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Tonya Morgan-Kirk and Leesa Wilkinson are shown with one of five new pianos recently added to the music department.

Music department receives five new pianos as part of loan program

By JENNIFER SAVELL
Tom Tom staff

Five new pianos were recently added to the East Central Community College Music Department as a part of the Kawaii loan program. This program, sponsored by Kawaii Corporation and Allegreza Piano Company of Jackson, has loaned East Central two grands and three upright pianos.

"We are very fortunate to have these pianos," said Tonya Morgan-Kirk, a first year instructor who teaches Music Theory and Piano.

In the state of Mississippi, continued Morgan-Kirk, only two other colleges have shared this honor with East Central. Prospective music students are very attentive to schools that possess quality instruction as well as quality instruments, both of which ECCC have acquired over the last several years.

Piano major Marva Cave-nough added, "They're fantastic! I think that East Central is very lucky to have such quality instruments and the opportunity to use them free of charge. The quality of these pianos are

comparable to that of any four-year institution."

For information about the new pianos or Music Department and the available scholarships, contact: 635-2111 Tom Carson, Band/Collegians Director, ext. 228; Jarred Brownlee, Assistant Band Director, ext. 306; Leesa Wilkinson, Piano/Theory Instructor, ext. 227; Tonya Morgan-Kirk, Piano/Theory Instructor, ext. 367; Charles Hinson, Choir/Accents Director, ext. 226 and Ross Price, Voice Instructor, ext. 322.

Harrison, Hansford named ECCC's HEADWAE honorees

Drafting and Design Technology instructor Ricky Harrison and sophomore Neil Hansford were recently selected East Central Community College's outstanding HEADWAE faculty member and student for the 1998-99 College term.

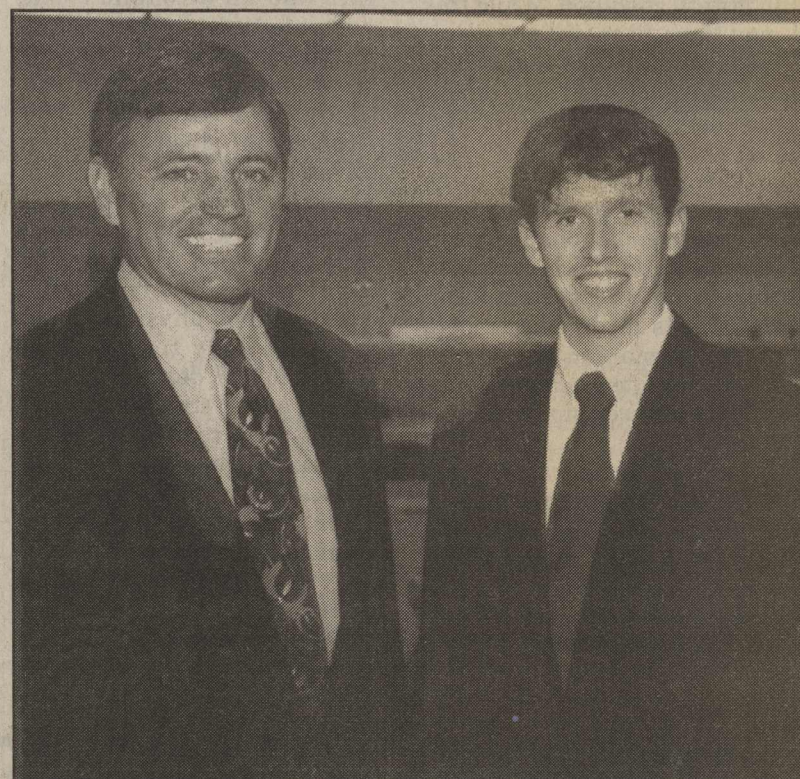
The ECCC honorees will be recognized along with other representatives of the state's public and private colleges and universities during activities scheduled Tuesday, February 16 in Jackson. A booklet featuring biographical sketches and photos of each honoree will also be presented during an awards luncheon at the Ramada Inn Coliseum.

Established in 1988, the annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working Toward Academic Excellence) program recognizes individual academic achievement and the overall contribution by the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

Harrison, who resides in the Little Rock community, has been a member of the ECCC faculty since 1983. Among honors he has received includes his selection as Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year in 1991. He has also been named on three occasions to Who's Who Among America's universities and Colleges.

In 1996 Harrison was selected Newton County High School Parent of the Year in recognition of his service to area young people.

He holds membership in Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators, American Vocational Association, Society of Manufacturing Engineers and the Mississippi



Ricky Harrison (left) and Neil Hansford, East Central Community College's HEADWAE instructor and student, respectively, for the 1998-99 term.

Community/Junior College Faculty Association. He serves as sponsor of the ECCC chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Harrison is also a member of Beulah Baptist Church.

A graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, Harrison received an associate of applied science degree in drafting and design from East Central Junior College and a bachelor of science degree in industrial and occupational education from the University of Southern Mississippi. He has completed additional studies at Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Janean Huey of Little Rock.

Their two children, Crystal and C.J., are deceased.

Hansford, who has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average at East Central, is the son of Jim Hansford of Union and Linda Hansford of Hickory.

He serves as president of the President's Council and Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. He was recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

His major is broadcast meteorology/climatology.

A graduate of Newton County High School, Hansford plans to continue his studies at Mississippi State University.

Fall semester honor roll announced

Students named to the 1998 fall semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Record and Research.

The honor roll includes students on the President's list, Dean's list and Honorable mention.

Named to the President's list, which includes students with a 4.0 grade point average, are the following:

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Leake County: Laurie B. Cockroft, Jacqueline C. Coward, Donnie R. Fletcher, Margaret S. Greer, Jonathan P. Grice, Amanda D. Hillman, Lana Kea, Kristi D. Moore, Ruthie S. Pigg, Erica H. Pike, Summer Scarborough and Donna B. Tucker, all of Carthage; and James B. Smith, Marcus D. Ellis and Julie S. Guidry, all of Walnut Grove.

Neshoba County: Amy E. Arthur, Tracy H. Kilpatrick, Stacy G. Skinner and Jennifer L. Winstead, all of Union; and Cathy M. Deason, Thomas B. Ellison, Valerie N. Evans, Jill Y. Gray, Nykela G. Horne, Justin R. Long, Ragan D. Mitchell, Donald K. Nance, Kimberly A. Nicholson, Melissa Pendergrass, Timothy J. Prachar, Kristopher D. Robertson and Catherine I.

York, all of Philadelphia.

Newton County: Cristy P. Bowen, Kelly A. Burkes, Derek P. Burton, Jennifer M. Harrison, Kimberly J. Hollingsworth, Theresa D. Matlock, Stephen D. Morgan, Jade N. Parkes, Lisa E. Rainer, Michael P. Roland and Milton W. Smith, all of Decatur; Denise L. Brown, Melissa R. Cooksey, Amanda N. Dean, Richard C. Lancaster, Tomi J. Mize, Tamara C. Muir, Chris L. Weems, Gregory R. Willis and Allen Wilson, all of Newton; Regina A. Buckley, Mary S. Crocker and Thomas L. Hitt, all of Little Rock; Stephanie N. Bugg, Sharon S. Thomas and Betty R. Wilkerson, all of Lawrence; Tracy W. Carney, Conehatta; Marve J. Cave-nough, Viola Dade and Jeffrey N. Hansford, all of Hickory; Amanda D. Miles and Joan Mulford, both of Union; and Karen M. Rainer and Jonathan D. White, both of Chunky.

Scott County: Timothy W. Boles, Walnut Grove; Joshua L. Eure, Charlie L. Noel, Donna F. Reiss, Connie Tew, Sarah J. Whitesell and Jessica E. Wright, all of Forest; Jana N. Nester and Laura M. Tadlock, both of Lake; Stephen N. Pace, Morton; and Laura E. Shows, Lena.

Winston County: Angela P. Dempsey, Cynthia C. Hoskins, Angela N. Jayroe, Wendy Lin-

gle, Alisha L. Martin, Rosemary McArthur, Amy I. Morehead, Jason W. Morehead, Michelle C. Robertson and Jana Whlie, all of Louisville; and Susan D. Perkins, Ginger C. Moore and Kendall D. Hoskin, all of Noxap-ater.

Out of district: Stephanie J. Moss, Stonewall; Andrew O. Smith, Enterprise; Willie L. Alford, Brad Creel, Amanda Stokes, Michael Verley and Tiffany Walker, all of Meridian; and Gary L. Langley, Ricky R. McKay and Denise G. Willis, all of Collinsville.

DEAN'S LIST

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

Leake County: Ashley B. Alexander, Jody Johnson, Christopher L. Kyzar, Sherry A. Moss, Dorian D. Perkins and William J. Sebren, all of Lena; Casey L. Lewis, Madden; and Marry S. Atkinson, Rebecca K. Fulton, Alesha Gomillion, Jerry L. Gressett, Wendy S. Hester, Lacey A. Johnson, Betina L. Latiker, Craig M. McRae, Tiffany T. Mizell, Donna R. Moore, Lisa J. Price, Courtney B. Rawson, Rebecca C. Sikes, Brandon M. Tucker, Charles S. Waller and Christy L. Wooten, all of Carthage.

Neshoba County: Jennifer M.

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ECCC HOSA officers

These students are serving as officers of the East Central Community College HOSA (Health Occupation Students of American) organization. Pictured are (seated, from left) Karen Coffman of Newton, Gina Gant of Meridian and Angelia Warnsley of Morton, licensed practical nursing representatives; and (standing, from left) Michael Roland of Decatur and Stacey Mills and Tracy Kilpatrick, both of Union, surgical technology representatives; and Alex Lee of Lake, state HOSA president. Janice Jacobs, Sandra Thomas and Katharine Buckman serve as sponsors.



Hazing: do you dare?

By TAMI PHILLIPS
Tom Tom staff

Next fall, many ECCC students will move on to attend a major university. For many of the students, this will be their first time away from home. They will be nervous about fitting in, and they will seek acceptance from their new peers.

Many of these students will join a Greek organization to fill the void in their lives. But every year, a student somewhere in the United States dies as a result of "hazing" or initiation which they must complete to join the organization.

On October 20, 1998, Dudley Moore, a freshman at Ole Miss, was found hanging in his dorm room's closet. Moore was rushed to the hospital where he died after five days in critical condition. While this may have been simply a suicide, officials are not ruling out the fact that his death may have been a result of hazing.

The University Police Department confiscated an answering machine from Moore's room which contained harassing and threatening statements made by members of the Sigma Chi fraternity. About 20 other Sigma Chi pledges received similar phone calls.

Perhaps Dudley Moore was so frightened over the hazing which he had to incur to join this group that it drove him over the edge. When you are at the point of desperation and you feel as if you are up

against a wall, it does not take much to put you over.

The tragedies caused by hazing within the past few years are endless. At Alfred University in New York, a group of boys decided to pledge a fraternity called Klan Alpine. The pledges were taken from their rooms by active members of the fraternity and assembled in a parking lot.

They were put in the trunks of cars, three at a time. Inside the trunks were a pint of Jack Daniels each, a six-pack of beer and a mixture of wine. They were told that they must consume that alcohol before they would be released. The situation was even more dangerous because it took place in February, and none of the pledges were wearing a coat.

Several students ended up in the hospital. One slipped into and an alcoholic coma, and unfortunately one died. In another case, an 18-year-old freshman and star athlete, pledging a fraternity, was deprived of sleep for almost three days. He was put through hours of rigorous exercise and then put into a steam room. Alcohol was involved. Suddenly, despite his excellent physical condition, his body temperature soared to 108 degrees, and he died of a heat stroke.

The most common defenses for hazing generally fall into two categories: Hazing is necessary because to build brotherhood, and hazing is necessary because of tradition. It sounds more like an addiction.

Yes, the Greek life is cer-

tainly very appealing to today's college students. Greek organizations serve as a network of people with common ideals. Fraternities and sororities have grown to symbolize leadership, independence, scholastic achievement, and service to various campuses and communities.

Members of these groups have gone on to hold many of the top positions in our country. Since 1910, 40 of 47 Supreme Court Justices have been members of Greek organizations.

All but three United States Presidents since 1825 have been fraternity men. Each year thousands of young men and women enter the working world with the competitive advantage of Greek experience and alumnus contacts.

The practice of hazing will continue to take place at colleges as long as there are fraternities and sororities trying to weed out the weak ones that they so delicately picked during rush. But is being a part of one of these prestigious groups worth the turmoil that you must go through to join? I personally would not die to be part of any group.

While I may respect and even understand the need to belong to one of these groups, I would never lower myself to the ridiculous standards which are set before these students. Hazing, pure and simple, is an act of ignorance being practiced in our institutions of higher learning. How can such dangerous acts be allowed to go on? It's "Greek" to me!

In and out and back again

By BO FULMER
Tom Tom staff

In my life I have had many experiences, many of the more significant ones happening during my childhood. I have not yet decided if this is a coincidence. After all, they say that what happens to us during our childhood determines what we will be like as adults. Many events, like my parents' divorce, I would rather forget, but I have been fortunate enough to have my good experiences out number the bad ones.

My favorite events were always the times we moved; it was like we kept going off on the wrong track, but each time we moved we were given a chance at renewal, a chance to start over. I was born in Lexington, South Carolina. Our stay there was a short one; we moved all over the South, staying in various places for little more than a few months at a time.

When I was seven, we moved from our home in Jackson, Mississippi to Sao Paolo, Brazil. My stepfather had concluded that Brazil was a land of opportunities and decided to move his whole family there so that he could exploit these opportunities.

Brazil was an amazing place, unlike anything I had ever known before in my life. I had, up to this point, grown up in small towns and in suburbs with their small houses and pleasant little gardens. Now here I was in this massive city that housed more than fourteen million people. My mind was only overwhelmed for a minute or two. That's where the young have it so easy; their adaptation to an environment or situation is almost instantaneous.

For the first time in my life, I heard a language other than English being spoken around me, and for that matter, English was completely absent from the talk on the streets. It wasn't more than a couple of years before I was completely fluent in Portuguese.

After having lived there for three years, my father apparently changed his mind about the greatness of Brazil, and signed a contract with Anglo-American Mining Corporation. This was unfortunate for me, because I had begun to settle down, and to look on this place as home.

Just as I had gotten myself planted, I was uprooted and once more we were loaded onto a jet and flown off into the clouds, destination unknown to me.

My father knew the move was going to be a strain on me no matter how eager I was to see new places, so he played a game with me. He did not tell me where we were going and kept me guessing the whole way there. After persistent nagging on my part, he finally gave me a clue: he said the name of the city we were flying into was Johannesburg.

I was a little disappointed. When I heard "Johannesburg", I immediately thought, "Oh, Germany". I supposed Germany would be nice enough, but from what I had seen on television and in pictures, Europe seemed to be a very old, stuffy place, whose entire population was made up of grannies and grandpas.

My disappointment did not just stem from these impressions, however. When my father had first told us we were moving to a new country on another continent, my first thought was of Africa. I imagined myself walking through the veld watching herds of animals running freely around me.

I imagined walking back to my little hut at night for dinner. I knew, of course, that there had to be cities somewhere or else there would not be an airport, but I did not want to live in them. I wanted Africa.

We finally arrived after a very long eighteen hour flight (which I am certain felt quite a bit longer to my parents; children never seem to tire of "Are we there yet?"). My father took us through Customs and finally, in the middle of the airport's arrival lounge, he decided to tell me where we were.

I am still convinced that everyone in the lounge heard my jaw land on the floor when my father said two words, only the second of which really grabbed my attention: South Africa. I looked around and started drinking in all the tiny little details around me. My mind was still reeling, and all I could do was stare around me, trying to see everything at once, feeling like I wasn't seeing enough.

I knew there was something I should be remembering, but I couldn't sort through the flurry of thoughts to reach out and grab it. Then it came to me, slamming home hard and sobering me up: there are lions in Africa. Suddenly I was extremely reluctant to leave the airport. My father was laughing as he told me to follow him outside. He had something else to show me.

We stepped out of the double doors at the front entrance of the airport and I set eyes on Africa for the first time; what I saw was Johannesburg. I was completely taken back by what I saw. "Where are all the animals?" I asked my father. For there in front of me was a huge city, not as big as Sao Paolo, but still bigger than anything I had expected. Houses and shops and towers and businesses stood in front of me.

My father told me not to worry; the animals avoided the cities but I would see them soon enough. He was right. The first creatures I saw were the birds, strange looking birds with even stranger songs. They were more beautiful than any I had ever heard before. I noticed the new smells all around me. It is amazing how a whole country can have a completely unique smell, setting it apart from any other. My senses were overwhelmed.

Well, we stayed in South Africa then, and it seemed we had pretty much found our place to settle down. We did move once or twice while there, but it didn't feel like anything was changing when we did. We were just fitting ourselves better into our niche.

During all our travels, I had attended eight primary schools, and after moving to South Africa, was lucky enough to have managed to attend just one high school. When I finished high school, my parents moved again, this time to Durban on South Africa's eastern coast. I went with them for a time, but it didn't take me long to realize that this was their little place and that my place was back in Johannesburg. I knew I would always be welcome at my parents' house, but I also knew that I would never quite fit in there.

Things had changed. Without realizing it, I had begun to build up my own place in the world, and my parents' shell just didn't fit anymore. It was a startling revelation, but after I saw it and recognized it, it began to look pretty good. I moved back to Johannesburg, found my own little apartment, and got a job as a waiter at one of the local Italian restaurants.

I was quite happy for a while, and then one day I managed to step back from the whole scene and look at all the things I was doing. I saw that in the past year, I had not managed to get anywhere. Yes, I was surviving and living modestly with no real financial worries, but I realized that during all that time, I had not progressed at all.

I wasn't moving up as a waiter; I was bringing home the same pay that I did when I first started out. I had not been able to fix up my apartment (I was still sleeping in a pair of sleeping bags on the floor) and looking ahead, there was absolutely no prospect of my moving forward from my current station. I grudgingly admitted to myself that I had started off too quickly and that if I were to succeed in life, I would need to equip myself with better resources.

I started looking at my possibilities. How could I get to where I wanted to be from this no-win situation I was in now? What was obvious was that I needed a better education so that I could get a higher paying job. The universities were out of

the question. There was no way I could afford to attend one of those.

I might be able to go to one of the technical colleges, but I wouldn't be able to keep the number of hours I currently worked. Besides, a technical diploma was not as highly recognized as a college degree. I started looking at sources outside of South Africa.

I remembered that about a year before my grandparents had offered to help me get an education. I called them up and yes, the offer still stood. I began to think it over.

I did not want to leave Johannesburg. I had built up most of my memories there, looked on it as home. Johannesburg was my territory; I knew it inside and out, knew how to carry myself and how to get what I needed. Moving to Mississippi, I would be starting all over again. I would have to re-establish myself.

Then I considered that much of my life had consisted of new beginnings. Besides, Johannesburg would still be here when I got back. And if it wasn't, then I would probably be better off being somewhere else when it did get wiped off the map.

So I sold the things I didn't want to take with me, and packed up the few belongings I had left. I bought my airline ticket and a few days later I was winging my way to Jackson, Mississippi. My grandparents met me at the airport and we made the hour drive to Decatur where I reside today.

It has taken a lot of adjusting to live here. Until now, I had never lived in a town with only one traffic light. I have been disillusioned at times about both the greatness and the poorness of the USA.

But I have been here for nearly a year, and have done quite well so far. This is due equally to my determination to make something of myself, and to the friends I have made since I have been here. For all this and more I am ever thankful, and I look forward to going home one day, wherever that home may be.

Y2K: What is it?

By WANDA DAVIDSON
Tom Tom staff

The year 2000, what does it all mean? For most of the world, the year 2000 means the millennium, but what does the year 2000 mean to the computer world? When computer programmers set the date for computers, they did not think about 2000. On Jan. 1, 2000, the computer world as we know it could crash.

When the clocks strikes midnight on Jan. 1 the computer will read "00" because only the last two digits are programmed to change with each year. The computers' time will go back one-hundred years.

Since, most of the world is controlled by computers, the world could shut down; however, President Clinton has hired a computer expert to work at the White House to work on the Y2K dilemma. Many of the new computer systems have already been programmed to continue through 2000, but there is no guarantee of any computer being immune to Y2K. The year 2000 could be the next recession for the world if the problem is not fixed in time. There are thousands of programs to go through, and this could cause major problems in correcting before 2000. Banks, factories, schools, and the government could possibly shut down.

However, there are steps a business or individual could take to help prevent Y2K from crashing their computer system. First, be aware that no computer is safe from the Y2K bug. Second, take note of all the data that is in the computer. Third, check for Y2K and see where the problem is. Fourth, create a plan for correcting any problems that might occur. Finally, test the corrections that have been done.

Seatbelts for school buses?

By SUSAN ADKINS
Tom Tom staff

Now more than ever the public is demanding to get safety belts installed in all school busses.

Each year about 394,000 school buses transport 23.5 million children to and from school-related events. Each year approximately 150 people are killed in school bus-related accidents, but only 12% of the 150 are actually occupants of the busses. The others are pedestri-

ans, bicyclists, and occupants of the other vehicles that had a wreck with the bus.

Because the injuries on-board a school bus are lower than the incidents outside busses, some people believe that installing seatbelts in school buses is a waste of taxes.

These opponents argue that crashes are relatively low and that the large school busses are the safest type of transportation for the children.

The parents of school-aged children often agree that the

process of installing seatbelts would be costly, but worthwhile. The actual cost would cost about one dollar and fifty cents per child per school.

It is estimated that if seatbelts are installed and 50% of the children actually wear them, injuries and deaths will decrease by 20%.

Currently in most states only the 16 passenger school busses are required to have seatbelts. Only New York and New Jersey have laws that all school busses have seatbelts.

ADN program fully accredited and in full swing

By TAMI PHILLIPS
Assistant Editor

An article concerning the accreditation of East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program was mistakenly printed in the December issue of *The Tom Tom*. The staff apologizes for any inconvenience which might have been caused, and we wish to set the record straight.

The December article stated that the ECCC Nursing program was undergoing an approval process? but this is incorrect. The program was fully accepted by the National League of Nursing Accreditation Committee in February of 1998. Previously, the program was also accepted by the Board of

Trustees of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning. So far, the ADN program has graduated three classes of nursing students, with a pass rate of 90.32 %.

Students involved in the ADN program earn a two-year degree in Associative Nursing. The ECCC program accepts forty students. In the fall the students complete work-studies in hospitals of the five county area and also in Meridian and Jackson. To qualify for an ADN degree, students must receive a 55 percentile on the NLNAC pre-exam. In addition, students must make a minimum of 1.8 on the ACT and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA. Students must also keep a C average in academics, which include Anatomy and

Physiology I and II, Nursing Math, and English Composition I. When the students finish the two-year program, they write to the State Board to receive their RN license.

Both traditional and nontraditional students show an interest in the nursing program. The ages of nursing students range from 18 to 55. The nursing program is very appealing because students have little or no problems finding jobs once they graduate. Students also take part in the Nursing Association, which is a wonderful reference for future jobs.

With an Associate Degree, they can go into almost any area of nursing, and there is very little difference in the pay of a nurse holding an Associate's Degree to that of a nurse holding a Bachelors Degree. Once the students receive a degree and license, they can work in an area of their choice and attend school every other weekend.

Thus, the students can earn a Bachelor's Degree in a very short period of time. Another thing that attracts students to the ECCC Nursing program is the fact that the tuition costs much less at a community college when compared to that of a university. Also, many of the students commute and find the drive to Decatur shorter than elsewhere.

The members of the Nursing faculty all have Master's Degrees with the exception of one person, who holds a Doctorate Degree. The faculty members are extremely dedicated to their

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'Bag of Bones' is both chilling and romantic

By TAMI PHILLIPS
Assistant editor

Stephen King's new novel Bag of Bones is a chilling story of love and loss. Once again, King locks on to our deepest fears with a narrative that is intense and disturbing, yet always unpredictable. The master of heart-stopping, page-turning suspense now brings his readers his most gripping and unforgettable novel to date: a story of grief and a lost love's eternal bonds, of a new love haunted by the secrets of the past, and of an innocent child caught in a terrible crossfire of natural and supernatural forces.

The setting is Derry, Maine, an environment frequently used by King in such books as E and Insomnia. The hero of the story is Michael Noonan, an author and regular resident of best-seller lists that "go up to 15."

Noonan's wife, Jo, dies of a stroke in the first five pages, and our hero promptly suffers a

case of writer's block. To break the block, Noonan moves out of Derry and up to his creepy country house, strangely named Sara Laughs. Noonan finds his beloved town is familiar on the surfaced but much changed underneath. Once at Sara, Noonan rescues a little girl named Kyra from being run over, and he is drawn into a nasty custody battle between Kyra's mother, Mattie, and her grandfather, Maxwell Devore.

If all that isn't enough, Noonan starts to receive mysterious messages on his refrigerator door, has strange visions of children drowning in the nearby lake, and begins to realize that Sara Laughs is haunted. Needless to say, King wraps up his complex plot in slam-bang style.

The title "Bag of Bones" comes from a Thomas Hardy quote, "The most brilliantly drawn character in a novel is but a bag of bones," meaning that the character is not as fleshed-out as people which we

meet in real life are. Good is not always good, and Evil is not always evil. Sometimes Good has to be Evil to get even.

We learn from this story that no matter which is the winner, the scoreboard will always read Sorrow at the end of the game. In Bag of Bones, King explores the connection that survives between a grief-stricken man and his late wife, a bond that bridges time and space, and well as life and death.

And if you're worried about the gore factor, don't be. There are a few scenes you might not want to read alone, but King himself describes his new book as a haunted love story. I heartily agree.

All this doesn't stop Bag of Bones from being a solidly constructed thriller, and King's best effort since Rose Madder. If you're already addicted to Stephen King, then read it. If you've never read him before but are thinking about starting, then give it a shot.



Recieve All-State honors

Recipients of All-State honors presented at the East Central Community College football awards banquet included (from left) Brock Lillis of Neshoba Central, first team; and Kevin McKenzie of Plantation, Fla., and Kyle Watson of Neshoba Central, second team.

Phi Theta Kappa news

By RAGAN MITCHELL
Tom Tom staff

On Nov. 19, 1998, the Theta Xi chapter planted trees on South Campus. This tree planting ceremony was held to celebrate Phi Theta Founder's Day. Several members participated along with advisors, Mrs. Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris.

The 1999 MS/LA regional Phi Theta Kappa Conference was held Feb. 6-7. Hinds Community College hosted the event, and East Central's Philip Smith, president of the MS/LS region, presided.

A record number of 95 students have met the requirements for membership in the Theta Xi chapter of East Central. These standards for admission include being a full-time student with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5.

The students listed below were sent letters of invitation to Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa:

Dexter Akins, Willie Alford, Kaci Allen, Amy Arthur, Melissa Avery, Cynthia Bates, Rhonda Bates, Steven Belvin, Rosalind Bender, Timothy Boles, Cristy Bowen, Ameer Brackin, Larry Buckley, Kelly Burkes, Brian Burns, Ashley Byram, Robin Carlyle, Marva Cavanaugh, Lindsay Chance;

April Clark, Celesta Clark, Justin Clearman, Sonya Clearman, Laurie Cockroft, Melissa Cooksey, Stacy Cotton, Amanda Dean, Cathy Deason, Anglea Dempsey, Mark Eakes, LaWanda Ealy, Cassandra Eaves, Gwendolyn Edwards, Thomas Ellison, Joshua Eure, Stephanie Evans, Blake Everett, Dorothy Federick, Patrick Ferriss;

Kristi French, Lorie Frith, Donald Gibson, Jill Gray, Julie Guidry, Jennifer Guyse, Jessica Guyse, Wendy Hester, Amand Hillman, Bridgette Hines, Thomas Hitt, Nykela Horne, Angela Jayroe, Alicia Jenkins, Emily Johnson, Jody Johnson, Lacey Johnson, Jason Johnston, Danna Jones;

Stephen Joyner, Amanda Keeton, Brooke Kennedy, Samuel Knight, Tracy Latham, Wendy Lingle, Thomas Madison, Benjamin Martin, Michelle May, Fredrick McClelland, Ricky McKay, Larry McMillan, Craig McRae, Malinda Melton, Stacey Mills, Tiffany Mizell, Alexander Moore, Kristi Moore, Amy Moorehead;

Kendra Morgan, Tamara Muir, Joan Mulford, Donald Nance, Jana Nester, Charlie Noel, Randall Orr, Stephen Pace, William Parker, Melissa Pendergrass, Dorian Perkins, Ruthie Pigg, Erica Pike, Timothy Prachar, Nancy Pugh,

★ADN program

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jobs and hope to produce the best nurses in the state. Nancy Harris, director of the ADN program says, "I have worked for 25 years in nursing, and it is probably one of the most important things that I have ever done.

The number one thing about the program is watching the students grow from semester to semester. If you are interested in the ECCC Nursing program, feel free to contact Nancy Harris at 635-2111, ext. 294.

Wellness Program offered through campus health center

Feb. 25, 1999 – "Playing it Safe" Dorm class on sexually transmitted diseases (Jackson Hall) activity period.

March 2, 1999 – "Playing it Safe" Dorm class on sexually transmitted diseases (Newsome Hall) activity period.

March 18, 1999 – Leslie Lee Priester Care Lodge on Domestic Violence "Domestic Violence" Vickers Fine Arts, 10:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

March 23, 1999 – Representatives from Newton Regional Hospital will be here to do blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose screenings from 8 a.m.-12

Vernon, Kyle Watson, Jessica Reed, Beverly Reynolds, Virginia Rigby, Kristopher Robertson, Purtina Ruffin, Penny Russell, Jennifer Savell, Justin Sharp, Laura Shows, Lance Sigrest, Stacy Skinner;

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p.m. Newton Hall faculty lounge.

March 21-27 – National Poison Prevention Week – Child care children will be given folders to take home to their parents. Information will also be provided to the administration, faculty and staff.

April 20, 1999 – United Blood Services blood drive, old gym, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

April 29, 1999 – Gayle Gray, RN, BSN, District Epidemiology Nurse, Mississippi State Health Department "Sexually Transmitted Diseases" Vickers Fine Arts Center, 10:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

By JANA NESTER
Tom Tom staff

There are many types of financial aid available for students at ECCC. In addition to scholarships, students may apply for other types of aid such as federal Pell Grant, Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant, Federal Stafford Loan, State Student Incentive Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant and Federal Work Study.

***Federal Pell Grant** – The federal program is designed to provide financial assistance to students on the basis of need. Any eligible student may receive a Federal Pell Grant. To apply, a student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You will need a copy of the 1998 tax returns to completely fill out the FAFSA. To meet the priority date of April 1, it is best to fill out the FAFSA as soon as you receive the 1998 tax returns.

***Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) and Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG)** – The state of Mississippi established these grants for Mississippi residents. Students must meet the eligibility requirements as established by the state of Mississippi in order to be eligible. Check with the financial aid office for applications and requirements for these grants. A student must apply every year.

***State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG)** – The state of

FROM THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Mississippi, through matching grant program with the federal government, provides grants to eligible Mississippi residents. this grant is available to students who demonstrate a substantial financial need.

***Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)** – This federal program is designed to help stu-

dents who would not be able to receive an education without the grant. Stop by the financial aid office for more information about FSEOG.

***Federal Stafford Loan** – A Federal Stafford Loan is a low-interest loan made to the student by a lender. Subsidized

See **FINANCIAL AID**, page 5

Help for handicapped students

By WILLIAM SAVELL
Tom Tom staff

ECCC complies fully with the laws regarding needs of students with disability, according to Dr. Phil Sutphin. He added, "New construction, that is underway- new dorms and new buildings, of course will also be fully accessible."

In addition to many things already in place such as walkways and buildings and bathrooms fully accessible to students in wheelchairs, Dr. Sutphin says that ECCC will meet

the need of any handicapped person.

Sight impaired students can get enlarged texts, enlarged copies of tests, oral exams, and large screen computer monitors.

Hearing impaired students or students with any other special needs can contact Dr. Sutphin to ask for specific helps or equipment they need and he emphasizes that ECCC will meet the need, not only required by state and federal laws, but with the ECCC family attitude of "With you in mind."

