

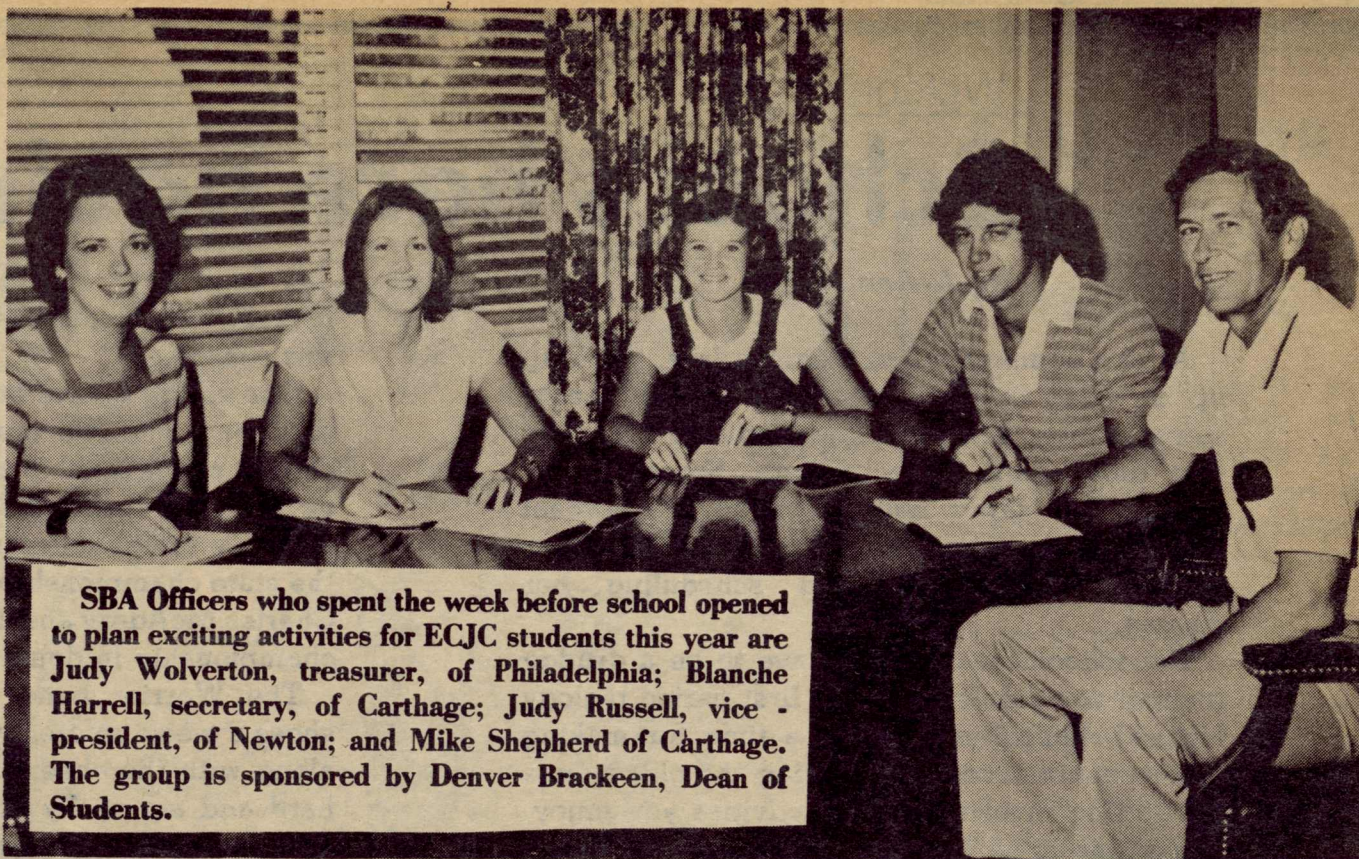
## Enrollment continues to climb

East Central enrollment is up from the enrollment at this time last year according to Registrar Frank Rives. As of August 15, thirteen more students had enrolled for the 1977 Fall session than were enrolled for the 1976 session.

The final count for enrollment of the 1976-77 school session was 1,114. Officials are optimistic that this year's total will top this figure.

Total enrollment for the Fall semester now stands at 785, with many applications still being received. Of the 785, four hundred thirty one have reserved dormitory rooms and three hundred fifty four will commute.

