ambassador. At East Central, she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Centralettes and Diamond Girls and was recently selected sophomore homecoming maid. She is majoring in elementary education. Williamson was Beta Club president, Mu Alpha Theta and senior class vice president and Alethia editor. She also graduated with special distinction and was selected 1995 Miss Teen Mississippi. At ECCC, she is majoring in liberal arts and is a member of the concert choir. Hardy was a member of the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta and Future Business Leaders of America and played in the Mississippi High School All-Star baseball game. At East Central, he is majoring in sports medicine and is a member of the Diamond Warrior baseball team. Members from Newton County include Nic Massey, Deanna Bankston and Billie McCune, all graduates of Union High School; Brooke Knight and Emily Bullock, both of Newton County High School; and Richard Blackburn and Adria Stamper, both of Newton County Academy, have been selected as members of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, the official student host and recruiting group for the College.



Amanda Moore Cyrus Ben



Callie Warren Megan Young



Richard Blackburn



Nic Massey **Brian Shaw**

ing maid in high school. At East Central, she is majoring in social work and is a member of the Warrior Marching Band.

Knight was Homecoming Queen, Student Body president and Miss NCHS, and was selected Cutest and Most Courteous at Newton County. At ECCC, she is majoring in biological engineering.

Bullock was yearbook editor, a Beta Club Convention speech finalist and tennis team captain and received the economics and Mississippi government awards. At East Central, she is majoring in psychology and is a member of the Concert Choir, Warrior Marching Band and the ECCC Players

Blackburn was yearbook editor, Mr. NCA, Future Business Leaders of America state treasurer and Stu-In high school, Crawford was dent Council president. At East Cen-



Brooke Knight Justin Miles



Billie McCune Deanna



Richard Edwards Alexander Lee

TaRita Williansom

Members from

Leake Academy; Amanda Moore, Carthage High School; and Jessica

Sistrunk was president of Students Against Drunk Driving, selected Most Admired, was a Mississippi Private School Association All-Star in baseball and a two-year All-Conference selection in football, and was a member of the Beta Club. At East Central, he is majoring in business



Christal Kamonia Craig VanLandingham







Brian Hardy



Paula Crawford Penny Johnson



Krisan Risher **Brian Sistrunk**

selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students. At ECCC, she is majoring in music with an emphasis in piano and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Jazz Band, Warrior Marching Band and Concert Choir.

Returning members are Jason Alford, Jill Martin, Olivia McDaniel, Ben Myers and Erica Roberson, all of Philadelphia; Patrick Bacon and

ECCC Alumni Band to perform at Homecoming

East Central Community College band director Thomas W. Carson is calling on all former band instrumentalists to participate in the first-ever 'Alumni Band" performance scheduled as part of Homecoming activities on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Carson said past band members are invited to "dust off their horns" and "have a little musical fun" during the half-time show with the current 122member "Wall O' Sound" Warrior Band.

"This event will be a great opportunity for former band members to show the present band personnel that the 'ole timers' still rule!" Carson said,

All Warrior Band alumni who want to participate in this first annual performance should bring their instruments (background school horns and percussion will be furnished) and be prepared to "brush up their chops" at a special practice scheduled at 10 a.m. on Homecoming day.

For more information contact Tom Carson, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 228.

Stribling receives Williamson

Scholarship at ECCC

Lawrence Stribling (left), a 1996 graduate of South Leake High School, has been selected as this year's recipient of the D.P. (Doc) and Sybil C. Williamson Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. According to the College Policies and Procedures Manual, "The scholarship is an expression of their appreciation for the College that provided Mr. Williamson, a 1952 graduate of ECJC, with the background and direction that he needed for a successful career in the poultry industry and later as a Methodist minister. "The scholarship is awarded each year to an entering freshman who is majoring in some area of agriculture. Stribling is a poultry science major and plans to further his education at Mississippi State University. He is the son of Bobbie Stribling and Lawrence Stribling Jr. Pictured with Stribling is Randall Lee (right), ECCC academic counselor and interim dean of students.

Hamil named regional reporter

Olivia Hamil, a psychology major from Sebastopol, has been elected the Mississippi-Louisiana regional reporter of Phi Theta Kappa. She also serves as reporter of Theta Xi chapter.

Olivia attended a seminar for officers at the Phi Theta Kappa international headquarters in Jackson in





Joni French

of Phi Beta Lambda and Students in Free Enterprise. She is majoring in business administration/preaccounting.





Jordan, Edinburg High School.

At East Central, Massey is an electronics major and is a member of the Collegians Top 40 group and 'Round Midnite Blues Band.

An English secondary education major, Bankston was salutatorian and was named Most Likely to Succeed and Best Personality at Union. She was also a member of the Hall of Fame and received the community service award, as well as several subject area awards.

McCune received the spirit award and was junior and senior homecom-

A liberal arts major, Stamper was valedictorian of her senior class,

Honor Society president and a member of Future Business Leaders of America. At East Central, she participates in the work-study program. New members from Scott County

include Joni French and Brian Shaw, both graduates of Forest High School; Ashlea Renfroe, Morton High School; Alexander Lee, Lake High School; Richard Edwards, Scott Central High School; and Krisan Risher, Sebastopol High School

French was an HOBY Ambassador, honor graduate, member of the Hall of Fame and recipient of the Spanish and service awards at Forest. At ECCC, she is majoring in international business and is a Warrior cheerleader and member of Phi Beta Lambda.

Shaw was a member of the Hall of Fame, selected Most Intellectual, National Honor Society president and a member of the Beta Club. At East Central, he is a member of Alpha Alpha Epsilon and is majoring in computer engineering.

A pre-pharmacy major, Renfroe was salutatorian, Student Body president and Beta Club president. At ECCC, she is a member of the Ac'cents, choir and Baptist Student Union

At East Central, Lee is an associate degree nursing major and is a member of the Wo-He Lo yearbook staff

In high school, Edwards received six superior drum major awards, was editor of the newspaper, a member of the Beta Club and an honor graduate. At ECCC, he is head drum major for the Warrior Marching Band; a member of the President' s Council, Concert Choir, Tom Tom newspaper staff and Phi Theta Kappa; and a member of the ECCC Players where he has had starring roles in "Rumors" and "The Music Man." He is majoring in secondary education.

Risher was valedictorian, STAR Student, Homecoming Queen, Beta Club president and chosen Most Likely to Succeed. At ECCC, she is a presidential scholarship recipient, recipient of the Citizens Bank Endowed Scholarship and a member

administration

Warren was an honor graduate, a district winner in the Academic Betterment Competition and was a recipient of the Courtesy Award. At ECCC, she is majoring in pre-nurs-

Moore was valedictorian, STAR Student and drum major and was a member of the Beta Club at Carthage. At East Central, she is majoring in liberal arts.

