

# The TOM TOM

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## East Central Welcomes New Staff Members

Several new faces greeted East Central Community College students as the 2001 fall semester began. They include women's assistant basketball coach Toby Bush, associate degree nursing skills lab instructor Sherri Cantey, assistant football coach Steve Cheatham, men's assistant basketball coach Shane Eck, basic skills specialist Tina Harris, biology instructor Joe Johnston, learning skills center assistant Tammy Jones, licensed practical nursing instructor Lori Luke, assistant football coach Joey Pinkston, assistant baseball coach Patrick Robey, surgical technology instructor LeAnn Shirley, technology applications instructor for the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center Chris Stokes, and associate degree nursing instructor Teresa Thomas.



Coach Bush

Prior to joining the ECCCC staff, Coach Bush served the past six years as head student manager at the University of Memphis. He was also equipment manager and was responsible for monitoring pre-and post-season conditioning, assisting with on-court coaching of posts and guards, and preparing game plans.

In addition, he was responsible for monitoring academic study halls, assisting with recruiting visits on campus, and participating in community and youth outreach programs. He also assisted with camp and clinic preparations and with team travel arrangements.

His coaching experience includes stints in the AAU league in addition to serving as an assistant coach for basketball camps held at the University of Memphis and at the University of Mississippi.

Coach Bush is an honor graduate of Bartlett (Tenn.) High School, where he was also a basketball standout. He was named to the All-Region and All-District teams and received several team honors, including most valuable player, best

defensive player and best offensive player.

He continued his athletic career at Northwest Mississippi Community College, where he was a member of the Honors Program and received an associate of science degree in 1995.

He graduated cum laude at the University of Memphis in 1999, receiving a bachelor's degree in physical education. He completed a master's degree in sports marketing from the University of Memphis during the summer of 2001.

Cantey previously served as a staff nurse at Rankin Medical Center in Brandon. She is also a former staff nurse at Rush Foundation Hospital, where she served as program director for the transitional care unit and was RN case manager for the same unit. In addition, she has served on the nursing staffs at Laird Home Health, Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center and Rush Pain Treatment Center, all in Meridian.

A graduate of Louisville High School, Cantey received an associate of arts degree in nursing from Meridian Community College. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is married to Michael Cantey and they have two daughters, Lauren, six and Jamie, four.

Cheatham will mainly be responsible for coaching inside linebackers and special teams for the Warrior football team. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, he serves as Assistant to the Director of Student Life.

He served the previous four years as head football coach at Philadelphia High School, compiling an overall 38-11-1 record. His teams advanced to the state playoffs each season. Cheatham was chosen *Neshoba Democrat's* "Coach of the Year" after the 2000 squad posted a 10-2

record. Additional honors he received during his tenure at Philadelphia include being selected to coach in the Bernard Blackwell and Mississippi/Alabama All-Star games.

Cheatham is also a former assistant coach/defensive coordinator at Dothan (Ala.) High School. He served as a graduate assistant at Clemson University and was a member of the coaching staff when the Tigers were Peach Bowl champions 1993 and participants in the 1996 Gator Bowl.

He began his coaching career at Neshoba Central High School, where he served as assistant coach/defensive coordinator for 16 years.

In all, Cheatham brings over 22 years coaching experience to his new position.

An ECCCC alumnus, Cheatham holds a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation from Mississippi State University and a master's degree in secondary guidance and counseling from Clemson University.

He is married to the former Brenda Munn of Philadelphia, who is also an ECCCC alumnus and former Warrior football cheerleader. She is employed as a secretary at Philadelphia High School. The Cheathams have a daughter, Lindsey, a freshman cheerleader at East Central.

Eck's main duties include on-the-floor coaching during practice and in games; recruiting; scouting; and player supervision in regards to academics and dorms. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Eck will work in the Student Services area.

Prior to joining the ECCCC staff, Coach Eck served in various capacities at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. He most recently held the title of student assistant for the men's basketball team, which last year won its first Pennsylvania States Athletic Conference and advanced to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

As student assistant, Coach Eck was involved in all facets of practices and games; served as coordinator for all special projects; assisted with opponent scouting; and provided assistance in the recruiting area. He also served as in-house office manager, made

arrangements for all travel/meal plans, was promotions coordinator for all tournaments and was responsible for producing and distributing the team's newsletter.

In addition, he is a former manager for the men's basketball team, serving in various areas including public relations coordinator for the Clarion campus and the surrounding community. He was also responsible for providing video of all games and practices, and serving as office assistant.

Coach Eck's experience also includes his involvement in basketball camps, for which he has served as coach and organizer. He most recently provided assistance as coach/head counselor for a basketball camp sponsored by the Philadelphia 76ers of the National Basketball Association and held in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Coach Eck is a 2001 graduate of Clarion University where he received a bachelor's degree in speech communication and theatre.

Harris, whose office is located in the College's Workforce Development Center, is responsible for coordinating ABE/GED and "English As A Second Language" classes for individuals and employees of area businesses and industries.

Prior to joining the ECCCC staff, Harris accumulated six years of full-time teaching experience in public education and has three years experience as a part-time trainer/teacher/mentor with the College's Basic Skills program and with other services offered through the Workforce Development Center. She has also served as a teacher/trainer for ABE/GED trainees.

A graduate of Graves County High School in Mayfield, Kentucky, Harris holds bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education from Mississippi State University. She also received an associate in arts degree from ECCCC and has attended Murray State (Kentucky) University.

In addition, she is a certified trainer for "Supporting Adults with Learning Disabilities and Special Needs" and "ServSafe," and has a "Remedial Reading"

teacher endorsement.

She is married to Britt Harris, an employee at La-Z-Boy South in Newton. They are members of Union Church of Christ.

Johnson previously taught

biology at Meridian High School. He is also a former instructor at Northwest Junior High School, Jeff Davis Academy and Lamar High School. In all, he has 17 years of teaching experience in secondary public schools.

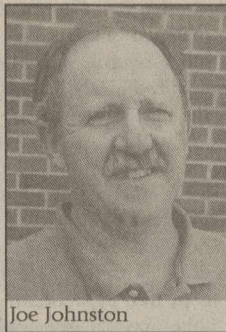
Johnson has also taught on the community/junior college level, having served 11 years as an adjunct instructor at ECCCC.

In addition to his teaching experience, Johnson has worked as a biologist and microbiologist, and has served on numerous state and local education committees.

He also owns a blueberry farm. A Navy veteran, Johnson holds a master's degree in science education from Mississippi State University and a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is also a graduate of Meridian Junior College and West Lauderdale High School. He has completed additional coursework at USM.

He and his wife Robin have a son, Greg, and a daughter, Sarah. Greg holds a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Southern Mississippi and is currently pursuing a master's degree in library science at USM. He is married to the former Dasha Teelin, a choir director, of Gulf Breeze, Florida. Sarah is a senior biology major at Northland College in Wisconsin.

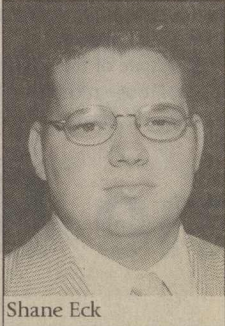
Jones is responsible for providing students with tutorial assistance. She will also participate in the Mississippi Reads Project. Her full-time position is funded by VISTA through



Joe Johnston



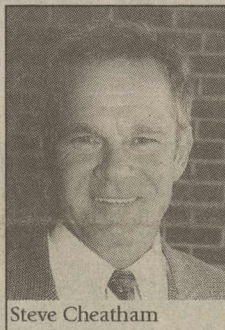
Tina Harris



Shane Eck



Sherri Cantey



Steve Cheatham



Lori Luke

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Prior to joining the ECCCC staff, Jones served as administrative assistant/office manager at White Stone Baptist Church. She is a former Sunday school teacher and has provided assistance for the church's tutorial program.

Jones is a graduate of Sebastopol High School and East Central Community College.

She and her husband, Danny, have two children, Tamika and Jeremi.

Luke has over 17 years of experience as a registered nurse. She most recently served as a staff nurse at Lackey

Hospital in Forest. She is also a former school nurse for Newton Public Schools.

She is a former sponsor of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and has been associated with various extracurricular activities including the Mississippi Diabetes Association, the Chip Program and the Mississippi School Nurse Association.

A Newton High School graduate, Luke received an associate in science degree from ECCCC and a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is married to Keith Luke and they have two daughters, Morgan, seven, and Maggie, four.

Pinkston will mainly be responsible for coaching wide receivers and tight ends. In addition to his coaching duties, Pinkston will provide assistance in the Student Services area.

The new ECCCC assistant coach is a former football standout at Forest High School, where he was an All-State and All-District defensive back his senior season. He was also chosen the District's most valuable defensive back and received the same honor on the Bearcat squad. During his sophomore season, Pinkston helped lead Forest to the State Class 3A Championship in 1993.

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## Record enrollment, new programs begin fall term

By Jennifer Savell

East Central Community College has set a record enrollment for the seventeenth consecutive year, according to ECCCC President Dr. Phil Sutphin. An enrollment of 2435 students for the 2001 fall term surpassed last fall's record of 2370 students.

"One area where we have seen a major enrollment increase is in the Computer Network Support Technology program," said Dr. Sutphin. "Because of this increase, we are hiring a second instructor for this program to meet the needs of our students."

"We also have several new courses that are being offered this term," he added, "including a program developed in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. This program will meet legislative requirements that call for conservation officers in the state to complete at least two years of college."

The Workforce Development Center has also seen an increase in services offered. With \$500,000 in Workforce Technology money from the state department, the WDC has installed a laboratory at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center that will provide a class in Automated Manufacturing

Technology. According to Dr. Sutphin, this program is a non-credit course that will be helpful to industrial maintenance personnel and those interested in upgrading their skills.

Despite the increased enrollment, East Central has had almost \$500,000 in spending cuts instituted this year. Dr. Sutphin said, "Although we have had major funding cuts by the legislature, this will not affect our classrooms. And East Central graduates continue to do well as they move on to senior colleges."

Sutphin added, "One of my major goals this year is to work with the legislature to restore funding to our community colleges and to return to lower student-teacher ratios."

Regarding physical improvements to the campus, Dr. Sutphin noted that the fitness trail has been completed and that work on the soccer and softball fields is continuing. "Plans are being made to construct a pavilion on the north campus and to build a concession stand and restroom facility between the soccer and softball fields," Sutphin said.

With the record enrollment and continued improvements being made to the campus, Dr. Sutphin said he is looking forward to another great year.

East Central Community College's Drafting and Design Technology Department has teamed up with the National Geodetic Survey, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish two highly accurate location and elevation reference points on the Decatur campus, according to Kurt Shinkle, State Geodetic Advisor.

"The reference points themselves," Shinkle said, "are marked by brass survey monument disks set into the tops of massive concrete plinths set in the ground."

East Central was selected for this project after drafting and design technology instructor Ricky Harrison talked to Shinkle at a surveyors' meeting in Jackson. Harrison said, "I talked with Kurt at the Mississippi Association of Professional Surveyors meeting and asked if his agency could establish two A-order points on our campus to be used by our students and the public."

After Harrison and his students set the markers in place, the locations and heights of the reference points were determined through the use of high-precision Global Positioning System (GPS) instruments. Shinkle said, "Two of these sophisticated satellite tracking instruments, each about the size of a

ream of paper, were on loan from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' District Office in Vicksburg."

Shinkle explained, "The Global Positioning System is comprised of a constellation of 28 satellites launched and operated by the U.S. Air Force. The GPS satellites beam down encrypted low-power radio signals that enable a properly equipped ship, plane, vehicle, or even individual soldier to determine their position very accurately within a matter of seconds."

"Although the original purpose of the GPS program was to provide an accurate worldwide navigation capability to U.S. military forces, civilian scientists soon learned to use the signals themselves, without accessing the encrypted message, to determine accurate positions. For civilian users this process takes a little more time and effort. It was this unanticipated scientific development that gave rise to the GPS units in common use by surveyors and engineers today. In fact, satellite positioning is rapidly displacing more conventional terrestrial methods of surveying and mapping in daily use."

For the East Central project, one GPS unit was set up at each of the two new survey monuments to track and record satellite signals continuously for 12 hour

periods on two days. Once the data is combined and processed with compatible information recorded simultaneously at continuously operating sites in Okolona, Vicksburg and Mobile, the latitude and longitude of these two monuments will be known to an accuracy of two centimeters; less than one inch!

"The coordinates of these points will be published by the National Geodetic Survey as part of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS)," said Shinkle. "The NSRS defines the size and shape of the North American continent and provides the fundamental locational reference frame for all mapping, surveying and engineering activities in the country."

He added, "These two points on the ECCCC campus are no ordinary members of the NSRS. With their two centimeter accuracy, these points will become two of only 11 points in Mississippi to meet this 'A-order' standard."

Harrison added, "For years to come our surveying students will have access to 'real world' coordinates. These points will be used in many different teaching disciplines. And with the technology that is being used and the changes ahead, these points will be valuable to all engineers and surveyors."



East Central Community College Drafting and Design Technology instructor Ricky Harrison (left) and his students track and record satellite signals over the new survey monument disks that were constructed on the north campus. They were constructed with the help of the National Geodetic Survey with tracking instruments loaned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Office in Vicksburg.

## ECCC is first stop for WWII exhibit

By LeeAnn Terrell

East Central Community College will be the first stop of a seven-city tour for "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45." The exhibit is part of a Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition (SITE) and is sponsored in part by a grant from

the Mississippi Humanities Council. The exhibit consists of posters from World War II and will be on display September 28- November 3 in the multi-purpose room of the Associate Degree Nursing/Child Care Technology Building. Tommy Thrash, Chairman of the

ECCC Division of Social Sciences, Education and Business, and the Site Coordinator for the exhibit, said, "The display's main focus will help us know how people had to help each other during the war. It will consist of classic posters that were typical for the period."

In addition, Thrash said that the posters would deal with such subjects as the producing of war materials to defeat our opponents, shortages in the marketplace, the collecting of scrap metal, and the selling of war bonds. "The main poster exhibit will be

supplemented with locally obtained war items that will be on display," Thrash said. "We would like for any war veterans to come and share with our students their experiences during the war. We believe this memorable exhibit will help students understand many things about

the war."

The display will be open to the public from noon until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and will be reserved from 9 a.m. to noon for school tours.



He continued his athletic career at ECCC and was a standout defensive back during the 1996 and 1997 campaigns, leading the nation in interceptions both seasons. He had nine picks his freshman year and added 11 interceptions as a sophomore. His two-year total of 20 interceptions also set an ECCC record. In recognition of his success on the gridiron, Pinkston received All-Region 23, All-State and All-Star honors. He was also chosen the league's most valuable defensive back in region and state competition. In addition, he was named on the honorable mention J.C. Gridwire All-American Team.

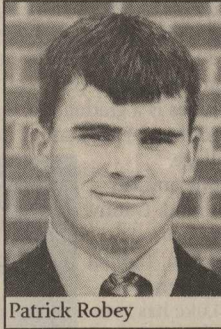
Pinkston's football career continued at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he was a two-year letter-winner. After a red-shirt season, he played defensive back on the 1999 Golden Eagle squad, which won the Conference USA Championship and finished with an 8-3 record. He was moved to wide receiver his senior year and helped lead USM to an 8-4 mark, including a win over Texas Christian University in the 2000 Mobile Bowl.

Pinkston graduated from USM in May 2001 with a bachelor's degree in coaching and sports administration.

Robey, who continues to serve as a scout for the Colorado Rockies professional baseball team, is a former graduate assistant coach at Delta State University, where he was infield/hitting instructor and provided assistance in managing the pitching staff. In addition, he was involved in recruiting and was responsible for turf management of the playing field. He was also weightlifting instructor. His coaching experience also includes serving as an instructor for baseball camps held at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Prior to joining the DSU staff, Robey played professional baseball with the Jackson Diamond Kats.

Robey is a graduate of Taylorsville High School, where he was a standout baseball player and was selected to the school's Hall of Fame. He was an All-State third baseman at Jones County Junior College and continued his athletic career at Delta State University, where he was an All-Conference shortstop. He also received the Statesmen's most improved



Patrick Robey

player award in 1999. At DSU, he was also a member of the Pi Gamma Mu social science honor society. He held membership in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Delta State JCJC.

He is engaged to ECCC alumna Ginger Moore of Noxapater.

In addition to serving as assistant baseball coach, Robey will provide assistance in the Student Services area.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Shirley was employed as a surgical technician and operating room materials coordinator at Riley Hospital in Meridian. She previously held the same position at Meridian Medical Associates. In addition, she is a former obstetrics technician at Rush Hospital in Meridian.

A graduate of Clarkdale Attendance Center, she received the associate of applied science degree in surgical technology from ECCC in 1995, and during the same period was selected "Surgical Technology Student of the Year." She was also an active member of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) and represented East Central at the national competition in Louisville, Kentucky.

Her community activities include her work with the American Cancer Society. For the past four years she has captained a Relay for Life team in Meridian and helped raise over \$400,000.

She attends Evangel Temple in Meridian.

She is married to Greg Shirley, who is employed with Ricky Joe Shirley Construction in Meridian.

Stokes has eight years of teaching experience. He was previously employed at the Vo-Tech Center as instructor of Diversified Technology, which was the predecessor to the technology applications course. He is also a former biology and general science instructor for Neshoba County and Choctaw Central schools. In addition, he has four years experience as owner/operator of a computer service.



LeAnn Shirley



Teresa Thomas

A graduate of Philadelphia High School, Stokes received a bachelor's degree in biology from Livingston University. He has also attended ECCC and Meridian Community College and has completed additional coursework at Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Pamela Kirkland, a registered nurse and emergency room supervisor at Neshoba General Hospital. They have two children, Will, eight, and Abby, two.

Thomas has over 21 years of experience as a registered nurse in a wide range of clinical settings. She continues to work on a part-time basis at Jeff Anderson Medical Center in Meridian. She is also former adjunct instructor at ECCC.

She holds a master's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi and a bachelor's degree in nursing from University Medical Center. In addition, she is a graduate of Meridian Community College, where she received an associate degree in nursing and earlier completed the licensed practical nursing program. The Decatur High School graduate also attended Mississippi State University and Mississippi College.

Thomas is a member of numerous professional organizations.

She has two sons, Randall B. Boykin, a helicopter pilot and graduate of the Fort Rucker (Ala.) Army Aviation School, and Ryan K. Boykin, a junior at West Lauderdale High School in Collinsville. Randall is married to the former Jennifer O'Brien of Meridian, and they reside in Enterprise, Ala.

Staff members who have been assigned to new positions include Vicki Blaylock who was named director of the Acents show choir and continues to teach music keyboard; Brad Hodge who was named interim women's head basketball coach after previously serving as assistant for the men's and women's programs; Tony Kinton who was named developmental English instructor and yearbook advisor after previously serving as choral music director; Ross Price who was named director of the college's concert choir and continues to serve as vocal music instructor; Terry Underwood, who was recently named athletic director and continues to serve as head football coach; and Jake Yarborough who was named interim

head baseball coach after previously serving as assistant.

Prior to joining the East Central staff in the fall of 2000, Blaylock served as music instructor for grades K-12 for the Newton Municipal School District. In all, she has 18 years of experience as a registered nurse in a wide range of clinical settings. She continues to work on a part-time basis at Jeff Anderson Medical Center in Meridian. She is also former adjunct instructor at ECCC.



Vicki Blaylock

She is married to Ronnie C. Blaylock, co-manager of Philadelphia Wal-Mart Supercenter. They have two children, Clanton, 14, and Anna Rose, 10.

Hodge has served the past two years as an assistant for the Warrior and Lady Warrior basketball programs. He succeeds Coach Sammy Pace who retired after leading the women's basketball program for 16 years.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Hodge was an assistant men's basketball coach at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe from 1997-99. He previously held the same position at Athens State College in Alabama, and helped lead ASU to 38 wins during his two years at the school.



Brad Hodge

He began his coaching career by serving as a volunteer assistant at Geraldine (Ala.) High School. During his tenure, GHS posted a 22-8 record, captured the District 8 Championship and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen.

A graduate of Russellville (Ala.) High School, Hodge received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Athens

State College and a master's degree in exercise science from Northeast Louisiana University.

He is married to the former Alida Jones of Decatur, Ala., who is employed with the Newton County School System.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff in the fall of 1999, Kinton served as English/choral instructor at Philadelphia High School. He also served as a member of the ECCC adjunct faculty for six years. He is a former adjunct developmental English instructor for Meridian Community College.



Tony Kinton

In addition, Kinton is a widely known outdoors writer and photographer, with approximately 2000 articles published in 21 different magazine titles.

He served as Mississippi editor of Outdoor Life from 1984-96, and is a current contributor for Mississippi Outdoors and Mississippi Woods and Waters.

A graduate of Carthage High School, Kinton attended East Central Community College and received a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's of applied music from Mississippi College. He has completed 24 hours toward a master of arts degree in English from MC, and an additional 31 hours toward a master of church music degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Price has served as the college's vocal music instructor since the fall of 1997 and has been a private voice teacher since 1984. He has been a professional opera singer since 1982.



Ross Price

He was a soloist in the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra's presentation of "Messiah." Due to that unique performance, Price was featured in John Webb's arts column of The Clarion-Ledger.

A graduate of Union High School, Price attended East Central Junior College and received bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi College in Clinton. He took additional coursework at Boston University in Massachusetts.

He is married to the former Stephanie

Moore of Kosciusko. They have a son, Will.

Underwood's experience also includes stints as an assistant at Pearl River Community College, where he coached offensive linemen and was strength coach. He also served as a defensive coordinator and strength coach at Jones County Junior College and an assistant coach at Hattiesburg High School. In all, Underwood has served 17 years on the college and high school levels.

A graduate of Seminary High School, Underwood was a standout performer on the football and track teams. He continued his athletic career at JCJC and Delta State University, excelling as an offensive lineman and track team member. At DSU, he was shot put champion in the Gulf South Conference.

Underwood holds bachelor's and master's degrees in education from DSU.

He is married to the former Carrie Shawn Massengale of Collins who serves as cheerleader sponsor. They have three children: Levi, Cali and Trest.

Yarborough served the past year as an assistant to Diamond Warrior head coach Jamie Clark, who lost his battle with cancer in July.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Yarborough served two years as head baseball coach at Taylorsville High School, where his teams reached the state playoffs both seasons. He is also a former graduate assistant baseball coach at Delta State University. In addition, he is a former assistant coach at Union High School and was a volunteer assistant at ECCC.

He is a graduate of Union High School, ECCC and DSU, where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's in physical education.



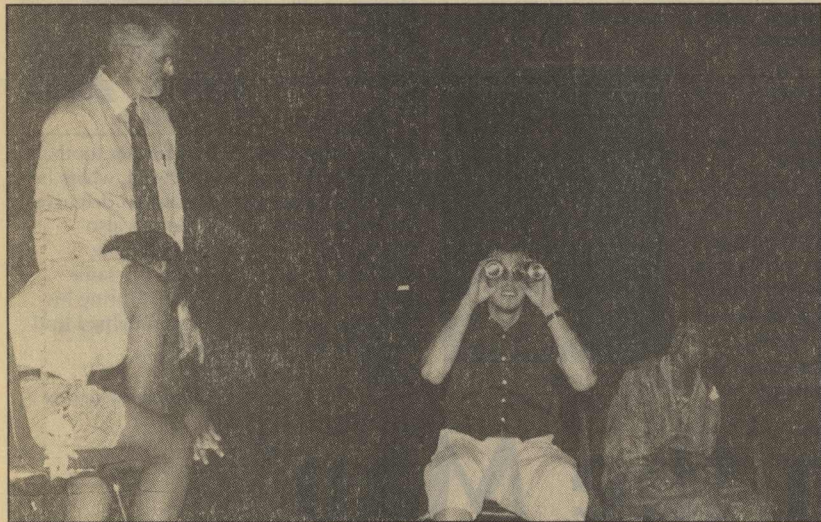
Coach Underwood



Jake Yarborough

# Students enjoy 'Welcome Back Week'

By Ardria Harris



Col. Ed Wallington gives students an opportunity to look through his "magic glasses" during the hypnotist show held during "Welcome Back Week." Dr. Wallington has been hypnotizing ECCC students for 29 years.

"Since the 1970s students have been enjoying 'Welcome Back Week,'" said Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services. "And this year was no exception."

The week began with 'Melon on the Mall' on Monday and ice cold watermelon proved to be a great treat for a hot August afternoon, according to some students.

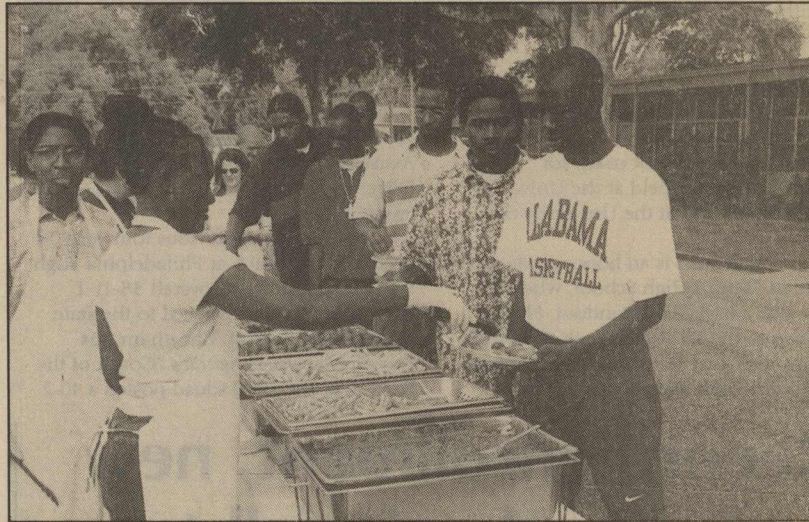
"Students enjoyed the music of 'Inside Out' on Tuesday night as the band played on the east mall area" said Killens. "But probably the most popular part of 'Welcome Back Week' is the

hypnotist shown on Wednesday night.

"Colonel Ed Wallington has been a part of the week's activities for 29 years and continues to make believers out of skeptics," said Killens.

Activities concluded on Thursday with a fish fry on the mall.

"Almost 100 people participated in every event," Killens said. "For many students, this is a way to get involved, to meet new people, make friends and just have fun. It can also be a great cure for some students who may suffer from homesickness."



Members of the men's basketball team enjoy the fish fry that was held as a part of "Welcome Back Week."

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## ECCC Collegians announced for 2001-02

Following two days of auditions involving 50 students members of the East Central Community College Collegians have been selected for 2001-2002, announced Thomas W. Carson, director of bands.

Vocalists for the rock 'n' roll group are Josh Burton, Chris Carson and Demein Wash, all of Decatur; Claire Edgar of Union; Mary Speed of Forest; Megan Tramill of Newton; and Kristen Thornton of Edinburg.

Members of the wind section include trumpet players April McAdory and Grant Morris, both of Philadelphia; Matt Hedrick, saxophone of Conehatta; and

Joshua Black, trombone, of Philadelphia.

Rhythm section members are Michael Eichelberger, guitar, of Conehatta; Kirk Misso, bass, of Starkville; Jennifer Savell, keyboards, of Lake; and Matt Baldridge, drum set, of Philadelphia.

Technicians are George Edwards of Louisville; Andy Murphy and Andy Polizzie, both of Meridian; Lucas Pope of Philadelphia; Josh Tillman of Forest; and Marcus Williams of Brandon.

In addition to his direction, Carson plays guitar in the popular group.

## Homecoming Elections

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**Cafeteria Hallway**

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Runoffs Wednesday, September 19**

**Petitions Due in Student Services**

**By 4 p.m. September 17**

## WELLNESS PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH THE CAMPUS HEALTH CENTER FALL 2001

<b>September 6, 2001</b>	<b>"Sexually Transmitted Diseases"</b> April York with Mississippi Department of Health Vickers Fine Arts	<b>10:45a.m. – 11:20 a.m.</b>
<b>September 13, 2001</b>	<b>"Play It Safe" Video</b> Barber Hall Lobby	<b>4:00p.m. &amp; 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>September 17, 2001</b>	<b>Blood Drive</b> <b>Sponsored by United Blood Services</b> <b>(Blood mobile will be in the mall area)</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>September 17, 2001</b>	<b>"Playing It Safe" Video</b> Jackson Hall Lobby	<b>4:00 p.m. &amp; 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 25, 2001</b>	<b>"Domestic Violence</b> <b>Alexa Rushing, Care Lodge</b> <b>Vickers Fine Arts</b>	<b>10:45 a.m. – 11:20a.m.</b>
<b>November (TBA)</b>	<b>Rush Wellness</b> <b>Blood Pressure, Blood Glucose, Cholesterol Screenings, Flu Shots</b> <b>Newton Faculty Lounge</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. –12:00 1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.</b>
<b>December 3, 2001</b>	<b>Blood Drive</b> <b>Sponsored by United Blood Services</b> <b>(Blood Mobile will be in the mall area)</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 3:30p.m.</b>



# Is Work-Based Learning for you?

By Pam Kelly



Sylvia Bush (left) helps Kevin Pierce make plans for his third semester in the Work-Based Learning program.