Director of admissions Raymond McMullan encourages anyone who is interested in attending East Central to enroll since applications are still being accepted.



SBA Officers who spent the week before school opened to plan exciting activities for ECJC students this year are Judy Wolverton, treasurer, of Philadelphia; Blanche Harrell, secretary, of Carthage; Judy Russell, vice-president, of Newton; and Mike Shepherd of Carthage. The group is sponsored by Denver Brackeen, Dean of Students.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*It is always my happy privilege to welcome you here on behalf of everyone connected with East Central Junior College. To all returning students let me say we're glad you decided to return to East Central. A special welcome is given to you who are here for the first time and we express to you a desire to serve your educational needs.*

*The right out-look on life has much to do with your success at college. Courage to start and willingness to keep everlasting at it are the requisites for success. If you meet every endeavor with confidence, fill each day with worthwhile thinking, and work hard at it you can attain the goal that you have set for yourself. For those who retain faith in themselves and keep their chins up attending college ushers in many new and wonderful opportunities.*

*We hope you make your stay at East Central an enjoyable as well as a memorable one.*

*Dr. Charles V. Wright*

## Three members added to faculty

by Sue Savell

East Central has added three new faculty members to its staff for the coming year. Dr. Richard Fisher will be teaching Chemistry, Mr. James Mason will serve as assistant coach, and Mr. James Ezell will teach the basic electricity courses.

Dr. Fisher, a native of Jenkinstown, Pennsylvania, holds a Bachelor's degree from Cornell University, and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Fisher has taught chemistry at the University of North Carolina, Cambridge University in England, Melbourne University in Australia, and at Drexel University in Philadelphia. For the past two years he has served on the Chemistry staff at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Mason, a native of Columbia,

Mississippi, graduated from Pearl River Junior College and received his Bachelor and Masters degrees from the University of Southern. Mason has served as assistant and head coach at high schools in Alabama and Texas and served as assistant coach at the University of Southern. He comes to East Central from Bogalusa High School in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

A native of Decatur, Ezell graduated from Decatur High School and later from East Central under the electrical program. He has been employed with several firms as an electrician and comes from Central Electric Power Association in Carthage where he has been head of sub-station maintenance, electrical wiring inspector and has served in advisory capacity for the company.



Welcome Back!

# School's here again

by Jo Ann Wright

After a summer full of sleeping late, catching up on soap operas, swimming in the creek, summer jobs, and just plain "goofing off", it's that time again. School's here. September is ringing her tardy bells, forming her annual mile-long registration line, preparing her freshmen orientation, and scheduling her classes.

But schooltime does not have to be a drudge (even if you didn't want that first period biology lecture). Schooltime can be a time for making new acquaintances or renewing the old, a time for getting involved in the activities you enjoy, and a time to sit back and just enjoy what some refer to as "the best years of your life".

This year EC is striving for a successful and productive school term. Many new editions and changes have been brought about within the faculty and although there are no brand-spanking new buildings on campus, Newton Hall has been opened only one year and the library was completed last spring semester. All buildings (including dorms) are air-conditioned making classtime a little more bearable.

Our first football game is just around the corner, on Sept. 3. You can depend on the Warriors to be a team to be proud of. They might not win every game but they'll put up a good fight against every team they play. They have been practicing diligently and are striving hard for a successful season. So get your pom-poms out and spirit recharged so you can give the Warriors the support they deserve.

As usual, the Warriorettes are a promising bunch. In recent times they have won the state championship and last year made it as runners-up. The Warrior basketball team is sweating the work-outs also. Last year was an encouraging year for them and they are hoping

