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To present ECCC musical

The East Central Community College Players will complete the 1999-2000 season with the spring musical production of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes." Participants and their respective hometowns include (first row, from left) Amanda Pope, Lena; Jeannie Fitzhugh, Union; Amber Graham, Decatur; Amanda Stamper, Newton; Melanie Atkinson, Jackson; Melissa Till, Pelahatchie; Jennifer Bounds, Forest; Huellen Nutt, Morton; and Holly Davidson, Union; and (back row, from left) Brad Sutphin, Decatur; Brad Harrell, Carthage; Dexter Akins, Decatur; Ellis Pickle, Carthage; Michael Hodgins, Philadelphia; Ura Seymer, Carthage; Adam Mann, Philadelphia; and Chad Anderson, Union. Not pictured are Marva Cavanaugh, Chunky; Tim Pittman, Forest; Chris Carson, Decatur; and Lesli Bonner, Quitman. Performances will be held Monday through Saturday, March 20-25, in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium. Shows begin each evening at 7 o'clock and tickets are \$10. For more information or to reserve tickets, phone 635-2111, ext. 215, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2ECCC (1-877-462-3222).



ECCC class favorites

These students were recently selected class favorites. Pictured are, front row, from left, sophomores Staci Slayton of Enterprise and Heather Hamilton of Newton; freshmen Erin Boswell of Philadelphia and McKenzie Mack of Morton; sophomores Tara Yarbrough of Sturgis and Kelly Tucker of Carthage and freshman Karmen Jones of Walnut Grove; and back row, from left, freshmen Justin Reed of Noxapater and Clay Byars of Philadelphia; sophomores Cliff Edwards of Carthage, Chris Weems of Newton and Michael Wilcher of Edinburg; and freshman Frazier Wash of Forest.



ECCC students elected to Who's Who

These 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 and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Heather Hamilton, Newton; Staci Slayton, Enterprise; Jenny Bounds, Forest; Emily Johnson, Philadelphia; Ashley McDill, Decatur; Robyn Watts, Union; Nykela Horne, Philadelphia; Rita Nunn, Noxapater; Valarie Barfield, Philadelphia; Amanda Hillman, Carthage; Melissa Till, Pelahatchie; Jessica Guyse, Newton; and Connie Tew and Ginny Rigby, both of Forest; and (second row, from left) Huellen Nutt, Morton; Jerry Nance, Louisville; Cristy Bowen, Decatur; Jennifer Winstead, Union; Angela Jayroe, Louisville; Jonathan Thorne and Amanda Harris, both of Hickory; Jill Gray, Philadelphia; Jennifer Guyse and Kristen Mills, both of Newton; and Veronica Haynes, Louisville; (third row, from left) Tesa Henry, Forest; Kelly Tucker, Carthage; Betty Wilkerson, Lawrence; Marva Cavanaugh, Chunky; Stacy Skinner and Carmen Germany, both of Union; Bridgette Stamper, Decatur; Jana Wylie, Louisville; Clifton Edwards, Carthage; Allen Wilson, Newton; and Edd Porter, Morton; (back row, from left) Craig McRae, Carthage; Robert Savell, Lake; Patrick Ferris, Clinton; T.J. Madison, Philadelphia; William Savell, Lake; Chris Weems, Newton; Josh Hardy, Philadelphia; Kyle Watson, Union; Michael Wilcher, Edinburg; Justin Sharp, Harpersville; and Derek Burton, Decatur. Not pictured are Courtney Cooper, Forest; David Daniel, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Beau Ellison, Philadelphia; and Lacey Johnson, Carthage. 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.

McRae, Gray selected Mr. and Miss ECCC

Craig McRae of Carthage and Jill Gray of Leake Academy were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College for 1999-2000. The two were selected by a vote of the student body.

McRae is a sophomore computer engineering major. He serves as president of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for the two-year college; Alpha Alpha Epsilon, the engineering club; and the Presidents Council. He is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta (the mathematics club), the Scholars Bowl and the Warrior Corps, an elite group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various campus events.

A member of the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, McRae is also an active participant in the Percussion Ensemble. He has served as technician for the Collegians, the college's pop/rock vocal and instrumental group, for the past two years.

McRae received the ECCC mathematics award and was also the recipient of the Margaret Mosel Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Award. A Deans List scholar, McRae was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges and received the National Collegiate Engineering Award. He was also nominated for the Phi Theta Kappa/USA Today All-Academic Team.

A sophomore pre-physical therapy major, Gray is a member of the Warrior Corps, Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau (the medical club). She has served as a cheerleader her sophomore



Mr. and Miss ECCC

year.

A President's List scholar, Gray was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges and was chosen an All-American Scholar.

McRae is the son of James

and Gloria McRae of Carthage. Gray is the daughter of Jimmy Gray of Philadelphia and Janice Daniels of Brookhaven. Mr. and Miss ECCC will be featured in the 2000 edition of the college yearbook, the Wo-He-Lo.

New BSU Center under construction

People who drive down Broad Street in Decatur might have noticed the large structure being built where the ECCC Baptist Student Union used to be. For those who might not know, that new building is a larger and improved BSU Center.

When BSU Director Scott Vaughn arrived on the scene in 1995, the 65-plus-year-old house that the group met in was already too small for the large number of students involved in BSU. "With approximately 150 students involved regularly in BSU and some 500 involved in some type of BSU function each year, there was simply not enough space for everyone," said Vaughn, "and with the growing college enrollment, there is more student involvement each year."

The 19-member BSU advisory board, which consists of citizens from the five-county district, met with Vaughn three years ago to discuss plans for a new BSU center. "At that time, plans were made to begin putting money aside for a new building. Area churches were asked to donate and since that time, we have been seriously seeking donations. One anonymous donor gave a significant contribution to really 'get the ball rolling,'" said Vaughn.

"Approximately \$100,000 of the \$220,000 needed has been raised," Vaughn said. "The foundation and the plumbing work were contracted out and the rest of the work has been done by men and women in the area who volunteered their services. When the money runs out we will have to stop construction until we raise more funds."

He added, "Any money donated to the BSU goes directly to the building fund or ministry programs. None of the money goes toward salaries, which are paid by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board."



East Central Community College Baptist Student Union director Scott Vaughn (left) looks over plans with volunteer carpenter Bobby Kirby (center) of Forest and volunteer contractor Pete Shepherd of Harpersville for the new building under construction on the Decatur campus.

The new 5200 square-foot building will consist of a large meeting room, two offices, a large commercial-type kitchen, a conference room, a work room, a storage room and a meeting room. The new BSU center will seat approximately 200 people and can accommodate up to 350. Future plans also include a small parking area on the back side of the property.

For those who wonder what BSU is and what this building will be used for, Vaughn explained. "The East Central BSU is a campus ministry that holds worship services, Bible studies, and mission trips. We also have 'Lunch Encounter' every Wednesday, where students can receive a free lunch and hear a short devotion. In addition, we have ministry

teams that include drama and music in their programs and we hold revival services each year in cooperation with the ECCC Fellowship of Christian Athletes."

Vaughn also describes BSU as "a little taste of heaven on campus. Baptist Student Union is not just for Southern Baptists, but it's for anyone who wishes to come. It doesn't matter about race, class, economic status or denomination."

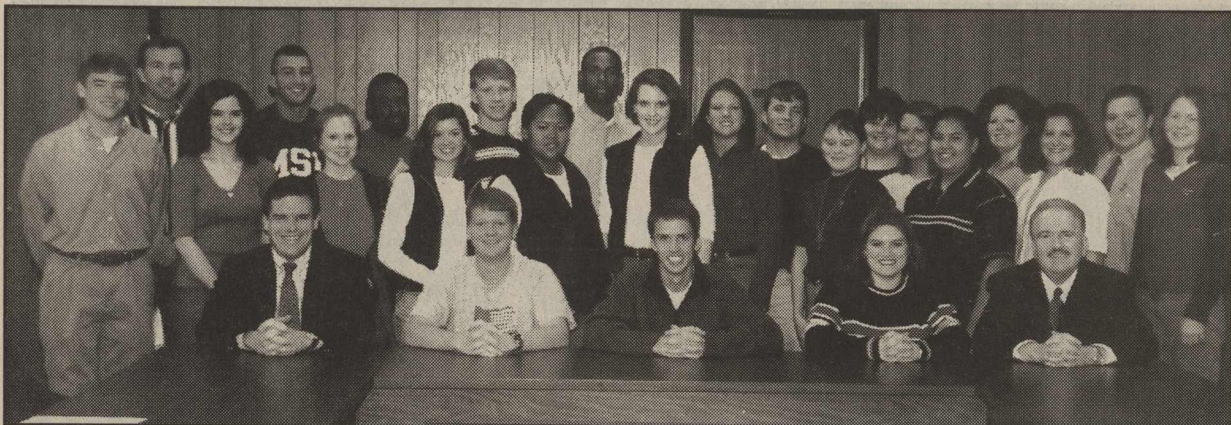
The completion date for the new center is May 1, 2000, if funds are secured. Vaughn said, "I challenge all former BSU members to donate to the building project."

Anyone wishing to contribute to the ECCC Baptist Student Union Building Fund can contact Vaughn at 635-2481.



Honor society initiates

These East Central Community College students were recently welcomed as new members of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for the two-year college. Seated from left are Sherry Akins of Decatur, Heather Anderson of Philadelphia, Jessica Blan of Carthage, Mattie Brown of Meridian, Melissa Cooksey of Newton and Ti Garner of Brandon. Second row, from left, are Rebecca Rigdon of Union, Matt Stribling of Carthage, Dale Thornton of Bay Springs, Tommie Wells of Forest, Natasha Williams of Philadelphia, Rebecca Owen of Union and Courtney Rawson of Carthage. Third row, from left, Nick Hall of Philadelphia, Michael Johnson of Lake, Adam Mann and Jon Martin, both of Philadelphia; Josh Young of Carthage and Edd Porter of Morton. Not pictured are Melissa S. Pendergrass of Philadelphia and Jason Lamar Pierce of Union. Advisors are Ann Burkes, Carol Shackelford and Tonya M. Kirk.



President's Council

Members of the East Central Community College Presidents Council and their hometowns include (seated, from left) Dean of Students Randall E. Lee, Michael Wilcher and Craig McRae, both of Carthage; Ginny Rigby, Forest; and ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith; and (standing, from left) T.J. Madison, Philadelphia; Tracy Goodin, Noxapater; Tracy Latham, Forest; Brent Madden, Sebastopol; Brandi Stone, Carthage; Adrin Gordon, Meridian; Karmen Jones, Walnut Grove; Adam mann, Philadelphia; Veronica Haynes, Louisville; Frazier Wash, Forest; Beckie Fulton, Carthage; Melanie Atkinson, Jackson; Jon Martin, Philadelphia; Pam Jones, Morton; Kristy Turner of Philadelphia; Lisa Price, Carthage; Odessa Denson of Philadelphia; Marva Cavanaugh, Chunky; Staci Slayton, Enterprise; T.J. Porter, Morton; and Kristie French, Union. 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.



Receive Phi Theta Kappa honors

These members of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, display the various honors presented to the College during the Hallmark Awards Luncheon held at the organization's regional convention in Jackson. Theta Xi received the Willie Mae Hammill Yearbook Award, the Brotherhood Award, the Leadership Hallmark Award, and the 5-Star Status certificate. Craig McRae of Carthage, who serves as chapter president, was named to the prestigious Order of the Golden Key. Also honored were ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, who was presented an Appreciation Plaque, and Ann Burkes, the recipient of an Advisor Service Plaque. From left are chapter members Tracy Latham, Ginny Rigby and Connie Tew, all of Forest; Bridget Minor of Little Rock; and Kayla Smith of Decatur. Theta Xi is preparing for competition at the Phi Theta Kappa 2000 International Convention scheduled in Orlando, Florida, April 20-22.

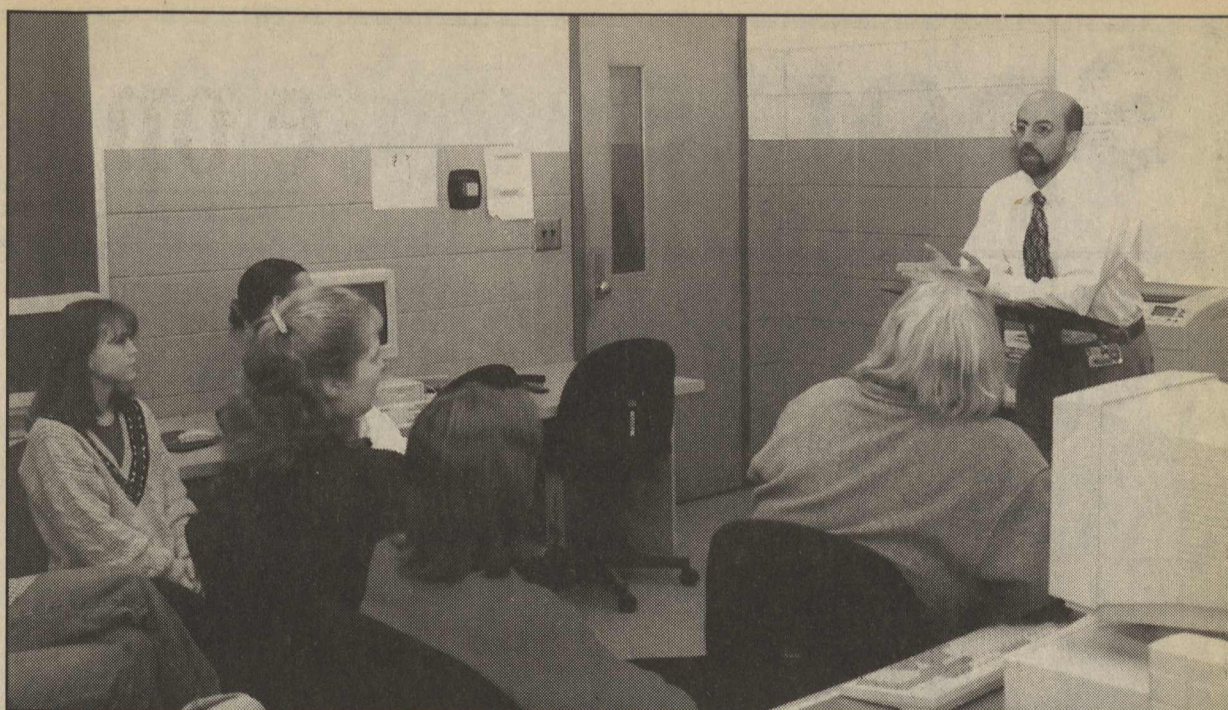
Mississippi State UNIVERSITY MERIDIAN CAMPUS

Faculty and advisors from Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus will visit East Central to answer your questions about academic offerings, admission, and financial aid, on **Tuesday, March 21, 2000, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Gordon Room in the Mabry Cafeteria.**

For more information about these visits, or about Mississippi State-Meridian, contact:

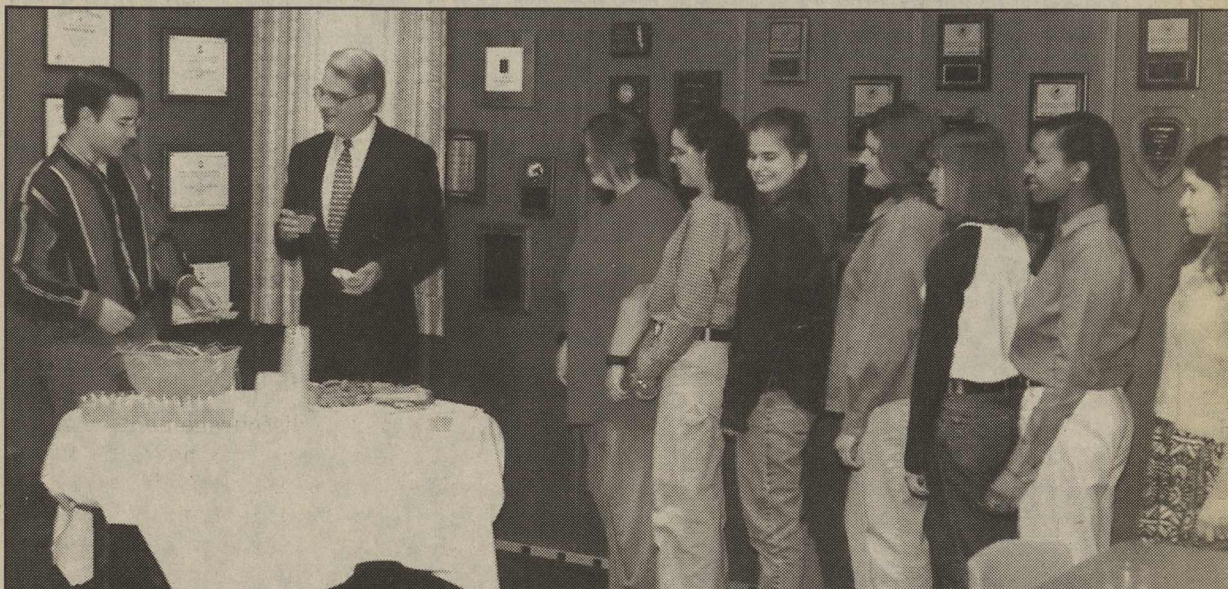
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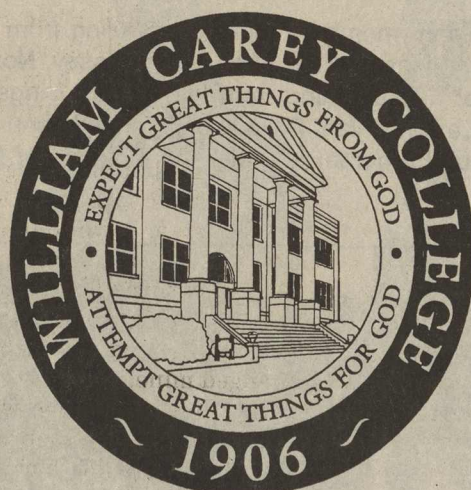
Rush official addresses class

Gene Bond, clinic coordinator for Rush Health Systems in Meridian, is shown speaking recently to members of Elizabeth Breland's medical office concepts class at East Central Community College in Decatur. Bond, who has served in his current position for over two years, provided information regarding employment opportunities available in the medical field. Prior to joining the Rush team, Bond was employed in the investment insurance planning area. He holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's degree in business from the School of Business and Finance in Hollywood, Fla.



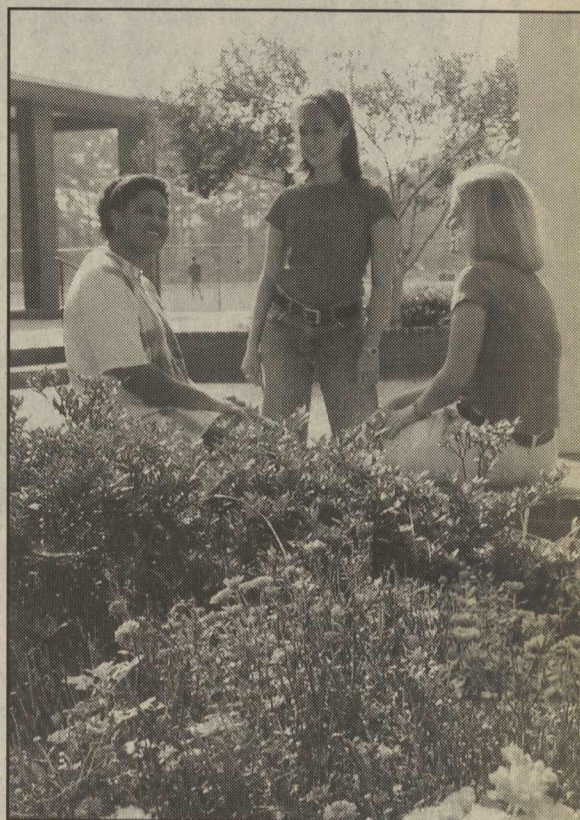
Honor society recognized

A reception in recognition of the 81st anniversary of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, was recently hosted by members of Theta Xi Chapter. ECCC sophomore Stephen Pace of Morton, who serves as chapter historian, serves punch to Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction, who was among those who joined in the celebration. Long recognized as one of the top Phi Theta Kappa chapters, Theta Xi most recently was congratulated by the international office for having reached its 1999 Journey Challenge goal. Advisors for the ECCC chapter are Ann Burkes, Carol Shackelford and Tonya Kirk.



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Sports



ECCC sophomore players recognized

Sophomore basketball players received special recognition during the final home games of the season held Feb. 7 against Hinds Community College in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. The standout athletes, shown with their parents, are, from left, Tonya Moncrief (35) of Newton, Arral Parker-son (25) of Neshoba Central and Lamond Bowie (3) of Morton.



ECCC flag football champs

"Potty Trainers" won the intramural football league title. Team members include, kneeling from left, Robert Rushing, Noxapater; Kevin Ryals, Philadelphia; Drew Hensen, Flint, Mich.; Will Massey, Noxapater; Patrick Warner and Randall Sims, both of Louisville; and standing from left, Scott Livingston, Louisville; Alex Dees, Philadelphia; Jay Stokes, Louisville; Larron Bryan, Philadelphia; and Nathan Tropper and Josh Miles, both of Louisville. The ECCC intramural program is under the direction of Mike Anderson.



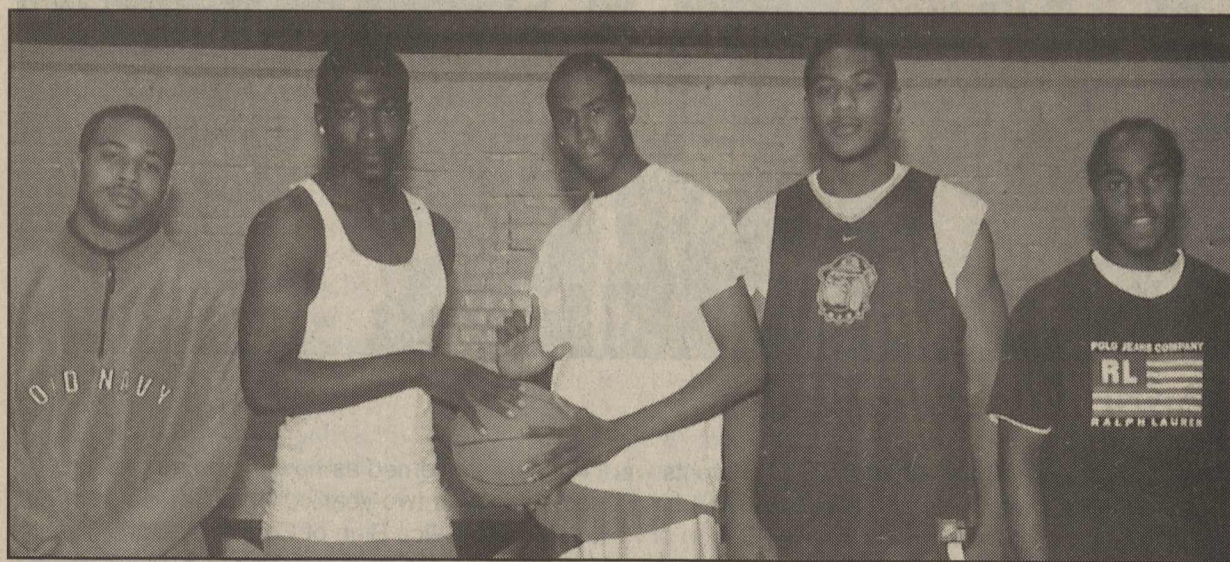
League runners-up

Winning runner-up honors in the intramural football league championship was a team called the "Dallas Cowboy." Squad members include, kneeling from left, Kenneth Culberson, Louisville; Gene Taylor Morton; Homer Mayers, Lake; and Bryan Johnson, Walnut Grove; and standing from left, Randal Prince, Louisville; Chad Warren, Quitman; Kaski Moore and Demetric Gray, both of Philadelphia; Calvin Snow, Sebastopol; and Tywan Stafford, Manhattan, N.Y. Not pictured are Dwight Agee of Collins, Jesse Morgan of Lake, Roy Page of Taylorsville and Tim Grant of Morton.

Tryouts

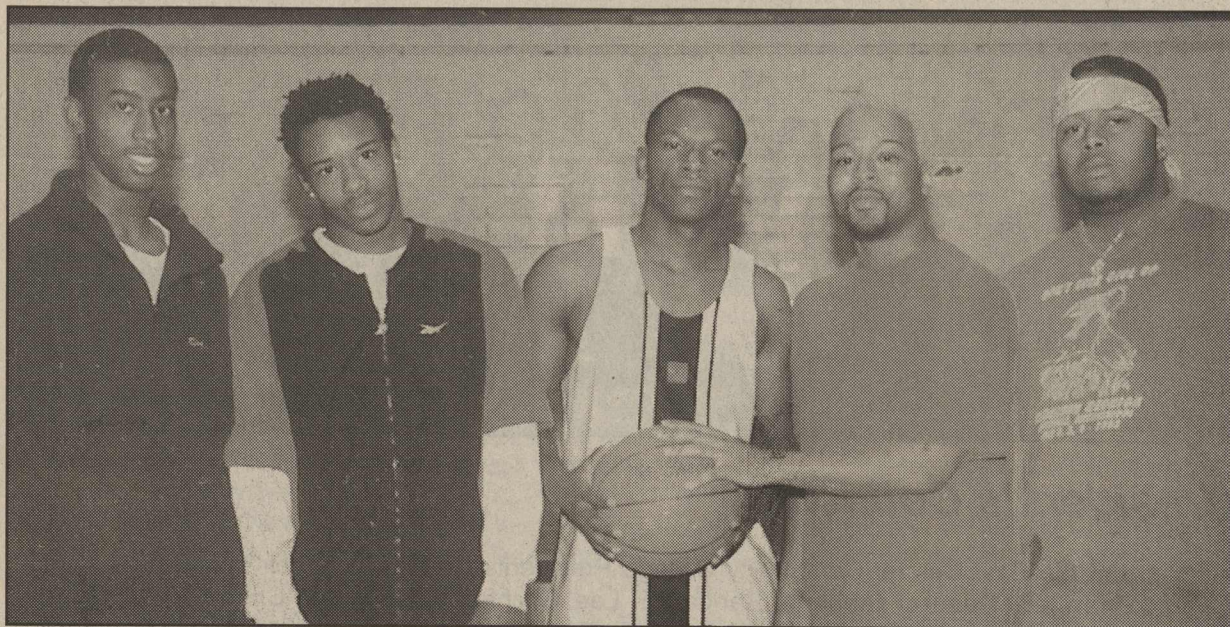
Tryouts for the Warrior Soccer Team have been scheduled for Wednesday, March 29.

For further information regarding the soccer camps or tryouts, please contact Coach Kenneth Thompson at **601-635-2111 or 1-877-GO2-ECCC**



ECCC 3-on-3 champions

"Hot Boyz" recently claimed the intramural 3-on-3 basketball championship. Team members include, from left, Damien Gaddis of Philadelphia, Jason Moore of Forest, Otis Wallace of Memphis, Tenn., and Brian Johnson and Willis Barton, both of Walnut Grove. Mike Anderson serves as director of the intramural program.



ECCC 3-on-3 runners-up

"Stunters" were runners-up in the intramural 3-on-3 basketball championship. Team members include, from left, Dwayne Humphery and Luther Patterson, both of Quitman; Kaski Moore of Philadelphia and Mon Hill and Ken Culberson, both of Louisville. Mike Anderson serves as director of the intramural program.



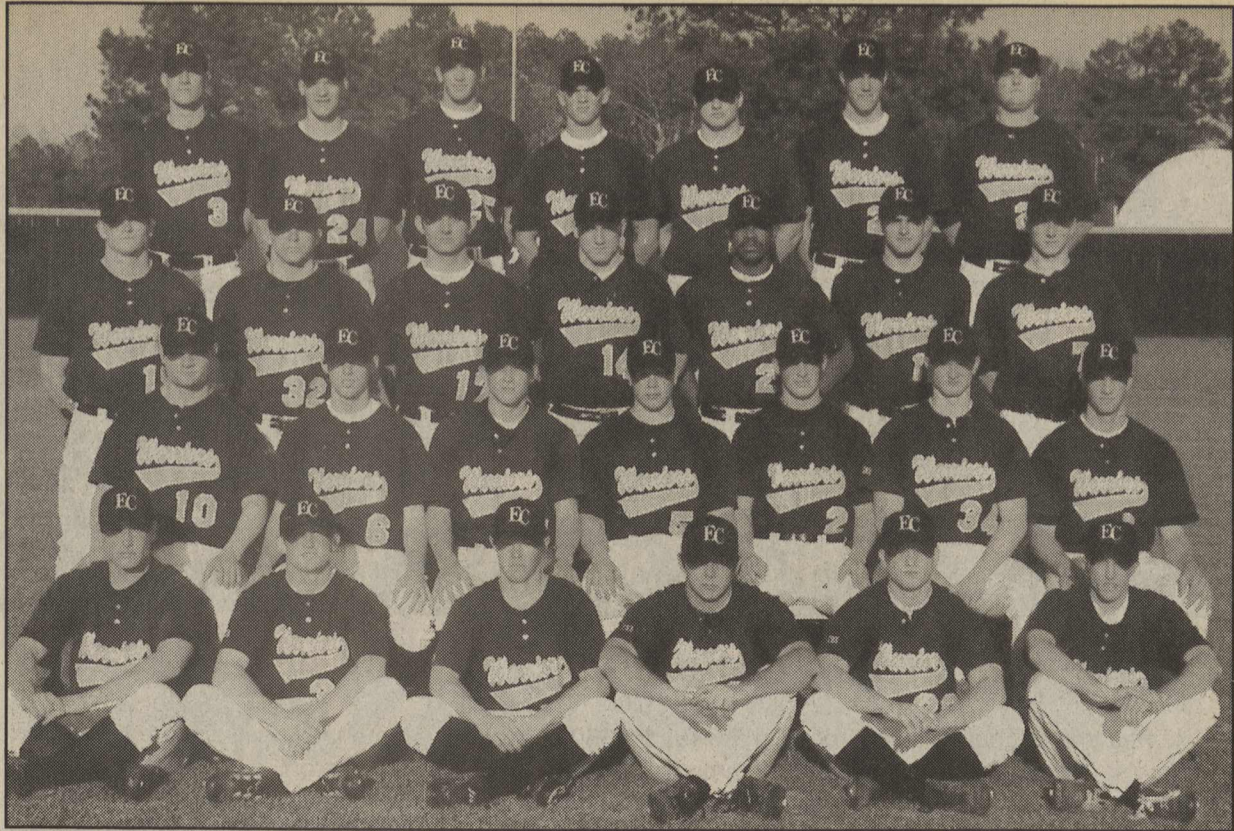
ECCC softball team

Members of the East Central softball team for 2000 season include, kneeling from left, Amy Jones and Ashley Jones, both of Forest; Brooke Manigold of Louisville, Kristi Moore of Noxapater, LeAnne Stamp-ley of Chunky and Holly Turner of Needham, Ala.; and, standing from left, Brandy Burnett of Louisville, LaBreeska Chesney of Little Rock, Lacey Johnson of Carthage, Bridgette Stamper of Decatur, Stephanie Harber of Forest, Allison Bailey of Decatur, and Amanda Harris of Hickory. The Lady Diamond Warriors are coached by Mike Anderson.