Are you a vocational or technical student? Do you maintain at least an overall "C" average? Are you willing to learn and excel in everything you do? For those who answered "yes" to any of these questions, Work-Based Learning may be for you.

The Work-Based Learning program is a joint effort between the college and local industries. Students are able to go to school part-time and work a part-time job at one of the local businesses.

Sylvia Bush, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, said, "The program is great for students because they are able to gain on-the-job experience before they finish school. Companies like the program because they get to see what their 'future employees' can do before they come to work."

As the WBL coordinator, Bush keeps track of the students' progress during the program and records the number of hours they work. Students who qualify can earn up to three semester hours credit for at least 270 working hours.

Kevin Pierce, a graduate of Newton County High School, is a student in the electrical technology program and is beginning his third semester in the WBL program. "I would recommend this

# 'Wall O' Sound' ready to rock!

Who do you call for a high energy, fast-paced musical extravaganza? ECCC's Wall O' Sound Marching Band. As they prepare for their first home performance September 20, 150 eager musicians, dancers, color guard members, drum majors and managers can be seen "sweatin' it out" on the band practice field every afternoon.

When asked about this year's class, Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson quickly produced a huge smile and stated, "If ever there was a dream job, this has to be it for me. To direct such great students who are so focused on making this year's band the best ever is such fun!"

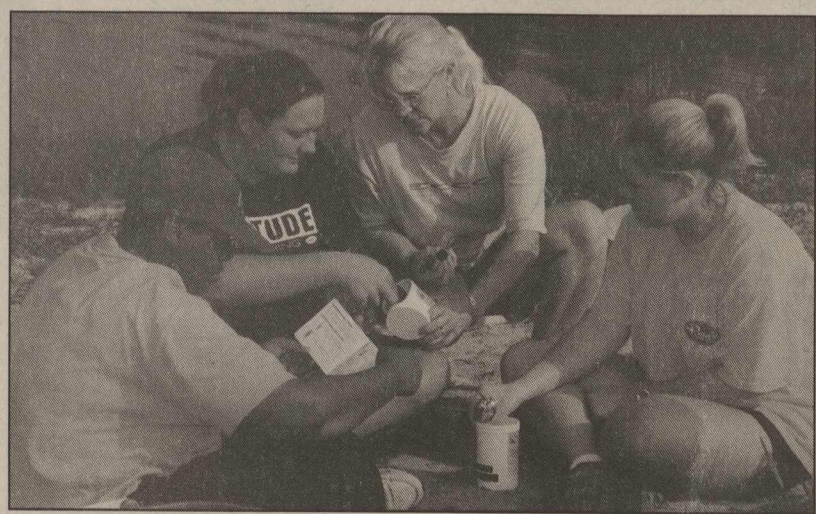
With all the publicity concerning the hot weather and related deaths, Carson also added that he is careful to schedule frequent 'cool-down' breaks for band members. "Our practice field is located next to the athletic building and on any given afternoon you will find the



The Wall O' Sound Marching Band is busy preparing for the 2001 season.

Neshoba Central, clarinet; Mitzi Rogers of Neshoba Central, trombone; Rheannan Forest, saxophone; J.J. Misso of Louisville, trumpet; Chris Carson of Newton County, mellophone; Josh Black of

## Biology class performs ecological studies



Students in Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington's biology class recently performed ecological studies on the campus pond. Classes each year dredge the bottom of the pond to determine if there have been any detrimental or positive effects. From left are Voletta Murray and Ashley Callaghan, both of Newton; Hennington, and Leslie Shaw of Louisville.

## Learning Skills Center promotes 'service learning'



Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction, reads to Newton County Elementary students as part of the Mississippi Reads program's College Opportunity Day. During the special day, students get a tour of campus and participate in special activities.

The East Central Community College Learning Skills Center has been busy preparing for the many "service learning" projects going on around campus.

This year, the college received a Broadening Horizons grant from the American Association of Community Colleges, which was established to help community colleges initiate or strengthen service learning programs.

Mary Hanson, Director of the Learning Skills Center, said, "Service Learning provides an opportunity for college students to volunteer for community service projects or programs such as the Mississippi Reads program.

"Mississippi Reads is a one-on-one tutorial program that matches college students with elementary school students in an effort to improve their reading comprehension skills. The 'service' is combined with 'learning' when instructors write the volunteerism into their course curriculum and use it as part of the grading system."

According to Hanson, students are graded after they complete 'reflection activities' that connect the service to the

course activities. This means that students explain how the volunteer service relates to their coursework.

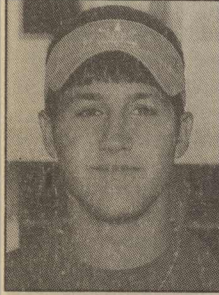



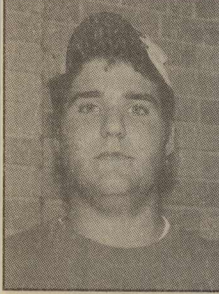
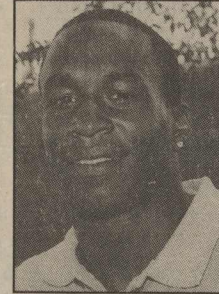


How does 'service learning' benefit students? Hanson said, "Service learning benefits students because it improves retention in courses, leads to lifelong service to the community and help students see the importance of the courses they are taking."

In addition to the Mississippi Reads programs, East Central students are involved in various service learning projects throughout the area. Science students participate in the building of the Wildlife Habitat on the front campus. Nursing students provide programs on health issues to local agencies and schools and Gerontology students are providing activities for the elderly at local nursing homes.

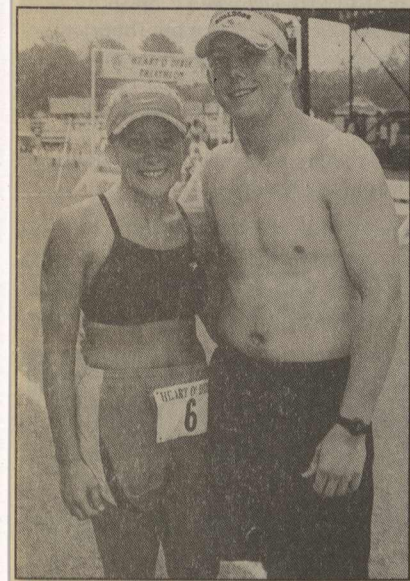
For more information about any of the programs mentioned above or to volunteer, contact Hanson in the Learning Skills Center, Room 112 Newton Hall.

# STUDENT OPINION POLL

What kind of student activities would you like to see East Central offer?

 <p>"More dances" Wes Covart Star</p>	 <p>"More things to do in the activity center" Brandy Johnson Philadelphia</p>	 <p>"More concerts" Brandi Sessums Morton</p>	 <p>"A talent show" Johnnie Graham Philadelphia</p>
 <p>"A mule-pule under the big oak trees on the front campus" Scott Breedlove Sebastopol</p>	 <p>"Social clubs and peer support groups" Kendrick Love Louisville</p>	 <p>"A better activity center" Melonie Moore Neshoba Central</p>	 <p>"A better student center where guys and girls can meet and talk" Hailey Reynolds Louisville</p>

## Participate in Heart O' Dixie triathlon



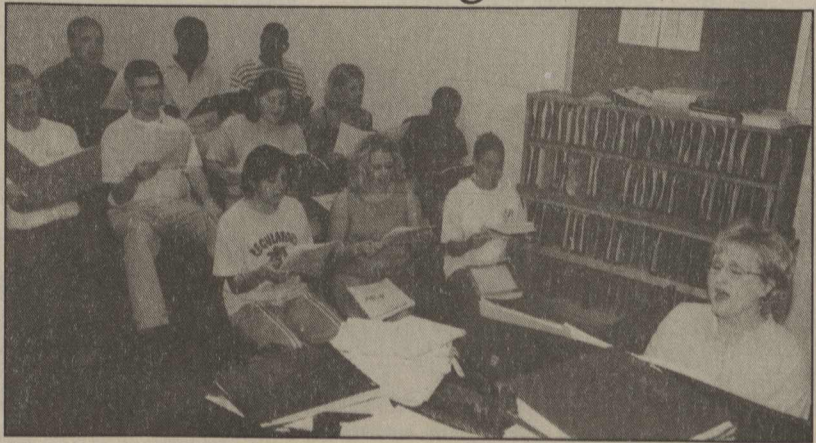
ECCC sophomores Candice Cooper (left) and Jonathan McMillin, both of Winston Academy, participated in the annual Heart O' Dixie Triathlon held during the Neshoba County Fair this summer. Cooper finished with a time of 3:22:11 and McMillin came in at the 2:46:29 mark. (Photo courtesy of Marty Stamper)

## Lead ECCC Concert Choir



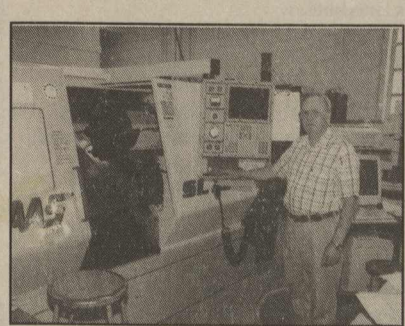
Beginning his first year as director of the East Central Community College concert choir is Ross Price, the College's vocal music instructor, who is shown with the group during a recent rehearsal. Keyboard instructor Leesa Wilkinson provides piano accompaniment.

## ECCC Ac'cents Begin Rehearsals

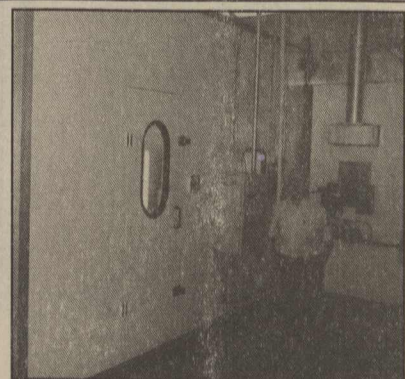


Rehearsals are underway for the members of the Ac'cents, the show choir at East Central Community College. Beginning her first year as director of the talented group is keyboard instructor Vicki Blaylock, shown providing piano accompaniment.

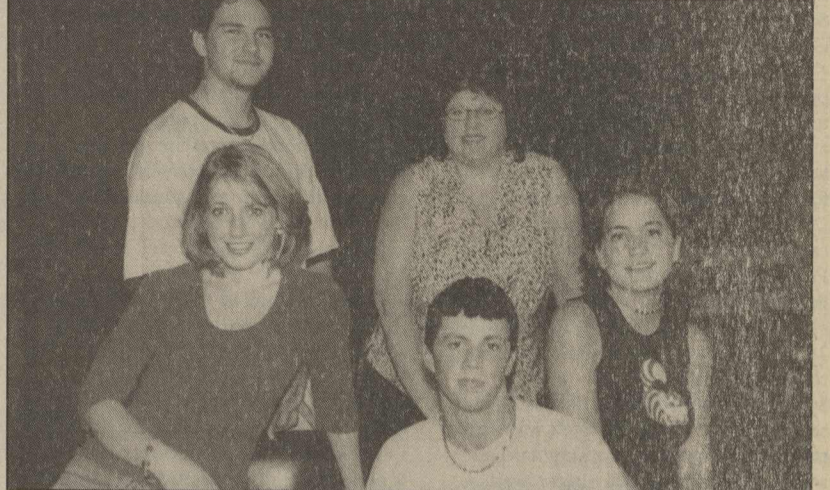
## Machine Shop program gets computerized lathe



Machine Shop Technology instructor Richard Clark is shown with the college's new computerized numerical control (CNC) lathe that was installed this summer. With the new equipment, students perform the calculations and input the information into the microprocessor that runs the lathe and the equipment does the machine work. Clark said, "Being able to practice on the CNC lathe will be very beneficial to graduates since today's marketplace offers both the conventional machine shop and the CNC."



## "Accommodations" cast



Pictured above are members of the cast for the ECCC dinner theater production of "Accommodations" which will be held November 15-17 in Mabry Cafeteria. Clockwise from top right are director Regina Rigby, Megan Morrison of Edinburg, Ura Seymer and Amy Rawson, both of Carthage; and John Howard of Orlando, Florida

## Collision Repair Technology installs new equipment

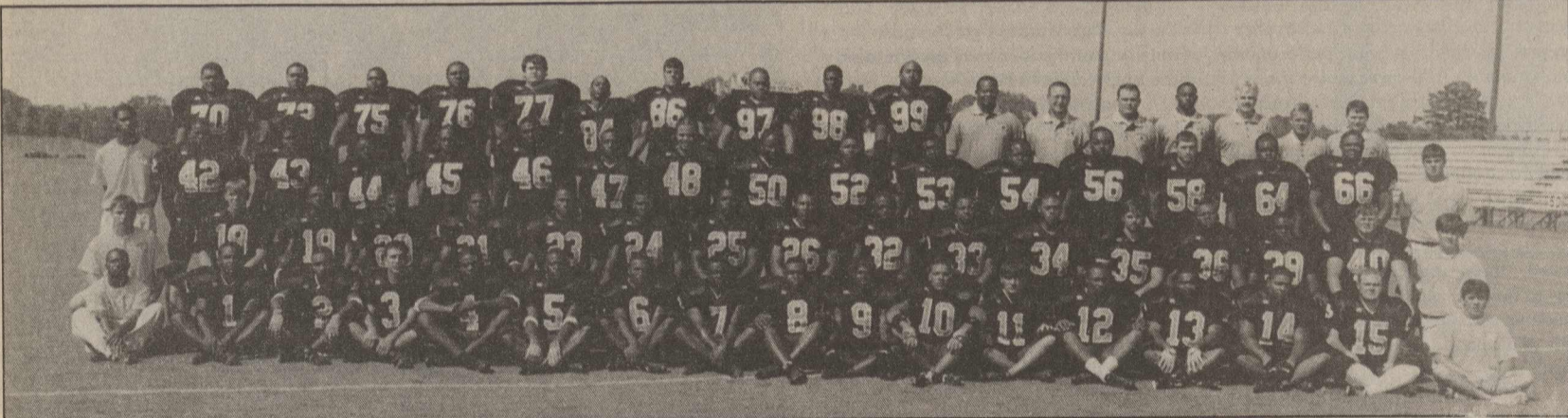
Students in the Collision Repair Technology program will be working on state-of-the-art equipment this fall thanks to the new positive pressure paint booth and commercial-grade rotary screw air compressor that were installed last spring.

Instructor Conrad Germany said, "I am pleased with the installation of this new equipment which provides pure air for workers and a virtually oil and dust free environment for spraying and painting."

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**OCTOBER 17TH**  
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# ECCC Football Team



Members of the East Central Community College football team for the 2001 campaign include (first row, from left) manager Damon Hudson, Louisville; wide receiver (1) Dontay Spillman, Louisville, Kentucky; defensive back (2) Buck Thames, Philadelphia; quarterback (3) Brian Zbydniowski, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; defensive back (4) Chris Hooper, Atlanta, Georgia; defensive back (5) Cedric Cotton, Newton County; defensive back (6) Marco Cole, Neshoba Central; wide receiver (7) Jarvis Lyman, Foley, Alabama; tight end (8) Fredrick Knighton, Meridian; wide receiver (9) Dee Hornesbager, Noxapater; defensive lineman (10) Keith Curry, Newton County; defensive back (11) Josh Chaney, Newton County; linebacker (12) Toon Wilson, Newton; linebacker (13) John Bibb, Tuscaloosa Central, Alabama; linebacker (14) Melvin Cotton, Holt, Alabama; kicker (15) Danny Haynes, Killen, Alabama; manager Hardy Gross of Leake Academy; (second row, from left) manager Justin Wilkerson of Leake Academy; quarterback/punter (18) Kevin Stephens, Troy, Alabama; running back (19) Ananias McBride, Forest; defensive back (20) Adrian Eiland, Louisville; running back (21) Patrick Prince, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; wide receiver (23) Justin Smith, Newton County; defensive back (24) Corey Crosby, Louisville; defensive back (25) Corey Pickens, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; wide receiver (26) Marcus Lee, Forest; running back (32) Chadrick Warren, Quitman; defensive back (33) Joaquin Loper, Newton County; running back (34) Ramon Williams, Daphne, Alabama; linebacker (35) Kody Comans, Newton County; linebacker (36) Howard Jackson, Scott Central; defensive back (39) Dwight Agee, Collins; running back (40) Wesley Wright, Winston Academy; manager Brook Bobo of Leake Academy; (third row, from left) manager Terrance Anderson of Louisville, linebacker (42) Josh Viverette, Lake; linebacker (43) Stacey Lewis, Neshoba Central; running back (44) Terrance DeGraffenried, Tuscaloosa Central, Alabama; linebacker (45) Kendrick Love, Louisville; defensive lineman (46) Michael Walls, Forest; defensive back (47) Nick Frazier, Louisville; defensive lineman (48) Jon Gusman, Newton County; defensive lineman (50) Arrion Triplett, Louisville; offensive lineman (52) Leandrew McDonald, Philadelphia; offensive lineman (53) Tyrone Barrett, Belle Glade, Florida; offensive lineman (54) Robert Finch, Louisville; offensive lineman (56) Kenneth Hurt, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; offensive lineman (58) John Williams, Forest; offensive lineman (64) DaMarcus Granger, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; offensive lineman (66) Jerry Spencer, Eagle Springs, North Carolina; manager Ben Wilbanks of Leake Academy; (top row, from left) offensive lineman (70) Rudy Su'e, Pensacola, Florida; offensive lineman (72) Marcel Binion, Tuscaloosa Central, Alabama; offensive lineman (75) Edwit Epting, Forest; offensive lineman (76) Cedric McAfee, Philadelphia; offensive lineman (77) Chad Crowe, Leake Academy; wide receiver (84) Marcus Hubbler, Louisville; tight end (86) Brian Lillis, Neshoba Central; defensive lineman (97) Courtney Steele, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; defensive lineman (98) Ken Triplett, Louisville; defensive lineman (99) Johnny Jackson, Alikeville, Alabama; coaches Fredrick Lyons, Terry Underwood (head), Tommy Clopton, Joey Pinkston, Tim Coats and Steve Cheatham; and athletic trainer Joey McLeod. (EC Photo)

## Soccer Warriors anticipate winning campaign



Season action gets underway at 1 p.m. Monday, August 27, against visiting Gordon College of Georgia for the East Central Community College soccer team whose members include (seated from left) forward/midfielder Johnathan Shoemaker, Newton County; forward Brandon Ditto, Brandon; forward/midfielder Patrick Johnston, Dr. Phillips High School, Orlando, Fla.; defender Nate Alexander, Corinth; forward/midfielder Kyle Miller, Neshoba Central; manager Mystie Herrington, Leake Academy; (kneeling from left) midfielder Gardito Ruiz, Warren Central; defender Cory McCoy, Philadelphia; forward/midfielder Braden Land, Corinth; midfielder/defender Billy Brake, Brandon; defender Justin Sendelweck, Brandon; midfielder/defender Jonathan Crowe, Philadelphia; and forward Riley Clark, Philadelphia; and (standing from left) Kenneth Thompson, head coach; defender Charles Goodwin, Raleigh; manager Dwight Brannon, Newton County; keeper Corey Kemp, Corinth; keeper Derek Dunn, Neshoba Central; defender Wesley Rounsaville, Philadelphia; defender Caleb May, Leake Academy; and Roy Pete, volunteer assistant coach. (EC Photo)

Expectations are high for a successful soccer campaign at East Central Community College, according to head coach Kenneth Thompson who begins his third season in leading the relatively new program on the Decatur campus.

"We are a lot more athletic this year and should be a much improved team," Thompson said. "I feel very good about our players, who have responded well in practice and have excellent attitudes. We look forward to getting the season underway."

The Soccer Warriors begin the 2001 campaign at 1 p.m. Monday, August 27, against visiting Gordon College of Georgia. East Central has an open date on Saturday, September 1, and resumes competition at 4 p.m. Wednesday, September 5 at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.

Thompson's optimism is due in part to the returning sophomores, who include All-State midfielder Gardito Ruiz, a product of Warren Central High School; keeper Derek Dunn of Neshoba Central; forward/midfielder Braden Land of Corinth, who will also serve as team captain; defender Wes Rounsaville of Philadelphia; and utility player Billy Brake of Brandon.

Thompson said last year's record (4-15 overall, 4-11 South Division) was really not reflective of how well the Soccer Warriors performed in just their second year of competition. "I was really proud of our guys for working hard all season and not quitting when it was

apparent we would not have a winning year. We were competitive in all but a few games, as most of our losses were by slim margins," Thompson said.

Thompson is also excited by members of the 2001 recruiting class, led by midfielder Seltue Karweaye of Monrovia, Liberia in West Africa. Other newcomers include kicker Corey Kemp of Corinth, forward/midfielder Johnathan Shoemaker of Newton County, forward Brandon Ditto of Brandon, defender Nate Alexander of Corinth, forward/midfielder Kyle Miller of Neshoba Central, defender Cory McCoy of Philadelphia, defender Justin Sendelweck of Brandon, forward Riley Clark of Philadelphia, midfielder/defender Jonathan Crowe of Philadelphia, defender Charles Goodwin of Raleigh and defender Caleb May of Leake Academy.

Another factor Thompson is counting on during the 2001 season is the continuing fan support.

"Our home games are well attended and the support we receive on the road is also excellent. I am very pleased that interest in the Warrior soccer program continues to grow each year," Thompson said.

Also helping to boost the College's soccer program are the facilities, which Thompson rates as among the best in the state.

"This will be our second year to play on the new field (games during 1999 were played at Newton County High School) and I'm proud to say it continues

to be in excellent condition, thanks mainly to our maintenance department," Thompson said.

Recently added on the new field are a press box, bleachers and a scoreboard. Construction will soon begin on a concession stand/restroom facility, to be located between the soccer and softball fields.

Serving as Coach Thompson's volunteer assistant is Roy Pete of Hickory. Team managers are Mystie Herrington of Leake Academy, Dwight Brannon of Newton County and Seltue Karweaye of Liberia, West Africa.

The complete 2001 soccer scheduled is listed below:

August 27, Gordon College (home) 1 p.m.; September 1, open date; September 5, East Mississippi (away), 4 p.m.; September 8, Hinds (home), 2 p.m.; September 11, Copiah-Lincoln (away), 2 p.m.; September 15, Gulf Coast (home), 2 p.m.; September 19, Pearl River (away), 2 p.m.; September 21, Wallace State (home) 1 p.m.; September 25, Mississippi Delta (away), 2 p.m.; September 29, Holmes (home), 2 p.m.; October 3, Gulf Coast (away), 7 p.m.; October 6, Jones (away), 10 a.m.; October 9, Pearl River (home), 4 p.m.; October 13, Copiah-Lincoln (home) 2 p.m.; October 17, open date; October 20, Jones (home) 10 a.m.; and October 23, Itawamba (away).

The top two teams in the North and South divisions will compete in the state tournament scheduled October 26-27.

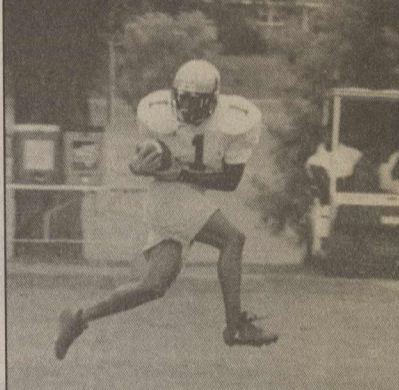
## Sophomore-Laden ECCC Squad Ready To Begin Season Action

Although pre-season workouts were limited to just three days of two-a-day sessions, East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood said the Warriors are "pretty much" on schedule as preparations continue for the season-opening contest scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 6 at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead.

The Warrior squad reported to campus on Friday, August 10 and began two-a-day sessions on the following day. East Central completed two-a-day workouts on August 13, the first day of fall classes.

The revised practice schedule is the result of a reduction in games allowed in the juko league due to state budget cuts. Only nine games will be held during the 2001 regular season; however, determining the state champion will remain the same as the two top teams from each division qualify for the playoffs.

Underwood, who begins his fourth year as head coach, said the Warriors have adjusted well to the new schedule and are eagerly anticipating the season getting underway. The fact that EC is rated among the top South Division teams is no doubt a contributing factor to his optimism.



The pre-season poll, published in The Clarion-Ledger, has EC ranked third with Jones County and Gulf Coast. Picked to win the division is Southwest, with Hinds a close second. Pearl River and Copiah-Lincoln are expected to finish sixth and seventh, respectively.

The Warriors' expected success is due in part to the number of sophomores returning from last year's squad, which finished 6-4 overall and went 3-3 in the South Division. East Central also had the top-rated rushing offense, averaging 247 yards per game.

"We have 31 sophomores on this year's team, which represents the largest group of returnees that I have ever been associated with in my community college coaching career. Of the 31 sophomores, all but two - transfers Danny Haynes from the University of Alabama and Johnny Jackson of Holmes Community College - either started or played for us last year. And both of the transfers played for their respective teams. So, we've got a very strong sophomore group and hopefully they will provide great leadership," Underwood said.

He is also pleased with the 24 freshmen on the 2001 squad.

"We feel it's another strong freshman group from top to bottom. It's a talented group that also has a good attitude. I feel confident that these freshmen can take the program where it needs to go. They've worked very hard and have responded well to our program."

Among top returnees include wide receiver/return specialist Dontay Spillman (6-2,195), a product of Valley High School in Louisville, Kentucky.

"Spillman is a great player who can make things happen every time he touches the ball. He is one of the best athletes in the league, in my opinion. He was highly recruited in high school and will no doubt go Division I if he can qualify academically. He is a tremendous talent and should have another great year," Underwood said.

Last season Spillman had 41 receptions for 711 yards and 10 touchdowns. He also had an 89-yard punt return for a score.

Other top offensive returnees include tailback Patrick Prince (5-9, 197) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County High School; quarterback Brian Zbydniowski (6-3,190) of Choctawhatchee High School in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; tight ends Brian Lillis (6-3, 230) of Neshoba Central and Fredrick Knighton (6-1, 245) of Meridian; and offensive lineman Jerry Spencer (6-4, 315) of North Moore High School, Eagle Springs, North Carolina.

Also expected to contribute on offense are sophomore guard Cedric McAfee (6-3, 320) of Philadelphia, freshman center Rudy Su'e (6-1, 291) of Escambia High School in Pensacola, Florida, freshman guard Demarcus Granger (6-3, 274) and sophomore tackle Kenneth Hurt (6-5, 310) both of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, and freshman running back Ramon Williams (5-11, 222) of Brookwood (Ala) High School.

Underwood said the defensive unit is led by linebacker John Bibb (5-11, 225) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central, who was among the state's top tacklers last season with 85 solo stops and 14 assists. Other top returnees are linebacker Melvin Cotton (6-0, 225) of Holt (Ala.) High School; defensive linemen Keith Curry (6-3, 225) and Jon Gusman (6-4, 250), both of Newton County, and Courtney Steele (6-0, 260) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County; defensive backs Chris Hooper (6-4, 220) of North Springs High School in Atlanta, Georgia; Josh Chaney (5-10, 185) and Cedric Cotton (6-1, 220), both of Newton County; Buck Thames (5-11, 172) of Philadelphia and Corey Pickens (5-11, 200) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County; Marco Cole (6-0, 170) of Neshoba Central and Jock Loper (5-10, 195) of Newton County.

Freshman Michael Wells (6-3, 302) of Forest is also expected to see a lot of action on the defensive line.

Underwood said the kicking game is led by Danny Haynes, a 5-10, 212-pound sophomore who transferred from the University of Alabama. Haynes, who made the traveling squad last year following a red-shirt freshman season, is a product of Brooks High School in Killen, Ala. Underwood has a lot of praise for his new kicker.

"Danny is a tremendous kicker and a great kid as well. He's connected on field goals from 61 yards out during practice. We feel very confident about trying field goals when we get to the 35-yard-line because of his abilities," Underwood said.

In addition to kicking field goals and extra points, Haynes may also be called on to handle kickoffs along with freshman Ken Triplett (6-5, 231) of Louisville. Underwood said punting chores are assigned to freshman Kevin Stephens (5-11, 170) of Charles Henderson High School in Troy, Alabama. Stephens is also the backup quarterback.