Jordan was valedictorian, received the Future Farmers of America Dekalb Award and was

Institute at Millsaps College in Jack-

son on Aug. 1-3. Highlights of the

program included "Exploring the

Arts Through Music", an

organ/piano concert presented by Dr.

and Mrs. Eddie Smith. Mrs. Vonda

Bowen played and sang her Phi

Theta Kappa Music award-winning

composition "The Master of the

Sea." The Collegians, the rock group

from East Central who performed at

the Phi Theta Kappa International

Convention in Washington, DC,

entertained at the picnic. Arts in the

Bowl was quite a success where stu-

dents got to try their skills at basket

weaving, quilting, throwing pots, and

audience with "Folklore as a Means

of Bringing Together Diverse Cul-

capital and Palaces of St. Petersburg:

Russian Imperial Style. Advisors

toured the Governor's Mansion. Dr.

Jo Marshall prepared the participants

for John Maxwell's "Oh! Mr. Faulkn-

er! Do You Write?" with her talk and

slide presentation: "Scenes from

Yoknapatawpha: Faulkner's Life, His

The participants toured the state

Mr. Ovid Vickers entertained his

flower arranging.

tures.

Jennifer Musgrove, both of Carthage; Jason Frith and Neal Keeton, both of Morton; Bart Gregory of Louisville; Olivia Hamil of Sebastopol; Lisa Harrison of Little Rock; LaRee Lyle of Lena; Christina Miller of Decatur; LaQuita Moore of Noxapater; Jim Savell of Lake; Stephanie Taylor of Forest and Tonya Williamson of Ludlow.

The ECCC Warrior Corps is sponsored by Randall Lee, academic counselor and interim dean of students.

May and was on staff at the Mississippi/Louisiana/Alabama Honors Institute at Millsaps College in Jackson Aug. 1-3, attended by over 190 Phi Theta Kappans and advisors.

When asked about being reporter for the region she remarked: "Serving Phi Theta Kappa as reporter is one of the greatest thrills I have ever received. It is a lot of work trying to get all the chapters of Mississippi and Louisiana to contribute to the regional newsletters, but when the finished product is in the mail to the 32 advisors of the region and to other coordinators in the nation, I feel that

Olivia Hami

it was all worthwhile."

Olivia presided at the Mississippi-Louisiana Regional Leadership Conference held on the East Central campus, Sept. 6-7, hosted by Theta Xi Chapter.

Students attend **Honors Institute**

Eight students, Jim Savell, Andy Land and His Legend." The institute concluded with Dr. Sam Gore's Sistrunk, Allyson McPhail, Matt Eakes, Adella Rainer, Karen McRae "Three Faces of Man." and Olivia Hamil and advisors, Mrs. Ann Burkes, and Dr. Shelby Harris **ECCC** reports attended the Mississippi/ Louisiana -Alabama Phi Theta Kappa Honors

record enrollment

A record 1828 students are registered for day and evening classes offered this fall semester at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Raymond McMullan, Director of Admission, Records and Research.

McMullan said the enrollment total represents a 7.6 percent increase compared to the 1995 fall semester, when 1698 students enrolled in class-

Included in the record enrollment are 670 nontraditional students who are 23 years of age of older. McMullan also noted there is a 3 to 2 ratio of females to males on campus.

A record enrollment was also reported for the 1996 summer session when 658 students registered for classes, an increase of 100 students or 18 percent compared to the 1995 summer term.

East Central offers classes in Decatur and at various off-campus sites located throughout the support district which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

Art instructor will present special program Oct. 17

A lecture on "Understanding Modern Art" will be presented by East Central Community College art instructor Bruce Guraedy on Thursday, Oct. 17, on the Decatur campus. Guraedy's presentation begins at 7 p.m. in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center.

Guraedy, who also serves as Chairman of the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts, has been a member of the ECCC faculty since 1975. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and has completed additional studies at Mississippi State University and Mississippi College.

The special program is sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council and East Central Community College.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend the lecture and reception that follows Guraedy's presentation



Bruce Guready

For more information contact Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Instruction, ECCC,, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 202.

Sports



ECCC quarterbacks, backs

Quarterbacks and running backs on the East Central Community College football team for the 1996 campaign include (kneeling from left) running back Mack Pittman of Panama City, Florida; quarterback Al Hunt of Honea Path, South Carolina; and quarterback Jake Kizziah of Tuscaloosa, Alabama and (standing from left) running back Derrell Reed of Forest, fullback Billy Singleton of Neshoba Central, fullback Steven Bradford of Scott Central and fullback Chad Neese of Neshoba Central. Also pictured is head mentor Willie Coats who also coaches quarterbacks and running backs.



ECCC receivers

Wide receivers and tight ends on the East Central Community College football team for the 1996 campaign include (kneeling from left) wide receiver Calvin Williams of Walnut Grove (former standout at Wingfield High School), wide receiver Calvin Johnson of Newton and tight end Chris Arrington of Newton, and (standing from left) wide receiver Tim Livingston of Leake Academy, tight end Undeon Hardy of Neshoba Central and wide receiver Horace Nash of Carthage. Also pictured is wide receivers\tight ends coach Juan Beckum.





ECCC linebackers

Linebackers on the East Central Community College football team for the 1996 campaign include (kneeling from left) William Johnson of Newton, Kemba Bryant of Atlanta, Ga.; and Jimmy Kincaid of Morton, and (standing from left) Zach Sanders of Neshoba Central; Terry Dugas of Dunwoody, Ga.; and Dejuan Clark of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Also pictured is linebackers coach Terry Underwood.

ECCC defensive linemen

Defensive linemen on the East Central Community College football team for the 1996 campaign include (kneeling from left) defensive end William Curry of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; defensive lineman Kevin Blanks of Meridian, defensive end Neal Keeton of Morton, defensive lineman Delvin Rainer of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and defensive lineman Byron Johnson of Louisville, and (standing from left) defensive lineman Tyquan Taylor of Louisville, noseguard Earl Truss of Edinburg, noseguard Corey Hamler of Charleston, West Virginia; and defensive lineman Kendrick Clancy of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Also pictured is defensive line coach Fredrick Lyons.



ECCC defensive backs

Defensive backs on the East Central Community College football team for the 1996 campaign include (kneeling from left) strong safety Xavier Thomas of Holt, Ala.; cornerback Asnanti Webb of Tampa, Fla.; cornerback Mark Thomas of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; free safety Earnie Stribling of South Leake and free safety Joey Pinkston and strong safety Nathan Russell, both of Forest; and (standing from left) free safety Joseph Anders of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; linebacker Kenny Kelly of Panama City, Fla.; cornerback Edwin Moore of Noxapater. Also pictured is defensive backfield coach Timmy Coats.



ECCC offensive lineman

Offensive lineman on the East Central Community College football team for the 1996 campaign include (kneeling from left) strong guard Bo Thomas of Morrow, Ga.; center Wilbert Holmes of Louisville, quick tackle Ryan Stokley of Morton, quick guard Charles Peace of Nanih Waiya and quick tackle Gary Ashford of Louisville, and (standing from left) center Brian Harpole of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; quick guard Russell McCann of Newton County Academy, strong tackle Jason Nixon of Seminole, Ga.; strong tackle Letrail Cistrunk of Louisville and strong guard Cyrus Ben of Neshoba Central. Also pictured is offensive line coach Jon Williams.