Receive All-State, All-Region honors

Recipients of All-State and All-Region honors presented at the awards banquet included, seated, from left, Samuel Agee of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central, Ti Garner of Brandon and Chris Ray of Seminole County (Ga.), second team All-State; and Freeman Jimison of Meridian, first team All-State and All-Region; and standing, from left, David Daniel of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, first team All-State and All-Region; Chris Weems of Newton, first team All-State; and Steve Henley of Louisville and Josh Jones of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central, first team All-State and All-Region. Daniel was also named to the honorable mention All-American team and was selected most valuable defensive lineman in the South Division. Jones was named the South's most valuable offensive lineman and was selected the most valuable offensive player in the annual MACJC All-State game.



ECCC baseball team

Members of the 2000 ECCC baseball team and their respective hometowns include, first row, from left, Kris Moore, Taylorsville; Lee Martin, Lake; Charlie Welch, Morton; Judd Sanborn, Noxapater; Spence Latimer, Philadelphia; and Jim Bob Stampley, Hickory; second row, from left, Josh Hardy, Brent Page and Justin Stovall, all of Philadelphia; Justin Reed, Louisville; Hal Thompson, West Point; and Brad Farley and Jayeson McDonald, both of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; third row, from left, Patrick Ferriss, Clinton; Toby Pinson, Little Rock; Nick Wooten, Soso; Chris Weems, Newton; Derian Dotson, Louisville; Judson Nowell, Philadelphia and Amos Thames, Newton; and back row, from left, Mario Migliacio and Monte Migliacio, both of Plaquemine, La.; Brandon Fish, Demopolis, Ala.; Daniel Munn, Little Rock; Justin Webb, Philadelphia; David Ryan, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Allen Buckley, Brandon. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark and assistant Neal Holliman.



Heart and Hand, Inc., of Brandon, recently presented a donation to East Central Community College for one endowed and three annual scholarships for students in the College's gerontology program. Shown during the check presentation are (from left) ECCC gerontology instructor Mary Boulton, Heart and Hand executive director Yvonne Gallaher Laird, Chairman of the Heart and Hand Board of Directors Senator Terry C. Burton of Newton, and College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith.

Heart and Hand establishes scholarships at East Central

Heart and Hand, Inc., of Brandon recently established four scholarships for gerontology majors at East Central Community College.

A non-profit organization, Heart and Hand, Inc., promotes programs for senior citizens age 55 and over and helps provide educational opportunities for those preparing for careers in gerontology, the comprehensive study of aging and the challenges that face the aged. East Central established the first community college program in Mississippi in gerontology in 1998.

One scholarship has been endowed with a \$10,000 donation; the other three, valued at

\$1,000, are funded annually and are named in honor of Yvonne Gallaher Laird of Morton, Heart and Hand executive director; and Heart and Hand board members Jane Rainey Holbrook of Ripley and Elberta Crowson Phillips of Columbus.

To be eligible for the Heart and Hand scholarships, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Mississippi resident, with preference given to those who reside in the Heart and Hand nine-county service area which includes Clarke, Jasper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Smith counties;
- Have a minimum 2.5 high

school grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale;

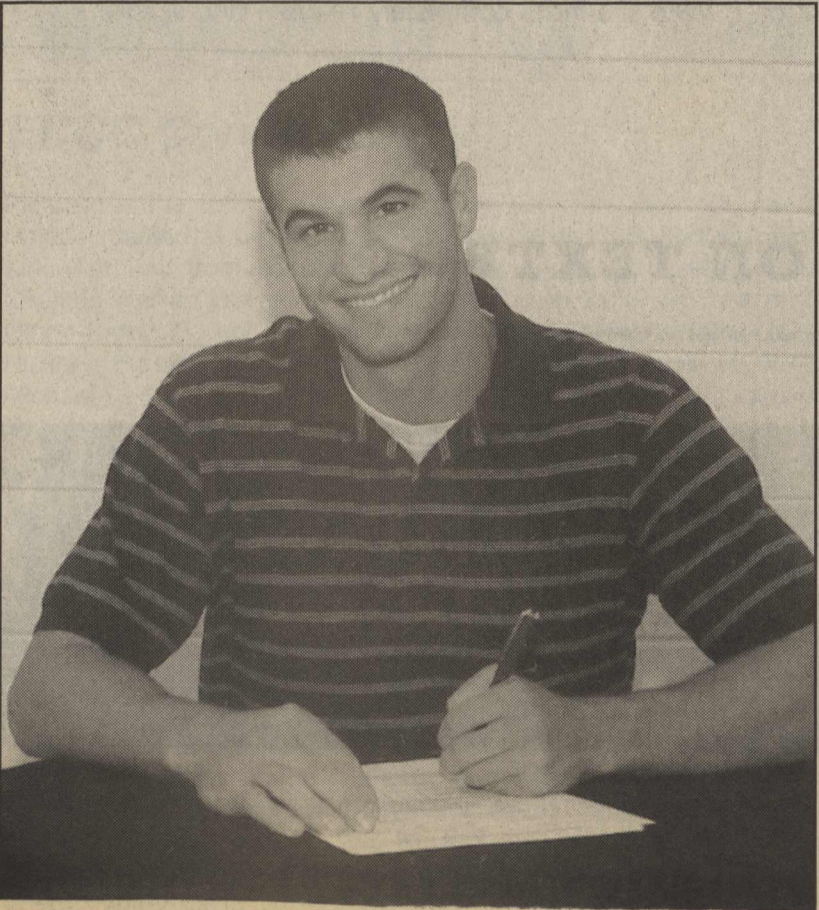
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA the first semester of study in order to be eligible for the scholarship the second semester; and

- Plan to attend an annual Heart and Hand board meeting in Jackson in November of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

Scholarship recipients are chosen by the College Scholarship Committee. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, telephone 635-2111, ext. 375, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-4623222), ext. 375, or email at <rlee@eccc.cc.ms.us>.

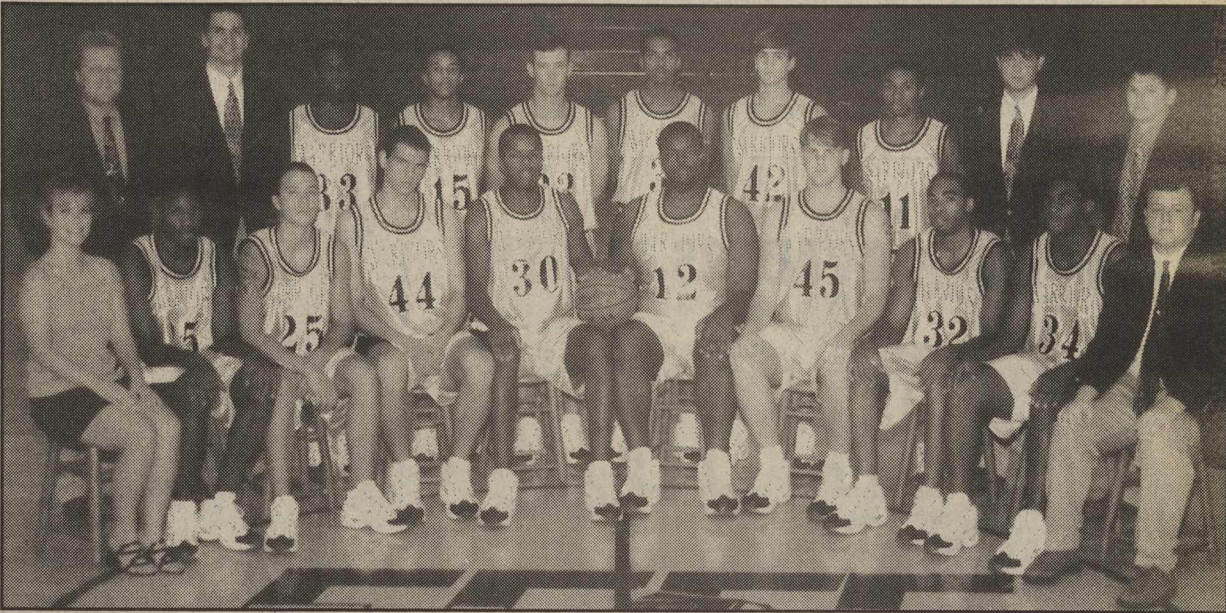
McDonald signs with UNA

Sophomore baseball player Jayeson McDonald of Northport, Ala., has signed a national letter of intent with the University of North Alabama. McDonald, a 6', 177-pound southpaw pitcher and outfielder, posted a 2-2 mark for the Diamond Warriors last year and compiled a 3.96 ERA. He also fanned 40 batters through 41 innings of work. A former standout at Tuscaloosa County High School, McDonald helped lead East Central to a share of the South Division title with a 17-7 record. The Diamond Warriors also finished third in state tournament action and were runners-up in the Region 23 Tournament en route to a 28-27 mark.



Lady Warrior basketball team

Members of the 1999-2000 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), Jautessa 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. The Lady Warriors ended the season with a second place win in the state tournament and an appearance in Region VIII play.



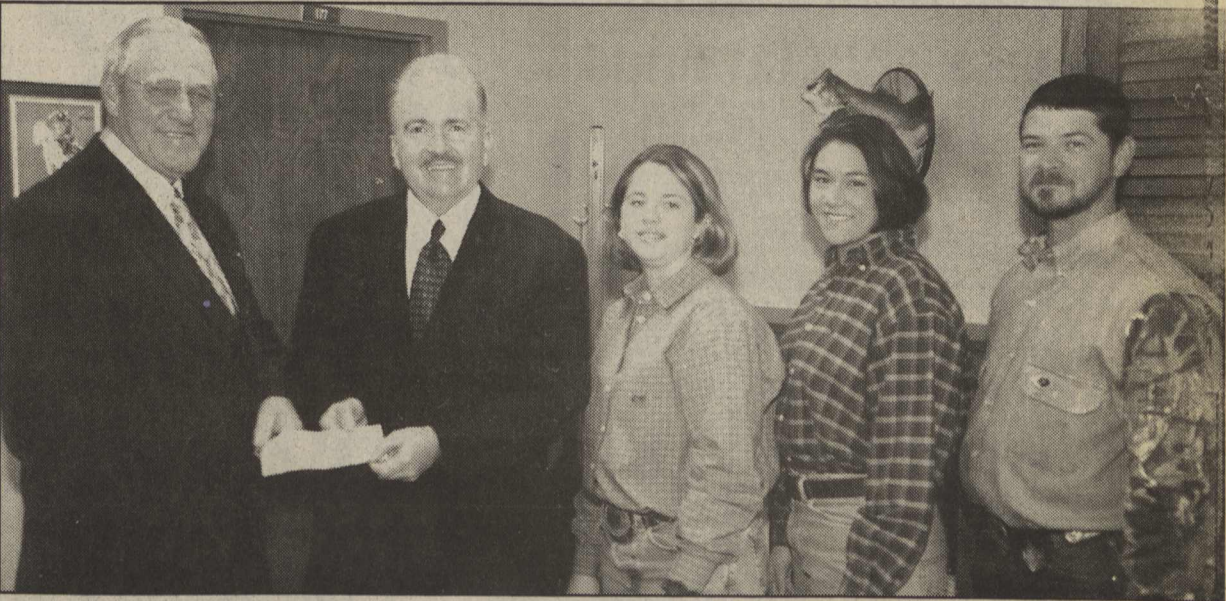
Warrior basketball team

Members of the 1999-2000 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.



Receive scholarships

These East Central Community College football standouts have signed national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at various universities and four-year colleges. Seated from left are Shondren Lewis of Quitman, who signed with Mississippi College; Samuel Agee of Tuscaloosa, Ala., University of North Alabama; Josh Jones of Tuscaloosa, Georgia Southern University; and Chris Ray of Donaldsville, Georgia, Marshall University; and (standing from left) Jamarcus Murray of Tuscaloosa, University of West Alabama; Lacey McBeath of Neshoba Central, Mississippi College; Freeman Jimison of Meridian, West Georgia University; and Jamie Nichols of Philadelphia, Louisiana Tech University. Not pictured are Ti Garner of Brandon, Belhaven College; James Keys of Collins, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; and Jeremy Smith of Newton County Academy, Nicholas State University. Steve Henley is also expected to sign but is undecided on his college choice.



Makes contribution to rodeo team

The East Central Community College Rodeo Team recently received a financial boost thanks to a \$500 check presented by Jack Winstead of Lawrence, president of the Newton County Cattleman's Association. Winstead (left) is shown making the presentation to ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, rodeo team members Stacy Dial of Livingston, Ala. and Nickie Dean of Newton, and Coach Jeff Griffin of the Hero community.

Ann H. Burkes Scholarship established

An endowed scholarship honoring the life and works of Ann Hunter Burkes was recently established at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Burkes, who is a member of the ECCC class of 1963, has served as an advisor for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, for 19 years (1981-2000).

The Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa scholarship will be given annually to a Theta Xi member who exemplifies the hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa - scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. The scholarship will be awarded at the end of each recipient's freshman year at East Central.

Ann Burkes first became associated with Phi Theta Kappa when she joined the organization while a student at East Central. After graduation from East Central, Burkes earned the B.S., M.S., and Ed.S. degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi. She returned to ECCC in 1969 as head librarian.

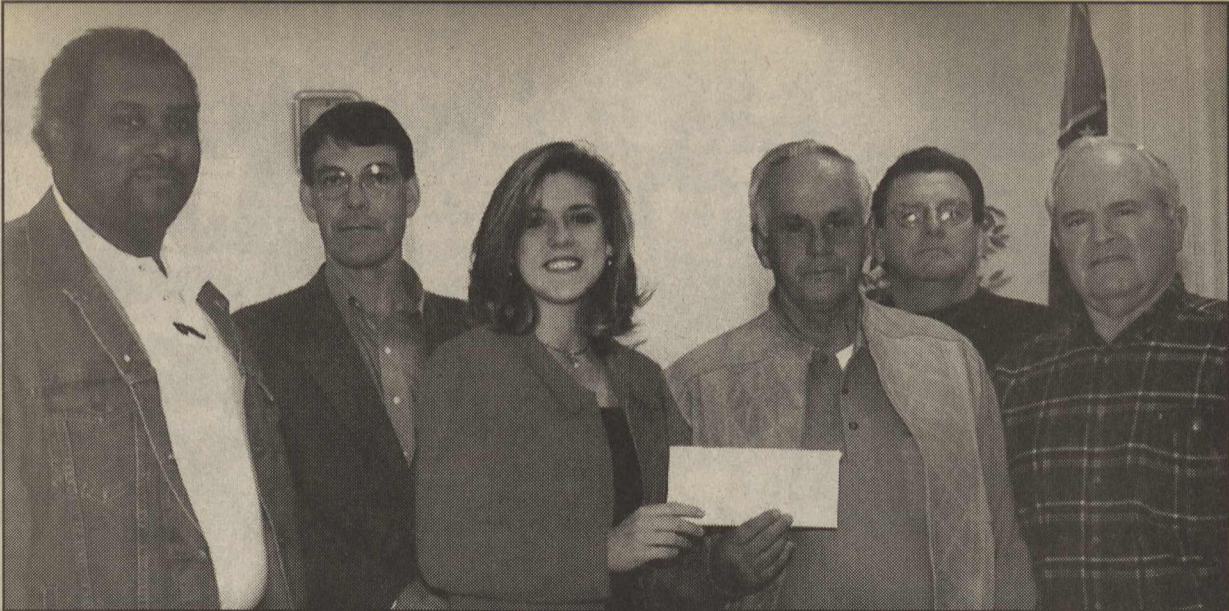
After being named Theta Xi advisor, her work with the chapter involved untold hours of



East Central Community College recently announced the establishment of the Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship. Pictured with Burkes (left) is Dr. Shelby Harris, retired Mathematics Division Chair and co-sponsor of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, who announced the scholarship endowment at the recent Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony. The scholarship was earlier approved by the College's Board of Trustees.

work above and beyond her library responsibilities. With her help, the East Central chapter achieved numerous state,

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ECCC scholarship recipient

Nicki Pearson of Louisville was recently awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Mississippi Association of Supervisors to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Pearson, a freshman education major at ECCC, was presented the award by the Winston County Board of Supervisors. From left are Lamar Turnipseed, District 4; Randall Johnson, District 5; Pearson; Board President Bob Goodin, District 2; Michael Peterson, District 3; and Jerry Estes, District 1. The Mississippi Association of Supervisors provides two \$500 scholarships for students who reside in the ECCC district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. The scholarships are rotated among the district counties on an annual basis.

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Application deadline for these scholarships is April 1, 2000.

For more information about these scholarships and other financial aid opportunities at Mississippi State, visit our website at www.msstate.edu/dept/sfa

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ECCC Collegians

Members of the Collegians, East Central Community College's pop/rock vocal and instrumental group, include (kneeling, from left) technicians Andy Murphy of Meridian, Nathan Shaw of Philadelphia, Craig McRae and Ryan Woodard, both of Carthage; Robert Savell of Decatur and Jason Wallace of Louisville; (second row, from left) vocalists Nicki Peden of Louisville, Amber Gainer of Louisville, Ashley Byram of LaCenter, Kentucky; Beckie Fulton of Carthage, Chris Carson of Decatur, Mark Eakes of Philadelphia, and Josh Sanders of Decatur; and (back row, from left) musicians Brittany Bane and Jason Richardson, both of Philadelphia; Jason Gaines of Decatur, Frazier Wash of Forest, Joshua Black of Philadelphia, Julie White of Decatur, Adam Mann of Philadelphia and Dustin Burton of Decatur. Thomas W. Carson serves as director. For more information contact Carson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 228, or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 228.



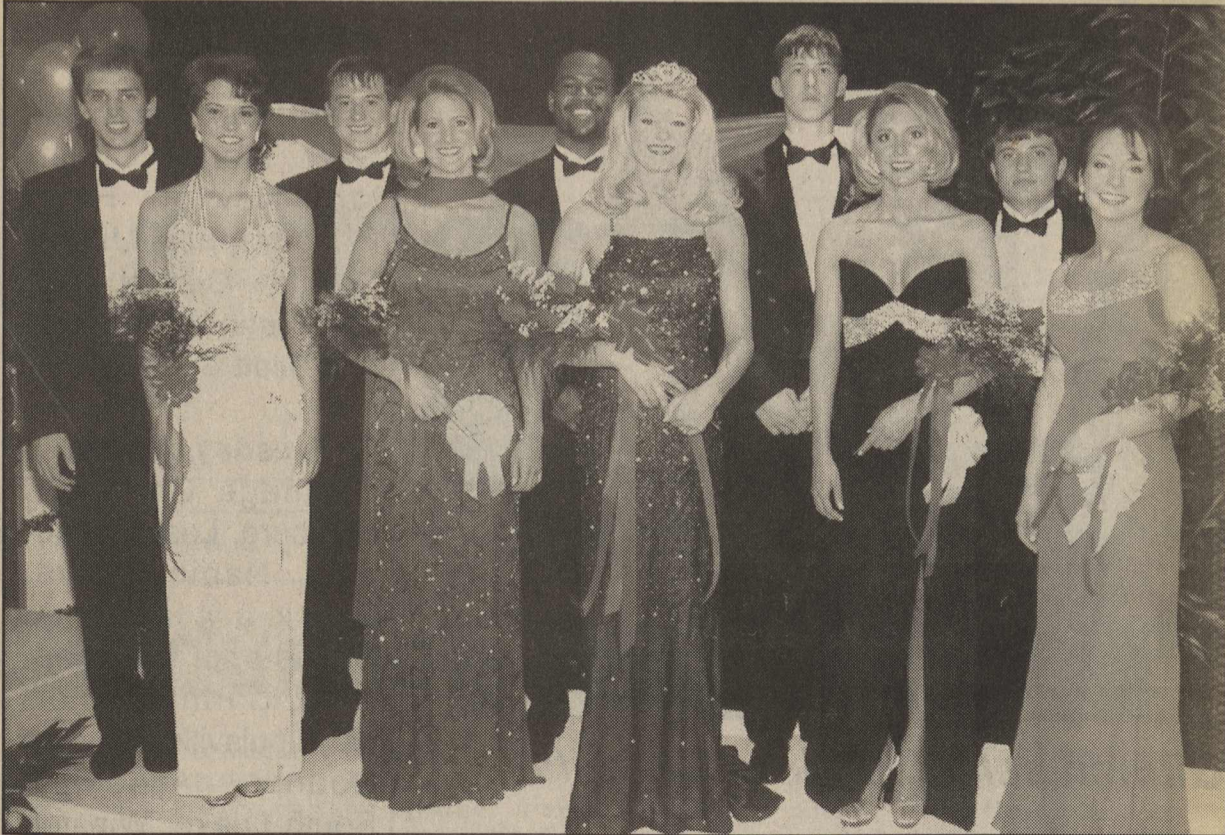
ECCC holds 'worldly' event

These students are members of Laura Hammons' World Literature class at East Central Community College and participated in the annual World Literature Banquet. As part of the festivities, students dress in fashions from various countries in the world and cook authentic foods from the different areas. Pictured are (seated, from left) Lisa Flake of Philadelphia, Melissa Till of Pelahatchie, Gwen Owens of Lake, Emily Germany of Union, Melanie Atkinson of Jackson and Brandi Crowell of Louisville; and (standing, from left) Todd Mullins of Louisville, Angela Holdiness of Philadelphia, Jonathan Thorne of Hickory, Dexter Akins of Decatur, Johnny Gunn and Josh Eure, both of Forest; and Kristen Mills and Stephanie Evans, both of Newton.



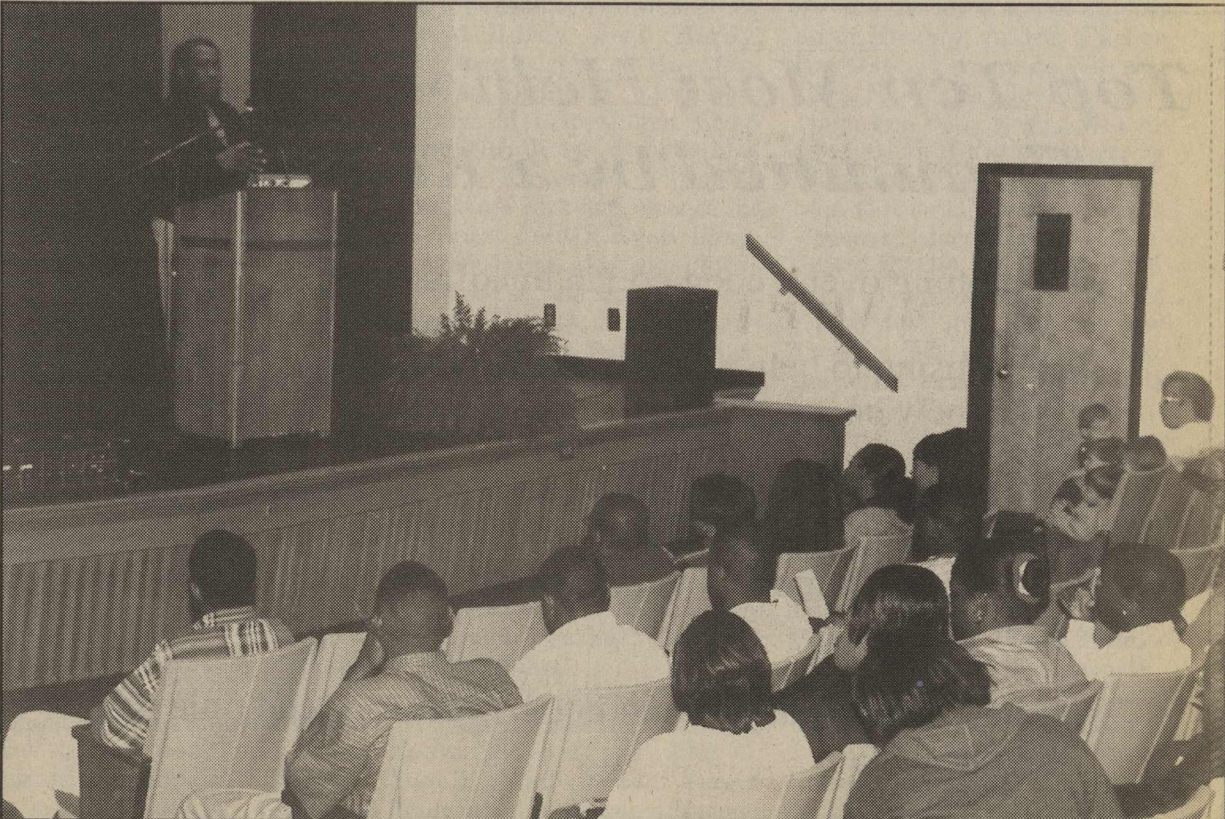
ECCC Concert Choir

Pictured is the East Central Community Concert choir. Members and their respective hometowns include (seated at piano) music keyboard instructors and accompanists Leesa Wilkinson and Tonya Kirk; (first row, from left) Stacey Woodard, Louisville; Leslie Mangrum, Union; Ashley Chase, Brandon; Chalene Walker, Lawrence; Nikki Peden, Louisville; Emily Germany, Union; Melanie Atkinson, Jackson; Ginny Rigby, Forest; Rena Perry, Louisville; Ashley Byram, LaCenter, Kentucky; Jonathan Thorne, Hickory; Frazier Wash, Andy Chambers and Ryan Louis, all of Forest; Michael Rucker, Little Rock; Michael Rodgers, Louisville; and choral director Tony Kinton; (second row, from left) LaWanda Ealy and Kim Walls, both of Forest; Lesli Bonner, Quitman; Ashley Deel, Morton; Marva Cavenaugh, Decatur; Heather Warren, Morton; Mae Walker, Decatur; Laura Aregood, Madison; Celesta Clark, Chunky; Val Stribling, Chicago, Illinois; Adrin Gordon, Meridian; Timothy Cager, Union; Stephen Dye, Morton; William Savell, Lake; Mark Eakes, Philadelphia; Jason Wallace, Louisville; and Carl Wilson, Newton; (third, row, from left) Shondra Moore, Philadelphia; Cindy Simmons, Carthage; Sarah Johnson, Newton; Holly Davidson, Union; Julie White, Little Rock; Jessica Monk, Lake; Natalie Boggan, Decatur; Rebekah Franklin and Kymberly Patrick, both of Union; Tara Yarbrough, Sturgis; April Clark, Philadelphia; Brit-tany Bane, Carthage; Ashley Lay, Lena; Michael Hodgins, Philadelphia; David Thorne, Hickory; Scott Popec, Louisville; Nick Hall, Philadelphia; Stephen Pace, Morton; and Brad Harrell and Nick Barham, both of Carthage; (back row, from left) Kelli Harris and Emily Boggan, both of Decatur; D'Mytris Watkins, Forest; Stephanie Parrott, Lena; Kristy Haygood, Chunky; Amanda Stamper, Newton; Rachel Fulton, Carthage; Shena Calhoun, Ludlow; Karen Johnson, Morton; Phillip Johnson and Joshua Woodall, both of Collinsville; Ryan Woodard, Louisville; Chris Carson, Decatur; Dustin Burton and Joshua Sanders, both of Little Rock; Lucas Majure, Decatur; Tywan Stafford, Philadelphia; Jamie White, Forest; Chad Anderson, Union; Levi Duncan, Eustis, Florida; Jonathan Craig, Morton; and Justin Sharp, Harpersville.



ECCC beauties, beaus

These students were recently selected beauties and beaus in the annual East Central Community College pageant. Pictured are (from left) Craig McRae of Carthage, Bevin Rieger of Pearl, Michael Thompson of Collins, Amy Jones of Forest, most handsome Levi Duncan of Eustis, Fla.; most beautiful LaChelle Gibson of Morton, Josh Sanders of Little Rock, Heather Warren of Morton, and Jon Martin and Emily Johnson, both of Philadelphia.



Hudson addresses students

Delane Hudson of Louisville, a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees, was the featured speaker at a Black History Program held on the Decatur campus. Hudson, shown during his remarks, urged students to be responsible citizens, and to be accountable for one's actions. In addition to Hudson, other program participants included ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC Gospel Choir members Birchel Robinson of Forest, Ken Jerigan of Louisville and Kim Patrick and Union, and ECCC Child Care Technology student Nancy Pugh of Newton. Music was provided by the ECCC Gospel Choir and Tinka-Tunka's Family Day Care. The program was arranged by Brenda K. Johnson, Gospel Choir sponsor.



Warrior Corps officers

These East Central Community College students are serving as officers of the Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events. Pictured are (from left) William Savell of Lake, secretary/treasurer; Robyn Watts of Union, vice president; and Jon Martin of Philadelphia, president. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor.

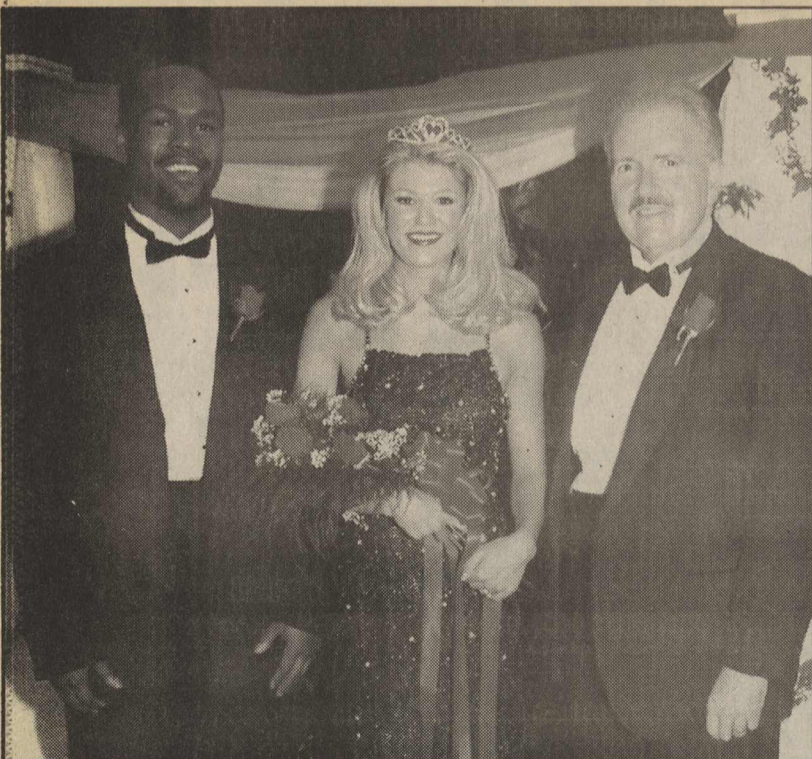
Student Health Center Speakers for the 2000 Spring Semester

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| March 14
10:45 a.m.-11:20 a.m.
Sexually Transmitted Diseases
Gale Gray, RN District
Epidemiology Nurse
Vickers Fine Arts |
| March 30
10:45 a.m.-11:20 a.m.
Domestic Violence
Leslie Lee Priestser
(with a special guest)
Care Lodge in Meridian
Vickers Fine Arts |
| April 6
10:45 a.m.-11:20 a.m.
Alcohol Awareness
Stephanie Denham RN,
National and State Board of
Directors of MADD
Vickers Fine Arts |

★Burkes

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regional and international awards. Burkes will retire as Theta Xi advisor following the spring 2000 semester; however, she will remain as the College librarian and is helping to organize a campus-based Phi Theta Kappa alumni chapter. Candidates for the Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship must meet the following criteria: 1) Become a Phi Theta Kappa member during the freshman year; 2) Be a resident of the College's five county district; and 3) Exemplify the hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, telephone 6352111, ext. 375, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375.