Members of Underwood's staff this year include returning coaches Tim Coats, who serves as offensive coordinator and assistant head coach; Tommy Clopton (offensive line) and Fredrick Lyons (defensive line). New staff members are Steve Cheatham (special teams and inside linebackers) and Joey Pinkston (wide receivers and tight ends).

East Central's 2001 football schedule is listed below:

Thursday, September 6, Miss. Delta (Moorhead), 7 p.m.; Saturday, September 15, Coahoma (Clarksdale), 1 p.m.; Thursday, September 20, Gulf Coast (Decatur), 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, September 27, Holmes (Decatur), 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 6, Copiah-Lincoln (Wesson), 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, October 11, Hinds (Raymond) 7 p.m.; Saturday, October 20, Jones (Decatur - Homecoming), 2:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 27, Southwest (Summit) 7 p.m.; and Thursday, November 1, Pearl River (Decatur), 6:30 p.m.

## SOCCER WARRIORS Fall 6-1 In Opener

Soccer season began on a disappointing note for East Central Community College as the Warriors dropped a 6-1 decision to visiting Gordon College of Georgia August 27th.

The lone scorer for East Central was Gardito Ruiz, a sophomore midfielder from Warren Central High School. Freshman forward Brandon Ditto of Brandon was credited with an assist.

Gordon led 2-1 at halftime.

The Soccer Warriors have an open date on Saturday, September 1, and return to action at 4 p.m. Wednesday, September 5 at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.

## UMC Officials Visit Campus



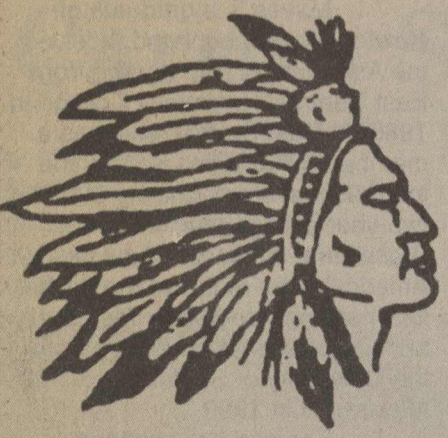
Recruiters from the University of Mississippi Medical Center recently visited the East Central campus where they talked to students about the various medical programs offered at the Jackson campus. They are shown talking with ECCC sophomore Samantha Gray of Lake. From left are Gaarmel Funches, preprofessional coordinator for minority student affairs; Chelia Woodfork, student recruiter for the School of Nursing; Gray; Joycelyn Ford, Health Professions Alliance Partnership Project Coordinator for Minority Student Affairs; and Brenda Nash, administrative assistant for student recruitment for the School of Health Related Professions.

## Scholars Bowl Team Tryouts

**Tuesday, September 11  
10:45 a.m.  
Newton Hall, Room 104**

For more information see Dr. Linda Lane, Faculty advisor, in Office Number 43 in Huff Auditorium





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## East Central Community College Announces Homecoming Court

East Central Community College recently announced members of its 2001 Homecoming Court which will be presented Saturday, October 20, during half-time activities of the Warriors' football game against Jones County Junior College. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.

The 2001 Homecoming queen is Melonie Moore of Philadelphia and Katy Bourland of Louisville will serve as Maid of Honor.

Sophomore maids include Molly Addikson of Louisville, Erica Tullos of Philadelphia and Tori Tijerina of Newton. Freshman maids are Cynthia Fleming and Kelli Linch, both of Louisville, Whitney Harris of Decatur and Cassie Henson of Philadelphia.

Moore is the daughter of Houston and Martha Moore of Philadelphia. She is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School where she was selected senior prom queen, sophomore homecoming maid and junior class reporter. In addition, she was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bible Club, Science Club and the track team. She served as a varsity cheerleader for four years and was captain her senior year.

At East Central, the sophomore sociology major is a member of the Centralettes, Warrior Corps and the Gospel Choir. In addition, she serves as vice president of the sophomore class.

Serving as the queen's escort is sophomore Markeith Brown, a business administration major and graduate of Provine High School in Jackson. He is the son of Jeanie Brown of Jackson.



Melonie Moore

Bourland, daughter of Kenny and Kathy Bourland of Louisville, is a graduate of Winston Academy where she was selected the Homecoming Court's Lady-In-Waiting and was Miss Winston Academy. In addition, she was a member of the Patriot track and tennis teams and served as a varsity cheerleader. She was also named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

At East Central, the business administration major is a member of Students in Free Enterprise, Centralettes, Warrior Corps, Diamond Girls and the tennis team.

Miss Bourland is being escorted by Ty Anderson, a sophomore engineering major and graduate of Newton County High School. His parents are Max and Pat Anderson of Decatur.

Addikson is the daughter of Larry and Jan Addikson of Louisville. She is a graduate of Winston Academy where she was a member of the Patriot basketball team, the honor society, and served as a varsity cheerleader. In addition, she was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

At East Central, the business marketing major is a member of the Centralettes, Phi Theta Kappa, Students in Free



Katy Bourland



Molly Addikson

Enterprise and Diamond Girls. She also served as a freshman Homecoming maid.

Serving as Miss Addikson's escort is Ryan Crick, a sophomore criminal justice major and graduate of Louisville High School. He is the son of Buddy Crick of Louisville.

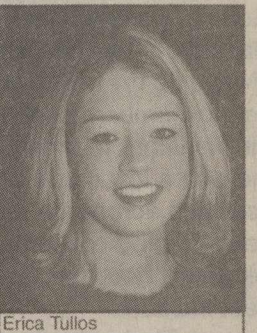
Tullos, daughter of Chip and Toni Tullos of Philadelphia, is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School where she was selected prom queen and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. In addition, she was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Health Occupation Students of America.

She was also a member of the varsity basketball and softball teams where she was named most valuable player her senior season for both squads.

At East Central, the speech pathology major is a member of the Warrior Corps, the Baptist Student Union drama team and the Lady Warrior softball team.

Escorting Miss Tullos is Dustin McGee, a sophomore secondary education major and graduate of Newton County High School. His parents are Lowery and Faith McGee of Hickory.

Tijerina is the daughter of Cecilia Scoggin of Newton and Gilbert Tijerina of El Paso, Texas.



Erica Tullos



Tori Tijerina

She is a graduate of Newton High School, where she was president of the Beta Club, vice president of the student council and president of the District Media Club.

In addition, she was a member of the tennis and basketball teams, the mock trial team, Future Business Leaders of America and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She also served on the youth council at First Baptist Church in Newton.

At East Central, the counseling and Christian studies major is a member of the Warrior Corps, Phi Theta Kappa, the concert choir, the Ac'cents show choir and the tennis team. She also serves as a member of the Baptist Student Union Council and Ministry Team.

Serving as Miss Tijerina's escort is Jeff Pates, a sophomore music major and graduate of Ocean Springs High School. His parents are Frank and Libby Pates of Ocean Springs.

Fleming is the daughter of Joe and Agnes Fleming of Louisville. She is an honor graduate of Louisville High School where she was selected Homecoming Queen and Miss LHS.

She was also a member of the Beta Club, Health Occupation Students of America and Technology Students of America. In addition, she was a member of the Wildcat Band color guard.

At East Central, the dental hygiene major is a member of the Warrior Corps and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau.

Escorting Miss Fleming is Ben Bourland, a sophomore elec-



Cynthia Fleming

trical technology major and graduate of Louisville High School. His parents are Kenny and Kathy Bourland of Louisville.

Harris, the daughter of Ronnie and Paula Harris of Decatur, is a graduate of Newton County High School where she was selected Homecoming Queen and class favorite.

She was also a member of the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In addition, she served as a cheerleader for four years and was a member of the NCHS chorus for four years.

At East Central, the elementary education major is a member of the Centralettes.

Serving as Miss Harris' escort is sophomore Matt Hedrick, a business administration major and graduate of Newton County High School. His parents are Shannon and Wanda Hedrick of Conehatta.

Henson is the daughter of Deborah and Charles Henson of Philadelphia. She is an honor graduate of Philadelphia High School where she received various academic achievement awards and was selected freshman class secretary.

She was also a member of the Beta Club, FHA, the History Club and the Tornado band. In addition, she served as captain of the soft-



Whitney Harris



Cassie Henson

ball team and participated on the varsity basketball squad.

At East Central, the elementary education major is a member of the gospel choir.

Serving as Miss Henson's escort is Bryant Steele, a freshman business administration major and graduate of Philadelphia High School. His parents are Scottie and Sarah Coleman.

Linch, daughter of Steve and Lisa Morgan and Henry and Pam Linch, all of Louisville, is a graduate of Nanih Waiya High School where she was a member of the Beta Club, Health Occupation Students of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Nanih Waiya Club. In addition, she served as a varsity cheerleader.

At East Central, the pre-nursing major is a member of the Diamond Girls.

Escorting Miss Linch is John Thomas Roberts, a freshman business major and graduate of Newton County High School. His parents are Spike and June Roberts of Stratton.

Also participating in Homecoming festivities will be last year's queen, Emily Boggan of Decatur, who will present Moore with a bouquet of roses. Emily is the daughter of Charles and Debbie Boggan and presently attends the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Phil Sutphin, president of East Central Community College, will crown the 2001 Homecoming Queen.

At the conclusion of the court presentation, the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band will present its full halftime performance.



Kelli Linch

## Hennington, Mayes Selected ECCC 'Instructors of the Year'

Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington of Clinton, biology/chemistry instructor, and Polly Mayes of Newton, drafting and design technology instructor, were recently selected East Central Community College's Academic and Vocational Technical Instructors of the Year, respectively.

They will be recognized at the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon scheduled at noon Saturday, October 20, 2001, during the College's Homecoming celebration.

Dr. Hennington, who has served as a biology/chemistry instructor at East Central Community College since 1998, said she was "very humbled" to be



Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington

named the college's Academic Instructor of the Year.

"This honor really doesn't belong to me. It belongs to Frank (her husband) and to the hundreds of people I have worked

with. It especially belongs to my students. They are the reason I strive to be the best I can be," she said.

The first 13 years of her teaching career, Dr. Hennington denied the fact that she was a teacher.

"I believed that I was not a teacher," said Dr. Hennington. I did not want teaching to be my career and I kept saying that, before year 13, I would leave the teaching profession."

She did eventually leave teaching to immerse herself in school and research. "I wanted to strictly do biomedical research in the area of biochemistry," Hennington said. "I was lucky that I had the opportunity to do

just that. And I still love it and see a big void in education without research as its partner. However, it was during this time I learned that I actually was a teacher and that this was my gift from God."

Dr. Hennington began her teaching career at St. Joseph High School. After several years teaching on the high school level, Dr. Hennington served as a graduate assistant in biochemistry at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, where she later served as an instructor in physiology. She was also awarded a post-doctoral fellowship in the laboratory of Dr. Jane F. Reckliff.

Upon returning to the teaching profession, Dr. Hennington taught at Sumner Hill Junior High School and was an adjunct instructor at Hinds Community College and Belhaven College.

"Teaching has changed my life through the people I have come into contact with and those I have taught. I have students that I taught 20 years ago and former colleagues that I continue to stay in touch with. My life has been much enriched by them."

Dr. Hennington said she tries to reach her students by teaching on their level. She said, "Usually each of my students has a preconceived idea about the course. They believe it is difficult and they hate it, or it has been easy in the past and they love it. I try to present the material as manageable. I use a lot of enthusiasm in my presentations and this usually gets their attention. They want to know

what I'm so excited about.

"I use a lot of hands-on work, and I bring in current events happening in their surroundings to drive a point home. We were recently studying about pollution in the environment, so I used the newspaper articles about the high level of DDT found in the fish in the Mississippi Delta."

Since becoming a teacher, Dr. Hennington said she realized which educators had made the biggest impact on her teaching style.

She said, "My mother was my first teacher. She taught me that I can accomplish anything that I put time and effort into. I thank her for my ability to see possibilities."

"My ninth grade science teacher (James Harvey) taught us using the discovery or 'hands-on' method," said Hennington. He also taught me biology, chemistry and physics. He was a wonderful man, and I invited him to the very first science fair I held.

"Another big influence was Dr. Henry Outlaw at Delta State University. He taught us using the 'hands-off' method. He would give us assignments and then leave us to figure them out. That worked great for me because I am a self-starter and highly motivated when it comes to scientific work."

"Lastly, I have to mention Dr. Larry Thornton. He taught me to see each student as an individual, a unique entity."

Dr. Hennington said the person who influences her most now is her husband, Frank

Hennington.

"Frank doesn't know that he has a natural ability to teach," said Hennington. "I believe teachers are born and not formed. He helps me to be patient, kind, and to be professional in my work. He advises me in dealing with colleagues and in dealing with problem students. He is a people manager, and I am not. He encourages me in everything I do and gives me room to make mistakes."

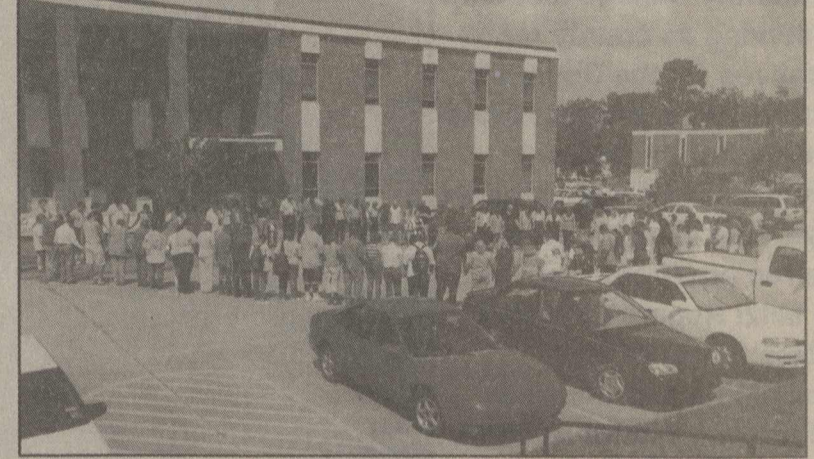
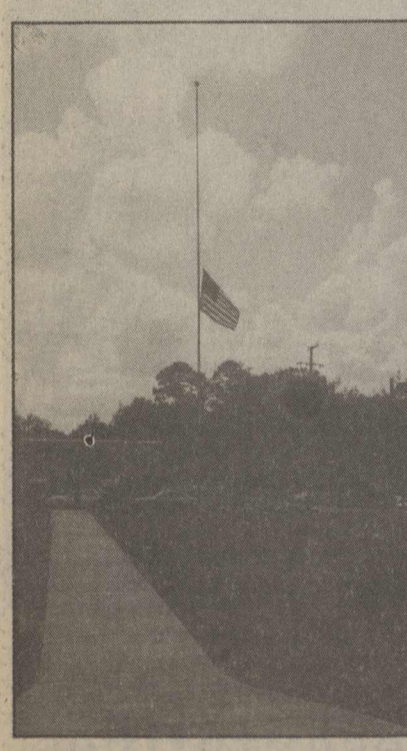
When asked what the best part of teaching was, Hennington said, "The support system that an educator has is the best thing about teaching. The ECCC faculty and staff support each other, making the job much more enjoyable. I also have a fabulous boss in Ron Davis, my department chairman."

Among highlights of her career, Hennington said seeing her students excel is one of her proudest moments.

"I have many students who have gone on to get a Ph.D. in science or an MD degree," she said. "That really makes me proud to have known and taught that student."

She continued, "The hardest students to reach are those who have learning disabilities. But if you look closely, they have a wonderful lust for science and can see the real-life applications easily."

"I taught a group of students who were inclusion students in my ninth grade biology class. They had tested as low-functioning academically, yet I



## Terrorists Attacks Affect College

In the wake of the terrorists attacks that hit New York and Washington, D.C. on September 11, flags across the country flew at half-mast and people all over the world seemed to find peace with prayer. At left, the United States flag in front of Huff Auditorium flew at half-mast for several days. Above, administration, faculty, staff and students met and prayed for our nation.



required them to do a science project. Two of those six students won at the local and district fairs and went on to participate in the state fair. The look on the faces of those two students when each went up to receive an award was sheer joy. That is the same joy I feel when I see a student's lights come on in science class!"

During her teaching career, Hennington has been named STAR Teacher on three occasions, received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the American Microbiology Society, was selected Outstanding High School Science Teacher by Sigma Xi Society at the University of Mississippi, received the National Research Service Award by the National Institute of Health and received the Merck/New Investigator Award for Excellence in High Blood Pressure Research by the American Heart Association.

Most recently, she was awarded a grant from the Mississippi NASA Space Grant Consortium to assist East Central's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, with a water quality study. The study earned the chapter the Freeman Science Award at the International Phi Theta Kappa Convention. It was the first time a Mississippi chapter had received the award. She was later named an honorary member of Theta Xi Chapter.

In addition, she received a grant from Entergy Corporation to develop the front campus into a Wildlife Habitat and was also named the College's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor of the Year.

Dr. Hennington received

the bachelor's degree in biology/chemistry and the master's degree in special education/gifted education from Delta State University. She was awarded the Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Mississippi. She and her husband, Frank, who is employed with Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant, have two children, Kim Tubertini Hardeman and Andy Tubertini. They have two grandsons, Max and Griff, and are expecting a granddaughter in November.

Polly Mayes



Mayes said she was "surprised, but delighted" to learn of her recent honor.

"I feel like every teacher at East Central works hard to be their very best and to project a positive image for the college," said Mayes. "So I don't see myself as different from anyone else. The most enjoyable aspect of receiving this honor has been former students contacting me to offer their congratulations. I have enjoyed being able to talk with many of them."

Mayes has served as a drafting and design technology instructor at the college since 1987. She said when she first began teaching drafting there weren't many women in the field.

"When I first started teaching, people would ask what I taught and they couldn't imagine a woman teaching drafting. As I attended drafting-related workshops and meetings, there would not be many women. Today, however, we have added to those numbers and probably about 25% of teachers in drafting are women. Before joining the East Central staff, Mayes served as a drafter and inspector for the Mississippi Department of Transportation. She has also held positions with Berivon, Inc., which manufactures pins that hold broken bones together, and Magnolia Steel Company, which is a reinforcing steel fabricator.

Mayes said that she and fellow drafting instructor Ricky Harrison try to make their classes as "real" as possible.

She said, "The surveying students probably know the East Central campus better than anyone else. Ricky Harrison always has them outside going to different parts of the campus surveying. Trips to the building supply store or new construction projects are all part of a normal day in our department."

And sometimes Mayes is not only the instructor, but the student as well.

"I love to learn," she said. "Being able to teach gives me the opportunity to constantly do that. Teaching CAD (Computer Aided Drafting and Design) requires the constant upgrading of skills. For example, what I knew two years ago will not work today.

"I get excited when I learn something new to share with my students that will either save them time in their drawings or make their job easier."

Mayes said being a

teacher has allowed her to come into contact with people that she would not have otherwise met. "In the drafting department, we have a different environment than what most students are accustomed to," she said. "First of all, we are with our students about 20 hours per week like other vocational-technical instructors, but we also have the advantage of a quiet environment. This can lead to quite a bit of conversation so our students know each other and us by the time they complete the program.

"They feel as if they are part of a family and it is always a little sad when our students graduate because of the bonds we have developed with them. I just hope when they do graduate that they have not only learned how to succeed in a drafting career, but how to succeed in life as well."

As a graduate of the East Central drafting program, Mayes knew that she had big shoes to fill when she took the job.

"When I started teaching," said Mayes, "I knew I had some 'big shoes' to fill. As a student, my drafting instructors were Pace Guthrie, Chester Clark and Jim Hansford. They challenged me to always do my best. I will never forget how embarrassed I felt when Mr. Hansford returned a drawing to me with a low grade and a note scrawled across the top that said I needed to be concerned about job security if I couldn't add and subtract fractions!"

That note obviously gave her the encouragement she needed as she was later named Technical Student of the Year and won first place in the state VICA contest in architectural drafting.

Mayes said not a day goes by when she doesn't enjoy coming

to work. "Part of that has to do with the people I work with," she added. "They influence me not only professionally, but also personally."

And she said that even though she doesn't have time to draw anymore, she loves to design houses, especially the floor plans.

"We all live busy lives so I really enjoy being able to design a home that allows for a good traffic flow or one that might save the homeowners a few steps in the kitchen because of good planning," Mayes said. "If I can do that then I feel like I have contributed to their overall lifestyle."

"This is something we try to convey in class. Our graduates may be involved in a particular project for only a few weeks, but the homeowners may live in a

home for many years."

Mayes is a graduate of Newton High School and received the Associate of Arts degree from East Central Community College in 1980. At East Central, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, and VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). She received the bachelor of science degree in Technical and Occupational Education from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1999.

She and her husband, Kent, who is employed with Webb Funeral Home in Newton, have one daughter, Brookes, an eighth grader at Newton County Academy.



## York Encourages ECCC Students to Live Healthy

April York (left), Senior Disease Intervention Specialist with the Mississippi Department of Health, recently presented a program to East Central Community College students on the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases. The program was sponsored by the College's Student Health Center. At right is College nurse Gloria Rigdon who was in charge of the program.

## Ribbon-Cutting Held for WWII Exhibit



Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services (SITES), which provided the exhibit; social science instructor Tommy Thrash, Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences, Education and Business, event coordinator; and social science instructor Marcus McCool, committee member. At bottom, Lady Warrior head basketball coach Brad Hodge was among the over 100 to view the exhibit during a reception held following the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45, is made possible through the generosity of the

East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin cuts a ribbon to officially open the World War II exhibit, Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45, which is on display in the multi-purpose room of the Associate Degree Nursing/Childcare Technology Center. Also participating in the ceremony are (from left), art instructor Bruce Guraedy, Chairman of the Communications Division and committee member; Dr. Barbara Carpenter, executive director, and Troy Holliday, vice chair, of the Mississippi Humanities Council, exhibit sponsor; Carol Harsh, project director,



Mississippi Humanities Council. The exhibit will be on display at East Central through November 3.

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## ASNEC Raises Funds for Terrorist Victims

Members of the Association of Student Nurses at East Central Community College (ASNEC) recently sold various items on the East Mall with proceeds designated for the New York Disaster Relief Fund. In addition to funnel cakes, chili pies and Cokes, students sold patriotic ribbons, beaded flag pins and antenna flyers to help victims of the recent terrorist attacks. The nursing students also provided free blood pressure screening.

## Duncan Receives National Honor

*Music Dept. News*

Natalie Duncan of Lake, a 23-year-old music major, recently participated in the National Quartet Convention Talent Search in Louisville, Kentucky, where she was awarded first place in the solo division.

Duncan was among 66 contests competing for the top award, which included the opportunity to sing onstage during the Saturday night of the Convention. The program was televised on the Gospel Music Television Channel. In addition, Duncan was awarded 18 hours of studio time from Son Shine Studios in Nashville, 300 free cassettes and a single release which will be sent out to radio stations.

In addition to being a full-time student, Duncan is the pianist and choir director at Salem Baptist Church in Lake and also teaches voice and piano to approximately 40 students.

She just released her first solo project "Only for a Day," which was produced by Southern Cross Records. It contains five songs which Duncan wrote.

In other music department news, Wall O' Sound Marching Band Drum Major Ricardo Robinson of Decatur was a member of the "Cavaliers" Drum and Bugle Corps this summer. He and former Drum Major Frazier Wash of Forest performed with the corps throughout the nation this summer.

During the Drum and Bugle Corps National Finals held this past August, the "Cavaliers" received first place honors.

The Ac'cents, East Central's show choir, will be busy this semester as they perform at various events throughout the district. They will perform the National Anthem during Homecoming festivities on October 20 and will travel to Roosevelt State Park on November 1 where they will perform during the park's Fall Foliage Festival.

The popular group will present their fall campus concert at 7 p.m. November 27 in Vickers Fine Arts Center. They are under the direction of music keyboard instructor Vicki Blaylock.

The annual District Choral Festival will be held November 15 in Vickers Fine Arts Center. Vocal music instructor Ross Price who is now director of the ECCC Concert Choir will be in charge of the day's events.

**These East Central Community College students are serving as county representatives for the College's Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events. Pictured are (front row, from left) Mitzi Rogers of Forest, Jessica Eakes of Philadelphia and Courtney Graham and Brandi Bounds, both of West Lauderdale; (second row, from left) Missy**

**Suttle of Noxapater, Marie Griffith of Newton County, and Lana Rogers and Jessica McMahan, both of Leake Academy; and (back row, from left) Hailey Reynolds of Louisville, Matt Davis of Newton County, Jeff Stuart of Lake and Kathy Jones of Neshoba Central. Michael Alexander serves as adviser.**



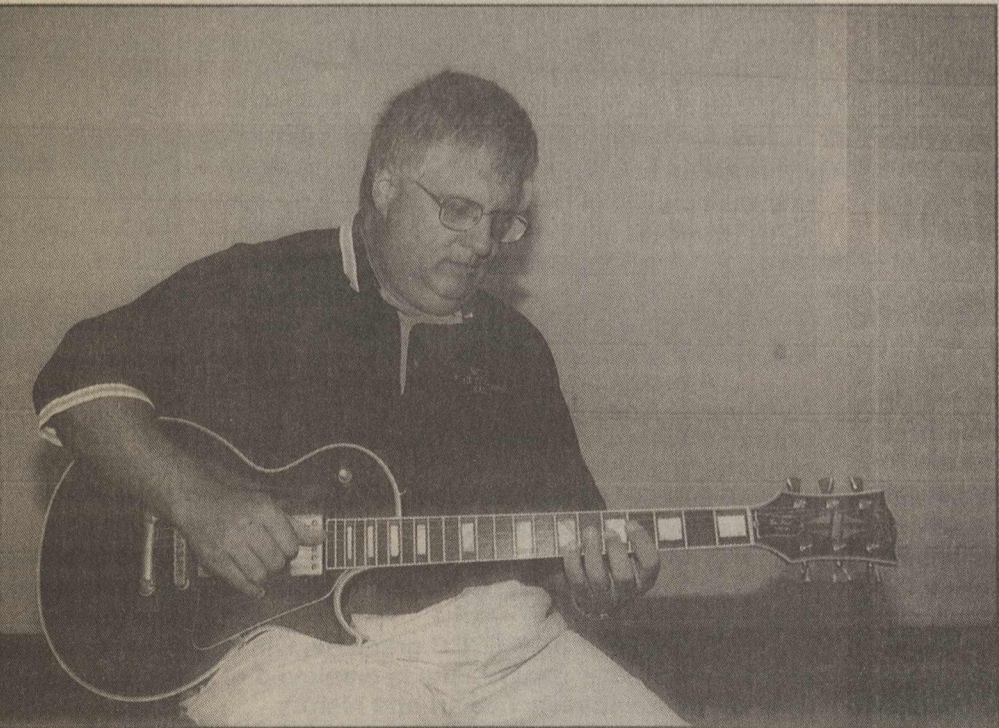
## ECCC Warrior Corps Representatives



# Carson Selected ECCC Humanities Award Recipient

Thomas W. Carson, director of bands at East Central Community College, was recently selected the College's Arts and Humanities Teacher of the Year for 2001, announced Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction.

As a recipient of the prestigious award, Carson will receive a stipend from the Mississippi Humanities Council, which sponsors the annual program. In addition, he will lecture on "Three Chords and One Guitar; Music History According to Me," during a special program beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 30, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center.



Thomas W. Carson, ECCC Director of Bands and the College's Arts and Humanities Teacher of the Year, will present "Three Chords and One Guitar; Music History According to Me," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 30 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. A reception follows his performance.

Carson will also sing and play various instruments - including a steel folk guitar, nylon classical guitar, 12-string guitar, electrical guitar, mandolin and harmonica - as part of his presentation. He will be joined on stage by ECCC students Braden Land (electric guitar) of Corinth, Kirk Misso (electric bass) and Joshua Black (trombone), both of Neshoba Central, Andy Murphy (drums) of Southeast Lauderdale and Chris Carson (vocals) of Decatur, his eldest son.

Carson is in his 20th year in leading the College's band program, which continues to be recognized for excellence. The Warrior Wall O' Sound Band was voted the top community/junior college marching band in the state, according to a poll conducted in 1998 by The Clarion-Ledger newspaper.

Carson also serves as director and is a member of the Collegians, the College's vocal-instrumental pop group, which has been invited to perform at various locations across the country for 12 straight years. Last May the Collegians were featured entertainers at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. The previous year the group performed in New York City, and in 1995 the Collegians entertained at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. The Collegians are also a crowd favorite each year at the Neshoba County Fair.

Among honors Carson has received at East Central include his selection as Academic Instructor of the Year in 1991 and HEADWAE Instructor of the Year in 1995. He was also named a Lamplighter participant in 1992, a program that recognizes the state's outstanding community college instructors.