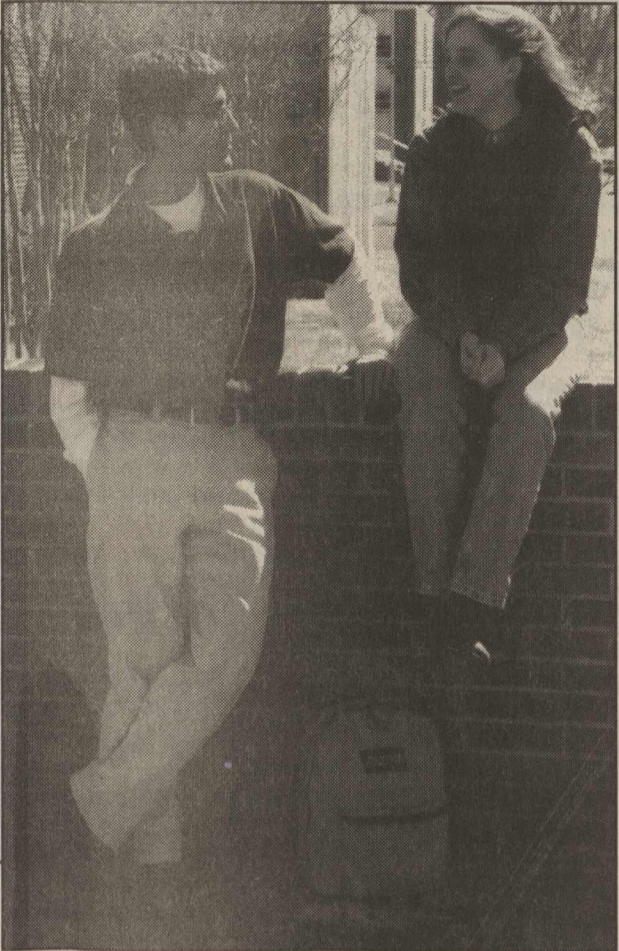
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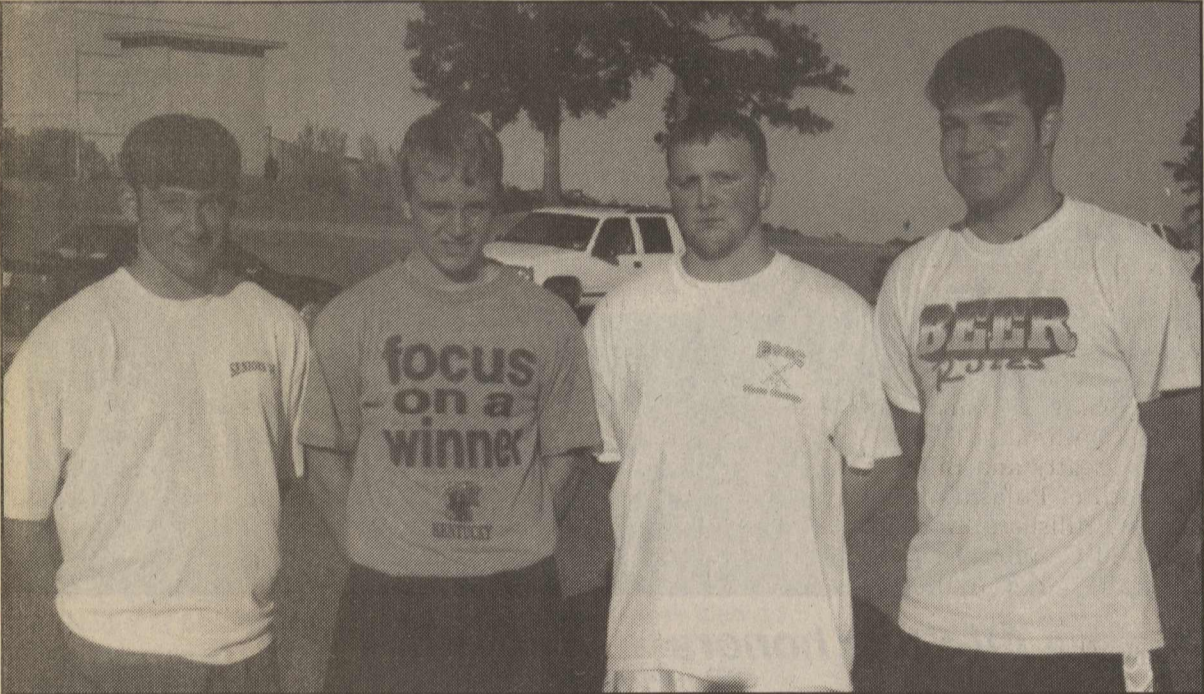


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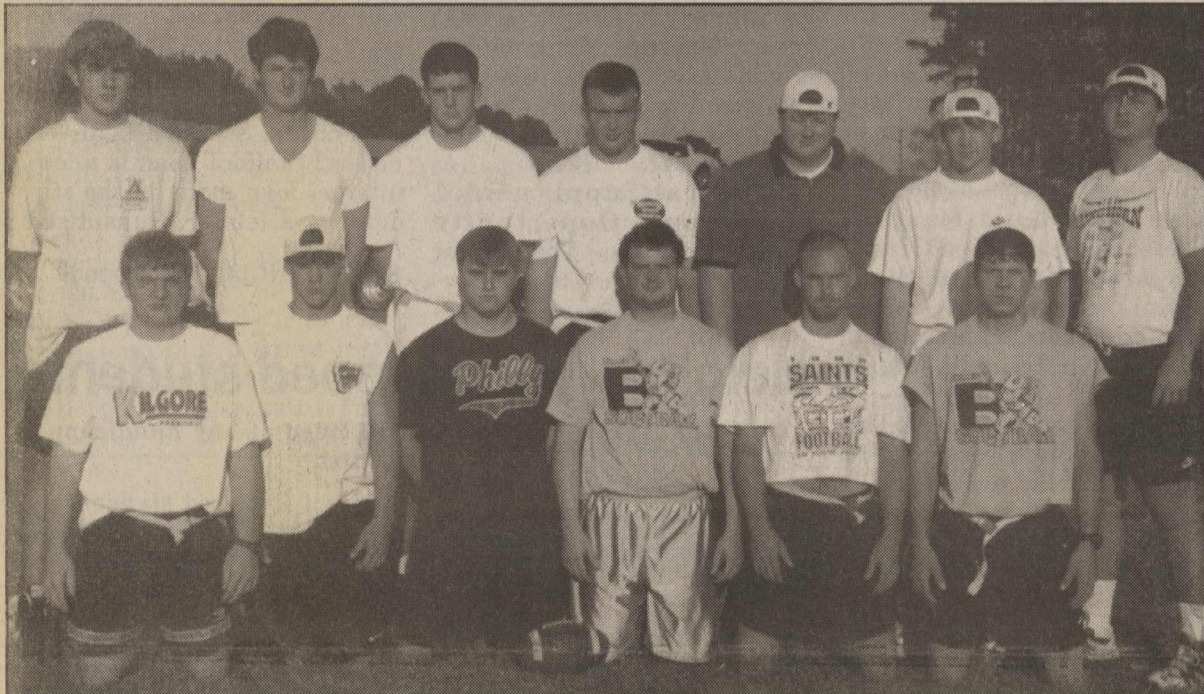
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Sports



Win basketball title

"Fighting Camels" claimed the men's three-on-three intramural basketball league competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (from left) Jonathan McMurray and Ryan Quick, both of Carthage; Chris VanEttan of Forest and Kevin Chamblee of Carthage. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program.



Win flag football title

"Cold Soldiers" took first-place honors in intramural football competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling, from left) Jon Martin, Alex Dees, Jonathan Mills and Justin Long, all of Philadelphia; Jeremy Nowell of Nanih Waiya and Ryan Gilmer of Philadelphia; and (standing, from left) Cody Fisher of Conehatta, Adam Mars, Larron Bryan and B. J. Morrow, all of Philadelphia; Shannon White of Macon, Lucas Nowell of Louisville and David Lepard of Philadelphia. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program.



Flag football runners-up

A team called "True Closers" won second-place honors in the annual intramural football competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling, from left) Kevin Chamblee of Carthage, Scott Livingston of Louisville, Dustin McMullan of Decatur, Chris VanEttan of Forest, Ike Melton of Philadelphia, Brad Gregory of Louisville and Glenn Rushing of Noxapater; and (standing, from left) Jason Williams of Newton, Mark Graham of Little Rock, Michael Chappell of Louisville, Nathan Tadlock of Lake, Jake Wilson of Summerdale, Alabama; Hunter Ives of Newton, Charles Schellbach of Union, Ronnie Thrash of Newton and Jessie Hughes of Louisville. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program.

Notes from the women's basketball office

The East Central Lady Warrior basketball team is ending the month of January with a record of 17-3. In division play we have lost two games. During the month of January we won against Mississippi Delta on Jan. 9; Hinds on Jan. 14; Crowley's Ridge on Jan. 19; Gulf Coast on Jan. 25; and Jones on Jan. 28.

Although January brought about some good wins, we also had two crucial losses. One was against Co-Lin on Jan. 11 and the other against Pearl River on Jan. 21.

Losing against Pearl River knocked us out of first place and we are now third in the division. The first week in February we play Southwest on the fourth

and Co-Lin on the eighth. Winning both of these games will for sure put us in second or possibly move us to first depending on the outcome of the rest of the games played by other teams in the division.

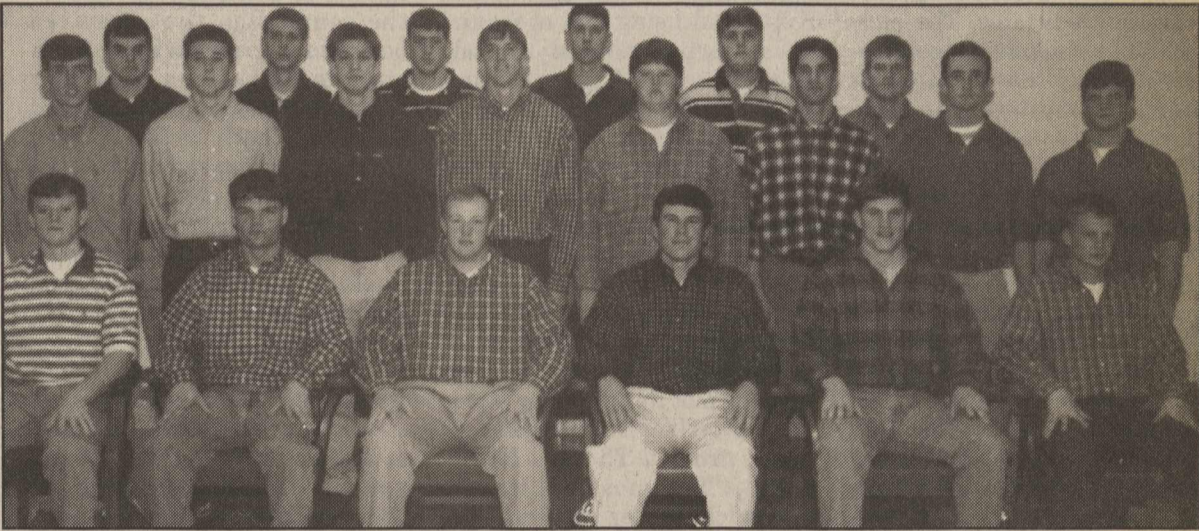
The Lady Warriors had a real good performance against Jones on Jan. 28. The players off the bench came in and contributed some really good play. Tournament time is getting here and every game we play we are doing something a little better than we did the game before.

All in all we are really beginning to come together and that is what we need with tournament time approaching. Although January brought about two bad losses, it also

brought about some really good, positive aspects. The Southwest game and the Co-Lin game are our last two home games. Then, we play at Hinds on Feb. 8 and at Crowley's Ridge on Feb. 11. The South Division Tournament begins Feb. 15 at Jones. The Lady Warriors would really like your support!

Softball
Thought
for February

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but habit.



ECCC Diamond Warrior scholars

These members of the defending state champion East Central Community College baseball team were recently recognized for achieving a 3.0 grade point average or above for the 1998 fall semester. Pictured are (first row, from left) Spence Latimer and Josh Hardy, both of Philadelphia; Chad Champion, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Justin Chaney, Little Rock; Chris Weems, Newton; and Brodie Meadows, Brandon; (second row, from left) Brent Page, Philadelphia; Amos Thames, Newton; Linzy Gressett, Carthage; Joey Allen, Junction City, Ark.; Don Nance, Philadelphia; Jayeson McDonald, Tuscaloosa; Lee Martin, Lake; and Ken Barden, Madison; and (third row, from left) Justin Webb, Philadelphia; Dennis McDill, Madden; Jason Willis and Bo Burkes, both of Philadelphia; Allen Buckley, Brandon; and Patrick Ferris, Clinton. The Diamond Warriors, led by head coach Jamie Clark and assistant Neal Holliman, begin season action by traveling to Central Alabama in Alexander City for a 2 p.m. contest on Saturday, February 13.

Diamond Warriors throw first pitch

Facing a demanding schedule loaded with teams that reached the postseason in 1998, the Warriors open the season Feb. 13 and 14 at Central Alabama. Always a threat in the Alabama Junior College league, Central Alabama is nationally ranked in the pre-season Division I poll.

To attest to the tough schedule the Warriors will face in 1999, only one non-conference opponent, Holmes, did not advance to post-season last year.

Coupled with a tough slate of games, is an injury rash that has hit the Warriors, South Division MVP Jason Willis of Neshoba Central, suffered a bruised shoulder in practice diving for a ball. He should be 100% soon. Brent Page, starting shortstop from Neshoba Central, is recovering from a concussion, derived on a slide play at second base. He also may be back in time for Central Alabama.

The catching corp has also taken a direct hit. Back up catchers Ken Bardon (broken hand) and Micheal Shumaker (knee scope) will take some time to recoup. Both are slowly getting better. Starting pitcher, Ken Gregory will miss the season due to arm surgery.

Once again, pitching looks to be the heart of the team. The Warriors return six pitchers from 1998 and all are in a position to get plenty of innings. The catching, handled by starter Brodie Meadows, will be bolstered by the recent move of Brad Farley from the mound. Meadows and Farley should give the Warriors strong play behind the plate.

The strong infield of 1998 is complete gone, and even Willis will not play as much first base as last year. He will be used as a DH and the Warriors number one pitcher. Last year's projected starter, Bo Burkes, who broke his ankle early in the season is back, fully healthy. He

and freshman Justis Webb will handle first base.

Part-time starter Justin Chaney is back at second base and freshmen will handle the other infield positions.

Chad Champion, coming off a fine freshman year, is back in the outfield; sophomore Joey Allen and freshman Jayeson McDonald round out the starting outfield.

The year's team looks to be more athletic than last year but there are questions to be answered. Who will take Ron Perkins' role as team leader? Who will pick up the RBI's Greg Wood drove in? And most importantly, who will pick up the innings that Dan Gressett, Chris Tullos and Clark Tyson gave on the mound?

Soon, we hope to have answers to these questions. This is one of our hardest working teams we have had. The early season games should toughen these guys up and hopefully, we can make another run.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
1999 DIAMOND WARRIOR BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Saturday February 13	Central Alabama	Alexander City, AL	2:00 p.m. (Single)
Sunday February 14	Central Alabama	Alexander City, AL	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday February 17	Holmes	Decatur	1:00 p.m. (Single)
Saturday February 20	Northwest	Decatur	1:00 p.m.
Sunday February 21	Calhoun	Decatur	1:00 p.m. (Single)
Tuesday February 23	Holmes	Goodman	1:00 p.m. (Single)
Thursday February 25	East Mississippi	Scooba	2:00 p.m. (Single)
Saturday February 27	Itawamba	Decatur	1:00 p.m.
Sunday February 28	Faulkner State	Decatur	2:00 pm. (Single)
Wednesday March 3	Lincoln Trail	Decatur	2:00 p.m.
Saturday March 6	Hinds	Decatur	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 10	Faulkner State	Bay Minette, AL	2:00 p.m.
Friday March 12	Northwest	Senatobia	1:00 p.m.
Saturday March 13	Mississippi Delta	Decatur	1:00 p.m.
Sunday March 14	Bevill State	Louisville	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday March 16	Jones	Ellisville	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 17	Three Rivers	Decatur	3:00 p.m.
Saturday March 20	Gulf Coast	Decatur	1:00 p.m.
Monday March 22	Mississippi Delta	Moorhead	1:30 p.m.
Wednesday March 24	Pearl River	Decatur	3:00 p.m.
Thursday March 25	Jackson	Decatur	6:00 p.m. (Single)
Saturday March 27	Copiah-Lincoln	Wesson	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday March 30	Southwest	Summit	3:00 p.m.
Friday April 2	Itawamba	Fulton	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 6	Hinds	Raymond	3:00 p.m.
Saturday April 10	Jones	Decatur	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 13	Gulf Coast	Perkinston	4:00 p.m.
Saturday April 17	Pearl River	Poplarville	1:00 p.m.
Monday April 19	East Mississippi	Decatur	6:00 p.m. (Single)
Wednesday April 21	Copiah-Lincoln	Decatur	4:00 p.m.
Saturday April 24	Southwest	Decatur	1:00 p.m.

ALL GAMES ARE DOUBLE-HEADERS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

HEAD COACH: Jamie Clark ASSISTANT: Neal Holliman OFFICE: 1-877-462-3222, EXT. 2

★Honor Roll

(Continued from page 1)

Alford, Heather D. Anderson, Ameer K. Brackin, Baron C. Burkes, Brian K. Burns, Amanda S. Burt, April Clark, Justin Clearman, Brandi M. Duncan, Mark A. Eakes, Kimberly A. George, Lorenzo Griffin, Gary N. Hall, James E. Jenkins, Emily D. Johnson, Brooke L. Kennedy, Brock E. Lillis, Bryan S. Madison, Thomas J. Madison, Dennis G. McDill, Kimberly T. McKinion, Larry A. McMillan, Patricia G. Moore, Bobby J. Morrow, Andrea L. Robertson, Wesley C. Rounsaville, Lapenny H. Sellers, Wendy K. Tullos, Justin L. Webb, Marion M. White, Theresa D. Wiggs, Courtney D. Wilcher, Rody Willis, Crystal H. Woodard and Robin M. Zieminick, all of Philadelphia; and Jason D. Goss, Rebecca B. Owen and Kyle W. Watson, all of Union.

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and Latonya M. Pinkston, all of Lake; Santrea S. Buckner of Pelahatchie; Candice M. Butler, Danna M. Dye, La Wanda N. Ealy, Lorie A. Frith, Amanda S. Keeton and Alecia M. Williams, all of Morton; Ashley L. Byram and Elba H. Davidson, both of Sebastopol; Justin E. Sharp, Harperville; and Cassy L. Thrash, Walnut Grove.

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Out of State: Karla J. Moody, Hinesville, Georgia; and Vanessa M. Sanders, Anchorage, Alaska.

Out of Country: Silje L. Adnesen, Egersund, Norway.

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

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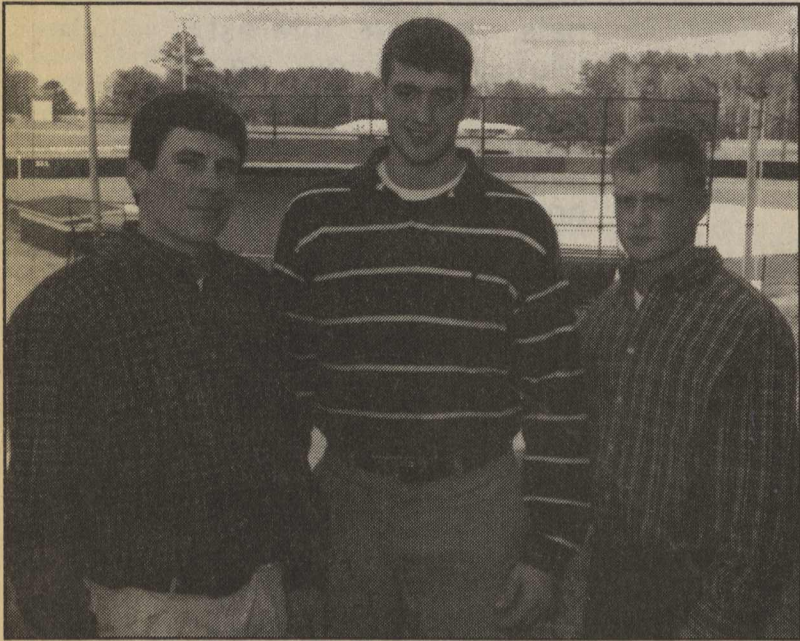
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from the
Tom Tom
Staff



ECCC baseball co-captains

Selected to serve as co-captains of the defending state champion East Central Community College baseball team during the 1999 campaign are (from left) infielder Justin Chaney of Newton County High School, pitcher Jason Willis of Neshoba Central and catcher Brodie Meadows of Brandon. Chaney, who started 19 games last season at second or third base, hit .292 with 14 RBI's and is considered one of the most improved players on this year's squad. Willis was selected Most Valuable Player in the South Division during the 1998 campaign, after posting a 9-3 record on the mound and hitting 13 home runs. He was drafted in the 24th round by the New York Yankees and has signed with the University of Mississippi for the 2000 season. Meadows, who returns as starting catcher, batted .328 with five home runs last year and is considered one of the top catchers in the juco league. The standout student-athletes helped lead the 1998 Diamond Warriors to their first state championship and an overall record of 32 wins and 22 losses. East Central, led by head coach Jamie Clark and assistant Neal Holliman, begins season action by traveling to Central Alabama in Alexander City for a 2 p.m. contest on Saturday, February 13.

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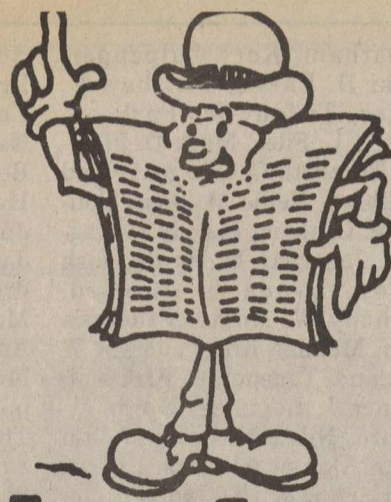
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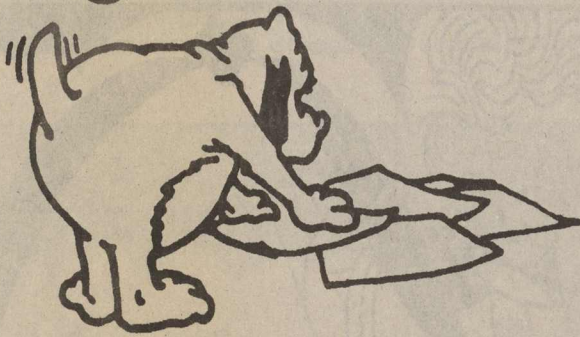
***Work Study** - This program gives students a chance to earn money to help pay their educational expenses. Students are awarded jobs based on need and academic ability. Student are allowed to work at up to 10 hours a week and are paid monthly. See Mrs. Carrucci in the financial aid office for more information.

Education or training after high school costs more than ever, but it is more important than ever before. ECCC offers many kinds of aid to help assist students, and I truly encourage you to take advantage of the aid.

100 useful things you can do with the newspaper



- 1 Cover your head when it rains
- 2 Line your bird cage
- 3 Make a fireman's hat
- 4 Shade the sun from your eyes
- 5 Mulch for your garden
- 6 To pottie train house pets



- 7 Wrap fish and other goop in it
- 8 Wrapping for freezing meat
- 9 Use to pack with when moving
- 10 Roll into fireplace logs
- 11 Blanket for bench sleeping
- 12 Roll up to make telescope
- 13 Recycle for cash
- 14 Clean car windows
- 15 Make spit balls
- 16 Temporary curtains for your home
- 17 Put on floor when painting
- 18 Use for wrapping gifts
- 19 Emergency toilet paper
- 20 Use as insulation
- 21 Use letters for writing ransom notes
- 22 Rustling sound effect for home movies
- 23 Start a fire with it



- 24 Make into house slippers.
- 25 Roll up to make a megaphone
- 26 Stand on pile to appear tall
- 27 Make a collage

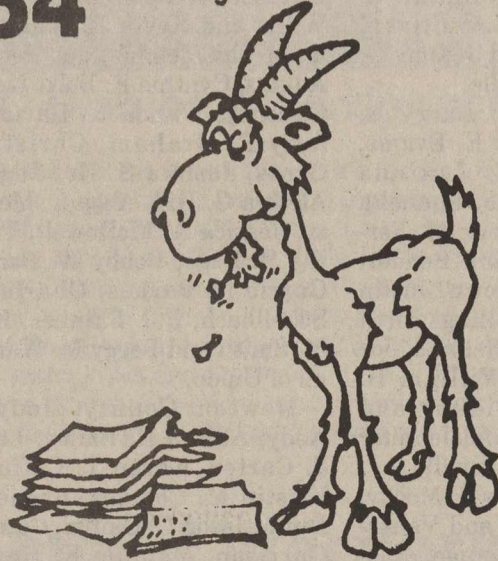
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- 29 Use as shoehorn
- 30 Make a fan
- 31 Empty vacuum cleaner on it
- 32 Fix hole in shoe
- 33 Keep flowers fresh until you get vase
- 34 Put on floor when you shell pecans
- 35 Spank your dog
- 36 Make confetti
- 37 Scoop up dead bugs
- 38 Fingerprint on it
- 39 Stuff in wet boots to help them dry
- 40 Insulate water pipes in winter
- 41 Swat flies



- 42 Use rolled up to beat rug
- 43 To line the trash can
- 44 Make a kite
- 45 Paper your friend's yard
- 46 Clean your feet on
- 47 Use as funnel for filling gas tank
- 48 Make patterns for sewing

- 49 A must for silly-putty users
- 50 Keep kitchen clean when transferring potted plants
- 51 Use for ironing ties
- 52 Make printer's hat

- 53 Stuff in shirt to make muscles
- 54 Feed a goat



- 55 Absorb things you spill
- 56 Make paper dolls
- 57 To hide in at dinner table
- 58 For table cloth at annual picnic
- 59 A source for rubber bands
- 60 Collect as a hobby
- 61 Make yourself look important by carrying it
- 62 Use as door-stop
- 63 Disposable plate when eating watermelon
- 64 Use in magic tricks
- 65 Tearing strips for birthday party streamers
- 66 Save the seat next to you
- 67 Make a Christmas wreath
- 68 Take out frustration by tearing and throwing
- 69 To collect hair when cutting
- 70 Blot your lipstick
- 71 Pack the ice cream freezer
- 72 Test out your new paperweight
- 73 Practice stapling
- 74 Make people think you're not at home
- 75 Stuff pillows

- 76 Use under car when you have oil leak
- 77 Backing for wax transfers
- 78 Make a dummy for Halloween
- 79 Mask your car for painting
- 80 Use as a coaster for cold drinks
- 81 Use as a dart board
- 82 Practice for big-league basketball

- 83 Fold up a page and make your wallet look impressive
- 84 Make your hat fit better
- 85 A wrapper for used chewing gum
- 86 Collect the yellow from the sun
- 87 Good for breaking windows, screen doors, etc.
- 88 Exercise your grip
- 89 Teach dog to fetch
- 90 Backing for magic marker art projects
- 91 Sit on it at raining football games
- 92 A place mat for office coffee pot
- 93 Use as dust pan
- 94 Give subscription as a gift
- 95 Temporary replacement for broken window
- 96 Filler for Santa Claus belly
- 97 Paper stencils
- 98 Use as worm food



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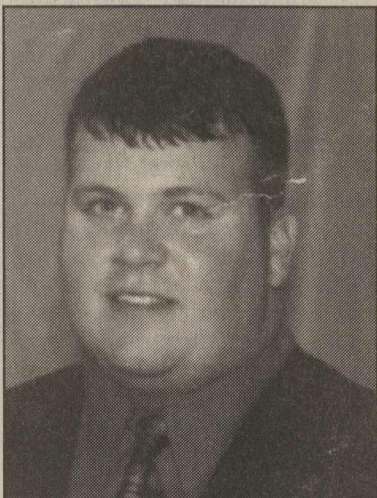
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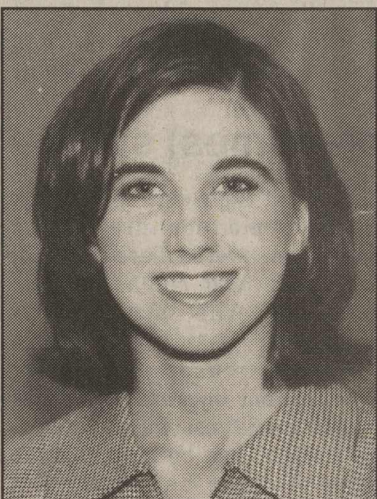
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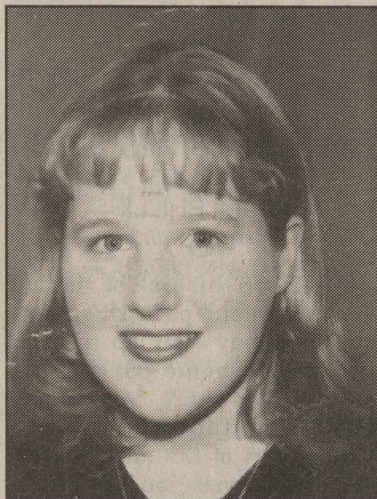
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Six inducted into Hall of Fame

Six students were inducted into the East Central Community College Hall of Fame in Awards' Day Ceremonies held in Huff Memorial Auditorium on Thursday, May 7, 1999. Honorees included: Mr. Uwe Dotzauer; Miss Brandi Duncan; Mr. Brock Lillis; Miss Ragan Mitchell; Miss Jennifer Pace; and Miss Vanessa Sanders. Inclusion in the Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student can achieve at East Central.

Uwe Dotzauer is a member of the East Central environmental

club, Phi Theta Kappa, and the ECCC Tennis Team. He also served as a manager for the women's basketball program and has designed web pages for the Athletic Department.

In addition, he has been recognized as a Dean's List Scholar each semester and was selected to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Honorable Mention Team for Community and Junior Colleges. He was selected by fellow students as Mr. East Central Community College for 1998-99 and was

described by one who nominated him as "an exceptional student who has been a tremendous asset to East Central. He goes the extra mile both in the classroom and out." Uwe is a graduate of Hauptschule West High School in Landau, Germany and is the son of Hans and Waltraud Dotzauer of Landau, Germany. His aunt is Ms. Hanni Copeland of Newton, Mississippi.

Brandi Duncan is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Duncan of Philadelphia. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the East Central Concert Choir, the ECCC Players, Um Alpha Theta and the Student Education Association.

Miss Duncan has received recognition as a Dean's List Scholar, was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges, and was the lead vocalist in the 1998 musical, My Fair Lady. Brandi is also very active in the marching band, the concert band, the jazz band, and the Collegians. She is the recipient of the Citizen's Bank Scholarship and a Voice Scholarship.

One who nominated her described Brandi as "a student whose personality and demeanor compliment the East Central family. She has high morals, superior scholarship, and excellent leadership qualities."

Mr. Brock Lillis is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Student Education Association, and Phi Theta Kappa. He was also named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges, and a Dean's List Scholar. Brock served as President of SEA and was selected to the All-State First Team, the All-Region First Team, and the All-American Second Team for football. He is described by those who nominated him for this honor as "an outstanding student and athlete. He exemplifies what a student should be by demonstrating a great work ethic, impeccable character, self-discipline, and high moral standards." Brock is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lillis of Philadelphia.

Miss Ragan Mitchell is the daughter of Ms. Robin Gregory of Philadelphia and a graduate

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East Central to graduate record number on May 14

A record 460 students are expected to walk across the stage and receive diplomas at East Central Community College in Decatur during commencement exercises scheduled Friday, May 14, at 9 p.m. in Warrior Stadium. Included in the record total are 118 students who completed degree requirements in August and December of 1998. The 459 total surpassed the previous record of 344 students who were presented degrees and certificates at the May, 1998 commencement.

College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith will award degrees and certificates following the presentation of candidates by Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction. Candidates for graduation selected to participate in the commencement program include Neil Hansford of Hickory, keynote speaker; Brandi Duncan of Philadelphia, soloist; Crystal Gee of Carthage, invocation; and Ginger Moore of Noxapater, benediction. Duncan will be accompanied by guitarists Matthew Bell of Philadelphia and Chas Evans of Chunky.

Candidates for graduation and their hometowns include the following:

MAY CANDIDATES

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Joan Harvey, Carthage.

NEWTON COUNTY: Chas Evans, Crystal Pate and Rosalind Evans, all of Chunky; Cody Fisher, Sandra Lampkin, Jeffery Taylor, Clara Tubby, Lathom Williams and Tasha Wolverton, all of Conehatta; Jeff Addy, Derek Burton, Victoria Burton, Mary Clemons, Michael Cutway, Amy Dellaria, Corey Garrison, Melanie Harris, Jacqueline Harrison, Kimberly Hollingsworth, Kristi Jones, Tori Jordan, Thomas Campbell Keith III, Wendy Mapp, Dustin McMullan, Debra Miller, Jennifer Pace, Jade Parkes, Christina Pearce, Lisa Rainer, Josh Reeves, Kenyatta Russell, Jay Smith, Kimberly Smith, Dianne Thames, Brandon Tucker, Charles Walker and Kimberly Williams, all of Decatur; Leslie

Brackeen, Lori Darsey, Laketa Evans, Neil Hansford, Barbara Ivey, Latrecia Johnson, William Jones, Jr., Roland Price and Michele Robinson, all of Hickory; Vincent Parker and George Parks, both of Lake; Stephanie Bugg, Eric Evans, Maude Patrick, Jamanda Walker and Billy Watkins, all of Lawrence; Justin Chaney, Stacy Jackson, Bethany Laird and Robb Watson, all of Little Rock; Pamela Ardd, Crystal Chapman, Denise Chapman, Verneria Chapman, David Cumberland, Jennifer Evans, Kimberly Evans, Lucrecia Evans, Romonica Evans, RaChristopher Jones, Valerie Jones, Christina Massey; Lamont May, Malinda Melton, Sharon Nix, Stephanie Robin-

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Dotzauer, Mitchell selected Mr. and Miss ECCC

Uwe Dotzauer of Landau, Germany, and Ragan Mitchell of Nanih Waiya were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College. The two were selected by a vote of the student body.

Dotzauer, who is the first foreign student selected for this honor, is a sophomore liberal arts major. He is a member of the ECCC Tennis Team and the Environmental Club and was on the committee for the International World Literature Banquet. Dotzauer serves as a manager for the men's basketball team and designed the web page for both the men's and women's basketball squads.

For the past two years he was a member of the men's doubles championship team in the annual Alumni/Student Tennis Tournament held during Homecoming and he was presented the Warrior tennis team's most improved player award in 1998. A Dean's List scholar, Dotzauer is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for the two-year college, where he serves as treasurer. He was also nominated for the All-Mississippi Academic Team.

A sophomore pre-pharmacy major, Mitchell is a member of the Lady Warrior softball team and was selected an All-Region 23 pitcher her freshman year. She is also a member of Students Against Drunk Driving, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau (the medical club), Mu Alpha Theta (math club) and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She serves as vice president of the Student Body Association and was selected freshman class vice president. Mitchell is a member of the Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events, and serves as reporter for Phi Theta Kappa.

A President's List Scholar, Mitchell was selected a sophomore homecoming maid and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Dotzauer is the son of Hans and Waltraud Dotzauer of Landau, Germany. Mitchell is the daughter of Robin Gregory of Philadelphia. The two will be featured in the 1999 edition of the college yearbook, the Wo-He-Lo.

EC students write on . . .



Jobs: why are they going?

By WANDA DAVIDSON
Tom Tom staff

America, the land of milk and honey or is it? During and after WW II, the work force was booming and the country was going at a fast pace. What has happened? NAFTA happened.

When the government allowed this agreement to go through, they hurt their country and their fellow Americans by putting American sewing factories in jeopardy. The government says they want to bring America into skilled labor. Is knowing how to sew not a skill or cutting patterns or many of the other work that pertains to manufacturing?

Just in the last couple of months factories such as JB SportsWear, a factory in Stonewall, and one of the Nemanco plants in Philadelphia, have moved to Mexico or South America. The businesses are not only going south, but also overseas.

The only people that seem to be benefiting from NAFTA are the wealthy who own the plants or the contractors who supply the raw materials. Some of the raw materials are made overseas, so how can the products be called American made anyway?

The wealthy want to save money and get richer and in some cases the excuse is by moving to these impoverished countries the work will help

the country and its people. Children are working in these factories for free by force and much of the time workers hardly get paid anything and in Mexico the workers get around 3 pesos a day.

The quality of the products are not as high like American made products because they do not care; why should they by practically working for free anyway?

American factories helped to make this nation what it is today, however, the mighty American dollar has once again caused havoc and caused thousands of Americans to lose their jobs. Americans should stand up and protest against this act of treason against their country.

By BO FULMER
Tom Tom staff

For those of you who don't know, I moved to Decatur, Mississippi in March of 1998 from Johannesburg, South Africa. It took a good deal of adjusting to live here. I moved from a huge city which housed several million people to a small town with one traffic light (In South Africa we call a traffic light a "robot"; don't ask me why).

There were new things to encounter here too, like black people with American accents, cars that have keypads on the doors instead of key holes, the whole southern accent which I had never heard while I was walking down the street unless I happened to encounter the lost American tourist.

The hardest thing to get used to though, was driving in America. As soon as I sat down in an American car, I knew I was going to have problems. The steering wheel was on the wrong side of the car. Now I realize that most American cars have an automatic transmission,

something not all that common in South Africa. Driving without having to shift gears was something new for me. Every time I came up to a stop sign or a red traffic light, I would automatically put my left foot down where I expected the clutch to be so that I could start gearing down.