Gibson selected Most Beautiful

LaChelle Gibson (center) of Morton was recently crowned most beautiful in the annual East Central Community College Beauty Pageant. Most handsome Levi Duncan (left) of Eustis, Fla., was chosen by a vote of the student body. Crowning most beautiful was College president Dr. Eddie M. Smith. LaChelle is married to Randy Gibson and they have a one-year-old daughter, Madison. Mrs. Gibson is the daughter of Lane and Latrelle Ashley of Morton. Duncan is the son of Levi and Marian Duncan of Eustis, Fla.

Senior Days

Thursday, March 30
Lake, Morton Christian, Newton High, Philadelphia, Union, Choctaw Central, Morton, Neshoba Central and Scott Central.

Tuesday, April 4
Carthage Christian, Edinburg, Leake Academy, Nanih Waiya, Noxapater, Sebastopol, Thomas-town, Carthage, Forrest, Louisville, Newton County Academy, South Leake, Winston Academy, Newton County High.

Out of district students are being encouraged to come on March 30.

Top Ten Most Heinous Crimes Committed by a Redneck

10. Running over a coon dog in the off-season
9. Refusing to help a family member take the wheels off his new house
8. Relieving yourself at an oak tree before your dog does
7. Complaining about the temperature of your wife's feet in bed
6. Passing up a day of hunting in order to spend time with your family
5. Refusing to participate in horseplay while watching a football game
4. Making fun of another man's truck
3. Neglecting to invite the new neighbors to church
2. Eluding the standard payment of fifteen dollars for trashing a friend's house after their party
1. Opening fire on a jukebox after hearing it play a sad song

By Lee Luke

Top Ten Things a College Student Should Keep in Mind When Transferring to Bora-Bora

10. A busted fire hydrant is nowhere near as exciting as a decent erupting volcano
9. Coconuts are not a suitable substitute for pom-poms
8. Do not confuse the local medical practitioner for that guy who sells cow livers down at the other end of the beach
7. Fish do consider the ocean to be the world's largest latrine. Look before you flounder
6. The local natives have most likely never played the Resident Evil series on Playstation. *Keep it that way!*
5. Parakeets make wonderful house pets, but lousy roommates
4. Whitewater rafting takes on a whole new challenge when the river is filled with piranha
3. Don't bother trying to order cable. It's not worth the wait.
2. You're parents will not be all that thrilled when you call after a week saying you want to come home
1. When phoning to ask for more money, keep in mind that the only currency in Bora-Bora are 800-pound chariot wheels.

By Lee Luke

Top Ten Reasons a College Student Shouldn't Procrastinate

10. You don't want to get one of those
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- 8.
- 7.
- 6.
- 5.
- 4.
- 3.
- 2.
- 1.

(mental note: complete list later...)

by Lee Luke

The Top Ten Ways to Tell if You've Made a Bad Choice in Purchasing a Computer

10. If you've accidentally mistaken a word processor for a Pentium processor...
9. If your child's Etch-N-Sketch has more memory than your computer does...
8. If it mysteriously exploded while you were loading in Windows '95...
7. If it runs slower than your grandfather clock...
6. If it has been mistaken for the world's largest paperweight more than three times...
5. If you found it while searching in a fossil dig...
4. If there are more dust bunnies in the harddrive than there are silicon chips...
3. If Amish settlers took one look at it and burst out laughing...
2. If you couldn't even get the Bora-Bora tribe to take it off your hands...
1. If you made more selling it to a recycling plant than you did buying it...

By Lee Luke

The Top Ten Things a Student Might Want To Remember Before Transferring to a New College

10. Avoid any and all colleges which use the phrase "Abandon All Hope Ye Who Enter Here" as their motto
9. Colleges that offer "*Ancient Medieval Torture Techniques*" as part of the curriculum should be immediately crossed off the list
8. Any university that can only be reached by space shuttle isn't worth the trip
7. A certain best friend you left high and dry in favor of bigger and better things just might show up on your doorstep twenty years later wielding a plasma weapon
6. Never eat anything in the cafeteria that has a sign over it reading: "*Just like mom used to make!*"
5. Don't *ever*, *ever* attempt to secretly harbor aliens in your dorm closet. The MiB are really cracking down on them this year
4. High explosives are no way to deal with a dorm mother
3. Any dangerous mutations that occur in your corner of the genetics lab will be considered **your** responsibility
2. Using the paper staff computer to hack into secret government files will not earn you extra points
1. Any unauthorized Monster Truck Rallies in the school parking lot will most assuredly get you into a heap-o-trouble

By Lee Luke



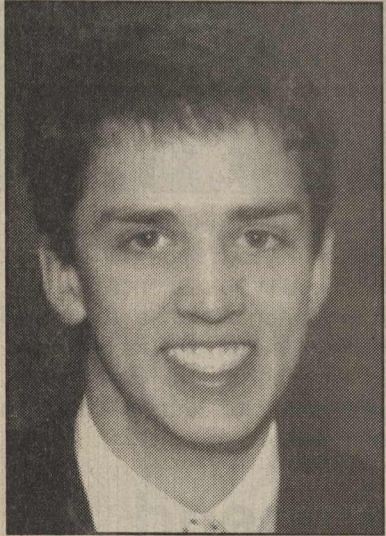
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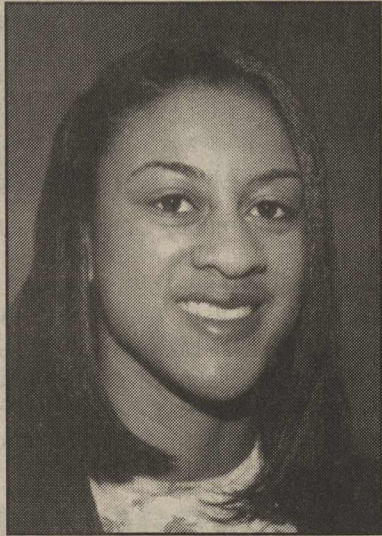
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Craig McRae



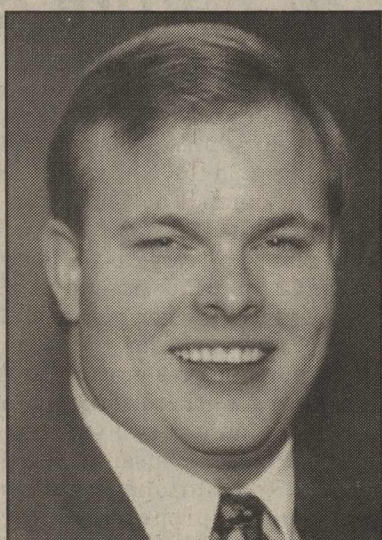
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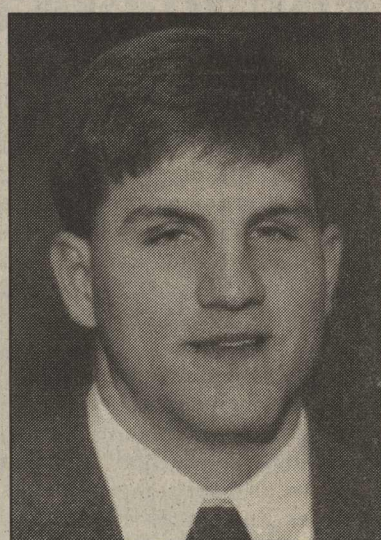
Staci Slayton



Christy Bowen



William Savell



Chris Weems

Six selected to hall of fame

Selection to the Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student can achieve at East Central Community College. Recipients of this distinction for the current year include Christy Bowen of Decatur; Nykela Horne of Philadelphia; Craig McRae of Carthage; William Savell of Lake; Staci Slayton of Enterprise; and Chris Weems of Newton. These students were nominated by faculty, students and staff.

Mrs. Christy Bowen is a member of The Association of Student Nurses of ECCC and serves on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses of Mississippi. She was also named to the Association of Student Nurses Hall of Fame. In addition, Christy is actively involved in Phi Theta Kappa. She is a Dean's List Scholar and was selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

One of those who nominated Christy for this honor noted, "Christy is a very dedicated and active supporter of East Central."

"She is a pleasure to be around and works very hard at whatever she attempts. She is not satisfied with "getting by" but maintains an excellent GPA while being a full-time wife and mother." Christy is the mother of two children and the wife of EC Men's Basketball Coach, Jay Bowen.

Although Christy has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Growth and Development from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tennessee, she chose to pursue a career in nursing and achieved that goal through her studies at East Central. She currently works part-time at the Heart Institute of St. Dominics Medical Center in Jackson.

Miss Nykela Horne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Horne of Philadelphia. She is actively involved in a number of student organizations at East Central including Student Education Association, Phi Theta Kappa, and Warrior Corps. She also served as a cheerleader and was selected as a freshman class favorite and freshman homecoming maid.

Miss Horne was named as an All-American Scholar and received a National Minority Leadership Award. She is also

included in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and has been listed as a President's List Scholar each of the four semesters she has attended East Central.

"Nykela is a well rounded, captivating, and intelligent young lady. Her maturity, work ethic, character and Christian morals are beyond reproach and are rarely found in today's youth," were a few of the many comments made by those nominating her.

Mr. Craig McRae is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McRae of Carthage. Craig serves as President for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, President of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, President of the Presidents' Council and Secretary of Mu Alpha Theta.

He is a member of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band, the concert band, stage band and percussion ensemble. He also served as a technician for the Collegians. Craig is a USA All Academic Team Nominee, a member of the East Central Scholars Bowl Team, and recipient of the Margaret Mosal Leadership Award, and the National Collegiate Engineering Award.

Craig was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and was recently selected by the student body as Mr. ECCC. Some of the remarks made in conjunction with his nomination included, "Craig is a conscientious, responsible student who is respected by both his peers and instructors."

"He not only exhibits strong leadership qualities and good study habits, but exemplary character as well. Craig has maintained an excellent academic record and at the same time, has spent numerous hours fulfilling the duties that accompany the variety of activities in which he participates."

William Savell is classified as "a person that you can count on to be there and help out when you need it" and "a terrific person who always has a smile on his face." "He is a fine Christian young man who cares deeply for his fellow students" as well as "a mature student who has the highest moral character and impeccable integrity."

He is a member of the Warrior Corps, the Baptist Student Union, The East Central Envi-

ronmental Club, the East Central College Choir and the Wall O'Sound Marching Band. In addition, he was selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Savell of Lake.

Miss Staci Slayton is the next member of this elite group. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Slayton of Enterprise.

Staci has been a cheerleader for two years and currently serves as captain of the squad. She is a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, the Student Body Association, and the dormitory council.

Staci is also a member of the Presidents' Council, Phi Theta Kappa and the Warrior Corps. Selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Staci has been a President's List Scholar for four semesters. One of those nominating Staci had these comments to make. "during her two years at East Central, Staci has been actively involved in many campus organizations."

She has served in various leadership roles including head cheerleader and sophomore class treasurer. "She's one who always has a smile on her face whether she is making her way across campus to class or on the sidelines cheering for the Warrior football team."

Chris Weems is a President's List Scholar who serves as Vice-President of Alpha Alpha Epsilon. Chris was named as East Central's HEADWAE Student of the Year for 1999-2000, and was a candidate for the USA All Academic Team. Not only is Chris a vital part of numerous student organizations at East Central, but he is also active in church and civic activities.

He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, playing both football and baseball at East Central. He received the outstanding academic award in both sports and is a candidate for National Collegiate Athletic Academic All-American.

Chris was also selected as one of the *Clarion Ledger's* Honorable Mention Top 25 JUCO recruits. He was selected as an All State Football Player for his outstanding work as a punter on

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Graduation set for Friday

East Central Community will hold graduation ceremonies on Friday evening at 8 p.m. in Warrior Stadium. Approximately 450 students are expected to receive diplomas.

The invocation, to be delivered by Veronica Hayes, will be followed by the graduation address presented by Chris Weems, ECCC HEADWAE Student of the Year. Chris is the son of Angelia and Buddy Weems of Newton.

Laura Aregood and Tara Yarbrough will perform a vocal duet entitled, "You'll Never Walk Alone," accompanied by Marva Cavanaugh on piano. This particular arrangement of the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, was done by Justin Sharp, a music major at East Central. Following the presentation of diplomas by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, the benediction will be delivered by Bridgette Stamper.

Candidates for graduation are:

LEAKE COUNTY: Melissa Stewart Atkinson, Anita Louise Bell, Penny Watkins Brown, Jacqueline Cain Coward, Melinda Kaye Davidson, Clifton Glynn Edwards, Todd Jason Greenlee, Christopher Michael Harrell, Wendy S. Hester, Amanda Dawn Hillman, Mindy Rhodes Hutchison, Lacey Anne Johnson, Andrew C. Kelly, LaSonya Kincaid, Charles Antonio Leflore, Craig Michael McRae, Teresa Nicole Moore, Amy Pigg, Courtney Beth Rawson, Rodrick Ray Sockey, Laurie Beckham Thornton and Michael Wilcher, all of Carthage; Richard Lavern Alexander, Ivory L. Bowie, and Joseph P. Robertson, all of Lena; and Shanna Alexander Anthony, Timothy Wayne Boles, Jo Ellen Ladner Comans, Lisa Carol Johnson, Terry Lamar Johnson, Christopher Lathem, James Bailey Smith and Tonya Lameka Viverette, all of Walnut

Grove.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Heather Denise Anderson, Christie M. Beckham, Cynthia Goss Beckham, Mary Michele Belk, Joshua Charles Bryan, Amanda Hope Chaney, Lisa Michele Charlie, Mike Lee Dearing, Odessa Kelly Denson, Thomas Beauregard Ellison, Jeremy L. Files, Erica Pike Flake, Kendra L. Gage, Jill Yvette Gray, Lorenzo Griffin, Gary Nicholas Hall, Jonathan David Hardy, Josh Hardy, Demeteria Delores Hayman, Emily Danielle Johnson, Andrew Maurice Jones, Brandon Keith Jones, Brooke Lorraine Kennedy, Morgan Yarbrough Kirkland, Spence Ike Latimer, Justin Ryan Long, Thomas Jayroe Madison, Phyllis R. Manning, Jon David Martin, James Nichols, Annie Evans Peebles, Brian Scott Pendergrass, Melissa Pendergrass, James Dewayne Pickens, Beverly Ann Rush, Rendfred Sherrel Rush, Matthew Ryan Stovall, Ashley Williams Stuart, Joseph D. Tingle, Cheree Burch Turner, Cynthia Vasquez, Ashley Vines, Shunnett Wheaton, Marion Margaret White, Kevin Ray Willis and Rameisa Wilson, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Robert W. Cape, Celesta J. Clark, Laura Shows Evans, Alex C. Savell, and Tyler David Thomas, all of Chunky; Rhonda Renee Bell, Durnene Anderson Farmer, Shannon Michelle McDill, Jo Ann Mitchell Smith, Jarrett W. Thomas and Christopher C. Weaver, all of Conehatta; Marlon D. Adams, Stacy Brooks Addy, Sherry Mitchell Akins, Allison Kathryn Bailey, Rhonda Ann Bates, Cristy Perry Bowen, Ashley Larie Byram, Leslie Miles Cleveland, Stacy Elizabeth Cotton, James William Garrison, Jacqueline Denise Hoyer, Jason Johnston, Pamela Michelle Jones, Shirley J. Wright Loper, Ashley Lynn

McDill, Brenda Hutchison Rose, Penny Marie Russell, Lana Kay Smith, Sonya Harris Smith, Bridgette Lee Stamper, Lea Ann Stevens, Zella Cotton Stevens, Charlotte Denise Walker, Tina Chianelli Williams and William C. Wilson, all of Decatur; Amanda Harris, Michael Corey Johnson, Lalyendia Evorn Matthews, Justin Garrett Mills, William Vashawn Oliphant, James Robert Stampely, Kara Stampely and Tracey Hudnall Taylor, all of Hickory; Audrey Parker Haralson, Lamonica Harris, Jana Nester McGee, Mary J. Tingle and Betty Regina Wilkerson, all of Lawrence; Mary Suzette Crocker, Tammy Crabtree Cutway, Timothy Adam Foreman, Stacy Nichole Hogue, Justin Daniel Lanier, William Kent Montgomery, Margaret Laird Mott, and Kelly Burkes Tucker, all of Little Rock; Catherine R. Arrington, Deloris Blaylock, Patricia R. Bolden, Devlin L. Chapman, Ashley Gerald City, Melissa Renfrow Cooksey, Shelia Mae Curry, Chafony Charmaine Evans, Pamela Lynn Evans, Stephanie Denece Evans, Robert Ford, Jennifer Leigh Guyse, Jessica Lynn Guyse, Heather Elaine Hamilton, David K. Hollingsworth, Carla D. Jacome-Cluff, Leah Michelle Lindsley, Franceani Lyles, Kristen Chantel Mills, Tonya Moncrief, Latricia Danite Moore, Maeree C. Overstreet, Nancy Ann Pugh, Eunice L. Robinson, Stephanie Arrington Robinson, Lakesa Sims, Carolina R. Skinner, Joel Curtis Skinner, Amanda Lynn Strait, Vivian Darnell Taylor, Chris LaVaughn Weems, Angie Denise Wesley, Kenneth E. White, Allen Wilson and Audrey Evans Windham, all of Newton; Amy E. Arthur, Douglas Clay Branning, Jennifer Harrison Davidson, Julie Anne Fitzgibbons, Rebekah Karol Franklin, Kristi Lynn French, Carmen

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On your mark! Get set! Go! . . . The leap frog competition gets under way at Warrior Stadium.

Spring Spree 2000 held at ECCC

East Central students recently took a break from exam preparation to enjoy the great weather and get a little exercise by participating in "fun and games" at the annual Spring Spree.

Spring Spree 2000 was a week-long series of events such as a catfish fry for students; volleyball competition; scavenger hunt; Spring Spree picnic on Warrior Field and the Spring Spree games which were also held at Warrior Stadium.

Thirteen teams of students participated in activities ranging from an egg toss to leap frog. The annual event culminated with the Spring formal dance held in the south campus gymnasium.



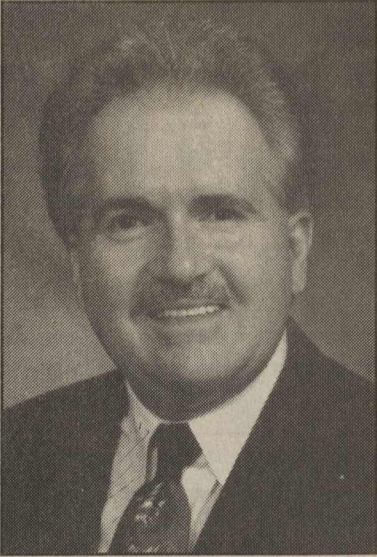
Jill Gray of Leake Academy gets the "raw" end of the deal in the egg drop competition.

Dr. Smith honored on retirement

East Central Community College honored retiring president Dr. Eddie M. Smith during ceremonies Saturday, May 6, on the Decatur campus.

A convocation for the long-time educator was held at 2p.m. in Huff Auditorium, followed by a dedicated ceremony at the College's new Student Union Building, earlier name din Dr. Smith's honor.

Among participants in the special program were H. B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, former ECCC Board of Trustees Chairman and current member of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, current ECCC Board Chairman; Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC Dean of



Dr. Eddie M. Smith

Instruction and President-elect; State Representative Billy Nicholson of Union; and former ECCC faculty members, Ovid S. Vickers, retired chairman of the Division of Communication and Fine Arts, and Dr. Richard C. Ethridge, retired chairman, Social Studies Division.

Special music was provided by the Ac'cents, the College's show choir; the ECCC Brass Ensemble; and music faculty members Leesa Wilkinson, Tonya Kirk and Ross Price.

Dr. Smith has led his alma mater since 1985. His retirement is effective June 30, 2000, and comes following almost 36 years of service in the field of education.

East Central announces award recipients

East Central hosted the annual Awards Day Ceremony on May 4, in Huff Memorial Auditorium. This event is the highlight of the year for those students who have excelled scholastically in numerous categories. The following students were honored for outstanding achievement.

Vocational Awards were presented in the following areas : Cabinet Making ,James B. Smith; Carpentry, Benjamin Stewart; Cosmetology, Linda Pierce;Welding & Cutting, J. C. Skinner; Licensed Practical Nurse, Melanie Fanguy ; and Vocational Student of the Year, Kasey Comans.

Technical Awards were presented in these areas: Collision Repair, Jeremy L. Files; Automotive, Fred McClelland;Child Development Technology, Mary Tingle; Computer Technology, Betty Wilkerson; Electrical, Chris Weaver; Electronics, Andrew Smith; Gerontology, Christopher Thomas; Heating & Air Conditioning,William Wilson; Machine Shop, Jody Addy; Network Support Technology, T. J. Madison; O. L. Newell Memorial Drafting Award, Richard Lancaster; Surgical Technology, Lori Hollingsworth and Technical Student of the Year, Betty Wilkerson.

Those receiving SPECIAL AWARDS include : William Savell for Citizenship; Heather Cushman for TOM-TOM; Stacy Skinner for Wo-He-Lo; Adam Mann for ECCC Players; Laura Aregood for Concert Choir; Ginny Rigby for Ac'cents. Levi

Duncan, Ellis Harrison, Ken Jernigen, Robert McQueen, Quinn Moore, and Adrin Gordon all received recognition for outstanding service in the ECCC Gospel Choir.

Bridget Minor was recognized for service in the ECCC Environmental Club as well as receiving the Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership, while Joshua Black was the recipient of the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council Scholarship.

In the academic area, Amber Johnson received the L. B. Simmons History Award; Kelly Tucker received the award for Secondary Education; Melanie Robinson received the Kappa Kappa Iota Award and Angie Richardson Rash received the Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Non-Traditional Education. Freshman Mathematics Awards were presented to Johnny Cook, Ashley Jones, Melissa Pendergrass, and Alicia Purvis. Sophomore Mathematics Awards were pre-

sented to Craig McRae, Kelly Tucker, and Chris Weems.

The S. Lebrun Hutchinson Award was given to Joshua McNeill and the Spanish Award was presented to Brooke Kennedy. Rosalind Bender, Gwen Edwards, Rebecca McDill Rigdon, and Annie Peebles all received MBEA Student Awards and Natalie Boggan was the recipient of the Alyne Simmons Recruitment Grant.

Awards for outstanding achievement in the Associate Degree Nursing Program were presented to freshman Ken Jones, and sophomore Johnna Levin. Michael Wilcher received the USM Eddie M. Smith Scholarship and Jesse VanEtten earned the Homer F. Hunter Award for Athletic Managers while brother Chris VanEtten was selected for the William S. Giffin Award for Men's Intramurals. Chris Weems was selected to receive the Walter Arno Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Athletics. The Andrew F. Webb Football Award was presented to Lacey McBeath and Josh Hardy, while Lamond Bowie received the Howard Sessums Award for Basketball.

Numerous Alumni Memorial Awards were presented. These included the Billy Wayne Baucum Award for Secondary Education, Randall Orr; Opal McMullan Dickerson Award for Elementary Education, Jason Ashley Burroughs; W. A. Coursey, Jr. Engineering, Craig McRae; Danny R. Killens Engineering, Chris Weems; Sara Carr Deaton Business Technology, Margaret Mott; Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa Award, Craig McRae; Leon Eubanks Kaljc-Peers, Sarah Johnson; Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Speech Award, Khristan Abel; the Alatha Chaney English Award, Melissa Till; and the Dr. Edwin Miller Scholarship for Medical Services, Stacey Skinner.

Faculty Memorial Awards were presented to Beverly Reynolds, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; Amy Arthur and Ashley Jones, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry Award; Ben Boyette, Robert G. Fick Memorial Award; Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology Award, Lucas Majure;

Ashley Jones, J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; Charles E. Pennington Business Technology, Jennifer Winstead; and the General William Patrick Wilson General Academics Award, Lisa Adeock.

In addition, Mr. Leonard Barrier and Mr. Chris Weems were recognized as HEADWAE instructor and student of the year, respectively.

Awards for the All USA Community and Junior College Academic Team went to Craig McRae and Chris Weems.

Receiving awards for SBA were President, Veronica Haynes; Vice-President, Ashley McDill; Secretary, Tesa Henry and Treasurer, Robyn Watts. Sophomore Class Officers receiving awards were Michael Wilcher, President; Emily Johnson, Vice-President; Huellen Nutt, Secretary; Staci Slayton, Treasures. Freshman class officers included Levi Duncan, President; Emily Boggan, Vice-President; Sarah Johnson, Secretary and Karmen Jones, Treasures.

Members of the ECCC Scholar's Bowl Team receiving recognition were Captain, Kristin Mills; Craig McRae; Cliff Edwards, Nick Barham, and Wendy Huff, Alternate.



Above are members of the East Central Community College Environmental Club (ECEC) who volunteered their services during spring break at The Nature Conservancy in south Mississippi. Participating were Rhonda Bates, Decatur; Brandi Crowell and Todd Mullins, both of Louisville; Amanda Denson, Lena; Adrin Gordon, Meridian; Pamela Jones and T. J. Porter, both of Morton; Yolanda Jones and LaSonya Kincaid, both of Carthage; Kristen Mills and Kenneth White, both of Newton; Bridget Minor, Little Rock; Jennifer Savell, Robert Savell and William Savell, all of Lake; Val Stribling and Ashley Vines, both of Philadelphia; and April Wallace, Forest. Also pictured is English instructor Juanita West who accompanied the group with sponsor Laura Hammons who also teaches English.

ECCC students, teachers spend spring break at nature conservancy

Eighteen students and two faculty members from East Central Community College in Decatur spent their spring break volunteering at two of The Nature Conservancy's properties: The Deaton Preserve in Greene and George counties and Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank in Jackson County.

The ECCC delegation, which mostly included members of the College's Environmental Club, was led by Laura Hammons who serves as club sponsor also teaches English at the College. Hammons said the trip was both "meaningful and educational."

"I knew that our students would not only enjoy and benefit from being in the field doing 'grunt' work, but would also learn about the scientific bases that the Conservancy utilizes when determining which tracts of land to buy and manage," she said.

Hammons added that two scientists - David Borland and George Ramseur talked to the group about the biodiversity of the two tracts where ECEC members and sponsors worked. "And, thanks to discussions with the scientists, our students became aware that those biology classes were completely relevant outside the classroom!"

Hammons further commented that the EC group also spent a lot of time with Administrative Assistant Nicole Anderson, a recent graduate with a degree in outdoor education.

"The entire experiment with all of the great people the club members met was just terrific," she stated.

She said they spent the first day maintaining the boundaries of Old Fort Mitigation Bank, an

1800-acre wetland restoration project north of Ocean Springs, by installing preserve signs and removing debris from the boundary area. The Conservancy bought the 1800 acres in 1996 and plans to recreate the pine savanna where Mississippi Sand Hill Cranes, pitcher plants and wild orchids once thrived. When completed, the restoration land funded by wetland mitigation fees will connect two separate areas of the Mississippi Sand Hill Crane National Wildlife Refuge. In preparation for future prescribed burns, the ECCC students cut all woody vegetation to prevent a prescribed burn from jumping the fire lane.

On their second day, Hammons said the students learned about exotic and invasive species, such as the Japanese climbing fern, that has invaded the Deaton Preserve. With tools in hand, the group dug small holes in the earth hoping to find the fern's black roots.

This was difficult work, she stated, as the roots "are fast spreaders." This non-native species work is part of a plan to develop a restoration plan for the tract. She said the students' work will help scientists determine the best method to control or eliminate the Japanese climbing fern.

The workday also provided a view of the Chickasawhay and Leaf rivers that flow into the Pascagoula River - the largest unaffected river system in the lower 48 states. While enjoying the scenery, the ECCC students saw several examples of the diverse wildlife on the preserve, such as the Ophedrys vernalis (green snake). "By actually see-

ing the many forms of wildlife, we gained a better understanding of the importance of ecological conservation and wetland restoration," Hammons said.

David Borland, restoration ecologist, led the students on a tour of Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank to explain the natural history and botanical interests of the site. The group also visited the Walter Anderson Museum and the Marine Education Center. To reward the ECCC students for their work, The Nature Conservancy hosted a shrimp boil and crawfish boil on the Ocean Springs beach. On the beach, the group shared stories of their trip and new friendships. Each year around the world, volunteers for The Conservancy work the equivalent of 700 full-time stewardship positions - a level of volunteerism worth approximately \$16 million to the Conservancy.

Based in Arlington, Virginia, The Nature Conservancy is the world's leading private, international conservation group, with more than 1,100,000 members and 1600 preserves-the largest system of private nature sanctuaries in the world.

The Conservancy has helped protect more than 10 million acres of ecologically significant habitat in the United States and more than 55 million acres in Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific. It currently manages more than 6.1 million acres.

For more information about The Nature Conservancy, contact Nicole Anderson at the Ocean Springs Field Office, Phone (228)-872-8452, or visit their website at www.tnc.orgmississippi.



Walkers receive ECCC scholarships

Johnny and Debby Walker of Hickory were recently awarded nontraditional student tuition scholarships to continue their studies at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Walkers, both 41, are secondary education majors. They have two children, Jonathan, 16, and Joey, nine. The tuition scholarships are available to qualified Mississippi residents, 23 years of age or older, at the time of initial enrollment, who enroll full-time at East Central Scholarships are provided for three consecutive semesters following the first 12 semester hours earned as either a part-time or full-time student at East Central. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, decatur, Miss. 39327, phone 635-2111, ext. 204 or call toll-free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222, ext. 204.