**HOMEcoming**  
**DANCE**  
October 18  
8 p.m. to  
Midnight  
South Campus  
Gym  
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**ECCC Beauty Pageant**  
October 23  
Huff Auditorium  
7:30 p.m.

## Johnson Named ECCC Head Librarian

*Intended For September Issue*

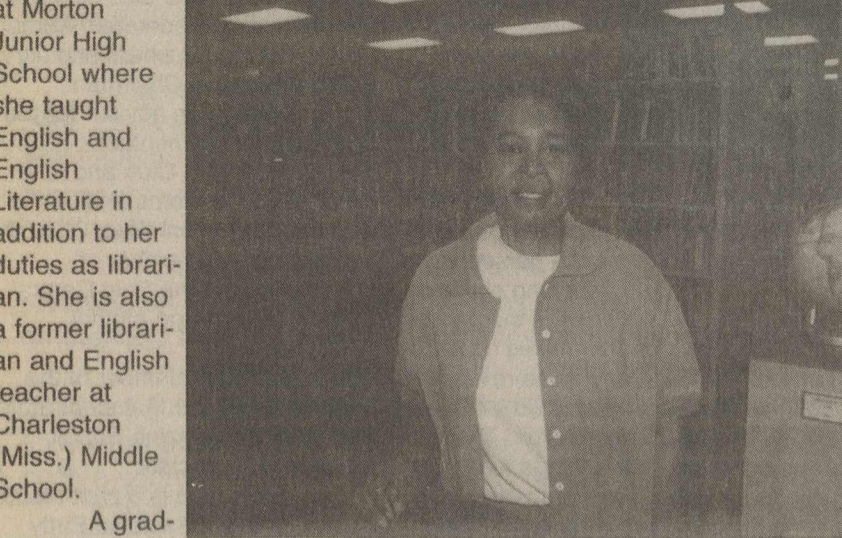
A familiar face has assumed duties as head librarian at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Gloria Johnson, an assistant librarian at the College since 1978, began her new position on July 1. She was named to the post at the May meeting of the College's Board of Trustees meeting. She succeeds longtime staff member Ann Burkes who recently retired.

Johnson said she expects few changes in the operation of Burton Library.

"We will continue to ensure that library and learning resources are accessible to the constituents of East Central Community College and to provide a library atmosphere conducive for research, study and leisure reading," Johnson said.

In all, Johnson has 31 years experience as a librarian. She previously served as circulation librarian at Meridian Junior College and was earlier employed at Morton Junior High School where she taught English and English Literature in addition to her duties as librarian. She is also a former librarian and English teacher at Charleston (Miss.) Middle School.



## A Generous Gift



East Central Community College freshman A. J. Clanton of Lawrence was among blood donors during a recent drive held on campus. The Newton County Academy graduate is shown being prepped by Nancy Breckenridge, a donor supervisor with United Blood Services. Fifty-two pints of blood were collected from the effort, according to Gloria Rigdon, College nurse.

## Beckman Joins ECCC Faculty

Curtis Beckman of Enterprise was recently named computer network support technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president.

Prior to joining the ECCC vocational-technical faculty, Beckman served as network administrator and AS/400 operator at Coca Cola Bottling Company in Meridian. He is also a former applications systems technician for Great River Insurance in Meridian.

The new ECCC staff member is a 1998 honor graduate of Meridian Community College, where he received an associate of applied science degree in computer information systems technology. He completed coursework with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Beckman was named MCC's Outstanding Computer Information Systems Technology Student in 1998 and served as president of the College's Phi Beta Lambda chapter. He represented Meridian Community College at the Phi Beta Lambda National Convention in Anaheim, California, in 1998. He was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. He is married to the former Katrina Ivey of Enterprise and they have a daughter, Kristen, age nine.

## Student Health Center provides more than "cold" relief

By Ardria Harris

According to Gloria Rigdon, R.N., who has served as the College nurse for six years, the East Central Community College Student Health Center sees anywhere from 800 to 1000 students each semester.

"Most students come by for the common cold," said Rigdon. "However, the clinic provides various other services that some people might not know about."

She continued, "I provide education materials to students for research papers and help arrange CPR certification for various classes. I also arrange for numerous speakers to come throughout the semester and provide much-needed information regarding health-related subjects such as sexually transmitted diseases, drug abuse and domestic violence."

In addition, Rigdon coordinates health screenings each semester for the administration, faculty and staff.

She said the best part of her job is getting to know the students. Asked if she had any advice for them, she said, "Eat healthy, exercise, get plenty of rest, stay away from drugs and alcohol and abstain from sexual activities."

The college health center, located on the bottom floor of the Student Services Building, is open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through

**HAUNTED HOUSE OF HOOPS!**  
Wednesday, October 31 7:30 p.m.  
featuring:  
• Performances by the ECCC Cheerleaders and the Centralettes  
• Introductions of the Warrior and Lady Warrior Basketball Teams  
• Scrimmage Games  
• 3 Point Shooting and Slam Dunk Contest

Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium

## Collins Speaks to Education Majors



Kim Collins, a teacher recruiter for the Mississippi Teacher Center in Jackson, recently spoke to members of the East Central Community College Student Education Association. Pictured are (from left) Chasity Harris of Carthage, Andy Murphy of Meridian, Collins, Thomas Clark of Decatur, Becky Herrington of Louisville and Kerri Burks of Philadelphia. Lucille Wood serves as SEA sponsor.

## Scholars Bowl Team



Members of the East Central Community College Scholars Bowl Team include (from left) Josh Jenkins of Carthage, Kristen Persons of Noxapater, Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs, Drew Henry of Carthage and Nathan Stamper of Decatur. At right is faculty adviser Dr. Linda Lane.

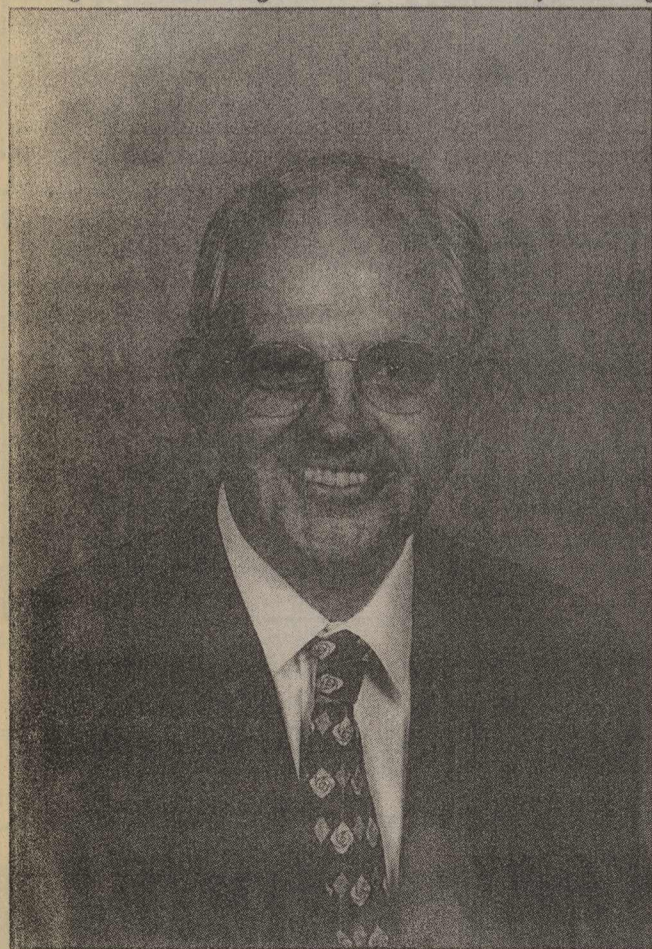
**ECCC Dinner Theatre**  
**"Accommodations"**  
by Nick Hall  
November 15-17  
**Mabry Memorial Cafeteria**  
Tickets: \$15  
For tickets or more information  
contact Juanita West, ext. 236



# Todd, Gomillion Named ECCC 'Alumni of the Year'

Dr. Joe Todd (Class of 1953) of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Betty Lewis Gomillion (Class of 1969) of Walnut Grove were recently named East Central Community College's Alumnus and Alumna of the Year, respectively.

They will be recognized at the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon scheduled at noon Saturday, October 20, 2001, during the College's Homecoming celebration.



Dr. Joe Todd

After having recently been notified of his award, Dr. Todd said he was both "pleased and honored." Dr. Todd said he is especially grateful to be honored by an institution that played such a major role in the life of his family during his formative years. Dr. Todd's father, the late Dr. L. O. Todd, served as the College's second president from 1934-53. Dr. Joe Todd is now retired following a successful medical career that spanned more than four decades.

"The fact is that East Central was the 'baby, child and adolescent,' of my parents and therefore was my 'sibling' for almost 20 years. So, this honor is like long separated siblings giving each other an approving pat on the back," Dr. Todd said.

Dr. Todd admitted he is somewhat "uncomfortable" about receiving the honor, as such recognition "is usually bestowed on individuals who have played leadership roles in academia, institutions or businesses."

"I am the antithesis of such honorees. I have assumed leadership roles only as needed to get the job done in the relatively narrow professional sphere in which I have lived and worked. Leaders have always been my heroes, and having studied them closely, I feel that basic leadership qualities are innate. My father had humble beginnings, but he started and ended a 50-year professional career as a distinguished leader.

"His daughter (Rev. Jane Todd Gurry of Raleigh, North Carolina, 1994 ECCC Alumna of the Year) inherited that talent for leadership; his son did not. East Central is departing from precedent by honoring an archetypical inner-directed man who quietly toils-utilizing his talents, applying his skills, striving to be guided by internal values rather than public opinion," Dr. Todd stated.

In reflecting over his career, Dr. Joe Todd, who spent most of his practice as a cardiac surgeon, said his initial goal was to become a physician and settle down to a lifetime of practice. But those plans changed due to the massive changes that occurred in medicine in the second half of the century.

He noted that when he was in pre-med, thoracic surgery was a "tiny specialty," mostly associated with treating complications of tuberculosis. Reconstructive vascular surgery was being done experimentally on war wounds by two surgeons at a special hospital in Korea and cardiac surgery was a distant possibility depending on advances in the other two areas."

"My original private practice was in general and vascular surgery, but in the early 1970s the potential for cardiac surgery was suddenly being recognized. I left my practice and went to Ohio State University for a residency in cardiac surgery. For the next 27 years, cardiac surgery

would dominate my practice, although I continued to do general thoracic and peripheral vascular surgery."

In noting career highlights, Dr. Todd said there are three broad aspects of the career itself that are most gratifying:

"First, taking advantage of the unlikely chain of circumstances, events and opportunities that resulted in my receiving an M. D. from the

world's finest medical school six years after graduating from Newton County Agricultural High School and graduating alongside people who were matriculating as freshmen at the elite colleges of the nation when I was entering the eleventh grade; second, being able to ride the tidal wave of scientific advances so that the bulk of a 42-year surgical career was spent operating in three specialties that didn't really exist when I entered premed; and third, being able in an era of super specialization, large group practices, and managed care, to successfully conduct a highly personalized solo practice."

Having completed the cardiac surgery residency and returning to a practice in Cincinnati, Dr. Todd had the unique distinction of having full Attending Staff privileges for general, thoracic, vascular, and cardiac surgery. Towards the end of his career Cincinnati Magazine conducted a survey of 2200 referring physicians in 1998 that listed Dr. Todd as the top choice for thoracic surgery.

Dr. Todd said one of his proudest accomplishments was successfully completing the last 22 years as a solo practitioner in a highly competitive specialty in a managed care environment in which such practices have become almost obsolete.

"The health care delivery system that has evolved in the United States has severely eroded the strong bond of trust and respect that the medical profession has traditionally enjoyed with the public," Dr. Todd commented.

He said his first five years of cardiac surgery practice were with three surgeons working in one hospital. "We assisted each other on all operations, and all patients and current problems were equally known. Then, abrupt growth in the specialty resulted in more patients, surgeons and hospitals. Economy of scale has its price as well as benefits. By the seventh year, the group had increased to seven surgeons working in three hospitals and I was spending my nights and weekends taking care of patients that were not familiar to me and I and my own patients were suffering the same fate on my so called nights off. I decided it was time to go on my own -- 'sink or swim,'" he said.

"Fortunately I was able to arrange excellent assistance and backup when needed and thus was able to experience both the intellectual and mechanical skill challenges of a highly technical specialty, the gratification of close human contact and service that was the original motivation for selecting medicine as a career," he stated.

Dr. Todd listed several physicians who influenced his choice of career. Among those he cited were Dr. Charles Harrison of Philadelphia, Dr. Edward Pennington of Decatur, Dr. Carl Day of Yazoo City, and Dr. Arthur Guyton of the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Todd also recalled the time he spent at East Central Community College.

"My 13-year academic experience on both sides of Broad Street in Decatur cannot be easily separated from the 19-year life experience in the same precise location. The AHS still existed as part of East Central and when I reached the eleventh grade we crossed the street. By the time I finished my senior year of high school, I had taken college math, biology and social studies courses (in my chil-

dren's day this was called "advanced placement").

"In the summer of 1952, I took Miss Una Harris's freshman English composition and my mother's World History course before heading off to play in the State High School All-Star Football game.

Therefore, I was a full time student at East Central for only one year, with a major focus on athletics. I ended up spending a total of 26 years in formal education (the last at age 39) and could spend forever analyzing the pros and cons of each of them, but I can emphatically say that the time at ECCC was the right place at the right time."

Apparently East Central prepared Dr. Todd for the courses he would encounter at the university level. "I had planned to transfer to the University of Mississippi but also had planned to spend the summers at Millsaps College taking organic and physical chemistry courses that were favored by a large number of the premedical students from both Ole Miss and Mississippi Southern," said Todd. He continued, "In these courses my grades were at the very top of the class and the following year at the University of Mississippi when I broke the curve on the first analytical chemistry test I had the pleasure of the instructor looking me up to ask where I had taken my freshman chemistry. For some reason I continued to overachieve in chemistry courses so that in the first semester of medical school I made an almost perfect score on a physical chemistry examination which usually only had a few passing grades."

Dr. Todd remembers his student days at the Decatur Public School with fondness and praises the abilities of his grade school teachers, especially Rebecca Harris Smith in the sixth grade, Miss Harbour in the seventh grade and Maston McMullan, Burley McCraw, and Evans Harrington in the upper grades.

When he transferred to the Newton County Agricultural High School, which at that time was a part of East Central, he continued to be an excellent student and credits his teachers. "Helen Sparks was an excellent English teacher, and members of the East Central faculty (Arno Vincent, Frank Leatherwood and Frank Cross) taught the math and science courses. By the twelfth grade I was already taking college level courses.

"I would," Dr. Todd continued, "thereafter follow a narrow premed/medical school curriculum, but Miss Harris's English, Mr. DeArmond's and Mr. Vincent's math, Mr. Leatherwood's biology, Mr. Cross's chemistry, and Mr. Roberts' physics would serve me well in my further studies. After East Central, I could always work my way through the math and science problems and I certainly could write a readable paragraph to answer a question.

"Actually, the most enduring experience of high school for me and many others was playing four years of basketball and football for Coach Jeff Loper. I missed his death a few years back but would like some day to contribute an eulogy to this unique man who could 'get more out of less' than any other coach imaginable."

"My premed/medical school saga involved five schools (East Central, Millsaps, Ole Miss, University of Mississippi Medical School, and the Harvard Medical School) in six calendar years. I enrolled in medical school on February 2, 1955 on my 21st birthday. My class was the last to enroll on the Oxford campus, and we moved to the new Medical Center in Jackson after one semester.

"At the insistence of my uncle and professional mentor, Dr. Carl Day, I transferred and with the help of Dr. Guyton I was accepted at Harvard Medical School. The accelerated schedule in order to combine two classes on the Jackson campus, and my literal, overnight transfer to Harvard, resulted in a brutal 21-month course of school interrupted by only two Christmas breaks."

After Dr. Todd graduated from Harvard he served a rotating internship at Cincinnati General Hospital and a six-year residency in General and Thoracic Surgery at the University of Cincinnati Hospitals. Subsequently he served for two years as Assistant Professor of Surgery at UC and Chief of Surgery at the affiliated Veterans Administration Hospital where he expanded his experience in periph-

eral vascular surgery.

In 1967, he was drafted into the Army and 1968-69 served as a Lieutenant Colonel as the Chief of Surgery and Chief of Professional Services at the 29th Evacuation Hospital located near Canto in the Mekong Delta. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in this combat area. Following two and a half years of General and Vascular practice in Cincinnati, he went to Ohio State for the training in Cardiac Surgery in 1972-73.

Dr. Todd and his wife Nancy now reside in Cincinnati. Nancy is the Executive Director of Physician's Cardiotrace. They have four children, T. Chapman Todd who now resides in Washington D.C., Rebecca Ellen Hruska of Manhattan, New York, Melissa Jane Todd who is a fourth year medical student at the Medical College of Ohio, and Lindsey Anne Todd who is a student at Cornell University School of International Studies.

In reflecting on his medical career, Dr. Todd stated, "I could have never anticipated the tidal wave of scientific advancement that would propel my career through the second half of the 20th century. I was blessed to have been a tiny part of it."

Dr. Todd says he will always be grateful for the determination and desire to succeed and to make a contribution which was instilled in him by his parents and to the innumerable role models among ECJC faculty, students, and employees that have served him well throughout his life. He also acknowledges the educational foundation he received at the Newton County AHS and at East Central Junior College.

Dr. Joe Todd's life and career will forever be tied to East Central Community College and to those individuals, including his parents, who helped to make the college the outstanding institution it is today.



Betty Lewis Gomillion

Being named East Central Community College's Alumna of the Year for 2001 is "definitely an honor" for Betty Lewis Gomillion.

After being notified of her honor Gomillion said, "It is definitely an honor to be recognized as Alumna of the Year. I can honestly say that my time at East Central has always been a special part of my life. Some of my best friends today are people I met at East Central. This special honor will add to my many memories of East Central."

After graduating from East Central Junior College in 1969, Gomillion completed her bachelor's degree in home economics at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1971. In 1976, she received the master's degree in Elementary Education from Mississippi State University and she has completed additional coursework at MSU.

Until her retirement in the spring of 2000, Gomillion spent 30 years as a teacher at South Leake Elementary School. For 16 years she taught second grade and the past 14 years she served as a kindergarten teacher. In reflecting upon her career as an educator, Gomillion said, "My 30 years in education have allowed me to work with countless young minds. One of the most important things I tried to stress to the children was how to enjoy nature and to learn to conserve the natural resources. "I tried to expose children to the small things that so many have not

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## ECCC Alumni To Showcase Artwork At October 18 Reception



A reception to showcase artwork of East Central Community College alumni Jennifer Thames and Dianne Douglas, both of Newton, will be held Thursday, October 18 on the Decatur campus. The special activity, held as part of Homecoming Week activities, is scheduled from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the lobby of the Vickers Fine Arts Center.

Thames, a 1987 ECCC graduate, will present various water colors and pastels from her collection. She teaches art at Newton High School.

Douglas, a 1995 ECCC graduate, will feature watercolors and acrylics in her exhibit. She is employed at Morton High School, where she teaches art and history.

Both are former students of ECCC art instructor Bruce Guraedy, who also serves as Chairman of the Communications Division.

been fortunate enough to experience, such as bird watching and our butterfly garden. I always tried to provide the same kind of loving, supportive environment for my school children as I did for my own children at home.

Honors Gomillion has received during her three decades of teaching include receiving the Community Pride Speaker of the House Award in 2001 and the Community Pride Congressional Award in 2000. In 1999, she was named South Leake Elementary Teacher of the Year and Leake County Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. She was also named a WJTV Hometown Hero.

In addition, she is a former Leake County Conservation Educator of the Year and Leake

County Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator. She was named Leake County Woman of the Year in 1987 and Walnut Grove Woman of the Year in 1986.

Gomillion said, "During my career, it has been a privilege to have had the opportunity to touch so many young lives while trying to enrich their environment. Children are a valuable part of our world and I tried to see each child as an individual with much potential. "There are so many rewards to be gained from teaching children

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Sigma. Gomillion was a member of Delta Psi Omega, the ECJC Players and served as chairman of calendar activities for the Student Body Association.

As president of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, Gomillion and several members of Theta Xi chapter were allowed to travel to Houston, Texas and Columbia, Missouri to attend the organization's international convention. She was accompanied by Mrs. Alynne Simmons who served as sponsor.

Gomillion added, "I also remember having to wear an overcoat to walk across campus to PE class and being allowed to have Tuesday night as date night. Times have surely changed!"

Things haven't slowed down for Gomillion since she graduated from East Central. She is an active member of Walnut Grove United Methodist Church where she serves as the evening pianist, a Sunday school teacher, Bible school teacher and lay leader.

In addition, she is a member of the United Methodist Women and is a church delegate to the MS Annual United Methodist Conference. She currently serves as Secretary of Resources for the East Jackson United Methodist Women Mission Team.

Gomillion is vice president and acting president of the GFWC/MFWC Thursday Club of Walnut Grove and past president of the GFWC/MFWC Civic Club of Walnut Grove. She also serves on the Mississippi Federated Women's Club State Board where she serves as Beautification Chairman.

She is an advisor for the South Leake Elementary Kindergarten-4-H Club and is a member of the Moms and Daughters' Homemakers Club, the Leake County Chamber of Commerce and the East Central Community College Alumni Association. She is a charter member of the Friends of Golden Memorial State Park and the Dancing Rabbit Genealogical Society.

Gomillion is a past member of the Southern Regional Early Childhood Association, the Mississippi Reading Association, Mississippi Professional Educators, Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Mississippi Early Childhood Association. She is also a past accreditation evaluator for the Mississippi State Department of Education.

In addition, she has had several hands-on activities and teacher tips published in The Mailbox, an early childhood teacher publication.

Gomillion is married to Dor Gomillion of Walnut Grove, a 1969 ECJC graduate. He is employed with Central Electric Power Association and has served as an alderman for the Town of Walnut Grove.

The Gomillions have two children, Brian, 27, and Amy, 23.

Brian is a 1996 graduate of Millsaps College and currently serves as Director of Projects and Communications for Central Electric Power Association.

Amy is a 1998 graduate of ECCC and a 2000 graduate of the University of Mississippi. She will complete her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in May. While at East Central, Amy served as student body association president and was



New BSU Center Open and Busy!

MSU Recruiter Visits Campus

The Baptist Student Union has come a long way since Scott Vaughn arrived as its director in 1995. This past fall, the group moved into a new 5200 square foot building on Broad Street and recently had 140 plus students attend a Monday night Worship service.

Vaughn said the idea for a new building came shortly after he arrived on campus. "When I first came we were meeting in a older house that was very small and we were already running out of space then," he said.

The old building was sold and construction began on the new facility in the spring of 1999. Work was done as donations came in so things progressed slowly. However, this fall, students were able to meet in the new building.

Vaughn said most of the construction is complete, except for a little paint on some of the walls, and the parking lot will be paved in the next few weeks.

"The main thing we need right now is furniture," said Vaughn. "Hopefully we will continue to receive donations so that the furnishings can be purchased soon. We need about 15 to 20 tables, 200 chairs and office furniture. I figure it will cost somewhere between 15 and 20 thousand dollars to complete the project."

Although there is still work to be done on the facility itself, Vaughn said the Baptist Student Union is continuing to stay busy.

Vaughn said, "We have Monday night Worship services at 8:30 p.m. each week. This features our Praise Band, Praise Singers, various skits and I usually speak to students about topics that concern them."

"We also have Bible studies on Tuesday nights at 9:30 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 7:30

a.m. Each Wednesday we have Lunch Encounter where we provide a free lunch to students and have a speaker. It usually lasts about 45 minutes."

In addition to the activities that BSU provides on campus, Vaughn said the "Ministry Team," which consists of about 25 BSU students, conducts worship services, revivals, lock-ins and other programs for area churches and youth groups.

Last summer, 15 East Central BSU students participated in summer mission trips. Eight students served in various parts of the United States and one served in the Philippines. Six students served at state campgrounds in Mississippi. Each served 13 weeks

in their respective mission field. East Central sophomore Tori Tijerina of Newton spent her summer in California. She said, "I helped lead children and youth Vacation Bible School classes and worked at several children's camps. It was great learning to work with kids and broaden that aspect of my witnessing."

Other returning sophomores who served included Luke Horton and Jacob Pierce, both of Decatur, and Braden Land of Corinth.

Vaughn said BSU is not just for Baptist students. "We would love for every student on campus to experience BSU," he said. "We are striving to provide the facilities and the environment

to make them feel welcome." Upcoming events scheduled at BSU include a Christian rock concert by the Rick Tanksley Band at 8 p.m. Monday, November 5 in Huff Auditorium. There is no charge for admission but a love offering will be taken.

Also schedule is a fall retreat with Northwest Mississippi Community College November 16-17 at Camp Lakeside in Charleston, Mississippi.

For more information on how to get involved with the Baptist Student Union, contact Vaughn at 635-2481 or drop by the center during one of the many activities that go on each week.



Scott Vaughn, ECCC Baptist Student Union Director, speaks to students during one of the recent programs held in the new facility on Broad Street.



Eric Bishop, Assistant Director of the Office of Enrollment Services at Mississippi State University recently visited the East Central Community College campus where he talked to students about the various programs offered on the Starkville campus. He is shown speaking with ECCC freshman Jennifer Walker of Neshoba Central.

Wins National Honor



East Central Community College sophomore Judd Easom of Newton displays a certificate and medals he won after placing third in the major appliance repair competition at the National Skills USA and VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Contest held this summer in Kansas City, Missouri. Easom qualified for the national competition after winning first-place honors in the state contest. The Newton County Academy graduate is the son on John Easom of Hickory and Connie Harris of Conehatta.

Band Managers Vital For Success

Special to the Tom-Tom

Most afternoons around 3:30, a weird caravan of suspicious looking males, assorted contraptions, trailers and drums, all being pulled by a green mule, can be spotted slowly making its way across campus. No, it's not a scene from "Dude Where's My Car," but the Wall O' Sound's six hard-working managers headed to the practice field for another day's work!

When EC's marching band puts on one of their busy halftime shows, there is a lot of "behind the scenes" work that goes into preparing for that magical moment. One vital part to the puzzle is the managers who are responsible for getting large amounts of equipment back and forth to the performance/practice areas, setting up the equipment, loading trucks, or even running errands to the band hall a minute before halftime because some band member left their hat on their seat!

Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson said, "Second year head manager Nathan Trosper of Nanih Waiya knows I have my hands full with the show preparations, music direction and other "directorial" jobs, so he always makes sure his "crew" has the equipment when and where it is supposed to be, on time."

Carson added, "Years ago, when the band was under 80 members, I began with one manager, Chris Edwards, who basically spent most of her time in the band hall cleaning up my messes and keeping me from going crazy. As the band grew and more equipment was purchased, several managers were needed. At the present time we have six, but could probably use a couple more!"

So how does one become a manager for the Wall O' Sound? "I usually get students who have not been in band," Carson said. "I get students who are involved with some of my other groups, maybe a friend of a band member, someone who was recommended by a member or sometimes I have people just come up and ask me for a job!"

Band manager and Collegian vocalist Josh Burton of Newton County High School said, "Before I got involved with this manager position, I had no idea that marching band rehearsals were so complicated. I am amazed how such a large group of people can be put together on a field in such a coordinated way, and that it all comes together like clockwork!"