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ECCC Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members

These East Central Community College students were recently initiated into the Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. New inductees include (first row, from left) Ronald David Permenter of Lawrence; Lisa Michelle Harrison of Little Rock; Amzie Jonathan Crowe and Tara Suzanne Hall, both of Philadelphia, and Kelly G. Hollingsworth of Decatur, and (second row, from left) Melissa Areli Strickland of Morton, Denise Whitfield of Decatur, Donna Goss Gilmer of Sebastopol and Melissa Williams Shive of Decatur. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is by invitation only to freshman with a 3.4 or above grade point average and sophomores with a 3.3 or above grade point average. Serving as advisors for the group are Dr. Shelby Harris, Science and Mathematics Division chairman, and Ann Burkes, librarian.



Madden receives Carthage Bank Scholarship to ECCC

Benita Madden, a 1996 graduate of Edinburg High School, has been selected as this year's recipient of The Carthage Bank Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The scholarship, established in 1992 by The Carthage Bank, is awarded annually to an entering freshman from Leake County. Pictured are, from left, Dana Bell and Yolanda Wooten, both with The Carthage Bank; Madden and Randall Lee, ECCC interim dean of students.



ECCC kicker, punter



ECCC Honors Thrash

Former East Central Community College football game announcer J. W. Thrash of Decatur will be presented an Athletic Recognition Award during Homecoming Activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 12, on the Decatur campus. Thrash was the "voice" of Warrior football contests from 1964 through the 1994 campaign. A former insurance agent and three-term Decatur mayor, Thrash recently retired as a consumer protection inspector with the Mississippi Department of Agriculture. The 1950 ECCC alumus is married to the former Jean McKee of Conehatta, who also attended East Central.



Mayes receives Scholarship

Shawntal Mayes (center), a 1995 graduate of Newton County High School, has been selected as this year's recipient of the Farm Bureau Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student whose family holds a Farm Bureau membership in the county where they live. The student must also have graduated from a high school in the ECCC District, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. Pictured with Mayes are Tommy G. Sanders (left), president, Newton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and Randall Lee (right), ECCC interim dean of students.

Freshman Shaun Walker (kneeling from left) of Morton handles place-kicking and kickoff duties for the East Central Community College football squad this fall while freshman Al Hunt of Honea Path, South Carolina, serves as punter in addition to his duties to quarterback. Also pictured is head coach Willie Coats.

They have two grown sons: Jimmy, 47, serves as music director at Germantown (TN) Methodist Church, and Terry, 36, of Pensacola, Fla., is employed with W. E. Worner and Sons in Alberta, Ala.

Spence joins EC faculty

Rebecca Spence of Union was recently named Child Care Technology Attendant at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president

In this new position, Spence is responsible for the care of infants and toddlers who are placed in the College's Associate Degree Nursing/Child Care Technology Building recently constructed on the Decatur campus. Spence, who began her duties on Aug. 1, is a graduate of Union High School and East Central Community College, where she received an associate of applied science degree in Child Development Technology.



Rebecca Spence

Powe selected Vo-Tech instructor

Jill Daniels Powe of Philadelphia was recently named industrial sewing instructor at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College in Decatur announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Powe, who began her duties on August 1, 1996, previously served as Supervisor of the Sewing and Packing Departments at Wells Lamont Corporation in Philadelphia.

She was earlier employed as a sewing machine operator at Wells Lamont and Garan, Inc., also in Philadelphia.

Powe is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. She has also completed additional coursework at East Central Community College.

serves as plant manager for Wells ren Daniels, 3.



Jill Powe

Lamont Corporation. She has two She is married to Carl Powe, who children: Clint Daniels, 12, and Lau-

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	11	TUESDAY	AT	JONES TOURNAMENT (WOMEN & MEN)
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	18	MONDAY	HOME	EAST MISSISSIPPI
	21	THURSDAY	AT	MISSISSIPPI DELTA
DECEMBER		TUESDAY	HOME	PEARL RIVER
	5	THURSDAY	AT	SOUTHWEST
	7	SATURDAY	HOME	BISHOP STATE (1:00 P.M. WOMEN ONLY)
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	14	SATURDAY	AT	BISHOP STATE, AL TOURNAMENT (MEN ONLY)
	14	SATURDAY	AT	BISHOP STATE (2:00 P.M. WOMEN ONLY)
JANUARY	3	FRIDAY	HOME	DELTA 8:00 P.M. (WOMEN)
	4	SATURDAY	HOME	DELGADO 6:00 P.M. (WOMEN)
	4	SATURDAY	HOME	DELTA 8:00 P.M. (MEN)
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	27	MONDAY	HOME	SOUTHWEST
	30	THURSDAY	HOME	GULF COAST
FEBRUARY	3	MONDAY	HOME	HOLMES
	6	THURSDAY	AT	HINDS
	8	SATURDAY	HOME	SOUTHERN U-SHREVEPORT, LA (WM 1PM-MEN 3PM)
	10	MONDAY	AT	JONES
	13	THURSDAY	HOME	CO-LIN
	17-20	MON-THURS	AT	CO-LIN SOUTH STATE TOURNAMENT
	24-25	MON & TUES	TBA	STATE TOURNAMENT AT SOUTH BOYS CHAMP
MARCH	3-6	MON-THURS	AT	REGION 23 TOURNAMENT AT MISS COLLEGE
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UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



Purchase Kirby concert tickets

Among the first fans of entertainer Pat Kirby to purchase tickets to his upcoming concert at East Central Community College are Kirby's former ECCC classmates Pat Murphey Dilley (center) of Forest, formerly of Newton, and Charles Boggan (right) of Decatur. Shown presenting the tickets is Dan Harrison of Newton, president of the ECCC Alumni Association which is sponsoring Kirby's performance. Kirby, a 1975 East Central graduate and Newton native, will present "A Tribute to Garth Brooks" performance on Thursday, Oct. 10 in Huff Auditorium. Performing as the opening act at 7 p.m. will be ECCC's Blues Band, 'Round Midnite. In addition, members of the College's 1996 Homecoming Court will be introduced prior to Kirby's performance. Tickets are \$7 each and may be purchased by calling the ECCC Public Information Office, Ph 635-2111, ext. 333, or the Newton Chamber of Commerce, Ph 683-2201.



Kilpatrick, Rogers and Boswell receive scholarships at ECCC

These adult students at East Central Community College in Decatur have been awarded Non-Traditional Student Scholarships for the 1996 fall semester. Pictured from left are Pam Kilpatrick of Philadelphia



Plan ECCC homecoming

Making final plans for Homecoming '96 activities are the above members of the East Central Community College Alumni Association Board of Directors who include, seated from left, Sandra Amis of Conehatta, secretary-treasurer; Dayna Morgan of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative; Kay Lucas of Newton, vice president; Stacie Weir of Philadelphia, faculty club representative; and Ann Burkes, head librarian and Homecoming co-chairman; and (standing from left) Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction; Randall Lee, academic counselor and acting dean of students; David Howell of Carthage, immediate past president; Larry Hogue, director of development and alumni relations; Dan Harrison of Newton, alumni association president; Speedy Calvert of Louisville, Winston County representative; Chris Collins of Union, Newton County representative; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. Homecoming is scheduled Saturday, October 12, 1996. For more information contact Mr. Hogue, Ph 635-2111, ext. 323.