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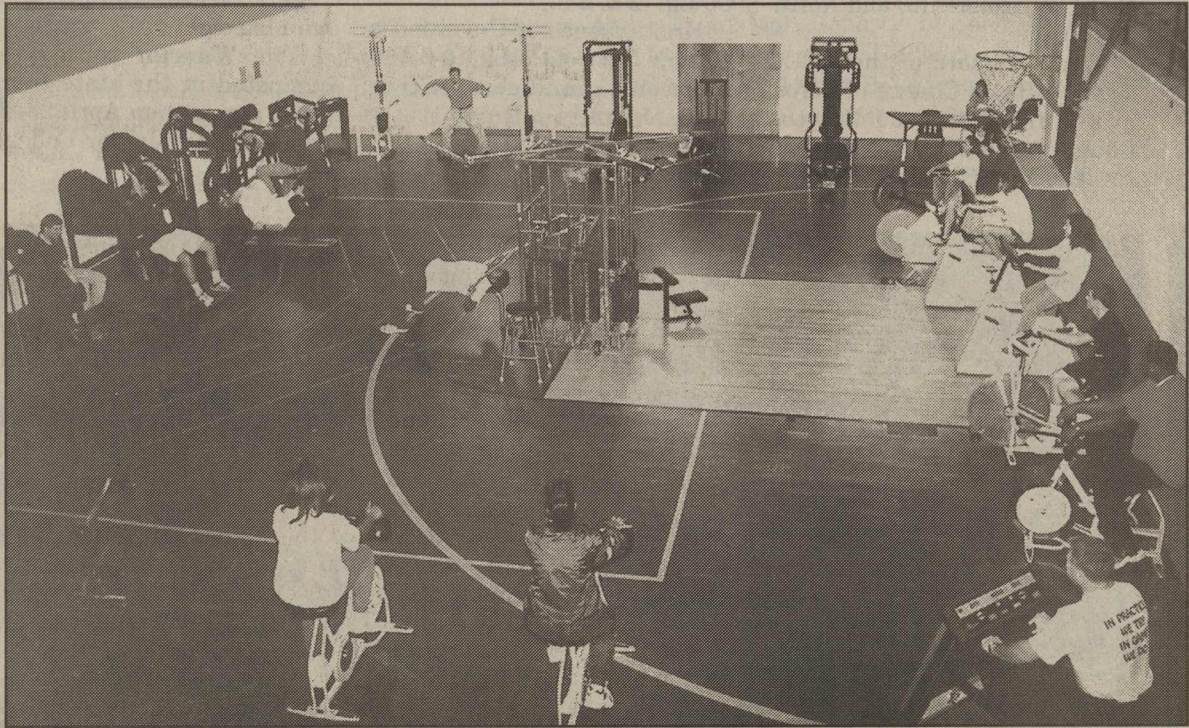
ECCC SIFE team takes top honors

Members of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) at East Central Community College recently took top honors at the SIFE Regional Exposition held in Memphis, Tenn. Pictured are (seated, from left) Connie Tew, Tracy Latham, and Ginny Rigby, all of Forest and SIFE sponsor Wanda Moore; and (top row, from left) Jareel Combost of Louisville and Asylbek Osmonov of Kyrgyzstan, who now resides in Philadelphia. The SIFE team was named Champion of the Regional Exposition and also won the Success 2000 competition, which involved teaching undereducated and potential welfare dependant people how to be successful in the year 2000. The team will travel to Kansas City, Missouri, May 2123, where they will participate in national competition.



ECCC artwork displayed

A reception held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on April 13 officially began the annual Spring Art Show, which featured various works of art from students of instructors Bruce Guraedy and Todd Eldridge. Shown admiring some of the ceramic artwork on display are (from left) Freddie Woods of Forest, Patrick Wilcher of Edinburg, Leanne Pittman of Pachuta and Brittany Boney of Shubuta.



ECCC fitness center open

College personnel and students as well as community residents are taking advantage of the Founders Gymnasium Fitness Center which recently opened at East Central Community College in Decatur. The fitness center includes approximately \$10,000 worth of exercise equipment, made possible through a donation from La-Z-Boy South in Newton. For information regarding fees and hours of operation, contact Joe Killens, Director of Student Life/Student Recruiter, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Phone 635-2111, ext. 213, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 213.



ECCC VICA winners

These East Central Community College VICA (Vocational Industrialized Clubs of America) students recently took top honors in the annual state VICA Skills Contest. From left are Bill Wilson of Decatur, first place in major appliance repair; Stephen Walker of Meridian, second in automotive technology; Jeremy Files of Philadelphia, second in collision repair technology; and Ben Stewart of Forest, third in carpentry. Not pictured are Yolanda Whitfield of Newton, third in cosmetology; Tammy Munn of Morton, third in cosmetology; and Corey Moore of Carthage, third in residential installation. Moore was also elected state historian along with Matt Eddins of Pachuta who was selected state parliamentarian.

A time to reminisce

By CARMEN GERMANY
The Tom Tom

The fresh air, birds chirping, and warm weather never fail to bring back memories of my childhood. I can remember rushing from school in my elementary years to get home and climb into that tree house that seemed to fix any problem that happened during the day. I felt like I had escaped the world and entered a new one. One of my very own.

Sunday afternoons were the best! After church we had the traditional Sunday dinner.

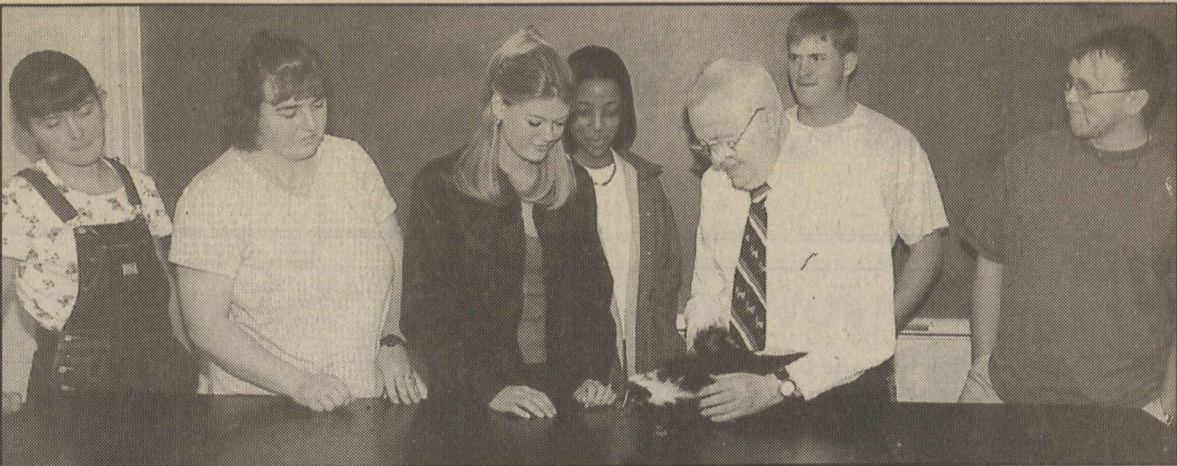
Then, after dinner I would stand on our back patio and yell to my cousin Rebecca (who lived just up the dirt road) to come down to the house and play. My dad would hook up this small trailer to his tractor and load us into it for the afternoon ride.

We would ride about two miles into the woods behind our house, on a small trail that he had made, to a fresh water spring. This spring ran out of a tree trunk. He let us drink the cold water and play in it barefooted.

There were vines that hung above the spring, so we could

stand on one side of the spring on a hill and swing across to the other side. The pine trees that grew in that forest were taller and bigger than most. It seemed to be a "magic place."

We moved from our house in the country when I was 12 and it has been several years since I visited the spring. I've often thought of returning to the place, but I'm afraid that the water wouldn't seem as cold, or maybe the trees wouldn't seem as big. Whatever the case may be, I have the memories, and sometimes memories are better left alone.



Dr. Key welcomes 'special' guest

One never knows what to expect sometimes in Dr. Thomas Key's biology lab, and such was the case recently when freshman LaChelle Gibson (third from left) of Forest brought her pet skunk to class. Gibson quickly made it known to Dr. Key (shown handling the special guest) and classmates that the skunk had been "descended" prior to its arrival on campus! Also pictured are (from left) Stacy Skinner and Shanna Jones, both of Union; Melissa McClelland of Meridian; Patrick Ferriss of Clinton; and Chris Vanetten of Forest.



Triplets to graduate

William, Jennifer and Robert Savell (pictured from left) will be the first set of triplets to graduate from East Central Community College when they receive their diplomas at the May 12 commencement exercises. The children of Marcus (Class of '67) and Lynn Savell (attended 1963) of Lake, they are involved in various campus activities including the Warrior Wall 'O Sound Marching Band and the East Central Environmental Club. They are 1998 graduates of Newton County High School.

Standing up for kneeling down

By DANIELLE YARBROUGH
The Tom Tom

When I was in elementary school every day started off the same as the one before. We, in homeroom, answered roll, said the pledge of allegiance, and closed with prayer. Everything seemed so simple then. Only one thing remains the same; they still call the roll each morning.

According to a recent *USA Today* article, prayer was taken out of our school systems "to protect the rights of those who do not wish to pray to God." What about the ones who feel their day is not protected unless they begin their day with prayer?

I asked several people on the East Central Community College campus how they felt on this issue and came up with many diverse answers. A few students feel that to allow prayer in school would only start another heated debate that would lead to nowhere. The majority, however, feel that it should be left up to the students. I have to agree with the majority.

There are those who feel that allowing prayer in school leaves a lot of questions unanswered. One person I asked stated that if we let one person pray to his God, then we have to let others pray to whomever they choose. This person is correct, and my answer is – silent prayer. What could possibly be the harm in setting aside two minutes of "quiet time" each morning? The student could pray, meditate, or twiddle his thumbs – either way it is his choice.

Prayer could also possibly solve other problems in school; after all we have tried everything else to curb the violence. As a state and nation, we have not tried prayer, and we are tuning to the news on a regular basis and finding another tragic story of one child harming another child. Children are plotting against each other, and parents are crying, "What can we do?"

I am not one of those people who believe that our teachers are responsible for raising our children. I realize that morals

begin at home. I was taught to kneel down at night and say my prayers and I was lucky enough to have parents who cared enough to teach me wrong from right. Knowing this, I cannot help wondering what kind of message we are sending to our children when we send them to a place each day that will not allow them to do the one thing we have strongly encouraged them to do.

In Psalm 34:4-6, the Bible states "I sought the Lord and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look at him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles." There should be no shame in prayer, and it is about time we call out to someone for help because all else has apparently

failed.

My last argument for school prayer is my two-year-old daughter who will start school in three short years. I have done everything humanly possible to shield her thus far, and do not intend on sending her into any endeavor without knowing I have done everything I can to keep her safe.

Perhaps Psalm 35:1-2 sums it up when it says, "Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me. Take up shield and buckler; arise and come to my aid." I want this kind of protection for my child. We look to schools to help prepare our children for "the real world." We expect our schools to "build a better student," but we have taken away the most important tool at their disposal – PRAYER.

Roger Whitlock to lead ECCC workforce development center

Roger L. Whitlock of Union was recently named Director of Workforce Development at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Whitlock, who begins his new duties on May 1, has served as the College's Work-Based Learning Coordinator since 1994. Through his leadership, the WBL program has twice been selected the "exemplary" program in the state.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Whitlock was employed at Union High School where he served as Diversified Occupations Cooperative Education/Marketing Education Coordinator. He is also former adjunct instructor for Mississippi State University. In all, he has 16 years of full-time work experience in the field of education.

A graduate of Nettleton High School, Whitlock received a bachelor's degree in marketing and distributive education and a master's in technology education, both from Mississippi State University. He is presently

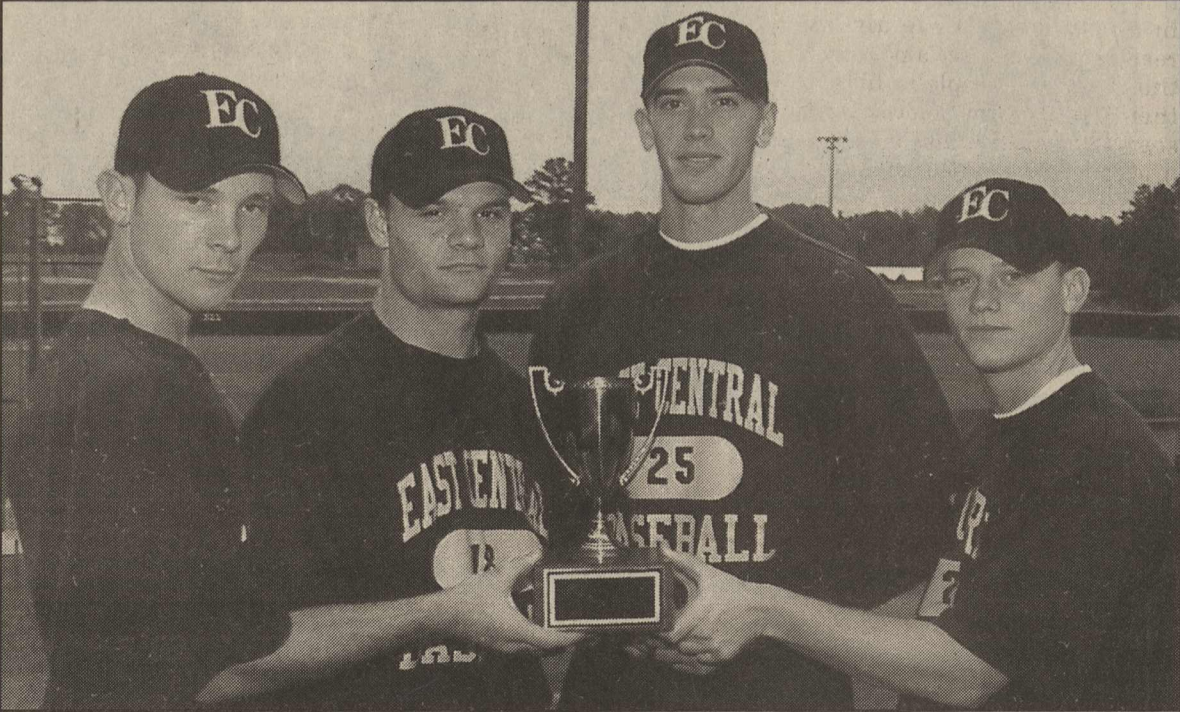


Roger L. Whitlock

enrolled in the doctoral program at MSU, where he is pursuing a degree in educational leadership.

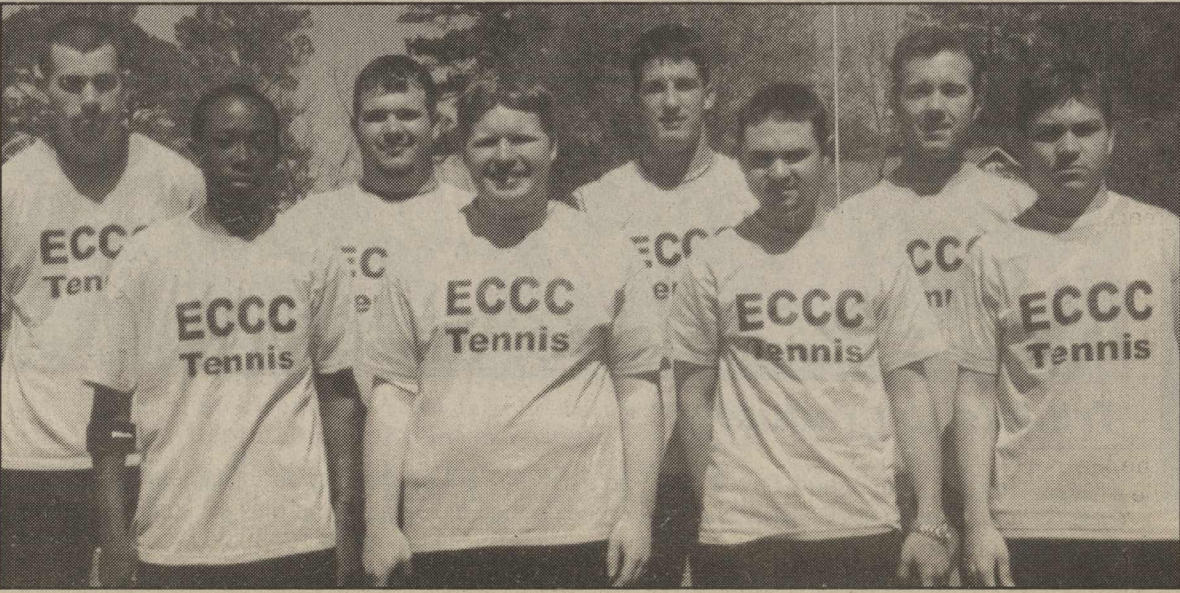
He is married to the former Marsha Howington of Little Rock and they have two daughters, Morgan, 10 and Brett, five.

Sports



ECCC wins judge's cup

East Central Community College won the first annual Judge's Cup, a competition between the Diamond Warriors and East Mississippi Community College, sponsored by the Judge Little Company in Meridian. East Central captured the award by defeating the Lions 13-11 on March 27 in Scooba. Diamond Warriors shown displaying the trophy are (from left) outfielder Kent Chamblee of Carthage, catcher/outfielder Josh Hardy of Philadelphia, pitcher Brandon Fish of Demopolis, Ala., and second baseman Spence Latimer of Philadelphia.



ECCC men's tennis team

Members of the East Central Community College men's tennis team for the 2000 season include (from left) Wade Hutchins of Decatur, Tim Cager of Union, Pete Deweese and Dan Tingle, both of Philadelphia; Tommy Ford of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Josh McNeill of Louisville, Tracy Goodin of Noxapater, and Lee Dempsey of Louisville. The Warriors are coached by Jay Bowen.



ECCC Diamond Girls

Members of the Diamond Girls for the 1999-2000 term are (front row, from left) Marcie Wall, Forest; Shelby Withers, Carthage; Jerri-Lynn Frey, Louisville; Tomekia Bishop, Collinsville; Leanne Earls and Wendy Huff, both of Morton; and Rebekah Franklin, Union; (second row, from left) Melissa Till, Pelahatchie; Heather Warren, Morton; Brandy Stokes and Ashley Vines, both of Philadelphia; Jessie Pullin and Mary-Katherine Gordon, both of Union; Ashley McDill, Decatur; Mandy Chaney, Philadelphia; and Kim Coghlan, Carthage; and (back row, from left) Brandy Stone, Carthage; Heather Hamilton, Newton; Jennie Bounds (captain), Forest; Nikki Pearson, Louisville; Carmen Germany, Union; Gina Wall, Meridian; Huellen Nutt, Morton; and Lisa Price (captain), Carthage. Lanette Hanna serves as sponsor.



Speakers for ECCC-hosted clinic

East Central Community College again served as co-host for the annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Games held April 6 at Choctaw Central High School in Philadelphia. Prior to the All-Star matchups, two coaches' clinics were held at the Silver Star Resort and Casino, which also served as co-host along with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Featured speakers at this year's clinics were Sharon Fanning, head women's basketball coach at Mississippi State University and Jim Hatfield (right), assistant men's basketball coach at Murray State University, who are shown with Jay Bowen, ECCC head men's basketball coach.

Lady Warriors place third in state tennis tourney

A third-place finish in the Region 23 and state tennis championships held recently in Tupelo capped one of the most successful campaigns in recent memory for the East Central Community College women's tennis team.

The Lady Warriors, led by Coach Jay Bowen, compiled 11 points in the three-day tournament and shared third-place honors with the Jones County Junior College Lady Bobcats. Co-Lin won the tennis crown with 26 points, followed by runner-up Itawamba with 23 points. Also, participating were Pearl River (9), Northeast (8), Hinds (7), Southwest (3), Gulf Coast (2), Holmes (0) and Northwest (0).

Two members of the ECCC squad – Haley Chance of Forest and April Foley of Newton County – were among the top-seeded singles and doubles play-

ers in the annual event.

In the singles competition, Chance fell in second-round action to Pearl River's Nicole Shepard (2-6, 4-6); Foley defeated Meghan Mason of Gulf Coast (6-3, 6-2) in second-round action before falling to Pearl River's Pamela Miller (0-6, 6-2, 3-6) in the semi-finals;

Jessica Weeks of Forest fell to Courtney Shivers of Co-Lin (0-6, 5-7) in second-round action; Kasey Comans of Newton County defeated Charlsie Whetson of Southwest (0-6, 6-0, 6-4) in first-round action and beat Melissa Rimes of Hinds (6-4, 6-2) in round two before falling in the semi-finals to Amanda Turner of Co-Lin (2-6, 2-6);

Kristi French of Union fell to Tammy Case of Co-Lin (0-6, 2-6) in second-round competition; and Brandy Burnett of Louisville defeated Marie Singleton of Hinds (6-1, 6-3) before

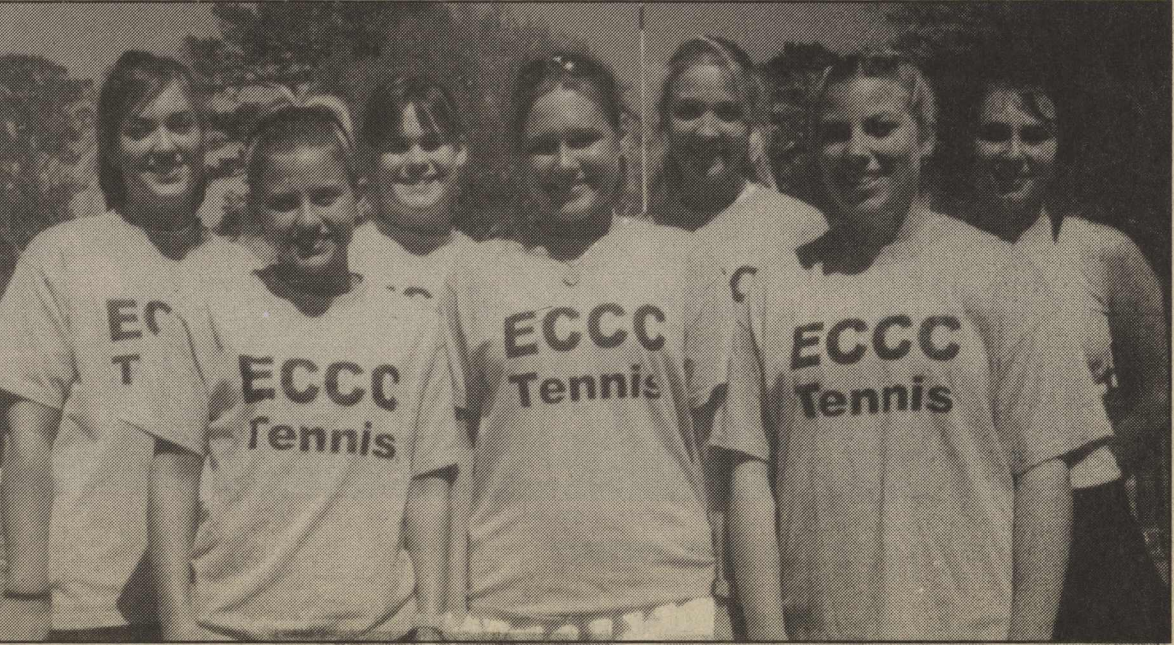
falling to Jennifer Garrett of Itawamba (6-1, 2-6, 0-6) in semi-finals.

In doubles action, Chance and Foley defeated Cutshall/Freeman of Northeast (6-7, 6-2, 6-4) before falling to Fagan/Bishop of Itawamba (0-6, 2-6) in the semi-finals;

Weeks and Comans fell to Shepherd/Creely of Pearl River (2-6, 2-6) in second-round action; and Burnett and Bridgett Stamper of Newton County defeated Flynt/Anderson of Pearl River (6-1, 6-2) prior to falling to Joy/Johnson of Co-Lin (2-6, 2-6) in semi-final action.

The Lady Warriors completed regular season competition by winning eight of 12 matches.

The Warrior tennis team competed in the state tournament competition April 28-30 at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.



ECCC women's tennis team

Members of the East Central Community College women's tennis team for the 2000 season include (from left) Courtney Cooper of Forest, Kasey Comans of Decatur, Brandy Burnett of Louisville, April Foley of Newton, Bridgette Stamper of Decatur, and Jessica Weeks and Haley Chance, both of Forest. The Lady Warriors are coached by Jay Bowen.

1999-2000 team awards

Women's Basketball

- Best Rebounder – Tonya Moncrief
- Best Defensive Player – Sasya Lilly
- Best Offensive Player – Tonya Moncrief
- Newcomer of the Year – Nicole Cox
- Warrior Award – Anna Udicova
- First Team All State – Tonya Moncrief
- Second Team All State – Nicole Cox

Men's Basketball

- Ms JC All-Star Game – Lamond Bowie and Arral Parkerson
- Hon Mention All State – Lamond Bowie
- Best Rebounder – Matthew Roebuck
- Best Offensive Player – Lamond Bowie
- Best Defensive Player – Joe Copeland
- Newcomer of the Year – Joe Copeland
- Warrior Award – Kent Chamblee
- Best Shooter – Chris Webb
- Howard Sessums Alumni Memorial Award – Lamond Bowie

Women's Tennis

- Most Improved – Kasey Comans
- Warrior Award – Brandy Burnette
- Most Valuable Player – April Foley
- Academic All-American – Kristi French

Men's Tennis

- Most Improved – Tim Cager
- Warrior Award – Dan Tingle
- Most Valuable Player – Lee Dempsey

Women's Softball

- Most Improved – LaBreeska Chesney
- Defensive Awards – Lacey Johnson, Bridgette Stamper and Allison Bailey
- Offensive Award – Brooke Manigold
- Coach's Award – LeAnne Stampley
- Lady Warrior Awards – Amanda Harris and Brooke Manigold
- All-State Team – Amanda Harris

Golf Awards

- Most Valuable Player – Dustin McGee



ECCC state HOSA winners

These East Central Community College licensed practical nursing students received honors at the annual state HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) competition. Pictured are (front row, from left) Alva Flowers of Newton, first place, job seeking skills, and placed in the Top 25 on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; Martha Wood of Philadelphia, first, HOSA Bowl team; Nikki Nelson of Newton, fourth, creative problem solving team; and Michelle Gray of Lake, second, medical spelling, and first, HOSA Bowl team; and (back row, from left) Rachel Dunn of Decatur, second, gerontology knowledge, and placed in the Top 25 on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; Mary Johnson of Union, fifth, nutrition knowledge, and fourth, creative problem solving team; Mary Chervenak of Carthage, third, medical math, and first, HOSA Bowl team; Melanie Fanguy of Conehatta, first, HOSA Bowl team; Leslie Risher of Pulaski, fourth, creative problem solving team; and Randi Davis of Lake, fourth creative problem solving team. Those who placed first, second or third and those placed in the Top 25 on the National Healthcare Issues Exam will advance to the national competition scheduled June 18-21 in Cleveland, Ohio. Sandra Thomas and Katherine Buckman serve as instructors.



ECCC bandsmen named all-state

These members of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band received All-State honors at the annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Band Clinic held at the University of Southern Mississippi. From left are Dustin Burton and Chris Carson, both of Newton County High School; Joshua Black of Neshoba Central; and Ben Boyette of Southeast Lauderdale. Carson was also named first chair. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands.

Be counted in census 2000

By HEATHER CUSHMAN
The Tom Tom

Have you been counted in census 2000? It seems like every time I turn on the news or look in a newspaper, I can always read an article or see a newscast that is urging people to fill out their Census forms. However, it seems as though it has not done much good since the media is saying that Mississippi is the second slowest state to return their census forms, with Alaska being the slowest.

I think a lot of people do not realize how important filling out and returning their census forms is to our state and us. These forms will ensure our state federal funding for many different things in the state, and will also ensure us that Mississippi will be able to have five congressmen to go to Washington to represent our state of Mississippi and help Mississippi as a whole.

Without the return of all the census forms, the state Mississippi is standing on the brink of losing a congressman in Washington, which we need desperately to stay. These five congressmen can help us get things for our state that would not be possible without them. People need to realize that these census forms determine a lot for the state before time runs out.

Even though the prior census deadline of April 1 has already expired census workers are still out urging people to fill out their census forms and return them. The word through the media is that the census forms are not reaching the people of the state.

★Hall of fame

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the Warrior football team where he serves as team captain.

Chris has been recognized as an All American Scholar and a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

He received a National Collegiate Engineering Award as well as the J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering Award and the mathematics award for 1999.

One of those nominating Chris stated, "Chris Weems is humble, honest, polite, and dependable. He is the ideal student and will make a contribution to his chosen profession." Another individual noted, "Chris is the epitome of the student-athlete.

"He has a tremendous work ethic and the drive and determination that will lead to success in his chosen field - engineering. That same drive and determination served him well in athletics." Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Weems of Newton.

If you or your family have not received a form you can contact the Census Bureau by the toll free hotline at 1-800-471-9424 or

at the census web site at www.census.net, so that you and your family can be counted in Census 2000.

Modern Proverbs

Money doesn't bring you happiness, but it enables you to look for it in more places.

Your conscience may not keep you from doing wrong, but it sure keeps you from enjoying it.

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

Misers aren't much fun to live with, but they make great ancestors.

Be careful what rut you choose. You may be in it the rest of your life.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

When you see the handwriting on the wall, you can bet you're in a public restroom.

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

The real reason you can't take it with you is that it goes before you do.

A person who can smile when things go wrong has found someone to blame it on.

A modern pioneer is a person who can get through a rainy Saturday when the television's on the blink.

The world is full of willing people: some willing to work and some willing to let them.

Money isn't everything.... there's credit cards, money orders, and travelers checks.

Some people are like blisters. They don't show up until the work is done.

A true friend is one that lets his grass grow as tall as his neighbor's.

A baby-sitter is a teenager acting like an adult while the adults are out acting like teenagers.

If you don't know where you're going, you're never lost.

Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

East Central Community College
2000 Spring Semester Exam Schedule

If your class meets
as listed below:

The Exam will be given
as listed below:

CLASS

EXAM

Monday, May 8, 2000

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 9, 2000

MWF	9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
MWF	12:00 p.m. - 12:50 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 10, 2000

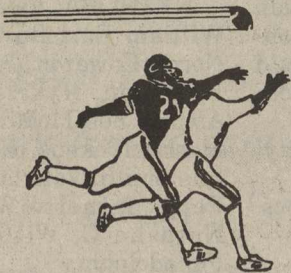
MWF	11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
TT	11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
MWF	10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 11, 2000

MW	2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
MWF	1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

All Vocational Course Exams will be given Wednesday, May 10, 2000, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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CAMPS



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SOCCER
JUNE 14 - 17 BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 5 - 8 (8:00 - 11:00)
AGES 9 - 12 (1:00 - 4:00)
JUNE 21 - 24 BOYS ONLY
JULY 12 - 15 GIRLS ONLY
AGES 13 - 17 (8:00 - 12:00)



BASKETBALL
BOYS 4TH - 8TH GRADES JUNE 4 - 7
9TH - 12TH GRADES JUNE 11 - 14
GIRLS 4TH - 8TH GRADES JUNE 18 - 21
9TH - 12 GRADES JUNE 25 - 28
GIRLS & BOYS ELEM. 8:00 - 12 NOON
1ST - 5TH GRADES JUNE 8 - 10

SOFTBALL
MAY 30 - JUNE 1
AGES 6 - 16
FAST PITCH & SLOW PITCH
INSTRUCTION



BASEBALL
AGES 7 - 12
May 29 - June 1
AGES 13 - 15
June 5 - 7

ECCC announces summer class schedule

East Central Community College in Decatur will begin the 2000 summer class schedule with a special three-week term May 15-June 2.

Five classes will be offered on the Decatur campus from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. each week day. They include Intermediate Algebra, American Literature I, Microcomputer Applications, American History I and Word Processing Applications. Nutrition and The Real Number System will be offered from 6-9 p.m. daily. Registration for each course will be held at 8 a.m. Monday, May 15 in Room 60 of Newton Hall. Classes begin at 8:30 a.m.

Licensed Practical Nursing and Cosmetology classes are also scheduled to begin in May. Three LPN courses-Maternal-Child Nursing, Psychiatric Concepts and Nursing Transition-are being offered and begin on May 15. (For more information contact the LPN Program, Ph. 635-2111, ext 283 or 289.) Registration and the first class meeting for Cosmetology courses will be held Monday, May 22. Courses being offered include Cosmetology Theory III, Facials and Makeup, Thermal Techniques and Beauty Salon Management.

The first four-week term offered on the ECCC campus begins Monday, June 5, and continues through Friday, June 30. Registration is scheduled at 9 a.m. Monday, June 5, in Room 60 of Newton Hall. Classes will begin on Tuesday, June 6.

Courses offered during first period (8 to 10:15 a.m. unless otherwise specified) include *Physical Science Survey I (lecture and lab), Keyboarding, English Composition I, *General Biology I (lecture and lab), *Human Anatomy and Physiology I (lecture and lab), *General Chemistry I (lecture and lab), American History II, Intermediate Algebra, General Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Computer Concepts and Introduction to Health, P.E. and Recreation. (*Check summer schedule for class times.)