What did my left foot encounter? Not the clutch, that's for sure. Usually I would make a fairly solid connection with the extrawide brake. I was just lucky enough never to have a policeman around when I made that ten-foot skid to the stop sign.

I had finally had enough and went looking for a car with a standard transmission. I found this nice little Saturn with a standard transmission that I felt I would be comfortable driving. By now I had gotten used to the steering wheel being on the wrong side of the car. What I forgot was that this meant that the gear shift was also going to be on the wrong side.

Every time I would start to change gear, I would, without

thinking, reach out my left hand for the gear stick and slam my knuckles against the door for my efforts. It took a while to train myself to shift with my right hand.

So now after practicing shifting in parking lots, I'm ready to head out on to the open road. I'm driving along nicely, and I notice there in the distance is another car coming towards me. As the car comes closer it dawns on me that the fool is driving in the same lane as me.

I flash my lights at him to let him know what an idiot he is and to get back over on his side of the road. He flashes his lights back at me. "What a jerk," I think to myself. "He's on the wrong. . . side. . . wait a minute. . . oh (insert four letter word of choice here) . . . I'm in America! Where they ALL drive on the wrong side of the road!"

I swerved over into the right-hand lane just before I ran into the other car. He had some lovely gestures for me, and I introduced him to some South African ones. It took another month of driving before I stopped turning into the left-hand lane, which as you may or may not know, is where the world outside America drives.

'Celebrity Skin' is a big disappointment!

By TAMI PHILLIPS
Assistant editor

I finally broke down last week and decided to buy Hole's new album "Celebrity Skin." My best instincts had been discouraging me from buying the new album, and as usual I should have paid attention and bought Motley Crue's "Greatest Hits" instead, but I made the purchase.

I cranked up my CD player on the way home eager to hear Miss Grunge to Glam, Courtney Love, screaming and raging as usual, but what a shock I got!

The first song "Celebrity Skin", which is also the name of the album, rocks! It's loud and fast and catchy. The lyrics are typical Hole stuff: "When I wake up in my make-up, have you ever felt so used up as this?" The song is Courtney Love at her usual difficult, egotistical self.

The third song on the album "Hit So Hard" is shallow and it goes to prove that beyond screaming, Love cannot carry a tune much better than my dog can. The next song and recent release of the album, "Malibu" is quite different from anything Hole has ever done: "Cry to the

angels and fly away to Malibu." It is a somber song about losing someone you love, and it makes me wonder if it was written for Love's late husband Kurt Cobain or just some recent love interest. Of course that could be anyone from Marilyn Manson to Evan Dando.

The track "Dying" is just pathetic in itself. Love whines just like a child who is upset because she can't have any candy. If she is trying to get her fans, critics, etc. to feel sympathetic for her, I don't believe her music is the way to achieve that.

"Northern Star" reminds me somewhat of the earlier Hole stuff from the "Pretty on the Inside" album, minus the shouting: "My misery runs wild and free." The song starts out slow and sad, but in the end Love hits a few of the powerful chords which have made her famous.

The track "Playing Your Song" makes me think of Love's recent metamorphical change from an angry drug-addicted stage diver into the calmer, fashion-sensitive actress and loving mother that she has become.

Yep Courtney, you got all the attention that you have been

craving most of your life and now they are playing your song, hooray! Get over it and move on with your life.

The final song on the album is called "Petals" and in my opinion, it deals with Love's (many) rocky relationships through the years "Tear the petals off of you, make you tell the truth." But as always, the band members give it their very best and produce some awesome music! Maybe they should ditch Love and get a real singer.

This album was truly a disappointment for me, and I doubt I will buy any more Hole albums in the future. I miss the shouting, the anger, the destroying equipment on stage, all of it! But if Courtney Love has found her true self and is better off, then I wish her the very best with her career.

I wouldn't necessarily recommend this album to anyone, but that's just my opinion. If you worshiped Hole in their earlier years as I did and "Live Through This" gave you a headache and made you feel better every time you listened to it, then the new album is probably not for you. However, if you prefer a lighter pop sound, then check it out!

Thrills, chills and (sometimes) spills

By TAMI PHILLIPS
Assistant editor

If you are thinking of visiting an amusement park this summer, you may want to rethink your trip. Theme parks, ride parks, water parks, attractions, and family fun centers have become part of the ideal American summer vacation, but unfortunately many park-goers may be unaware that they are endangering their lives.

Tn April of 1997 at Bell's Amusement Park in Tulsa, Oklahoma, one person was killed and five others were injured when two roller coaster cars collided on the park's Wildcat roller coaster. The accident happened as a car was approaching the top of the lift hill.

The machine holding the car onto the track malfunctioned, causing the car to roll back down the hill and plunge into another car which was nearing the chain lift. The victim, a 14-year-old boy, was thrown from the car during the crash and hit his head on a steel support. The frightening thing is that the Wildcat ride had been inspected just two weeks prior to the accident, and it appeared to be working fine, giving park employees no reason to think that the ride was a threat to anyone.

More recently, 23 riders on a roller coaster called the Demon at Six Flags Great America Theme Park in Gurnee, Illinois were left stranded upside-down after the train they were riding stalled in the middle of a vertical loop. Firefighters relied on a cherry picker to bring the passengers to safety.

Some of the riders were stuck on the Demon for three hours. Four riders were treated at local hospitals and released. The cause of the accident is unknown.

Most amusement parks expect minor injuries. Paying for a customer's lost wages or doctor's visits has become routine costs of doing business. "It's cheaper to pay some nominal settlement than re-engineer a ride," said Howard Nations, a Houston lawyer who won \$2.5 million on behalf of a boy left half-paralyzed from a roller coaster accident.

However, when the number of slipped discs, broken bones, and bruises grows too high, the parks are often forced to retool a ride to bring the verge of pain down to more fiscally tolerable levels. In fact, fixing flaws after a ride has opened has become customary practice, and the thrill-seeking riders are the guinea pigs.

Before the Texas Cyclone debuted at Six Flags Astroworld, the park used watermelons and hams as stand-ins for children. If the ham or watermelon flew out, it was presumed that the child would too.

It is impossible to tell how many people break their noses or knock out their teeth on amusement park rides every year. The industry is one of the least regulated or monitored in the country. There are no federal guidelines and no surveying of injuries.

So if you decide to spend your lazy summer days at Disney World, Six Flags, or a similar attraction, be cautious! Your experience may not be the "walk in the park" you are hoping for.

Once I was able to drive without endangering everyone on my side of the road, I decided to take the interstate to see what else was there outside of Decatur. Now in South Africa we have speed limits. On our freeways the speed limit is 120 kilometers per hour. Nobody, of course, obeys this limit. The main reason: cops don't pull us over. With all the other problems we have in South Africa, like violent strikes, tribal warfare, armed robberies and car hijackings, the police's main concern is not people who speed.

Every now and then the police will put out a speed trap and catch speeders on camera as they go by. They then will deliver the ticket to your home, never once having pulled you over.

The problem with this plan is that they always set up their cameras at the exact same place. So the majority of people know exactly where the cameras are going to be, slow down before they get there and speed up again once they are out of sight.

So here I go down the interstate. I see the speed limit sign: 70 mph. "Whatever," I thought to myself as I punched the gas pedal and rocketed on up to 95. You can guess what I saw in my rearview mirror before very long. The cop noticed I wasn't from around here and when he found out where I was from, we had a nice little chat and I wound up getting away with a warning instead of a ticket.

Something that I have found to be true: cops won't give you a ticket if they think you just came to America yesterday, especially if you "honestly thought" that speed limit sign was actually a mile marker.

As I continue to drive America, I find I'm actually beginning to enjoy the experience, especially the interstates which take me wherever I want to go without any hassle. Now, if I can just find some way to get rid of those people who turn their indicators on when someone else is turning, and little old people who drive all over the road because they can't see the steering wheel.

Do you know what hatred looks like?

By TAMI PHILLIPS
Assistant Editor

In June of 1998 a trio of white ex-cons in east Texas picked up a black man, James Byrd, Jr. as he walked on a downtown street late at night. Instead of taking him home as they had offered, they drove Mr. Byrd to a deserted spot, beat him, and then tied him to their pickup truck and dragged him several kilometers along a country road until his limbs fell off and he died.

Thirty-five or forty years ago, such racist crimes were unfortunately common. Black men were lynched for everything from whistling at a white woman to failing to jump off the curb fast enough to let a white man pass.

We have come a long way since then, but we still have a long way to go. Mr. Byrd's death must be a reminder to parents

everywhere to teach their children tolerance of people who are different. His will just be another senseless murder unless this country takes a strong stand against the hatred that caused it.

Recently one of the men involved in the murder, John Williams King, was sentenced to die by lethal injection for his crime. I personally do not believe in the death penalty because I believe it is not up to society to play God and decide that someone should be killed. It is simply a life for a life, a continuous cycle, and it gets us nowhere.

However, I have no sympathy for someone who commits a hate crime, and I think that King should spend his life in prison locked in a small cell where the death of James Byrd, Jr. will replay constantly in his mind.

In another hate crime inci-

dent, Matthew Shepard was brutally murdered in Wyoming last year. The 21-year-old college student was pistol-whipped, tied to a wooden fence, and abandoned in near-freezing temperatures. After five days on life support, he died.

What brought this case to national attention is that Shepard was gay, and his alleged attackers apparently chose their victim because of that fact. I think that crimes motivated by bigotry and prejudice are worse than those prompted by rage or greed.

Matthew Sheppard's death would be no less horrifying if his killer's only motive was robbery. Unfortunately hate-crime laws do not criminalize anything that is not already against the law, what they criminalize is state of mind. Such laws might be understandable if hate crimes were obsolete, but they aren't.

State hate-crime laws are invoked in no more than a few dozen violent crimes nationwide: Out of 20,000 murders 30,000 robberies, and 500,000 assaults, most of them intraracial.

The Byrd and Shepard cases stand out because they are so extraordinary. Byrd's daughter, Renee Mullins, went before the Senate Judiciary Committee shortly after her father's murder to urge them to pass the proposed Hate Crime Prevention Act of 1998. "I think it is a pity to die because of your race, handicap, or sexual orientation. All humans have a right to live. No one but the good Lord has the authority to take you away.

"Passing this crime bill into law would give some mercy for my family and for the families of the future victims of such horrible crimes," Mullins told the committee.

Are you in an abusive relationship? Get help!

Recently, on the ECCC campus, students had an opportunity to learn of the warning signs of an abusive relationship. According to Miss Leslie Priester from the Meridian Care Lodge for abused spouses and children, this abuse occurs in teen relationships between the ages 18-22.

Often the male is the cause of the abuse when the female has done nothing to deserve what happens so often in a relationship. However, the Project for Victims of Domestic Violence has provided teenagers across America with warning signs to observe or look for during a relationship.

A push for quick involvement often leads to abuse. If a mate calls constantly or visits unexpectedly, there may be a sign of jealousy. Also, taking control and being isolated are factors to look out for.

If a mate constantly checks with you on who or what you were talking about, watch out.

This is overprotection. In isolation, a mate desires to cut off relationships with family and other friends so "quality time" can be spent together alone. Also verbal abuse is something to be aware of. If a mate is continually making cruel or degrading remarks to you, beware.

Past battering of other women and threats of violence are two signs each individual needs to know about before they get involved in a relationship. Be careful who you choose to date and keep this information in mind when choosing your partner.

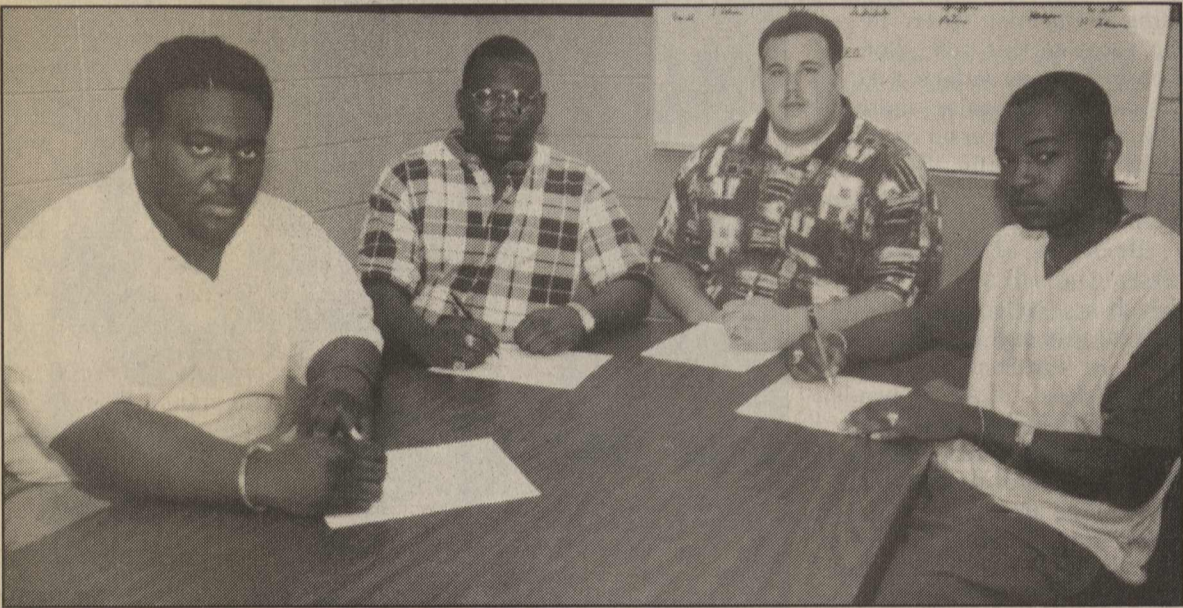
Decatur police chief, Lisa Creel, re-emphasized the seriousness of the problem of abusive relationships from her professional experience and urged every person to seek help quickly if he or she finds herself or himself in such a relationship.

If you are already in this situation, get help - you do not have to take the abuse.

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Players sign scholarships

These members of the 1998 East Central Community College football team have signed national letters of intent with West Virginia Tech University, a Division II school in Montgomery, West Virginia. From left are Kelvin Cistrunk, a 5-11, 310-pound defensive lineman from Louisville; Chester Patrick, a 6-2, 270 pound offensive lineman from Union; Allen Clark, a 6-1, 325-pound offensive lineman from Noxapater; and Jermaine Boyd, a 6', 190-pound defensive back from Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Clinic speakers for All-Star games

Duane Reboul (second from left), men's basketball coach at Birmingham Southern, and Joye Lee McNellis, women's basketball coach at the University of Memphis, served as clinic speakers for the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star Basketball Games held April 1 at Choctaw Central High School. The successful head mentors are shown with Jay Bowen (left) and Sammy Pace, men's and women's basketball coaches, respectively, at East Central Community College. ECCC served as co-host of the annual event with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and Silver Star Resort and Casino. Sponsors also included Pepsi and Mississippi Sports Medicine.



Tuggle makes contribution to Diamond Warriors

Dr. Larry Tuggle, vice president of engineering and environmental services for Russell Corporation in Alexander City, Ala., recently donated shirts and caps to the East Central Diamond Warrior baseball team. He presented the gifts at the Warriors' game against Central Alabama and afterwards treated the team to a seafood supper. Tuggle, a 1955 ECCC graduate and longtime supporter of East Central athletics, and Russell Corporation are the major donors to the College's fitness trail. Pictured are (from left) ECCC head coach Jamie Clark, Tuggle, and Warrior team members Justin Chaney of Newton County, Jason Willis of Neshoba Central and Brodie Meadows of Brandon.

Notes from the men's basketball office

East Central is in the final stages of their 1998/99 recruiting process. Our goal in recruiting was go get bigger and deeper. We believe we have reached our goal and are very pleased with our recruiting class. The following players are members of the 1998/99 East Central recruiting class:

Kent Chamblee, Leake Academy; Chad Clemons, Philadelphia; Joe Copeland, Emerson, AR; Kellis Greer, Neshoba Central; Romale Griffin, Philadelphia; Dwayne Hughes, Sebastopol; Brian Johnson, South Leake; Otha Lay, Lake; Joey Mann, South Leake; Jason Moore, Forest; Matthew Roebuck, Newton County Academy; and Chris Webb, Neshoba Central.

The future of East Central basketball looks bright with our returning players and this recruiting class.



Lillis inks scholarship

Brock Lillis, a standout lineman the past two seasons at East Central Community College in Decatur, has signed a national letter of intent with Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. Lillis, a 6'2", 290-pound product of Neshoba Central High School, is shown during signing ceremonies with his parents, Keith and Marsha Lillis (standing from left), and Warrior head football coach Terry Underwood. Lillis received numerous honors at East Central, including second team J. C. Gridwire All-American, All-Region 23, All-State and All-Star. He was also selected team captain and was named most valuable offensive lineman. In addition, he was the recipient of the team's academic award in recognition of his 3.7 grade point average.

NOTES FROM THE FOOTBALL OFFICE

The ECCC Warriors have completed spring practice on a very positive note. Coach Underwood and the rest of the football staff were pleased with the strides made during spring practice.

On March 2, the Warriors traveled to Scooba to play East Mississippi in the annual spring game. The games consisted of two 40-minute halves with no punting or kick-offs.

Defensively, the Warriors did not allow East Mississippi to score. East Mississippi was never able to consistently move the ball due to a strong effort by the Warrior defense. Offensively, the Warriors moved the ball on East Mississippi, leading to one score.

On June 27-30 our staff will conduct a football camp. The Warrior football camp will be open to young men entering the ninth grade up to upcoming high school seniors. Football fundamentals will be stressed in each practice session of the camp.

Our intention is to give each camper a better understanding of football and build self-confidence in his skills. Camp; fees are \$120 for an overnight camper. Day camper fee will be \$90. Groups rate will also be provided. Our staff will also hold a 7 on 7 team passing camp on July 13. This camp enables high school coaches to work with their teams in pass offense and pass defense under the supervision of the ECCC football staff. The cost of the camp is \$10 per player.

Our off-season weight and conditioning program has yield-

ed great dividends. Our players have made great improvements in the areas of strength and agility. Beginning May 3-5 we will test for our Iron Warrior Club. Players will be tested in seven areas: bench, squat, powerclean, dips, pull-ups, vertical jump and 40-yard sprint. Players will be divided into different groups according to body weight. Players must meet certain requirements in each of the seven areas to be an Iron Warrior. Our Iron Warrior testing has added motivation and enthusiasm to our workouts. If you have any questions call our office at 601-635-2111 ext. 244 or 290.

NOTES FROM THE TENNIS OFFICE

Our men's and women's tennis programs completed a very successful year. The men's team finished with a 5-9 record, finishing ninth in the state tournament.

Our women's team finished with a record of 6-8, finishing fifth in the state. Hailey Chance finished third in the state. Chance and Lisa Chesney also finished third in doubles.

We are in the process of recruiting with an emphasis on depth. Coaches, please notice Jay Bowen in the tennis office with your potential ECCC tennis players.

NOTES FROM THE BASEBALL OFFICE

We finished our regular season by meeting our primary goal; 17 South Division wins. By losing out at 17-7, the Warriors finished in a tie with Gulf Coast. However, the bulldogs will host the MACJC tournament. The Bulldogs beat the Warriors three out of four games.

As we noted in a previous article, we felt this year's non-conference was the toughest we have ever played. We realized that with so many freshmen playing major roles, great com-

petition would be the quickest route to preparing them for division play.

Now, it looks like we made the correct choice. When we were 10-15, I was concerned, but we kept telling our guys they were going to put it all together.

Speaking of our guys (and that is what the program is all about) this has probably been my most enjoyable year in 23 years of coaching. They have stuck together and fought through the hard times.

NOTES FROM THE BASEBALL OFFICE

After having completed a very successful season of 22-5 the Lady Warriors are looking forward to next year. Recruiting has been going well and has culminated in a good group of signees.

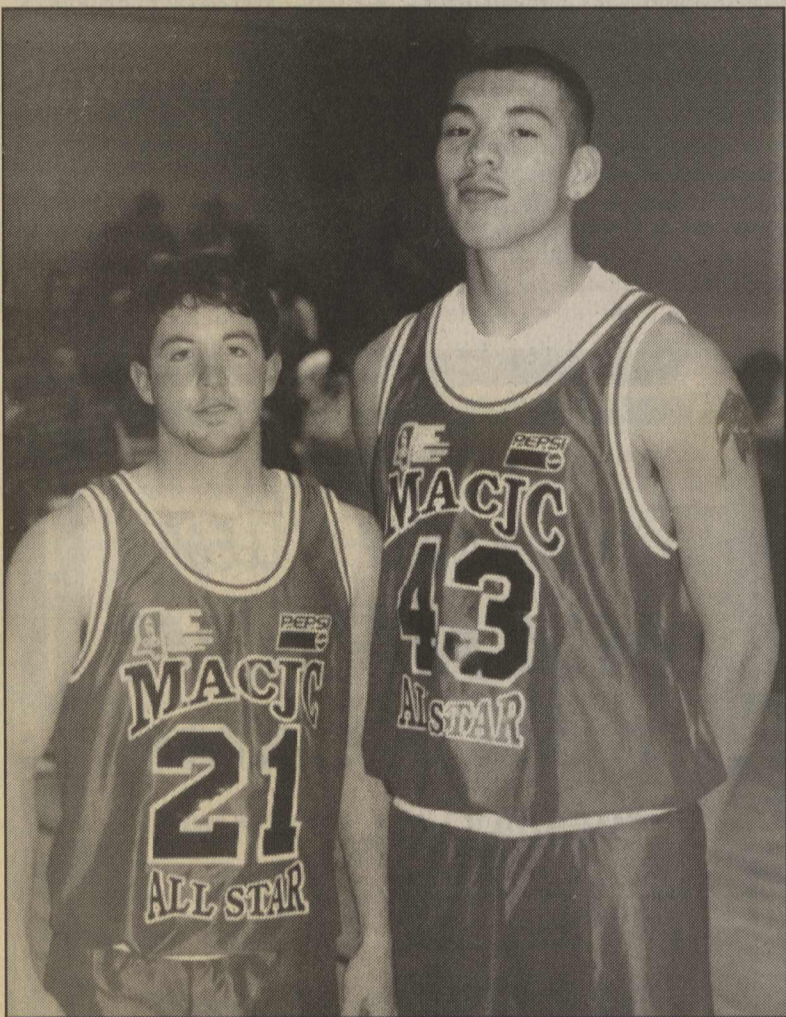
All of these players come from successful programs in the district and should provide us with an exciting team for the next two years. Several other players are interested in making the squad and will be given the opportunity in the fall.

Three players from this year's squad participated in the MACJC All-Star basketball

game recently. They were Wendy Mapp, Newton County; Sharae Brown, Scott Central; and Krystal Courtney, Holden, La.

All played and represented well in the contest. All, along with several other Lady Warriors, have been offered scholarships to play at the next level.

Summer basketball camps begin for the Lady Warriors on June 20 for Jr. High and on June 27 for Sr. High. A large group is generally on hand for each session. Forms may be obtained from ECCC or most local high school coaches.



All-Star Warriors

These members of the East Central Community College men's basketball team participated in the annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star basketball games held April 1 at Choctaw Central High School. From left are Ray Waddell of Philadelphia and Keith Bell of Choctaw Central. The Warrior standouts were members of the South squad, which fell to the North by a 116-100 margin. Waddell and Bell scored five points each in the losing effort. The MACJC All-Star basketball games are hosted by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Silver Star Resort and Casino and East Central Community College. Sponsors also included Pepsi and Mississippi Sports Medicine.



Tennis team

These students are members of the Lady Warrior and Warrior tennis teams at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Huellen Nutt and Heather Warren, both of Morton; Haley Chance and Courtney Cooper, both of Forest; and Lisa Chesney and Kristi French, both of Union; and (back row, from left) Matt Stovall, Neshoba Central; Jonathan Mills and Dan Tingle, both of Philadelphia; Tim Cager, Union; Ray Waddell, Philadelphia; Uwe Dotzauer, Landau, Germany; Kevin Carter, Union; and Tracy Goodin, Noxapater. Jay Bowen serves as coach.



Golf team

These students are members of the Warrior golf team at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (from left) Jonathan Mills and Ray Waddell, both of Philadelphia; Justin Williams, Union; Bradley Simmons, Conehatta; and Robbie Ford, Newton. Joe Clark serves as coach.



All-Star Lady Warriors

These members of the East Central Community College women's basketball team participated in the annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star basketball games held April 1 at Choctaw Central High School. From left are Sharae Brown of Scott Central High School, Krystal Courtney of Holden (La.) High School; and Wendy Mapp, a product of Newton County High School. The Lady Warrior standouts were members of the South squad which fell to the North by an 81-79 margin. Brown was the South's second leading scorer with 12 points. Courtney had 10 points and Mapp added four in the losing effort. The MACJC All-Star basketball games are hosted by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Silver Star Resort and Casino and East Central Community College. Also serving as sponsors were Pepsi and Mississippi Sports



Alman speaks at ECCC

Dr. Rex Alman, retired executive director of Weems Mental Health Center, was a recent guest speaker at East Central Community College in Decatur. Dr. Alman, a regular visitor on the ECCC campus, presented a lecture on "Stressors of Life and Love, and Making it Work." His remarks were made in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium.

NOTES FROM THE SOFTBALL OFFICE

Our softball season has come and gone and we finished with a 27-25 record, 12-12 in South Division play. We have eight returning players for the 99-00 season along with these area signees:

- Louisville High School – Brandy Burnett and Brandy Strickland.
- Sebastopol High School – Chasity White, Emily Stephens and Kittie Wilson.
- Winston Academy – Kelly Goodin.
- Forest High School – Ashley Jones, Amy Jones and Stephanie Harber.
- Edinburg High School – Rachel Fulton.
- Noxapater High School – Kristi Moore.
- Leake Academy – Kris McMillon, Kim McMillon and Suzanne Dorman.
- Lake High School – Nicole Cox.



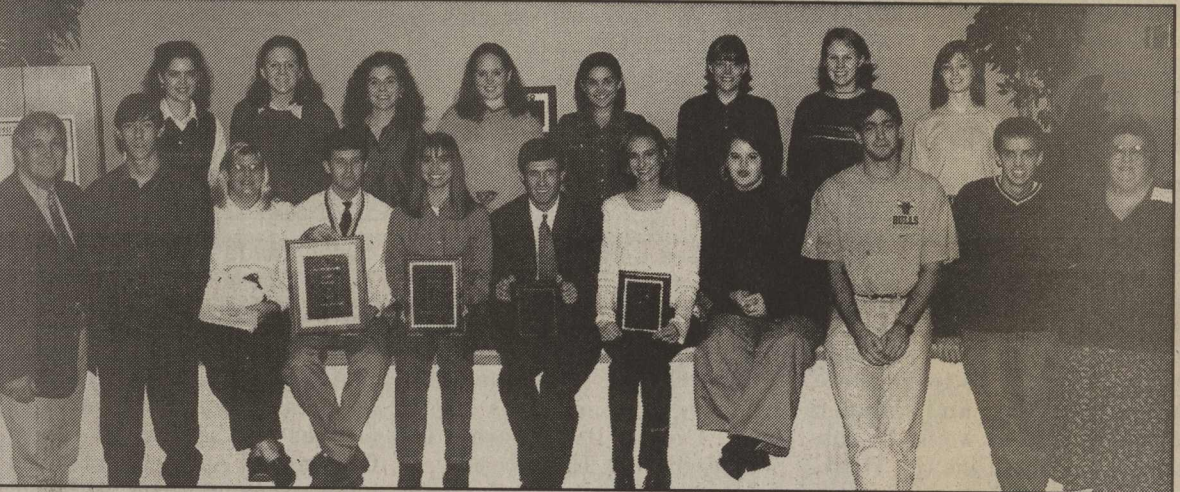
Harris honored for service

Dr. Shelby Harris (left) was recently honored by the East Central Community College mathematics department for 20 years of excellence and dedication to the ECCC High School Math Contest and Seminar, which he established in 1980. Dr. Harris, who announced his retirement at the end of the 1999 spring semester, is chairman of the mathematics division at East Central and has been a member of the mathematics faculty since 1963. Shown presenting Harris' award is ECCC mathematics instructor Gloria McRae.



District HOSA contest winners

These surgical technology students at East Central Community College in Decatur won various honors at the District HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) competition held at Meridian Community College. From left are Michele Parks of Newton, first place, extemporaneous writing and third, surgical technology skills; Tracy Kilpatrick of Union, first, surgical technology skills; Michael Roland of Decatur, second, surgical technology skills and second, job seeking skills; Jennifer Huey of Collinsville, fourth, prepared speaking; Nicky Strait of Lake, second, extemporaneous writing and fifth, surgical technology skills; and Stacie Hall of Forest, fourth, surgical technology skills. All district winners qualified for the state contest scheduled in Jackson. Janice Jacobs serves as ECCC surgical technology instructor.



East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, was recognized as the Most Outstanding Chapter at the annual Mississippi-Louisiana Regional Awards Ceremony held Feb. 7, at Hinds Community College, Rankin Campus. Theta Xi was also selected a five-star chapter, was a Leadership Hallmark winner, and received a Brotherhood Award for work and activities with other chapters. Also honored was retired ECCC- English instructor Carol Vickers of Decatur who was selected Phi Theta Kappa's Most Distinguished Alumnus. Pictured at the awards ceremony were chapter members (front row, from left) advisor Dr. Shelby Harris, Lance Noel, of Forest, Jennifer Savell of Lake, Connie Tew of Forest, Philip Smith of Philadelphia, Christy Pearce of Decatur, Laura Shows of Lena, Uwe Dotzauer of Landau, Germany; Craig McRae of Carthage and advisor Ann Burkes; and (back row, from left) Tracy Latham of Forest, Kristi French and Robyn Watts, both of Union; Kristen Mills of Newton, Celeste Staton of Union, Stacy Cotton of Decatur, Amanda Stokes of Meridian and Penny Russell of Decatur.

Theta Xi recognized as Most Outstanding Chapter

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Theta Xi was also selected a five-star chapter for the seventh consecutive year. This level signifies that the chapter has developed a comprehensive program designed to implement specific activities involving Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship, the four

hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa.

A Leadership Hallmark winner, Theta Xi was honored for its participation in various activities designed to develop leadership skills, and also received a Brotherhood Award for work and activities with other chapters.

Also honored was Carol Vickers of Decatur who was chosen Phi Theta Kappa's Most Distinguished Alumnus. Vickers, a retired ECCC English instructor, was nominated by Theta Xi for the significant contributions she has made to the chapter.

Co-advisor Ann Burkes said, "Vickers is always willing to

help with any chapter activity, especially with the award-winning yearbook."

Burkes and co advisor Dr. Shelby Harris accompanied Theta Xi members to the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention April 29-May 1 in Anaheim, California.

Guest speaker at the convention was former New York Governor Mario Cuomo. The group also visited Disneyland.

For more information contact Dr. Harris or Mrs. Burkes at East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111 or toll free 1-877-462-3222.



Students receive VICA honors

These East Central Community College VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) students recently received honors at the State Leadership and Skills Conference. From left are Sharon Thomas of Newton and Stephanie Moss of Stonewall, third place in cosmetology; and Stephen Joyner of Union, second place, residential wiring. Not pictured are Rody Willis of Philadelphia, third place in carpentry, and Bill Wilson of Decatur, first place in major appliance repair. Wilson, who was also elected state VICA reporter, will represent ECCC and Mississippi at the national competition in Kansas City, Mo., in June.

Love of automobile restoration leads Ellis to East Central

A military career led Marcus Ellis of Walnut Grove to places like Washington, D.C., and West Germany. A passion for automobile restoration led him to East Central Community College in Decatur.

Ellis said he had always had a passion for restoring automobiles, but the passion grew deeper one day while working on his computer. "I was experimenting on my computer with different body features on factory automobiles," said Ellis. "After toying with many different designs, I came up with the 'Truckstang'."

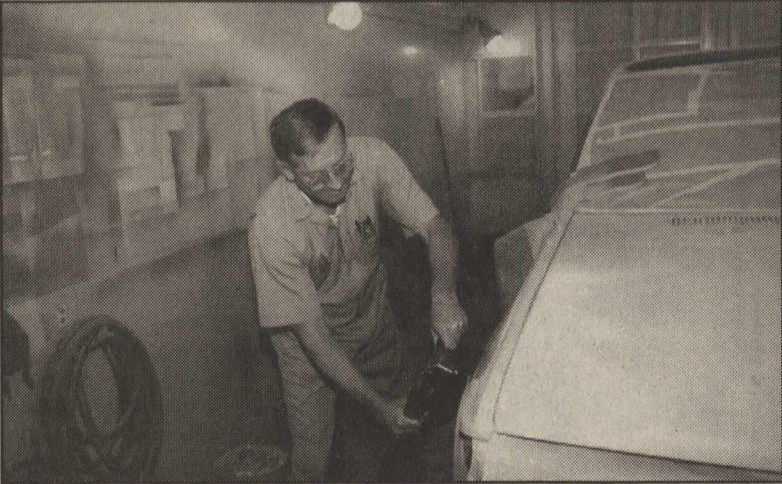
The Truckstang is a factory-made Ford Mustang that has been turned into a truck. After studying his design on paper, Ellis sent a copy of his design to a close friend who owns a body shop. After his friend advised him that his creation could become reality, Ellis immediately purchased a 1990 Ford Mustang and had it sent to his friend to be converted into the Truckstang.

Ellis, who had his invention copyrighted, now holds the only pattern for a vehicle of its kind. His Truckstang has received national recognition at car shows all around the country. Ellis and his creation have been featured in magazines such as "Mustang Monthly," "Super Ford," "Mustang Times," "Hot Rod" and "30 Years of Mustangs." He has also showcased his creation on television shows such as Trucking USA and Rods and Rods and Classics.

Ellis chose to enroll in the Collision Repair Technology program at ECCC to learn more about auto body and collision repair so that he would be able to take his ideas like the Truckstang and work on them himself.

Although he maintains a busy schedule with his classes, Ellis works part-time at Killens Ford in Forest and is also very active in campus activities. At EC, he is a member of the Adult Warrior Corps, a group of students who assist in recruiting other adult students; VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college; and the Peer Tutorial Club, which provides personal and computerized tutoring for various coursework. Ellis was also selected to Who's Who Among American Community/Junior College Students.

In addition to his collegiate honors, Ellis received many military awards. After three voluntary tours in Vietnam where he served with the Special Forces, his uniform is decorated with three Purple Hearts, three Bronze Stars and the Vietnamese Cross of Valiantry. He also received the Legion of Merit medal which is the second highest peacetime award.



ECCC nontraditional student Marcus Ellis enrolled in the Collision Repair Technology Program to learn more about auto body and collision repair so that he would be able to take his ideas like the "Truckstang" and work on them himself.



Ellis poses with his "Truckstang," a factory-made Ford Mustang that he turned into a truck.

As a Division Counter Intelligence Officer for the 8th Infantry Division, Ellis spent part of his military career in West Germany. He later served as Senior Instructor for the Forces Command Intelligence Detachment. In this position he traveled the country training soldiers in intelligence techniques including overt and covert operations.