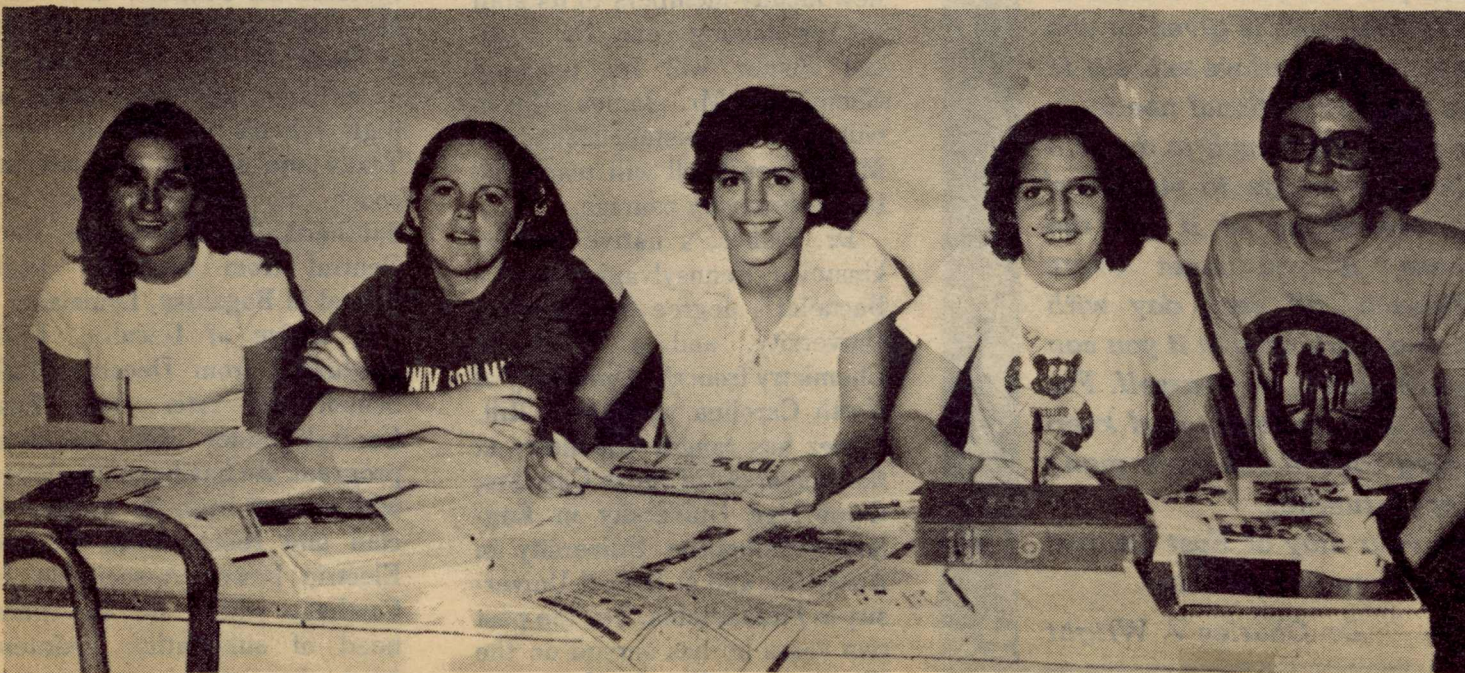
to meet head-strong the challenges they will face this season.

Our spring sports ought to be really exciting this year. The Warrior baseball team won the district championship and went on to play in the north-half division. EC was well-represented in the state tennis tournaments. Julie Latham won the state championship in singles of class B and Charles McAdory and Tommy McCool swept the championship in doubles of class A.

The Warrior band got out their marching shoes a week before school started. This group, along with the cheerleaders, has been working hard and are really in the spirit. We can look forward in seeing their hard work turn into our enjoyment during half-time shows, parades, pep-rallies, and spring concerts.

If you happen to be one of those people who are spastic instead of athletic, and can't carry a tune in a bucket - don't despair! EC offers many extracurricular activities and there's sure to be something you can do. The annual staff needs workers, writers are welcome for the Tom-Tom, religious organizations keep involved in many activities, the choir and Collegians perform outstanding programs every year, the ECJC Players produce a fall dinner theatre and spring musical, annual dances are held, and if you can maintain a high GPA you can be initiated into the Phi Theta Kappa whose national convention was held in Minnesota and is to be held in Orlando, Fla. this year. So don't just stand there wishing for something to do - get involved, participate, and support!

EC extends a hearty welcome to all you freshmen and a warm "Welcome Back" to all you sophomores. This year can be a really great one with YOUR help. So get those alarm clocks, get up and get going, and let's make this year at EC a year to remember.



## TOM-TOM STAFF

There are a gallant few that work diligently a week before school to bring you this first issue of the Tom-Tom. They are the ones who gave up their polo ponies and shuffle board a few days early so they can tell you how it is. They are pictured above left to right: Darene Meador, Jo Ann Wright, Rhonda Johnson, Anne Burton, and Patti Roebuck. Not pictured is Sue Savell. Anyone wanting to join the staff is welcome and should contact Mrs. Alford, sponsor, or any of the above.