The Service Company donates equipment to ECCC

The Service Company Inc. in Meridian recently donated approximately \$10,000 of equipment to the air conditioning and refrigeration technology program at East Central Community College. Pictured, from left, unloading the equipment at the ECCC Decatur campus are Lester Miles, heating and air conditioning program instructor; Kelly Vaughn, owner of The Service Company Inc.; and students in the heating and air conditioning program: Justin Nowell of Louisville, and Fred Summerville and Scott Hatcher, both of Meridian.



a pre-nursing major, Brenda Rogers of Louisville, an associate degree nursing major, and Lesia Boswell of Philadelphia, a pre-nursing major. The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship is awarded to any qualified Mississippi resident who is 23 years of age or older and enrolled full-time at ECCC. For more information about Non-Traditional Student Scholarships contact the Office of Student Services, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, (601) 635-2111, ext. 231.



ECCC celebrates Native American Week

The Native American Club at East Central Community College in Decatur recently celebrated National Native American Week. Members constructed a display of items hand-made by members of their families. The items were displayed in the College's library. Pictured from left with some of the items used in the display are Karen Thomas of Conehatta and Juanita Gardinski, Stephanie Cotton, Karen Frazier, Elray King, Chris Lewis and Norma Bacon, all of Philadelphia. The Native American Club is sponsored by Gail Wood, assistant librarian.

Johnson receives honor

Johnson Jr. will be presented a Special Achievement Award from East Central Community College during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 12, 1996, on the Decatur campus. Johnson served 35 years as ECCC Board of Trustees Attorney until his resignation last spring.

Johnson began his law practice in Decatur in 1948, and continued his distinguished career by serving as a state representative, a district attorney, Decatur City Attorney and Newton County Attorney. He also held various positions of leadership in the

Decatur attorney William H. legal profession and in community and civic activities. Johnson is a past president of the ECCC Alumni Association and was named the College's Alumnus of the Year in 1968. A Scott County native, Johnson is a graduate of Harperville High School, East Central Junior College, Mississippi College and the University of Mississippi Law School. He was married to the former Lizzie Butts of Decatur who died in 1985. Their children are Nancy Rector of Petal and Elizabeth Woodward of Pensacola, Fla. He has two grandchildren, Seth Rector and Jordan Rector, both of Petal.





Phi Theta Kappa officers for 1996-97 are, first row, from left, Allyson McPhail, Stephanie Taylor, Karen McRae, Olivia Hamil, Adella Rainer; second row, from left, Lee Rigdon, Matt Rakes, Erica Roberson, Jim Savell, and Andy Sistrunk.

Phi Theta Kappa inducts new officers

Kappa at East Central Community College has an outstanding slate of officers for 1996-97.

Serving as president is Jim Savell, a history major from Lake. Five vice-presidents were elected. Andy Sistrunk, a pre-pharmacy major, is dent. The secretary of Theta Xi scholarship vice-president from For- Chapter is Erica Roberson, a pre-

Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Allyson McPhail, a computer engineering major from Leake Academy.

The service vice-president is Matt Eakes from Neshoba Central majoring in civil engineering. Adella Rainer, a business major from Newton County is the fellowship vice presiest. The leadership vice-president is nursing major from Neshoba Central.

The treasurer is Lee Rigdon, a graduate of Newton County, majoring in pre-nursing. The historians who are responsible for the yearbook are Stephanie Taylor of Forest, a business major and Karen McRae, an accounting major from Carthage. The newsletter editor and Tom Tom correspondent is Olivia Hamil, a psychology major from Sebastopol.

Tomorrow is never guaranteed

By JACQUELINE MOORE The Tom Tom

In the soft breeze of an October day, nothing lends tranquility to the soul like gazing across the silver surface of a lake and losing one's self in the ripples of the water gently lapping against its banks. The tall, drying grasses surrounding the water seem to have their own message as

they rustle in the hands of the wind. Some moments I think about how

we all breathe the same air as world leaders, starving children, AIDS patients, murderers, endangered species and poachers, as well as the seemingly insignificant insects which we despise. Here we are on one planet, yet we are all isolated in our individual circumstances.

We will feel the presence of those dear to us as well as those long since gone as we watch the dancing flames of homecoming bonfires illuminate the darkness. A mature peace will return to our hearts within these autumn days.

The recent death of one of our own, Sam Beckham, has reminded many of us that tomorrow is never guaranteed. Our lives revolve around clocks and schedules and deadlines. There is never enough time to do all that we want to do in a single day.

Ralph Waldo Emerson's philosophy was to finish every day and be done with it. "Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense.'



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McRae crowned ECCC Homecoming Queen

Karen McRae of Carthage was crowned the 1996 Homecoming Queen at East Central Community College during activities held recently on the Decatur Campus. Shown crowning the sophomore accounting major is College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. At left is Brandi Laird of Morton, 1995 ECCC Homecoming Queen who presented McRae with a bouquet of roses, and Ben Myers of Philadelphia, McRae's escort. McRae is the daughter of Gloria and James McRae of Carthage and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders of Forest.



Lee named ECCC **Dean of Students**

Randall E. Lee of Little Rock, Miss., is the new dean of students at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Lee served as the College's academic counselor and acting dean of students prior to his selection to the administrative post. He succeeds Troy Brown who was named to a similar position at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena.

Before returning to his alma mater, Lee served as psychology instructor at Fayetteville (North Carolina) Technical Community College. In addition, he held the position of company commander in the 82D Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. He currently serves as a unit commander in the Mississippi Army



Randall Lee



December 9, 1996

In recommending Lee as the new dean, members of the selection committee described him as "the applicant whose educational background, self-motivation, enthusiasm, experience and personality most closely fit the needs of the College."

Lee said serving as dean of students is "a dream come true; it is something I have always wanted to do. Being dean of students is a great honor for me, and I am most appreciative of the opportunity."

He is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, East Central Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in Counseling Psychology/Social and Rehabilitation Services and a master's degree in Counseling Psychology/Student Affairs. He is currently enrolled as a candidate in the Educational Leadership program at USM.

Lee is married to the former Michelle McGuire of Brunswick, Maine. They have two children: Lana May, 7; and Alexander, 4.

Hamil, Lovett selected for **HEADWAE**

By RICHARD EDWARDS The Tom Tom

The Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence program recognizes excellence among students and faculty. The HEADWAE student is selected by vote of the faculty from the group of students who have a 3.5 or better GPA. The students in that group voted on the faculty member to receive the recognition. Olivia Hamil, a liberal arts major, received the HEADWAE student recognition and Bill Lovett, Psychology and Speech Instructor, was selected as faculty recipient. Olivia Hamil is a 1995 graduate of Sebastopol High School where she was Valedictorian and member of BETA Club. At East Central. Olivia is a member of the band, Warrior Corps, SADD, and the Wesley Foundation. She also serves as Caption of the Fashion Squad, Secretary to the Presidents Council, President





Top ECCC Homecoming sign

Winning top honors in the annual Homecoming sign contest held at East Central Community College was the above entry submitted by the ECCC Players. In addition to being recognized as the grand prize recipient, a \$100 check was presented to the student group which is sponsored by speech/drama instructor Judy Carroll. Other contest winners included SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), second, and recipient of \$50; and HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America), third, and \$25 recipient. Honorable mention went to PASTE (Post-Secondary Association of Students and Teachers of Early Childhood Education) and the Concert Choir.