One of the highlights of his military career came while serving in West Germany. Ellis was responsible for the investigation leading to the arrest of Clyde Conrad who was an American spy on the 8th Infantry.

His final military assignment landed Ellis and his family in Washington, D.C., where he served as a Congressional Liaison Officer. His duties included serving as a Liaison between Congress and the army intelligence community.

When Ellis retired in 1996, he held the position of Chief Warrant Officer IV, the highest rank a Warrant Officer can reach.

A member of Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Ellis serves as a lay speaker and is studying to be a lay minister. He also serves as the Commander of Disabled Military Veterans and is a member of the Masonic

Lodge. According to Ellis, his most important community activity focuses on the Walnut Grove Correctional Authority, of which he serves as president. Although in its early stages, the Correctional Authority will be a facility that provides each inmate the opportunity to receive a GED certificate or diploma and learn a trade.

Ellis has been instrumental in the planning and organization of each phase of creating this facility.

Throughout his career, Ellis has attended the University of Mississippi, the University of Maryland, the University of Michigan and Heidelberg University in West Germany. He said, "I've attended universities all over the country, as well as overseas and I have never been over a faculty that is more caring and interested in their students than the ones at East Central."

For more information about educational opportunities for adult students contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 278 or 279, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-800-462-3222).

★Graduates

son, Felishe Temple, Demetrius Thompson, Ronnie Thrash, Jr. and Chester Willis, all of Newton; and James Burgin, Kevin Carter, Lisa Cleveland, Frederick Conrad, Deric Jackson, Abby McCarty, Jerry McDonald, Amanda Miles, Chris Milling, Joan Mulford, Chester Patrick, Detrick Perry, Joseph Rigdon, Stephen Spire, Celeste Staton and Susan Staton, all of Union.

SCOTT COUNTY: Shameca Anderson, Malcolm Banks, April Blackledge, April Bowie, Jeff Brown, Tamekia Butler, Brenda Carr, Jason Eason, Thomas Gaddis, III, Becky Harrell, Misti Harrell, Ty Jankowski, Paula Johnson, Latoya Loper, Shelley McKinley, Amanda McMillan, Demone Murrell, Herbert Murrell, Jr., LaKisha Patrick, Stephanie Patrick, Sonya Pinkston, Grayland Rankin, Louise Sharp, Michael Sharp, Judy Thompson, Joseph Tucker and Jessica Wright, all of Forest; James Palmertree, Hillsboro; Lasherish Anderson, Carlos Jenkins and Floydell Williams, all of Lake; John Reeves, Lena; Alisha Bennett, Candice Butler, Danna Dye, Tiffany Frith and Ron Moore, all of Morton; Santrea Buckner, Pelahatchie; Richard Boozer, Pulaski; and Delvin Monk, Walnut Grove.

WINSTON COUNTY: Bradley Addison, Jason Allen, JoAnn Baity, Sandra Chambless, Jermi Coleman, Angela Dempsey, Laura Faulk, Brad Gregory, Patricia Hathorn, Jessie Hughes, Xavier Hughes, Wendy Lingle, Felix Loving, Adam Lowrey, Rosemary McArthur, Leslie Miller, Laura Ming, Heather Moody, Stefanie Moody, Ellen Null, Willie Perry, Anthony Prior, Jr., Peggy Quinn, Tammy Rademacher, Melissa Reed, Michelle Robertson, Amy Rogers, Jeremy Rushing, Jimmy Rushing, Tiffany Smith, Virginia Stokes, Nelson Triplett, Willie Triplett, Natalie Vowell, Eric Whitehead, Amber Woods and Laken Wraggs, all of Louisville; Laneezer Carter, Anthony Hornesbuger, Janita Hornesbuger, Kendall Hoskin, Annie Lovern, Ginger Moore, Kevin Murray, Mark Phillips, Glenn Rushing, Antoinette Taylor, Rosie Williams, Holly Young and Kimberly Young, all of Noxapater; Thomas Clark, Philadelphia; Shelia Coleman, Preston; and Tammy Frazier, Sturgis.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT ATTALA: Elizabeth Cole and Lisa Dendy, both of Ethel; and Thelma Love and Lucinda McAdory, both of Kosciusko.

MADISON: Lakeshia Anderson, Canton.

CLARKE: Michael Verley, Meridian; and Ashley Scarborough and Yolanda Smith, Quitman.

HINDS: David Morehead, Jackson.

JASPER: Yukie Watts, Heidelberg; Chondra Wheaton, Louin; Jennifer Robinson, Mon-

trose; and Velesha Hare, Paulding.

LAUDERDALE: Roshanda Johnson, Lauderdale; Thomas Allen, JoBeth Andreacchio, Stephanie Brookshire, Antonio Clayton, Selesia Clayton, Brad Creel, Justin Gray and Joe Robert Nicholas, all of Meridian.

RANKIN: Robert Evans, Brandon; and James Meadows, Pearl.

SMITH: Tena Wiggins, Forest.

SUNFLOWER: Casey Lewis, Daddsville.

WEBSTER: Craig Beck, Eupora.

OUT-OF-STATE LOUISIANA: Krystal Courtney, Holden; Charissa Williams, Houma; and Joey Allen, Lillie.

ALABAMA: Chadwick Champion, Tuscaloosa and Quinta Edwards, Whistler.

OUT-OF-COUNTRY NORWAY: Silje Adnesen, Egersund.

GERMANY: Uwe Dotzauer, Landau

DECEMBER GRADUATES LEAKE COUNTY: Demetrius Cross and Charles Waller, both of Walnut Grove; and LaKeshia Jones, Travis Martin, Ronnie Morris, Nikki Ross and Rebecca Sikes, all of Carthage.

NESHOMA COUNTY: Valerie Evans, Juanita Gardinski, Elizabeth George, Prisinda Issac, Tracy Lindsey, Patricia Moore, Brandy Rush, Derek Russell, LaPenny Sellers, Donna Strickland and Sandra Tubby, all of Philadelphia; Valerie Issac, Neshoba; and Susan Jackson, Union.

NEWTON COUNTY: William Alawine, Tammy Jones, Patricia Moore and Sandy Russell, all of Newton; Yulonda Amos and Billie McCune, both of Union; Christopher Beamon and Layla Peoples, both of Lawrence; Amanda Bounds and Carrie Griffith, both of Hickory; Jeremy Chaney, Chunky; and Ashley Denson, Conehatta.

SCOTT COUNTY: Stephani Gray and Laura Tadlock, both of Lake; Cassandra McCarter, Benjamin Robinson, Carrie Rodriguez and Brandy Woods, all of Forest; and Cassy Thrash, Walnut Grove.

WINSTON COUNTY: Scotty Johnson, Louisville.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT COVINGTON: James Keys, Collins.

LAUDERDALE: Durwin Lewis, Meridian.

CLARKE: Kurtetha McGee, Enterprise; and James Stewart, Shubuta.

KEMPER: Joseph Peden, Collinsville.

SMITH: Pamela Thompson, Raleigh.

OUT-OF-STATE ALABAMA: Gregory Busby,

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Northpark.

OUT-OF-COUNTRY UKRAINE: Max Lobentovich.

JULY GRADUATES LEAKE COUNTY: Christy Sanders and J. Smith, both of Carthage.

NESHOMA COUNTY: Karen Rushing, Noxapater; Ronnie Anderson, Donna Cole, Donald Culberson, Quanta Hill, Chenise Horne, Phyllis McMillan, Cecily Miles, Essie Overstreet, Pamela Pearson and Tina Routh, all of Philadelphia; and Joyce Crudup and Jennifer Pullin, both of Union.

NEWTON COUNTY: Roddy Nickey and Charles Ware, both of Conehatta; Melissa Brand, Genise Campbell and Greg Wood, all of Decatur; Ashaki McCoy, Lawrence; and Clifton Curry, Beth Hurley, Dana Walker and Aisha Windham, all of Newton.

SCOTT COUNTY: Steven Bradford, Misty Burrell, Linda Goodson, Felicia Lay, Joey Pinkston, Kimberly Sharpe and Natasha Smith, all of Forest; and Robin Jennings and Rose McDonald, both of Morton.

WINSTON COUNTY: Kimberly Cistrunk, Dorothy Holdiness, Geraldine Johnson, Felisha Martin, Adrienne Pickett, Jennifer Pugh and Patricia Roberson, all of Louisville; and Susan Perkins, Noxapater.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT LAUDERDALE: Tara Dumas, Daleville; and Audrey Archie, Lee Bailey and Joy Flowers, all of Meridian.

JASPER: Tracy Wilson, Louin; and Gail Stephens, Vossburg.

CLARKE: Debbie Risher, Quitman.

OUT-OF-STATE ARKANSAS: Thomas Henton, Little Rock.

AUGUST GRADUATES LEAKE COUNTY: Sharon Stewart, Carthage; and Carrie Perkins, Walnut Grove.

NESHOMA COUNTY: Brenda Apperson, Jennifer Covington and Linda Tucker, all of Philadelphia; and Kimberly Burton and Brad McNair, both of Union.

NEWTON COUNTY: Jessica Cooley, Jessica Robinson and Stephanie Spangler, all of Little Rock; and Brenda Holder and Lindy Pace, both of Newton.

SCOTT COUNTY: Joyce Bassett, Brandie Bounds and Rebecca Henderson, all of Forest; and Lu Ann Gould, Morton.

WINSTON COUNTY: Gwendolyn Hickman, Kelvin Knowles and Melvin Manus, all of Louisville.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT LAUDERDALE: Jodene Rice, Collinsville.

CLARKE: Kurtetha McGee, Enterprise; and James Stewart, Shubuta.

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Harris honored for service

East Central Community College mathematics instructor Dr. Shelby Harris (left) is shown receiving a plaque of appreciation for his many years of service to Phi Theta Kappa, which was presented at the organization's annual MS/LA Regional Awards Ceremony. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society of the two-year college. Dr. Harris, who earlier announced his retirement effective at the end of the 1999 spring term, has been co-advisor for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at ECCC since 1986 and has been employed at the College since 1963. Under the leadership of Dr. Harris and co-advisor Ann Burkes, Theta Xi has earned and maintained the status of a five-star chapter for seven consecutive years and most recently captured the MS/LA Region's Most Outstanding Chapter award. Shown making the presentation is Norma Hammill, regional coordinator for the MS/LA Region. (Photo by Roger Burkes)

★Retirement

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versity College in London.

He has authored publications in the fields of cell biology, nucleoside synthesis, enzymology and protein digestion.

Honors presented to Dr. Fisher include his selection as ECCC's "Academic Instructor of the Year" for 1997.

Dr. Fisher is a member of the American Chemical Society, the Australian Biochemical Society and the Mississippi Academy of Sciences. In his spare time, Dr. Fisher is involved in amateur radio emergency service.

He is a graduate of Cornell University, where he received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts. He holds a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Harris began her employment with the college in 1993, when she was assigned the task of implementing the AND program. She submitted her resignation due to health problems.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Mrs. Harris served as an ICU/CCU staff nurse at F.G. Riley Hospital in Meridian and was a contract nurse at Prime Care Nursing, Inc. in Greenville. She is also a former director of nursing at the Choctaw Health Center in Philadelphia and long time supervisor and employee of Laird Hospital in Union.

She attended Philadelphia

High School and is a graduate of Meridian Community College, where she received an associate degree in nursing. In addition, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi and University of Mississippi, respectively.

Mrs. Harris is a member of Faith Fellowship Church.

She is married to Johnie Harris and they have two daughters, two grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Mrs. Everett has been a member of the College's vocational-technical staff since 1993. She previously served eight years with Peavey Electronics where she received training in numerous phases of electronic technology. She also taught other employees to inspect, test and repair completed circuit boards.

She holds two associate degrees from ECCC, and has completed additional studies at Mississippi State University.

She is the widow of John Lovett. They had four children.

Lovett also joined the ECCC staff in 1993. In announcing his retirement, Lovett said, "Serving as a member of the ECCC family has given me a chance to repay a portion of what I feel I owe for the valuable instruction, thoughtful direction, and caring guidance provided to me during my two years as a student here, a long time ago. I have tried to

pass along these same qualities to my students."

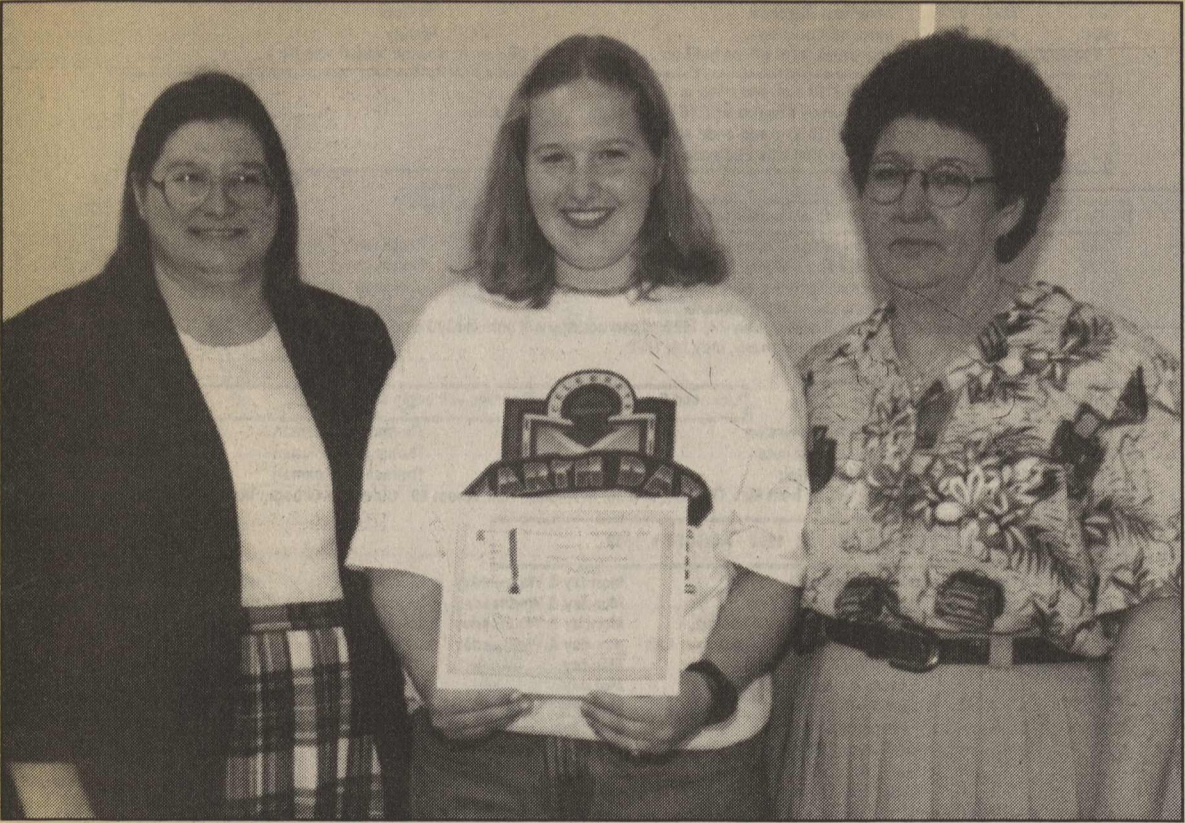
He is a retired naval officer with 27 years service, taught part-time for the college prior to assuming a full-time position. In addition to teaching psychology, he served as speech instructor and was advisor for New Directions, an organization for adult students.

He also has public school teaching experience as he previously served as psychology and speech instructor at Pensacola (Fla.) High School, where he was named a Merit Teacher under a program instituted by the Florida Department of Education. In addition, he served as speech and debate instructor as a graduate assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi.

A graduate of Forest High School, he received an associate of arts degree from ECCC, a bachelor's degree in speech from USM and a master's degree in administration from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. In addition, he has completed graduate courses in abnormal psychology and social psychology at Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Sandra Cloud of Pensacola, Fla., and they have two daughters and one granddaughter.

Mrs. Reynolds, who resigned in March, joined the ECCC staff in 1995. She was previously employed at Meridian Commu-



Yearbook receives award

The 1998 East Central Community College Wo-He Lo received an Award of Excellence at the annual Mississippi Community and Junior College Press Association awards banquet. The yearbook, which was titled "Perfecting Our Image Since 1928," received third place honors for copy. Vanessa Sanders (center) of Carthage, formerly of Anchorage, Alaska, served as co-editor of the 1998 Wo He Lo. Also pictured are co-advisors Melinda Smith (left) and Juanita West. Not pictured is co-editor Brooke Griffith of Hickory.

Students honored on Awards Day

East Central Community College held Awards Day on May 7, to recognize honor students in academic, vocational and technical areas. Vocational students receiving awards include: Eric Rush, Cabinet Making; Rody Willis, Carpentry; Regina Buckley and Viola Dade, Cosmetology; Aaron Dale Burkee, Welding and Cutting; Tracy Warren, Licensed Practical Nursing and Vocational Student of the Year.

Award recipients in the technical areas included the following:

Marcus D. Ellis, Jr., Collision Repair; George Parkes, Automotive; Cindy Hornesburger and Kendall Hoskin, Child Development; Catherine York, Computer; Kristopher Robertson, Electrical; Eddie Jenkins, Electronics; Tomi Mize, Heating and Air Conditioning; Derek Burton, Machine Shop; Kim Hollingsworth, O.L. Newell Drafting; Michael Roland, Surgical Technology; Tracy Kilpatrick; Benita Latiker, Technical Student of the Year.

Recipients in the Special Awards Category are:

Neil Hansford, Citizenship; Tami Phillips, *Tom Tom*; Vanessa M. Sanders, ; Chas Evans, ECCC Players; Joseph Tucker, ECCC Singers (male); Amanda McMillan, ECCC Singers (female); Kimberly Patrick, Sharonda Triplett and David Daniel, ECCC Gospel Choir; Uwe Dotzauer, Environmental Club; Vanessa Sanders; Amy Arthur, L. B. Simmons History; Jennifer Alford, Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council Scholarship; Donna Tucker, Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Non-Traditional Education; Ashley McDill, Kappa Kappa Iota; Craig McRae, Don Nance, Laura



Conducts tree planting seminar

Landscape architect Johnny Thorne of Decatur is shown demonstrating tree planting techniques at the East Central Community College Urban Forestry Seminar held recently. The seminar provided information on the planting and maintenance of trees in an urban setting.

Shows, Chris Weems and Cody Fisher, Mathematics; Scicile Wilkerson, S. Lebrun Hutchinson; Craig McRae, Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership; Benita Atkinson, Patricia Hathorn, Latoya Loper and Malinda Melton, MBEA Student Award; Jade Parkes, Secondary Education; Brandi Duncan, Delta Kappa Gamma; Susan Staton, Spanish; Erica Pike Flake and Denise Willis, ADN Outstanding Achievement; Ken Russell, Anthony Coleman MEN's Basketball; Ginger Moore, Walter Arno Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Athletics.

Alumni Memorial Awards were presented to the following students:

Brock Lillis, Billy Wayne Baucum Secondary Education; Crystal Gee, Opal McMullan Dickinson Elementary Education; Robert Evans W. A. Coursey, Jr. Engineering; Cody Fisher, Danny R. Killens Engineering; Joan Mulford, Sara Carr Deaton Business Technology; Neil Hansford, Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa; Veronica Haynes, Leon Eubanks, Kaljc-Peers; Lori Darcy, Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Speech; Jonathan Mills, William S. Giffin Men's Intramural; Brad Creel, Dr. Edwin Miller Medical Services; Ray Waddell, Howard Sessums Men's Basketball; Brock Lillis, Andrew F. Webb Football; Quintina Edwards, Earline Wood Women's Basketball; Jennifer Pace, Alatha Chaney English.

★Hall of Fame

of Nanih Waiya High School. She is a member of the Warrior Corps, Students Against Drunk Drivers, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mu Alpha Theta, and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau. In addition, she was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges and as a President's List Scholar for two semesters. Ragan was selected as Miss ECCC for 1998-99 and served as a sophomore homecoming maid. She also served as vice-president of the Student Body Association and as vice-president of her freshman class.

Ragan was also selected as All-Region XXIII First Team Softball Pitcher for both her freshman and sophomore years. "Ragan sets her goals high and knows what she wants. She is a true team player who is determined to do her very best in everything, in which she participates, including her studies," are some of the comments made by those who nominated her for Hall of Fame.

Miss Jennifer Pace is a member of the Warrior Corps, Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, The Diamond Girls and Mu Alpha Theta. In addition, she serves on the Tom-Tom staff, and the Presidents' Council. Jennifer was a football and basketball cheerleader for both her freshman and sophomore years, serving as Cheerleader Captain for 1998-99. She also served as an officer of the Student Body

Faculty Memorial Awards presented included the following:

Ginger Moore, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; Don Nance and Robin Zieminick, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry; Justin Sharp, Robert G. Fick Memorial; Stephanie Evans, Frank Edwin and Nina Holt Leatherwood Bioloical Science; Chris Weems, J. Andy Miller, Freshman Engineering; Rosemary McArthur, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology (two-year program); Shimeka Henson, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic; Neil Hansford, HEADWAE.

Students receiving awards for Student Government included:

SBA officers: Laura Ming, Ragan Mitchell, Crystal Gee and B. J. Morrow.

Sophomore Class Officers: Amber Woods, Ginger Moore, Leslie Miller and Courtney Wilcher.

Freshman Class Officers: Veronica Haynes, Emily Johnson, Ashley McDill and Robyn Watts.

Scholars Bowl Team: Cliff Edwards, Craig McRae, Kristen Mills and Celeste Staton.

Uwe Dotzauer, 1999 All Mississippi Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges.

USM Scholarships, Candace Butler, Jessica Wright, Christine Pearce, Uwe Dotzauer, Jennifer Pace and Shelley McKinley.

UWA Scholarship, Ronit Frey.

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Association and as a Freshman Homecoming Maid. Jennifer is a Dean's List Scholar and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges. She is described by those who nominated her as "a versatile, talented young lady who is a true EC Warrior. She exemplifies the spirit of East Central and continuously seeks ways to represent the college." She is the daughter of Sammy and Virginia Pace of Decatur and a graduate of Newton County High School.

Vanessa Sanders is a graduate of East Anchorage High School of Anchorage, Alaska. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Sanders of Anchorage, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Dotie Sanders of Carthage, Mississippi.

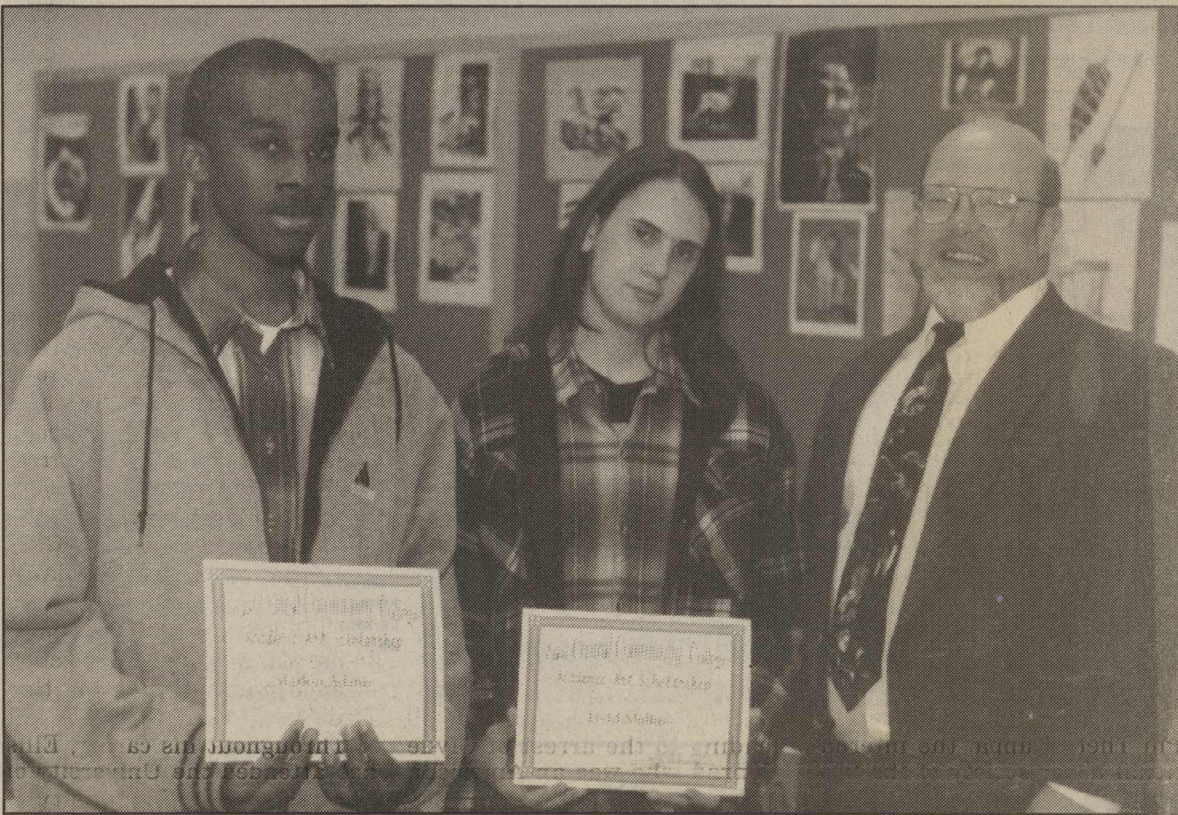
She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Student Education Association, and the Peer Tutorial Club. She serves as President of the East Central Environmental Club and co-editor of the Yearbook Staff.

In addition, Vanessa has received recognition as a President's List Scholar for two semesters and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges. One of those nominating Vanessa described her as, "...excelling with exemplary character, superior scholarship, and worthy leadership. She stands for all that is morally and ethically right."



Emergystat makes donation to ECCC

Officials with Emergystat Ambulance Service recently donated various medical supplies to East Central Community College which will be used by students enrolled in the College's Emergency Medical Technician (EMT): Basic course, a recent addition to the ECCC curriculum. Shown during the presentation are (in front, from left) paramedics Charles Kelly and Dale Stampley, co-managers of Emergystat's Newton office; John Adcock, ECCC District Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC President; and (in back, from left) Joe Renaud, ECCC Personal Development Specialist; and Kay Chambers, EMT instructor. Officials with Newton Regional Hospital have also made recent contributions to the College's EMT program.



Receive ECCC art scholarships

East Central Community College freshmen Marlon Adams (left) of Decatur and Todd Mullins of Louisville were recently presented academic art scholarships from Bruce Guraedy, ECCC art instructor. Adams is a graduate of Newton County High School and Mullins is a product of Louisville High School.

1999 Spring Semester Exam Schedule

If your class meets as listed below: The Exam will be given as listed below:

Monday, May 10

	CLASS	CLASS
TT	8:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m.	8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
TT	12:55 p.m.-2:10 p.m.	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
TT	9:25 a.m.-10:40 a.m.	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11

MWF	9:00 a.m.-9:50 a.m.	8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
MWF	1:00 p.m.-1:50 p.m.	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
MWF	8:00 a.m.-8:50 a.m.	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12

MWF	11:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m.	8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
TT	11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	10:30 a.m.-12:430 p.m.
MWF	10:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m.	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 13

MWF	2:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
MWF	12:00 p.m.-12:50 p.m.	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

All vocational course exams will be given Wednesday, May 12 beginning at 8 a.m. Grades will be due in the Admissions Office Thursday, May 13 at 2:30 p.m.

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Summer 1999 Schedule of Classes

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DECATUR - ACADEMIC - DAY - Special Three Week Term - May 17 - June 4, 1999

MAT	1613 - 01	Calculus I	(8:30 - 11:30 a.m. daily)	Thrash
ENG	2223 - 01	American Literature I	(8:30 - 11:30 a.m. daily)	Barrier
CSC	1123 - 01	Microcomputer Applications	(8:30 - 11:30 a.m. daily)	Bullock
BOT	2413 - 01	Computerized Accounting	(8:30 - 11:30 a.m. daily)	Holt
MAT	1103 - 02	Nursing Math	(8:30 - 11:30 a.m. daily)	McMullan
BOT	1123 - 01	Word Processing Applications	(8:30 - 11:30 a.m. daily)	Staff

Registration for the three-week-term will be May 17, 1999, at 8:00 a.m. in Newton Hall, Room 60. Classes will begin on May 17 at 8:30 a.m.

First Four Weeks - June 7, 1999 - July 2, 1999

First Period 8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.				
* PHY	2244 - 01	Physical Science Survey I	Alexander	
* PHY	2244 - 01L	Physical Science Survey I Lab	Alexander	
BOT	1102 - 01	Key Boarding	Staff	
ENG	1113 - 01	English Composition I	Pace, V.	
* BIO	1134 - 01	General Biology (lecture)	Key	
* BIO	1134 - 01L	General Biology I Lab	Key	
* BIO	2514 - 01	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	Davis, R.	
* BIO	2514 - 01L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	Davis, R.	
* CHE	1214 - 01	General Chemistry I	Staff	
* CHE	1214 - 01L	General Chemistry I Lab	Staff	
HIS	2213 - 01	American History I	McCool	
MAT	1233 - 01	Intermediate Algebra	McMullan	
PSY	1513 - 01	General Psychology	Pouncey	
SOC	2113 - 01	Intro. To Sociology	McKee	
CSC	1113 - 01	Intro. To Computer Concepts	Thraash	
HPR	1313 - 01	Intro. To Health, P. E. & Rec.	Coats	

* 1134 - 01 Biology begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m.
* 2444 - 01 Physical Science Survey I begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m.
* 2514 - 01 Biology begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m.
* 1214 - 01 Chemistry begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m.

Second Period 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

PSC	1113 - 01	American National Government	Staff
BOT	1433 - 01	Business Accounting	Staff
ENG	2323 - 01	English Literature I	Pace, V.
SOC	2143 - 01	Marriage & Family	McKee
MAT	1313 - 01	College Algebra	McMullan
ART	1113 - 01	Art Appreciation	Guraedy
PSY	2513 - 01	Child Psychology	Pouncey
HPR	2213 - 01	First Aid	Coats

Registration for the first four-week term will be held on Monday, June 7, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in Newton Hall, Room 60. Classes will begin on Tuesday, June 8, 1999.

DECATUR - ACADEMIC - DAY - Special Two Week Term - June 21 - July 2, 1999

ATE	1113 - 01	Science & Technology	(8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily)	Hayes
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Registration for Science & Technology class will be held on June 21, 1999, at 8 a.m. in South Campus Room 108

DECATUR - ACADEMIC - DAY - Special Two Week Term - July 6 - July 20, 1999

ATE	1113 - 01	Science & Technology	(8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily)	Hayes
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Registration for Science & Technology class will be held on July 6, 1999, at 8 a.m. in South Campus Room 108

Second Four Weeks - JULY 6, 1999 - JULY 30, 1999

First Period 8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

* PHY	2254 - 01	Physical Science Survey II	Alexander
* PHY	2254 - 01L	Physical Science Survey II Lab	Alexander
MAT	1103 - 01	Nursing Math	Adcock
ENG	1123 - 01	English Composition II	Hammons
* BIO	1144 - 01	General Biology II	Davis, P.
* BIO	1144 - 01	General Biology II Lab	Davis, P.
* BIO	2524 - 01L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	Davis, R.
* CHE	1224 - 01	General Chemistry II	Staff
* CHE	1224 - 01	General Chemistry II Lab	Staff
SPT	1113 - 01	Oral Communication	Hunt
MAT	1313 - 02	College Algebra	Harris
CSC	1123 - 02	Microcomputer Applications	Thrash, B.

Second Period 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

ENG	2333 - 01	English Literature II	Hammons
MAT	1333 - 01	Finite Math	Harris
MUS	1113 - 01	Music Appreciation	Carson
HIS	1163 - 01	World Civilization I	Staff

FOREST-EVENING - 7 1/2 WEEKS - June 7, 1999 - July 29, 1999

HIS	2223 - 52	American History II	M & W	Gipson
BOT	1613 - 52	Medical Transcription I	M & W	Kirby
ENG	1113 - 52	English Composition I	M & W	Bounds
PSY	1513 - 52	General Psychology	M & W	Gressett
MFL	1113 - 52	Elementary Spanish I	M & W	Cartagena
MAT	1203 - 52	Developmental Algebra	M & W	Staff
ECO	2113 - 52	Principles of Economics I	T & TH	Herrington
HIS	2213 - 52	American History I	T & TH	Staff
ENG	2323 - 52	American Literature I	T & TH	Bounds
MAT	1313 - 52	College Algebra	T & TH	Clark, R.

Registration will be held at the Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center Wednesday, June 2, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. Classes begin on Monday, June 7 and end on Thursday, July 29, 1999. Classes will meet from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

MORTON-EVENING 7 1/2 WEEKS - JUNE 7, 1999 - JULY 29, 1999

MAT	1323 - 53	Trigonometry	M & W	Staff
HIS	2223 - 53	American History II	M & W	Wade
ENG	1123 - 53	English Composition II	M & W	Staff
PSC	1113 - 53	American National Govt.	T & TH	Wade
MFL	1123 - 53	Elementary Spanish II	T & TH	Cartagena

Registration will be held at Morton High School Wednesday, June 2, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. Classes begin on Monday, June 7 and end on Thursday, July 29, 1999. Classes will meet from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

LOUISVILLE - DAY AND EVENING - SPECIAL THREE WEEK TERM - MAY 17, 1999 - JUNE 4, 1999

CSC	1113 - 54	Intro. to Computer Concepts	M - F	Snow
HIS	1173 - 54	World Civilization II	M - F	Sanders
MAT	1233 - 54	Intermediate Algebra	M - F	Fulton
CSC	1123 - 54	Microcomputer Applications	M - F	Hill
MAT	1313 - 54	College Algebra	M - F	Wright

Registration will be held Monday, May 17, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. at the Louisville/Winston County Vocational-Technical Center. Classes will meet from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

FIRST FOUR - WEEK TERM - JUNE 7, 1999 - JULY 1, 1999

ENG	1113 - 02	English Composition I	(8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)	M - F	Stokes
MAT	1313 - 02	College Algebra	(10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)	M - F	Wright
SPT	1113 - 02	Oral Communication	(10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)	M - F	Stokes
ENG	1113 - 54	English Composition I	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Gordon
MAT	1323 - 54	Trigonometry	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	McCool
HIS	2213 - 54	American History I	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Carter
BIO	2313 - 54	Dendrology	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Faumot
HPR	2213 - 54	First Aid	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Humphries, K.
HIS	1163 - 54	World Civilization I	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Matthews
ENG	2223 - 54	American Literature I	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Humphries, K.

Registration for the first four-week term will be Thursday, June 3, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. at the Louisville/Winston County Vocational-Technical Center. Classes will begin on Monday, June 7, 1999. The first four-week term will end Thursday, July 1, 1999.