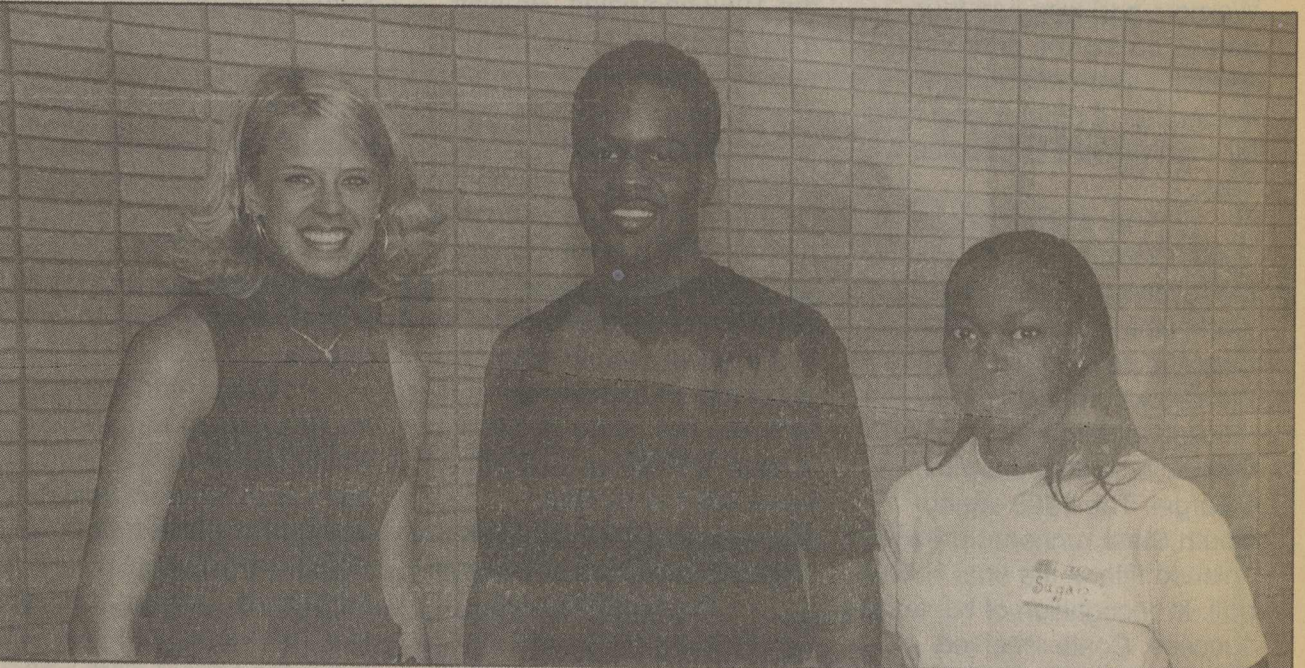
In addition to Trosper and Burton, other band managers for the 2001-2002 season include Ura Seymer and Michael Eichelberger, both of Leake Academy; Jacob Pierce of Newton County High School and Jessie Warren of Scott Central.

For more information about the Wall O' Sound Marching Band 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.



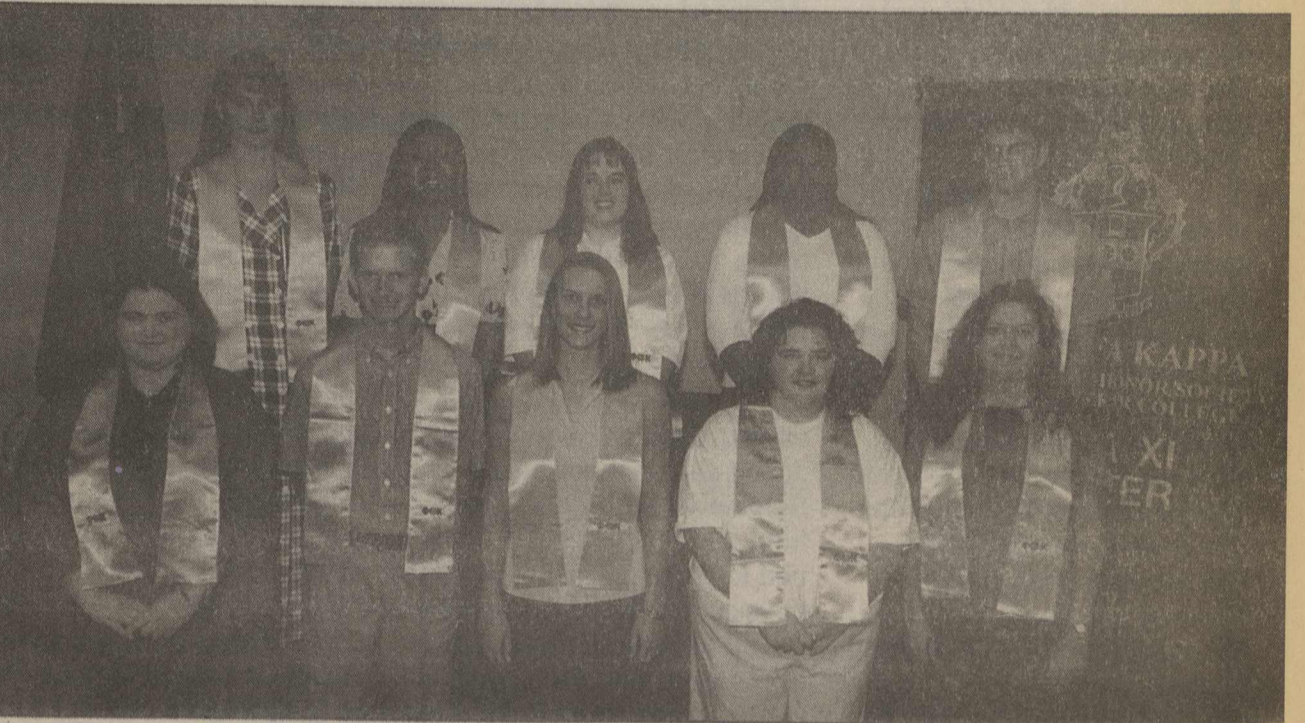
Band Managers Prepare For Another Practice

ECCC Ac'cents Officers



Serving as officers of the East Central Community College Ac'cents, the college's show choir, for the 2001-2002 term are (from left) president Jennifer Cuchens and vice president Carl Wilson, both of Newton, and secretary Shanna Travis of Crystal Springs. Vicki Blaylock serves as sponsor. For more information about the special ensemble contact Blaylock at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, 635-2111, ext. 225.

Join ECCC Honor Society



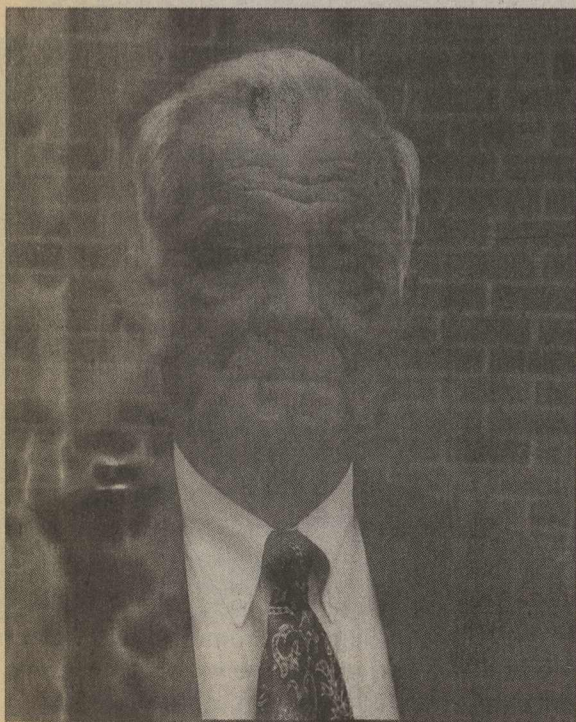
These East Central Community College sophomores were recently inducted into the College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Front row, from left, are Penny Alford of Carthage, Christopher Bankston of Union, Tiffany Chancellor of Enterprise, Farrah Collins of Noxapater and Tammy Faulkner of Morton. Back row, from left, are Tina Mize of Hickory, Makisha Payton of Louin, Mitzi Rogers and Kristie Spivey, both of Forest, and Brent Sutphin of Decatur. Membership in the prestigious organization is by invitation only. To qualify, students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on 12 semester hours of coursework. An overall GPA of 3.5 is also required for membership. Dr. Shelby Harris and Christy Ferguson serve as advisers.



# Former ECCC Coaches Among Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Membership in East Central Community College's Athletic Hall of Fame increases to 44 when two former Warrior coaches and a former basketball standout are enshrined during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 20.

Willie J. "Tenny" Coats and Sammy Pace, both of Decatur, and Charles Arden (Charlie) Payne of Florence are being recognized for their athletic accomplishments at the annual Alumni Awards luncheon beginning at noon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.



**Willie J. Coats**

When he was hired in 1995 as East Central's 17th head football coach, Willie J. "Tenny" Coats took over a program that had experienced only one winning season the previous eight campaigns. The Warriors had won just four games during the prior three seasons. But under Coats' leadership, it did not take long for the Warriors to become winners.

After a 2-8 mark in 1996, Coats led East Central the following season to a 10-1 mark, which included a 7-6 win over Middle Georgia College in the second annual Huddle House Golden Isles Bowl Classic held in Brunswick, Georgia. The 1998 squad - South State runners-up - also finished fifth in the final NJCAA poll. In recognition of his team's success, Coats received "Coach of the Year" honors by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Coats' success as Warrior head mentor continued the following season as he led East Central to a 7-3 mark. He retired following season action, but not before making his mark as one of the College's most successful coaches. The Warriors won 19 of their last 23 games, a feat unmatched to date.

Coats was lured out of retirement in 1999 to serve briefly as defensive coordinator for the Mississippi Pride of the Regional Professional Football League.

He now spends most of his time on the golf course, although he continues to follow Warrior football. His son, Tim, has been a member of the Warrior staff since 1995 and currently serves as offensive coordinator and assistant head football coach.

Regarding his selection to the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame, Coats said he was "thankful, humbled and surprised." He further commented, "I owe anything that I have accomplished to God and my

family, especially my wife (Lula). I enjoyed my career very much. I love coaching and working with young people."

Coats said he was influenced in choosing a career in coaching by his father, Elgin Coats, and his high school coach, K. C. McKee.

Prior to beginning a successful coaching career that spanned 39 years, Coats was a standout athlete in high school, college and in the professional ranks.

He played quarterback and was captain of his Stonewall High School team, which went undefeated in 1952 and 1953, and lost just one game in 1954. He was named to the All-State squad in 1954 and played in the 1955 Mississippi High School All-Star game. In addition, he was selected an honorable mention All-American. He was also a standout in basketball and baseball.

He continued his athletic career at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he played quarterback and defensive back on the 1958 Golden Eagle squad that went undefeated and was selected Small College National Champions. Coats received the team's sportsmanship award following the 1958 campaign. He was also a member of the USM baseball team.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation from USM in 1960, Coats signed a professional baseball contract with the Chicago Cubs and played one season on the Cubs' minor league team. His professional career also includes two years of minor league football as a defensive back with the Mobile Buccaneers of the Southern Professional Football League.

But coaching was Coats' true calling, and the first of his 39 seasons on the gridiron got underway in 1961 at Clara High School, where he served as assistant head football coach (1961-1962); head football coach, girls' basketball coach and baseball coach (1962-63); and boys' basketball coach and track coach. In addition, he taught social studies and physical education classes.

Although known mostly for his accomplishments as a football coach, Coats first found success on the basketball court. He was selected Rebel Conference Basketball Coach of the Year in 1962 after leading the Clara Whippets to the County, Sub-District and District titles.

He was later named athletic director, head football coach and baseball coach at Seminary High School, serving from 1964-65. He also continued to teach social studies and physical education. During this period he was selected Rebel Conference Football Coach of the Year, after guiding the 1965 squad to an 8-2 record.

Coats left Seminary for Lumberton High School in 1966, serving as athletic director, head football coach and track coach until 1970. He also

taught driver's education and physical education classes.

He joined the East Central Community College football staff in 1970, serving as assistant to then head coach Ken Pouncey for seven seasons. Coats, who served as offensive coordinator, helped lead the Warriors to back-to-back 7-3 seasons in 1970 and 1971. Successful seasons were also registered in 1975 (7-2-2) and 1976 (6-4-1). During his tenure at EC, Coats was twice selected to serve as an assistant coach in the Mississippi Junior College All-Star games. In addition to his duties as football coach, Coats was head baseball coach and taught physical education classes.

Coats left East Central in 1976 to serve as athletic director and head football coach at Decatur High School, where he also taught social studies and physical education classes. He again found success on the gridiron, as his 1978 squad posted a perfect 11-0 mark, which included a win over Noxapater in the East Mississippi Bowl Game, and was ranked #1 in Mississippi small schools. Coats was also selected Coach of the Year in the Choctaw Conference.

Following his success at Decatur, Coats returned to his native Clarke County, serving a three-year stint as athletic director, head football coach and track coach at Quitman High School. He was named Track Coach of the Year in the Sam Dale Conference for 1980.

He returned to the college coaching ranks in 1981, when he was chosen assistant football coach and track coach at Delta State University. He also taught physical education classes, served as athletic dormitory supervisor and found time to complete his master's degree.

Coats left DSU in 1984 for Hattiesburg High School, where he served as head football coach for eight seasons. A highlight of his tenure at Hattiesburg was guiding the 1988 squad to a perfect 10-0 mark and a number-one ranking in the state. Coats was twice named "Coach of the Year" by the Hattiesburg American during his stint at Hattiesburg. He was also tapped to serve as an assistant coach for the 1987 Mississippi High School All-Star game.

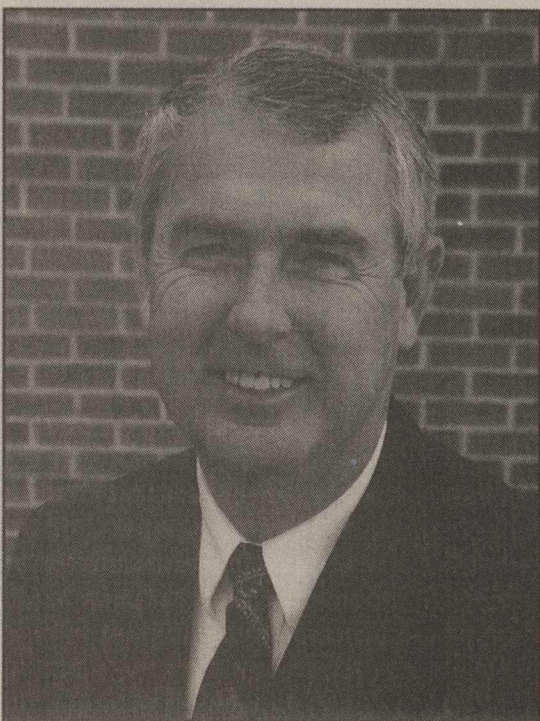
He was selected to lead the Pearl River Community College football program in 1991 and successfully guided the Wildcats to a 28-13 record over four campaigns, including a 10-1 mark and the South State Championship in 1992. The same squad set several school records and finished season action ranked seventh in the nation.

In recognition of his success at PRC, Coats was chosen to speak at the 1993 National Collegiate Coaches Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. He also spoke at the 1994 Gulf Coast Coaching Clinic.

Coats completed his career as a head football coach by following his success at PRC with a successful tenure guiding the ECCC Warriors.

He is a member of Clarke Venable Baptist Church and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Coats and his wife Lula have four grown children: Mrs. Marty (Patti) Ezell of Decatur, a Newton County Elementary School teacher; Tim Coats of Decatur, ECCC assistant head football coach and offensive coordinator; Stan Coats, who's employed with the Mississippi National Guard at Camp Shelby; and Kristi Coats, a former player on the Ladies' Professional Golf Association tour who now resides in Fairfax, California, and works with the mentally handicapped. Kristi was an All-American golfer at Louisiana State University. In addition, the Coats have five grandchildren: Alan Coats, Brandon Ezelle, Carmen Ezelle, Patrick Ezelle and Conner Coats.



**Sammy Pace**

For 16 years Sammy Pace successfully guided the Lady Warrior basketball program, compiling an overall record of 279 wins and 157 losses. His most recent success came during last year's season, when the East Central women captured the Region 23 Tournament and advanced to the NJCAA Tournament en route to a 22-7 record. Pace, who retired in June following 30 years of service in the field of education, said he is "very pleased" regarding his selection to the College's Athletic Hall of Fame, but quickly gave credit to his former players for the program's success.

"Being inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame is obviously a very important highlight in my life - but the thing that I appreciate the most is knowing that I wouldn't be here without the effort of a lot of people who played for me. I had players with talent and players with just a lot of heart and they gave me what I asked for most of the time," Pace said.

He further commented: "My career has been very rewarding and satisfying in many ways. It's (coaching) a very demanding lifestyle, which took a lot from my family, who fortunately has been very supportive. It's also very satisfying to see former students and former players who are successful in their professional and personal lives because I have always tried to instill in them that basketball was a means to an end, not the end itself. Education was the top priority."

Pace's accomplishments in leading the Lady Warriors since 1985 also include an NJCAA Consolation Bracket Championship and Region 23 Tournament title in 1994; eight additional Region 23

Tournament appearances, including four second-place finishes; three South Division championships; and three South Division runners-up titles. The 1993-94 squad was also ranked seventh in the nation in the final NJCAA poll. In all, his teams experienced 14 winning seasons.

Pace said he knew from an early age that he wanted to be a basketball coach, and credits one of his siblings with helping to provide a love for the sport.

"My older brother, Kenneth, played basketball in high school, and watching him got me hooked on the game and led to my eventually making it a career," Pace said.

He also credits Richard Harris, who recently retired following a successful career as a high school basketball coach and was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990.

"Coach Harris was the first coach I ever worked with professionally. He taught me a lot about the game and working with people. He also gave me a chance to be a head coach," Pace said.

Regarding highlights of his years as Lady Warrior head coach, Pace referred to the two squads (1993-94 and 2000-01) that won Region 23 Tournament titles.

"I have compared the two regional championship teams and I find there are a lot of similarities in them. Both were sophomore-led and were backed up by very good freshmen. The 1995-96 team was successful, winning the South State Tournament and division championship. And I think this year's team will continue the success of the 2000-01 squad," Pace stated.

Pace noted another highlight occurred in 1996.

"We had a 7-5 division record prior to the South Division Tournament and thought for sure we would be seeded fourth or fifth. But because of tie-breaker rules and what had happened in the final season games, we ended up being the number one seed - and won the tournament.

That was really a highlight, because we went to the state tournament, after winning the division crown, with a team I did not think had the kids to win but we had folks who played their hearts out. I rode them a lot and really stayed after them the entire game. Some of the players on that team were Melody Reed, Jennifer Musgrove, Jennifer Alexander - all great kids," Pace said.

He also mentioned the 1992 group, whose members included Gloria Clay, Brooke Smith, April Hendon, Misty Wright, Nicole Flint and Susan Williams.

"They were not expected to win a division or state tournament but they worked very hard and I enjoyed coaching them. We ended up with a winning season but if we had not worked as hard as we did the results would have been disastrous! I am especially proud of that group, many of

whom have successful careers," Pace said. Although Pace's squads captured several region and division crowns, he was disappointed at not winning a state title. "Leaving here without a state championship is probably my biggest disappointment, and I don't mind saying that. I am not disappointed with the kids; I think maybe we did a great job just to get to the state championship. I really thought in 1995 - when we came in second - that our kids played their hearts out. A couple of other times I thought we had a good chance to win it all but things just don't always work out like you want them to," he said.

Prior to his tenure at East Central, where he also served nine years as athletic director and taught sociology classes, Pace was a successful coach on the high school level, compiling an overall 134-57 record at Hickory, Scott Central and Sebastopol. He led the Scott Central Lady Rebels to the 1979 state title.

Pace is a former basketball player himself, and was a member of Coach Joe Clark's 1969-1970 and 1970-71 squads at East Central. He said he has fond memories of being a Warrior with his 6' 5" frame.

"When I came to East Central, there was an adjustment to be made from my high school playing days at Lake, where my senior year I averaged scoring 21.5 points and about 15 or 16 rebounds. While I think I played in every game my freshman year at East Central, I only started the last five. As a sophomore, I don't remember how many games I started, but I played in every game. Coach Joe was our coach and helped me a lot. I was just an average player at East Central, but I think it was during this time that I developed a coaching mentality. It was also during this period that I considered majoring in marine biology. In fact, I taught biology in high school for several years. Many people may not realize it, but my degree is in science, not coaching," Pace said.

Pace said other memories of his time as a student at East Central included: "Remembering incoming freshmen getting their heads shaved, and spending the next several weeks trying not to look in the mirror; Joe Clark coming in the dorm in the middle of the night, breaking up poker parties and keeping everybody's money; experiencing the fear we all felt when we checked our mail because we were constantly dreading finding our draft notices to serve in Vietnam; and watching NBA finals with other students and friends."

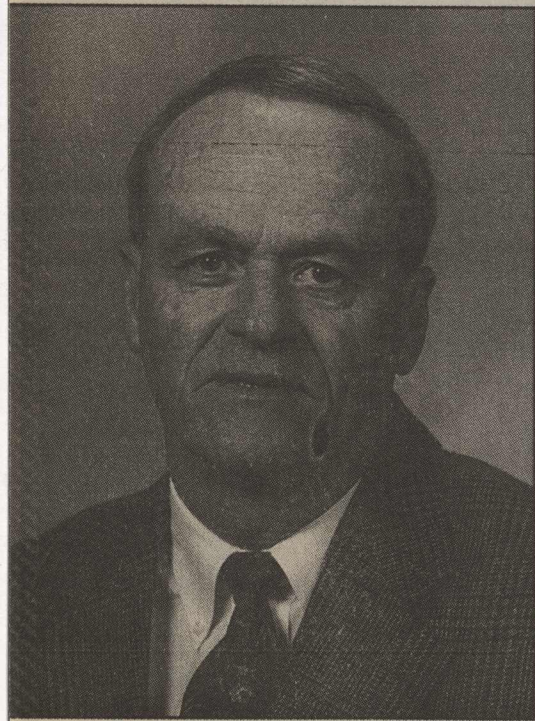
Although retired from his career in education, Pace continues to serve in the Army National Guard, where his rank is Sergeant First Class. He has been a member of the Guard for 22 years and is unsure when he will retire from military service.

Among his hobbies are traveling, camping, woodworking, water sports and following NASCAR. Pace said he and his family especially enjoy their annual camping trip to the Smokey Mountains. He is a member of the Coaches' Association of the Mississippi Association of



Community and Junior Colleges, where he has served as a member and secretary on the executive committee of the Athletic Directors' Association. He is a former member of Ephesus Baptist Church, where he taught the Young Adults Sunday School Class for several years. He is currently a member of Decatur United Methodist Church.

Pace holds an associate in arts degree from ECCC, and has a bachelor's degree in general science and a master's degree in administration and community college education from Mississippi State University. He has completed additional coursework at MSU. He is married to the former Virginia Barrett of Forest, who teaches English at the College. She is also a member of the ECCC Class of 1971, and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English from MSU. They have two daughters. Amy, a graduate of ECCC and the University of Southern Mississippi, is employed at the Southern Neuro-Science Center in Hattiesburg. Amy is married to Lance Pittman, who is employed at a Hattiesburg radio station and is involved in broadcasting various sporting events for USM. Jennifer previously graduated from ECCC and is currently enrolled in the College's Associate Degree Nursing program. She also attended USM. Jennifer works part-time at Rush Memorial Hospital in Meridian. Amy and Jennifer are also members of the ECCC Hall of Fame.



Charlie Payne

He was a standout member of the 1961-62 and 1962-63 East Central Community College basketball squads, having been named All-State both years. He was also the top scorer both seasons, helping lead the Warriors to an impressive 37-11 mark. For Charlie Payne of Florence, being inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame represents a proud moment. I am very appreciative of receiving this honor. Many outstanding individuals, several of whom I know personally, are in the Athletic Hall of Fame and I feel very fortunate to join this

group. East Central offered me the opportunity to continue playing the game of basketball that I love and the opportunity to further my education. I have fond memories of my time at East Central and am proud to acknowledge that I am an alumnus of this fine community college. I thank the Alumni Association for selecting me for this honor," Payne said.

Payne came to East Central following a stellar career at Union High School, where he played basketball, football, baseball and ran track. He was named All Choctaw Conference for all four sports. He also led the conference in touchdowns scored his senior year in 1961, and the same year was named a basketball All-Star. In addition, he was named to the Newton County All-Tournament Team in basketball.

During his freshman year at East Central, Payne helped lead the Warriors to a 15-8 season. He recalled that the team's record could have been better. "We had an outstanding team made up of players all from the five-county district. There were several games in those eight losses that could have been victories. I consider it fortunate that Robert Thomas and I both were named first team All-State that year. To have two people out of the five selected to be from one college was an honor for our team, coaching staff and college," he said. He said a highlight of his freshman year was actually a Warrior defeat – a 31-29 triple overtime loss to Itawamba,

which went undefeated all year and won the state championship. The following year, Payne and his Warrior teammates rolled to a 22-3 mark and one of the best records in school history. Only a state title could have provided a more memorable experience. "While it was disappointing we did not win the overall, I'll always believe we had the best team in the state that year (1962-63). I only regret that I was not able to participate with my teammates in the championship game against Southwest at Senatobia, as I was sick. We thought I had the flu, but it turned out I had the mumps – on both sides!" he stated.

Payne continued his athletic career at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he was a member of the 1963-64 and 1964-65 squads. He led the Golden Eagles in scoring both years and served as team co-captain. He was also named to the "All Opponent" team by several universities. Upon completion of his senior year of eligibility at USM, Payne assisted in coaching the freshman team with Coach Jeep Clark. Following his college years,

Payne began a successful career in business, and recently observed 30 years of service with the Mississippi Farm Bureau Insurance Company, where he serves as property and casualty underwriter. His responsibilities include accepting or rejecting applications for insurance coverage on automobiles and dwellings as submitted by the agency force in the 82 counties; reviewing policies in force periodically; working with and assisting new or less experienced underwriters; and visiting assigned counties and reviewing business with agents. In recognition of his success with the company, he has received "Employee of the Month" on several occasions and is a nominee for "Employee of the Year" for 2001, to be announced in early 2002. Payne made the following comment regarding his recipe for success.

"Honesty, integrity, pride in a job well done, teamwork and a good work ethic – all of these qualities I feel are important to be successful in one's career. I have seen these qualities exemplified in family members, teachers, coaches, supervisors and co-workers throughout my life. I have tried to conduct myself in a manner representative of the influence these people have had on me. I hope I have achieved a degree of success in my career as an underwriter."

Payne has been involved in community activities, having served as a member of the Board of Trustees at Magnolia Academy in Jackson. As a parent volunteer, he also coached his sons' football and basketball teams through the YMCA and at Magnolia Academy. He is married to the former Dee Nicholson, a 1964 ECCC honor graduate and former May Queen. She recently retired following 30 years of service as an elementary school teacher for Jackson Public Schools. The Paynes recently observed their 35th wedding anniversary. They have two sons, Chris and Jeff. Chris, 32, is a business major graduate of Mississippi College and serves as an assistant vice president with Trustmark National Bank in Jackson. He and his wife Susan, a nurse, have a daughter, Lauren, age two. They are expecting a second child in January, and reside in Madison. Jeff, 29, attended Hinds Community College and is employed by the City of Richland Parks and Recreation Department. His wife Christy is a nurse and they have three children – Nicholas, 11; Carrington, two; and Lawson, one. They reside in Richland. Payne said he is "very proud" that both of his sons were selected to play on high school basketball All-Star teams, just as he was his senior year at Union High School.

cally been finding out who can learn our way of doing things the quickest. We haven't had any problems so far getting our message across to the players. They are a real energetic bunch and have worked very hard. So far they have done everything that we have asked them to do. Everything is really going quite well," Smith said. The Warriors are led

## Fundraising Group Organized To Support ECCC Band Program

Supporters of the East Central Community College Band program have an opportunity to provide financial assistance to the talented group by becoming a member of the recently organized "Friends of the Wall O' Sound."

Thomas W. Carson, ECCC director of bands, said additional funds are needed to maintain the level of quality the band program has achieved over the past several years.

"With the recent tremendous growth of the East Central band, demands for equipment and facilities have created new challenges on the financial resources available for our program," said Carson, who in his 20th year at the College. He added, "The ECCC Foundation is making available to all alumni and fans of the band an opportunity to 'help make music' through financial support."

In addition to the 150-member Wall O' Sound Marching Band, East Central offers a concert band, jazz band, the Collegians, percussion ensemble and a touring marching drum line, which round out a diverse and active program available to area high school graduates.

Carson said membership in "Friends of the Wall O' Sound" is available according to the following levels of support: Maestro Level - \$1,000 or more; Conductor Level - \$500; Director Level - \$250; Section Leader Level - \$100; First Chair Level - \$50; and Band Aide Level - \$25.

Membership runs from January 1 to December 31 each year.

All contributions are tax deductible when made payable to the ECCC Foundation, Inc. For more information contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327.

## ECCC Warrior Corps Officers



These East Central Community College students are serving as 2001-2002 officers of the College's Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events. From left are Jonathan Huff of Forest, treasurer; Lana Rogers of Carthage, president; Jessica Eakes of Philadelphia, vice president; and Matt Stone of Noxapater, secretary. Michael Alexander serves as adviser.