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ECCC homecoming royalty

Members of the East Central Community College 1996 Homecoming Court presented recently on the Decatur Campus include (seated from left) sophomore maids Jill Martin and Whitney Salter, both of Philadelphia, and Jennifer Musgrove of Carthage; Queen Karen McRae of Carthage; Maid of Honor Olivia McDaniel of Philadelphia; and freshman maids Kamonica Craig of Louisville, Quanta Hill of Philadelphia and Mandy Sanders of Carthage, and (standing from left) escorts Sam White of Philadelphia; Monty McMullen of Stonewall; Joe Green of Conehatta; Ben Myers of Philadelphia; Danny Wilkerson II of Carthage; Maurice Jones of Forest; Danielle Johnson of Dodge County, Ga.; and Joseph Brown of Conehatta.

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Yearbook staff striving for new look in 1996-97

By MISTY SMITH The Tom Tom

The 1996-1997 Wo-He-Lo staff is desperately trying to present a yearbook with a touch of change this year - and not kill each other in the

We decided to do things a little differently this time. Instead of all the formal pictures and articles that usually make up the annual, we're creating an image of the natural setting of East Central, chaos and all. Instead of having people pose for the pictures, for instance, we try to catch them when they don't know we're there. So we probably have a picture of you on a bad hair day or when you have food hanging out of your mouth. Be very, very afraid.

Unfortunately, with all this change in ideas there is a definite change in procedure. We have to have new layouts, new features, new ested to sign up for the staff next tones in articles, and new ideas on a semester - and we recommend that daily basis. We can't just follow the plan from last year; in a very real

sense, we are starting completely from scratch. When you consider the fact that we're trying to do all this with a staff of seven people - four layouts, two writers, and one photographer - it starts slipping into the land of the ludicrous. Ms. West and Mrs. Smith try to bear with us as patiently as possible, but most of the time they're either finding a polite way to tell us that our work is not up to par or in a dead faint on the floor from our latest batch of insane ideas.

But, all in all, we think we're managing quite well. We've only had two fist fights and one hospitalization all year, and the yearbook is coming along pretty much as scheduled. All of our ideas and creations are coming together, and we look forward to putting out the most interesting yearbook East Central has ever seen.

We also encourage anyone interyou bring a pair of boxing gloves along.

Sutphin cited for service

Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College in Decatur, was presented a Distinguished Service Award at the Southeast/South Regional Conference of the Association of Academic Affairs Administrators held recently in Montgomery, Ala. The theme of this year's conference was "Managing Educational Institutions on the Brink of the 21st Century."

Members of the Association include various administrative and faculty representatives from universities, four-year colleges and community/junior college located throughout the Southeastern part of the United States.

Dr. Sutphin has been a member of the ECCC staff since 1988. He served as Dean of Students three years prior to assuming his current position.



Dr. Phil Sutphin

EC students write on . .

No more excuses

By VICKIE MCGEE The Tom Tom

Many teenagers and adults use the excuse that they would exercise, but they just don't have the time. If you are an EC student or a member of the faculty, you no longer use that excuse because you can enroll in the Fitness and Conditioning Class. "It's one class that I don't mind going to because it's fun. I feel better because I have exercised. I plan to take it next semester. I hope to get my roommates to enroll next semester," Wendy Davis said about the class.

The Fitness and Conditioning Class stresses strength, flexibility and cardiovascular conditioning. "I have a physical dilemma on my left side. I take this class to help make my left side stronger. I believe this class is like Social Usage, everyone should

take this class at least once," said Jim is structured with a high degree of Stewart. The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays B and D periods. The B and D period classes gives the students time to dress for class and to change dress for school work. The class last fifty minutes. The class consist of warm ups of aerobic exercises (walking and jogging), stretching, free weight and weight machines, stretching with words, and aerobic exercises (running, jogging, and rope jumping).

Ms. Lucille Wood is the instructor. She has a M.A. degree in Health, from USM. She is experienced in fitness and conditioning.

"I want every student to have the opportunity to exercise and train in the right way. One will never be embarrassed or called upon to do any routine beyond their limits. The class

self discipline expected. My goal is for the student to become addicted to exercise and have it become a part of his or her life.'

Olivia Hamil made this statement about the class, "I get to work at my own pace. I exercise more here than I would at home. I enjoy the class a lot and plan to take it next semester. I think that the students should take the class even though it is not required.

The class is set up for the individual, both those with experience and the ones who have never participated Physical Education, and Recreation in any physical activities. Many students do not even know that the Fitness and Conditioning class is offered. Remember to register for the Fitness and Conditioning class next semester if you are wanting a relaxing hour and wanting to get fit.

Some friendly advise for the Christmas Holidays:

1. Keep the Holiday true, remember what it's about.

- 2. It's only rude to rip open a gift, if anyone's looking.
- 3. Fruit logs make awesome bowling balls.
- 4. Santa prefers Coke over milk and cookies.
- 5. If a mouse stirs in your house, he's too loud.

6. Bring the new year in with a bang (show your parents your grades).

7. Come back next semester.

8. Respect your elders (they give the best gifts).

9. Go to sleep early on the 24th.

10. Remember to always floss after those big Christmas meals.

Happy Holidays! from every one on the Tom Tom.

Poet's

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Fall Festival

By VICKIE MCGEE The Tom Tom

held at ECCC

The first Fall Festival was held on Oct. 29, in the mall area at East Central. The festival was sponsored by the SBA Officers and Class Officers. Fall Festival t-shirts were sold the week before the festival. Students gathered for a night full of games, entertainment, and fun.

The Best Legs and limbo contests were crowd pleasers. Sam White was chosen best legs and Camonica Craig won the limbo contest. Five door prizes were given away. The door prizes were an EC shirt, EC license plate, EC notebook, EC garment bag, and a Warrior cap. the best dancers were Jason Nixon (King) and Crystal Cooley (Queen).

The entertainers for the night were Ashley Renfroe, Jake Rendalmen, Patrick Ford, EC's Gospel Choir, and the band Pound. Students enjoyed a picnic meal followed with brownies and ice-cream. The Fall Festival was a great success.

A review of 'Romeo and Juliet'

The Tom Tom

Shakespeare's immortal play

"Romeo and Juliet" has captivated

and entertained audiences for cen-

turies. It is considered a classic, the

perfect example of dramatic literature.