Second period courses (10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. unless otherwise specified) include American National Government, Business Accounting, English Literature I, Marriage and Family, College Algebra, Art Appreciation, Child Psychology and First Aid.

Science and Technology will be offered during special two-week terms Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 30, and Thursday, July 6, through Thursday, July 20. Registration for the first class will be held at 8 a.m. Monday, June 19, in Room 108 on the ECCC South Campus.

Registration for the second course will be at 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 5, in Room 108 on the South Campus. Classes will meet each week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The second four-week term is scheduled from July 5 through July 28. Registration will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 5.

Course offerings during first

period include *Physical Science Survey II (lecture and lab), English Composition II, *General Biology II (lecture and lab), *Human Anatomy and Physiology II (lecture and lab), *General Chemistry II (lecture and lab), Oral Communication, College Algebra and Microcomputer Applications. (*Check summer schedule for class times.)

Second period classes include English Literature II, Finite Math, Music Appreciation, World Civilization I, American History II and Introduction to Sociology.

EVENING CLASSES

East Central also offers evening classes during the summer term schedule.

Registration for evening classes offered on the Decatur campus will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 30. Those signing up for academic classes should report to the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center and those registering for vocational courses will meet in the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center. Classes begin Tuesday, May 30 after registration.

Course offerings during the 10-week academic term include General Biology I, Human Anatomy and Physiology I (lecture and lab), Trigonometry, Fitness and Conditioning Training, Marriage and Family, Intermediate Algebra, Oral Communication, Music Appreciation, Legal Environment of Business, Word Processing Applications, Psychiatric Nursing, Aerobics, Computerized Accounting, English Composition I, World Geography, Calculus I, Microbiology (lecture and lab), General Chemistry I (lecture and lab), Anatomy and Physiology II, Introduction to Computer Concepts, Elementary Spanish I, Principles of Accounting I, Music for Children, Principles of Economics I, American History I, College Algebra, General Psychology, Geometry, Measurement and Probability; American Literature I, Ceramics II, Administrative Office Procedures, Human Growth and Development, English Composition II, Microcomputer Applications, Business Statistics, and American National Government. (See summer schedule for class times.)

OFF-CAMPUS SCHEDULE

East Central also offers day and evening summer classes at various locations throughout the College's five-county district. The off-campus schedule is listed below.

CARTHAGE

Registration will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 5 at the Carthage/Leake County Vocational-Technical Center. Classes begin on Tuesday, June 6 and end on Thursday, July 27. Academic and technical classes will meet twice each week from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Course offerings include Child Psychology, English Composition I, American History I, American Literature I, English Composition II, College Algebra, American National Government, Oral Communication, General

Psychology, Introduction to Computer Concepts and Microcomputer Applications.

FOREST

Registration will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1 at the Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center. Classes during the seven-and-a-half-week term begin Monday, June 5 and end on Thursday, July 27. Classes meet twice each week from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Course offerings include American History II, Medical Transcription I, English Composition I, General Psychology, Elementary Spanish I, Developmental Algebra, Principles of Economics I, Child Psychology, American History I, American Literature I and College Algebra.

MORTON

Registration will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at Morton High School. Classes begin Monday, June 5 and end on Thursday, July 27. Classes meet twice each week from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Course offerings include Developmental Algebra, American History II, English Composition II, American National Government and Elementary Spanish II.

LOUISVILLE

Registration for a special three-week term will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 15 at the Louisville/Winston County Vocational-Technical Center. Classes will meet each weekday evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Course offerings include Introduction to Computer Concepts, World Civilization II, Intermediate Algebra, Microcomputer Applications and College Algebra.

Registration for the first four-week term will be held at 9 a.m. Monday, June 5 at the vo-tech center. Classes begin on Tuesday, June 6 and end on Thursday, June 29.

Course offerings include English Composition (8 to 10:15 a.m.), College Algebra and Oral Communication (10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.) and English Composition I, Trigonometry, American History I, Dendrology, First Aid, World Civilization I, Finite Mathematics and American Literature I (6:30 to 9:15 p.m.).

Registration for the second four-week term will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 5 at the vo-tech center. Classes begin Thursday, July 6 and end Friday, July 28.

Course offerings include English Composition II (8 to 10:15 a.m.), American National Government and College Algebra (10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.); and Elementary Spanish I, English Composition II, American Literature II, American History II, Personal and Community Health, Forest Measurements and Legal Environment of Business (6:30 to 9:15 p.m.).

PHILADELPHIA

Registration for a special three-week term will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 15 at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center. Classes will meet each weekday evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Course offerings include American National Government, Intermediate Algebra, Oral Communication and Introduction to Computer Concepts.

Registration for the first four-week term will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31 at the vo-tech center. Classes begin on Monday, June 5 and end on Thursday, June 29.

Course offerings include First Aid, College Algebra, Trigonometry and American Literature I (8 to 10:15 a.m.), College Algebra, English Composition I and Elementary Spanish I (10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.); and Legal Environment of Business, American History I, English Composition I, Keyboarding, General Psychology and Calculus I (6:30 to 9:15 p.m.).

Registration for the second four-week term will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 5 at the vo-tech center. Classes begin Thursday, July 6 and end Friday, July 28.

Course offerings include English Composition II (8 to 10:15 a.m.), College Algebra, Principles of Economics I and American Literature II (10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.) and Legal Environment of Business, American History II, Elementary Spanish II, Informal Geometry and Algebra, Nutrition, Introduction to Computer Concepts, Calculus II

and Human Growth and Development (6:30 to 9:15 p.m.).

ONLINE COURSES

East Central Community College now offers courses over the internet. Summer classes being offered include Basic Computer Programming, English Literature

I and Introduction to Computer Concepts. For information on additional online courses please refer to <www.msvcc.org>.

The cost per academic hour is \$50. Tuition and fees are non-refundable after the first class meeting. Payment in full is due

at registration.

For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 278 or 279, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).



ECCC student leaders

Selected to lead the East Central Community College Student Body Association for the 2000-2001 term are (standing, from left) Sarah Johnson of Newton, president; Emily Boggan of Decatur, vice president; Karmen Jones of Walnut Grove, secretary; and Natalie Boggan of Decatur, treasurer.

★Graduation

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Loraine Germany, Carole Horton Germany, Emily Claire Germany, Belinda Denise Gibson, Amy Ezelle Graham, Janet Rachel Hedgepeth, Keekee Denise Michael, Derrick Laron Nash, Timothy Brent Page, Bobby Wesley Parker, William Andrew Parks, Loretta Michelle Pierce, Angie Richardson Rash, Rebecca McDill Rigdon, Charles A. Schellbach, Nathan Oliver Shaw, Stacy Gean Skinner, Kelley Marie Smith, Kimberly Ann Smith, Chasidy D. Thrash, Jessica R. Watts and Jennifer Leigh Winstead, all of Union.

SCOTT COUNTY: Jennifer Blair Bounds, Courtney Paige Cooper, Larry Keshawn Derrick, Jeannie Thrasher Hannah, Tessa Lanae Henry, Sharon Robinson Hoyer, Andrew Jones, James Bobby Kirby, Tracy Nicole Latham, Ben Lindsey, Stephanie Sheril Lindsey, Tracey Elizabeth May, Jeffrey Stephen Monk, Charlie Lance Noel, Catina LaShell Patrick, Donna Forsythe Reiss, Virginia Lynn Rigby, Latoya Roberts, Shelia R. Sanders, Stacey Bell Sistrunk, John Anthony Smart, Connie Tew, Christopher Thompson, Shalene Walker, Marcie Wall, April Marie Wallace, Wanda Chlorisa Wash, D'Mytris Watkins, Ryan Donta Watkins and Darril L. Young, all of Forest; Justin Edward Sharp, Harperville; Alicia Jenkins, Michael Brian Johnson, Benjamin Lee Martin, Alexander Ardene Moore, Kendra L. Morgan, Elicia Leigh Phillips, Jennifer Savell, Robert Wade Savell, William Roebuck Savell, Demetrick D. Towner, all of Lake; Lashanta T. Lyles, Ludlow; Amy Arinder, Marshall Duncan Beard, Francis Emmalene Brown, LaWanda Nicole Ealy, Marcus W. Frith, Martin Blake Hearn, Karen Johnson, Terry Huellen Nutt, Stephen N. Pace, Edd H. Porter and Heather Michelle Warren, all of Morton; Laddie Smith, Pulaski; and Martha Jo Brown, Jennifer Gale Carpenter, Michael Brent Madden and Shanna Marie McKee, all of Sebastopol.

WINSTON COUNTY: Jason Keith Allen, Cassandra Eaves, Brandi N. Goodin, Veronica Monique Haynes, Amy Leigh Herrington, Ree Evon Hickman, Joshua Lee Hoening, Angela Nicole Jayroe, Misty Dawn Jones, Johnna, McLain Levin, Sarah Brook Manigold, Robert McQueen, Amy Isonhood Morehead, Jason Wayne Morehead, Todd David Mullins, Jerry Kelley Nance, Lucas Bradley Nowell, Lori Ann Palmer, LaDonna Fonta Patie, Terri Nicole Peden, Jennifer L. Potvine, Moya Gilmore Quinn, LaTroya Antoinette Rush, Dawn Stevenson, Alfred Jason Wallace, Ricco Wraggs and Jana Wylie, all of Louisville; and Austin Shay Darby, Barry Kent Edwards, Gwendolyn Edwards, John Tracy Goodin, Anthony R. Hornesbuger, Brent McAdory, Rita Carletta Nunn, Randall A. Orr, Beverly Reynolds and David Sanborn, all of Noxapater.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

ATTALA: Melanie L. Burkett and Rhonda G. Sutterfield, both of Kosciusko.

CHOCTAW: Katrina Hyde, Ackerman.

CLARKE: Terry Michael Boyette, Carrie Lynn Gunn, Staci Dannette Slayton, and Andrew O'Brien Smith, all of Enterprise; and Laregus Smith, Quitman.

HINDS: Patrick Michael Ferriss, Clinton.

JASPER: Megan Holder, Bay Springs; Anthony Dale Thornton, Montrose; and Rosalind Bender, Jason Scott Davis, and M.L. Walker, Jr., all of Rose Hill.

LAUDERDALE: Susan Michelle Boatner, Mattie Brown, Candice Marie Graham, Elesha M. Hopkins, Fredrick D. McClelland, Melissa Rachelle McClelland, Anita Marie Palmer, Mitchell R. Parker, William Boyd Parker, Kimberly Ann Scott, Amanda Stokes and Jacob Larae Wilson; and Tomekia Lynn Bishop, Collinsville.

MADISON: Laura Marie Aregood, Madison.

OKTIBBEHA: Tara L. Yarbrough, Sturgis.

RANKIN: Larry Allen Buckley, Brandon; Theresa Matlock Sanjur, Pearl; and Melissa R. Till, Pelahatchie.

SMITH: Kellie Craft Moore, Raleigh.

OUT-OF-STATE

ALABAMA: Stacy Jack Dial, Livingston; Corry Wayne Manley, Pennington; and David Daniel and Joslyn L. Jones, both of Tuscaloosa.

GEORGIA: Chris T. Ray, Donaldsonville.

TEXAS: Andrew Brian Jones, Atascocita.

1999 JULY GRADUATES

LEAKE: Kenneth Daniel Hannis and Memrie D. Rawson, both of Carthage.

NESHOBA: Lorenzo Keith Bell, Patsy Ann Collier, Kimberly Ann George, Kathy Glass Spears, Aaron Randall Thomas, Jennifer Leslie Williams, Amy Williamson, Natasha Louann Willis and Nedra Kay York, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON: Karen Melinda Rainer, Chunky; Marsha Diane Thomas, Conehatta; Jacqueline Denis Amerson, Stacey Smith Mills, Steven Darnell Morgan, Michael Parkes Roland and Dorothy Latonia Windham, all of Decatur; Crystal Elizabeth Cooley and Viola Dade, both of Hickory; Vicky Leach Strait, Lawrence; Regina Ann Buckley, Little Rock; Denise Lasalle Brown, Michelle M. Parks and Jerlene Wheaton, all of Newton; and Tracy Henley Kilpatrick, Union.

SCOTT: Frank B. Morgan III, Forest; Cassie Houser Hollingsworth, Alexander Mickel Lee, and LaTonya Michelle Pinkston, all of Lake; Lenina Camille Allen, Kelly Jamison Bates and Amy Cooper Massey, all of Morton; and Stacie Bufkin Hall, Pulaski.

WINSTON: Anthony M. Jimmerson, Alisha Lavelle Martin and Jennifer Denise White, all

of Louisville; and Dana Jane Misso, Macon.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

ATTALA: Sheneka Berry, McCool.

CLARKE: Stephanie Jewel Moss, Stonewall.

LAUDERDALE: Jennifer Renee Huey, Collinsville and Tiffany Walker, Meridian.

OUT-OF-STATE

FLORIDA: Frank Berry Mroz, Bradenton.

1999 AUGUST GRADUATES
LEAKE: Ashley Byram Alexander, Lena.

NESHOBA: Wendy Sheree Conn Belk, Wendy Michelle Cheatham and Pamela Lindsey Morrow, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON: Nelda Engram and Tracy Weaver Warren, both of Conehatta; Rhonda McElhenney Smith, Decatur; and Crystal Moore Tate, Little Rock.

SCOTT: Francine L. Gray, Lake; and Sandra Lynn Coyer and Angelia Roxanne Warnsley, both of Morton.

WINSTON: Bessie Wells Goss, Louisville.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

LAUDERDALE: Regina Ramage Gant, Meridian.

1999 DECEMBER GRADUATES

LEAKE: Austin Matthew King, Melvin Thomas Malone, Jonathan Davis McDonald and David Marcus Middleton, all of Carthage; and Michael Dwayne Beal, Lena.

NESHOBA: Valerie Barfield, William Earl Burnside, Mary Norris Edwards, John Marshall Ferguson, Nykela G. Horne, Alanna Bell McMillan, Barbara Morris Pickens, Evelyn Christine Smith, Valeria L. Stribling, Peggy Annette Watkins and Natasha C. Williams, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON: Shondren Marcette Lewis, Chunky; Benjamin Gabriel Brashier and Marty Lee McKee, both of Conehatta; Samuel Corey Bounds, Lakisha Chanel Davis and Houston D. Jacobs, all of Lawrence; Jason Charles Cain, Reginald Arnes Johnson, Sincere S. Moncrief and Christal McMillan Oliphant, all of Newton; and Amanda Jones Dolan, Dea Anne Dolan, Stephen L. Joyner, Darla Dawn Loftis and William Clifton Thornton, all of Union.

SCOTT: Shannon Bagley, Paula Elizabeth Thompson and Gina Hodge Walters, all of Forest; Bruce Brian Bridges and Christopher R. Fuller, both of Pulaski; and Shanna Marie McKee, Sebastopol.

WINSTON: Monica Lynn Smith, Louisville.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

JASPER: Melissa Ann Avary, Bay Springs.

KEMPER: Lamenda D. White, Preston.

LAUDERDALE: Durwin P. Lewis and Freeman Darreyl Jimison, both of Meridian.

RANKIN: Thomas Issac Garner, Brandon.

OUT-OF-STATE

ALABAMA: Jack Wylie, Montgomery.

LOUISIANA: Jeremy Nathan Smith, Thibodaux.

School prayer

By MICHAEL RODGERS
The Tom Tom

A few years ago, Congress passed a law banning school prayer. According to Congress, prayer was found to infringe on a person's legal rights. Now, many people blame the Columbine High School and other school shootings for the lack of prayer in school. Is this so, or is it merely coincidence? Should we let prayer back in schools or is there another option that we should look at?

We should first look at this from a child's perspective. If we let prayer back into our school systems, we make children of other denominations uncomfortable when they are asked to leave while the prayer is given.

This is not fair to impose on a child. It can even make a child ashamed of its own religion. For some shy children, being put in a situation where they either have to leave or sit through a prayer, given by a religion they do not believe in can make them feel pressured. Should children like that have to put up with this everyday?

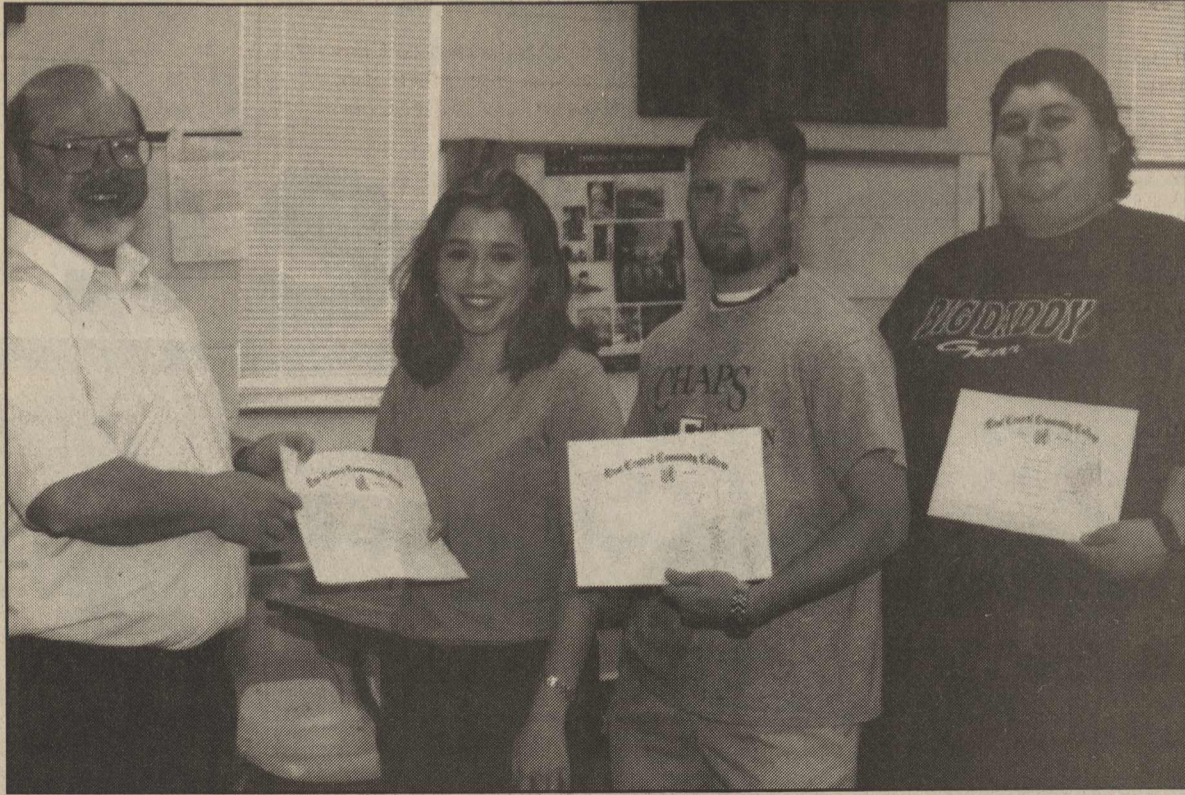
Religious orders claim that it is against the word of God to take prayer out of schools, is it?

A passage in the Bible states that a person should not pray like hypocrites, for they are the first in synagogues and on the streets, but should go into their rooms and close the door. This goes to show that religious orders are not adhering to what their own Bible states.

Maybe it is wrong to allow prayer in public schools, but there is another potential solution to this problem. Why not, instead of giving a prayer from a specific religion, allowing a moment of silence for the believers to pray to whatever God they may believe in and allowing non-believers to day-dream for five minutes? It could be a potentially promising solution to both sides.

It is clear that today's world, filled with so many cultures, needs compromises so that all sides can gain something. It is just not fair to impose a certain religion on a child of a lesser-known religion or even a non-believer.

We all believe what we want to believe, so why try imposing our own beliefs on others? Meditation or a moment of silence may be euphemisms for public prayer, but at least it offers people a choice.



ECCC art scholarship recipients

Bruce Guraedy (left), Chairman of the Fine Arts Division and art instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, recently presented scholarships to the above freshmen from Leake County. From left are Lucinda Kea of Edinburg, and Chris Greer and Tommy Johnson, both of Carthage.



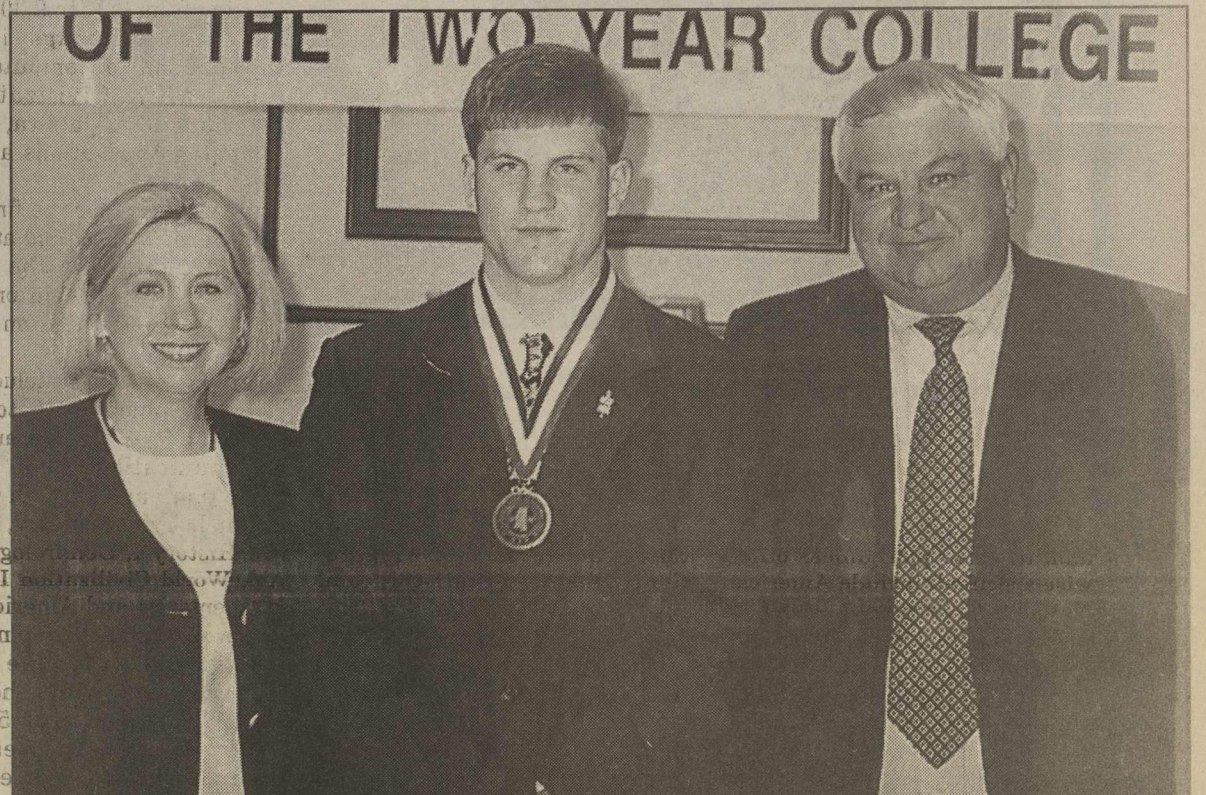
McRae honored

East Central Community College sophomore Craig McRae of Carthage recently received honorable mention recognition on the 2000 All-Mississippi Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges. McRae, an engineering major with a 3.65 grade point average, is shown at the special ceremony with his parents, Gloria and James McRae of Carthage. The All-Mississippi Academic Team is coordinated by *The Clarion-Ledger*, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.



Win Phi Beta Lambda honors

These East Central Community College students won various honors at the State Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference held in Jackson. Award recipients from Theta Chi Chapter and their areas of competition include (from left) Jessica Johnson of Philadelphia, second place, word processing; Stephanie Robinson of Newton, third, impromptu speaking; Jennifer Winstead of Union, second, machine transcription; and T. J. Madison of Philadelphia, fourth, telecommunications. Madison also placed second in web page design with Kristy Turner of Philadelphia, who is not pictured. In addition, Theta Chi Chapter was recognized for placing third in donations to the March of Dimes. The annual state competition includes Phi Beta Lambda members from the state's community/junior colleges and universities. The top two finishers in each contest qualify for the national competition scheduled this summer in Long Beach, California.



Weems named to All-USA Academic Second Team

East Central Community College sophomore Chris Weems (center) of Newton has been named to the All-USA Academic Second Team, a competition sponsored by *USA Today*, the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. Weems, who was earlier named to the 2000 Mississippi All-State Academic Team, is shown with his parents Johnnie Floyd Weems and Dr. Angelia Weems. All-USA honorees were featured in the April 10 edition of *USA Today*. Weems was one of over 1400 applicants selected for the second team. Selections were made based on an evaluation of the applicant's leadership skills, academic achievements and community service involvement. He has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while attending East Central. He serves as vice president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and is the recipient of the National Collegiate Engineering Award. Phi Theta Kappa includes some 1200 chapters at community colleges in all 50 states, Canada, Germany, Japan and US territorial possessions. Over 80,000 members are inducted annually.

Report of honors won at Phi Theta Kappa Convention

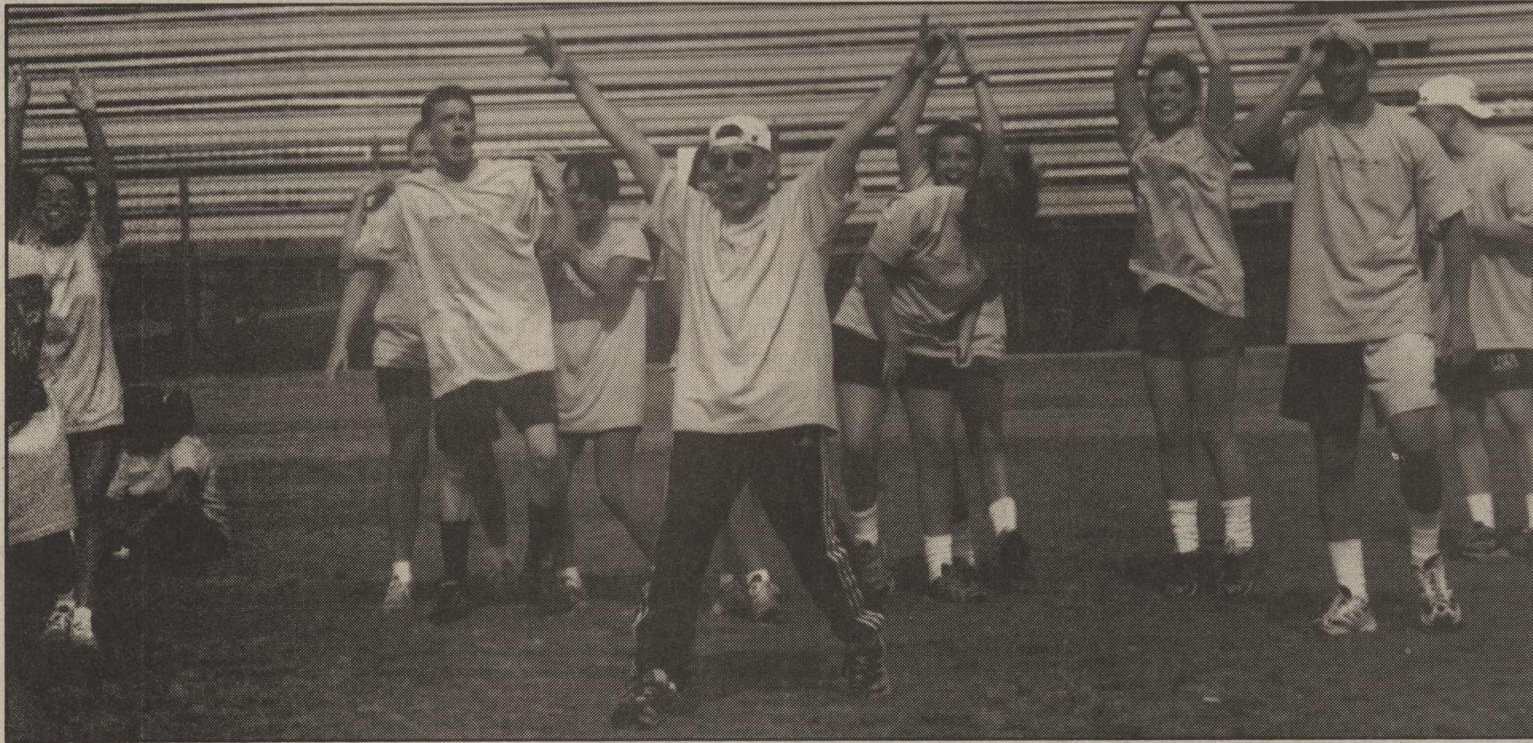
- Theta Xi was ranked 54th of all chapters submitting Hallmark Award entries (over 450 chapters participated).
- Dr. Eddie M. Smith was presented a Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is presented to those presidents who have shown outstanding, support of Phi Theta Kappa and are retiring from their careers.
- Dr. Shelby Harris was one of 10 selected for the Alumni Hall of Honor based on his long-term and extraordinary efforts to support Phi Theta Kappa on the local, regional and international levels.
- Mrs. Ann Burkes was named a recipient of the Mosal Award for Leadership. This award was presented to four advisors in recognition of outstanding service to the college and the community and is named for the Society's late Executive Director Emeritus, Dr. Margaret Mosal. The award carries a \$2,000.00 stipend that will be applied to the Stella W. Newsome Scholarship.
- East Central alum Dr. Clyde Muse was presented a Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction recognizing his support for the Phi Theta Kappa chapters in his district and the Society as a whole.



ECCC yearbook wins award

The 1999 East Central Community College yearbook, the Wo-He-Lo, received first place honors for Best Copy at the annual Mississippi Community/Junior College Press Association Conference held in Biloxi. Shown displaying the award-winning publication are staff members (from left) Bridget Minor of Little Rock, selected to serve as editor for 2000-2001; current editor Tracy Latham of Forest; and English instructor Patsy Moore who serves as sponsor. English instructor Melinda Smith also provides assistance to the yearbook staff. In addition, Minor, a freshman pre-medicine major and graduate of Newton County High School, was elected to serve as Association president for the 2000-2001 term.

Spring Spree 2000



Kevin Ryals of Philadelphia celebrates as his team wins the egg toss competition.

Tommy Ford of Tuscaloosa, Ala.;
Heather Warren of Morton;
Clint Burkes of Scott Central;
Lachelle Gibson of Forest;
Ashley Jones of Forest; and Tim
Stewart of Newton County make
up one of the many teams that
competed in Spring Spree 2000.