## East Central Community College DIAMOND WARRIOR BASEBALL 2002 Baseball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
February				
12	Tuesday	West Alabama (JV)	Livingston	(S)2:00 P.M.
14	Thursday	Shelton State	UWA	5:00 P.M.
18	Monday	East Mississippi	Decatur	1:00 P.M.
19	Tuesday	West Alabama (JV)	Decatur	(S)1:00 P.M.
22	Friday	Rush Classic – Jones	Meridian	(S)12:00 P.M.
23	Saturday	Rush Classic – EMCC	Meridian	(S)12:00 P.M.
24	Sunday	Rush Classic – MCC	Meridian	(S)3:00 P.M.
27	Wednesday	Itawamba	Decatur	3:00 P.M.
March				
2	Saturday	Shelton State	Decatur	1:00 P.M.
4	Monday	MS College (JV)	Clinton	3:00 P.M.
8	Friday	Gulf Coast	Perkinston	4:00 P.M.
16	Saturday	Pearl River	Poplarville	1:00 P.M.
20	Wednesday	Co-Lin	Decatur	2:00 P.M.
23	Saturday	Southwest	Decatur	1:00 P.M.
27	Wednesday	Rockingham	Decatur	1:00 P.M.
29	Friday	Hinds	Decatur	1:00 P.M.
April				
2	Tuesday	Jones Ellisville		4:00 P.M.
6	Saturday	Gulf Coast	Decatur	1:00 P.M.
9	Tuesday	Pearl River	Decatur	2:00 P.M.
10	Wednesday	MCC	Decatur	(S)1:00 P.M.
13	Saturday	Co-Lin	Wesson	1:00 P.M.
15	Monday	Judges Cup – EMCC	Scooba	(S)6:30 P.M.
17	Wednesday	Southwest	Summit	4:00 P.M.
19	Friday	Itawamba	Fulton	4:00 P.M.
23	Tuesday	Hinds	Raymond	4:00 P.M.
27	Saturday	Jones	Decatur	1:00 P.M.

President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin  
Athletic Director Terry Underwood  
Head Coach Jake Yarbrough  
Assistant Patrick Robey  
Managers C. Joe Sullivan, Brian Newell, Jason Eaves

All Games Are Double-Headers Unless Noted As Single.

## Warriors, Lady Warriors Prepare for Season Opener

A new era in East Central Community College basketball gets underway Friday, November 2, when the Warriors and Lady Warriors travel to Holmes Community College in non-division action on the Goodman campus.

Both EC squads are led by new head coaches – Billy Smith, who assumed the men's job following Jay Bowen's departure in August, and Brad Hodge,

who was selected to guide the women's program following the retirement of Sammy Pace.

Smith, a former high school girls' coach at Neshoba Central where his teams amassed a 388-151 record – including a state championship – during his 16-year tenure, said he has been pleased with the response of his new team.

"We began workouts on October 1 and have basi-

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Lady Warriors Prepare for Season Opener

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by returning sophomore James Denson, a 6'3 guard/forward from Choctaw Central, who averaged 12.2 points and 7.5 rebounds on last year's 12-14 squad. Other top returnees include Winfred Craig, a 6'4" forward from Louisville, who averaged 11.3 points and 4.9 rebounds, and Markeith Brown, a 5'11" guard from Provine High School in Jackson, who scored 9.8 points and had 4.4 rebounds per contest. Other returnees are Maurice English, a 6'3" guard from Union, and Clint Hatch, a 6'6" forward/center

from Carthage, Freshmen are Kevin Bobbitt, a 6' guard from Lake; Maweesha Carter, a 6'7" center from Ft. Payne (Ala.); Reggie Carter, a 6'5" forward/center from University Christian; Donzel Crenshaw, a 6'4" guard/forward from Ridgeway High School in Memphis; Carlton Dodd, a 6'1" guard from Thomastown; Will Florence, a 6' guard from North Delta High School in Courtland, Miss.; Corey Hornsby, a 6'5" forward from Istrouma/Wallace State; Daniel Price, a 6' guard from Wingfield/Coahoma; Demario Qualls, a 6' guard from Newton; and Jason Richardson, a 6'7" center

from Wilcox Central (Ala.). Succeeding someone as successful as Sammy Pace will not be an easy task, but Brad Hodge said following his former boss has been made somewhat easier because of the players he has brought to the program. "I've been very fortunate to walk into my first head coaching job and have the leadership that we've got from the sophomores. So from that standpoint, the transition has been so much easier. I can't ask for any more leadership that has been provided from this group of sophomores," Hodge said. Returnees from last year's 22-7 team that cap-

tured the Region 23 Tournament title include Nikki Lacour, a 5'9" guard from Natchitoches Central (La.), Lori Cumberland, a 5'9" guard from Leake Academy and Trelisa Eichelberger, a 5'9" forward from Noxapater. Lacour is the returning leading scorer, averaging 9.9 points and 5.2 rebounds. Cumberland averaged 2.7 points and 2.4 rebounds, and Eichelberger scored 2.9 points and had 1.4 rebounds per contest. Other sophomores include former Lady Warrior Becky Killen, a 5'5" guard from Sebastopol, and transfers Christina Ford, a 5'8" guard/forward from Enterprise and Shelley

Giddings, a 5'6" guard from University City High School n Philadelphia, PA. Freshmen are Crystal Lewis, a 5'4" guard and Melinda Ben, a 5'9" forward/guard, both from Choctaw Central; Tamekia Foley, a 5'10" guard and Lakelia Bogan, a 6'3" center, both from Newton County; Patsy McKee, a 5'5" guard from Forest; Shaneka Cistrunk, a 5'7" guard from Louisville; Ashley Brown, a 6' center from Scott Central; and Belinda Potter, a 6'3" center from Neville High School in Monroe, LA. Serving as first-year assistant coaches are Shane Eck (men), a former assistant at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, and Toby

Bush (women), who previously served as head student manager at the University of Memphis. Joey McLeod of Rush Sports Medicine serves as athletic trainer. Student assistants for the men's team are Kenny McWilliams of Philadelphia and Timothy Morgan of Lake. Student assistants for the Lady Warrior squad are Danyell Hudson of Noxapater, Ashley Jones of Newton, Jill Daugherty of Carthage and Mary Shannon of Philadelphia. Statisticians are Megan Logan of Newton and Jennifer Pace of Decatur.

## ECCC Warriors Rally To Finally Defeat Hinds, 25-16

ECCC Warrior Corps Officers

Almost two decades of frustration came to an end for the East Central Community College football Warriors who overcame an early 10-point deficit and defeated Hinds Community College 25-16 Thursday night in Raymond.

The South Division victory snapped a 19-game losing streak to the Eagles, and even more importantly moved the Warriors into a first place tie with Jones County Junior College for the division lead. Both teams are 3-0 and have identical overall records at 5-1. The two teams will battle for sole possession of the top spot this Saturday, when the Warriors host the Bobcats for Homecoming. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.

For East Central head coach Terry Underwood, notching the first win over Hinds since 1981 was obviously a great accomplishment.

"We were tickled to get the victory. It was a great team win; everybody did what they had to do to get the job done. I give credit to the coaching staff, the players and especially the sophomores, who really wanted to prove we could beat Hinds," Underwood said.

Odds of beating the defending state champions looked bleak in the early going as Hinds jumped out to 10-0 lead. Quarterback John Arterberry of Jackson tallied on a one-yard plunge, capping a 4-play, 53-yard march on the game's first possession. Trey Crum of Terry booted the PAT.

The Eagles set up another score when linebacker Kudell Norwood of Pearl intercepted Warrior quarterback Brian Zbydniewski and returned the pigskin to the East Central nine-yard-line. However, the Warrior defense stiffened, forcing Hinds to settle for Crum's 34-yard field goal and a 10-0 advantage with 7:40 left in the first period.

East Central got on the scoreboard late in the first stanza when Zbydniewski, a sophomore from Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, connected with wide receiver Dontay Spillman of Louisville, Kentucky, on a nine-yard touchdown strike. Danny Haynes of Killen, Alabama, booted the PAT. The short scoring drive was set up when linebacker Melvin Cotton, a former standout at Holt (Alabama) High School, intercepted a Hinds pass and gave EC possession on the Eagle 16-yard-line.

The Warriors would later tie the contest at 10-10 on Haynes' 28-yard field goal with 1:51 left before halftime. A key play during the scoring march was a 48-yard pass from Zbydniewski to Spillman, giving EC possession on the Hinds 30.

East Central took the lead for good in third period action when running back Patrick Prince of Tuscaloosa (Alabama) County burst through the Eagle defense on a 17-yard scamper to the end zone. Haynes missed the PAT. The go-ahead drive covered 63 yards and took seven plays.

The Warrior defense was credited with their next score – a safety, when Arterberry was flagged for intentional grounding in the end zone with 10:14 left in the game.

Thanks to Spillman's 50-yard return on the ensuing kickoff, East Central had excellent field position on the Hinds 35, but the Warriors were unable to capitalize, as Haynes' 51-yard field goal was wide left.

East Central did take advantage of a fumble recovery by defensive lineman Arrion Triplett of Louisville, whose effort gave the Warriors possession on the Hinds 32. It took just two plays for the EC to score, as Zbydniewski lofted a perfect 31-yard scoring strike to Spillman with 7:25 remaining. Haynes added the PAT.

Hinds made the final score a little more respectable when quarterback Patrick Walker of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, fired an 11-yard touchdown strike to Darius Wilson of Jackson with 3:22 left. The two-point conversion failed.

East Central had 358 total yards of offense. Zbydniewski completed nine of 19 passes for 148 yards and two touchdowns. Spillman was the leading receiver with six catches for 125 yards and two scores. Prince was the top ground gainer with 90 yards on 24 carries. Ramon Williams, a product of Brookwood (Alabama) High School had 58 yards on 12 carries.

Hinds, which fell to 2-4 overall and 0-3 in league play, had 141 yards passing and 81 yards rushing for a 222 total.

## Warrior Basketball Team



Members of the East Central Community College Warrior basketball team include (seated, from left) student assistant Timothy Morgan of Lake, Will Florence of North Delta High School (Courtland, Ms.), Joey Dixon of Mendenhall, Maurice English of Union, Winfred Craig of Louisville, Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, Carlton Dodd of Thomastown, Demario Qualls of Newton and student assistant Kenny McWilliams of Philadelphia; and (standing, from left) head coach Bill Smith, Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School (Memphis, Tenn.), Clint Hatch of Carthage, Corey Hornsby of Istrouma High School (Baton Rouge, La.), Maweesha Carter of Fort Payne High School (Ft. Payne, Ala.), Jason Richardson of Wilcox Central High School (Pine Hill, Ala.), Reggie Carter of University Christian School (Pearl), James Denson of Choctaw Central and assistant coach Shane Eck.

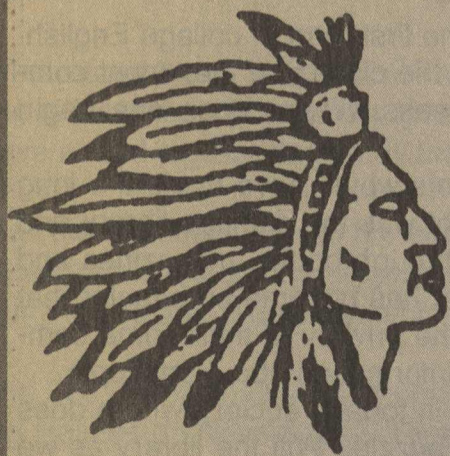
## ECCC Lady Warriors



Members of the East Central Community College Lady Warrior basketball team include (seated, from left) Belinda Potter of Neville High School (Monroe, La), Becky Killen of Sebastopol, Crystal Lewis of Choctaw Central, Shelley Giddings of University City High School (Philadelphia, Penn.), Patsy McKee of Forest, Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central, Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches Central (Natchitoches, La.), and Tamekia Foley of Newton County High School; and (standing from left) student assistants Ashley Jones of Newton, Amanda Grayson of Sebastopol, Jill Daugherty of Carthage and Danyell Hudson of Noxapater, Lakelia Bogan of Newton County High School, Ashley Brown of Scott Central, Christina Ford of Enterprise, Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater, assistant coach Toby Bush and interim head coach Brad Hodge.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE				
BASKETBALL SCHEDULE				
2001-2002				
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	
NOVEMBER				
2 (FRI.)	HOLMES	GOODMAN	5:00 PM	
8 (THURS.)	NORTHEST MS	HOME	6:00 PM	
12 (MON.)	MS DELTA	MOORHEAD	6:00 PM	
15 (THURS.)	EAST MISSISSIPPI	HOME	6:00 PM	
19 (MON.)	HOLMES (ECCC TOURNEY)	HOME	6:00 PM	
20 (TUES.)	ITAWAMBA (ECCC TOURNEY)	HOME	6:00 PM	
29 (THURS.)	GULF COAST	HOME	6:00 PM	
DECEMBER				
3 (MON.)	MS DELTA	HOME	6:00 PM	
6 (THURS.)	NORTHWEST MS	HOME	6:00 PM	
JANUARY				
10 (THURS.)	ITAWAMBA	FULTON	6:00 PM	
14 (MON.)	CO-LIN	WESSON	6:00 PM	
17 (THURS.)	SOUTHWEST MS	HOME	6:00 PM	
22 (TUES.)	JONES	ELLISVILLE	6:00 PM	
24 (THURS.)	PEARL RIVER	HOME	6:00 PM	
28 (MON.)	HINDS	UTICA	6:00 PM	
31 (THURS.)	GULF COAST	PERKINSTON	6:00 PM	
FEBRUARY				
4 (MON.)	MERIDIAN (WOMEN)	MERIDIAN	7:00 PM	
4 (MON.)	MS COLLEGE JV (MEN)	CLINTON	6:00 PM	
7 (THURS.)	CO-LIN	HOME	6:00 PM	
11 (MON.)	SOUTHWEST MS	SUMMITT	6:00 PM	
14 (THURS.)	JONES	HOME	6:00 PM	
18 (MON.)	PEARL RIVER	POPLARVILLE	6:00 PM	
21 (THURS.)	HINDS	HOME	6:00 PM	
25 - 28	STATE TOURNEY	TBA	TBA	
MARCH				
4 - 7	REGION TOURNEY	CLINTON	TBA	





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## ECCE HEADWAE Honorees Announced

East Central Community College faculty member Marc McCool of Louisville and sophomore Matt Davis of Decatur are this year's recipients of the annual HEADWAE award, which recognizes outstanding instructors and students representing the state's public and private colleges and universities.

Established in 1988, HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) is a program of the Mississippi Legislature, sponsored by the state's corporate community and coordinated by the Mississippi Association of Colleges. The 2002 program is scheduled February 19, and begins at the State

Capitol at 10 a.m. followed by an awards luncheon at 11:45 a.m. in the Empire Room of the Clarion Hotel.

McCool has taught history at the college since the fall of 1998. Honors he has received include being selected to Who's Who Among Faculty in American Junior Colleges and Who's Who Among Faculty in American High Schools. In addition, McCool was named Louisville High School's STAR Teacher in 1998 and was selected to participate in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Lamplighter Conference in 1999.

He is a member of the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges and

Future Educators of America.

McCool is a member of Noxapater Baptist Church where he serves as a youth Sunday school teacher. His civic activities include participation in the Boy Scouts of America, Noxapater High School Booster Club, Winston Patriot Booster Club and the ECCE Alumni Association.

He is married to the former Carrie Hollingsworth of Louisville. They have two children, Tyler, 13, and Lindsey, 7.

Davis, an engineering major, has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges. In addition, he received the Freshman

Chemistry Award, the L.B. Simmons History Award and an East Central Scholar's Scholarship.

He serves as president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon engineering club, Vice President for Service for Phi Theta Kappa, the international

honor society of the two-year college, and reporter for Mu Alpha Theta, a mathematics honor society.

Davis is also a member of the Presidents Council, the Scholar's Bowl team, the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band and the

Warrior Corps, an elite group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events.

A graduate of Newton County High School, Davis is the son of Ron and Patti Davis of Decatur.



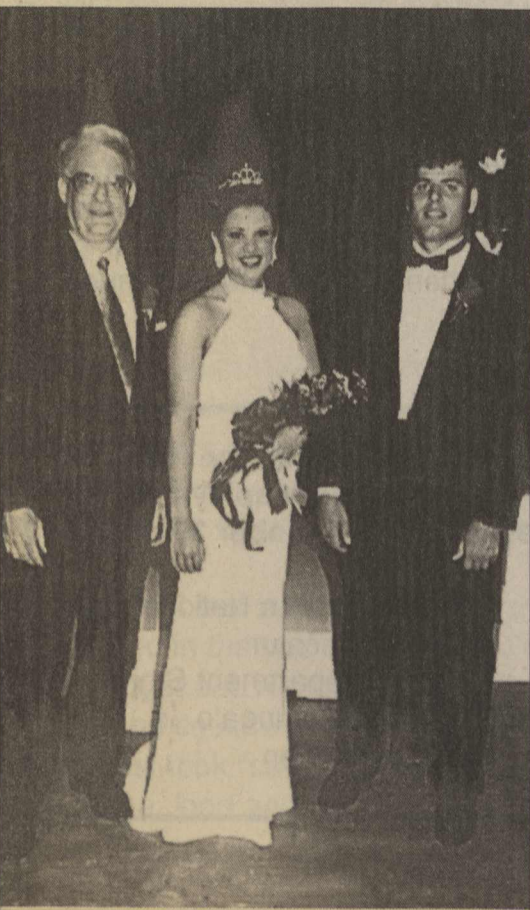
McCool, Davis Selected ECCE HEADWAE Honorees



## Queen Melonie Crowned

East Central Community College Homecoming Queen Melonie Moore of Philadelphia receives her crown from College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin during halftime ceremonies of the Warriors' football matchup with Jones County Junior College on Saturday, October 20. Moore, a sophomore sociology major from Neshoba Central High School, was escorted by Warrior basketball player Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine. At right is 2000 titleholder Emily Boggan of Decatur, who presented the new queen with a bouquet of roses. Boggan attends the University of Mississippi.

## Warren Selected Most Beautiful



Gabrielle Warren (center) of Leake Academy was recently crowned most beautiful in the annual East Central Community College Beauty Pageant. Most handsome Brian Lillis (right) of Neshoba Central was chosen by a vote of the student body. Warren is the daughter of Tommy and Sue Warren of Forest. Lillis is the son of Keith and Marsha Lillis of Philadelphia. Crowning most beautiful was College president Dr. Phil Sutphin (left).

## New Year Will Bring New Classes, Curriculum

Students who attend classes at East Central Community College during 2002 will find that the college continues to add various new courses to the schedule each semester, according to Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction.

"During the spring semester, we will add Police Administration and Organization I to the Criminal Justice curriculum. This will be in addition to the Introduction to Criminal Justice course that is already being taught," said Sparkman. "We will continue to try and add one new course each semester. "We are adding the Dental Hygiene Curriculum and the Wildlife and Fisheries Curriculum to our catalog for

the fall semester. This will help students who plan to major in these fields after they transfer to universities and four-year colleges.

Other new courses offered during the spring semester are Business Seminar I, a one-hour class for students who participate in SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), & Land Surveying. Sparkman said, "Business Seminar I is designed to coordinate the various business-related student activities to the local level. It promotes leadership and professionalism in civic and social functions. Land Surveying will help students who are majoring in Forestry progress smoothly from East Central to Mississippi State University."

In addition to the many new

courses available for students, the College continues to provide classes in many major fields of study.

Dr. Sparkman said, "Money Magazine recently listed the top 50 hot jobs. East Central offers courses that can help students get started toward many of these top positions. For example, computer engineering was listed as the number one hot job. Our computer networking support technology curriculum would be a great place for students to start. This program currently has more students enrolled than any other technical program offered at the college.

"We also offer the first two years of courses in computers, physical therapy, educa-

tion and marketing, which were also listed in the top 50 hot jobs. Legal and medical secretary was number seven on the list and the college offers a two-year technical degree in medical office technology.

These are just a few of the options available at East Central Community College. For more information contact the Office of Student Services at 1-877-462-3222, ext. 205 or 375.

## How to Study for Finals

By Ardria Harris

Final exams are approaching quickly and the question on a lot of student's minds is "How am I going to prepare for these tests?"

Many students don't have a clue as to how to study for all of those tests in just one week without frying their brains to a crisp! After all there is only so much one can remember.

Well, have no fear. Here are a few ideas on how one might devour all that information.

The Pillow Method: Probably invented a long time ago by college students with fried brains, the pillow method involves putting the text book under your pillow before you go to sleep. Be sure to open the book as a closed book will not work.

Note Cards Taped to the Walls Method: This

method involves taping note cards of information all over one's dorm room so that information is constantly being sent to the brain. Just don't get too carried away with this method.

Musical Method: If one likes music, this might be the right option. Make up songs that go along with notes. For instance, one might sing his or her history notes to the tune of "Yankee Doodle Dandy" or any other favorite song.

These are just a few tips on how nervous students might make it through exams. If all these options fail, one might try wearing his or her lucky shirt, hat or other clothing. Or there is the tried and true method of sitting down several days before the exam and actually studying your notes!

Good luck on finals!

## 2001 FALL SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

If your class meets as listed below:

The Exam will be given as listed below:

CLASS		EXAM
Monday, December 10, 2001		
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.
Tuesday, December 11, 2001		
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.
Wednesday, December 12, 2001		
MWF	11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
TT	11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
MWF	10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 13, 2001		
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, December 9, 2001, beginning at 8:00 a.m.



# Another Look At Homecoming

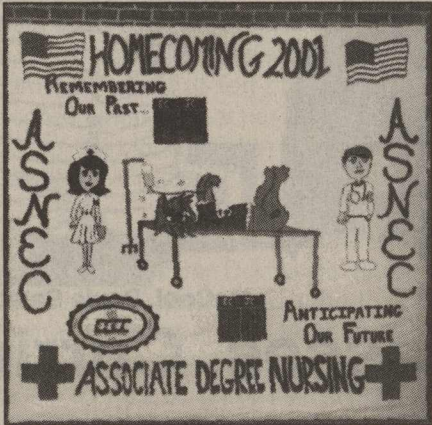


## ECCC Homecoming Honorees

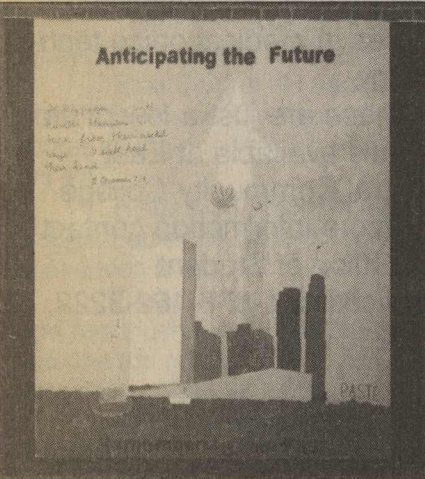
Above are recipients of the annual Alumni Association awards presented during Homecoming activities held October 20 at East Central Community College. Seated from left are Dr. Joe Todd of Cincinnati, Ohio, Alumnus of the Year; Betty Lewis Gomillion of Walnut Grove, Alumna of the Year; Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington of Clinton, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Polly Mayes of Newton, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year. Standing from left are Charlie Payne of Florence, and Sammy Pace and Willie Coats, both of Decatur, who were inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame.

## ECCC Homecoming Sign Contest Winner

The Association of Student Nurses at East Central Community College (ASNEC) won top honors in the College's annual Homecoming sign contest. This year's theme for Homecoming was "Remembering Our Past; Anticipating Our Future." Associate Degree Nursing instructor Dana Dear serves as ASNEC adviser.



## Selected 'Most Creative' ECCC Homecoming Sign



Recognized as the "most creative" Homecoming sign at East Central Community College was the above entry from PASTE (Post-Secondary Association of Student Teachers of Early Childhood). Mary Ann Wright serves as club adviser.

**TOM TOM STAFF**  
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Ardria Harris  
Kathy Jones  
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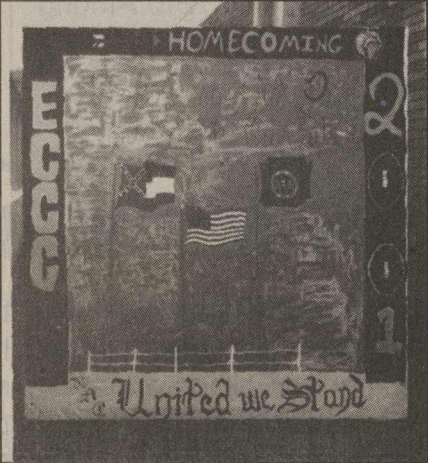


## ECCC Homecoming Royalty

Members of the East Central Community College Homecoming Court for 2001 were (first row, from left) freshman maids Cassie Henson of Philadelphia, Whitney Harris of Newton County High School, Kelli Linch of Nanih Waiya and Cynthia Fleming of Louisville; Queen Melonie Moore of Neshoba Central; Maid of Honor Katy Bourland of Winston Academy; and sophomore maids Molly Addkison of Winston Academy, Erica Tulllos of Neshoba Central and Tori Tijerina of Newton, and (standing from left) escorts Bryant Steele of Philadelphia, Matt Hedrick and John Thomas Roberts, both of Newton County; Ben Bourland of Louisville, Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, Ty Anderson of Newton County, Ryan Crick of Louisville, Dustin McGee of Newton County and Jeff Pates of Ocean Springs. The court was presented during halftime ceremonies of the East Central/Jones football game held October 20.

## Best 'Artistic' Homecoming Sign

The Native American Club at East Central Community College received the "Best Artistic Use of Theme" award following competition in the annual Homecoming sign contest. Head librarian Gloria Johnson and assistant Gail Wood serve as club advisers.



## Local TV Personality Visits Campus

Katina Rankin, evening news anchor for WAPT-TV in Jackson, recently presented an informative lecture on "Careers in Broadcasting" to members of the East Central Community College student body. Rankin spoke about the importance of setting goals, having determination and being committed to the hard work necessary to achieve career objectives. She is shown above with speech instructor Todd Brand who arranged the program, which was sponsored by the ECCC Communications Division.

## Will the Library Soon Be Like the Dinosaur?

The bell just rang to begin the first term of college English. Mr. Instructor begins by telling the class that they must complete a term paper in four weeks. Where does one begin researching the chosen topic?

Ten years ago, most students would have made the long trek to the building they thought was the campus library and spent many hours searching through books, magazines and newspapers. Today, the internet has become so popular that students never have to leave the privacy of their home computer to find an abundance of information about any topic. With the internet so prominent in today's society, where does the traditional library fit in the puzzle? Will the library as we once knew it be extinct like the dinosaurs or will it evolve into something totally different?

Gloria Johnson, East Central Community College's head librarian, said she thinks " the physical library, greatly enhanced by technology, will continue to be the vital link for research and continue to serve as the heart of the academic setting for information."

"Today, many students have access to the library and learning resources online from the privacy of their home. However, I think that students will continue to come to the library for both research and leisure reading because information retrieved through the internet is massive and instant, resulting in the need for continual instructions on how to access information. Also, experience shows that students need librarian/patron interaction," said Johnson.

Johnson also said "Traditional library services are complemented by the technological advances which make library and learning resources more accessible. Technologies are enabling the library to offer virtually unlimited access to information, regardless of location. Because of these advances and the need to assist users, the role of the information specialist or librarian has changed significantly and they are in greater demand than ever."

Johnson said on average 130 students a day use the computers in Burton Library. Do they continue to check out books, read newspapers and use the card catalog? Does the library even have a card catalog now?

"Yes, students still check out books, mainly for class assignments," said Johnson. "However a number of students check out books for leisure reading. And most students who normally read the newspaper continue to read the physical copy of the paper. Unless there is a paid subscription, most newspaper affiliates provide only an abridged version of their newspaper through the internet. Some students keep abreast of the news through the internet, especially for controversial or significant issues, such as the bombing of the World Trade Center."

The traditional card catalog does exist and Johnson said they use it as a teaching tool and in the event of technical problems with the online catalog.

"Even though we have stopped placing records in our card catalog, quite a few students still prefer to use the traditional catalog with the understanding that materials added to the collection since January 1997 are not included. Also, when there are a number of patrons conducting research at a given time, the traditional catalog is used," said Johnson.

In this fast-paced world we live in, the internet may be a student's first choice in finding information for that term paper but Communications Division Chairperson and English instructor Linda Pierce said there are specific requirements when it comes to research and the traditional library sources will continue to be used. She said, "We feel that practice in library usage is vital to success in college. Therefore, we make sure students do research both in the library and online. And the librarians at East Central are extremely helpful to both instructors and students."

"We encourage students to use a variety of sources so that they will have experience in locating information in books, magazines, newspapers and online. Different topics adapt more easily to the internet, while others adapt more easily to books.

"Although we allow students to use the internet in research and, in fact, encourage its use, we also require students to use the MAGNOLIA project through our library because of its valid and reliable sources."

The library is indeed changing. Maybe it won't be extinct any time soon, but it will definitely continue to be altered by the effects of technology.

In the meantime, Johnson said to make research simpler, students should know that research "is a process that involves planning and that it is not always literal."