SECOND FOUR - WEEK TERM - JULY 7, 1999 - JULY 30, 1999

ENG	1123 - 02	English Composition II	(8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)	M - F	Stokes
PSC	1113 - 02	American National Govt.	(10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)	M - F	Keller
MAT	1313 - 03	College Algebra	(10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)	M - F	Wright
MFL	1113 - 54	Elementary Spanish I	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Reed
ENG	1123 - 54	English Composition II	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Gordon
ENG	2223 - 54	American Literature II	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Ellis
HIS	2223 - 54	American History II	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	McCool
HPR	1213 - 54	Personal & Community Health	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Humphries
AGR	2343 - 54	Forest Measurements	(6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	M - TH	Faumot
BAD	2413 - 54	Legal Environment of Business	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Still

Registration for the second four-week term will be Tuesday, July 6, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. at the Louisville/Winston County Vocational-Technical Center. Classes begin Wednesday, July 7, 1999. The second four-week term will end Friday, July 30, 1999.

PHILADELPHIA/NESHOBA - DAY AND EVENING SPECIAL THREE - WEEK TERM - MAY 17 - JUNE 4, 1999

PSC	1113 - 55	American National Government	M - F	Keller
MAT	1213 - 55	Intermediate Algebra	M - F	Deweese
SPT	1113 - 55	Oral Communication	M - F	Ryals
CSC	1113 - 55	Intro. to Computer Concepts	M - F	Staff

Registration will be held May 17, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center. Classes will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. from May 17 - June 4, 1999.

FIRST FOUR - WEEK TERM - JUNE 7, 1999 - JULY 1, 1999

HPR	2213 - 02	First Aid	(8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)	M - F	Humphries, K.
MAT	1313 - 03	College Algebra	(8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)	M - F	Stokes
MAT	1323 - 03	Trigonometry	(8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)	M - F	Carter
ENG	2223 - 02	American Literature I	(8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)	M - F	Ellis
MAT	1313 - 04	College Algebra	(10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)	M - F	Mowdy
ENG	1113 - 03	English Composition I	(10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)	M - F	Humphries, J.
MFL	1113 - 02	Elementary Spanish I	(10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)	M - F	Reed
BAD	2413 - 55	Legal Environment of Business	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Still
HIS	2213 - 55	American History I	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Jackson
ENG	1113 - 55	English Composition I	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Boier
BOT	1013 - 55	Keyboarding	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Thrash, P.
PSY	1513 - 55	General Psychology	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	Hubert
MAT	1613 - 55	Calculus I	(6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)	M - TH	McCullough

Registration for the first four-week term will be held Tuesday, June 1, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center. Classes will begin Monday, June 7, 1999. The first four-week term will end Thursday, July 1, 1999.

HIS	2223 - 01	American History II	McCool
SOC	2113 - 02	Intro. to Sociology	McKee

Registration for the second four-week term will be held on July 6, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in Newton Hall, Room 60.

- 1134 - 01 Biology begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m.
- 2444 - 01 Physical Science Survey I begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m.
- 2514 - 01 Biology begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m.
- 1214 - 01 Chemistry begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m.

VOCATIONAL - DAY - Cosmetology: Fifteen semester hours

COV	1236 - 01	Cosmetology Theory III	Brackeen
COV	1612 - 01	Facials and Makeup	Brackeen
COV	1362 - 01	Thermal Techniques	Brackeen
COV	1712 - 01	Beauty Salon Management	Brackeen

Registration for cosmetology will be Monday, May 24, 1999. Cosmetology will meet daily Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Classes begin Monday, May 24, 1999.

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING

PNV	1717 - 01	Maternal-Child Nursing	Thomas & Buckman
PNV	1813 - 01	Psychiatric Concepts	Thomas & Buckman
PNV	1912 - 01	Nursing Transition	Thomas & Buckman

Registration for the LPN program will be held May 17, 1999, at 8 a.m. in Newton Hall, Room 60. Classes will begin May 17 following registration.

Licensed Practical Nursing Courses will begin May 17, 1999.

DECATUR ACADEMIC EVENING - MAY 31, 1999 - AUGUST 6, 1999

* BIO	1134 - 50	General Biology I	Monday & Wednesday	LaJeune	Cross Hall	20
* BIO	1134 - 50L	General Biology I Lab	Monday & Wednesday	LaJeune	Cross Hall	20
* BIO	2514 - 50	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	Monday & Wednesday	Johnson	Cross Hall	11
* BIO	2514 - 50L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	Monday & Wednesday	Johnson	Cross Hall	11
HPR	1651 - 50	Dentistry	Monday	Staff	Cross Hall	22
SOC	2143 - 50	Marriage & Family	Monday	Mangum	Brackeen/Wood Gymnasium	
MAT	1233 - 50	Intermediate Algebra	Monday	McKee	Newton Hall	92
SPT	1113 - 50	Oral Communication	Monday	McKenzie	Newton Hall	90
MUS	1113 - 50	Music Appreciation	Monday	Ryals	Newton Hall	115
BAD	2413 - 50	Legal Environment of Bus.	Monday	Price	Vickers Center	534
BOT	1133 - 50	Word Processing Applications	Monday	Moore	Newton Hall	104
HPR	1671 - 50	Aerobics	Monday	Ferguson	Tucker A - T	403
BOT	1813 - 50	Electronic Spreadsheet	Tuesday	Holfield	South Campus Gym	
ACC	1213 - 50	Principles of Accounting I	Tuesday	Tucker A - T	403	
ENG	1113 - 50	English Composition I	Tuesday	Holt	Newton Hall	105
GEO	1113 - 50	World Geography	Tuesday	Shackelford	Newton Hall	104
MAT	1613 - 50	Calculus I	Tuesday	White	Newton Hall	109
* BIO	2924 - 50	Microbiology	Tuesday	Jones	Newton Hall	90
* CHE	1214 - 50	General Chemistry I	Tuesday & Thursday	Key	Cross Hall	11
* CHE	1214 - 50 L	General Chemistry I Lab	Tuesday & Thursday	Staff	Cross Hall	22
* BIO	2524 - 50	Anatomy & Physiology II	Tuesday & Thursday	Staff	Cross Hall	22
* BIO	2524 - 50 L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	Tuesday & Thursday	Johnson	Cross Hall	20
CSC	1113 - 50	Intro. to Computer Concepts	Tuesday & Thursday	Johnson	Cross Hall	20
MFL	1113 - 50	Elementary Spanish I	Tuesday	Staff	South Campus	19
MUS	2513 - 50	Music for Children	Tuesday	Raymond	Newton Hall	105
ECO	2113 - 50	Principles of Economics I	Wednesday	Kirk	Vickers Fine Arts	534
HIS	2213 - 50	American History I	Wednesday	Moore	Newton Hall	106
MAT	1313 - 50	College Algebra	Wednesday	Smith	Newton Hall	102
PSY	1513 - 50	General Psychology	Wednesday	Clark, R.	Newton Hall	92
MAT	1323 - 50	Trigonometry	Wednesday	Nowell	Newton Hall	109
ENG	2223 - 50	American Literature I	Thursday	Harris	Newton Hall	105
BOT	2723 - 50	Administrative Office Procedures	Thursday	Shackelford	Newton Hall	105
MAT	1723 - 50	The Real Number System	Thursday	Staff	Tucker A - T	402
EPY	2533 - 50	Human Growth & Development	Thursday	Pearce	Newton Hall	90
ENG	1123 - 50	English Composition II	Thursday	Graham	Newton Hall	109
CSC	1123 - 50	Microcomputer Applications	Thursday	Germany	Newton Hall	104
PSC	1113 - 50	American National Government	Thursday	Thrash	South Campus	19
				Sanford	Newton Hall	102

* Meets 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Basic Electricity Basic Auto Mechanics Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Woodworking

Registration for campus courses will be held Monday, May 31, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. Academic and technical registration will be held in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium and Vocational registration will be held in the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Building. Vocational classes will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Academic and technical classes will meet from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Monday night classes will meet at 7:00 p.m. following night registration.

CARTHAGE EVENING - 7 1/2 WEEKS - JUNE 7, 1999 - JULY 29, 1999

EPY	2513 - 51	Child Psychology	M & W	Reeves
ENG	1113 - 51	English Composition I	M & W	Alford
HIS	2213 - 51	American History I	M & W	Sanford
ENG	2223 - 51	American Literature I	M & W	Staff
ENG	1123 - 51	English Composition II	M & W	Boone
MAT	1313 - 51	College Algebra	T & TH	Staff
PSC	1113 - 51	American National Govt.	T & TH	Sanford
SPT	1113 - 51	Oral Communication	T & TH	Corley
PSY	1513 - 51	General Psychology	T & TH	Gaddis
CSC	1113 - 51	Intro. To Computer Concepts	TBA	Edwards
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ECCC homecoming court

Members of the 1999 East Central Community College Homecoming Court and their respective high schools include, seated, from left, sophomore maids Tanequa Kirkland of Neshoba Central and Katrina Hyde of Louisville; queen LaShanta Lyles of Morton, maid of honor Angela Jayroe of Louisville and sophomore maid Valerie Barfield of Neshoba Central; standing, freshman maids Natalie Boggan of Newton County, McKenzie Mack of Morton, Marci Patterson of Winston Academy and Emily Boggan of Newton County. The court will be presented during halftime activities Saturday, October 16, when the Warriors face division foe Jones County Junior College.

Players to present 'Spoon River Anthology'

The East Central Community College Players will begin the 1999-2000 season with the Edgar Lee Master's classic "Spoon River Anthology."

Performances will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, and at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22-23, in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Admission is free and the public is invited.

A cemetery is the setting for this classic collection of poetry, which has former inhabitants of

the town talking about their lives from the perspective of the grave.

The roles and impersonations are of a deacon, a teacher, a poet, a soldier and a housewife, to name only a few. The theme is the human condition with all its sadness, valor, humor and inspiration.

Cast members include Josh Fitch of Carthage, Karen Hailey of Louisville, Adam Mann of Philadelphia, Hank Moreau of

Decatur, Shirley McKee of Sebastopol, Huellen Nutt and Matt Purvis, both of Morton; Tim Pittman and Marci Wall, both of Forest; and Melissa Till of Pelahatchie.

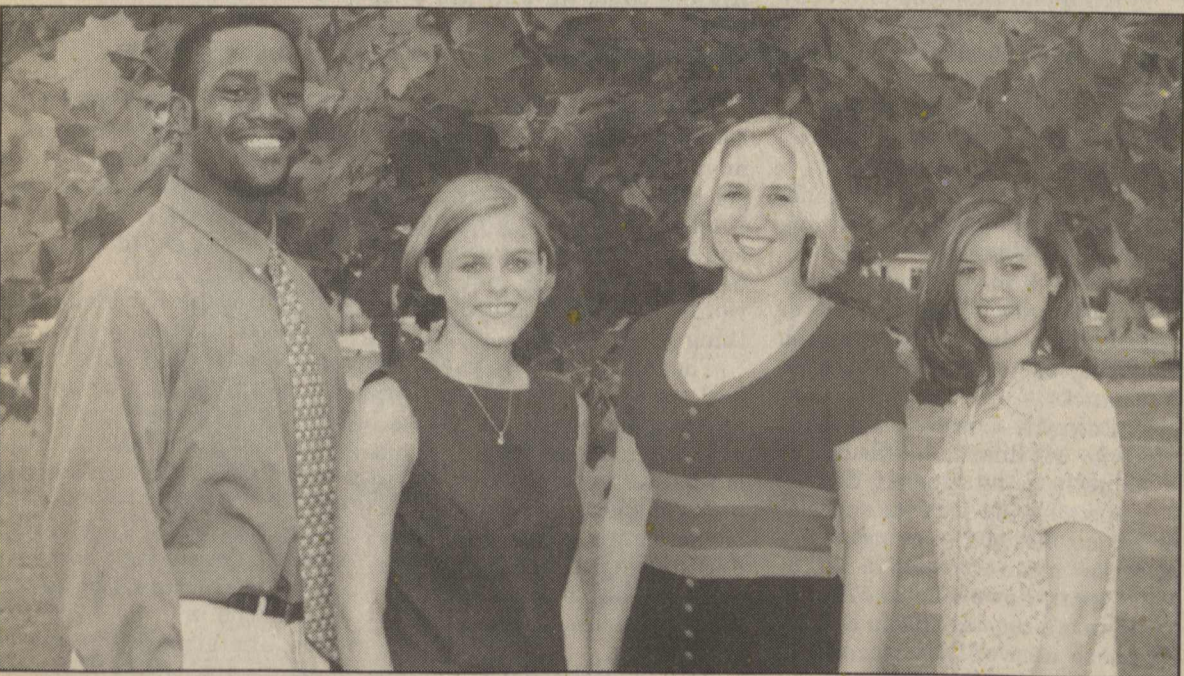
Serving as accompanists are Christy Price of Carthage and Michael Hodgins of Philadelphia.

For more information contact Hunt at ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, phone 635-2111 or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 241.



Sophomore class officers

These students were recently selected officers of the sophomore class at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left: president Michael Wilcher of Edinburg, vice president Emily Johnson of Philadelphia, secretary Huellen Nutt of Morton and treasurer Staci Slayton of Enterprise.



Freshman class officers

These students were recently selected officers of the freshman class at East Central Community College. From left are president Levi Duncan of Eustis, Fla.; vice president Emily Boggan of Decatur, secretary Sarah Johnson of Hickory; and treasurer, Karmen Jones of Walnut Grove.

ECCC to honor various groups, individuals during Homecoming '99

With the theme "With You in Mind in '99," East Central Community College will pay tribute to various individuals and groups during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 16 on the Decatur campus.

Honorees include Dr. Shelby Harris of Decatur, Alumnus of the Year; Illene Richie Gordon of Union, Alumna of the Year; Daisy Kate Williams Chaney of Union, Coach Sam Rutigliano of Forest, Virginia, and Charles E. Ward of Pace, Florida, new inductees into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame; L. B. Bullock of Decatur, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Richard W. Clark of Philadelphia, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year.

Dr. Harris, a 1958 ECCC graduate, is a former math instructor and division chairman who served his alma mater for 36 years. On numerous occasions, he was recognized for excellence in the classroom. He also served as advisor for Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers," and was co-advisor of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. Both groups received numerous awards and honors throughout the years.

A native of Union, Dr. Harris received bachelor's and doctoral degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a master's degree from Mississippi State University. He has completed further studies at Tulane University, Florida State University, Mississippi College, University of Tennessee and the University of Nairobi, Kenya in East Africa.

For the past 17 years, Gordon (Class of 1946) has served as a staff assistant to U.S. Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi. Her duties mainly include matters concerning the elderly, and recently she served on the National BiPartisan Medicare Commission for the Future of Medicare.

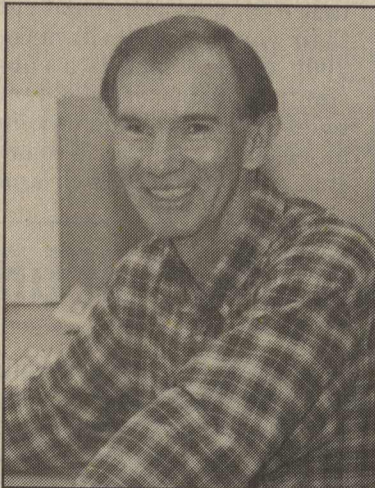
However, she is often called on to provide assistance in other areas. Gordon played a part in helping East Central Community College secure a \$3 million loan from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Division, for construction of a new women's dormitory. The new facility was completed prior to the start of the 1999 fall term and is named for former ECCC Dean of Women Erma Lee Barber of Decatur.

Earlier this year Gordon was recognized as one of the state's "unsung heroines" at the fourth annual Power of One Women's Conference. Gordon was one of seven recipients of the prestigious award, presented in recognition of each honoree's "personal accomplishments and the lives they have touched."

A Philadelphia High School graduate, Gordon continued her education at Mississippi Southern College (University of Southern Mississippi), where she received a teaching certificate. She taught school in various areas of the state, including the Beulah Hubbard school system, prior to beginning her political career.

She was married to the late Rex Gordon, Sr., who had a successful law practice in Pascagoula until Mr. Gordon's illness brought the family back to Union. Their son, Rex, Jr., is an attorney in Union. He and his wife Patricia have two daughters, Mim and Mary Catherine.

Chaney (Class of 1940) was a member of the 1938-39 and 1939-40 "Decatur Warriorettes"



L. B. Bullock



Daisy Kate Williams Chaney



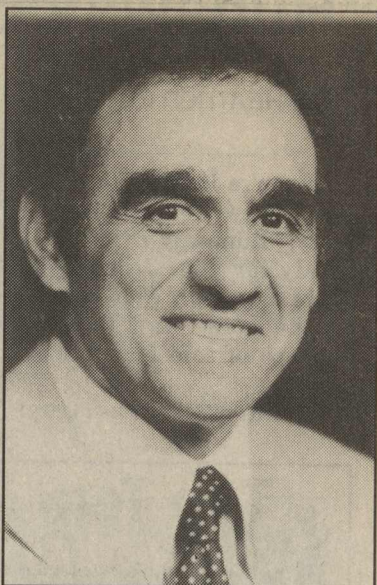
Richard W. Clark



Illene Richie Gordon



Dr. Shelby Harris



Sam Rutigliano

as the East Central women's basketball teams were called in those days. The 5'10" forward averaged 20 points per game and was named to the All State squad her freshman year.

Prior to attending East Central, Chaney was a standout performer at Beulah-Hubbard High School, where she was a four-year starter and All-State selection. She also averaged about 20 points per game, although during one contest she pumped in 31 points!

Chaney was married to the late Amos M. Chaney and for many years they operated Chaney Motors in Union. They had a daughter, Kay Chaney Smith, a 1964 ECCC graduate, who teaches special education at Union High School. Her daughter, Bobbie Kay, graduated from East Central in 1987. She is married to Greg Hillman (Class of 1981) and they have two children, CeCe and Drew. The Hillmans reside in Carthage.

Rutigliano is a 1951 graduate of Newton County Agricultural High School, then a part of East Central Junior College. The Brooklyn, New York native enrolled at East Central in January, 1950, and was a standout member of the College's football and basketball teams.

During the 1950 football season, Rutigliano was an offensive and defensive end for the Warriors who posted a 9-3 record, which included a 19-14 win over South Georgia in the Tobacco



Charles E. Ward

Bowl. Highlights for Rutigliano included five receptions he made in a 32-20 win over Southwest, and the 12 points he scored in a 40-7 thrashing of Northwest.

Following football season, Rutigliano played basketball for the Warriors until January, 1951, when he officially graduated from high school. He then transferred to the University of Tennessee and was a member of the Volunteer squad which won the 1952 National Championship. Tennessee was led at the time by the legendary coach, General Robert R. Neyland.

Rutigliano later transferred to Tulsa University where he See **HOME**COMING, page 3

EC students write on . . .



Cast your vote

By HEATHER CUSHMAN

The year for promises is here again; promises that may be kept and may be broken. Either way it is election year again. It's time for all of us to decide who we are going to vote for, and for some of us to figure out if we are even going to vote at all.

As college students we sometimes get caught up in our own little worlds and do not even think about such things as politics. Most of us think of it as something our parents and grandparents

worry about and do.

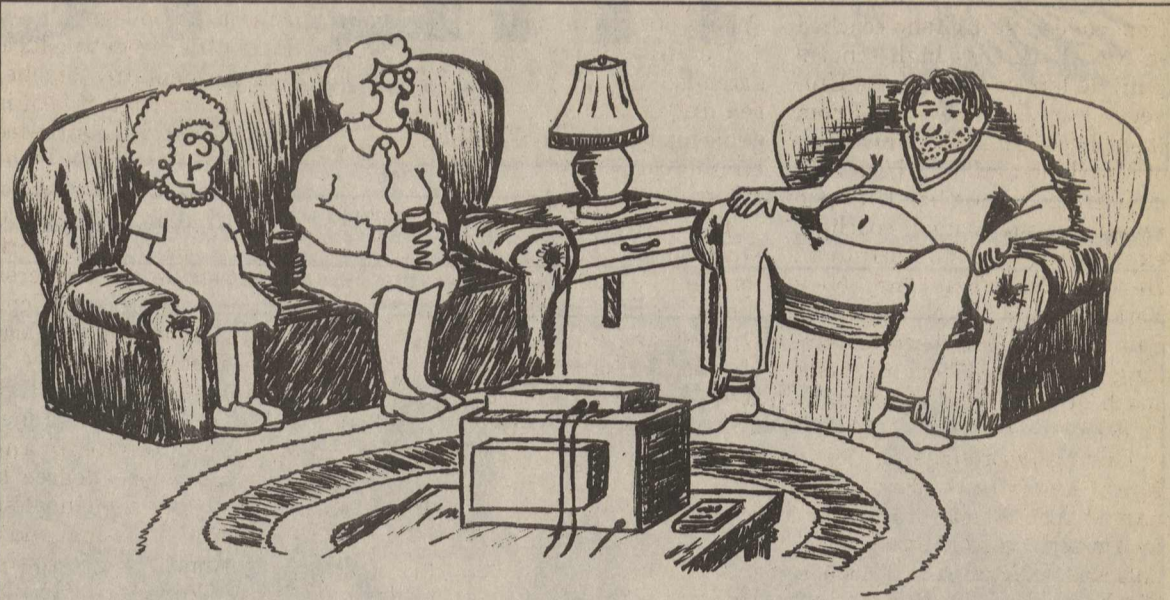
Sometimes we may even think that politics is something that does not even concern us. It is very easy to just over look Election Day as another day. We may even think that our one little vote won't make a big difference so why even waste our time going to vote.

The truth of the matter is that if 2000 people go and put their vote in, this will make 2000 votes, which is a substantial number of votes that could make a big difference in an election. Politics is something that effects each and

every one of us. It can affect our lives in many different ways.

Our ancestors died so that we could have the right to decide who makes our laws that affect our day to day lives. It is our right and privilege to go and cast our vote for the one we think could make a positive difference in our lives.

Going to vote is a simple process that will only take a few minutes of your time. So on Nov. 3, go out and cast your vote for the best person for the job. You will be glad you did and you will be able to say I made a difference.



"Billy, Grandma wants to know what you're going to be when you get out of college. What do you think? Thirty-thirty five?"

Phase one of new student union completed

By WILLIAM R. SAVELL

Phase one of the new Student Union at East Central was opened for student and faculty use at the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year.

This is a spacious three-story facility that consists of the offices of Student Services, the Financial Aid Department, the Office of Records, Research and Admission.

The office of the school nurse is also on the east side of the new Student Union.

According to Randall E. Lee, Dean of Students, the spacious area provides ways for the academic counselors, financial aid counselors, and admissions counselors to be able to work with students in adequate space compared to the old offices which were located on the ground level in Huff Auditorium.

"A highlight of the new building is a conference room with the seating capacity of 30 people to be used for meetings. We also have the first and only elevator on the campus," Dean Lee said.

Dean Lee and Joe Killen, director of Student Life and Housing at East Central, are pleased because from their vantage point, they can see most of the campus. This allows them the opportunity to be better aware of what is happening on campus during school hours.

Dean Lee extends a cordial invitation to all students and faculty to come tour the new building.

"We want everyone to come visit; we know it is a change, but we would love to see each of you."

Although phase one is completed, phase two has not begun construction. It will start in approximately two years, according to Larry Hogue, East

Central's director of Development and Alumni Relations. This will include the bookstore, a student grill with four vendors, and extension of office space of Admissions, Records and Research, which is now located on the west side of phase one. Also, a lounge/study area will be included in phase two.

"We also hope to have such additions as a fitness room and other recreational areas which will be available when the entire union is completed," Dean Lee said.

Plans are being made for dedication, which will be announced at a later date. At the time of dedication, the new Student Union of East Central will then be named the "Eddie M. Smith Student Union," in honor of retiring East Central Community College president, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, who has served the college since 1985.

'Runaway Bride' is 'must see' movie

By HEATHER CUSHMAN

If you're looking for an exciting new twist on a regular love story, "Runaway Bride" is definitely for you. Julia Roberts plays a woman who leads men to the altar and then runs because of cold feet numerous times.

Richard Gere portrays a

writer for *USA Today* newspaper who seems to be having a writer's slump, only until one of his drunken friends at the local bar tells him the story of a runaway bride in his hometown who leads men to the altar and runs.

Gere decides to write the story of the runaway bride in his column. Needless to say, the editor of the paper, who is his ex-wife, fires him. Roberts threatens to press harassment charges due to all the mental stress from the article. Fighting to prove the evidence of his story so that he

wouldn't be sued or fired he travels to her home town where he follows her and tracks down all the men she has left at the altar.

In the end, Gere and Roberts fall madly in love and get married, like they should since all great romance movies end with a happily ever after. This is without a doubt one of Robert's greatest movies of the season. Not only is this movie one that romance lovers will love, but anyone who just wants to see a great movie. This is definitely a must see!

The real reason we are in college

By HEATHER CUSHMAN

I have asked myself this question more than once since I have been in college. Many of you have probably asked yourself the same thing. I have pondered on this question until I think I have come to a pretty good conclusion.

The first reason I can think of is because in today's society it is politically correct for us to go to college after we graduate from high school. Secondly, I think we come to college because if has been preached to us through the years that if we want to have a good job and make a normal or

reasonable salary we must go to college and get a good education.

Thirdly and finally, I think we are all here to become a more educated person. I think we usually overlook this aspect of college. When you consider all the reasons we are here there is always one reason that includes all the rest.

Why has our society made it politically correct to go to college after graduating from high school? Because in this day and time you need to be a more educated person to function in day to day life. Why do we need to go to college to get a good job? Because our future employer's are looking for more educated people.

We all need to remember the real reason we are in college. It is not just a good place to come and party and enjoy ourselves. The real reason we are in college is so that we can become better educated people not only in the work force but in everyday life.

Thought for the Day

It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters in the end.

-Ursula K. LeGuin

Nationally renowned writer Willie Morris' corneas donated

JACKSON, Miss. — Willie Morris was immortalized for his intellect, sweetness and generosity in eulogies and obituaries nationwide. Now, the posthumous donation of the writer's corneas has restored sight to two transplant recipients.

The transplants were performed by Dr. Connie S. McCaa at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson following Morris' Aug. 2 death.

"Willie Morris set an example for all of us in his life of sharing and giving to others. It seems only natural now that the donation of Willie's corneas should, by example, encourage people to donate their eyes and corneas so that others might see," said Mike Flynt, Director of Donor Services for Mississippi Lions Eye & Tissue Bank in Jackson, a member of the Eye Bank Association of America.

"Dr. McCaa probably does more cornea transplants than all the other surgeons in Mississippi combined," Flynt said. Thirty-two other surgeons in the state perform such transplants. "The majority of cornea transplants also are performed at UMC," he added. At the forefront of her field, McCaa is a UMC professor of ophthalmology and biochemistry and director of UMC's corneal and refractive surgery services.

Morris' family originally donated the Jackson writer's corneas anonymously. They now agree to release his identity as a donor to raise awareness of the dire, nationwide need for cornea and eye donations.

"Willie's son, David Rae (Morris), and I never intended to make this public," said JoAnne Prichard of Jackson, Morris' wife. "But when permission was

requested, we decided to release the information in hopes that more people would donate their eyes.

"We thought Willie would have really wanted to do this."

To aid the cause, Morris' two cornea recipients, John Epperson Sr. Of Hazelhurst, Miss., and Ozie Longino of Monticello, Miss., also agreed to make their transplants public.

"Both patients' transplants are looking fine," McCaa said. Both patients had been legally blind in their treated eye, with 20/400 vision or worse not correctable with eyeglasses.

"The cornea will clear up in about 24 hours," McCaa said at the close of Longino's Aug. 7 surgery on his left eye. "It will be up to three months before he'll see at the cornea's maximum. But it will be only about two or three weeks before he sees considerably better than he did."

Nobody could be happier than the transplant recipients about Morris' legacy of generosity.

Epperson, whose namesake son has starred in multiple oneman shows off-Broadway in New York, was a fan of Morris' prose before the cornea transplant to his right eye. But Epperson had no idea whose cornea he had received.

"That's a surprise," Epperson, 74, said after hearing about Morris' donation, a few days after his Aug. 5 surgery. "That was nice of Willie to do that. Hopefully, I'll see real well. It's good enough now — I can see out of it. Before, it was like looking through a big fog."

Longino, 42, who is a forklift operator for Wal-Mart, recognized Morris' name. "Oh, yes. Thanks!" he said of receiving Morris' cornea. "I want to write

that down, since I have a famous cornea. I'm going to take real good care of my eye for him." A few days after surgery, Longino said his vision is "improving constantly, a little every day ... and I'm reading up on Willie Morris."

Morris is known for mentoring countless writers, both personally and as the youngest-ever editor-in-chief of Harper's magazine in New York in the 1960s. Epperson has been saying that he hopes his new tie to Morris inspires him to write a book. Hearing that, Longino said, "maybe I'll write one, too."

Morris is credited as a major influence in changing postwar literary and journalistic history. His acclaimed books include *North Toward Home*, *Good Boy*, *New York Days* and *My Dog Skip*, which is set to be released in January as a movie starring Kevin Bacon, Diane Lane and the dog from TVs *Frazier*.

Donated corneas may be transplanted into either eye; corneas have no left/right orientation, McCaa explained. The "window" of the eye, the cornea covers the front of the eye to transmit and focus light into the eye. "When the cornea is scarred or damaged, it can look to the patient just like a dirty windshield," she said.

She said Apperson's cornea problem was the most common cause for cornea transplants; and edema of the cornea (pseudophakic bullous keratopathy). Longino's vision was obscured by scarring from a severe Pseudomonas ulcer on his cornea, caused by an eye infection.

In addition to being a leading cornea transplant surgeon, McCaa was one of the first physicians in the nation to perform LASIK laser eye surgery. She is now in the first wave of physicians nationwide performing Intacs cornea ring implant surgery, which was approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration in April. A native of Lexington, McCaa is a UMC alum and joined the faculty in 1981. She is listed as one of the Best Doctors in America, which is a \$2 million, two-year peer survey of practicing U.S. physicians.

"Cornea transplants are the most successful type of organ transplant, by far, which should encourage people to donate them," McCaa said.

Flynt of the Eye Bank pointed out that even people with poor vision often have healthy corneas that may be donated. Eyes and corneas are donated after death and their removal doesn't affect the body's appearance for funeral's — which often is the concern of survivors, he said. To donate your corneas or eyes, "the most important thing you can do is to tell your loved ones," he stressed. Survivors must sign a donor release. For more information, call the Mississippi Lions Eye & Tissue Bank at (601) 366-5362 or visit the Eye Bank Association of America's Web site at www.Restoresight.org.

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★Homecoming

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received a bachelor's degree in education in 1956. He earned a master's degree in education from Columbia University in 1959.

Following his graduation from college, Rutigliano coached in New York City high schools until he landed a job at the University of Connecticut. From there he went to the University of Maryland and later began his coaching career in the pro ranks. His pro football coaching experience included stints at Denver, New England, New York Jets and the New Orleans Saints, until he realized his lifelong dream and became head coach of the Cleveland Browns in 1978.

During his tenure at Cleveland, Rutigliano was twice named AFC Coach of the Year by United Press International, and was selected NFL Coach of the Year in 1980 after leading the Browns to an 11-5 record and the AFC Central Division title. He left Cleveland during the 1984 season and became a color commentator for ESPN/NBC from 1985-1988.

Rutigliano was chosen head football coach at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1989, where he is now in his eleventh season and 40th year in coaching.

In addition to his coaching career, Rutigliano is a published author. His literary career began with the publication of the 1986 Pro Football Scouting Report, published by Harper and Row. In 1988 he wrote and published his autobiography titled, Pressure.

He also remains in great demand as a speaker. He conducts coaching clinics as far away as Australia and Italy and is in constant demand as a motivational speaker throughout the United States.

Rutigliano and his wife, Barbara, have three grown children and two grandchildren.

Ward, a three-year letterman in football, basketball and baseball at Louisville High School, was a standout halfback and defensive back on the 1955 and 1956 Warrior football teams. He also excelled as a member of the College's baseball squads during his freshman and sophomore seasons. He was captain of the baseball team for both years and on several occasions was game captain for the Warrior football squads.

Among highlights during his football career at East Central, during which time the Warriors posted a 64 record in 1955 and were 4-6 in 1956, include a 13-7 win over highly regarded Hinds his freshman season. The Warriors also defeated archrival East Mississippi both years - a 39-0 thumping in Decatur in 1955 and a come-from-behind 13-7 win in a game played the following year in Meridian.

After Ward graduated from East Central in 1957, he continued his athletic career at Louisiana College in Pineville, La., where he again excelled in football and baseball. Instead of playing halfback, Ward was moved to quarterback and subsequently led Louisiana College to its best record in school history - a 9-2 mark which included a 39-12 win over Arkansas Tech in the 1959 Rice Bowl.

Ward graduated from Louisiana College in 1959 with a degree in mathematics. He then began his lifelong dream of playing professional baseball as a member of the North Louisiana Rookie League. After

one season, he entered the Navy through the Officer Candidate Program. After receiving his commission in 1960, Ward entered the Naval Flight Officer Program and received his "Wings of Gold" in 1961.

During a Navy career that extended over 30 years, Ward's sea duty assignments included deployments aboard five differed aircraft carriers and guided missile cruisers.

His shore assignments included four tours in Washington, D. C., where he served on the staffs of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Naval Personnel, and three tours in the Naval Education and Training Command, headquartered at Pensacola, Florida.

Highlights of Ward's Navy career included command of two aviation squadrons and two major shore establishments. During his initial command assignment in 1975/76, his carrier-based aviation squadron was selected as the "best in the class" for two consecutive years and was awarded the Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Award for its safety record and contributions to aviation safety.

While serving as Commander of the Training Air Wing SIX at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola from 1983-85, two of Ward's squadrons were awarded "best in its class" for consecutive years, with one of the squadrons also being presented the Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Award.

His personal military awards include three Legions of Merit, the Navy's third highest award, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, and three Navy Commendation Medals, one with the Combat "V" for coordinating the rescue of two airmen shot down behind enemy lines in North Vietnam.

Ward attended the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, during 1971-72, earning a master's degree in computer systems management. In 1997, he was named a Distinguished Graduate of the Navy War College in Newport, Rhode Island, which included a rigorous 10-month curriculum on defense economics and decision making.

He retired from active duty in July, 1990. Since that time he has taught algebra as an adjunct professor at Pensacola Junior College and was later employed with Raytheon Aerospace, serving as site manager for aircraft maintenance operations on the Navy's primary trainer aircraft at Whiting Field in Milton, Florida. He recently retired from Raytheon, and now works as an independent consultant for aircraft maintenance activities.

He is married to the former Gail Spratt of Warwick, Rhode Island. They have three sons. Roger, who lives in Woodbridge, Virginia, is employed by the Anheuser Busch Corporation. Mike, a Navy lieutenant commander, is currently deployed on an aircraft carrier in the Western Pacific. David, of Severn, Maryland, is employed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Mike and his wife Karen recently presented the Wards their first grandchildren - twin boys, Bailey and Kyler.

Among Ward's family members expected to attend his induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame is his mother, Hilda Parker Ward of Louisville, who graduated from East Central in

1932 and was class valedictorian.