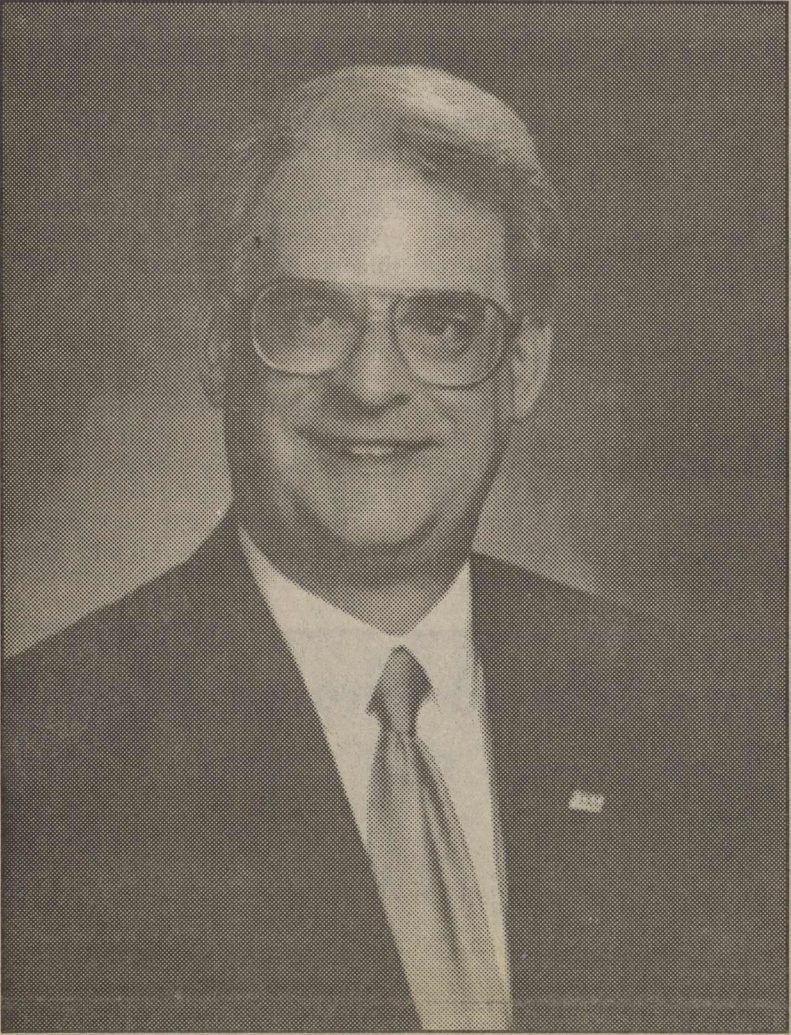


Nicole Nicholson and John Hardy, both of Philadelphia, need a little more practice for the beach ball competition. "No hands," is the name of the game!



New Leadership for ECCCC

Dr. Phil Sutphin became the seventh president of East Central community college following the retirement of Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Sutphin, previously served as vice president of Instruction for the institution prior to his appointment to the presidency. Dr. Lavinia

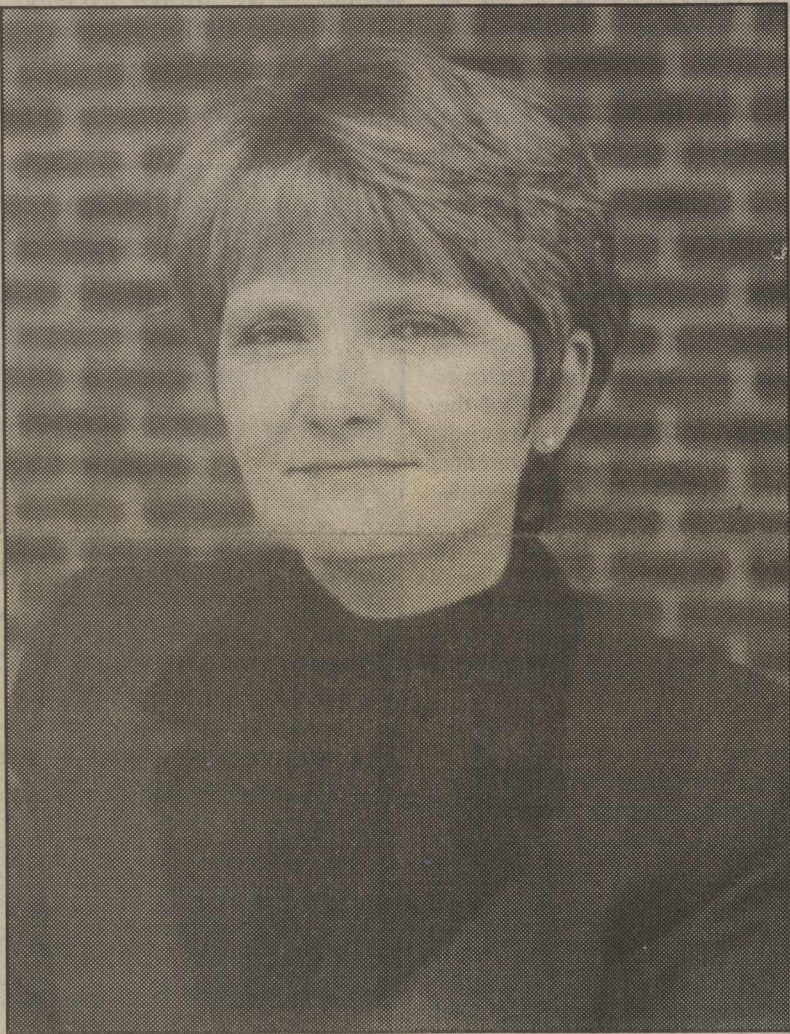


Dr. Phil Sutphin

Sparkman filled this position. In addition to these major changes, Ms. Donna Luke began her tenure as the vice president of Admission, Records and Research. The resignation of Randall Lee, vice-president of student affairs, a position currently filled on an interim basis by Mr. Joe Killens, means a change in leadership in each of the four major positions of the institution. "East Central Community College will continue to be recognized as one of the state's most successful two-year

institutions," stated Sutphin. East Central has experienced tremendous growth over the last 15 years, becoming one of the premier community colleges in the state. It will be our goal to continue that growth and to ensure that the College continues to serve the educational training needs of the citizens of the College's five-county district. One of the growth areas Dr. Sutphin mentioned relates to the virtual community college, expected to be the wave of the future for education. Through the virtual community college, students can take courses from several two-year schools from their home computers. "We are moving heavily into online instruction and I think that is going to be the impetus

(for two-year colleges) for the next several years," Sutphin said. "However," Sutphin emphasized, "There will always be students who want the traditional college experience and we will always provide that, but there are other students who will find online instruction a convenient way to obtain a degree." Sutphin, who previously served East Central as Dean of Instruction and earlier as Dean of Students, said becoming a community college president has long been his career goal. His father, Felix Sutphin, served as president of Wood College in Mathiston for 30 years. "I basically grew up on a junior college campus," Sutphin said. "It got in my blood early on. All of my degrees are related to community college teaching, community college administration and high-



Mrs. Donna Luke

er education administration." Prior to joining the ECCCC staff in 1988, Dr. Sutphin was employed by Concord College in Athens, West Virginia, as the assistant to the president and as assistant director of student affairs for financial aid. He is a graduate of Wood College and Mississippi State University, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees; and the University of Memphis, where he earned his doctorate. Dr. Sutphin and his wife, Peggy, a second grade teacher with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in Conehatta, have two sons, Brad, 18, and Brent 17. Dr. Sparkman was previously employed by East Mississippi Community College where she served as assistant academic dean for the district on the



Dr. Lavinia Sparkman

Mayhew campus. She formerly served in the continuing education department at Mississippi State University and is a former counselor for the Columbus Municipal School System and at Pearl River Elementary School. Dr. Sparkman began her career in education as an elementary school teacher for the Noxubee County School System and later served at Central Academy in Macon. A graduate of Theodore (Ala.) High School, Dr. Sparkman attended Mississippi State University where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and earned master's and doctoral degrees in counselor education. She is married to Wayne Ledford and has three grown children. Luke previously served as Bureau Director of Compliance

and Reporting and Resource Management for the Mississippi State Department of Education in Jackson. She is also a former teacher for the Neshoba County and Philadelphia public school district. In all, she has 25 years of experience in the field of education as a teacher/administrator or administrator. A graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, Luke received a bachelor of science degree in business education from Mississippi University for Women, a master of education degree in vocational education from Mississippi State University and an education specialist degree in education technology from MSU. Luke has a son, Barry Richardson, who is a senior at MSU. She is the daughter of Jane and Argie Luke of Nanih Waiya.



2000 Homecoming Court

Members of the 2000 Homecoming Court and their respective highschools include (seated from left) sophomore maid Jerri Lynn Frey, Louisville; maid of honor Kasey Comans, Newton Academy; queen Emily Boggan, Newton County; sophomore maids Nikki Pearson, Louisville and Haley Ingram, Philadelphia; and (standing from left) freshman maid, Molly Addikinson, Winston Academy; Katherine Lauren Helms, Madison Ridgeland Academy; Keri Keith, Newton County and Candice Cooper, Winnston Academy.

Boggan named Homecoming Queen

Emily Boggan of Decatur was recently selected as Queen for Homecoming 2000. The sophomore pre-pharmacy major is a President's List Scholar and active in numerous campus activities. She serves as vice-president of the Student Body Association and is a Centralette with the Wall O'Sound Marching Band. In addition she is active in Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Mu Alpha Theta, The Warrior Corps, Wesley Foundation, and Phi Theta Kappa. Emily represented the freshman class last year as a homecoming maid and as vice-president. She also participated in the concert choir. She is the daughter of Charles and Debbie Boggan of Decatur. The Maid of Honor for 2000 is Kasey Comans, daughter of Wayne and Sandy Comans of Decatur. Kasey is a cheerleader, a member of the Lady Warrior Tennis Team, and The Baptist Student Union. She was named Vocational Student of the Year for 1999, and is presently a liberal arts major. Jerri Lynn Frey of Louisville was named a sophomore homecoming maid. She is a member of the Warrior Corps, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the

Baptist Student Union. She is also a Diamond Girl for the baseball team. The pre-med major is the daughter of Edward and Lisa Carol Frey of Louisville. Hayley Ingram, daughter of Ames and Debbie Ingram of Philadelphia is also a sophomore maid. She is a dean's list scholar majoring in Elementary Education. She is active in the Warrior Corps and serves as secretary of the organization, as well as secretary of the sophomore class. She is also a member of the Baptist Student Union. The final representative of the sophomore class is Nikki Pearson, daughter of Larry and Cheryl Pearson of Louisville. The elementary education major is a member of the Wesley Foundation, the Student Education Association and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In addition, she is a member of the Centralettes and serves as a Diamond Girl for the Warrior Baseball team. She was also the recipient of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarship to attend East Central. Mollie Addikinson, daughter of Larry and Jan Addikinson of Louisville, is the first freshman

maid. She is a graduate of Winston Academy. At East Central, Mollie is majoring in liberal arts and is a member of the Centralettes, the danceline for the Wall O'Sound Marching Band. Also representing the freshman class is Candice Cooper of Louisville. Her parents are Thomas and Brigitte Cooper. The Winston County graduate is a liberal arts major and is a member of the Centralettes with the Warrior Marching Band. Katherine Lauren Helms of Madison is the next freshman maid. She is a graduate of Madison Ridgeland Academy and is a broadcast journalism major at East Central. She is the daughter of Key and Rose Ramsey of Madison and Don and Cathy Helms of Atlanta, Georgia. The final freshman representative is Keri Keith of Decatur. The medical technology major is the daughter of Tommy and Pam Keith. The Newton County High School graduate is a member of the East Central concert choir, the Baptist Student Union and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is also a Diamond Girl for the Warrior Baseball Team.

ECCC students write on....

Napster: friend or foe?

By Ralph Barry

College students today are living in an age of instant gratification. It's this "I want what I want when I want it attitude," which has helped a software company developed by a college dropout, become a leading force on the Internet. This company is called Napster, and it is one of several online download sites for MP3 music files. It is also the defendant in a major lawsuit filed against Napster by members of the Recording Industry Association of America.

Napster is a software system, which allows users to share their personal mp3 files with anyone over the Internet. While other websites might have collections of mp3 files posted on their Internet site, which a user can download, the database is static. With Napster, there is an ever-changing list depending on which users are logged into the site at a given time. With over twenty million registered users, this creates a mind-boggling network of music files. Another thing that makes the Napster site unique is that it is a FREE site. An individual can download the software, and decide what song or what artist he wants to hear, and the software searches all users online to locate the song, and makes the connection. It's not the technology, which is unique, but rather the concept behind the technology.

The biggest audience for Napster's services is college age students. So many college students were downloading free music on some campuses, that the college presidents banned the services because it tied up the computer networks. Many others may be faced with that decision if Napster should be the winner in the fight with RIAA.

It actually appeared that the fight was over a few weeks ago when Judge Marilyn Patel ordered Napster to block all major label songs from its directory or close up shop. That would necessitate blocking individual songs or developing software, which would prevent users from downloading material, which is protected by copyright law. How can every song ever recorded and protected under copyright law be loaded into some giant database with an on/off switch attached? This may be a question Napster has to answer at some future date. For now, however, the US Circuit Court of Appeals granted Napster a reprieve, but set October 2, as

the date for opening arguments in the case.

Just what is all the fuss about? Well, it seems that some record labels, and some artists, (Metallica, in particular) see Napster as a way for people to pirate music. The new technology allows users to swap songs with their friends or with anyone who makes a connection on the Internet. Napster does not store the music on its website; the music is in fact stored on the hard drives of the 20,000 million or so users.

Napster clearly explains the copyright law on its website; infact you cannot even download the program until you read through the whole explanation...no click and go here. Is this in fact a copyright infringement? A recent survey conducted by a marketing research firm, @planInc, indicated that 77% if web users between the ages of 18 and 24 don't think so. In fact, rather than costing the record companies money, they believe that song swapping actually increases sales. If a user picks up one song by an artist and enjoys it, then he will probably buy the cd.

As a regular Napster user myself, I tend to think it's much ado about nothing. Napster provides a service. While it is true that users can download music from the website and create their own cd, is this any different from recording a movie from television for later use? Most users would even be willing to pay a per song fee if it means getting the particular songs they want to hear. And if a friend should ask to borrow your video, how many of us would think twice about loaning it to him? It seems to me that this concept started long before Napster became a part of the equation. There have been a number of occasions when I wanted something to read to pass the time. Instead of buying a book, magazine, or even a newspaper, I just went to the local library and checked something out, or read the magazine while I was there. No one is complaining that I cost some publishing company money by borrowing a book from the local library.

(And there is no charge for the service.) On the other hand, I don't even have to leave my house; I can just read a book online. Is that a violation of copyright laws?

There was a time when college students had to sit in a college classroom in order to get a degree. Then someone came up with the concept of correspondence courses; As technology advanced, so did education.

Now students can take classes for college credit over the Internet. Students can shop for cd's, computers, or even clothes online. They can read books, or listen to music.

Technology has changed the way the world functions. What record companies must realize is that they are being left behind. Instead of concentrating its efforts on getting companies such as Napster barred from the Internet, perhaps they should focus time, money, and energy on ways to make technology work for them.

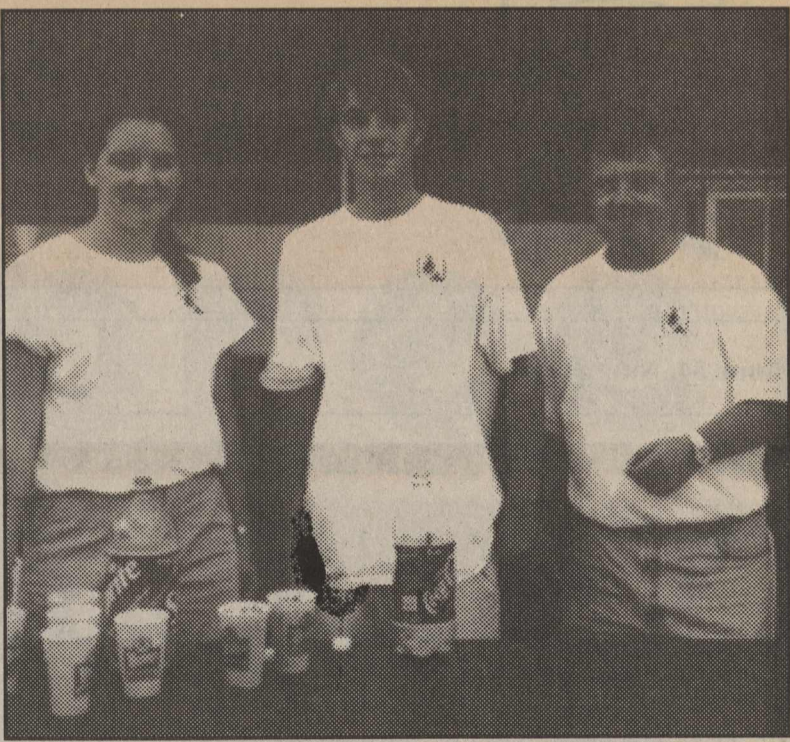
Napster and similar web based companies may have suffered a setback with the latest court ruling, but the fight is far from over. As long as there are new minds, creating new technology, there will be new challenges to the status quo. Department stores learned that lesson and developed their own shopping sites on the web. Publishing companies offer books for online reading. If record companies can't figure out how to work with companies like Napster to provide that instant gratification for their audiences, perhaps they should hire Napster's founder, Earp, to work for them. They could even charge a per song fee which users would be willing to pay particularly if they only like one or two songs from a collection. Why pay full price for a cd when you only listen to two or three of the songs? That concept would be beneficial for everyone.

For now, Napster is free and available. It's a great way to get songs that are old and no longer available in music stores or to take a sneak peek at the newest artists and new releases. As long as consumers utilize the software as Napster instructs, one download per computer for personal use, and don't record the song for sale, then what's the problem? I frequent the public library for books; now Napster provides a music library for my use. How long will it be around? Only time can answer that, but until October 2, I plan to make full use of the services provided. If Napster loses the battle, the consumers are once again hostages of the record companies.

out paying first. A number of artists, including the Backstreet Boys, are filing lawsuits claiming copyright infringements on the popular website. With the court date set for the first week in October, the question on music surfer's minds now is, "Will the courts put Napster to sleep... for good!?"

The problem, and controversy, over Napster is nothing new, however. Since the VCR became a necessity among household families, bootlegged versions of Hollywood hits have flooded the black market. Hollywood, in fact, protested when VHS cassettes first appeared, fearing that the easy and cheaper access would put movie theaters out of business. Yet movie theaters are more numerous now than ever before, so is Napster really a threat? The Circuit Court of Appeals will decide that sometime between October 2nd and 6th when the company's appeal date arrives.

The real controversy behind Napster is whether or not they are really bootlegging pirated copies of Billboard hits. The head of Napster argues that his website merely gives surfers the opportunity to download a sample of a group's CD from their hardrive to determine whether or not they like it. As the court date approaches, the future of Napster may turn into a debate over whether the artists' are objecting because of the issue of money, or the right to view their art to the public in the manner they prefer. Whether or not Napster lives to see the year 2001 or not, it's becoming clear nevertheless that they have imprinted themselves in Internet history for good.



President Bridget Minor; Jason Myers, Vice President for fellowship; Ernie Brown, Vice President for scholarship at Decatur Youth Day.

Phi Theta Kappa officers appointed

Officers have been appointed for the 2000-2001 year of Phi Theta Kappa. President is Bridget Minor; Vice President of Socholarship, Ernie Brown; Vice President of Leadership, Dustin Addy; Vice President of Service, Ashley Jones; Secretary, Karla McMahan; Treasurer, Sarah Johnson; and Historian, Asylbek Osmonov. We have been meeting since the beginning of the summer getting ready for the Phi Theta Kappa Regional Leadership Conference held by East Central's Theta Xi chapter this year. The Mississippi-

Louisiana Leadership Conference took place on September 8 and 9 at Turkey Creek and on East Central's campus. The leadership conference is a time for students from different schools to learn about our honor's topic and to meet together in fellowship.

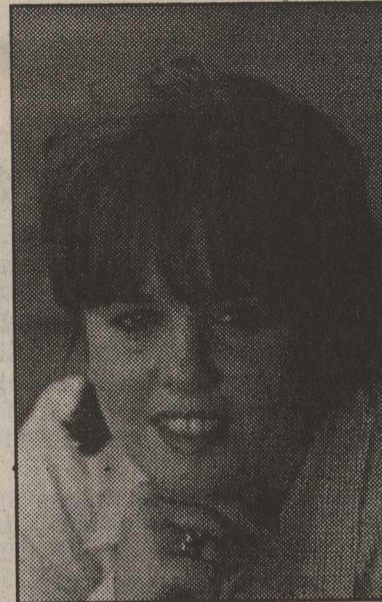
The Phi Theta Kappa had its first offical meeting on August 29. All members were invited to attend, and many did. Phi Theta Kappa is looking for new members to be inducted on November 7 (you must have a 3.5 GPA) so study hard!

Message from the editor

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Heather Cushman. I am currently a new resident of Forest, Mississippi and I have been selected to be the Editor of the Tom Tom for the 2000-2001 school year. Last year I served as the technical editor of the Tom Tom and had a great time reporting the news and learning more about East Central while I was writing. This year I hope to help bring you news that you the reader will be interested in and enjoy reading about. It is my wish that you enjoy every issue of the Tom Tom this school year. The new Tom Tom staff and I look forward to making this year's Tom Tom's the best it has ever been!

If you have any information that you feel should be included in an issue of the Tom Tom please try to get in touch with

me, another staff member, or drop it by Box 00 in the Communications office.



Beth Henley

Will courts put napster to sleep

By Lee Luke

Music lovers and web surfers across America may soon find themselves jammin' to the sound of silence. Ever since the hit web page "Napster" opened up, people all over the Internet have been given the privilege of breaking down to music while they ride the waves of cyberspace. Now, however, the tide of technology may have turned and pulled a one-eighty. Record companies and music artists alike are none to happy with the idea of people gaining rights to their music with-

Carpooling

By: Karen Jackson

East Central Community College has a very spacious campus. It also has one of the best teaching facilities known. But East Central has its share of problems like any other school. When asked what one of the major problems here at East Central is many of the students replied, "There are not enough parking spaces, and when you do find one it is too far from where you want to be." There are just too many vehicles and not enough parking spaces.

One solution to this problem could be carpooling. Carpooling is an arrangement whereby several commuters share a car and expenses. If even three or four people in a community have similar schedules and agree to share a ride, think of the number of vehicles that could be eliminated from the parking problem. There are frequently notices in the student bulletin where a particular student is trying to locate someone to carpool with. If sharing a ride is an option for you, and you aren't sure how to find someone to commute with, the bulletin boards in Newton Hall or a notice in the bulletin in Student Services will probably garner results. Carpooling would go a long way toward improving the parking dilemma on campus. It is a great way to meet new friends, to save money, and to contribute to a solution rather than a problem.

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New faculty joins ECCC

Several new faces greeted students at ECCC as fall classes began.

Recently named are Brent Gregory, men's dormitory supervisor/fitness center director; Mary Gail Fulton, mathematics instructor; Sherri Cliburn, special populations instructor (reading); Todd Brand, oral communication instructor; Vicki C. Blaylock, music keyboard instructor; and Stephen M. "Jake" Yarborough, assistant baseball coach/Student Services assistant.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Gregory was employed at Nanih Waiya High School where he taught social studies, world history and advanced geography, and served as assistant football and baseball coach.

A graduate of Nanih Wiaya High School, Gregory holds an associate in arts degree from East Central Community College and has a bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

His parents are Glenda and Larry Gregory of Louisville.

Fulton previously taught mathematics at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, where she has been a faculty member since 1978. She is also a former math instructor at Neshoba Central and Decatur high schools.

Honors she has received include her selection as an Outstanding Young Woman of America.

She helped initiate the statewide Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) Junior High School Mathematics Contest, and has served as district and state coordinator for the annual competition.

She is a member of several organizations, including the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics, National Association for Developmental Education, and the Mississippi Association of Developmental Education.

She is a member of North Bend United Methodist Church in Neshoba County where she serves as pianist and Sunday School teacher.

Fulton was valedictorian of her graduating class at Neshoba

Central and was named to the Hall of Fame at East Central Community College. She also graduated with honors from the University of Southern Mississippi where she received a bachelor's degree in mathematics. She received a master's degree in mathematics from George Peabody College for Teachers of Vanderbilt University. She has completed additional coursework at USM.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Cliburn taught fourth-grade classes at Union Elementary School. She is also a former faculty member at Neshoba Central Elementary School, where she taught remedial reading and talented and gifted students in grades two through six.

She is a member of First Baptist Church in Union, where she serves as director of the Young Musicians Choir.

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Cliburn received an associate of arts degree from East Central Community College, where she was awarded the Alatha Chaney English Award and was a member of the Scholars Bowl team. She graduated cum laude from Mississippi State University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She has completed additional studies at MSU.

She is married to Gene Cliburn and they have four children, Erin, Logan, Caroline and Byars.

Brand was previously employed at Brandon High School where he taught oral communication and U.S. History, and served as an assistant basketball coach. He is also a former U.S. History/Government teacher and head boys' and girls' basketball coach at Tri-County Academy in Florida.

In addition to his teaching duties at ECCC, Brand will assist the Warrior basketball team.

He is a member of First Baptist Church in Clinton where he teaches Sunday night classes for first and second-graders.

Brand is a graduate of Mendenhall High School and Mississippi College, where he received a bachelor's degree in communication/history and a master's degree in communication. He also attended Copiah-Lincoln Community College.



Sherri Cliburn

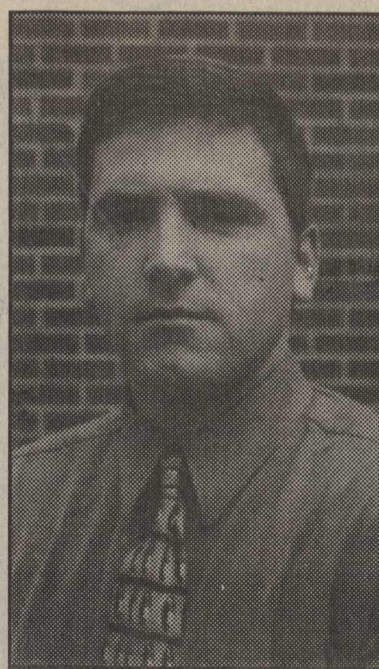
He is married to the former Amy Moore and they have a fifteen-month-old son, Jacob Eli Brand.

Blaylock previously served as music instructor for grades K-12 for the Newton Municipal School District. She is also a former piano instructor for the Winona Municipal School District.

In all, he has 18 years of experience teaching music on the public school level and providing private piano lessons.

She is a member of the Mississippi Music Educators, the American Choral Directors Association and Kappa Delta sorority. She is also a member of First Baptist Church in Newton, where she is a member of the adult choir.

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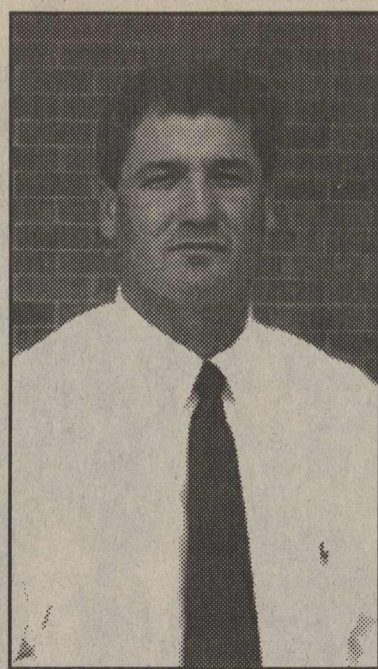
Brent Gregory

High School, Blaylock received a bachelor's degree in music education from Delta State University and earned a master's degree in music education from Mississippi College where she graduated cum laude.

She is married to Ronnie C. Blaylock, co-manager of the Philadelphia Wal-Mart Supercenter. They have two children, Clanton, 13, and Anna Rose, nine.

Yarborough previously served as head baseball coach, assistant football coach and business teacher at Taylorsville High School. He led the Tartar baseball team to the state playoffs during his two years at the helm.

He is also a former graduate assistant baseball coach, fitness center supervisor and residence



Stephen M. "Jake" Yarborough

hall assistant at Delta State University. In addition, he previously served as an assistant physical education teacher at Union High School and was a student assistant baseball coach at ECCC. In all, he has six years coaching experience, including three on the college level.

A graduate of Union High School, Yarborough received an associate in arts degree from East Central Community College and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in physical education from Delta State University.

Yarborough is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Yarborough of Arcola.



Mary Gail Fulton



Todd Brand



Vickie C. Blaylock

First Lady Candidates

By: Heather Cushman

Over the past few months you have probably heard and read a lot about the presidential candidates; however, you may or may not have heard about the women who stand behind them as they travel from city to city. After the major influences our current first lady has had on our country, I feel that more people will pay closer attention to the women behind the presidential candidates than they have in the past years.

On the Democratic Party ticket the woman behind presidential candidate Al Gore is Tipper Gore. She is a 52 year old Virginia native that graduated from Vanderbilt with a Master's degree in Psychology. She has worked as a news photographer, which was where she met presidential candidate Al Gore.

Tipper has been around the presidential system while her husband Al Gore served as vice-president during the term of Bill Clinton. With her having been around the White House the past few years, she may have some advantages if she gets to be the first lady, such as, helping get bills passed through connections she has made over the past few years.

On the Republican Party ticket, the woman behind the presidential candidate George W. Bush is Laura Bush. She is a 53-

year-old Texas native with a Master's degree in library science from the University of Texas. She has worked as a teacher and a librarian.

Laura has also had her share of being around the political arena. She has been involved in politics since she married her husband, the current governor of the State of Texas. If she becomes the next First Lady, she should not have much trouble adjusting. With her experiences of the political world she may be able to help get things that she is interested in done. She may also have some fresh new ideas and bring a different air into the White House.

Tipper Gore and Laura Bush both seem to be excellent women for the role of First Lady; however, it is up to us as the voting pub-

lic to decide which lady will be in the White House after the presidential election. I believe that both women would provide different assets to the country, so it will definitely be a big decision as to which presidential candidate and first lady candidate will make the best team for the United States of America.

Whomever you choose to be your presidential candidate is for you to decide. However, it is very important that you do take a stand and pick a presidential candidate and become involved in this next presidential election. I urge you to register to vote if you have already done so and become involved in this very important decision because this decision will affect you for the next four years or could possibly effect you for the rest of your life.

Back to school stress

**By Tami Phillips
Assistant Editor**

You finally got your stuff moved in. You have to put up with your roommate's snoring. You're lucky if you can find a decent parking space. Yep, it's back to school time which can only mean one thing, Stress!

College-aged students are one of the major groups affected when it comes to stress-related disorders, such as generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder, irritable bowel syndrome and post-traumatic stress disorder, claims the Center for Stress and Anxiety Disorders of the University of New York.

Attending a university can be the most stressful time of a person's life. Dr. Hans Selye, researcher and endocrinologist, defines stress as "the nonspecific response of the body to any demand made on it." Stress can manifest in a variety of different symptoms from sweaty palms to dizziness.

Stress is so relevant among college-aged students because they have to make such a big transition from home to school, and they must deal with making decisions and being out on their own.

As for other students, the pressure of classes taken toward their major can cause great stress. Students sometimes feel the need to make their friends and parents happy, and thus tend to forget about their own needs. Some students question themselves often on if they are headed toward the right career and the thought of going out into the real world is sometimes too much to handle.

However, not all stress is bad, so the idea is not to eliminate stress entirely but rather to keep it at a level that allows you to function normally. Some things that can be done to reduce stress include:

*Exercise- The exercise should be reasonable for the person, and many times exercise will release chemicals in the brain that will actually help calm the person.