Because of this, there were naturally

several questions raised when the new

wave of producers decided to translate

it into a modern version and put it into

theaters as a movie. Many people

thought that it was a cheap publicity

stunt, just short of blasphemy. Others

thought that adapting it to fit into out

time would completely spoil the

romantic medieval effect. Still others

believed American actors and actress-

es of this day and age were incapable

of handling the level of drama con-

tained in Shakespeare's works. But,

despite this controversy - or maybe

because of it - the theaters were

packed on the opening night of the

movie, and everyone agreed that it

of this play was the director's ability to bring it to life in modern-day

America. His use of two popular young performers, Leonardo

DeCaprio and Claire Danes, helped to

put the audience of familiar terms with the characters. Instead of being

alienated by the overdramatic woes and wails of stiff, by-the-book per-

formers, they were able to relate the

situation to their own lives and therefore, to enjoy it tremendously.

inal play must have been a stumbling block in the beginning, but the cast

managed to turn it into an asset. The

poetic manner of speech added to the quality of the dream-like atmosphere,

and the slight change in tone wit some

of the lines helped to put it on a mod-

ern level. The alternative setting fit

into this perfectly, giving an overall

cessful movie; slightly touched up

with more action and realism than the

play, but still retaining every bit of

power it has when first presented on

the stage so long ago.

All-in-all, this was a highly suc-

impression of living on the edge.

The use of the script from the orig-

Perhaps the greatest achievement

had been handled very well.

Breaking the lit barrier

By RICHARD EDWARDS The Tom Tom

For those students who may be struggling with the concept of English literature, there is hope. William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet gets thrown into the '90's with an up-to-date urban look and a new attitude. Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes take the title roles as the star-crossed lovers of opposing rival gang families - the Montagues and the Capulets. The action takes place on the mythical Verona Beach, where the two families at war engage in gunfire and mayhem.

Juliet Capulet's father, played by Paul Sorvino, is a John Gotti-like godfather. Her mother, Gloria (Diane Venora), is a Southern belle out to marry off her daughter to Paris (Paul Rudd of Clueless), a wealthy gentleman of the town. Romeo's clan is led by Dad (Brian Dennehy) and Mom (Christinia Pickles) Montague.

The entire script is taken word for word from the actual text of Shakespeare. The iambic pentameter of the script may throw you off a bit, but hang on. The up-to-date setting and the fast-paced action is not there as a distraction from the words, but rather there to lead you to them. Di Caprio and Danes, who give magnetic performances, speak the verse so naturally that the meaning registers. The actors fill their roles with vital passion, speak the Elizabethan verse with unforced grace, mix comedy without losing the tragic meaning of the play, and easily survive the constant whirlwind of hardball action and rapturous romance.

Without the right actors, such perfect love could never become the magnificent passion that tragedy overtakes after Romeo and Juliet are secretly married in defiance of their feuding feelings. Just as in the original text, both lover's fates are sealed as they both die at their own hands

William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet shows just how timeless Shakespeare's work is. It is a great interpretation of a 400-year-old play that remains just as touching and innocent today as it was then.

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Activities on AD nursing

By DONNA TUBBY The Tom Tom

Newly elected officers for the 1996-97 Association of Student Nurses of East Central (ASNEC) are: president-Donna Gilmer, vice-president-Mesha Merchant, secretary-Shannon Reed. treasurer-Evelyn Robinson, reporter--Brenda Beck, and delegates-Brenda Chisolm, Donna Gilmer, Jason Hisaw, Marilyn Rockco, and Donna Tubby.

Recently, some ECCC Associate Degree Student Nurses attended the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses (MASN) 1996 annual convention and awards banquet. Congratulations go out to two of our students who were recognized for outstanding achievement by MASN: Travis Cain and Donna Gilmer. Two students competed for MASN office: Brenda Beck & Donna Tubby. Brenda Beck was elected as Central District Representative. This is the first time a student nurse representing ECCC has held office at the state level. Congratulations! The following students attended the convention: Heather Armstrong, Nikki Bateman, Brenda Beck, Teresa Brown, Jason Burns, Travis Cain, Sandra Chisolm, Joey Crain, Tammy Evans, Patricia Fountain, Donna Gilmer, Clotee Harper, Jason Hisaw, Melissa Ivey,

Speaking from a delegate's point of view, the student nurse's convention is an opportunity. It is the first step for involvement in the all-important career that we, as student nurses, have chosen. This is the chance to make a difference in all our lives. Members of our parent ASSN, the

Merchant, Stephanie Peebles, Kim

Peekham, Shannon Reed, Evelyn

Robinson, Marilyn Rockco, Jennifer

Russell, Penny Sharp, Debbie

Skinner, Kim Smith, Dana Spears,

Shannon Thaggard, Donna Tubby,

Edith Vowell, and Vertis Williams.

MNA, help to give our organization in parliamentary procedures and other areas of need. We can choose to follow the rules or we can help make the rules.

On the lighter side, the night life, food, & congeniality rated a "10". We left the coast "intact", none the worse for wear, with enlightenment, a new determination, and a desire to be of service to our brothers and sisters...by Sandra Chisolm

We would also like to extend congratulations to all the people, organizations, local and state officials, faculty and students involved with the wonderful dedication ceremony for the Associate Degree Nursing Childcare Technology Building on Nov. 12. Special recognition goes out to Mr. Eddie Smith, Mrs. Nancy Harris, and Mrs. Katherine George; Ken Mangrum, Linda McDill, Mesha your assistance and dedication means

Creative writing class to publish book

By MISTY SMITH The Tom Tom

The 1996 fall semester Creative Writing class will be publishing a bound book of select materials from

several members of the class. This book will be available for check-out in the EC library by the spring

Anyone interested in purchasing a copy should see Mr. Barrier.



for one another.

I wish You could know, know how I feel, of dreaming of holding you in my arms, saying I love You for ever. I wish it didn't hurt. hurt so much to see You, walking around with a gleam in Your eyes, hurting so much, knowing that I didn't put that gleam there. I wish my wishes would all come true, for all i've ever wished for, was You and only You.

The girl of my dreams, is delicate and darling, The girl of my dreams, her ravishing looks are jarring, The girl of my dreams is unique too, Because the girl of my dreams, just happens to be you.

Travis Mizell

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By MISTY SMITH sense goodbye

By JACQUELINE MOORE The Tom Tom

American society has grown so reliant on rules that anything resembling common sense has vanished from thinking. Our rules were supposed to create a just society.

In Lexington, N.C., Southwest Elementary School may be forever remembered as the school that punished a first-grader for giving a girl a peck on the cheek. The boy, 6-year-old Johnathan Prevette, was separated from his class and missed an ice cream party for violating the school's sexual harassment policy, which bars "unwelcome touching."

Johnathan said the little girl asked to be kissed.

Sexual harassment is a heavy charge to hang on a boy who's at the age where he'd still believe girls only exist to give cooties a home.

Where is common sense? Stolen kisses in the schoolyard may be as much a part of childhood as bikes, scraped knees, and cookies - only rarer.

We definitely need laws to protect victims of sexual harassment. But law does not ensure that sexual harassment never happens. It does create an environment where every one, every comment, and every action are always put on trial.

As a result, we are not fairer or more equal. We have, however, become stupider and more suspicious.