She said, "In addition, students need to know how to 'manipulate' information using key word searching techniques and to become familiar with both traditional library resources and electronic databases. Computer literacy is vital for conducting research online. And when in doubt, students need to communicate with a librarian."

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# Campus Daily Doings

From staff reports

What about those drummers? The East Central Band's drum line is just great. They sound good; they look good, and they have added a great deal to all the band's halftime shows.

If all the coaches showed the enthusiasm that Coach Cheatham does at football games, every season would be a winning season. Did you see his face at Homecoming?

The 2001 basketball season opened with East Central playing Holmes on November 2. Those rooting for East Central consisted of about eight people. The coaches' wives, two former faculty members and four parents. Where were you? The teams need your support at away games.

What about those cell phones ringing in the midst of the beauty pageant? Knowing a little cell phone etiquette wouldn't hurt. The most beautiful must have thought the judges were calling to tell her she had won!

Students in Mrs. Moore's economics class have handed down an ultimatum. Either they all get at least a 100 or they have threatened to drop the class. The problem is, Mrs. Moore has been there before and student ultimatums mean nothing to her. She has drop cards handy.

Those odd looking things sitting around the campus are not phallic symbols or long necked vases from the Orient. They are for the disposal of cigarette butts. So, no matter what the smoke of your choice, throw your butt in the receptacle.

Mrs. Virginia Pace is looking for someone to take care of her two dogs. These are not ordinary dogs; they are huge animals. If you can offer room and board for two massive dogs, let her know.

Some folks have feature articles with pictures appearing in the Jackson Clarion Ledger. If you can kick a football like Danny Haynes, the sports writers from the Clarion Ledger will seek you out. Congratulations Danny!

If you haven't walked through the Butterfly Garden (bet you didn't know EC had one) do so. Dr. Hennington and her students are creating a place where one can sit to read, talk, court, contemplate and watch butterflies.

The number of cars attached to the mule, drums and sousaphones have become status symbols in community college bands. Speaking of bands, those two students who dance that sensual sequence at the finale of the show are Shanna Travis and Joey Stockman. Well, alright then!

The time has come when almost as many students eat lunch in the student center as in the cafeteria. Talk about hamburgers, those two ladies behind the counter are cooking hamburgers and fries from sun-up till noon and then some.

Check the library lobby display case. Paul McCaughn has a display of hand made race cars and colorful signs and symbols made from yarn. The display is a real eye-catcher.

The recent beauty pageant offered an evening of beautiful girls. The female students who sat near me commented on how good looking the guys were. The entertainment entertained and the stage formed a perfect backdrop for the pageant. Congratulations to the most beautiful, Gabie Warren, and the other beauties. We all need to give Mrs. Shackelford and Dr. Harris a tip of the hat, a wave of the hand, and a great big "thank you" for a pretty perfect pageant.

The most popular and most used items in the East Central library are not books but the battery of computers. Missy Suttle and Wes Hensley agree that if you want some quick help with an assignment just connect with a computer.

Meagan Morrison, Ura Seymer, Amy Rawson and John Howard simply lit up the East Central Dinner Theater stage. These four young thespians are talented and at home on a stage. This quartet of college players provided a delightful evening of theater for those who saw the recent EC Players production.

East Central alum Rachel Darby Evans, along with her friend Betty Crosby Seward, have written a very readable and interesting book about their growing-up years and also about family happenings. The book is called Not Far From the Zinnias and the EC library has a copy.

Campus dog has been adopted. One day recently campus dog jumped in the back of Mr. Mike Dearing's truck and refused to get out. No amount of calling, sweet talk, or offers of good food could entice the dog out of the truck. So, Mr. Dearing just took "campus dog" home. That lucky dog now has a home, food and a pickup truck.



## Sophomore Class Officers

These students were recently selected officers of the sophomore class at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (from left) president Jessica Eakes of Philadelphia, vice president Melonie Moore and secretary Heather Brantley, both of Neshoba Central; and treasurer Becky Herrington of Louisville.



## Freshman Class Officers

These students were recently selected officers of the freshman class at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (from left) president April McAdory of Neshoba Central, vice president Charles Wood of Louisville, treasurer Megan Logan of Newton and secretary Victoria Daniels of Neshoba Central.



## Lead ECCC Honor Society

Serving as 2001-02 officers of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, are (from left) Rebecca Germany, president, of Union; Lana Rogers, MS/LA Regional secretary and Jessica MaMahan, vice president for leadership, both of Carthage; Jessica Eakes, vice president for fellowship, of Philadelphia; Matt Davis, vice president for service and Daniel Pearce, secretary/treasurer, both of Decatur; and Dr. Shelby Harris, adviser. Not pictured are Kathy Jones, vice president for scholarship, of Philadelphia, and Christy Ferguson, adviser.



## Presidents Council

Pictured are members of the Presidents Council at East Central Community College in Decatur. This organization is composed of representatives of all campus organizations who meet monthly with the President of the College and the Vice President for Student Services. First row, from left are Jonathan McMillin of Louisville, Joe Killens, vice president for student services; council officers Kathy Jones of Philadelphia, secretary, Ricardo Robinson of Decatur, president, and Lana Rogers of Carthage, vice president; ECCC president Dr. Phil Sutphin and Heather Barrett of Louisville. Second row, from left are Karen Adams of Union, Joshua Black of Philadelphia, Terrance Williamson of Conehatta, Jamika Brown of Philadelphia, Glenda Brown of Union, Jennifer Savell of Lake, Christa Robinson of Louisville, Chalunda Hudson of Philadelphia, Amanda Griffin of Carthage, Brandi Bounds of DeKalb and Hailey Reynolds of Louisville. Back row, from left are Jessie Warren of Forest, Andy Murphy of Meridian, Thomas Clark of Decatur, Jennifer Cuchens of Newton, Ardria Harris of Walnut Grove, Matt Davis of Decatur, Allison Latham of Forest, Rebecca Germany of Union and Marcus Williams of Brandon.



## Students Selected for Who's Who

These East Central Community College students have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and will be recognized in the 2001 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges. Students and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Heather Brantley of Philadelphia, Hailey Reynolds of Louisville, Missy Suttle of Noxapater, Courtney Graham of Meridian, Molly Addkison of Louisville, Jessica Eakes of Philadelphia, Tammy Faulkner of Morton, Sommer Averett of Union, Lynda Killen of Sebastopol and Glenda Brown of Union; (second row, from left) Ty Anderson of Decatur, Kathy Jones of Philadelphia, Brandi Bounds of DeKalb, Rebecca Germany of Union, Kasey Comans of Decatur, LeAnn Eddins of Pachuta, Miranda Faulk and Candice Cooper, both of Louisville; Jennifer Cuchens of Newton and Matthew Stone of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Jonathan McMillin of Louisville, Corey Amis of Decatur, Wileen Cooksey of Lake, Justin Clark of Louisville, Jeremy Stevens and Thomas Clark, both of Decatur; Lesley Taylor of Louisville and Jason Guraedy, Matt Davis and Daniel Pearce, all of Decatur. Not pictured are Kristian Abel, Trudy King, Caleb May, Wes Rounsaville and Bobbie Witcher, all of Philadelphia; Kevin Belk, Emily Casey and Claire Edgar, all of Union; Thomas Bohl, Quitman; Josh Chaney, Little Rock; Nickie Dean, Newton; Brent Sutphin, Decatur; Becky Anderson, Hickory; Lori Cumberland, Lana Rogers and Jessica McMahan, all of Carthage; Megan Morrison, Edinburg; Rebecca Kelly, Shannon Towner and Jenne White, all of Lake; Braden Land, New Albany; Allison Latham, Forest; Kenneth McClinton, Jr., Morton; Stacy Neese, Louin; Patricia Roberson, Louisville; and Gardito Ruiz, Vicksburg.



## BEAUTIES, BEAUS

These students were recently selected beauties and beaus in the annual East Central Community College pageant. Pictured are (from left) Wesley Wright of Winston Academy, Brandi Bounds of West Lauderdale, Caleb May of Leake Academy, Lisa Chamblee of Carthage, most beautiful Gabrielle Warren of Leake Academy, most handsome Brian Lillis of Neshoba Central, Claudia Zynosky-Sharpling and Jacob Pierce, both of Newton County; Miranda Faulk of Winston Academy and Andrew Latham of Forest.

## Terrorists Attacks Affect EC, Too

An editorial by Kristen Persons

Often when we think of the events of September 11, we think of New York, the Pentagon and all the bombing that is going on in other countries. What we don't often think of is that those events do hit closer to home. Think about it. How many times have you stopped to wonder if one of your classmates or teachers had a spouse or relative on one of the planes or working in the World Trade Center? Also, there is a good number of EC students and faculty who are in the Army or National Guard, or have loved ones who are, and they have to live everyday wondering if they will get called to war. It makes everyone nervous. So the next time you come across one of these people, show a little sympathy. If they are a friend, do something to show you care or are thinking about him or her. We are all in this together as a country and school. We need to show as much support as we can for as many as we can.



# ECCC Baseball Stadium Named In Memory of Former Coach

East Central Community College has named its baseball stadium in memory of former head coach Jamie Clark who died in July after losing a six-month battle to cancer.

A ceremony to officially dedicate "Jamie Clark Stadium" will be held at the first home game of the 2002 season, according to ECCC

President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Also at the time, Clark's jersey number "41" will be retired. The Diamond Warriors' home opener is scheduled at 1 p.m. Monday, February 18 against East Mississippi Community College.

Clark, who was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor prior to the 2001 sea-

son, led the Diamond Warriors to their only state championship in 1998. He guided East Central to a 365-301-1 overall mark during his 14-year tenure.

Efforts to name the baseball stadium in Clark's honor were led by Ricky Harrison, Warrior Club president; Jake Yarborough, Diamond Warrior head coach and former Clark

assistant; and Larry Blackburn, former ECCC staff member. The proposal was approved by the College's Board of Trustees at its November 13 meeting following a recommendation by the Committee to Study and Recommend Names for Campus Building and Facilities.

In addition to naming the

baseball stadium, Harrison said various projects are planned as memorials to Coach Clark and will be completed when funds are available.

Contributions may be sent to the Jamie Clark Memorial Fund, The Warrior Club, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327.

The Warrior baseball field is named in memory of former team member Chris Gay IV of Meridian. Gay and classmate Mandy Chamblee of Philadelphia were killed in an automobile accident during the 1987 fall semester.

## ASNEC Stays Busy During Fall Semester

Special to the Tom Tom by Becky Anderson and Pam Kelly

The 2001-02 college year has started off with a bang for the Association of Student Nurses at East Central (ASNEC). We have really had an exciting semester that has been full of hard work, dedication and great accomplishments. We have really pulled together and helped one another achieve the goals we hoped for. And we are still working towards other goals.

Not only have we spend many of our waking hours in the books and the lab, we have spent what little extra time we had on a really important cause. Just like the rest of the world, September 11, 2001 made a huge impact on us as future nurs-

es. We just couldn't sit idle in the wake of such an attack on our country as the World Trade Center disaster.

In response to the tragedy, we started a disaster-relief fundraiser that incorporated a lot of work and coordination. We arranged to have a bake sale on the East Central mall that consisted of funnel cakes, chili pies, nachos and Cokes. We also began selling flag pins and antenna fliers to show our support to the family of those affected by the tragedy.

We also decided to design and sell T-shirts in honor the September 11 attacks and to sell those during the Homecoming football game

as well as at the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses (MASN) Convention in Biloxi. T-shirts are still available for \$12.

Thank you to those who have helped during our fund raising efforts. All proceeds, which have topped the \$2500 mark, are being sent to the New York World Trade Center Disaster Relief Fund.

During the month of October, some of our members attended the MASN Convention in Biloxi. They participated in focus sessions and meetings that related to the difficulties and stresses of nursing school. ASNEC earlier elected delegates to the convention whose duties

included attending required meetings, meeting candidates and voting on the ones they thought were the most suitable to sit on the MASN board. Second year nursing student Melissa Tindol was elected First Vice President. During the convention, ASNEC was also award a plaque for having the ibest community health project award in recognition of our outstanding during our disaster relief project.

ASNEC has been very busy during the fall semester and we are already making plans for the upcoming months.



### ECCC Collegians

The Collegians of East Central Community College recently presented their fall concert in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The popular rock group performed hits by such artists as Dave Matthews, Jewel, Lynrd Skynrd, O'Town and many others. Group members include (first row, from left) technicians Marcus Williams of Brandon, Lucas Pope of Philadelphia, Josh Tillman of Forest, Andy Polizzi of Meridian, George Edwards of Louisville and Andy Murphy of Meridian; (second row, from left) winds Josh Black of Philadelphia, Matt Hedrick of Conehatta and Grant Morris and April McAdory, both of Philadelphia; (third row, from left) vocalists Chris Carson, Damein Wash and Josh Burton, all of Decatur, Claire Edgar of Union, Kristen Thornton of Edinburg and Mary Speed of Forest; and (top row, from left) rhythm section members Kirk Misso of Starkville, Michael Eichelberger of Conehatta, Matt Baldrige of Philadelphia and Jennifer Savell of Lake. The Collegians are under the direction of Thomas W. Carson who also plays guitar in the group.



### Phi Theta Kappa Donates School Supplies

Members of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, recently presented school supplies to the Conehatta Elementary School. The various items were collected during the organization's MS/LA Regional Leadership Conference, which was held on the Decatur campus. Chapters from all over the region gathered the donations as part of the regional service project. Pictured are (from left) Peggy Sutphin, a second grade teacher at the school who accepted the donation; Theta Xi sponsor Dr. Shelby Harris, chapter officers Lana Rogers of Carthage, regional secretary; Jessica McMahan of Carthage, vice president for leadership; Rebecca Germany of Union, president; Matt Davis of Decatur, vice president for service; Daniel Pearce of Decatur, secretary/treasurer; and chapter sponsor Christy Ferguson.



### ECCC Cast and Crew of "Accommodations"

The East Central Community College Players recently presented Nick Hall's "Accommodations" during their annual fall dinner theater production. All performances were held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (kneeling, from left) Tamara Speed of Homewood and Casey Smith of Louisville; (second row, from left) Betty Robinson, Amanda Pope, Ura Seymer and Amy Rawson, all of Carthage; Helena Howard of Orlando, Florida, Candace Mullen of Carthage and Vanessa Merritt of McLain; and (back row, from left) director Regina Rigby of Forest, Tammara Graham of Philadelphia, Laura Shook of Newton, Megan Morrison of Edinburg, John Howard of Newton and Kiel May of Vicksburg. ECCC English instructor Juanita West served as production director.



### Students Named State HOSA Officers

Selected to serve as 2001-02 post-secondary officers for the Mississippi HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Chapter are community/junior college students (from left) Tanya Primer, president, of Carthage and East Central Community College; Aaron Rogers, vice president, Jones County Junior College; Kathy Hogue, secretary/treasurer, of Walnut Grove and ECCC; Hattie Sellers, historian, East Mississippi Community College; Kim Jones, central representative, Meridian Community College; and Jennifer Coring, northern representative, EMCC. The annual state meeting is held on the ECCC campus in Decatur.

### Pilgrim Selected ECCC Surgical Technology Instructor



Kristie L. Pilgrim of Union was recently selected surgical technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

Pilgrim, who began her new duties on November 1, previously served as a nursing/physician assistant for the Rush Medical Group in Meridian. She is also a former operating room technician at Southern Healthcare Agency, Inc. in Jackson and at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian. In addition, she has also worked part-time as a surgical technician at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

She received an associate of applied science degree in surgical technology from ECCC, where she was actively involved in HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) and was a member of the concert choir.

She is married to Todd Pilgrim.

### ECCC Student Elected To State Office



East Central Community College associate degree nursing student Melissa Tindol of Philadelphia was selected to serve as first vice president of the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses (MASN) for 2001-02 at the group's annual convention held on the Gulf Coast. Tindol, a second-year student in the ADN program, is a graduate of D'Iberville High School.



### Pete Donates to Biology Department

Alumnus and assistant soccer coach Roy Pete (right) of Decatur recently made a donation to the East Central Community College Biology Department for needed equipment and supplies. Shown receiving the gift is College president Dr. Phil Sutphin (center) and Ron Davis (left), Chairman of the Science Division.



# “Dr. Strong” fills void in healthcare field

In today's society, there has become a shortage of nurses. This shortage is expected to last up to ten years or longer.

The shortage, which is mainly due to nurses being given more responsibility and less pay, has caused many in the profession to become “traveling nurses” who move from place to place where they are needed the most. This shortage has also shown healthcare as a whole that nurses are needed and are a huge part of the healthcare team.

The major shortage of nurses is in big cities, but there is also a shortage in rural areas such as Newton County. It isn't just in hospitals, but also in nursing homes, schools, hospices, health departments and other areas.

A nurse's job goes far beyond the traditional idea of a “big lady with a needle.” They are responsible for many things including admitting and discharging patients and everything in between. Their duties can be as simple as checking a patient's temperature to caring for patients in a trauma or emergency room setting. Nurses obtain the patient's medical history and do an initial assessment. They give medicine and push IVs. Their job doesn't stop there. The list goes on and on.

Nurses are dedicated to their patients as well as the patient's family. They are there to laugh, cry and consult.

Another result of the nursing shortage is the fact that more men are becoming nurses than ever before. And in hospitals they are know as

“Dr. Strong.”

Although they are called on to help lift patients to a stretcher or move them up in bed, they aren't just body lifters. They have the same responsibilities as female nurses.

Jonah Romans of Philadelphia is just one of the male nursing students enrolled in the ECCC Associate Degree program. He said, “I enjoy helping others overcome their problems. Nursing is a great profession.”

Another student, Bobby Martin of Carthage, said, “I have observed the field of nursing for a while now. The main thing that impressed me was the satisfaction and fulfillment that RNs received from their careers, whether it was from helping the patient or grieving with the family.”

After receiving a degree in Surgical Technology, ECCC student Michael Roland said, “I decided to go back to nursing school because there are more responsibilities, more challenges and more pay.”

Roland added, “Nursing isn't for everyone. It's challenging and hard work, but the personal rewards you gain by being a good nurse far outweighs any of the negatives.”

So even in the times of nursing shortages, the ECCC program is constantly training new professionals. For more information on becoming a nurse or to receive an application form, contact ECCC Dean of Associate Degree Nursing Melanie Gilmore or call 1-877-462-3222, ext. 293 or 240.

## ECCC Nursing Association Officers



These students serve as officers of the Association of Student Nurses at East Central Community College in Decatur. Seated from left are Nickie Dean, president, of Newton, and Amanda Griffin, vice president, of Carthage. Standing from left are Beth Wedgeworth, secretary, of Forest; Pam Kelly, first-year reporter, of Quitman; Rebecca Anderson, second-year reporter, of Hickory; and Jenni Simms, treasurer, of Carthage. Associate Degree Nursing instructor Dana Dear serves as ASNEC adviser.

## ECCC Nursing Students Honored

East Central Community College associate degree nursing students Khristen Abel (left) of Philadelphia and Jean Wood of Morton have been named to the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses Hall of Fame for 2001-02. To qualify for the prestigious honor, recipients must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and be involved in various campus activities. Students enrolled in the College's ADN program are involved in the selection process. The new Hall of Fame members were recognized during the annual MASN State Convention held October 24-26 in Biloxi.



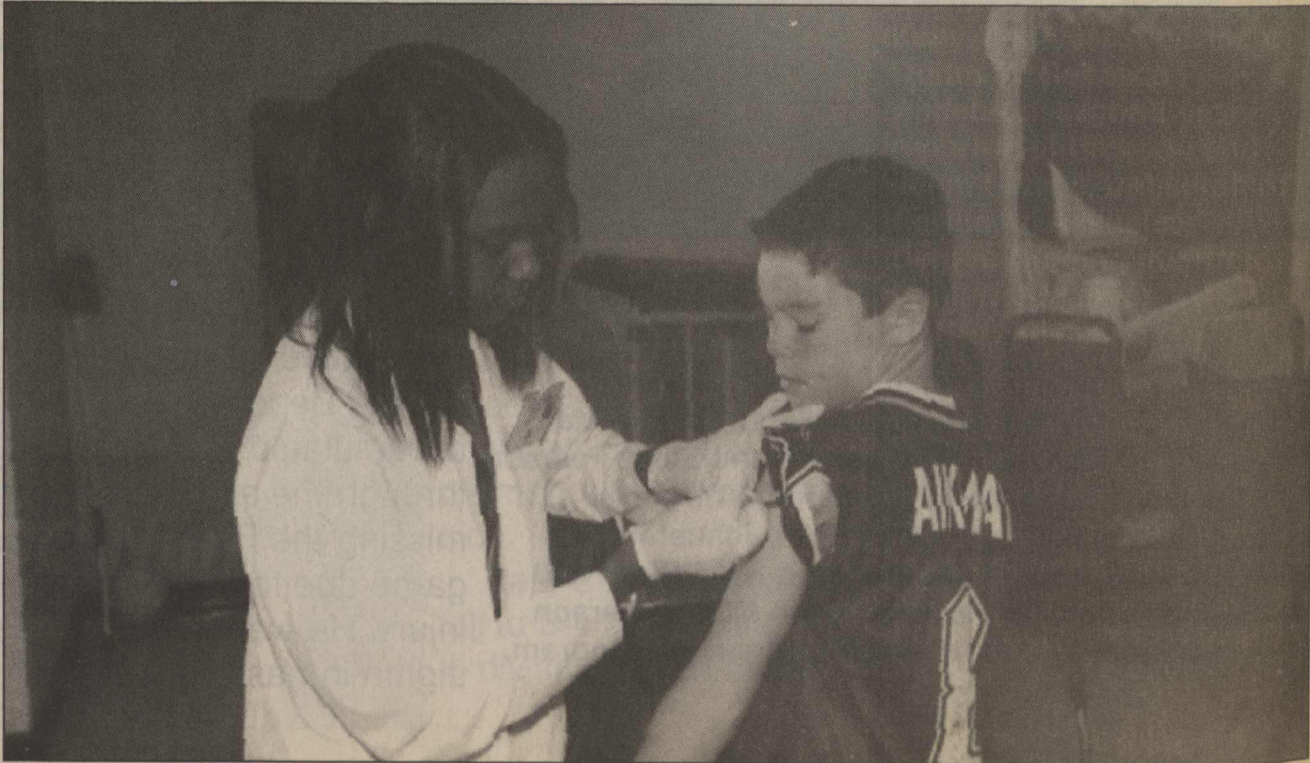
## ECCC Nursing Students Honored



Associate Degree Nursing students at East Central Community College in Decatur received the Best Community Service Project award presented at the annual Mississippi Student Nurses Convention held on the Gulf Coast. East Central students were recognized for raising over \$1500 to aid victims of the September 11 terrorist attack on New York. Fundraising efforts are continuing through sales of T-shirts and other items. Students actively involved in the fundraising project include (from left) Melissa Tindol of Philadelphia, Janice Sadler of Hickory, Bobby Martin of Carthage, Amy Burgin of Union and Jonah Romans of Philadelphia. Tindol was also elected first vice president of the Mississippi Association of Students (MASN) for 2001-02.

## ECCC ADN Students Dispense Shots

East Central Community College Associate Degree Nursing student Tryphosa McFadden (left) of Carthage administers a Hepatitis B shot to Jordan Vance, a sixth-grader at Newton County Elementary School. The College's ADN students administered injections to the local school as part of a Service Learning Grant. The Newton Regional Clinic, in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Health, provided the Hepatitis vaccine.



### Delegates To Nursing Convention

Selected as delegates to the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses' State Convention were the above East Central Community College Associate Degree Nursing students who include (seated from left) Heather Cater of Decatur, Nickie Dean of Newton and Wendy Cooksey of Lake, and (standing from left) Darlene Weber of Noxapater, Dee Sullivan of Philadelphia and Beth Wedgeworth of Forest. Not pictured are Ann Richardson of Union and Melissa Tindol of Philadelphia. The state convention was held October 24-26 in Biloxi.

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# ECCC Women Finish Third At Murray State University Rodeo

East Central Community College Rodeo Team member Natalie Tillman of Union won first-place honors in the Break Away average and finished second in two other areas of competition to lead the ECCC women to a third-place tie at the Murray State University Rodeo held November 15-17 in Murray, Kentucky.

Tillman finished second in



ECCC rodeo team member Natalie Tillman during the annual Warrior Showdown Rodeo.

## 2002 Rodeo Schedule

February 21-23	Mississippi State University
March 21-23	Arkansas State University
March 28-30	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
April 4-6	Southwest Missouri State University
April 18-20	University of Tennessee at Martin



## ECCC Flag Football Champs

“Blockburners 2001” captured the flag football championship at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members are (seated, from left) Dishan Prior and Reggie Cistrunk, both of Louisville; Jonathan Griffin, Philadelphia; Marco Hickmon, Union; and Otha Lay, Lake; (kneeling from left) Jonathan McGee, Philadelphia; Jessie Cooper, Galilee; Mike Graham, Union; Larry Johnson, Walnut Grove; and Terance Anderson, Louisville; and (standing, from left) Brian Johnson, Galilee; Billy Woods, Carthage; Kalus Johnson, Galilee; Trellis Mason, Union; and Joey Dixon, Mendenhall. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College’s intramural program.



## Flag Football Runners-Up

“Decatur Taters” won runner-up honors in the flag football championship at East Central Community College. Team members are (kneeling from left) Matt Harris, Jeremy Stevens, Ty Anderson and Steve Pearson, all of Decatur; and (standing from left) Kris Amis, Decatur; Dustin McGee, Hickory; Kirk Johnston and Steven Dellaria, both of Decatur; and Ryan Strait and Skip Stamper, both of Hickory. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College’s intramural program.

Southwest Missouri State University, 60; and University of Tennessee-Martin, 45.

The ECCC men finished tenth in their respective division with 25 points and were led by Wes Cowart of Star and Daniel Moore of Noxapater who tied for third in the Team Roping short go and placed fourth in the Team Roping average. Cowart was the header and Moore served as the healer in the competition.

Missouri Valley College won the men’s competition with 285 points. Also scoring were University of Tennessee-Martin, 255; University of West Alabama, 225; Murray State University, 165; University of Arkansas at Monticello, 125; Northwest Mississippi Community College, 110; University of Georgia, 90; Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College,

60; Michigan State University, 30; Southern Illinois University, 20; and Southern Arkansas University, 10.

**ECCC Women Place Second At Warrior Showdown Rodeo**

Lindsey Shaw of Perkinson won top honors in the Break Away short go and average categories and led the ECCC women to a second-place finish in the third annual Warrior Showdown Rodeo held at Neshoba County Coliseum October 25-27 in Philadelphia.

Also placing in the women’s competition for East Central were Natalie Tillman of Union, who finished second in the Break Away long go, and Adria Cremen of Noxapater, who successfully competed in Barrel Racing, as she placed second in the average, third in the long go

and third in the short go.

The EC women had 180 total points and finished runner-up to the University of West Alabama, which had 235 points. Other top finishers were University of Tennessee-Martin, 110; Missouri Valley College, 100; Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, 75; Northwest Mississippi Community College, 70; Murray State, 60; and University of Arkansas at Monticello, 20.

In men’s competition, Warrior Chris Byrd of Noxapater placed fourth in the short go and in the average in the calf-roping event. He also teamed with Hale of Arkansas State University to win honors in team roping – first place in the short go and a third-place finish in the average.

The ECCC men placed ninth overall with 55 points in

the three-day competition, won by the University of West Alabama, which had 450 points. Also competing were the University of Tennessee at Martin, 370; Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, 220; Murray State, 160; Southern Arkansas University, 90; Faulkner State Community College, 80; Missouri Valley College, 80; Southwest Missouri State University, 60; Arkansas State University, 35; and Northwest Mississippi Community College, 15.

Larry Dial of Livingston, Ala., serves as coach of the ECCC rodeo team. ECCC staff member Tracy Dearing is the adviser.

## Warrior Football Team Has Winning Season; Advances to Playoffs

Another successful campaign was registered by the East Central Community College football team, which finished with a 6-4 record and qualified for the state playoffs.

The Warriors completed the 2001 regular season with a 6-3 overall mark and a 4-2 record in division play. Victories were recorded over Coahoma (38-8), Gulf Coast (29-17), Holmes (19-10), Copiah-Lincoln (28-14), Hinds (25-16) and Pearl River (26-16). Losses were to Delta (14-7), Jones (40-36) and Southwest (38-9).

East Central met Delta again in first-round action of the state playoffs and fell 10-7 on a 35-yard field goal on the game’s final play.

The Trojans & Warriors had the state’s top rushing offenses, as Delta averaged 214.2 yards and East Central, 211.4 yards. Sophomore running back Patrick Prince of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County surpassed the 1000-yard mark with his 156-yard performance in the playoff game. Prince finished with 1148 yards and scored 10 touchdowns.