Bullock, who teaches computer science, has been employed at East Central since 1989. He is also a former mathematics instructor at the College.

He began his career in education as a mathematics teacher at Martin Junior High School in Natchez in 1965. He continued his career with the Natchez/Adams County School District until joining the ECCC faculty. He is also a former part-time instructor for the University of Southern Mississippi, Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Alcorn State University.

A graduate of Collins High School, Bullock attended Jones County Junior College and received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's in math from Mississippi State University. He has taken additional coursework at USM and Jackson State University.

He is a past president and vice president of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics and is a former director of the Mississippi Educational Computing Association, of which he is still a member. He is also a member of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Faculty Association.

Bullock and his wife, Ann, who teaches business technology at East Central, have four children. Michelle is a police officer in Memphis. Terry lives in Decatur and is employed as financial manager at Sunbelt Motors in Meridian. JoShannon is a physical therapist and resides in Columbia. Emily is a senior at USM. The Bullocks have five grandchildren: Will, Wes, Parker, Rachel-Catherine and Sam.

Clark, who teaches machine shop technology, was first employed at East Central in 1969. He left in 1987 for an industrial job but returned to his present position the following year. He is now in his 29th year as an instructor at East Central.

He attended Arlington High School and later graduated from Neshoba Central High School. He attended East Central Junior College from 1959 to 1961 and completed his associate's degree in 1980. He also attended Mississippi State University.

Clark is a member of MAVE (Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators) and VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). He is a past member of AVA (American Vocational Association).

Among honors he has received include his selection to Who's Who Among American Teachers in 1987.

He and his wife Lynette, who is employed as bookkeeper and office manager for the Neshoba County Co-Op, have three children. Kent is a poultry farmer in Philadelphia and Glynn is a truck driver in Bessemer, Alabama. Debbie lives in Southaven, and teaches school at Olive Branch. The Clarks also have three grandchildren: Jonathan, Amanda and Hanna.

Reunion groups scheduled to meet include members of all classes ending in "9" with special recognition planned for the 1949 class; all former members of the Ac'cents, the College's show choir; the 1965, 1966 and 1967 Warrior football teams; and members of the Class of 1937. The College's Alumni Band will again be featured performers during halftime ceremonies of the Warrior football game, set to begin at 2:30 p.m. against division foe Jones County Junior College.

Several reunion groups will also meet on Friday, October 15. The Class of 1949 will host an informal gathering from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Days Inn conference room in Newton. The 1948 and 1950 classes are also invited to attend. Graduates from the classes of 1957/1958 and 1959 will gather at 6:30 p.m. at the Decatur Methodist Church.

For more information regarding Homecoming '99, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635 2111, ext. 323 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.



Concert choir officers

These students serve as officers of the concert choir at East Central Community College in Decatur. First row from left: librarian Shandra Moore of Philadelphia, reporter Ashley Lay of Lena, vice president Jason Wallace of Louisville and president Marva Cavanaugh of Chucky. Back row from left: librarians Adrin Gordon of meridian, and Sharonda Triplett and Rena Perry, both of Louisville and secretary William Savell of Lake.

Gilmore named nursing program director

Melanie Laird Gilmore of Decatur was recently named Director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Gilmore was employed as family nurse practitioner at La-Z-Boy South in Newton. She also served in the same capacity on a part-time basis for Central Mississippi Family Health Care in Meridian.

In addition, she is a former nursing instructor at Meridian Community College and previously served in administrative positions at Sta-Home Hospice in Carthage and Sta-Home Health Agency in Philadelphia. She is also a former oncology nurse at Jackson Oncology Associates in Jackson and was staff nurse in the intensive care unit at Hinds General Hospital in Jackson.

She has almost 20 years experience in the nursing field.



Melanie Laird Gilmore

Gilmore is a member of the Mississippi Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, Organization of Associate Degree Nurses and the Mississippi Community College Foundation.

She is also an active member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church and the Decatur Woman's Progressive Club.

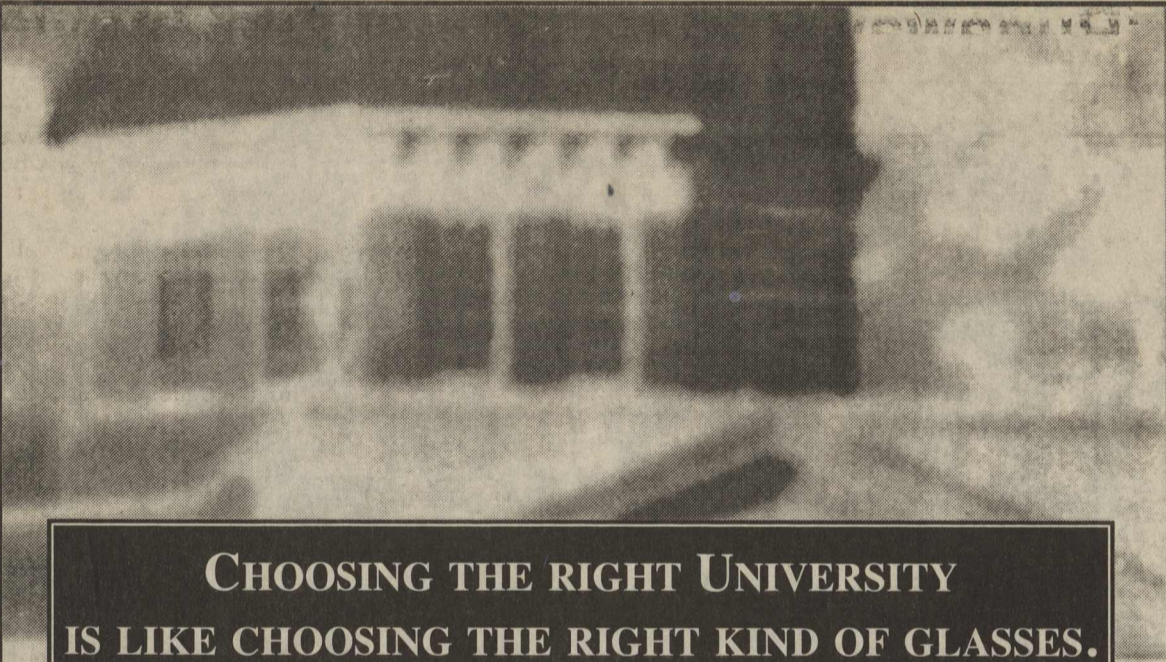
A graduate of Decatur High School, Gilmore attended East Central Community College and received bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from the University Medical Center. She received certification as a family nurse practitioner at Mississippi University for Women. She is married to Gary Gilmore.

Kirk, Clayton to perform at ECCC

East Central Community College music keyboard instructor Tonya Morgan-Kirk and Tupelo High School student John Clayton will present a piano recital at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus.

The recital will feature the works of Scarlatti, Ghastrera, Chopin and Beethoven.

There is no charge for admission and the public is invited.



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IS LIKE CHOOSING THE RIGHT KIND OF GLASSES.
NOT JUST ANY KIND WILL DO.

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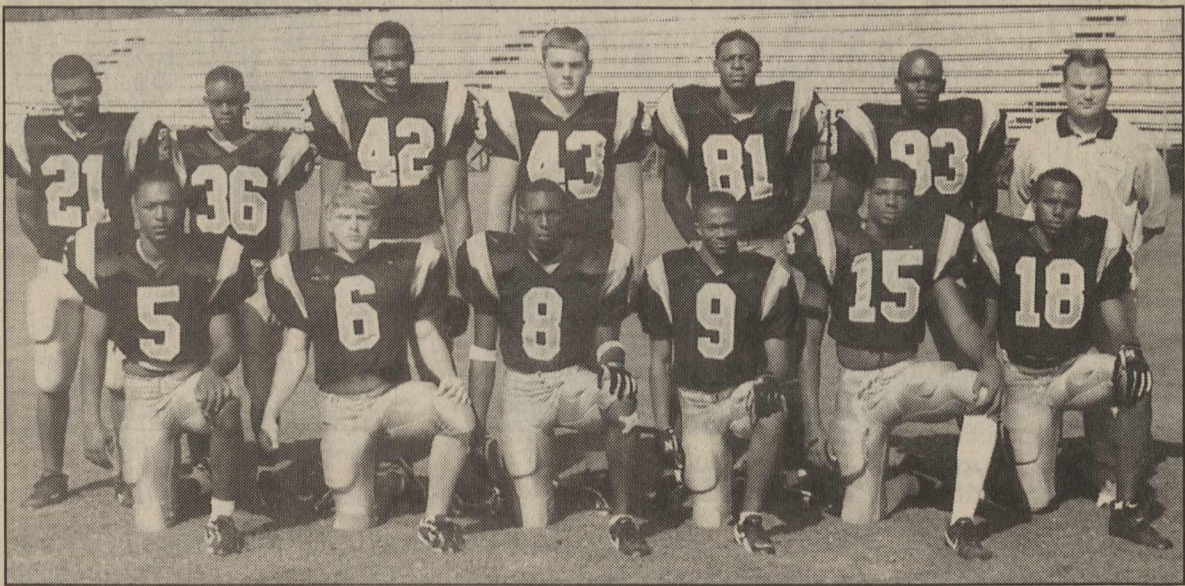
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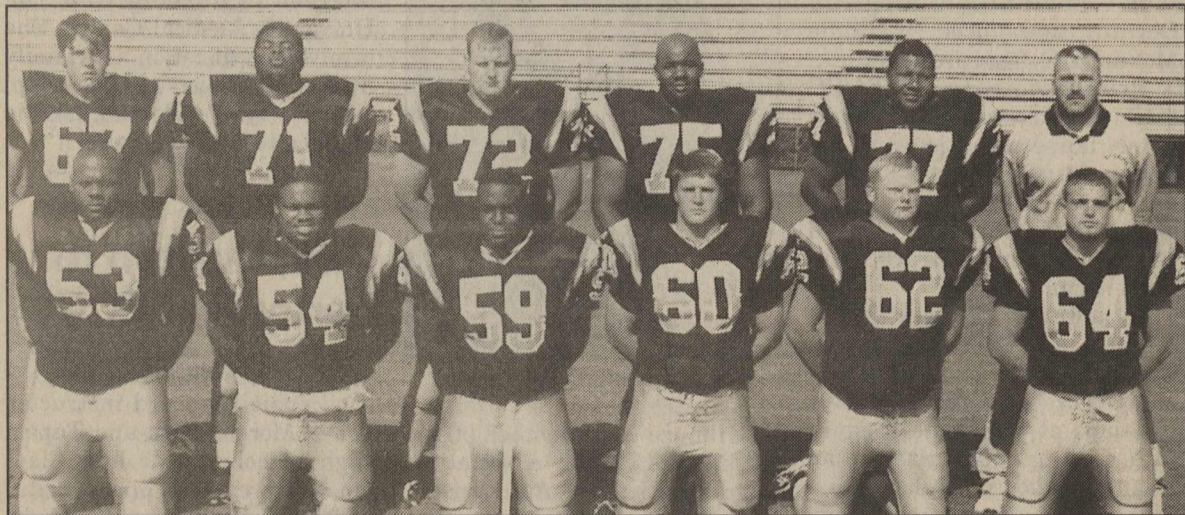
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Sports



Receivers, tight ends

Receivers and tight ends on the East Central Community College football team for the 1999 campaign include (kneeling, from left) Chris Ray, Seminole County (Ga.); Chris Kyzar, Leake Academy; Dewaski Burnside and Anthony Hornesbuger, both of Noxapater; Chris Hooper, North Springs (Ga.); and Omar Reinhardt, Newton Conover (NC); and (standing, from left) James Davis, Boiling Springs (SC); Dexter Cole and Marcus Johnson, both of Neshoba Central; Clint Burkes, Scott Central; Romale Griffin, Philadelphia; and Quentin Bowens, Brooks (Ala.). Also pictured is receivers and tight ends coach Tommy Clopton.



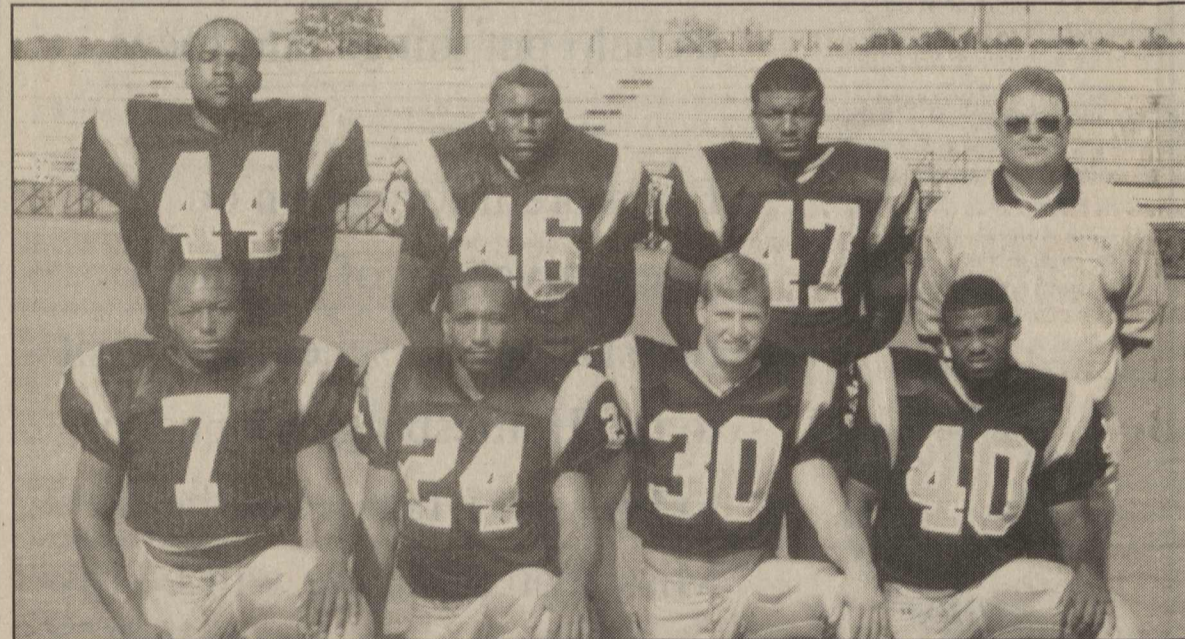
Offensive linemen

Offensive linemen on the East Central Community College football team for the 1999 campaign include (kneeling, from left) Randy Brown, Tuscaloosa County (Ala.); Reggie Cistrunk, Louisville; Samuel Agee, Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); Jeremy Smith, Newton County Academy; Randy Brunson, Sebastopol; and Nathan Johnson, East Rankin Academy; and (standing, from left) Justin Proctor, Neshoba Central; Rapheal Goodwin, Meridian; Kyle Watson, Neshoba Central; Josh Jones, Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); and Latarous Washington, Scott Central. Also pictured is offensive line coach Todd Mangum.



Defensive backs

Defensive backs on the East Central Community College football team for the 1999 campaign include (kneeling, from left) Josh Hardy, Philadelphia; Freeman Jimison, Meridian; D'Angelo Lewis, Douglas Byrd (Ga.); Othese Wells, Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); and Chris Hooper, North Springs (Ga.); and (standingw from left) Rashad Blaylock, Union; James Davis, Boiling Springs (SC); Birchell Robinson, Forest; Micheal Beal, South Leake; and Keaton Donald, Noxapater. Also pictured is head coach and defensive coordinator Terry Underwood.



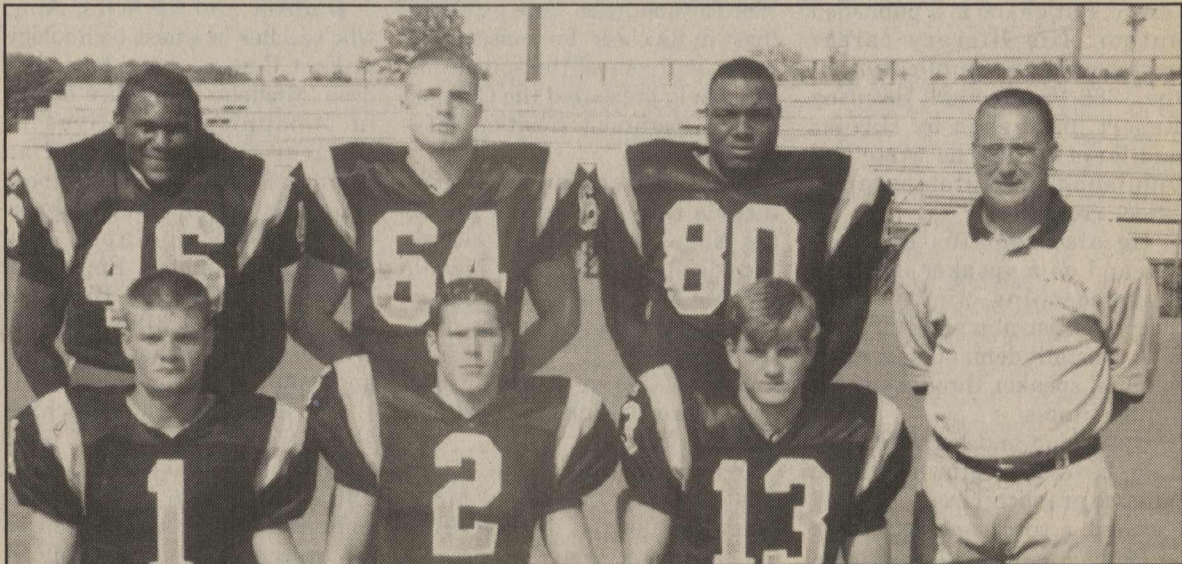
Linebackers

Linebackers on the East Central Community College football team for the 1999 campaign include (kneeling, from left) Lacey McBeath, South Leake; Shondren Lewis, Quitman; Ben Barham, Brandon; and Maurice Patrick, Sebastopol; and (standing, from left) Levi Duncan, Eustis (Fla.); Lakendrick Houston, Louisville; and Anthony Thompson, Early County (Ga.). Also pictured is linebackers and special teams coach Steve Kelly.



Football coaches

East Central Community College football coaches and their areas of responsibility for the 1999 campaign include (from left) Tim Coats, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks and running backs; Steve Kelly, linebackers and special teams; Todd Mangum, offensive line; Terry Underwood (head), defensive coordinator and secondary; Fred Lyons, defensive line; and Tommy Clopton, wide receivers and tight ends. Also pictured is athletic trainer Joey McLeod.



ECCC kickers, punters

Kickers and punters on the East Central Community College football team for the 1999 campaign include (kneeling, from left) Josh Hardy, Philadelphia; Ti Garner, Brandon; and Chris Weems, Newton; and (standing, from left) Lakendrick Houston, Louisville; Nathan Johnson, East Rankin Academy; and Jamie Nichols, Philadelphia. Also pictured is offensive coordinator and head coach Terry Underwood.

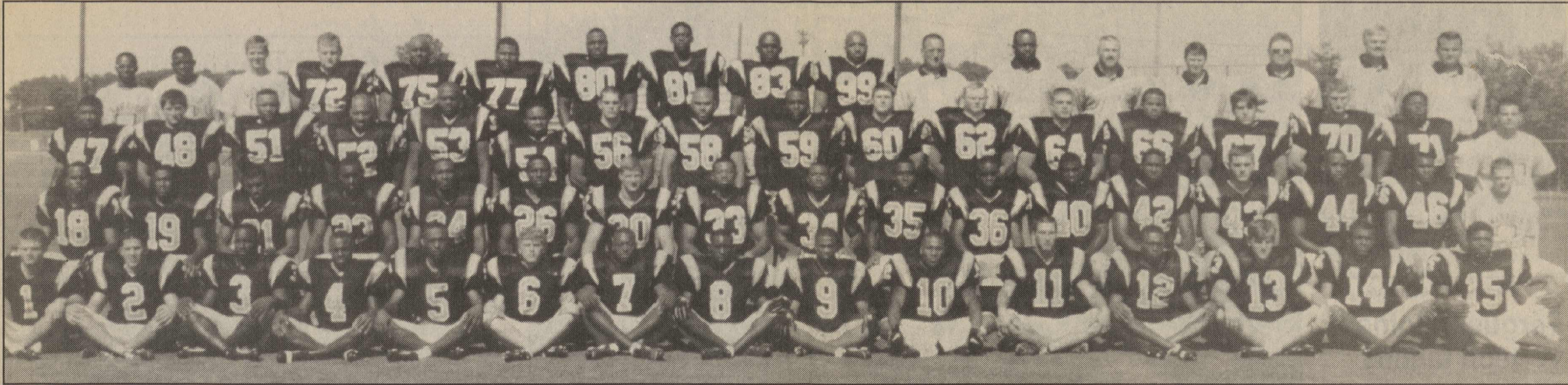
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1999 SCHEDULE

AUGUST				
	SATURDAY	28	HOLMES GOODMAN	NCHS 5:00
	TUESDAY	31	ITAWAMBA	AWAY 4:00
SEPTEMBER				
	FRIDAY	3	EAST MISSISSIPPI	AWAY 2:00
	WEDNESDAY	8	OPEN	
	SATURDAY	11	CO-LIN*	AWAY 5:00
	TUESDAY	14	GULF COAST*	NCHS 5:00
	SATURDAY	18	JONES*	AWAY 1:00
	WEDNESDAY	22	PEARL RIVER*	NCHS 4:00
	SATURDAY	25	EAST MISSISSIPPI	NCHS 1:00
	TUESDAY	28	OPEN	
OCTOBER				
	SATURDAY	2	HOLMES RIDGELAND*	AWAY 11:00
	TUESDAY	5	CO-LIN*	NCHS 3:30
	SATURDAY	9	GULF COAST*	AWAY 2:00
	WEDNESDAY	13	JONES*	NCHS 4:00
	SATURDAY	16	HOLMES RIDGELAND*	NCHS 10:00
	TUESDAY	19	PEARL RIVER*	AWAY 4:00
	SATURDAY	23	ITAWAMBA	NCHS 1:00
	WEDNESDAY	27	HINDS	AWAY 7:00
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Football team

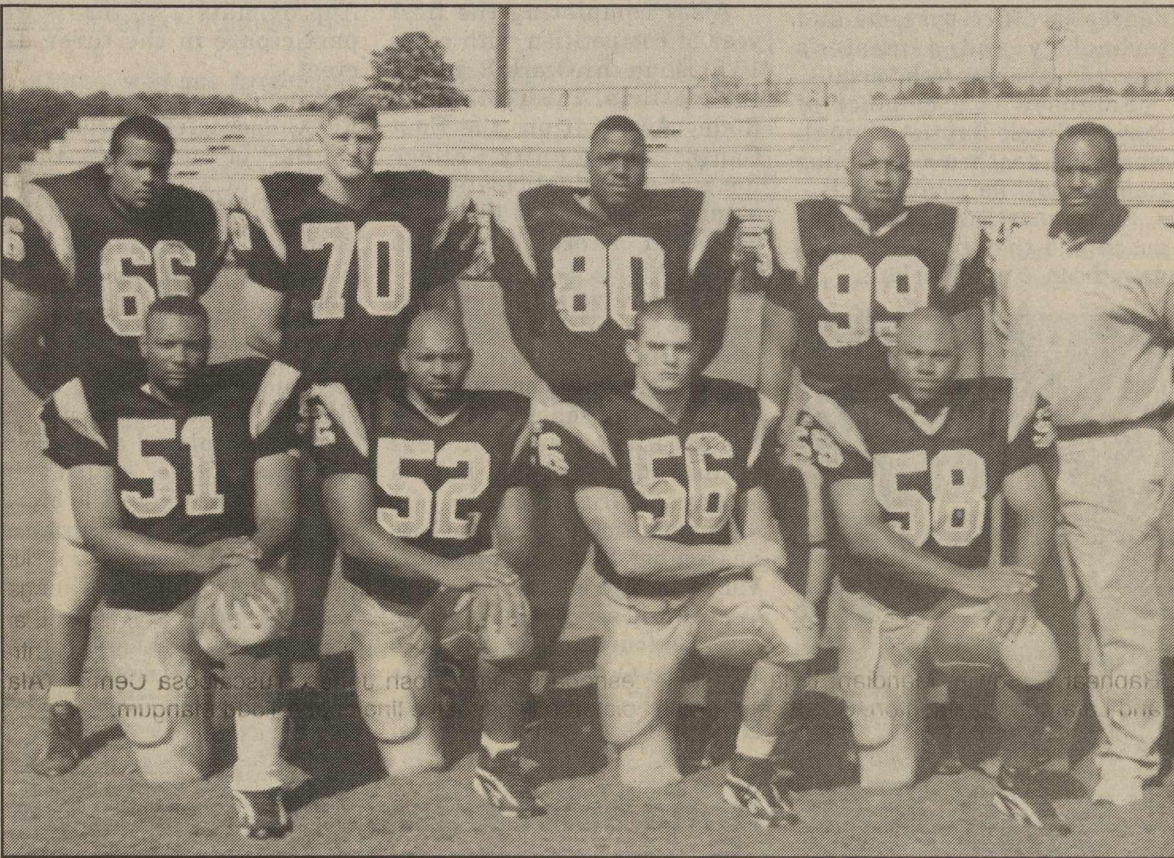
Members of the 1999 East Central Community College football team include (first row, from left) strong safety/kicker Josh Hardy (1), Philadelphia; quarterback Ti Garner (2), Brandon; halfback Steve Henley (3), Louisville; free safety Freeman Jimison (4), Meridian; wide receiver Chris Ray (5), Seminole County (Ga.); wide receiver Chris Kyzar (6), Leake Academy; linebacker Lacey McBeath (7), Neshoba Central; wide receiver Dewaski Burnside (8), Noxapater; wide receiver Anthony Hornesbuger (9), Noxapater; defensive back Rashad Blaylock (10), Union; defensive back/wide receiver James Davis (21), Boiling Springs (SC); strong safety Birchell Robinson (23), Forest; linebacker Shondren Lewis (24), Quitman; tailback Terrance Wansley (26), Newton County; linebacker Ben Barham (30), Brandon; tailback Jamarcus Murray (33), Tuscaloosa County (Ala.); strong safety Micheal Beal (34), South Leake; defensive back Keaton Donald (35), Noxapater; wide receiver Dexter Cole (36), Neshoba Central; linebacker Maurice Patrick (40), Sebastopol; tight end Marcus Johnson (42), Neshoba Central; tight end Clint Burkes (43), Scott Central; linebacker Levi Duncan (44), Eustis (Fla.); linebacker Lakendrick Houston (46), Louisville;

and student trainer Perry Johnson, Leake Academy; (third row, from left) linebacker Anthony Thompson (47), Early County (Ga.); halfback Curt Blackburn (48), Newton County; defensive lineman Ricky Edwards (51), Louisville; defensive lineman James Keys (52), Collins;quick tackle Randy Brown (53), Tuscaloosa County (Ala.); strong guard Reggie Cistrunk (54), Louisville; linebacker Brian Jones (56), Victoria (Texas); defensive lineman Courtney Steele (58), Tuscaloosa County (Ala.); center Samuel Agee (59), Tuscaloosa Central; quick tackle Jeremy Smith (60), Newton County Academy; quick guard Randy Brunson (62), Sebastopol; H-Back Nathan Johnson (64), East Rankin Academy; defensive lineman Jermaine Crosby (66), South Leake; strong tackle Justin Proctor (67), Neshoba Central; linebacker Freddie Woods (70), Forest; strong guard Rapheal Goodwin (71), Meridian; and student trainer Brent Bennett, Leake Academy; and (top row, from left) managers Damon Hudson, Philadelphia; Jerrell Combest, Louisville; and Michael Thompson, Prentiss Christian; strong guard Kyle Watson (72), Neshoba Central; strong tackle Josh Jones (75), Tuscaloosa Central; center Latarous Washington (77), Scott Central; defensive lineman Jamie Nichols (80)~~ Philadelphia; wide receiver Romale Griffin (81), Philadelphia; tight end Quentin Bowens (83), Brooks (Ala.); defensive lineman David Daniel (99), Tuscaloosa County; coaches Terry Underwood (head), Fred Lyons and Todd Mangum; athletic trainer Joey McLeod, and coaches Steve Kelly, Tim Coats and Tommy Clopton.



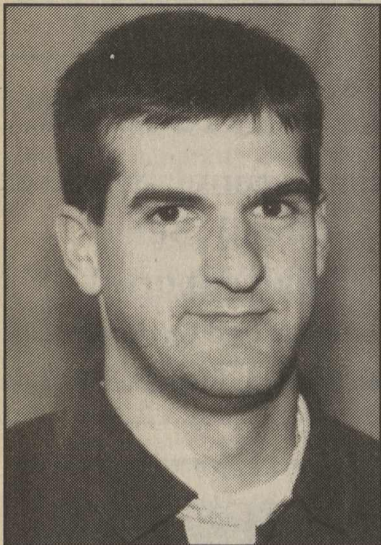
Quarterbacks, running backs

Quarterbacks and running backs on the East Central Community College football team for the 1999 campaign include (kneeling, from left) Ti Garner, Brandon; Steve Henley, Louisville; Tommy Ford, Hillcrest (Ala.); and Chris Weems, Newton; and (standing, from left) Mitchell McKinnon, Palatica (Fla.); Terrence Wansley, Newton County; Jamarcus Murray, Tuscaloosa County (Ala.); and Curt Blackburn, Newton County. Also pictured is offensive coordinator and quarterbacks and running backs coach Tim Coats.



Defensive linemen

Defensive linemen on the East Central Community College football team for the 1999 campaign include (kneeling, from left) Ricky Edwards, Louisville; James Keys, Collins; Brian Jones, Victoria (Tx.); and Courtney Steele, Tuscaloosa County (Ala.); and (standing, from left) Jermaine Crosby, Carthage; Freddie Woods, Forest; Jamie Nichols, Philadelphia; and David Daniel, Tuscaloosa County (Ala.). Also pictured is defensive line coach Fred Lyons.



Joey Irby

Irby selected vo-tech instructor

Joey Irby of Collinsville was recently named metal trades 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. Prior to joining the vo-tech staff, Irby was employed as a CNC operator/machinist at Taylor Machine Works in Louisville. He is a former machinist at U.S. Motors in Philadelphia. A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Irby attended East Central Community College. He attends East Philadelphia Baptist Church. Irby and his wife, Heather, have a son, Taylor.

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Christy H. Ferguson
Ferguson joins vo-tech faculty

Christy H. Ferguson of Philadelphia was recently named business technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Ferguson served as adjunct faculty member at East Central Community College and for East Mississippi Community College on the Mayhew campus. She is also a former business education teacher at Central Academy in Macon. In addition, she has several years of experience in the banking field.

She is a graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, East Mississippi community college and Mississippi State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in office systems and technology and a master's degree in business technology.

Ferguson is a member of Spring Creek Baptist Church where she teaches a discipline training class for young people.

She is married to Jerry Ferguson and they have two children, Leah, 5 and Nicole, 2.



Jennifer Gressett

Gressett selected ECCC recruiter, TPCC director

Jennifer Gressett of Forest was recently named recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center Director at East Central Community College, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

She was previously employed as admissions counselor at the University of Southern Mississippi, following her tenure as a member of Southern Style, the official host and recruiting team at USM.

The Philadelphia native is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, ECCC and USM, where she received a bachelor's degree in social and rehabilitation services. She plans to pursue a master's degree in counseling at the Meridian branch of Mississippi State University.

She is married to Brad Gressett, who is employed in the Information Systems Department at Southern Farm Bureau Casualty.



Football cheerleaders

Leading cheers for the East Central Community College football team during the 1999 campaign are (in front) Nikki Way, Newton; (kneeling from left) Tesa Henry, Forest; Jill Gray, Leake Academy; Robyn Watts, Union; Lisa Adcock, Forest; Emily Johnson, Neshoba Central; and Staci Slayton, Enterprise; and (standing from left) Chris Van Etten, Scott Central; Nykela Horne and Bryan Madison, both of Neshoba Central; Gina Wall, West Lauderdale; Jeremy Saenz, Aldine High School, Houston, Texas; Erin Boswell and Kevin Cutrer, both of Neshoba Central; and Amy Arinder and Lee Thompson, both of Morton. Kim Mangum serves as sponsor.

ECCC rodeo team begins competition in Missouri

After completing the first year of competition with a top 10 finish in the Ozark Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, the East Central Community College Rodeo Team is anticipating an even more successful 1999-2000 campaign, according to Coach Jeff Griffin.

"We were very pleased that both our men's and women's teams finished with a high ranking in the region, and with 10 returning sophomores and the excellent freshman class coming in, we should have a good year," Griffin said.

Competition gets under way September 23-25 at Missouri Valley College in Marshall. East Central will serve as host for the season's fourth rodeo, which is scheduled October 21-23 at the Neshoba County Coliseum on Hwy. 15 North in Philadelphia.

Approximately 20 teams will participate in the three-day event.

Among top returnees on the ECCC Rodeo Team include Darvol Hart of Little Rock, Daniel Bounds of Lawrence, Adam Cavanaugh of Chunky, Matt Aligood of Crystal Springs and Stacy Dial of Livingston, Ala., who all received region honors following 1998-99 competition. Hart finished ninth in bull riding and Bounds was ranked eleventh in the same category. Cavanaugh placed eleventh in bareback riding, Aligood finished sixteenth in saddle bronco and Dial was ranked thirteenth in girls' breakaway.

Other team members include Nikki Dean, Newton; Josh Shaw, Perkinson; Jeremy Sherman and Jody Blakeney, both of Taylorsville; Matthew Hodum and Sara Wilson, both of

Mendenhall; Lucas Nowell, Beth Combs, Sam Crowson and Jeremy Nowell, all of Louisville; Justin Palmer, Pelahatchie; Michael Owens, Clinton; Ben Lindsey and Tony Smart, both of Forest; Justin Seale, Daleville; Berea Adams, Meridian; Bryan Madison, Philadelphia; Allison Rhea Greer, Morton; Allison Husley, Raymond; Shawn Smith, Rose Hill and Corry Manley Pennington, Ala.

Michael Alexander, ECCC academic counselor, serves as sponsor.

The 1999-2000 ECCC Rodeo Schedule is listed below:

Missouri Valley College Sept. 23-25

(Marshall, Missouri) Thursday-Saturday

Southern Arkansas State University Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2

(Magnolia, Ark.) Thursday-Saturday

University of West Alabama Oct. 14-16

(Livingston, Ala.) Thursday-Saturday

Neshoba County Coliseum Oct. 21-23

Philadelphia, Miss. Thursday-Saturday

(Hosted by ECCC) Murray State University Nov. 18-20

(Murray, Kentucky) Thursday-Saturday

Michigan State University Feb. 18-20

(Lansing, Michigan) Friday-Sunday

Mississippi State University Feb. 24-26

(Starkville, Miss.) Thursday-Saturday

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College March 16-18

(Tifton, Georgia) (Tentative) Southwestern Missouri State University April 6-8

(Springfield, Missouri) Thursday-Saturday

University of Tennessee at Martin April 13-15

(Martin, Tennessee) Thursday-Saturday

Rone selected vo-tech instructor

Sheila Rone of Ethel was recently selected technical applications 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.