This year's Flag girls are Gail Gallop, Emily Lovorn, Karen Henry, Freda Henry, and Bonita Phillips. Three additional girls will be chosen.

## 32 academic scholarships awarded area students

by Darene Meador

Thirty-two students are attending East Central Junior College this fall on Academic Achievement scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded to the white student and the minority student with the highest grade point average from each high school in the district. Chosen students are awarded a full fee scholarship in the amount of \$230.00.

There were seven scholarships awarded in Leake County: James Louis O'Bannon, a Veterinary Medicine major from Leake Academy; John Todd Gregory, a Business Administration major from Carthage High School; Mary Suzanne Flowers, a Business Administration major from Thomastown Attendance Center; Trannie Carolyn Evans, a Business Administration or Pre-Nursing major from Thomastown Attendance Center; Barbara Jean Whittington, a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students from Leake Academy. Bettie Nell Smith, a Elementary Education or Home Economics major from South Leake Academy; and

Beverly Ann Daugherty, a Clerical Course major from South Leake Academy.

There are eight recipients of scholarships from Newton County: Terri Ann Airhart, a technical Data Processing major from Hickory High School; James Alfred Caskey, a Business Administration major from Newton High School; Margaret Lucille Kidd, a Business Education major from Newton High School; Virginia Dare Thames, a Business Education major from Beulah Hubbard High School; Mickey Wayne Vance, a Liberal Arts major from Newton County Academy; Bertha Ann Bishop, a Pre-Medical major from Decatur High School; Levera Kidd, an Intensive Business major from Decatur High School; and Sandra Delphine Calhoun, a Business Administration major from Newton High School.

Scott County had six students to receive scholarships: Mildred Annette Hollingsworth, an Occupational Therapy major from Scott Central High School; James Norden Uellschy from Scott County; Natalie Ruth Thompson, a Elementary Education major from Morton Attendance Center; Dina Dean John-

son, a Pre-Nursing major from Scott Central High School; Mary Elizabeth Eichelberger from Forest High School; and Clementine Gilbert from Forest High School.

There were four recipients of scholarships from Winston County: Deborah Ann Livingston, a Business Education major from Winston Academy; Patricia Ann Neuron from Winston County; Patti Lynn Reed, a member of Girl's State and Hall of Fame from Nanih Waiya High School; and Clara Ann Miller, a Intensive Business major from Louisville High School.

Neshoba County had seven students to receive scholarships: Carla Jo Massey, a Liberal Arts major from Noxapater High School; Dianne Ball, a Drafting major from Noxapater High School; Telicia Gail Beckham, a Liberal Arts major from Neshoba Central High School; Karen Henry, a Physical Therapy major from Choctaw Central High School; Teresa Gail Blocker, a Data Processing or Business Administration major from Philadelphia High School, and Shelia Ann Kelly, a Business Administration major from Philadelphia High School.

## BSU slates full range of activities

The Baptist Student Union would like to welcome all students to East Central. We invite you to become a part of the BSU while you are in college.

The Baptist Student Center, located across the street from the college entrance, will be the center of activities for the BSU. Many good things are being planned there just for you. The Center is a place to relax, play games, meet friends and have a good time in play, worship, and learning more of the Christian life.

During the first week open house will be held on Monday and Tuesday all day and on Wednesday afternoon. Please come and enjoy the Center.

There are scheduled activities for the first week of school. Each night at 6:00 there will be a time of worship, fellowship, and singing. The schedule is as follows:

Monday - Vespers (worship time)

Tuesday - Singing and fellowship

Wednesday - Vespers (worship time)

Thursday - Welcome Social

Beginning the second week Tuesday night will be enrollment time for the BSU Choir. The Musical "The Great Praise Gathering" will be given this year. You are invited to be a part of the choir. Thursday nights will be Bible Study led by Rev. Gus Merritt.

Each Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. there will be a quiet period of prayer and praise in the small auditorium in Newton Hall.

Throughout the year, there will be many other activities. September 19-20 will be Encounter '77, held at the BSU Center, led by Dr. James Keith of First Baptist Church, Laurel. The State Baptist Student Convention will be held at MUW Oct. 14-16. There will be a winter retreat, a mission conference and other trips during the year. Mission activities will be planned throughout the year, also.