We have made what used to be natural seem inappropriate and unpermissible. Teachers fear to hug students, and disagreements that were once resolved on one's own front porch now go to court.

We are turning our little boys into men who wouldn't dare compliment a co-worker on her new dress. We are turning our little girls into women who learn how to play the victim whenever they experience the slightest offense, whether real or imagined.

Is common sense dead forever? It seems that we have come to the point in our society where political correctness counts more than character.



Hannah scholarship recipient

Brian Shaw (left) of Forest is the 1996-97 recipient of the R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Shaw is pictured with Mr. and Mrs. Hannah whose four sons established the scholarship in honor of the Forest couple. All four sons - Tom, Robert, Ray and Ted - attended East Central and announced the scholarship during a surprise 90th birthday party for Mr. Hannah on Jan. 25,1992. The scholarship was endowed at \$25,000 which represents the largest endowment ever made at the College. Shaw, a 1996 honor graduate of Forest High School, will receive \$308.50 per semester to help cover expenses during his freshman year. An engineering major, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Shaw of Forest.



Harrison scholarship recipients

Mark Graham (left) and Janet Harrison, both of Little Rock, are 1996-97 recipients of the Harrison Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The annual scholarship is provided by Beulah Baptist Church in memory of Crystal and C.X. Harrison, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Harrison of Little Rock, who lost their lives in a two-vehicle accident near their home in 1993. The Rev. Byron Howell serves as church pastor. Mr. Harrison is shown with the outstanding students, who are also Beulah Baptist Church members and 1996 graduates of Newton County Academy. Each award winner will receive \$250 to help cover costs of his/her freshman year. Graham, a liberal arts major, is the son of James and Brenda Graham. Harrison is an elementary education major and the daughter of Roger and Barbara Harrison.

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ECCC Fashion Squad

Members of the East Central Community College Fashion Squad for the 1996-97 year are (front from left) Michelle Davis of Decatur; Shaunta Lewis and Amy Gomillion, both of Walnut Grove; Suzanne Warren of Forest; Penny Johnson of Noxapater, Deanna Bankston of Union; Julie Clanton of Lawrence and Krisan Risher of Sebastopol and (back from left) Erin Craven of Newton; Vicki McGee of Forest; Crystal Cooley of Hickory; Brandy Woods of Forest; Laura Anderson and Shauna Chisolm, both of Philadelphia; and Olivia Hamil, Captain, of Sebastopol. The Fashion Squad is sponsored by Alice Pouncey, psychology and home economics instructor.



Talented ECCC artists

East Central Community College sophomores Jessica Everett (left) and Brandi Parks, both of Newton, stand next to their respective artwork which was on display at the Fall Semester Art Exhibit . The annual presentation was held in the lobby of the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center on November 20, and featured works by students of ECCC art instructor Bruce Guraedy. The artwork will be on display for several weeks.





Flag Corps

Members of the Warrior Marching Band Flag Corps for 1996-97 include (seated from left) Rosalind Evans, captain, Meridian High School, and Cassie Harrell, Morton High School, (kneeling from left) Heather Denson, Morton; Dandi Shephard, Newton County High School; Jerami Beard and Natasha Youngblood, both of Morton; and Mandi Savell, Neshoba Central High School, and (standing from left) Alnedra Evans, Newton High School; April Crocker and Gwen Owens, both of Newton County; Margie Dickerson, Leake Academy; Susan Smith, Newton County; Sissy Greer, Carthage High School; Misty McCurdy and Amanda McGahey, both of Morton; Traci Roberson, Louisville High School; and Quanta Hill, Neshoba Central. The band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant director.



ECCC talent show winners

Winners in the Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) Talent Show held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur included (from left) duo Jermaine Jones of Newton and Shawn Lloyd of Lena who sang a mix of "One Last Cry" and "End of the Road," first place; Teresa Mitchell of Union who sang an original piece written by herself titled "Country Comfort," third place; and Joel Rendleman of Newton and Patrick Ford of Slo, Calif, who sang, a rap composition written by themselves, second place. SADD is sponsored by Angela Luke, data management clerk, and Linda Jones, secretary to the director of vocational-technical instruction.



ECCC band managers

Members of the Warrior Marching Band Management Team for 1996-97 include (from left) Mason Certain, Scott Central High School; Victor Parker, Morton High School; Nic Massey, Union High School; and Chad Havard, Lake High School.



Marching Percussion Section

Members of the Warrior Marching Band Percussion Section for 1996-97 include (kneeling from left) Lee Rigdon, Newton County High School; Denise Overstreet, Newton High School; Kevin Carter, Union High School; Detra Carter, Newton County; and Clark Foy, Union, (second row from left) Corey Robinson, captain, Scott Central High School; Larry Grantham, Clinton High School; David Neal, Leake Academy; Jermaine Jones, Newton; and Tywan Stafford, Neshoba Central High School, and (third row from left) Scott Houston, Newton County; Nathan King, Leake Academy; and Mingo Tingle and Glen Hansford, both of Newton County. The band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant director.

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Student job shadows at ECCC

Whitney Jones, a senior at Union High School, recently spent a day job shadowing at East Central Community College in Decatur. This project is a part of Carol Shackleford's senior English class at Union High School. Jones is interested in majoring in marketing and spent time in the Public Information Office at ECCC. Pictured with Jones (left) is Jarrod Ravencraft, assistant director of public information.

***HEADWAE**

of Mu Alpha Theta, and Treasurer of the ECCC Players. Hamil also serves as reporter of the Theta XI Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa as well as the regional reporter for Mississippi and Louisiana.

Bill Lovett has served ECCC for four years as an instructor of Psychology and Speech. Lovett is a graduate of East Central Junior College, the University of Southern Mississippi, and George Washington University. Lovett has been involved with the ECCC Lamplighter Conference, the Forest Community Arts in Forest, and the USM Alumni Association.

Congratulations to both Olivia and Mr. Lovett.



Centralettes

Members of the 1996-97 Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Marching Band, are (first row from left) Brandi Atkinson, Carthage High School; Michelle Henley, Newton County High School; and Heather Smith, Noxapater High School, (second row from left) Karen McRae, Carthage; Bonnie Bates, Neshoba Central High School; and Tori Jordan and Kelly Alexander, both of Newton County, (third row from left) Amanda Posey, Neshoba Central; Mandi Sanders, Carthage; Jessica Hollis, Morton High School; and Jill Martin and Whitney Salter, both of Neshoba Central, and (fourth row from left) Layla Peoples, Newton High School; LaRee Lyle, captain, Scott Central; Erin Craven, Newton County Academy; Lisa Harrison, co-captain, Newton County; Tracy Richards, Newton; and Allison McPhail, Leake Academy. The band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant director, and Angelia Weems serves as Centralettes choreographer/coordinator.



Baritone and Tuba Section

Members of the Warrior Marching Band Baritone and Tuba Section for 1996-97 include (kneeling from left) Richard Burton and Jim Savell, Newton County High School, and Elizah Ben, Choctaw Central High School, and (standing from left) Jeremy Swindle, Newton County; Dan Hendon, Union High School; Jason Wallace and Joseph Nowell, both of Louisville High School; Stephanie Patrick, Sebastopol High School; Levar Robinson, Morton High School; and Detrick Sanford, Union. The band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant director.