Prior to joining the vo-tech staff, Rone taught biology, anatomy and physiology and physical science at Ethel Attendance Center. She is also a former biology instructor at Neshoba Central High School. She began her career as a life science teacher at Miller Junior High in West Helena, Arkansas, where she later served as gifted and talented science discovery teacher. She has received numerous honors through the year in recognition of her excellence in teaching.

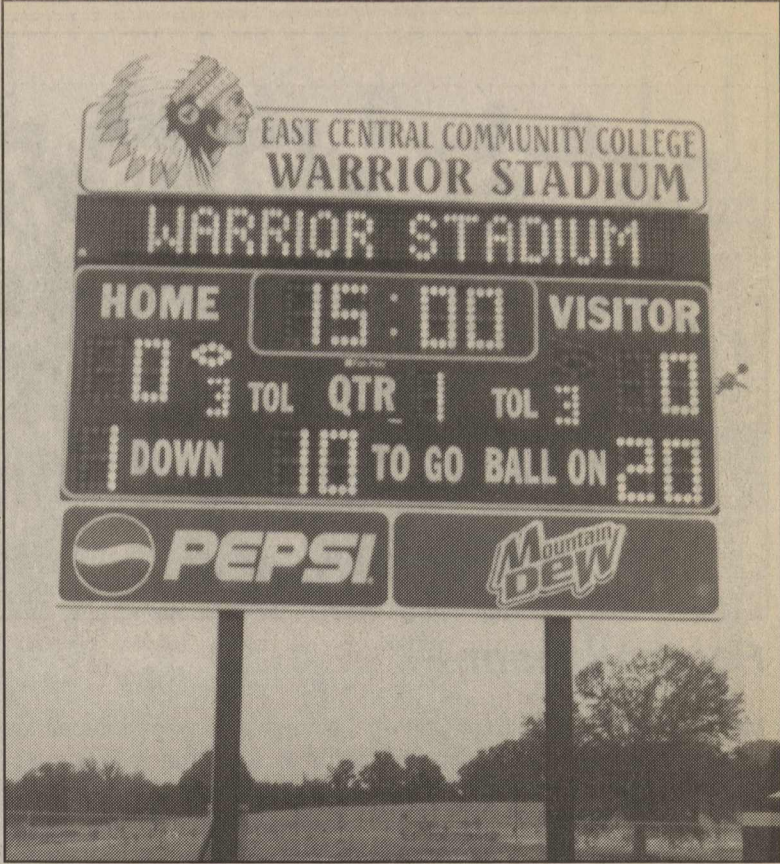
she is a member of Tabernacle Methodist Church in Attala County. She also holds membership in various professional organizations.



Sheila Rone

A graduate of Rosedale High school, Rone received an associate degree in nursing from Phillips County Community College in Helena, Ark., and earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education and health from Delta State University.

She has two sons, Brian and Zack.



New Warrior Scoreboard

A new scoreboard was erected at Warrior Stadium prior to the 1999 football season, thanks to the Pepsi Cola Company. In addition to the standard features, the 16'x20' board also includes an electronic message center.



ECCC completes 'outdoor classroom'

East Central Community College recently completed its Arboretum/Outdoor Classroom project, which was funded through an Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the Mississippi Forestry Commission in Cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the Southern Group of State Foresters and with private donations. As a part of the project, more than 250 trees were planted on the ECCC campus and 91 of the trees were labeled with both their scientific and common names. A campus botanical guide containing pictures, information about and locations of specific trees was also completed as part of the project.

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Rehearsing for another season

Members of the East Central Community College Gospel Choir have been busy preparing for their fall schedule. The gospel choir performs at various churches and schools throughout the ECCC district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. Brenda K. Johnson serves as sponsor. For more information or to schedule a performance, contact Johnson at ECCC, P. O. Box, 129, Decatur Miss. 39327, phone 635-3285.



Receive ECCC scholarships

These East Central Community College students recently received Nontraditional Student Tuition Scholarships to continue their education at ECCC. The scholarship is available to any qualified Mississippi resident 23 years of age or older, at the time of initial enrollment, who enrolls full-time at East Central Community College in Decatur. The scholarship will be available for three consecutive semesters following the first twelve semester hours earned as either a part-time or full-time student at East Central. Pictured are (seated, from left) Peggy Humphries of Louisville, Joan Shelly and Melissa Everett, both of Forest; and ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center Director Jennifer Gressett; and (standing from left) Mark Engram of Conehatta, Vickie Sistrunk of Union, Tanya Burroughs of Decatur, and Thomas Burns of Lena.

Dickerson joins vo-tech faculty

Stella R. Dickerson of Union was recently named computer technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president. Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Dickerson was employed as company accountant and computer administrator at the Neshoba County Gin Association in Philadelphia. She previously held the same position at T. Brown's in Forest. She has also worked for various newspapers and formerly owned and operated an electronics and furniture store in Newton. In all, she has eight years of fulltime work experience as a computer system administrator, accountant and bookkeeper. Among honors received



Stella Dickerson

include her selection to Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year col-

leges, and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. She was also the recipient of an All American Scholar's Award and the National Computer Science Award. She was a President's List Scholar at East Central and was chosen Most Outstanding Technical Student of the Year. She is a member of Hudson Chapel Church of God in Union where she serves as Sunday School teacher. She also served many years in band booster organizations and area amateur radio clubs. An honor graduate of Caldwell High School in Columbia, Louisiana, Dickerson attended Bossier Parish (La.) Community College and received a certificate in computer operations and later an associate in applied science degree in computer programming from East Central Community College. She is married to the Rev. Ed Dickerson and they have four children, Angela Jordan of Union, Margie King of Starkville, Jonathan Dickerson of Memphis and Joshua Dickerson of Union.



Lanette Hanna

Hanna named academic counselor

Lanette G. Hanna of Union was recently named academic counselor (Position Number Two) at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president. Hanna previously served the College as Recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center Director, a post she held since 1995. She is a graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, East Central Community College, Mississippi State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in business administration, and the University of West Alabama, where she earned a master's degree in counseling/psychology. She and her husband, Rusty, have a son, Andrew.

Lane named Spanish instructor

Dr. Linda Moore Lane of Jackson was recently named Spanish instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president. Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Dr. Lane was professor of French and Spanish at Mississippi College. She is also a former instructor at the University of Mobile and Mississippi University for Women. In all, she has 33 years of teaching experience, all on the college level. A graduate of Brandon High School, Dr. Lane was a cum laude graduate of Millsaps College with a major in French and a minor in Spanish. She also held membership in a number of honorary organizations both at Millsaps and Louisiana State University, where she received a master of arts degree in French, with minor emphasis in Spanish. She earned the doctorate in modern languages from Middlebury College, located in Middle-



Dr. Linda Moore Lane

bury, Vermont, again with a major in French and a minor in Spanish. Dr. Lane has also traveled widely in connection with her language studies. From 1990-1994, she traveled to Nicaragua on several occasions to assist

the University of Mobile establish a branch campus in San Marcos, Nicaragua, and also inaugurated a summer study program in the same country. During the summer of 1996, she was one of five Alliance Francaise members chosen to participate in an international summer study program at the Centre de Linguistique Appliquee de Besancon. In 1990, she was a participant in the Quincentennial Summer Program for Spanish teachers in Madrid, Spain. Dr. Lane holds membership in several professional organizations, including MLA (Modern Language Association), MFLA (Mississippi Foreign Language Association), and AATF (American Association of Teachers of French). She is a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Jackson and the Alliance Francaise of Jackson.

Kinton selected choral instructor

Tony Kinton of Carthage was recently named choral music instructor at East Central Community College, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president. Kinton, who has taught English and literature as a member of the ECCC adjunct faculty since 1993, previously served as English instructor and choir/choral ensemble director at Philadelphia High School. He is also a former adjunct developmental English instructor at Meridian Community College. In addition, he previously taught junior high and high school music at Choctaw Central schools, and was minister of music at First Baptist Church in



Tony Kinton

serves and editor of *Mississippi Wildlife Officers* magazine. He has also authored three books. A graduate of Carthage High School, Kinton attended East Central community College and received a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's of applied music from Mississippi College. He has completed an additional 24 hours toward a master of arts degree in english from MC. Kinton has completed an additional 31 hours toward a master of church music degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.



Stephanie Price

Price selected nursing program instructor

Stephanie Price of Union was recently named Associate Degree Nursing Skills Lab instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president. In addition to her teaching duties, Price serves a color guard coordinator for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band. Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Price, a registered nurse, was employed at Montfort Jones Memorial Hospital in Kosciusko. She has also served in the same capacity at Laird Hospital in Union and at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson. A graduate of Kosciusko High School, Price received a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Mississippi School of Nursing in Jackson. She also attended Holmes Community College, the University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University. She is married to Ross Price, who serves the College as vocal instructor. They have a son, Will.

Philadelphia and at Crossgates Baptist Church in Brandon. He also served as assistant administrator of public school music at Richland Attendance Center and was choral music teacher for Brookhaven City school. He is a former band/choral director at Leake Academy in Madden. Kinton is also a widely known outdoors writer and photographer, with approximately 2000 articles published articles published in 21 different magazine titles. He served as Mississippi editor of *Outdoor Life* from 1984-96, and is a current contributor for Mississippi Outdoors and Mississippi Woods and Waters. He is a monthly contributor to Game and Fish publications and

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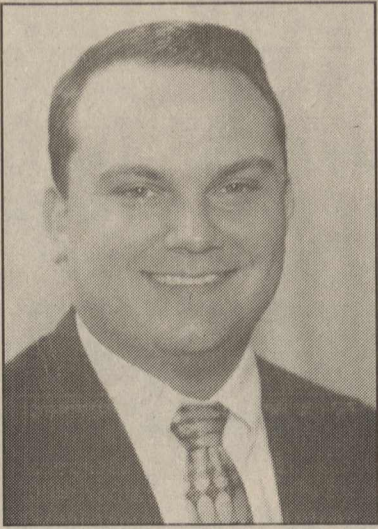
Clopton named chemistry instructor

Tommy Clopton of Quitman was recently named chemistry instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president. In addition to his teaching duties, Clopton serves as an assistant football coach.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Clopton taught science at Quitman Junior High School and served as an assistant high school football coach. He is also a former student chemistry teacher at Brookhaven High School and worked as a chemistry laboratory assistant at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

Among honors he has received include his selection as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. He was also a member of the Alpha Omega Science Society.

Clopton is a graduate of Wesson High School, Copiah-Lincoln Community College and the University of Southern Missis-



Tommy Clopton

issippi, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry. He has completed additional studies at Mississippi State University.

Clopton and his wife, April, have a son, Micah. They are expecting another child in February.

Graham named psychology instructor

Frances P. Graham of Decatur was recently named psychology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Graham served as Psychologist I and Alcohol and Drug Coordinator/Director for the Adolescent Unit at East Mississippi State Hospital in Meridian.

She has also has taught psychology on a part-time basis as a member of the College's adjunct faculty, and as served in the same capacity at the Meridian branch of Mississippi State University. Graham was previously employed at East Central, where she served as substance abuse and family problems counselor, worked in the financial aid area and held other positions.

Among activities in which she participates include karate, aerobics, sailing and weightlifting.

An honor graduate of Sumter High School in South Carolina, Graham received an associate in arts degree at East Central Community College and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in educational psychology from Mississippi State University. She has completed additional



Frances Graham

coursework at MSUMeridian and at Louisiana State University.

Graham is a certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor (master level), with the Mississippi Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors. In addition, she is certified with the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc. She received certification as a mental health therapist from the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

She is married to Jay Graham of Decatur. They have a daughter, J. J., an eighth grader at Newton County Academy.

Ford named ECCC math instructor

Sue Sharp Ford of Newton was recently named mathematics instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Ford was business analyst and data processing manager at Burlington Industries in Stonewall. She also taught mathematics for Burlington employees in association with Jones County Junior College in Ellisville. In addition, she is a former division chair, math and computer science instructor at Clarke College in Newton. Her teaching experience also extends to the junior and high school levels.

Among honors she has



Sue Sharp Ford

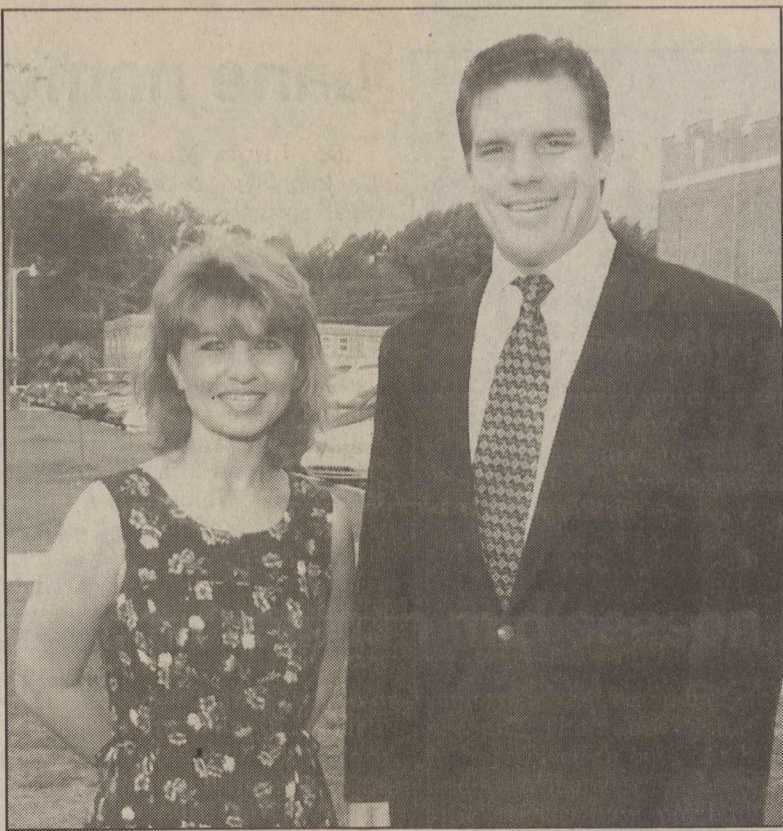
received include her selection as Clarke College's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor in 1991.

She has been a member of the Mathematical Association of American and the Mississippi Teachers of College Mathematics, an organization she previously served as chair.

In addition, she is an active member of Newton United Methodist Church, where she serves in various capacities and has held numerous offices. She has been involved with Newton Little Theatre and is a former Scout leader.

A graduate of Meridian High School, Ford received bachelor's and master's degrees in math from Mississippi State University. She has completed additional studies at MSU, Mississippi College, University of Southern Mississippi and Northeast Louisiana University.

She is married to Daryl Ford, Director of Public Works for the City of Meridian. They have three grown children: Allegra Davis of Atlanta, Stephen Ford of Slidell, La., and Shelley Ford of Newton.



Gaines receives ECCC scholarship

Bobbie Gaines (left) of Carthage was recently awarded a Nontraditional Student Tuition Scholarship to continue her education at East Central Community College in Decatur. Gaines, a freshman pre-nursing major, is shown with ECCC Dean of Students Randall E. Lee. The scholarship is available to any qualified Mississippi resident, 23 years of age or older at the time of initial enrollment, who enrolls full-time at East Central. The scholarship will be available for three consecutive semesters following the first 12 semester hours earned as either a part-time or full-time ECCC student. For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, Ph 635-2111, ext. 204 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1 -877462-3222), ext. 204.

McMillin selected ECCC instructor

Dr. Lisa McMillin of Louisville was recently named computer science instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Dr. McMillin previously served the College as business technology instructor, a post she held since 1987. She is also a former adjunct faculty member at East Central. In addition, she formerly served on the faculties at the University of West Alabama, Winston Academy, Mississippi University for Women, the Winston County/Louisville Vo-Tech Center and the John C. Stennis Vocational Complex.

She also has experience in industry and business, having served as a former computer consultant and sales representative for TEMTCO Steel in Louisville.

Dr. McMillin is a graduate of Winston Academy and Mississippi State University, where



Dr. Lisa McMillin

she received a bachelor's degree in business education, a master's degree in vocational education and a doctorate in technology and education.

She is married to Jamie McMillin and they have four children, Jonathan, Jay, Paul and Barbara.

Lyles selected nursing instructor

Renee J. Lyles of Newton was recently named Associate Degree Nursing Program instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Lyles, a family nurse practitioner, was employed at Rush Health Systems in Meridian. She previously served as quality improvement coordinator at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian. In addition, she is a former staff nurse at Rush Hospital in Newton.

Lyles is a graduate of Newton High School, East Central Community College and the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where she received a bachelor's degree in nursing, and Mississippi University for Women, where she received a master's degree in nursing.

She is married to Ken Lyles



Renee J. Lyles

and they have two children, John Clay and Natalie.

The Lyles are members of First Baptist Church in Newton.

Soccer team in mid season

Greetings from the soccer department! As this article is being written, the soccer program finds itself directly in the middle of the season. Thus far it has been a challenging and exciting season, as the team has been competitive in the first half of the season. Results of our matches are as follows:

Leading scorers are Craig Brown of Philadelphia with 4 goals, Joe Cavanaugh of Newton County with 3 goals, and Chad Woodall of Clarkdale with 3 goals.

With a hard fought win in our last match we are looking to

improve in the second half of the season. The support that we have received in both our home and away matches has been terrific. If you have not had the opportunity to see the Warrior Soccer team in action, make plans to do so before the season ends. There are still several great matches coming up. Remaining home matches are:

All home matches are played at the Newton County High School soccer field. The Holmes-Ridgeland match is on homecoming, so come on out and enjoy a full day of East Central Athletics.

ASNEC elects new officers

The Association of Student Nurses of East Central (ASNEC) recently elected officers, convention delegates and Hall of Fame honorees.

Officers are: President, Kellie Moore of Raleigh; Vice President, Sherrie Kornegay of Decatur; Secretary, Erica Ramage of Kosciusko; Treasurer, Sonya Smith of Decatur; and Reporter, Kim Scott of Meridian. Delegates to the Mississippi Student Nurses Association Convention on Oct. 20-22 in Biloxi are: Vernon Bartholomew of Louisville, Kellie Moore of Raleigh, Martha Sawyer of Raleigh, and Denise Fleming of Hickory.

Honorees selected to the ASNEC Hall of Fame are Cristy Bowen of Decatur and Erica Flake of Philadelphia.

Jerry Nance of Louisville was selected 1999 "Student Nurse of the Year" at an earlier meeting and will represent ASNEC in state competi-

tion at the convention.

The next meeting of ASNEC is at 11:30 on Wednesday, October 13 in Room 48 of the AD/CC Building, when Mark Moore RN, FNP, of Meridian will be guest speaker on the topic of Domestic Violence.

ASNEC is an organization of student nurses whose purpose, among other things, is to assume responsibility for contributing to nursing education in order to provide for the highest quality health care and to promote and encourage participation in community affairs and activities towards improved health care and the resolution of related social issues.

Qualifications for Hall of Fame are to promote the image of nursing, 3.0 GPA, be actively involved in ASNEC and other school activities, and provides assistance to classmates/colleagues in a professional manner while displaying leadership skills.

Celebrate East Central Homecoming 1999

9:00 A.M. Registration Begins
East Mall Near Cafeteria

10:00 A.M. Soccer Game
ECCC vs. Holmes-Ridgeland

10:30 A.M. Reunion Groups Meet
Acicents - Music Library, Vickers Fine Arts Center
Alumni Band n Band Hall, Vickers Fine Arts Center
1966 - 1967 Football Team - Rm 60, Newton Hall
Class of 1937 - Rm 506, Vickers Fine Arts Center
5. All Classes Ending in 9
1939 Diamond Anniversary - Rm 507,
Vickers Fine Arts Center
1949 Golden Anniversary - Auditorium,
Vickers Fine Arts Center
1959 - Room 534, Vickers Fine Arts Center
1969 - Conference Room, Burton Library
1979 - Room 90, Newton Hall
1989 - Room 92, Newton Hall
1999 - Lounge, Newton Hall

11:00 A.M. The Warrior Club
All Former Athletes and Current Supporters of Athletics at ECCC,
Room 101, Eddie M. Smith Student Union Building

12:00 Noon Alumni Luncheon
Mabry Cafeteria. (\$10.00)

2:30 P.M. Football Game - Warrior Stadium ECCC Warriors vs.
Jones Junior College Bobcats - Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court

After Game Reception - Mabry Cafeteria Alumni, Administration,
Faculty, Staff, Students, and Friends are Invited (Free)

Mon - Fri October 11-15, Tennis Tournament

Friday October 15, 4:00 p.m. Golf Tournament at Decatur Country Club. The Homecoming tournament is being conducted by Mr. Joe Clark. For more information, contact him at 601-635-2543 or call the Alumni Office toll-free at 1-877-462-3222, Ext. 323.

Warriors win three straight

We have played our 4th football game of this young season. The Warriors have grown up some since the early thrashing from Northwest. The Warriors have won 3 straight and have played some really good hard-nose football offensively, defensively, and on special teams.

The players have worked extremely hard and have a great attitude. Winning will create that in players and fans.

Our offense has played well. Our offensive line, Quentin Bowens-TE, Josh Jones-ST, Kyle Watson-SG, Sammy Agee-E, Randy Brunson-QG, Jeremy Smith-QT and Randy Brown-QT, have opened up some huge holes for our backs to run the ball.

Steve Henley from Louisville is averaging 105 yards per game, before the Co-Lin game. He is the second leading rusher in the state.

Jamarcus Murray from Tuscaloosa, Al and Terrence Wansley from Newton County High School, have had big roles from the tailback position in our 3 wins.

Ti Garner from Brandon and Mitchell McKennon from Palatka, FL, have played well, and must continue to play well at QB if we are going to have a successful season.

Chris Ray from Seminole County, GA, Dewaski Burnside and Anthony Hornesburger from Noxapater High School have caught the ball for big plays and have blocked real well.

Defensively, we have created turnovers, and made big plays.

David Daniel from Tuscaloosa, AL; Jamie Nichols from Philadelphia High School, James Keys from Collins and Brian Jones from Victoria, Texas, along with Mond Houston from Louisville, MS, have been flying around the football from their defensive line posi-

tions. David Daniels and James Keys are in the top 5 in the state in QB sacks. Those two young men along with Jamie Nichols are also leading the state in tackles.

Shondren Lewis from Quitman, Josh Hardy from Philadelphia and Michael Beal from South Leake have played well.

Freeman Jimison from Meridian has led our secondary play the last couple of weeks. He has had 3 really big games for us.

Overall we will need to keep playing hard, not beat ourselves with mistakes, and I believe we can have a successful year.

Thanks again Warrior Football fans. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

ECCC WARRIOR FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach/Def. Coordinator/DB
Terry Underwood
Linebackers / Special Teams
Steve Kelly
Defensive Line
Fredrick Lyons
Offensive Coordinator/QB/RB
Tim Coats
Offensive Line/Strength Coach
Todd Mangum
Wide Receivers
Tommy Clopton



New dorm supervisor

Maxine Sullivan recently joined the staff at East Central Community College in Decatur. Sullivan serves as dorm supervisor for Jackson Hall. Prior to her new position, Sullivan worked in sales for Unclaimed Freight in Jackson. She is a graduate of Morton Attendance Center. She has a daughter, Glenda Sullivan.



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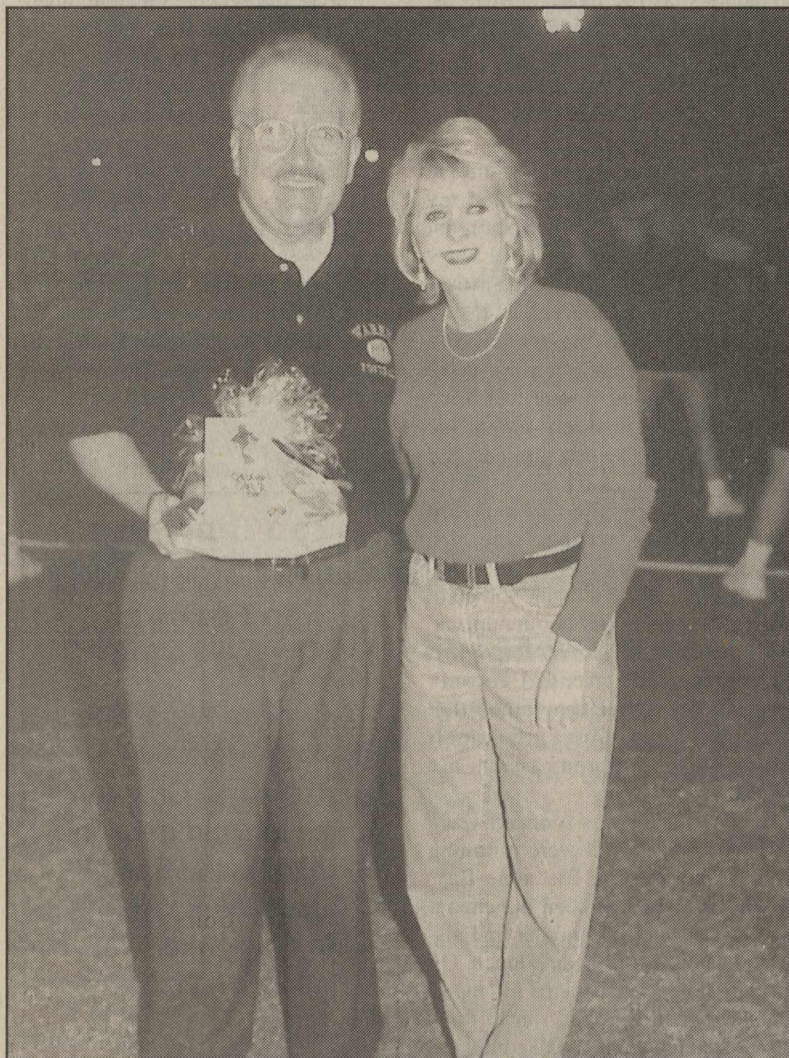
ECCC homecoming court

Members of the 1999 East Central Community College Homecoming Court included, first row, from left, freshman maids Emily Boggan and Natalie Boggan, both of Newton County High School; Marci Patterson of Winston Academy and McKenzie Mack of Morton; queen LaShanta Lyles of Morton; maid of honor Angela Jayroe of Louisville; and sophomore maids Valarie Barfield of Neshoba Central, Katrina Hyde of Louisville and Tanequa Kirkland of Neshoba Central; and back row, from left, escorts Nathan Shaw of Neshoba Central, Steve Pearson of Newton County High School, Josh Miles of Winston Academy, Eddie Lyles of Tyner High School in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Lamond Bowie of Morton, John Adam Long of Winston Academy, Keneen Childress of Louisville, T. J. Madison of Neshoba Central and Donamechia Carter of Philadelphia.



ECCC homecoming honorees

Above are recipients of various Alumni Association honors presented during homecoming activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Seated from left are L. B. Bullock of Decatur, Academic Instructor of the Year; Richard W. Clark of Philadelphia, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year; Illene Gordon of Union, Alumna of the Year; and Dr. Shelby Harris of Decatur, Alumnus of the Year. New members of the College's Athletic Hall of Fame include Coach Sam Rutigliano of Forest, Va., represented by (standing from left) his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Kerry Rutigliano; and additional inductees Daisy Kate Williams Chaney of Union and Charles E. Ward of Pace, Fla.



Cheerleaders honor ECCC president

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, who earlier announced plans to retire this summer as president of East Central Community College, was presented a basket of goodies from Warrior cheerleaders during the College's Homecoming bonfire/pep rally held on the Decatur campus. Dr. Smith is shown with Kim Mangum, cheerleader sponsor, who made the presentation. The pep rally was dedicated in honor of Dr. Smith, in recognition of the "love and support" he has given to ECCC.

Dedication services held for new dorm

By WILLIAM R. SAVELL
Tom Tom staff

Faculty, staff, students, family, and friends, joined together for the dedication of East Central's newest facility, Erma Lee Barber Hall, a dorm for female students at ECCC. The 35 minute service honored and paid tribute to Miss Erma Lee Barber. Miss Barber served East Central Community College as the Dean of Women from 1953 until her retirement in 1971.

During the ceremony, special remarks were made by several distinguished personnel including Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of East Central Community College, Mr. Ovid S. Vickers, retired faculty member of East Central, and Mr. Wayne Barber, nephew of Miss Barber. Each shared of the impact that Miss Barber had on East Central and reminded all that were present of the untold number of lives that she had influenced during her tenure here. Remarks were made by others as well.

As the 93 year old lady looked out across the audience that had gathered there to honor her, she had seen the impact of her life and heard the stories shared about the capacity that she filled as the Dean of Women at East Central, we can clearly see why this dorm was named in honor of such a lady.

The life of Miss Erma Lee Barber will always remind us of what others have done before us as we pass by what will be known in the history of East Central Community College as "Erma Lee Barber Hall".

ECCC students named to Who's Who

Fifty-one East Central Community College students have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and will be recognized in the 2000 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*.

Students are selected for the prestigious publication on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Students and their respective

hometowns include Valarie Barfield, Thomas B. Ellison, Jill Y. Gray, Josh Hardy, Nykela Horne, Emily D. Johnson and Thomas J. Madison, all of Philadelphia; Jennifer B. Bounds, Courtney P. Cooper, Tesa L. Henry, Ginny L. Rigby and Connie Tew, all of Forest;

Cristy P. Bowen; Derek P. Burton, Ashley T. McDill, Brigitte L. Stamper and Kelly B. Tucker, all of Decatur; Marva J. Cavanaugh of Chunky; David Daniel of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Clifton G. Edwards, Amanda D. Hillman, Lacey A. Johnson, Craig M. McRae and Michael Wilcher, all of Carthage; Patrick M. Ferris of Clinton; Carmen L. Germany; Stacy G.

Skinner, Kyle W. Watson, Robyn Watts and Jennifer L. Winstead, all of Union; Jennifer L. Guyse, Jessica L. Guyse, Heather E. Hamilton, Kristen C. Mills, Chris L. Weems and Allen Wilson, all of Newton;

Amanda Harris and Jonathan M. Thorne, both of Hickory; Veronica M. Haynes, Angela N. Jayroe; Jerry K. Nance and Jana Wylie, all of Louisville;

Rita C. Nunn of Noxapater; Huellen Nutt and Edd H. Porter, both of Morton; Robert W. Savell and William R. Savell, both of Lake; Justin Sharp of Harpersville; Staci D. Slayton of Enterprise; Melissa R. Till of Pelahatchie and Betty R. Wilkerson of Lawrence.



Former NFL coach Rutigliano to speak on campus

Former National Football League head coach Sam Rutigliano will speak to the student body at East Central Community College during a special assembly program scheduled Tuesday, Dec. 7, on the Decatur campus. Rutigliano, who has guided the Liberty University football program since 1989, will begin his remarks at 10:45 a.m. in Huff Auditorium.

The New York native is a 1951 graduate of Newton County Agricultural High School, then a part of East Central Junior College. Rutigliano was a standout member of the Warrior football and basketball teams prior to continuing his athletic career at the University of Tennessee, which won the national football championship in 1952.

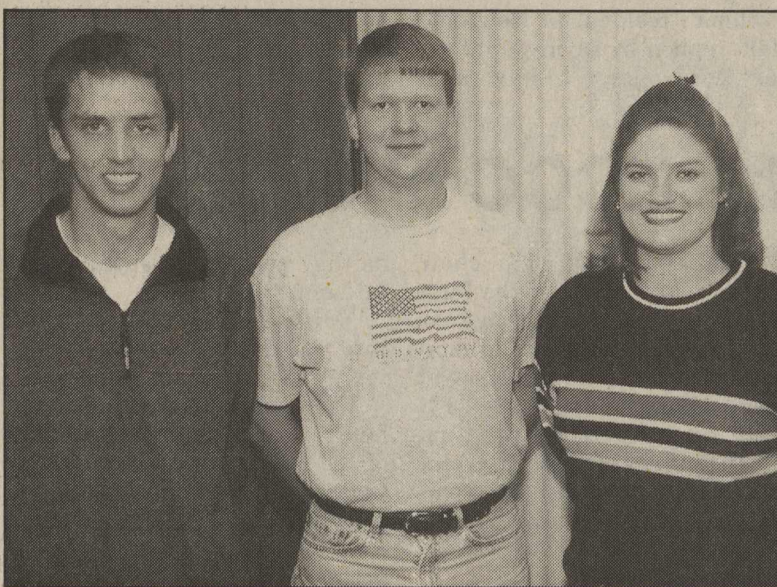
Rutigliano began his coaching career on the high school level in New York City in 1956, and later served on the staffs at the University of Connecticut and University of Maryland. He entered the pro ranks in 1967, serving as an assistant at Denver, New England, New York Jets and New Orleans before being named head coach in Cleveland in 1978. During his tenure with the Browns, Rutigliano was twice named AFC Coach of the Year by United Press International, and was selected NFL Coach of the Year in 1980 after leading Cleveland to an 11-5 record and the AFC Central Division title. He left the Browns during the 1984 season and became a color commentator for ESPN and NBC from 1985-1988.

Rutigliano was chosen head football coach at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1989, where he is completing his 40th year in

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ECCC alumni leaders

Selected to lead the East Central Community College Alumni Association for the year 2000 are (from left) Dick Livingston, president, of Pulaski, and James Vance, vice president, of Meridian. Not pictured is Dayna Morgan of Philadelphia, secretary. The new slate of officers was presented during the annual Alumni Luncheon held as part of Homecoming activities on Oct. 16.



ECCC Presidents Council officers

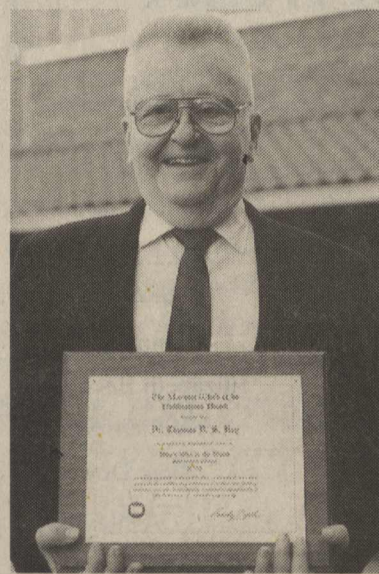
Serving as officers of the East Central Community College Presidents Council are (from left) president Craig McRae of Carthage, vice president Michael Wilcher of Edinburg and secretary Ginny Rigby of Forest. The Presidents Council is composed of all presidents of ECCC student organizations and its purpose is to establish better communications between campus organizations and the College President's office.

Key selected to Who's Who

Dr. Thomas Key, biology professor at East Central Community College in Decatur, was recently selected to Who's Who in the World 2000 by the Marquis Who's Who Publications Board.

Inclusion is limited to "those who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their own fields of endeavor and who have thereby contributed significantly to the betterment of contemporary society."

Key received the award based on his accomplishments with shark liver oil as a treatment for diabetes, cancers, arthritis, high blood pressure, chronic fatigue syndrome, Chron's disease and eczema and for his work with alpha lipoic acid and other antioxidants. He is the author of two books: Key to Pest Control and Key to Headache Control.