*Develop reasonable sleeping and eating habits- Many times getting on a regular schedule helps the student to know when and what is going on in his life. This helps the student to work methodically and keep from putting work and study off until the last minute.

* Stay away from alcohol and drugs- These can only make stress worse and cause more problems for the student.

* Take time to relax- Take a walk, light some incense and take a nap or purchase a Zen garden and let the meditational force overcome your stress.

* Talk to someone about your problems- This is the most important thing to do when you are feeling overly anxious. Talk to a fellow peer or call home for a pep talk.

WBL Coordinator selected

Sylvia H. Bush of Boyle, formerly of Carthage, was recently selected Work-Based Learning Coordinator at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC president.

Bush, who began her new duties



Sylvia H. Bush

on September 1, previously served as the Tech Prep Coordinator at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead. She earlier served MDCC as a counselor. In addition, she has teaching and counseling experience on the high school level. In all, she has 28 years of full-time educational work experience.

Bush is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, the American Association of University Women and the EPHFIC Women's Club.

She is a graduate of Carthage High School and received the Associate in Arts Degree from East Central. Bush obtained her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Mississippi University for Women and her master's degree in mathematics from Mississippi State University. She received the AA Certificate in Guidance and Counseling from Mississippi College in Clinton and has completed additional studies at Delta State University.

Bush and her husband Thomas have two sons, Todd and Ken.

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Homecoming Honorees 2000

Recognition of Alumni of the Year, new members of the Athletic Hall of Fame and Instructors of the Year will highlight Homecoming activities scheduled October 6-7 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

A lifetime achievement award will also be presented and special recognition will be made of various reunion groups. Among groups being recognized include graduates of the Class of 1930, the first such group to be honored at a 70th class reunion.

The theme for this year's observance is "Looking to the Future and Remembering Our Past."

Recipients of the annual Alumni Association Awards include S. Lebrun "Sibb" Hutchison (Class of 1949) of Littleton, Colorado, Alumnus of the Year and Jeanette Beevers Thrash (Class of 1958) of Decatur, Alumna of the Year. Also being recognized are new inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame who include Billy Ray Dill (attended 1964-65) of Escatawpa, Coach Sue Gunter (attended 1957-58) of Baton Rouge and Jimmy Rea (Class of 1958) of Madison. Faculty members being honored are Dr. Linda Lane of Jackson, Academic Instructor of the Year and Sandra Towne Thomas of Chunky, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year. A Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to James Land (Class of 1938) of Union.

LEBRUN HUTCHISON

Hutchison, a Philadelphia native and retired civil engineer with the National Park Service, has spent the past 20 years devoting much of his time to various civic, community and religious organizations in the Littleton community.

Among honors received for his community involvement include his selection as Grand Marshal of the 1996 Western Welcome Week Grand Parade. The annual event is attended by over 80,000 people and culminates 10 days of homecoming celebrations.

Hutchison has also made numerous financial gifts and other contributions to East Central Community College. He and his parents, N. J. and Agnes Hutchison, gave a deacon's bench and a portrait of former EC President Dr. L. O. Todd for the Wesley Foundation Room on campus. They also donated a bench for the garden in memory of Grace Gardner, a retired dean of women. In 1984, Hutchison established an annual award for a sophomore member of Alpha Alpha Epsilon. "The Engineers" and in 1999, the gift was converted into an annual scholarship. To date, 16 pre-engineering sophomores have been recipients of this recognition.

Hutchison was a founding member of Alpha Alpha Epsilon and served the organization as vice president his freshman year and was president during his sophomore year. In addition to his academic success at East Central, Hutchison was a two-year letterman in football and track. He won the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes in the state track meet his freshman year and placed second in both events during his sophomore season. He also competed in relay races and in the broad jump. (It should be noted that Hutchison still holds the EC record in the 100-yard dash. He ran the event - held on a dirt track - in 9.8 seconds!) He was also a member of the 1948 Warrior football team - coached by Hillary Horne and Arno Vincent - which won the J. C. Bowl in Panama City, Florida, and finished with a 7-2-2 record.

He continued his education at Mississippi State University where he received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering (sanitary major). At MSU, he was a President's Scholar and a member of the Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The Hutchisons have two daughters. Sylvia is married to Dr. Dennis Ballinger and they reside in Menio Park, California, with their two children, Alexandra and Jackson. Stella is married to Dale Macumber and they reside in Littleton, Colorado, with their children, Dan, Sarah and David.

JEANETTE THRASH

Thrash has served as principal of Newton County Elementary School in Decatur since 1991. She previously served as principal of Boler Elementary School, also in



Lebrun Hutchison

Decatur. She has also served Newton County schools as a classroom teacher, remedial reading teacher, curriculum supervisor and administrative assistant. In addition, she has held teaching positions at Hickory and Beulah Hubbard elementary schools and with the Noxubee County School System.

In addition to her duties as an educator, she is involved with various civic and religious organizations. She is a 34-year member of the Decatur Women's Progressive Club and is presently serving as the organization's president.

She is also a member of the



Jeanette Thrash

Mississippi Federated Women's Clubs, Inc., the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and the ECCC Alumni Association. She is a past member of the Mississippi Jaycettes and the Decatur Jaycettes. Thrash has served as a leader for the Girl Scouts of America and has served on the Board of Directors of the Decatur Public Library.

She is a member of the Decatur United Methodist Church, where she serves on the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. She is also a former Sunday School teacher and previously served as director and teacher of Vacation Bible School.

Among honors Thrash has

received include her selection as Outstanding Young Woman in 1968, 1969 and 1970. She was chosen Outstanding Young Educator in 1974 and received the Zeta State Scholarship in 1975 and 1986. She was selected to Governor William Winter's "Conference on Education" in 1982 and was appointed by the Governor to serve as a member of the Performance-Based School Assessment Task Force from 1983 to 1984. In 1986, she received the Xi Chapter's Woman of Distinction Award for Delta Kappa Gamma and, more recently, she was presented the 1999 Red Rose Award from Xi Chapter.



James Land

Thrash is a graduate of Union High School, East Central Community College and Mississippi State University, where she received bachelor's and master's degrees and the AA Certificate in Administration.

She is married to Tommy Thrash, social science instructor and division chairman at ECCC. They have two daughters. Merv, a physical therapist, is married to Robert Knight and they reside in Meridian with their children, Kelsi and Logan. Melissa, a staff attorney for the Mississippi Supreme Court, is married to Robert "Spanky" Carleton and they reside in Newton.

JAMES LAND

Photographer James Land is also being honored at Homecoming as a recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Through the years Land has donated numerous photographs to the College, including his annual presentation of an 8 X 10 color photo of East Central's Homecoming Queen. He has also taken photos at beauty pageants, fashion shows and other special occasions.

Land is a 1936 graduate of Philadelphia High School. He enrolled at then ECJC the same year after earning a scholarship for selling the most subscriptions to The Neshoba Democrat.

He continued his education at Mississippi State University for two years prior to joining the Air Force for World War II, where he served as an instructor and master crew chief on B-24s and B-29s until 1945.

Land returned to MSU when he received a bachelor's degree in general agriculture and industrial education. He earned a master's degree in agriculture from MSU in 1957. In addition, he has completed 30 hours beyond the master's degree.

He began his career as Assistant County Agent in Tippah County, and later held positions as a vocational agriculture teacher at Shannon, Hickory and Union high schools. He retired from teaching in 1983.

Land is married to the former Thelma Skipper, a 1937 ECCC graduate. They have three sons, Lawrence Edward, James Lesley and Thomas David, all of whom attended East Central.

Instructors of the Year

DR. LINDA LANE

Dr. Linda Lane of Jackson joined the ECCC faculty in 1999 and serves as Spanish and French instructor. She previously taught the same courses at Mississippi College where she began

France. Dr. Lane has visited Hispanic countries as well. She has traveled and studied in Spain on several occasions, including the summer of 1990 when she was selected to participate in the Quicentennial Summer Program

involved with the College's first Practical Nursing Self-Study. She also serves as an advisor for the ECCC HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) chapter.

She is a member of the



Dr. Linda Lane

employment in 1994.

She has also served on faculties at the University of Mobile in Alabama, and at Mississippi University for Women where she was Chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages. During her tenure at the University of Mobile, Dr. Lane inaugurated a summer study program in San Marcos, Nicaragua, and also traveled there on several occasions to help establish a branch campus for the University.

A product of Brandon High School, Dr. Lane was graduated cum laude from Millsaps College in Jackson where she received a bachelor's degree in French with a minor in Spanish. She earned a master's degree in French, with minor emphasis in Spanish, from Louisiana State University, and received a doctorate in modern languages, again with a major in French and a minor in Spanish, from Middlebury College in Vermont.

She has studied French at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and completed research for her doctoral degree in Paris. In addition to her travels in Canada and

for Spanish teachers. In addition, she has traveled and studied in Mexico.

Dr. Lane holds membership in several professional organizations including the Modern Language Association, American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, and 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.

SANDRA THOMAS

Sandra Thomas joined the ECCC vocational-technical faculty in 1992 when the College began offering Licensed Practical Nursing. Through the years the LPN program has been recognized as one of the most successful in the state, as East Central graduates over the last four years (1996-1999) have achieved a 100 percent pass rate on first write on the state board examination.

In addition to her duties as LPN instructor, Thomas has been



Sandra Thomas

Mississippi Association of Career and Technical Educators, the Mississippi Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association.

Among honors she has received include her selection to Who's

Who Among American Teachers in 1998 and 1996.

Prior to joining the East Central staff, Thomas served as a registered nurse, facilitator and unit educator at Riley Hospital in Meridian. She was also previously employed at Anderson's Pharmacy in Meridian.

Her community involvement includes her work as a volunteer at Love's Kitchen in Meridian, a program to feed the hungry. She has also participated in several mission trips to Bolivia with the United Methodist Church.

Thomas is a 1972 graduate of Meridian High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She received the McDonald Scholarship to attend Meridian Junior College where she received an associate degree in nursing in 1986. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1999 from the University of Southern Mississippi where she graduated with honors. At USM, she was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society and was named a National Dean's List Scholar. She was recognized for having the highest grade point average of students in the RN to BSN class.

She is married to Larry Thomas, who is employed with Maples Gas Company in Meridian. They have two sons: Bruce Thomas, a graduate of the ECCC Associate Degree Nursing Program who is a registered nurse in Nashville, Tennessee, and Tyler, also an ECCC graduate currently attending Mississippi State University.



Mike Mott

Mott to display artwork at homecoming

East Central alumna Mike Mott (Class of 1981) will display his artwork during Homecoming festivities scheduled October 7. The exhibit will be on display in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center through the month of October, according to Bruce Guraedy, Chairman of the Fine Arts Division and art instructor.

The display will include a variety of surrealistic, science fiction and fantasy images created in a wide range of media, but with a predominance of computer generated images or computer graphics. There will possibly be some sculptures and graphite pieces in the show.

Mott is creative director for MPI Software Technology, a high-performance software company. He is also a freelance artist and writes both fiction and non-fiction. He has worked as an artist/designer for Fortune 500 companies, for an NSF Engineering Research Center, and for a variety of freelance clients. His artwork has appeared in many publications such as Computer Graphics World Magazine, Computer Artist and IEEE Computer. He's created artwork and graphic design for mass-market book covers, posters, brochures and CD-ROM covers and has won several design awards.

Mott and his wife, Melissa, have four children: Heather, 16; Audrey, 14; Matthew, 12; and Ryan 6.

"Looking To The Future and Remembering Our Past" Homecoming Schedule of Events October 7, 2000

- 9:00 A.M. • Registration Begins
- 10:00 A.M. • Reunion Groups Meet
- 11:00 A.M. • The Warrior Club
- 12:00 Noon • Alumni Luncheon
- 2:30 • Football game
- After Game • Reception
- Mon. - Fri. October 2-7,
Homecoming Tennis Tournament
- Friday October 6, 4:00 P.M.
Golf Tournament
- Friday Night October 6, 7 p.m.
A Special Program

~Alumnus of the year ~

BILLY RAY DILL

Billy Ray Dill was a two-year standout on the 1964 and 1965 Warrior football teams, playing halfback on both sides of the ball. In addition to lettering both years, he received various honors following each season. He was named honorable mention All-State his freshman year and was an honorable mention All-American and first-team All-State selection following his sophomore campaign.

Dill helped lead the 1965 Warriors to a 7-3 mark, which represented the second-best record in the state that year. Members of the coaching staff were first-year head mentor Dan Chatwood and assistant Hansel King.

In addition to playing football, Dill participated in various campus activities and was selected a freshman favorite.

Dill continued his athletic career at Mississippi College, transferring in January, 1966. At MC, he broke the school rushing record his junior year and was the leading scorer and pass receiver his senior year. He also excelled in track.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Mississippi College in 1968, Dill began a successful career as a coach and teacher.

His first stint was at Comer Junior High School in Pascagoula in 1969, and the following year he returned to his alma mater, Forest High School, from 1970 to 1971. (Dill was a standout in football and track at FHS, where he served as football captain his senior year and was selected most valuable player. He was also chosen on the All Little Dixie Conference team). As a member of the Bearcat staff under head coach Gary Risher, also an ECCC alumnus, Dill helped lead Forest to a perfect 11-0 record and the Overall Little Dixie Conference title.

Dill was named head football coach at Bassfield High School in 1972, where he served two years. He returned to Pascagoula in 1974, serving as assistant football coach and teacher until 1980. The 1976 PHS squad went undefeated and captured the overall state championship.

Dill left the field of education in 1981 to pursue a career in operations at the Chevron Oil Refinery in Pascagoula, where he is presently employed.

He is married to the former Susan Foster and has three daughters, a step-daughter, a stepson, a grandson and a step-grandson. His oldest daughter, Manina, is married to Jeff Stone and they reside in Mobile, Ala., with their infant son, Nate. Dill's middle daughter, Dianna Dill, resides in Collins and attends Jones County Junior College. His youngest daughter, Cherie Dill, also lives in Collins and attends JCJC. Dill's stepson, Donnie Harrod, resides in Birmingham, Ala., with his wife Trish and their son, Chase. Dill's stepdaughter, Kelly, is married to Todd Allen and they reside in Laurel.

Dill is the son of Wilma Dill and the late Dr. Ray C. Dill of Forest. His sister, Joanna Bagley, resides in Forest with her husband, Steve.

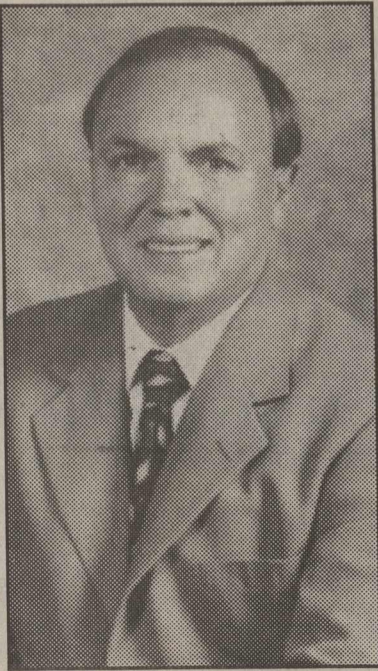
COACH SUE GUNTER

Sue Gunter is one of only three coaches in the history of women's collegiate basketball to win 600 career games. In 18 years as head coach at Louisiana State University, Gunter has led the Lady Tigers to 10 NCAA Tournament appearances, two NWIT (National Women's Invitational Tournament) events (including one championship) and one Women's NIT (National Invitational Tournament).

In recognition of her successful career, which now spans over 36 years, Gunter was inducted into the National Women's Basketball Hall of Fame during ceremonies held in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1999.

She was selected Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year following the 1996-97 season, during which the Lady Tigers posted a 25-5 mark and landed a berth in the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16. LSU was ranked ninth in the country in the final NCAA poll that season.

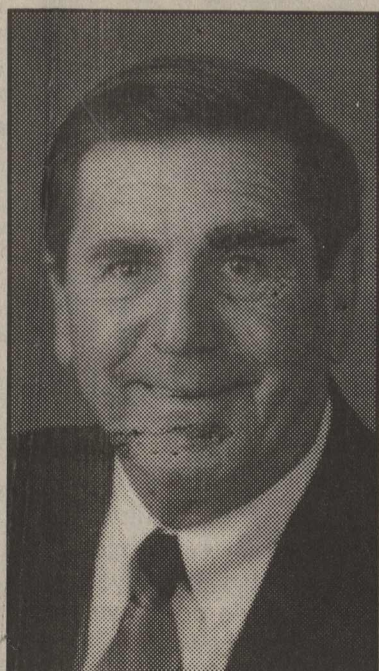
Coach Gunter begins the 2000-2001 campaign at LSU as the fourth winningest active coach in the nation with an overall record of 613 wins and 272 defeats,



Billy Ray Dill



Sue Gunter



Jimmy Rea

which includes stints at Middle Tennessee State, Stephen F. Austin and LSU. Her record in guiding the Lady Tigers stands at 347-185, which makes her the winningest coach in school history. (Note: The NCAA does not recognize her two years at Middle Tennessee State or the first four seasons at Stephen F. Austin because accurate records were not available; otherwise, another 100 victories would be added to her total, placing her second behind Tennessee's Pat Summitt on the Division I career victories list.)

In addition to her success in leading college squads, Gunter was head coach for the 1980 United States Olympic Team. The Americans won the Olympic Qualifying Tournament prior to

the Olympic competition; however, the team was denied a chance at a gold medal due to the United States' boycott of the Olympic Games, which were held in Moscow that year.

Gunter earlier served as an assistant coach on the 1976 U.S. team, which captured the silver medal in Montreal. She also served as head coach for the U. S. National Team on three occasions - 1976, 1978 and 1980.

Prior to beginning a successful coaching career, Gunter was a standout athlete at Nashville Business College, East Central Junior College and Walnut Grove High School. (Gunter played basketball at NBC while a student at George Peabody College (now Peabody College of Vanderbilt University), where she earned

bachelor's and master's degrees).

At NBC, she played AAU basketball from 1958-62, earning All-America honors as her team captured two national titles. She represented the USA in international competition against the Soviet Union from 1960-62.

She attended East Central during the 1957-58 school year under then head coach Lucille Wood. She also participated in various campus activities and was secretary of the Student Body Association.

Prior to attending ECJC, Gunter was a standout athlete at Walnut Grove High School, where she helped lead the girls' basketball program to a 44-4 record! Her hometown later paid tribute to her successful career by holding "Sue Gunter Day."

JIMMY REA

Jimmy Rea, a Philadelphia native, was a standout running back and defensive back on the 1956 and 1957 Warrior football teams. He also excelled in track, specializing in the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes.

Prior to his arrival on the Decatur campus, Rea had a stellar career at Philadelphia High School, where he earned five letters in two sports - three in football as a star running back and two in track, where he first found success as a sprinter. He also served as basketball manager for three years.

His success at PHS caught the attention of then East Central football and track coach Clayton Blount who signed Rea to an athletic scholarship.

One of the memorable victories for Rea and his teammates during the 1956 season included the Warrior's 20-14 upset of East Mississippi Community College, led at that time by the legendary coach "Bull" Sullivan.

Key wins during Rea's sophomore campaign, during which he served as team co-captain with Tommy McCullough, came against Holmes (12-7) and Jones (12-6). There were also ties recorded with East Mississippi (7-7) and Co-Lin (20-20).

The highlight of Rea's track career obviously occurred at the 1958 State Junior College Track Meet held at Hinds Junior College, where he won first place honors in the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes.

After graduating from East Central in 1958, Rea continued his athletic career at Louisiana College in Pineville, where he

was a two-year letterman in football and track. During the '58 campaign, Rea helped lead Louisiana College to the best season in school history - a 9-2 mark that included a 39-12 win over Arkansas Tech in the Rice Bowl held in Stuggart, Arkansas.

Rea graduated from Louisiana College in 1960, earning a bachelor's degree in physical education and social studies. He then began a successful but brief coaching career, with stints in Alexandria, Louisiana; Moss Point and Greenwood.

He returned to Philadelphia in 1961 and began a successful used car business. In 1973, after attending auctioneering school, Rea started an auto auction in Philadelphia. In 1976 he and two partners - Sonny Steel and Charles Mars - purchased the Ford Dealership in Philadelphia. Rea served as president of the company until he sold the business in 1981.

Rea later began a second auction business (Mid-South Auto Auction) and over the years the business has continued to grow and is now located on a 29-acre, multi-million dollar facility in Jackson. In 1996, Mid-South Salvage was added to the business and a new salvage facility was completed in 1999.

Rea and his wife, Sammie, reside in Madison where they are members of First Baptist Church of Madison. They reared two sons - John, who serves as manager of Rea Brothers Auction, and Sam, who was tragically killed in a tractor accident in September 1997. John and his wife, Kim, have three children: Austin, Mary Grace and Peyton. Sam and his wife, Dana, had one child, CJ.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE WARRIOR SOCCER 2000 SCHEDULE OCTOBER

Wednesday 4	Jones*	Home	4:00
Saturday 7	Gulf Coast*	Homecoming	10:00
Sunday 8	Gordon College	Home	2:00
Tuesday 10C	Co-Lin*	Away	3:00
Saturday 14	Pearl River*	Away	2:00
Wednesday 18	Jones*	Away	4:00
Saturday 21	Holmes-Ridgeland*	Home	2:00
Tuesday 24	OPEN		
Saturday 28	STATE TOURNAMENT		
	#1 North vs #2 South		
	#2 North vs #1 South		
Sunday 29	STATE TOURNAMNET		

Winner Match 1 vs Winner Match 2

*Denotes South Division Opponent



ECCC Soccer Warriors

Above are members of the East Central Community College Soccer Team for the 2000 campaign. Kneeling from left are forward, Michael Craig, Morton; midfielder/forward Joe Savell, Chunky; midfielder Tip Murchinson, Morton; midfielder Billy Brake, Brandon; Midfielder Gardito Ruiz, Vicksburg; midfielder Braden Land, Corinth; and defender Joshua Cook, Philadelphia. Standing from left are Roy Pete, assistant coach; defender Bobby Gibson, Meridian; defender/midfielder Dwight Brannon, Collinsville; defender Chad Woodall, Carthage; keeper Derek Dunn, Philadelphia; forward/midfielder Chris Leubers, Little Rock; defender Wesley Rounssaville, Philadelphia; defender Tim Stewart, Walnut Grove; manager Jennifer Lynn Stephenson, Heidelberg; and Kenneth Thompson, head coach.

'Aunt Blabby' to entertain as part of ECCC Homecoming



Aunt Blabby

A performance by one of this area's most beloved characters will officially kick-off Homecoming activities scheduled October 6-7 at East Central Community College in Decatur. "An Evening with Aunt Blabby" (as portrayed by Pruitt Calvert of Louisville) will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, October 6 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Pruitt, a 1960 ECCC graduate, describes "Aunt Blabby" as "a lovable, down-home character like we've all known, who spins humorous, homespun stories and anecdotes all over the country telephone party line."

The Louisville businessman sets the stage for his costumed character with a serious, inspirational introduction that audiences throughout Mississippi and several other states have enjoyed.

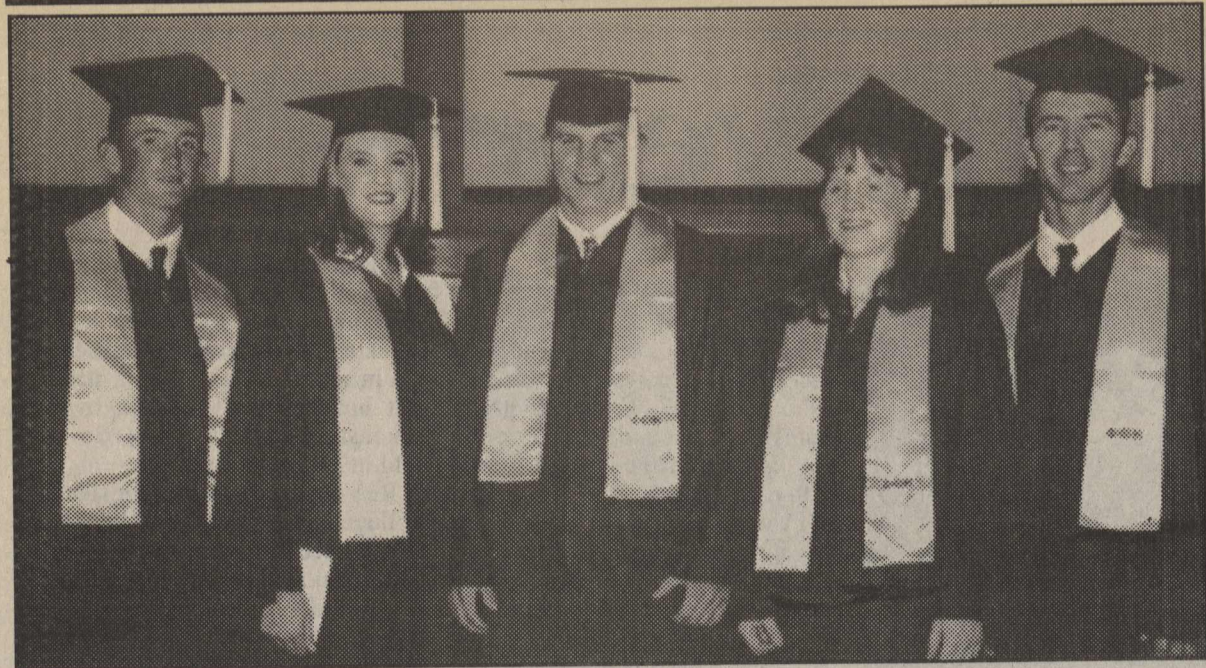
Calvert's portrayal of "Aunt Blabby" began some 26 years ago when his wife, Jean, first dressed him as the popular character. Although his presentation has been termed a one-man show, Calvert acknowledges that his wife furnished the idea, the encouragement and the

"making up" of "Aunt Blabby" who has brought laughter to thousands.

Calvert said he enjoys laughter and making others laugh as much or more than anyone. However, he pointed out that his mission is "to call our people back to God." He added, "I believe the greatest need of our land, the most important issue of the day, is for those in government and those in the private sector and everybody, everywhere, to return to the principles that have made this country great - and that is to put God first in everything that we think, say or do."

The public is invited to attend the special program and reception that follows. Although there is no admission charge, contributions will be accepted to help the College build a new recreational trail around the College lake.

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



NJCAA Academic All-Americans!

The National Junior College Athletic Association has announced the selection of the above honor graduates of East Central Community College in Decatur as NJCAA Academic All-Americans for 1999-2000. To be selected for the prestigious honor, recipients must have participated in at least one season of varsity athletics and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those chosen Distinguished Academic All-Americans earn a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or better on a 4.0 scale. Award recipients and their respective sports area(s) include (from left) Lee Martin (baseball) of Lake, Lacey Johnson (softball) of Carthage, Chris Weems (football and baseball) of Newton, Kristi French (tennis) of Union and Tracy Goodin (tennis) of Noxapater. Martin and Weems were named on the Distinguished list. The former ECCC student athletes will be featured in Juco Review, the official publication of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

National winners

These East Central Community College students won honors at the National Phi Beta Lambda Conference held this summer in Long Beach, California. Stephanie Robinson (left) of Newton placed ninth in impromptu speaking and T. J. Madison of Philadelphia finished fourth in web page design. Robinson is a sophomore computer networking major and Madison, a 2000 graduate in the same field, is employed at U. S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia. Also participating at the national competition were ECCC students Jessica Johnson of Philadelphia, who competed in word processing, and Jennifer Winstead of Union, who participated in the machine transcription category. All four students qualified for the national contest by placing second on the state level in their respective areas of competition. Computer technology instructor Brenda Johnson serves as sponsor. Students representing community and junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities participate in the annual competition.



ECCC students receive scholarship

Attending East Central Community College in Decatur has become even more affordable for two area students who were recently presented a \$1000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

Bridget Minor of Little Rock and Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove, received the cash award through the Foundation's new Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program. Beginning this year, the Foundation will annually award 400 scholarships, of \$1000 each, to students attending higher education institutions granting two-year degrees.

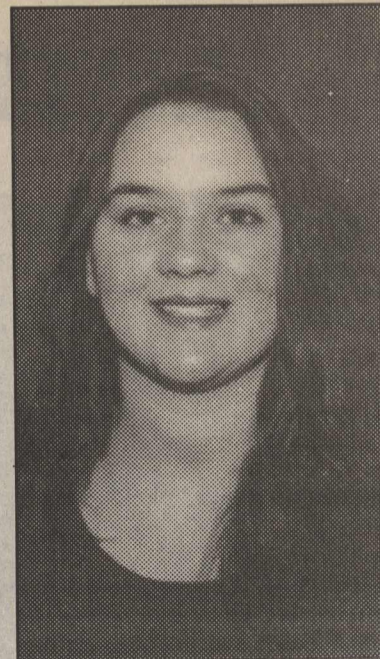
Scholarship recipients are selected through nominations provided by presidents or chief executive officers from two-year colleges across the country. Students nominated must have demonstrated academic success and provided 100 hours of community service in the past year.

Minor a sophomore pre-med major and daughter of Angie and Walter Minor of Little Rock is a Dean's List Scholar with a 3.897 grade point average, and holds various positions of leadership on the ECCC campus. She is president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, and is also president of ECEC, the College's environmental club. She serves as editor of the yearbook - The Wo-He-Lo - and is president of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Press Association.

In addition, the Newton County High School graduate is a member of the President's Council, Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students who excel in mathematics, and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, whose members plan to major in medical fields.

She also works in the College's Learning Skills Lab as a part-time AmeriCorps member, serving as a tutor for students who need special assistance.

Her community activities include her volunteer work at The Nature Conservancy of Mississippi and at Clarke-Venable Memorial Baptist Church in Decatur, where she helped elementary-age children



Bridget Minor

recite and memorize Bible verses. She was also responsible for recycling efforts conducted by the College's environmental club.

Rogers is a 2000 honor graduate of Leake Academy, where she was ranked third in a class of 45 seniors. She also held numerous positions of leadership, including student body president and editor of the 2000 yearbook. In addition, she served as president of the senior class, the Student Christian Organization, Beta Club and SADD.

Her community service activities include performing piano recitals at nursing homes and assisted living communities throughout the state. She also provides accompaniment for worship services at some of the locations.

She is a freshman music education major with piano emphasis and the daughter of Dale and Penny Rogers of Walnut Grove.

Coca-Cola's Two-Year Scholars Program complements the Foundation's Scholars Program, which annually awards \$1.8 million in college scholarships to 250 outstanding high school seniors. The Coca-Cola Scholars Program is one of the most recognized and respected corporate-sponsored scholar-

ships in America. "The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program addresses a large, primarily under-served, population of college students. A scholarship of



Lana Rogers

this nature provides the support and sense of encouragement these students need to continue to succeed," said J. Mark Davis, president of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program is made possible with funding from the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation. The Whitehead Foundation provides grants in support of human services initiatives, particularly organizations and programs that benefit young people. The late Joseph B. Whitehead was one of the original bottlers of Coca-Cola.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, a joint effort of Coca-Cola Bottlers across the United States and The Coca-Cola Company, is one of the largest corporate-sponsored, merit-based scholarship programs of its kind in the United States. The Foundation is supported by the financial commitment of local Coca-Cola Bottlers and the Coca-Cola Company.

Players present Crimes of the Heart

By: Heather Cushman

The East Central Community College Players begins its year on a humorous note with the dinner theater play Crimes of

the Heart.