ECCC Collegians present concert

The Collegians, East Central Community College's popular Top 40 vocal/instrumental group, will presented their fall concert at 8 p.m. Monday, November 25 in Huff Auditorium. The group performed hits by Tim McGraw, the Cranberries, Quad City D.J., Oasis and other popular artists. The group performed this summer at the Olympics in Atlanta and the Neshoba County Fair. Pictured above are members of the Collegians. They are (bottom row from left) technicians Jim Savell and Mingo Tingle, both of Newton County High School; Jason Wallace, Louisville High School; Richard Burton, Newton County; J.B. Ware, Union High School; female vocalists Leigh Ann Graham of Decatur; Kelly Melton, Enterprise High School; and Sheila Oliver, Newton County, (middle row from left) male vocalists Shawn Houser of Lake and Scott Houston and Jeremy Swindle, both of Newton County, and (top row from left) winds Stephen Spire, Union; Matt Eakes, Neshoba Central High School; Brian Green and Josh Bamburg, both of Newton County; rhythm section Lori White, Newton County; Nic Massey, Union; Ryan Clarke, Newton County, Johnny May, assistant band director; and Carson.



Trombone Section

Trumpet Section

Members of the Warrior Marching Band Trumpet Section for 1996-97 include (kneeling from left) Britt Cooper, Leake Academy; Sarah Whitesell and Ben Wall, both of Scott Central High School; Brad McDill, Newton High School; and Gary Hodges, Sebastopol High School, and (standing from left) Justin Griffin, Philadelphia High School; Josh Bamberg and Brian Green, both of Newton County High School; Stacy Carter, Winston Academy; Greg Chitwood, Neshoba Central High School; and Rochelle Givens, Meridian High School. The band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant director.



Tenor and Alto Saxophone Section

Members of the Warrior Marching Band Alto and Tenor Saxophone Section for 1996-97 include (kneeling from left) Christie Beckham, Neshoba Central High School; Lori White, Newton County High School; and Jason Alford, Philadelphia High School, and (standing from left) T. J. Alexander, Lana Lohrer and Ryan Clarke, all of Newton County; Ty Jankowski, Lake High School; Matt Eakes, Neshoba Central; Emily Bullock, Newton County; Jennifer Wells, Neshoba Central; Carolyn Gladney, Louisville High School; and Misty Burrell, Scott Central High School. The band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant director.

Members of the Warrior Marching Band Trombone Section for 1996-97 include (kneeling from left) Carolyn D. Thames, Newton County High School; Diane Moore, Forest High School; Charles Lightsey, Neshoba Central High School; Olivia Hamil, Sebastopol High School; Jason Holmes, Morton High School; and Jared Jim, Choctaw Central High School, and (standing from left) Stephen Jenkins, Neshoba Central; Stephen Spire, Union High School; Philip Triplett, Louisville High School; Adrienne Robinson and Joel Rendleman, both of Newton High School; and J.B. Ware, Union. The band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant director.



ECCC Drum Majors

Serving as drum majors for the East Central Community College "Wall O' Sound" Marching Band for 1996-97 are Richard Edwards of Forest and Cheryl Watkins of Lake. Edwards, a sophomore secondary education major, is returning as head drum major after serving last year as assistant drum major. He previously served two years as drum major at Scott Central High School. Watkins, a freshman liberal arts major, serves as assistant drum major. She is a 1996 graduate of Lake High School where she served as drum major her junior and senior years. The Warrior Band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant director.

Peace to All

May you and yours celebrate a season of joy and love with family and friends.



Win intramural basketball title

Winning first place in the 3-on-3 intramural basketball competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur were the above members of the team "EC Heat " Pictured are (front from left) Steve Richardson of Philadelphia, Marc Jones of Decatur and Jamie Hamil of Newton and (back from left) Davis Fulton of Philadelphia and Raland Burks of Hickory.



Flute and Clarinet Section

Members of the Warrior Marching Band Flute and Clarinet Section for 1996-97 include (kneeling from left) Melissa Strickland, Morton High School; Kim Tew, Forest High School; and Kristi Conrad, Union High School, and (standing from left) April Greer, Carthage High School; Dawn Ward, Newton County High School; Amy Watkins, Carthage; and Marianne Lang, Sebastopol High School. The band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant director



The East Central Community College Players presented Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," Nov. 14-16 on the Decatur campus.

Directed by Judy Carroll, ECCC speech/drama instructor, "The Mousetrap" is a thrilling "who-dunnit" mystery that revolves around a group of strangers stranded in a boarding house during a snow storm. One of the guests is murdered. The suspects include the newly married couple who runs the house; a spinster with a curious background; an architect; a retired Army major; a strange little man who claims his car turned over in a drift; and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone. Into their midst comes a policeman on skis. Soon after the policeman arrives, the jurist, one of the guests, is killed. To get to the rationale of the murderer's pattern, the policeman probes the background of everyone present, and "rattles" many skeletons. As always, this mystery play has an Agatha Christie - surprise ending.

Cast members for the two-act production included Lisa Harrison (as Mollie) of Little Rock and Newton County High School; Corey Robinson (Giles), Ben Wall (Mr. Paravicini), LaRee Lyle (Mrs. Boyle) and Richard Edwards (Christopher), all of Forest and graduates of Scott Central High School; Emily Bullock (Miss Casewell) of Decatur and Newton County High School; Max Lobentovich (Detective Trotler) of Kiev, Russia and Newton High School and J.B. Ware (Major Metcalf) of Union and Union High School.



Mollie (Lisa Harrison) and Giles (Corey Robinson) Ralston open a guest house.



The childish Christopher Wren, left, (Richard Edwards) is the first to Giles and Christopher meet Casewell (Emily Bullock), far right. arrive





The irritable Mrs. Boyle, right, (LaRee Lyle) arrives.



Mrs. Boyle insists that Major Metcalf, left, (J. B. Ware) carry her bags.







Rifle Corps

Members of the Warrior Marching Band Rifle Corps for 1996-97 are (front) Brandy Rush, Neshoba Central High School, and (back row from left) Nicole Simpson, Morton, and Lynn Allison, captain, and Joni Hicks, both of Neshoba Central. The Warrior Band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant director.

The final guest is the eccentric foreigner, Paravincini, left (Ben Wall)



Mollie finds Mrs. Boyle murdered!

Sergeant Trotler, far left, (Max Lobentovich) arrives to warn that a killer is loose.



Christopher Wren and Casewell discuss their dislike of Mrs. Boyle.



Mellophone Section

Members of the Warrior Marching Band Mellophone Section for 1996-97 include (from left) Harold Farmer, Neshoba Central High School; Kimberly Haynes, Louisville High School; and Misty Smith and Jason Jones, both of Union High School. The band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, director, and Johnny May, assistant director.





Trotler questions the guests of their whereabouts during the murder.



The murderer is revealed to be Sergeant Trotler.

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