Dr. Thomas Key

EC students write on . . .



More than just basketball players

By HEATHER CUSHMAN

Whoever said basketball players only sprinted and shot free throws to get better at their game? Well if you have not heard, the ECCC men's basketball team has been doing a lot more than just that.

If you have a younger brother or sister or maybe you just know someone that either attends Newton Elementary or Newton County Elementary you may have heard about some of our ECCC men basketball players either working out with their PE class or just sitting down and reading a good book to them.

For the past semester the

coaches of the men's basketball team have been trying to encourage the players to be more involved in community service.

While doing their community service they have been going to the Newton Elementary School to help with the elementary PE classes. The team has also been reading to kindergarten classes at Newton County Elementary.

Each player is required to go twice a semester to the school of his choice. One person goes to each school per week. According to Coach Bowen, about half the players go to read at Newton Elementary.

"All the players really seem

to be enjoying doing this," stated Coach Bowen. Recently, when asked about how he thought this was effecting the players, Coach Bowen responded by saying, "this had not only been a good experience for our guys, but it has also been beneficial to the students of both of these schools."

Looks like our ECCC basketball players have been involved in doing more than we really realized.

It's really good to see our team not only succeed on the court but to also help out with improving our community. Keep a look out in the future for our ECCC men's basketball team as they help improve our community with their helpful services.

Changes for dormitory residents

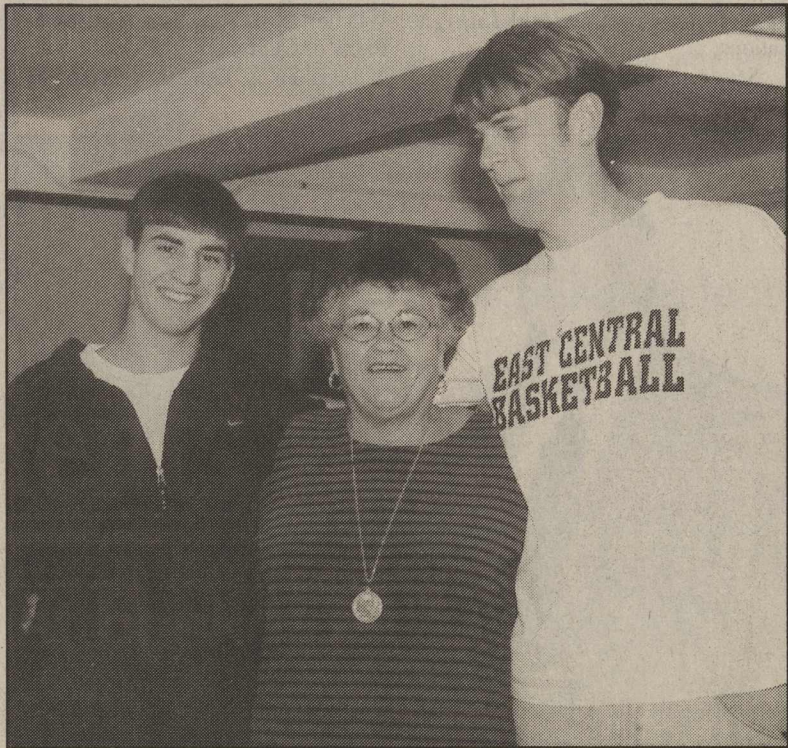
By HEATHER CUSHMAN

For the past three years East Central Community College has had a definite increase in enrollment. With the increased enrollment came some changes for the campus as a whole and definitely for the dormitory residents.

Due to overcrowding of residents in the dormitories for the past three years, East Central has built a new addition to the dormitories. The Erma Lee Barber Hall was opened at the beginning of the 1999 fall semester for women. This new dormitory has 64 new rooms to accommodate women residents.

This new addition of the Erma Lee Barber Hall has made some changes for both women and men. The former women's dormitory Newsome Hall has been converted to a man's dormitory. This change has not only effected both the men and women residence but also the dormitory supervisors.

Miss Betty D. Adcock, the former women's dorm supervisor and the new men's supervisor of Newsome Hall, has had the transformation from keeping women to men residents. Recently when asked about the differences between staying with men and women residents Miss Adcock replied that, "The women residents were more personal and open where as the men are not as open." She also replied by stating that, "The men residents are polite." In an



Freshmen Chris Webb and Matthew Roebuck enjoy "hanging" with new dorm supervisor, Betty D. Adcock.

overall statement Miss Adcock stated that she enjoyed being a dorm supervisor and enjoyed staying with both the men and women residents just the same.

The men residents seem to really enjoy having Miss Adcock as a dorm supervisor. When asked what their opinion was of having Miss Adcock as a supervisor they all stated positive things. Matthew Roebuck, a freshman resident at Newsome Hall, replied by saying, "She's a very good person to have as a

dorm mother." Chris Webb, also a freshman resident, stated "She makes you feel like you are still at home with mom."

From the replies of both the men residents and Miss Adcock it seems as though this is going to be a good change for everyone.

The Erma Lee Barber Hall has brought many changes and adjustments for everyone, adjustments that are welcomed by everyone since this has definitely helped with overcrowding.

About the ECCC choir. . .

By WILLIAM R. SAVELL

The 1999-2000 East Central Community College Concert Choir started out the new year with a new song, new students and a new instructor. Mr. Tony Kinton of Carthage was named as the new choral instructor at ECCC. Mr. Kinton reports that the choir is off to a great start.

This semester the choir is preparing for the annual Christmas concert as well as trying something new. The new addition to the agenda this year is church concerts which will be presented by the choir.

The first public performance of the concert choir was on

November 7, 1999. The choir performed a concert at the First Baptist Church of Carthage. At this concert several traditional numbers were sung. Part of them included, John Rudder's "I Will Sing with the Spirit", a Latin arrangement entitled, "Sanctus", along with the common hymn, "Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us" as well as others.

Two special features were presented during this concert as well. The first feature was a hymn arrangement that was sung which was written by Justin Sharp, a sophomore music major at East Central.

The college's show choir, the Ac'cents, was the second feature

as they performed "Joyful, Joyful" and "Operator".

"Much hard work has gone into the choir this first semester", Mr. Kinton said.

Everyone is welcome to come hear the Christmas performance of the East Central Community College Concert Choir on Tuesday, December 7, 1999 in Huff Auditorium a 7 p.m., as they present "Gloria" by Vivaldi.

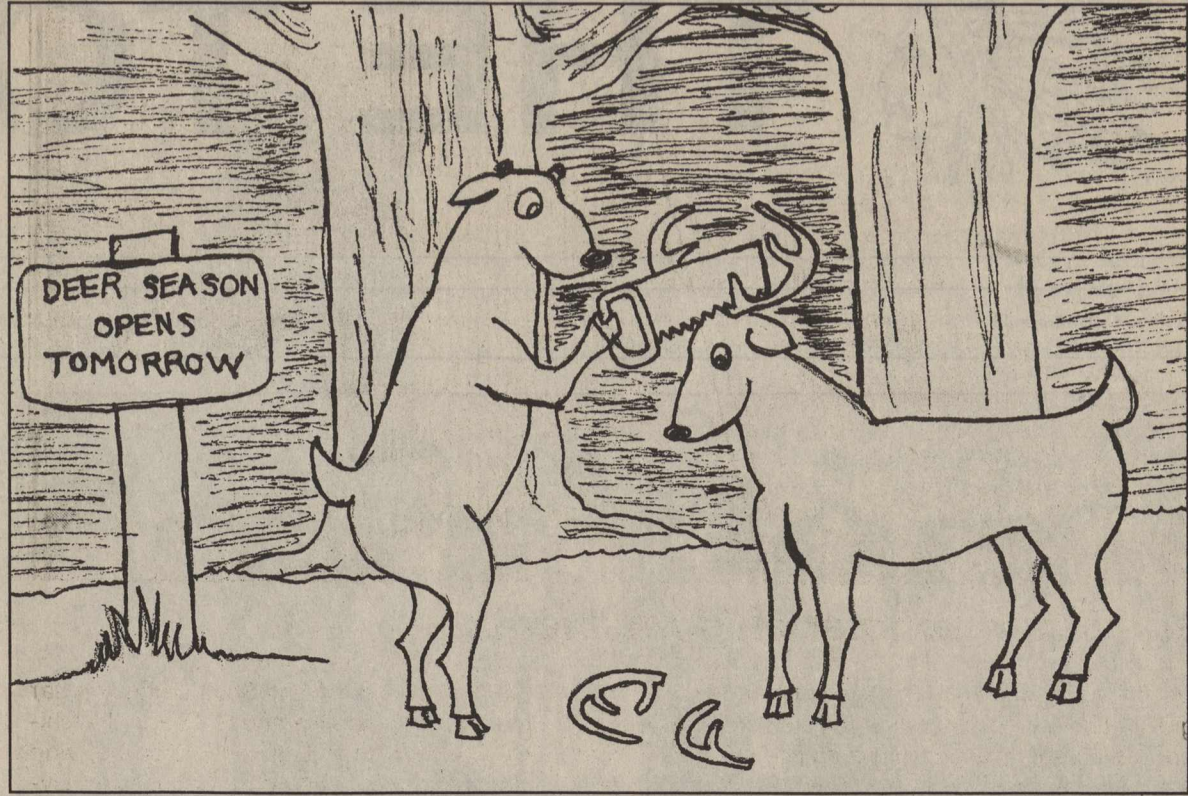
Top Ten Chalkboard Gags Bart Simpson Has Yet to Write Down

10. "I am not now, nor have I ever been a masked crime-fighter named Bartman"
9. "Pokemon 101" is not considered a viable school subject"
8. "I will never use the Force on Milhouse again"
- 7 "I am not a certified member of the WWF"
- 6 "SweetTarts are not a suitable substitute for Prozac"
- 5 "I will not shout 'Redrum! Redrum!' in the middle of our Edgar Allan Poe reading"
4. "I was not driving the car that ran over Steven King"
3. "I will not impersonate any members of this faculty again"
- 2 "I am not old enough to go on strike"
1. "I will not sell next week's script to ABC"

by Lee Luke

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Philosophy from a five foot seven perspective

By BRANDON M. TUCKER

It's quite a shock to many that I was educated at home for most of my life. I don't know why, really. It seems that everybody I talk to claims that they can recognize a home schooled student almost immediately, but I often doubt this. I've also heard a lot of stereo types about the "home taught kids," and most of them I challenged as a younger man.

Anyway I just ignore them - the comments I mean. I often wonder that if I never tell folks then will they really recognize me. Funny, they usually don't. Just the other day at lunch some friends and I were talking about our plans to educate our children.

After I stated that I wanted to teach my kids at home for a while, my friend said that I shouldn't do that to my kids. He said that I would be depriving them of a "social education." He also said, like I've heard so many times before, that "those home taught kids" are always "kind of" socially weird. I didn't really respond too much to his statement. I just went on with my meal.

Later, on my way home, I had a lot of time to think about what was said. "Home schooled students, socially weird?" I thought, "how absurd!" I had attended their socially prestigious schools once. Yes, I most certainly had. When kids my age were finishing their first grade my folks had me tested at a private school.

My mom was impressed, like many, with the school's academic achievements. I tested with a sixth grade reading comprehension level and a fourth grade math competency level, however my parents couldn't afford to send me to the school. Later, at the start of my fourth grade, I was tested again by a public school in our area.

This time the tester said that I had an IQ of 129. My parents rejoiced, and I remain wondering where that IQ has gone. The school invited me to start attending a certain gifted education program they offered. My parents accepted, and I soon began my "so-called" public education.

The class was unlike anything I had ever imagined. The Renaissance Center, Avocado Elementary's gifted program, was a sort of creative learning center where kids would sit in big circles and study many things of their choice. Sure, we had the required subjects, but even those were different from all that I was used to.

The three instructors would just 'kind of' guide us in a direction and then somewhat leave the rest to us. We could study from nearby encyclopedias, or National Geographic magazines, or whatever and then write our report, poem, or story. At first the whole place seemed fun: the perfect way to learn.

With time, however, I began to notice something, even as a fourth grader. Something was missing. Where was the mathematical drill, the memorization, the long assigned reading chapters, the spelling words? I still had these things at home because I only attended The Renaissance Center two days of the week.

But at this place, this gifted center, there was none of this. Thus a void existed, an empty feeling. Most of the guidelines and boundaries that I had depended on, that I trusted, were gone. It was these boundaries that had given me that IQ: not a home filled with "free learning."

The Renaissance Center taught me very little, two things that I remember. Not long after starting I became disenchanted with their frivolous creativity and, like many fourth graders,

I quit trying. After all, what was my motivation? They encouraged creativity and then criticized my most personal works with their bleeding pens. I once wrote a free-verse poem about an ibis that was put into a compiled booklet of students' poems: a success. I didn't even know what an ibis was. Later, I wrote a poem with a definite meter - I don't remember what kind - about my mother. This poem I was accused of plagiarizing. I often wonder if the teacher didn't just despise the fact that the latter poem had structure. I think they did despise structure there. No, their creative learning environment didn't teach me as much as I'd hoped neither intellectually nor socially. I learned, probably, two - count them, one and two - things because of my attending The Renaissance Center. The first was the ability to brainstorm. The second was a much more important principle, a principle that took some time to learn.

Her name was Cherie O'Brien. She was a very plain girl, if fourth graders can be plain. I don't even remember how we met actually, although, I remember so many other details, from some of her girlish behaviors, to her class project, even to some of the ways I felt around her. Her long sandy-blonde hair was always neatly pinned with pretty barrettes, and her smile was pleasantly sincere. For some reason, though, and I still don't know why, few of the other kids talked to her. It always seemed like just the two of them. Two because Cherie had a friend, Valerie DuBoise, whom she spent most of her time with. The two girls knew and kept nearly every manner imaginable and somehow I, with all of my tree-climbing, lizard-chasing, soccer-playing boyishness, blundered into their circle; I became friends with those two girls. It still amazes me that kids can cross such cultural boundaries, as did exist between us, so easily. I often remember thinking that Cherie was somewhat strange yet very intriguing. I learned a lot from her that year and even more as time passed.

Cherie was my friend. Oh sure, at the time I naively thought that my romantic life was finding its start, but I was merely a fourth grader. I knew nothing of love or commitment then and probably still know less than I think: Cherie was my friend. She seemed to show me a certain compassion that no one else at that place did. Once I impulsively purchased some Valentine candy for her and placed it in her wall box. Cherie didn't really respond to that too much, no I'm wrong. She did respond in a very usual tactful manner; she mailed me a thank you card. Cherie was quiet and commonplace, and I don't think I'll ever forget her, my fourth grade friend. I've only seen her one other time since that year, but some things, the small things, the acts of compassion, are eternal.

Later, when I was fourteen years old, my family and I were returning from a long day on Biscayne Bay. My father and I had been out canoeing and had met my mother and sisters on a beach for a picnic lunch. On our way home, we decided to stop at 'Publix,' where I would run in for a box of ice cream. As I walked toward the front door of the store, I noticed a few bag boys glance up in my direction.

I wondered why until the Memorial-Day crowd began to thin. It was then that I knew. Just ahead of me was a very beautiful young lady. She was fair skinned and very wholesome looking - both rarities in south Florida. She was wearing blue-jean shorts

with frayed ends and a blue and white checked blouse. As I turned toward the dairy and bakery section of our store, I noticed her again in front of me. "Who was this?," I wondered. I had not seen this girl before.

Remembering my tattered appearance, I quickly tried to think of my family's requested flavor. I couldn't avoid this girl, though. She walked to the very section I was bound for. I stopped at the ice-cream chest, turned to see her at the bakery shelves, and immediately froze like the ice cream I would soon pick up.

Her beauty was absolutely captivating. I was much closer to her now and something seemed weird. Her appearance was no longer strange - "No, I do know this girl," I thought. Her long sandy-blonde hair was that of my fourth grade friend. Days later - or so the few seconds seemed - she looked at me: she recognized me. Somewhere between my fourteen-year-old boyish hopes and her recognition of an old friend she smiled her most pleasant smile.

I was suspended there, wondering - knowing, until I began to think of my ragged state and how she possibly saw me. I wore the residue of the salty bay, the sun and the whole day of hard canoeing on my skin. My appearance was far from as fair as hers. I felt my ears start to warm and a grin form, and I knew I was blushing. My ears were quickly chilled by the cool air of the ice-cream chest as I turned to find a carton. I left there speechless. I had learned a very valuable lesson.

There is something to be said for the common place, for the plain, for the things and people that the masses miss. They are treasures. They are the unnoticed ones who possess normally unseen potential: the potential to be genius, to be godly, to be faithful friends, to be devastatingly beautiful.

The world, seeking the more liberal temporal pleasures, misses the people and things of real value. They instead gaze upon now. It's from a very ruddy thorny bush that the most beautiful roses are formed and even those with a lot of hard work and time.

Focusing on the now brings forth only short lived wild-flowers. The beauty of liberalism fades more quickly than it arrives. Conservatism breeds true freedom. Boundaries breed sound education. The common-place breeds immense beauty.

Top Ten Video Games Most Likely to Feature Steve Urkel

10. Cheese Wars: The Phantom Mozzarella
9. Urkel Kong Country
8. The Legend of Laura: An Urkel to the Past
7. Super Urkel World
6. Ms. Pac-Urkel
5. Batnerd: Myra's Revenge
4. Urkel Kombat
3. Laura: Warrior Princess
2. Science Reaver: Legacy of Carl
1. Urkel Kart 64

By Lee Luke



Hutchison scholarship recipients

East Central Community College sophomores Vivian Taylor (far left) of Newton and Scott Livingston (far right) of Louisville are the first recipients of the Myrtle R. Hutchison Scholarship and S. Lebrun Hutchison Scholarship, respectively, and are shown with the ECCC alumni from Littleton, Colorado, who established the annual award. Taylor is a nontraditional student majoring in elementary education. Livingston's major is computer engineering. Mr. Hutchison, a Philadelphia native and 1949 ECCC graduate, and Mrs. Hutchison, a native of Lake who attended ECCC in 1948-49, established the scholarships to assist students who plan to pursue careers in engineering and elementary education. For more information regarding both scholarships, contact the Dean of Students Office at ECCC, Ph 635-2111, ext. 204 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204.



ECCC gospel choir officers

These students are officers of the gospel choir at East Central Community College. Pictured are (seated, from left) chaplains Robert McQueen of Louisville and Stephanie Parrott of Lena; president Kimberly Patrick of Union; vice president Levi Duncan of Eustis, Fla.; assistant treasurer Timothy Cager of Union; and secretary Adrin Gordon of Meridian; and (standing, from left) musician David Daniel of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; chaplain LaWanda Ealy of Forest; musician Ken Jernigan of Louisville; assistant secretary Val Stribling of Chicago, Ill.; chaplain Ryan Louis of Forest; and musician Ellis Harrison of Walnut Grove.



ASNEC hall of fame inductees

Erica Flake (left) of Philadelphia and Cristy Bowen of Decatur were recently selected to the Association of Student Nurses at East Central Community College (ASNEC) Hall of Fame. Both are students in the ECCC associate degree nursing program.



Alman speaks to ECCC students

Dr. Rex Alman, former executive director of the Weems Community Mental Health Center, recently spoke to East Central Community students about communication and relationships in every day living. Although retired, Dr. Alman remains in demand as a speaker for community, civic and school groups. He presents his message on a regular basis at East Central.

- Top Ten Jobs a Redneck Should Most Likely Apply For
10. Crash Test Dummy
 9. The Cadbury Bunny
 8. The Bomb Squad
 7. Electrical Contracting
 6. Nuclear Technician
 5. Congress member
 4. New York Taxi Driver
 3. Disney World Representative
 2. U.S. Ambassador
 1. Chairman for the Board of Directors at WCW
- By Lee Luke

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coaching. In addition to his coaching career, Rutigliano has authored several publications, including the 1986 Pro Football Scouting Report, and his autobiography titled, Pressure. He also remains in great demand as a speaker throughout the entire western world. He conducts coaching clinics as far away as Australia and Italy and is in constant demand as a motivational speaker throughout the United States. In recognition of Rutigliano's career as a successful coach and athlete, he was selected to the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame for 1999 and was recognized during homecoming activities held in October. However, due to a scheduling conflict involving his Liberty University football team, Rutigliano was unable to attend the induction ceremony and was represented by his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Kerry Rutigliano.

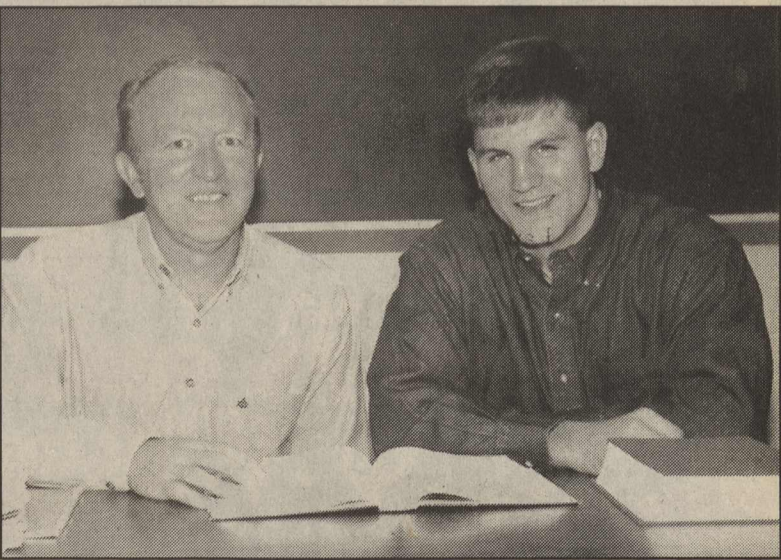
Barrier, Weems selected ECCC HEADWAE honorees

East Central Community College faculty member Leonard Barrier of Philadelphia and sophomore Chris Weems of Newton are this year's recipients of the annual HEADWAE award which recognizes outstanding instructors and students representing the state's public and private colleges and universities.

Established in 1988, HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day Working Toward Academic Excellence) is a program of the Mississippi, sponsored by the state's corporate community, and coordinated by the Mississippi Association of Colleges. The 2000 program is scheduled Feb. 15, and begins at the State Capitol at 10 a.m., followed by an awards luncheon at 11:45 a.m. in the Empire Room of the Ramada Inn. Lieutenant Governor Ronnie Musgrove serves as chair of HEADWAE.

Barrier has taught English at East Central since 1989. He is also a published author and composer.

Barrier is a former president and vice president of the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association. In addition, he is a member of New Zion United Pentecostal Church where he serves as pianist and church secretary. He is also a former Sunday school teacher, youth leader and minister of music. Weems, a civil engineering major,



Leonard Barrier (left) and Chris Weems, ECCC's HEADWAE faculty member and student, respectively, for the 1999-2000 term.

has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average at East Central. A President's List scholar, he has received numerous honors, including the National Collegiate Engineering Award, mathematics award, Diamond Warrior Academic Award and J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering Award. In addition, he was named an All-American Scholar and was recently selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Com-

munity and Junior Colleges.

He is a member of the Warrior football and baseball teams and serves as vice president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers," and is secretary treasurer of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students interested in mathematics.

A graduate of Newton High School, Weems is the son of Johnie Floyd Weems, Jr. and Dr. Angelia Weems of Newton.



ECCC ASNEC officers

These associate degree nursing students were recently selected officers of the Association of Student Nurses at East Central Community College (ASNEC). From left are president Kellie Moore of Raleigh, vice president Sherrie Kornegay of Decatur, secretary Erica Ramage of Kosciusko, treasurer Sonya Smith of Decatur and reporter Kim Scott of Meridian. Brenda Kirby serves as sponsor.

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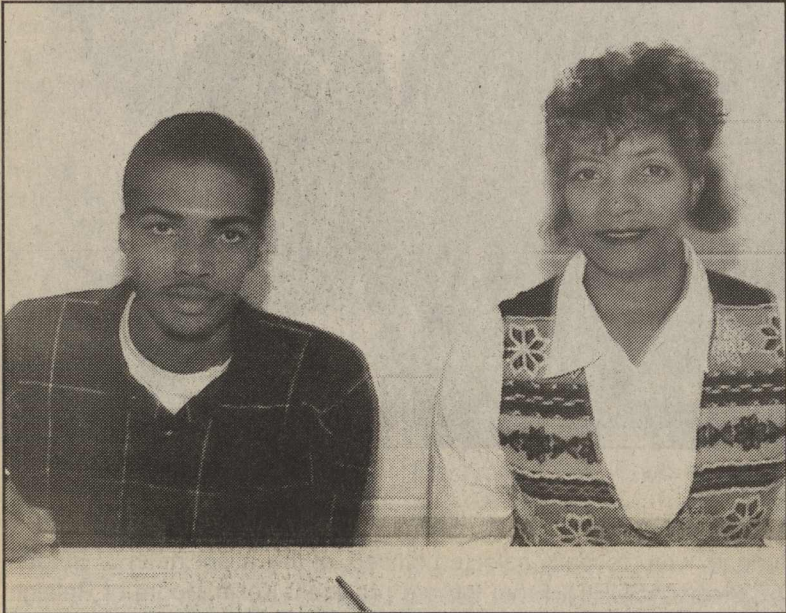
ECCC Lady Warrior basketball team

Members of the 1999-2000 East Central Community College women's basketball team include (seated, from left) manager Amy Arinder of Morton, Nicole Cox of Lake, Becky Killen of Sebastopol, Latita Ringo of Scott Central, Opal Jones of Scott Central, Jessica Sanders of Edinburg, Leah Fulcher of Winston Academy, Margo Porter of Louisville, Alberta Norman of Newton and Tonya Viverette of South Leake; and (standing, from left) managers Brittany Boney and LeeAnn Pittman, both of Heidelberg Academy; Sasha Lilly of Shelby County (Alabama), Jautesha Crockett of Philadelphia, Anna Udicova of Presov (Slovakia), Tonya Moncrief of Newton, LaShanta Lyles of Morton, Stephanie Harber of Forest and Kristi Moore of Noxapater. Sammy Pace serves as head coach and Brad Hodge serves as an assistant.



ECCC Warrior basketball team

Members of the 1999-2000 East Central Community College men's basketball team include (seated, from left) trainer/manager LeeAnn Pittman of Heidelberg Academy, Shawn Moss of Alleghany (Virginia) High School, Arral Parkerson of Neshoba Central, Mile Batalo of Belgrade (Yugoslavia), Kellis Greer of Neshoba Central, Chad Clemons of Philadelphia, Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy, Stanley Floyd of Forrest City (Arkansas) and student assistant Patrick Wilcher of Edinburg; and (standing, from left) head coach Jay Bowen, assistant coach Brad Hodge, Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol, Joe Copeland of Emerson (Arkansas), Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, Lamond Bowie of Morton, Chris Webb of Neshoba Central, Otha Lay of Lake, student assistant Wes Evans of Jackson Academy and head athletic trainer Joey McLeod of Rush Sports Medicine.



ECCC'S Bowie signs scholarship

East Central Community College point guard Lamond Bowie has signed a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at Nichols State University in Thibodaux, La. Bowie, a 6'1", 150-pound sophomore product of Morton High School, averaged 10 points, three rebounds, five assists and two steals per game during the Warriors' 1998-99 campaign. He is currently averaging 15 points, four rebounds, five assists and three steals per contest. Prior to joining the ECCC squad, Bowie helped lead Morton to a State 3A title. Bowie is shown during the signing ceremony with his mother, Marie Bowie. The Warriors are coached by Jay Bowen (head) and Brad Hodge (assistant).



1999 rodeo team

Members of the East Central Community College rodeo team for the 1999 college year include, first row, from left, Ben Lindsey of Forest, Sara Wilson of Mendenhall, Nickie Dean of Newton, Stacy Dial of Livingston, Ala.; and Shawn Smith of Louisville; and, back row, from left, Matthew Hodum of Mendenhall, Jeremy Sherman of Laurel, Brian Madison of Philadelphia, Corry Manly of Pennington, Ala., Sam Crowson of Louisville and Tony Smart of Forest. Jeff Griffin serves as coach and Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.



ECCC drum major

Freshman Frazier Wash of Forest is serving his first year as drum major for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Wash is a graduate of Forest High School, where he received All-Superior ratings while leading the Bearcat Band at State Band Contest during his senior year. A music education major, Wash also serves as Band Council president. He is the grandson of Mae and Frazier Rankin of Forest.

1999 FALL EXAM SCHEDULE

If your class meets as listed below: The Exam will be given as listed below:

Monday, December 13, 1999

	CLASS	EXAM
TT	8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
TT	12:55 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
TT	9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 14, 1999

MWF	9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
MWF	1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
MWF	8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15, 1999

MWF	11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
TT	11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
MWF	10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 16, 1999

MW	2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
MWF	12:00 p.m.-12:50 p.m.	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

All vocational course exams will be given Wednesday, December 15, 1999, beginning at 8 a.m. Grades will be due in the Admissions Office Thursday, December 16, 1999, at 2:30 p.m.



Serve as delegates

These East Central Community College associate degree nursing students were recently selected delegates to the Mississippi Student Nurses Association Convention held October 20-22 in Biloxi. From left are Vernon Bartholomew of Louisville, Kellie Moore and Martha Sawyer, both of Raleigh; and Denise Fleming of Hickory.

ECCC establishes scholarship honoring former president, wife

A scholarship honoring former East Central Community College president Arno Vincent and his wife, Ruth, was recently established by the College's Board of Trustees. A fund drive is under way to raise the \$10,000 minimum required to endow the award.

In announcing the new scholarship, ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith said the annual award "recognizes a lifetime of service to the College by a couple who capped their careers here by serving as president and first lady of East Central from 1953 to 1962." The Vincents, who are both ECCC alumni and reside in Meridian, continue to support East Central by attending homecoming and other events and activities.

Mr. Vincent, a 1937 ECCC graduate and a Navy combat veteran of World War II, began his tenure at the College in 1947. He served in various



ECCC SIFE officers

Serving as 1999-2000 officers for Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) at East Central Community College are (from left) president Valarie Barfield of Neshoba Central, vice president Tracy Latham and secretary/treasurer/reporter Connie Tew, both of Forest. SIFE is an organization for students interested in a career in a business related field.

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capacities, including assistant football coach, men's basketball coach, math teacher, registrar and dean of students, prior to being named East Central's third president. When he was selected the College's new leader, Vincent was recognized at the time as the youngest president and first ECCC alumnus to hold the position.

Vincent earned a bachelor's degree from Mississippi Southern, now the University of Southern Mississippi, and received a master's degree from the University of Mississippi.

The Lauderdale County native was selected to the Athletic Halls of Fame at ECCC and USM, where he played football and basketball at both schools, although he had never seen a football game until he went to college. He was named Alumnus of the Year East Central in 1973 and was selected for inclusion in the Alumni Hall of Fame at USM.

Most recently, the ECCC Board of Trustees named the College's administration building in Vincent's honor. The building, completed in 1959 while Mr. Vincent was president, was first utilized as the College's library. A ceremony to officially dedicate the Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, 1999.

Mrs. Vincent, the former Ruth Carr, was also a member of the ECCC Class of 1937. She served as president of the Baptist Student Union and was involved in other campus organizations and activities.

Following her graduation from East Central, Mrs. Vincent taught elementary school in Newton, Neshoba and Winston counties while attending Mississippi Southern (USM) each summer to earn a bachelor's degree.

She and Mr. Vincent married in June, 1941. They have two daughters, Mrs. Glenn (Daphne) Lancaster of Meridian and Mrs. Pamela Fowlkes of Monroe, La.

Contributions to The Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent Scholarship may be sent to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327. For more information Ph 635-2111, ext. 323 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.

Thought For The Day
By CHRIS CHURCH

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were when they gave up. *Thomas Edison*

The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in which direction we are moving.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

A life spent making mistakes is more useful than a life spent doing nothing.
George Bernard Shaw

Early to bed
Early to rise
'Til you make enough money
To do otherwise.
Anonymous

Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
The Optimist Creed

The reason worry kills more people than work. . . is because more people worry than work.
Robert L. Frost



Display Native American items

These members of the Native American Club at East Central Community College recently displayed various items from their culture in the lobby of Burton Library on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Daniel Tubby and Lee Anne Wesley, both of Philadelphia; Errol John of Carthage, Raquel Farmer of Philadelphia and Rod Sockey of Carthage. Gail Wood serves as club sponsor.



ECCC Ac'cents

Members of the East Central Community College Ac'cents, the college's show choir, for the 1999-2000 term include (kneeling, from left) Melanie Atkinson of Jackson and Ginny Rigby of Forest; and (second row, from left) Amanda Stamper of Newton, D'Mytris Watkins of Forest and Lesli Bonner of Quitman; and (back row, from left) Chad Anderson of Union, Jamie White and Andy Chambers, both of Forest; and David Thorne and Jonathan Thorne, both of Hickory. The Ac'cents are available for performances at local schools and civic clubs. For more information contact Tony Kinton, director, at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 367.

Top Ten Ways to See if You Might be an Idiot

10. If you think ambidextrous has something to do with frogs . . .
9. If you think your marriage must be renewed every four years in order to keep your license. . .
8. If you think swindle is some sort of famous imported German cheese. . .
7. If you've ever shouted out the phrase, "Y'all watch this" more than once...
6. If you consider the Red Green Show to be a sophisticated form of entertainment. . .
5. If you can't even pass a kidney stone. . .
4. If you've ever set fire to your house while attempting to change a light bulb. . .
3. If you've ever set fire to it a second time while attempting to install a smoke detector...
2. If the number for the UFO Sightings Hotline can be found on your speed dial...
1. If you've ever accused Fox Mulder of being a complete crackpot at any time during the X-Files series. . .

By Lee Luke

BOOK BUY-BACKS!!

Book buy-backs will be held the week of finals, Dec. 13-17. For off campus and night students, we will offer extended hours Monday, Dec. 6 and Thursday, Dec. 9 from 5:30-7:30.

What to expect during buy-backs:

- **Guard your books!!** Do not leave them in an unlocked car or dorm room, or unattended anywhere!!
- You may **NOT** sell back any books that are not on your **FALL** schedule. If you need to return a book from a dropped class or previous semester, you must go to admissions and get proof that you took the class. If you bring a book into the bookstore to return that is not on your schedule, the book will be confiscated and the Dean of Students will be notified. Theft of textbooks is an 'A' offense and subject to disciplinary action.
- **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE AN IMMEDIATE CASH REFUND!!** The information will be sent to the business office, and they will mail you a check in approximately 2 weeks, depending on when you return the books. Remember, we are entering the holidays at this time!
- **EXPECT LINES!!! LONG LINES!!!** We will be working as fast as possible, so please be patient! If you are interested in earning some extra money during buy backs, please come talk to me as soon as possible!!
- **PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:** You will be given a numbered card while you are waiting. Fill this card out with your name, ID#, the name of your book, and the price on the sticker. Include all books on the same card. You need to write down or remember the number on your card. If there is any problem in receiving your refund, we cannot trace it w/out that number!
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