Also exceeding the 1000-yard mark was sophomore quarterback Brian Zbydniewski of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., who accumulated 1,063 yards through the air despite missing the Pearl River game due to a shoulder injury. He was rated eighth in passing effi-

ciency with a 98.6 mark. Sophomore wide receiver Dontay Spillman of Louisville, Ky., completed regular season action by placing fifth in receiving yardage.

Spillman had 37 catches for 595 yards and six touchdowns.

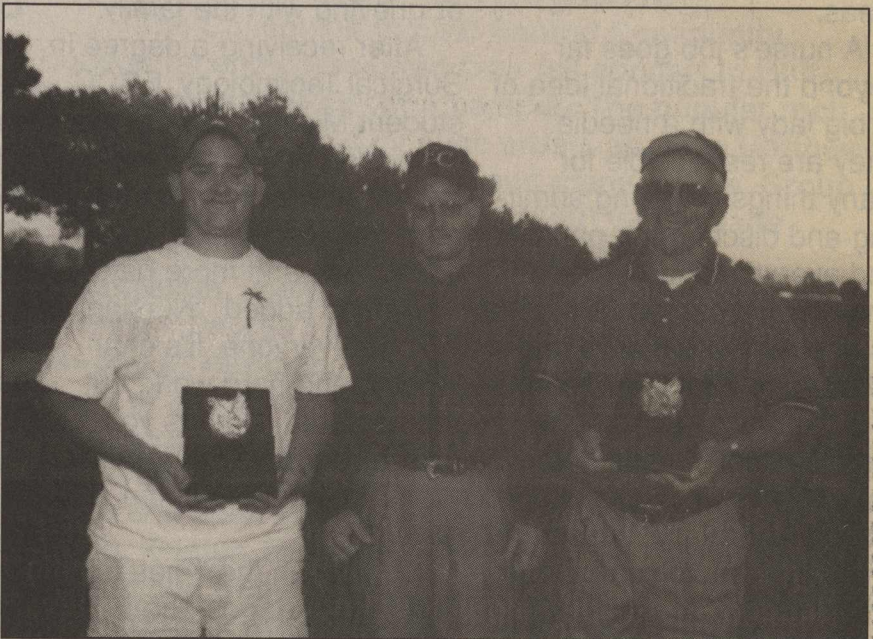
Place kicker Danny Haynes of Killen, Ala., placed fourth in scoring for his respective category. Haynes connected on 21 of 24 PATs and made seven of 13 field goals for 42 total points.

Defensively, East Central was led by sophomore linebacker John Bibb of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central who had 44 tackles, 21 assists and recovered three fumbles.

Also among the state’s top defenders included sophomore defensive back Cedric Cotton of Newton County, who had 40 tackles and 21 assists.

Defensive lineman Courtney Steele of Tuscaloosa (AL) County had five quarterback sacks and caused three fumbles.

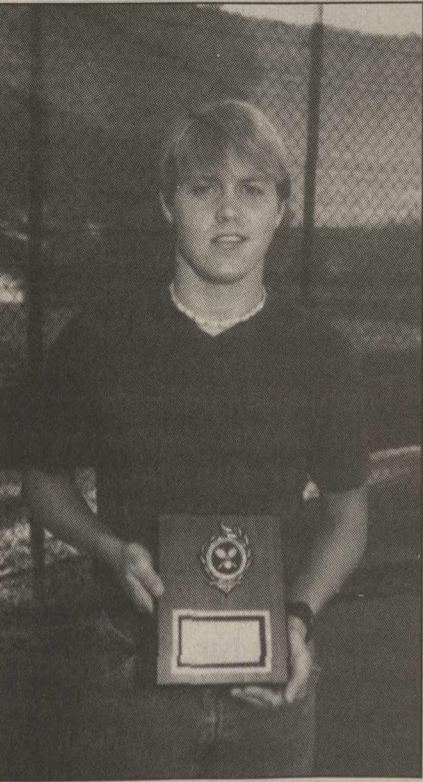
Terry Underwood serves as head coach and assistants are Tim Coats (assistant head coach/offensive coordinator), Fredrick Lyons (defensive line), Tommy Clopton (offensive line), Steve Cheatham (linebackers and special teams) and Joey Pinkston (wide receivers/tight ends).



## Golf Tourney Winners

Winning top honors in the annual East Central Community College Alumni/Student Golf Tournament were Jeremy Stevens (left) of Decatur and Warren Willis (right) of Newton, shown with tournament chairman Roger Whitlock, director of the College’s Workforce Development Center. Stevens, a member of the Warrior golf team and a product of Newton County High School, carded a 38 in the nine-hole event to win the open division. Willis shot a 37 to capture the senior division title. The tournament was held at Decatur Country Club as part of Homecoming Week activities.

## Homecoming Tennis Tourny Champions



East Central Community College sophomore Blake Revette of Newton won the men’s singles title following competition in the College’s annual Alumni/Student Tennis Tournament held as part of Homecoming activities. Revette defeated fellow tennis team member Wayne Lewis of Newton County to win the title. Coach Mike Anderson served as tournament chairman.

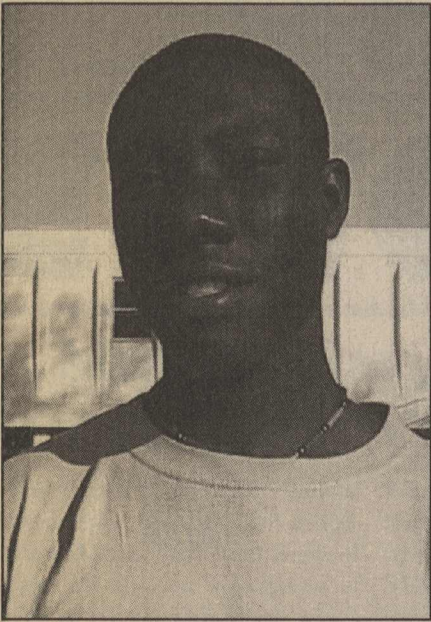


Brandi Bounds of DeKalb won the women’s singles title in the annual East Central Community College Alumni/Student Tennis Tournament held as part of the College’s Homecoming activities. Bounds, a graduate of West Lauderdale High School, is a sophomore on the Lady Warrior tennis team.

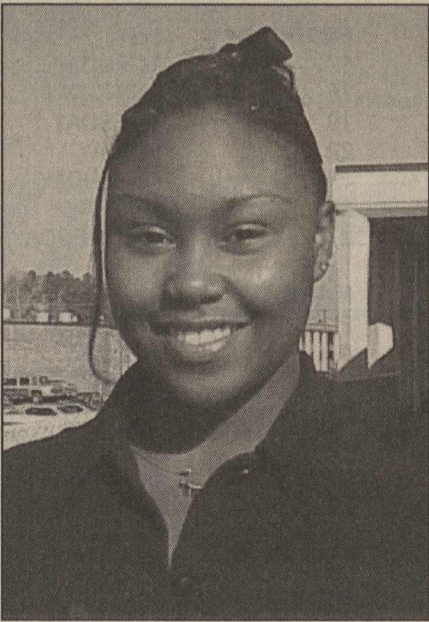


# "IF YOU COULD HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS, WHAT WOULD YOU ASK FOR?"

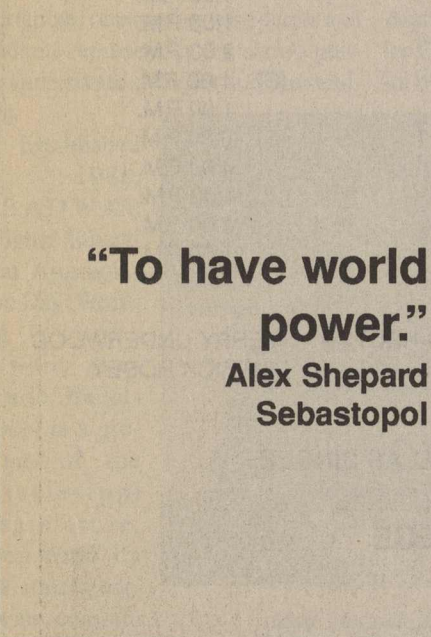
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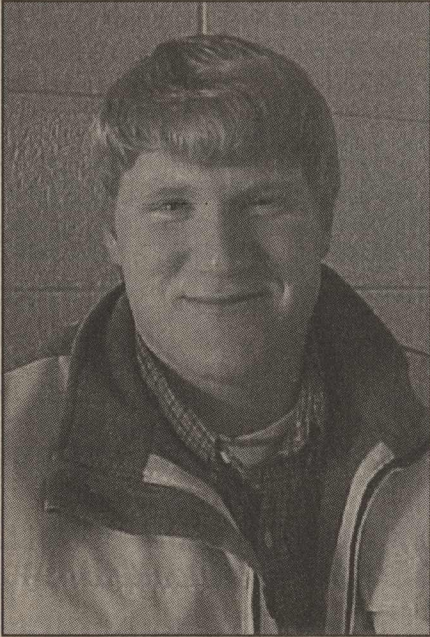
**"I would ask for East Central to win the soccer championship next year."**  
Seltue Karweaye  
Liberia, West Africa



**"To have enough money to buy every less fortunate child a gift for Christmas."**  
Cassie Henson  
Philadelphia



**"To have world power."**  
Alex Shepard  
Sebastopol



**"Lots of money."**  
Natalie Tanksley  
Sebastopol



## Soccer Warriors Finish Third In Division Competition

E. Central Community College's soccer team completed a successful 2001 campaign by finishing third in the South Division standings with a 4-3-1 record. The Soccer Warriors, 6-8-1 overall, narrowly missed qualifying for the state playoffs, as Gulf Coast (12-1-1, 7-1-0) and Pearl River (6-5-1, 5-3-0) represented the South in the annual competition won by Hinds Community College, which earlier captured the North Division title.

Sophomore midfielder Gardito Ruiz, a product of Warren Central High School, led division scorers with nine goals and four assists. Freshman midfielder Seltue Karweaye of Monrovia, Liberia in West Africa,

was also among the top scorers with seven goals and two assists. Freshman forward Brandon Ditto of Brandon had three goals and five assists. The Soccer Warriors, who began competition in 1999, are coached by Kenneth Thompson (head) and Roy Pete (volunteer assistant). For more information about the College's soccer program, contact Coach Thompson, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 370. His e-mail address is kthompson@eccc.cc.ms.us.

## LaCour Scores 42 Points In ECCC Win Over Gulf Coast

Sophomore Nikki LaCour pumped in a career high 42 points and led the East Central Community College women to an 81-71 South Division victory over visiting Gulf Coast Community College November 29 in the Brackeen-Wood gym.

LaCour, who earlier in the week observed her 20th birthday, made 14 field goals and 14 free throws as the Lady Warriors improved to 6-1 overall and 1-0 in league play under first-year head coach Brad Hodge.

In addition to LaCour, a 5'9" guard from Natchitoches, La., other scorers were Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, nine; Ashley Brown of Scott Central, Christina Ford of Enterprise and Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater, eight each; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, three; Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, two; and Belinda Potter of Monroe, La., one.

Monique Cowans had 19 points for the Lady Bulldogs, who fell to 5-1.

East Central held a 43-33 advantage at half-time.

In the men's game, the Warriors saw their three-game win streak snapped as Gulf Coast claimed a 95-76 decision.

East Central, which fell to 3-4 overall and 0-1 in division action under

first-year head coach Billy Smith, was led in scoring by James Denson of Choctaw Central who had 17 points.

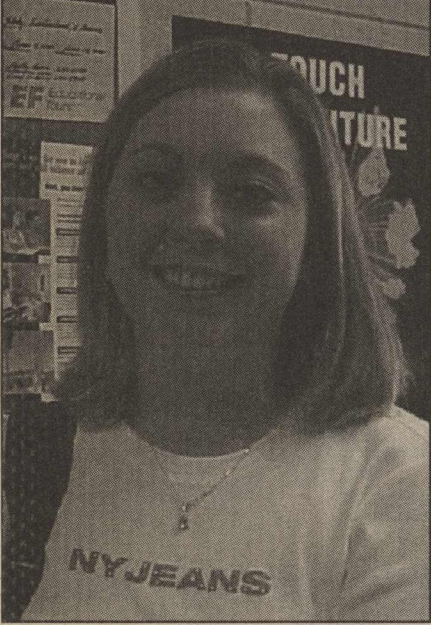
Other point makers were Winfred Craig of Louisville, 13; Demario Qualls of Newton, 12; Donzel Crenshaw of Memphis, nine; Maurice English of Union, six; Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, Clint Hatch of Carthage and Maweessha Carter of Ft. Payne, Ala., five each; and Jason Richardson of Pine Hill, Ala., four.

Derrick Powe and Marquez Moultrie each had 22 points to lead Gulf Coast, which improved to 6-1.

East Central trailed 56-32 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors have two games remaining on the 2001 schedule – home games against Mississippi Delta Community College on Monday, December 3, and with Northwest Mississippi Community College on Thursday, December 6. Tip-off times are 6 p.m. for the women's contest and 7:45 for men's action.

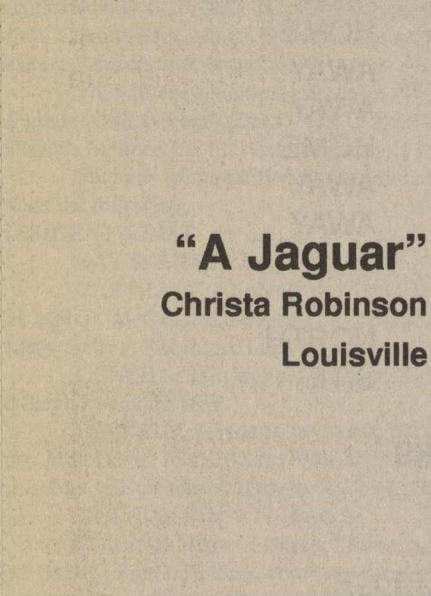
Both teams resume competition following the Christmas holidays by traveling to Itawamba Community College on Thursday, January 10.



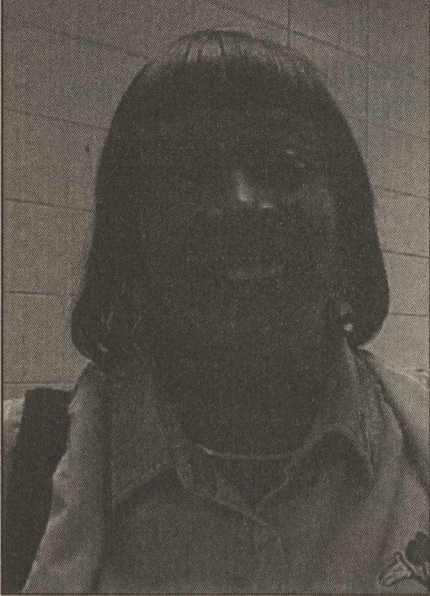
**"A million dollars."**  
Kasey McMillan  
Lawrence



**"I would ask for a new Springer puppy for my husband, Wayne."**  
Dr. Lavinia Sparkman  
Vice President for Instruction



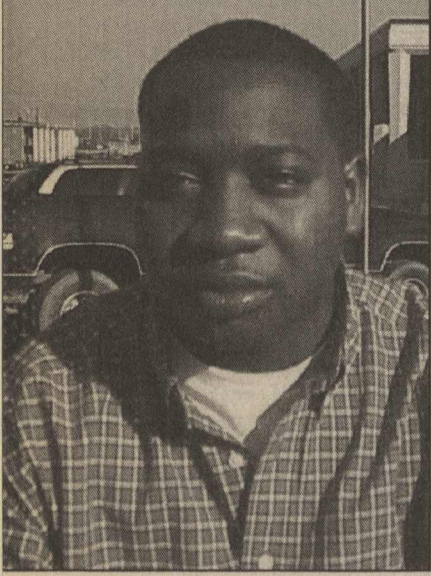
**"A Jaguar"**  
Christa Robinson  
Louisville



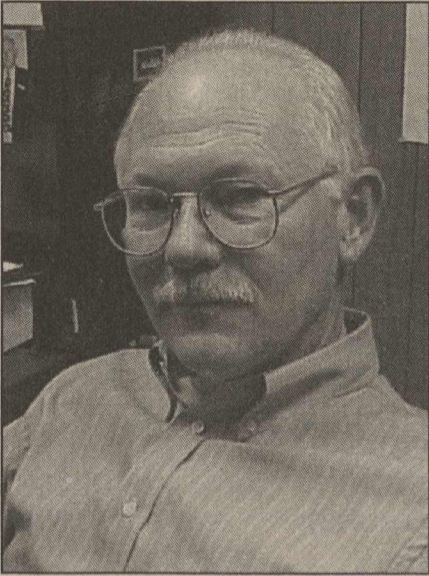
**"Peace in the world and for all of the military men and women to be home for Christmas."**  
Mickey Vance  
Vice President for Business Operations



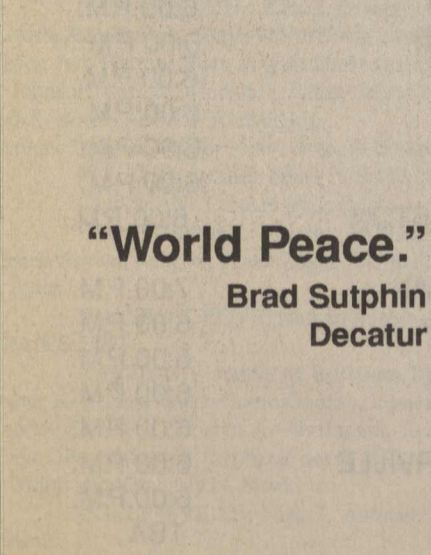
**"Health, quiet and rest."**  
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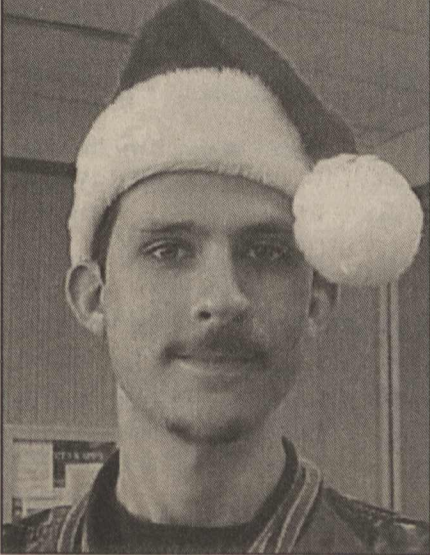
**"A Lincoln Navigator."**  
Vernell Coleman  
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**"Peace."**  
Jeannie Vance  
Secretary to the Faculty



**"World Peace."**  
Brad Sutphin  
Decatur





## Post-Season Honors Awarded ECCC Football Team Members

Thirty-four members of the East Central Community College football team received honors following the 2001 campaign, announced head coach Terry Underwood.

The Warriors posted a 6-3 regular season mark and were 4-2 in the South Division prior to advancing to the state playoffs where they fell 10-7 to Mississippi Delta Community College in semi-final action.

At the top of the list are All-Region 23 selections Patrick Prince, a 5-9, 197-pound running back of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County; Dontay Spillman, a 6-2,195-pound wide receiver/return specialist of Valley High School in Louisville, Kentucky; Jerry Spencer, a 6-4, 315-pound offensive lineman from North Moore High School in Eagle Springs, North Carolina; and Cedric Cotton, a 6-1, 220-pound defensive back from Newton County High School in Decatur.

Prince, Spillman, Spencer and Cotton also join linebacker John Bibb of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central on the All-State squad.

Prince was among the state's top rushers, gaining 992 yards on 180 carries, an average of 5.5 yards per carry, through the nine-game regular season. He also scored nine touchdowns. Prince added to that total in the playoffs by gaining 158 yards on 38 carries against Delta. He also scored the Warriors' only touchdown on a one-yard plunge.

Spillman was one of the state's top receivers, as he hauled in 37 catches for 595 yards and six scores. He averaged 16.1 yards per reception. In addition, Spillman returned 14 punts for 103 yards, a 7.4-yard average. In the playoff game against Delta, Spillman had four receptions for 50 yards.

Spencer, who was also named the South Division's most valuable lineman, played a key role in East Central having one of the state's top rushing offenses. The Warriors averaged 211.4 rushing yards per game, second only to Delta, which averaged 214.2 yards per contest. Both teams had 18 rushing touchdowns.

Cotton had 40 tackles and 21 assists during the nine-game regular season and Bibb led EC in tackles with 44 solo stops and 21 assists. He also recovered three fumbles.

Prince, Spillman, and Spencer were also named to the South All-Star squad with teammates Brian Zbydniewski, a 6-3, 190-pound quarterback from Choctawhatchee High School in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, and defensive lineman Keith Curry, a 6-3, 225-pound product of Newton County High School.

Zbydniewski, who was also named second team All-State, completed 83 of 174 passes for 993 yards and seven touchdowns during the regular season. He completed eight of 14 passes for 70 yards in the playoff game.

Curry was also selected second team All-State. He was credited with 40 tackles and 15 assists during the regular season. He also registered five quarterback sacks and caused two fumbles.

Also named second team All-State are Kenneth Hurt, a 6'5, 310-pound offensive lineman from Tuscaloosa County, and Melvin Cotton, a 6-foot, 225-pound linebacker from Holt (Ala.) High School.

Warriors named honorable mention All-State include offensive linemen Cedric McAfee (6-3, 320) of Philadelphia, Rudy Su'e (6-1, 291) of Escambia High School in Pensacola, Fla., Damarcus Granger (6-3, 274) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, Robert Finch (6-1, 271) of Louisville and Chad Crowe (6-5, 285) of Leake Academy; tight ends Fredrick Knighten (6-1, 245) of Meridian and Brian Lillis (6-3, 230) of Neshoba Central; running backs Ramon Williams (5-11, 222) of Daphne, Ala., Chad Warren (5-10, 225) of Quitman and Terrance DeGraffenried (5-10, 235) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central; wide receivers Marcus Lee (5-9, 175) of Forest and Dee Hornesburger (5-10, 160) of Noxapater; line-backers Melvin Cotton (6', 225) of Holt, Ala., John Hope (6-2, 195) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County and Stacy Lewis (6', 246) of Neshoba Central; defensive linemen Arrion Triplett (6-1, 246) of Louisville, Michael Wells (6-3, 302) of Forest, Jon Gusman (6-4, 250) of Newton County, Johnny Jackson (6-7, 256) of Aliceville, Ala. and Howard Jackson (5-11, 220) of Scott Central; defensive backs Marco Cole (6', 170) of Neshoba Central, Darrius Thames (5-11, 172) of Philadelphia, Josh Chaney (5-10, 185) of Newton County and Chris Hooper (6-4, 220) of North Springs High School, Atlanta, Georgia; and kicker Danny Haynes (5-10, 212) of Brooks High School, Killen, Ala.

## EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIAMOND WARRIOR BASEBALL 2002 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
FEBRUARY				
12	TUESDAY	WEST ALABAMA (JV)	LIVINGSTON	(S) 2:00 P.M.
18	MONDAY	EAST MISSISSIPPI	DECATUR	1:00 P.M.
19	TUESDAY	WEST ALABAMA (JV)	DECATUR	(S) 1:00 P.M.
22	FRIDAY	RUSH CLASSIC-MCC	MERIDIAN	(S) 3:00 P.M.
23	SATURDAY	RUSH CLASSIC-ECCC	MERIDIAN	(S) 12:00 P.M.
24	SUNDAY	RUSH CLASSIC-JONES	MERIDIAN	(S) 12:00 P.M.
27	WEDNESDAY	ITAWAMBA	DECATUR	3:00 P.M.
MARCH				
2	SATURDAY	SHELTON STATE	DECATUR	1:00 P.M.
4	MONDAY	MS COLLEGE (JV)	CLINTON	3:00 P.M.
8	FRIDAY	GULF COAST	PERKINSTON	4:00 P.M.
16	SATURDAY	PEARL RIVER	POPLARVILLE	1:00 P.M.
20	WEDNESDAY	CO-LIN	DECATUR	2:00 P.M.
23	SATURDAY	SOUTHWEST	DECATUR	1:00 P.M.
27	WEDNESDAY	TRINITY	DECATUR	1:00 P.M.
29	FRIDAY	HINDS	DECATUR	1:00 P.M.
APRIL				
2	TUESDAY	JONES	ELLISVILLE	4:00 P.M.
6	SATURDAY	GULF COAST	DECATUR	1:00 P.M.
9	TUESDAY	PEARL RIVER	DECATUR	2:00 P.M.
10	WEDNESDAY	MCC	DECATUR	(S) 1:00 P.M.
13	SATURDAY	CO-LIN	WESSON	1:00 P.M.
15	MONDAY	JUDGES CUP-EMCC	SCOOBA	(S) 6:30 P.M.
17	WEDNESDAY	SOUTHWEST	SUMMIT	4:00 P.M.
19	FRIDAY	ITAWAMBA	FULTON	4:00 P.M.
23	TUESDAY	HINDS	RAYMOND	4:00 P.M.
27	SATURDAY	JONES	DECATUR	1:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT	DR. PHIL A. SUTPHIN	ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	TERRY UNDERWOOD
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ALL GAMES ARE DOUBLE HEADERS UNLESS NOTED AS SINGLE.

## EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2002 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY		
19	EAST MISSISSIPPI	HOME
21	HOLMES	AWAY
26	MERIDIAN	AWAY
28	MISSISSIPPI DELTA	AWAY
MARCH		
5	HINDS	HOME
7	MISSISSIPPI DELTA	HOME
19	SOUTHWEST	HOME
23	CO-LIN	HOME
25	PEARL RIVER	AWAY
27	GULF COAST	HOME
APRIL		
2	JONES	HOME
6	HINDS	AWAY
9	MERIDIAN	HOME
13	SOUTHWEST	AWAY
16	CO-LIN	AWAY
20	PEARL RIVER	HOME
23	GULF COAST	AWAY
27	JONES	AWAY
MAY		
3-4	STATE TOURNAMENT	NORTH SITE

ALL GAMES ARE DOUBLE-HEADERS  
GAME TIME 1:00 P.M.

## EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2001-2002

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
NOV.			
2 (FRI)	HOLMES	GOODMAN	5:00 P.M.
8 (THURS)	NORTHEAST MS	HOME	6:00 P.M.
12 (MON)	MS DELTA	MOOREHEAD	6:00 P.M.
15 (THURS)	EAST MISSISSIPPI	HOME	6:00 P.M.
19 (MON)	HOLMES (ECCC TOURNEY)	HOME	6:00 P.M.
20 (TUES)	ITAWAMBA (ECCC TOURNEY)	HOME	6:00 P.M.
29 (THURS)	GULF COAST	HOME	6:00 P.M.
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3 (MON)	MS DELTA	HOME	6:00 P.M.
6 (THURS)	NORTHWEST MS	HOME	6:00 P.M.
JAN.			
10 (THURS)	ITAWAMBA	FULTON	6:00 P.M.
14 (MON)	CO-LIN	WESSON	6:00 P.M.
17 (THURS)	SOUTHWEST MS	HOME	6:00 P.M.
22 (TUES)	JONES	HOME	6:00 P.M.
24 (THURS)	PEARL RIVER	HOME	6:00 P.M.
28 (MON)	HINDS	UTICA	6:00 P.M.
31 (THURS)	GULF COAST	PERKINSTON	6:00 P.M.
FEB.			
4 (MON)	MERIDIAN	MERIDIAN	7:00 P.M.
4 (MON)	MS COLLEGE JV (MEN)	CLINTON	6:00 P.M.
7 (THURS)	CO-LIN	HOME	6:00 P.M.
11 (MON)	SOUTHWEST MS	SUMMIT	6:00 P.M.
14 (THURS)	JONES	HOME	6:00 P.M.
18 (MON)	PEARL RIVER	POPLARVILLE	6:00 P.M.
21 (THURS)	HINDS	HOME	6:00 P.M.
25-28	STATE TOURNEY	TBA	TBA
MARCH			
4-7	REGION TOURNEY	CLINTON	TBA

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March			
5	Holmes	Goodman	2 p.m.
19	Jones	Ellisville	2 p.m.
21	Hinds	Decatur	2 p.m.
26	Hinds	Raymond	2 p.m.
28	Southwest	Decatur	1 p.m.
April			
2	Holmes	Decatur	2 p.m.
9	Itawamba	MUW	2 p.m.
12	Co-Lin	Decatur	10 a.m.
13	Pearl River	Decatur	10 a.m.
15	Southwest	Summit	Noon
	Co-Lin	Wesson	4 p.m.
17	Jones	Decatur	2 p.m.
21-21	Women's State Tournament in Hattiesburg (TBA)		
26-28	Men's State Tournament in Meridian (TBA)		