Crimes of the Heart is a humorous play written by Beth Henley, a native of Jackson, Mississippi. The play takes

place in the small town of Hazelhurst, Mississippi, five years after Hurricane Camille. This is where the reunion of the three McGrath sisters takes place during which they all look back in retrospect to all of their little misfortunes. The play is full of love, humor, misfortune, and southern hospitality.

The cast of Crimes of the Heart are: Lenny played by Jeannie Fitzhugh, Meg played by Heidi Wallen, Babe played by Megan Morrison, Chick played by Rebecca McNally, Doc played by Brad Harrell, and Barnett played by Ellis Pickle. There are also dozens of people who will be working behind the scene to make the play a success.

The play is scheduled to take place November the 9th through the 11th. Show times will be Thursday, November 9 at 9:30 A.M., Friday, November 10 at 7:00 P.M., and Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 P.M.

For tickets and more information about the play contact Ms. Juanita West at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, phone 635-2111 or toll free 1-877-462-3222.

Teacher from Hell

By Katrina Wise

One of my most unforgettable nightmares came during my high-school years. That nightmare came in the form of a geometry teacher.

One person can make a difference

By: Brandy Richardson

Volunteer work is the perfect way to help someone in need. Volunteer work makes a person feel good all over. Everybody has a little extra time and that is all it takes to make a difference. Volunteering may change your life or the life of someone you know.

I use to think that volunteering was something other people did. Then I took Foods in high school and was asked to volunteer at the Stewpot, in Jackson. At first I thought the Stewpot would be a place that only helped a selective group of people, mostly people that did not really need any help. Then, once we arrived, I began to see a difference. I started to see a type of love that I had never seen before, the love of a grateful person. People that come to the Stewpot began to tell stories about their lives that really touched me. One lady told of how she lost everything in the blink of an eye. This made me realize that I should be more thankful to God and the people around me for all that I have.

Once I volunteered at Stewpot, I started volunteering at other places like the nursing homes, and helping little kids in school. Once you start volunteering it is something that you will want to do always. Unfortunately many people think that lots of other people will volunteer and ask themselves, "Why should I?" If everyone thinks that, then no one volunteers.

By helping someone in need, you will get helped in return when you need something. I have seen various people in the community I live in get sick, and it is amazing at

Normally I was not one to give in to vicious rumors, but looking back, I realize that I had succumbed to the endless rumors that ran rampant on our campus concerning that teacher.

the number of people that will help the ones who have been helping others. Nobody knows when the time might come when they may need some help. So, who will help you when you need it if you have not helped any one when you have the opportunity?

There are many ways to get involved around the campus. A person could take a few minutes out of his day and go by Campus Link to volunteer. At Campus Link a person could volunteer in the area that he feels most comfortable. Some examples are helping to build a house with the Habitat for Humanity, tutoring kids after school, spending time at a hospital, helping kids with their reading skills, and the list goes on. Even if someone lives off-campus like I do, there is plenty to be done in your community. A person could sit with an elder, visit people in the local hospital, take up food and donations for sick in that specific area, help your next door neighbor with yard work, volunteer at your local church, and so forth. There is plenty to be done both on and off-campus; There are just not enough people to do it.

I would like to encourage everyone to take a few minutes out of your day and help someone. One day the favor maybe returned to you. Just think how much better the world would be today if everyone would volunteer and do their part to help the needy. Someone might even experience a different kind of love they never knew of or maybe make a new friend. Lastly, I would like to encourage everyone to get involved somehow and don't wait on any one else because one person can make a difference.

In fact, her reputation had hung like a dark, threatening cloud over the halls of my school for over a decade. As a student, I just knew that hundreds of other students couldn't possibly be wrong about her. Those students who had suffered under her reign had sworn that she was against everyone, and that she had zero tolerance for those who did not understand her teaching methods. In short, it would be an impossible task to pass her class. Needless to say, I swallowed every rumor that the "rumor-mill" threw my way.

With my defeatist attitude safely tucked inside, I approached her class period with trepidation from the very first day of school. I was convinced, based on all of the negative feedback from previous victims of her classes, that my geometry teacher was the devil incarnate.

After roll call, and a somewhat surprisingly pleasant, "good morning students", I found out what the fuss was all about. She was speaking Greek, and I knew that she knew none of us spoke a word of Greek!

Things were just as I had imagined; my worst fears were coming true.

I, along with many others, struggled through her class period day after day after day with absolutely nothing making any sense to us. I came to realize that I had passed the point of no return and had in fact, totally missed the boat to understanding. Just the mention of the word "geometry" would send my stomach into knots, turn my hands into a sweat factory, and throw my brain into overdrive. I was a health problem just waiting to happen.

Toward the end of the first semester, my mother advised me to "give the geometry thing" a rest. She said that I was much too young to be stressed out about something over which I obviously had no control. After all, even though I had gotten help from a tutor, my grades

plummeted from a high F+ to a very low F-. My mother also pointed out that I had let the words and perceptions of others overshadow my good sense and that I would undoubtedly do better the following year with an attitude adjustment and lots of devotion to my work on my part.

Well, needless to say, I flunked geometry with flying colors. I also had to face the unfortunate fact that I would have to repeat the class, with the same teacher again. I decided that the next year though, I would show her that the "mathematically challenged" are people too.

The end of the summer ushered in a new school year and, fortunately for me, a new attitude came with it. I approached that school year with high expectations and an open mind. Even though my geometry teacher appeared to be the same old monster from the year before, I knew something that she did not. I had secret weapons on my side which she knew nothing about. The Lord, my mom, and my own mind.

As soon as the teacher began going over the first lesson, I knew that year was going to be different. I found myself paying attention more and actually began to understand what she was talking about. Either she had learned to speak English over the summer or I had subconsciously learned to understand Greek. Whatever the case, she and I were both on the same plane.

Even the pointed ears and the tail I could have sworn she had the year before had seemingly vanished. I discovered that she was in fact, a reasonable and caring person I must admit that the picture of geometry was still a bit fuzzy at first, but I could see daylight. My initial test grade was a low B, but my mom and I thanked the Lord for it as if I had just graduated from Harvard with honors. Before I knew it, I had actually entered the "A" range, and

ECCC reports record enrollment of 2370 students

A record 2370 students are enrolled in classes offered by East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

Luke said the 2000 fall enrollment represents an increase of 142 students - or over six percent - as compared to the previous record mark of 2228 students who registered for classes during the 1999 fall term.

East Central has experienced an increase in enrollment for 16 straight years.

New ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, who officially began his duties on July 1, was obvi-

ously pleased with the record enrollment.

"The College continues to provide a level of service that encourages students to come to East Central to pursue their educational goals. We encourage all prospective students to look at what we provide," he said.

Of the 2370 students enrolled at the College, 1758 are full-time students while 612 attend on a part-time basis.

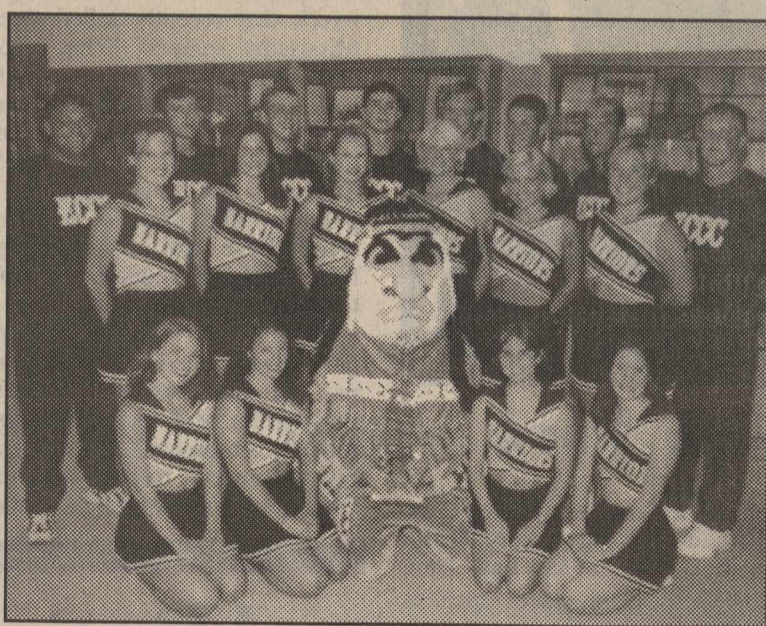
In addition to offering classes on the Decatur campus, East Central provides instruction at various locations throughout the College district, which includes Leake, Scott, Neshoba, Newton and Winston counties.

GOOD LUCK WARRIORS!

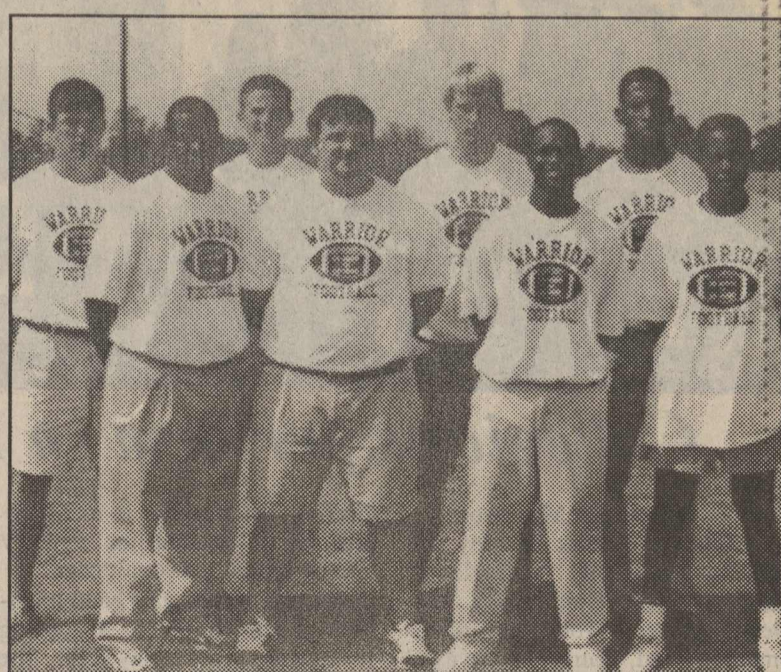


Coaching staff

Members of the Warrior Coaching Staff for the 2000 Warrior Football Team include (front row left) Steve Kelly, Linebackers and Special Teams; Terry Underwood, Head Coach, Defensive Co-ordinator; Tommy Clopton, Wide Receiver and Tight Ends; (back row left) Todd Mangum, Offensive Line; Timmy Coats, Offensive Co-ordinator, Quarterbacks and Running Backs; Fredrick Lyons, Defensive Line; and Joey McLeod, Athletic Trainer.



Members of the ECCC cheerleading squad for the 2000-2001 term include (kneeling from left) Courtney Graham of West Lauderdale, Leigh Ann Morrow of Enterprise, Burnside, Kelly Walker of Neshoba Central and Kristen Harris of Enterprise; (second row, from left) Keri Henley of Heidelberg Academy, Brandi Bounds of West Lauderdale, Lee Ann Eddins of Heidelberg Academy, Gina Wall, of West Lauderdale, Kasey Comans of Newton County Academy and Leslie Crenshaw of Newton; and (back row, from left) Heath Dye and Lee Thompson, both of Morton; Jonathan McMillin of Winston Academy, Todd Babb and Jason Denson, both of Morton; Jonathan Elmore of Puckett, Andrew Latham of Forest and Chris VanEtten of Scott Central.



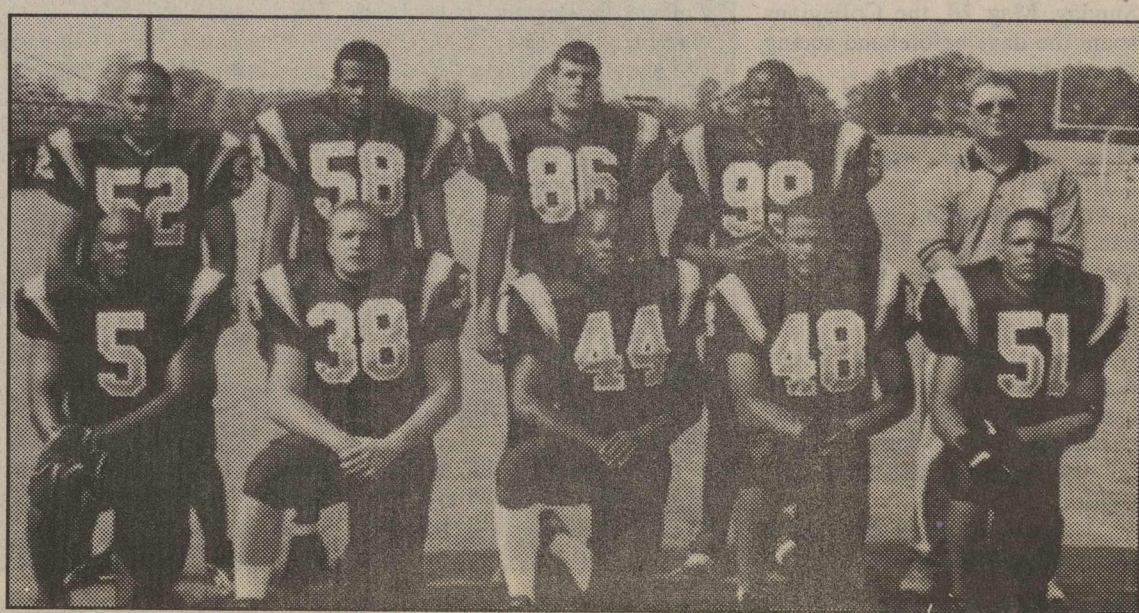
ECCC football managers

Managers and student trainers on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (front row, from left) manager Jereel Combest of Louisville, trainer Adam Wyatt of Leake Academy, manager Damon Housdon of Philadelphia and trainer Kimberly Harris of Newton; and (back row, from left) managers Ben Wilbanks of Leake Academy, Michael Thompson of Prentiss Christian Academy in Collins, Joe Brock Faulkner of Leake Academy and Terrance Anderson of Nanih Waiya.



ECCC offensive linemen

Quarterbacks and running backs on the East Central community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (kneeling from left) quarterbacks Brian Zbyenieski of Choctawhatchee high School in Ft. Walth Beach, Fla., Mitchell McKinnon, Palatka, Fla. and Corey Amis of Newton County High School; and running backs Terrance Wansley of Newton County and Derick Spellers of Seventh-First High School in Fayetteville, N. C. Standing from left are running backs Brett Hazelwood of Clinton, Chad Warren of Quitman, Patrick Prince of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.) and Terrance DeGraffenried of Tuscaloosa Central 9Ala.). At right is Tim Coats, Warrior offensive coordinator and quarterbacks and running backs coach.



ECCC defensive linemen

Defensive linemen on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (kneeling from left) Quentin Bownes of Brooks High School, Killen, Ala.; Nathan Johnson of East Rankin Academy, Levi Duncan, of Eustis, Fla.; and Jon Gusman and Keith Curry, both of Newton County High School. Standing from left are Courtney Steele of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.), Jermaine Crosby of South Leake, Brian Lillis of Neshoba Central and Lerandon Bates of Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.). At right is Steve Kell, Warrior assistant coach. Not pictured is Fred Lyons, defensive line coach.

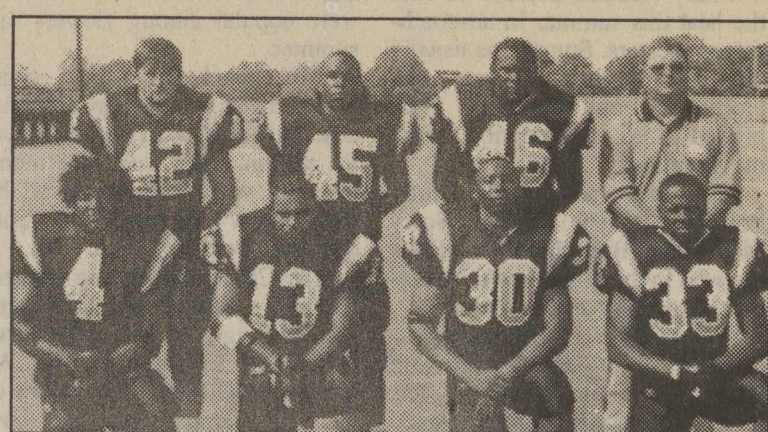


ECCC kickers, punters

Kickers and punters on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (from left) kicker/punter Josh Thoms of Newton, kicker/defensive lineman Nathan Johnson of East Rankin Academy and punter/defensive back Mat Smith Forest. At right is Terry Underwood, Warrior head football coach.

ECCC Warrior 2000 Football Schedule

Thurs., Aug. 31	East Mississippi	Scooba	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 7	Mississippi Delta	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 14	Coahoma	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 21	Mississippi Gulf Coast	Perkinston	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 30	Holmes	Goodman	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 7	Copiah-Lincoln	Decatur	2:30 p.m.
		Homecoming	
Sat., Oct. 14	Hinds	Decatur	2:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 21	Jones	Ellisville	2:00 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 26	Southwest	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 2	Pearl River	Poplarville	7:00 p.m.



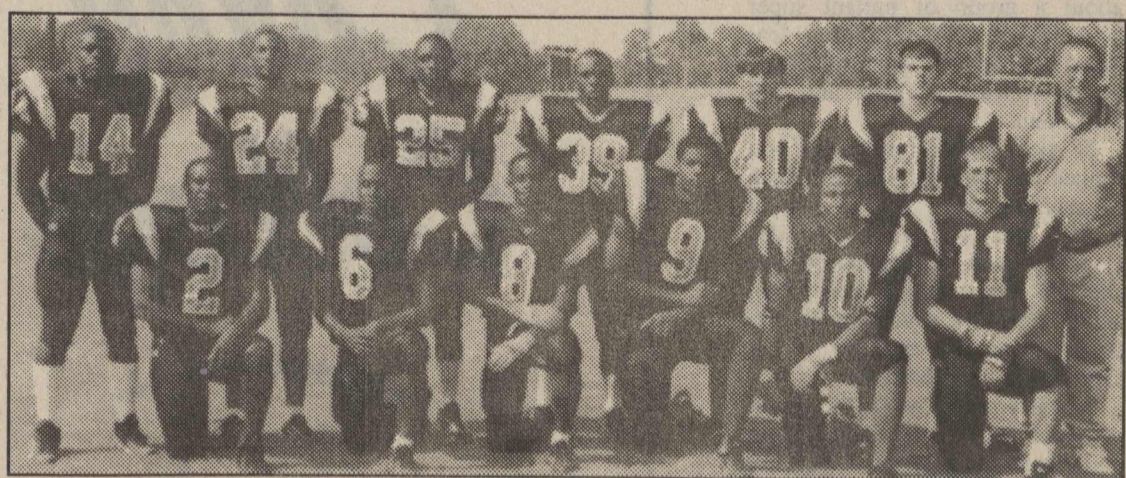
ECCC linebackers

Linebackers on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (kneeling from left) Anthony Thompson of Early County High School, Blakely, Ga.; John Bibb of Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.), Teon Wilson of Newton and Howard Jackson of Scott Central. Standing from left are Curt Blackburn of Newton County Academy, and Kendrick Love and LaKendrick Houston, both of Louisville. At right is Steve Kelly, Warrior linebackers and special teams coach.



ECCC offensive linemen

Offensive linemen on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (kneeling from left) Randy Brown of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.), Reggie Cistruck of Louisville, Kenneth Hurt of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.), Randy Brunson of Sebastopol and Jerry Spencer of North Moore High School in Eagle Springs, N.C. Standing from left are John Carl Riser of Scott Central, Raphael Goodwin of Meridian, Robert Finch of Louisville, Cedric McAfee of Philadelphia and Chad Crowe of Leake Academy. At right is Todd Mangum, Warrior Offensive line coach.



ECCC defensive backs

Defensive backs on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (kneeling from left) Rashad Blalock of Union, Keaton Donald of Noxapater, Dexter Cole of Neshoba Central, Chris Hooper of North Springs High School, Atlanta, Ga.; D'Angelo Lewis of Douglas Byrd High School in Fayetteville, N. C., and Tommy Ford of Hillcrest High School, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Standing from left are Cedric Cotton of Newton County High School, Marco Cole of Neshoba Central, Corey Pickens of Tuscaloosa County High School, Dwight Agee of Collins, Josh Chaney of Newton County and Matt Smith of Forest. At right is Terry Underwood, Warrior head football coach.



Collegians perform in New York

By Magen Morrison

During the week of May 23-29, the 1999-2000 "Collegians," East Central Community college's pop/rock vocal and instrumental band, toured and played New York City, New York.

Even though the band performed only once while in the Big Apple, their music reached thousands of ears during their hour show at South Street Seaport, an outdoor stage in a popular tourist district of the city.

"It was a lot of fun," said Jason Gaines, an ECCC Sophomore who went on the trip. "People were jumping around. We met a whole bunch of weird people."

Having been booked to play on Sunday, May 28, the Collegians spent the days beforehand seeing the sights of the city.

"We went to a lot of clubs, Little Italy, and China Town," Gaines continued. "We really put a dent in it."

Other attractions seen by the band, according to Tom Carson, the band's director, include the Statue of Liberty and the Broadway play "Rent."

"This annual trip of various destinations, is geared," reported Carson, "not only to expose the participants to different places but also to bring attention to East Central."

"I started 11 years ago taking the Collegians on trips," said

Carson. "Its purpose is to recognize ECCC around the country and on an international level."

Exhibitions of past band members have included accepting invitations to play in the Bahamas and at the 1996 Atlanta, Georgia Summer Olympic games. Although Carson did not

say where the group would be going this coming summer, he did mention that he has had some invitations from places such as China.

"Having the Collegians is a good way for me to give the students an experience in a real band," said Carson.

ECCC Collegians named for 2000-2001

Members of the Collegians, the vocal-instrumental pop group at East Central Community College in Decatur, have been chosen for the 2000-2001 College year, announced Thomas W. Carson, director.

Selections were made following recent auditions, during which 52 full-time students competed for 20 openings, Carson said.

Vocalists are Josh Burton and Josh Sanders, both of Newton County; Megan Tramill of Newton; Claire Edgar of Union; Amber Gainer of Louisville; and Teresa Ogletree of Birmingham, Ala.

The rhythm section includes Brittany Bane (guitar) and Kirk Misso (bass guitar), both of

Neshoba Central; Lucas Majure (drums) of Newton County; Frazier Wash (keyboards) of Forest; and Carson.

Members of the winds section are Dustin Burton (trumpet) of Newton County, Adam Mann (trumpet) of Philadelphia, Mitzi Rogers (saxophone) of Forest and Joshua Black (trombone) of Neshoba Central.

Technicians are Ben Boyette and Andy Murphy, both of Southeast Lauderdale; Josh Tillman of Forest; Josh Young of Leake Academy; Robert Hodgins of Neshoba Central; and Ryan Woodard of Louisville.

The Collegians performed in New York City this past summer and will be featured performers at Disney World in May, 2001.

School prayer dying tradition

By Wendy Huff

The Pearl Shootings, the Columbine Massacre. The tragic wreck that recently killed three Mississippi seniors. What is the one thing that many people believe has helped the survivors of these and many other tragedies? Their faith in God. The belief that things happen for a purpose. The people dealing with these tragic happenings have managed to cope by sticking together and by prayer.

Schools across the country have always included prayers as part of their usual activities. Praying has been included before football, or baseball games, and other school related events. Devotions are sometimes read

daily, and even small individual prayers are used to get some students through hard tests (Chemistry, for me!).

But, a law has recently been passed banning prayer in schools and at school sponsored activities. This, in my opinion, is totally wrong.

I believe the majority of students and faculty welcome attempts to pray and should be allowed to do so. In today's world, students face many different problems every day, and I believe we need all the help we can get. I, for one, welcome any help. If saying a prayer helps one person feel better about himself or have a better day, I believe this makes up for the one person that doesn't want to

hear prayer. In my opinion, it is our right to pray, and we should all take advantage of the opportunity if it is presented to us..

So the next athletic event you attend, pay attention to the prayer, if you have one, and be thankful. If a moment of silence is observed, please use it for what it is intended. And please consider saying your own prayer every day because you never know what will happen or when the Supreme Court will not only decide to legislate voluntary, student led prayer out of our schools, but also enforce its ruling. Maybe, while we are praying for our athletic teams and for safe passage for our fans, we should also add a prayer for our Supreme Court Justices.

Mississippi's word doctor

The Windows 9x version that swept through everyone's personal computer in 1995 is about to make another major software change, and this time the new and improved software will be called Windows ME. ME is the abbreviation for the words Millennium Edition that Windows has decided to use for a cute sales pitch which they claim will meet all the wants and needs for the PC owner.

Windows ME may really be what it says; something that is really for me!

The new improved software has an enhanced digital video and audio player, a new digital camera and scanner interface, and a basic video editor, which will make Windows ME the best multimedia software on the market today.

This is exactly what many computer owners have been asking for, a new and improved way to use their digital cameras more efficiently with their PC.

The question that has yet to be answered is "Where will Windows ME be more successful? Will it be used in the office or in the home?" More than likely you will find this software in your home's PC rather than your office PC. There are not many businesses which will spend the money it will take to upgrade all their software in order to receive this new, improved multimedia software, unless the business you own or work for uses a digital camera or any other type of multimedia software on a regular basis. However, the home user may want to invest in the new software, which will enable you to use your home PC as a type of multimedia tool for things, such as; making your own virtual photo album or home videos faster as well as improve the quality and appearance of them.

But do not think for a second that windows has finally found its last and final software program, because the beginnings of another upgrade is in the making. This time Windows has come up with the catchy software name of Whistler.

Whistler will have all the multimedia skills that the Windows ME software has but it will also have the dependability and security that many have learned to trust from Windows 2000 and Windows NT. This means that Windows will have finally come up with a software program that will

offer both the office and home PC's the best of both world's. Perhaps the best plan would be to keep using the latest Windows software that you already have installed until Whistler is on the shelves prospectively by the end of 2001.

No matter which software you choose to use or upgrade to you will be able to guarantee that there is a newer, faster, and more enhanced software program in the making so that you will always be wanting and having to upgrade your software.

Binge drinking

By Tami Phillips
Assistant Editor

Two years ago when a 20-year-old Louisiana State university student passed out after a heavy night of drinking, his friends moved him to a couch to let him sleep it off.

Five hours later, the student was found dead, with a blood-alcohol content of 0.558 percent, six times the state's legal limit of 0.10 percent. Three other members of his fraternity were also hospitalized for alcohol poisoning.

According to the Journal of American College Health, binge drinking is defined as "consuming five or more drinks in a row at one sitting for males and four or more in a row for females." Binge drinking is a major trend among college students today and also a big problem that needs to be addressed.

A survey taken at Harvard University showed that 43 percent of college students say that they are binge drinkers and 21 percent say that they binge more than once a week.

Each year college students spend \$5.5 billion on alcohol. This is more than they spend on books, soda, coffee, juice and milk combined. On a typical campus, the average amount a student spends annually on alcohol is \$466.

The extent of binge drinking varied widely among U.S. colleges, from a low of one percent to a high of 70 percent. Drinking patterns established in high school often persist during college. Compared to their peers, college students who were binge drinkers in high school were almost three times more likely to binge in college.

The typical binge drinker is usually a person who is not interested in religion, takes athletics very seriously and is involved in a fraternity

or sorority. White students are also twice as likely to turn into binge drinkers than other ethnic groups.

So why do college age students turn into binge drinkers?

Some experts say bingeing is the result of a need to feel independent. Many students tend to go wild when they are not around parental control.

Also, many students entering college feel the need to fit in, so they view drinking as a mainstream trend to make them accepted among their peers.

There can be biological reasons behind binge drinking, however. Some people have the genetics to become alcoholics, so it is just harder for them to stop drinking than others.

Binge drinkers are 7 to 16 times more likely than non-bingers to miss class, engage in unplanned sexual activity, get into trouble with the police, damage property, or become hurt or injured.

However, there are ways to prevent binge drinking.

*Plan your drinking. Think about how much you want to drink before you drink.

*Remember that food, mood and environment affect your susceptibility to alcohol.

*Have a friend watch out for you and monitor your drinking.

*Don't ever force or pressure anyone to drink if they choose not to.

Sadly, as many as 360,000 of the nation's 12 million undergraduates will ultimately die of alcohol-related causes. This is more than the total number who will be awarded advanced degrees.

If you drink, drink responsibly. Use your head and think of the consequences that could occur. Binge drinking is not a problem that has to go unsolved.

~ Summer Fun ~

By Tami Phillips
Assistant Editor

As Fall quickly approaches, it's time to take a look back at the entertainment that kept us lazy, immobile and happy on those hot summer days.

Many students decided to beat the heat this summer in air-conditioned theaters. Summer is usually the best-selling season for Hollywood and the year 2000 proved to be no exception in the movie industry.

Comedies such as The Nutty Professor II: The Klumps, Scary Movie and Big Momma's House did well in the box office this summer, showing that Generation X is looking for a lot of laughs.

Eddie Murphy fans got six extra doses of the funny man in The Nutty Professor II. Murphy played the parts of Klump family members in this hilarious film which also starred Janet Jackson.

The major thriller of the summer was What Lies Beneath starring Harrison Ford and Michelle Pfeiffer. This supernatural film had audiences on the edge of their seats in disbelief as Harrison's dead mistress came back to haunt his wife by showing up in the water.

Science-fiction fans had a ball this summer with the release of X-Men, a former comic book series about a group of mutant super heroes. The all-star X-Men featured celebrities such as Halle Berry, Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellan.

If special effects was what you longed for, you had a good chance of catching them in The Perfect Storm and The Cell. Jennifer Lopez proved to Hollywood that she can do more than sing when she starred as a psychologist who travels inside the mind of a serial killer in this twisted film.

But if you just wanted to check out Hollywood's idea of a "hot body" this summer, you had plenty of films to pick from. Coyote Ugly (with Tyra Banks and Piper Perabo) and the recently released Bring It On both featured plenty of size-three thirty-year-olds pretending to be teenagers.

Not to complain though - we girls got our share of celebrity-gawking also.

Who could go wrong with Mel Gibson as a sexy soldier in The Patriot and Richard Gere as a love-struck playboy in the romantic

tragedy Autumn in New York?

When Americans were not taking in new films, many stayed glued to their televisions at home to take in some real-life drama.

Recent television polls show that programs such as Survivor, Big Brother and PBS's 1900 House were popular among viewers this summer.

ABC aired Survivor, a show where seven people were left on a deserted island in an attempt to win \$1 million. Each week one member was voted off the island by their fellow cast mates until only one "survivor" remained.

The CBS program Big Brother featured a cast of ten participants who willingly locked themselves in a house for three months. We watched each and every move of the cast members and saw how quickly one human being can get

sick of another when confined to an enclosed area.

PBS joined in the craze and aired a similar program with an educational twist. The show, 1900 House, featured a family roughing it in a home from the 1900's. The world viewed in awe as the modern-day family converted to ways of the past.

And of course, the MTV real-life series that started it all, The Real World, enjoyed a successful season as well. The seven members resided in New Orleans and the world got to follow them around the Big Easy for both the laughs and the fights.

Overall the summer of 2000 was a good one for the entertainment world. Americans took in a variety of movies and satisfied their urge for real life drama on the television set.

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