Punch will be served on Freshmen registration day. Come by and fill out membership information then.





**Desma Kilpatrick, Housemother in Jackson Hall, welcomes Emily Lovorn of Louisville and Suzie Harrell of Carthage.**

# Night classes started

by Anne Burton

East Central will be offering night classes this fall at E.C.J.C. as well as Carthage, Forest, Louisville, Philadelphia and Choctaw Central. The classes will be from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M.

The registration date for Louisville is August 29, at 6:30 P.M., at the elementary school. The courses offered at Louisville are, Business Law II, Tuesday, Social Problems, Wednesday, and General Psychology, Thursday.

Registration at Forest will be August 30, at 8:30 P.M. at the Community Service Center. Courses are: Basic Math, Tuesday, Basic English, Monday, and General Psychology, Thursday.

The registration date for Philadelphia is August 29, at 8:30 at the high school. The courses are: Music Appreciation, Monday, Social Problems, Tuesday, and Business Law I, Thursday.

Carthage will hold registration on August 30, at 6:30 at the high school. The courses are: Inventive Crafts, Monday, Accounting II, Tuesday, Social Problems, Wednesday, and College Algebra, Thursday.

September 1 is the registration date scheduled for Choctaw Central. The time is 6:30 P.M. at the junior high school and the course offered is American History, Monday.

The registration date for Decatur is August 31, at 6:30 at the Science Building on East Central's campus. The courses are: Office Machines, Monday, Physical Science, Monday, Principals of Economics, Tuesday, Biology, Tuesday, Accounting II, Wednesday, American National Government, Wednesday, English Composition I, Thursday, and English Composition II, Thursday.

In addition to the above times registration for any location can be completed at the college administration offices between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 31 through Tuesday, September 6. (Offices closed September 5 - Labor Day).

Got a date yet?

# Busy first week planned; prom only 8 months away

by Patti Roebuck

The Student Body Association, sponsored by Dean Brackeen, met last week to make plans for the upcoming school year at East Central. Officers for 1977-1978 are Jimmy Sheppard, President, Judy Russell, Vice-President, both from Newton, Blanche Harrell, Secretary, of Carthage, and Judy Wolverton, Treasurer, of Philadelphia.

The Schedule of Activities and SBA Committees were the main topics of discussion. Various activities are planned for our first week of school to help dispell the drudgery of going back to school.

Hypnotist L.T.C. Ed Wallington will present his famous "mind" act to new and returning students at 8:00 p.m. in the large auditorium on Monday. Wallington, a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Army, will present his demonstration on behalf of the E.C. Army ROTC.

Tuesday, there will be a concert featuring Decatur's own Mac Jackson, in the old activity center from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m., and to whet your appetite, a cook-out will be held on Thursday.

These activities are designed to help students at East Central meet new people and discuss their exciting summers with old friends. Dean Brackeen encourages students to take part in

these activities and have a fantastic time.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Elections and activities make up the calendar of events for the entire year planned by the SBA officers. Many students have been named to special committees to help with these projects.

The Homecoming Dance will be held October 6 from 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. October 31 - November 2 has been designated as Religious Emphasis Week. Helping to ring in the holiday season will be the Christmas Dance, which will be held December 1 from 8:00 - 12:00. April 13, 1978, is the date of the prom.

Elections will be held in three phases, petitions, actual elections, and possible run-offs.

Petitions are due for the Homecoming Election September 6-9; elections will be September 13 and any run-offs will be held on September 15.

Who's Who petitions are due January 9-13. The election will be held on January 17 and run-offs are scheduled for January 19.

Petitions for next year's SBA officers are due March 6-10. March 14 is the date of the election and run-offs are scheduled for March 16.

Now that you know when these events are to be held on campus, let's take a look at who

will be making them happen. The election committee is composed of eleven members selected by the SBA officers. They are: Jean Mills, Cheryl Newell, Al Caskey, Glenn Nicholson, Steve Hillman, Retha Goldman, Angela Hardy, Susan Harrell, Senita Dearing, Kathy Glenn, and Steve Breland.

The Hospitality committee consists of: Julie Goodwin, Dink Height, Jessica Harpole, Shannon Cleveland, Lucy Duncan, Tanya Allen, Dianne Calhoun, Jo Ann Wright, Cathy Stamper, Dean Collier, and Rhonda Johnson.

Retha Goldman will represent the student body on the faculty library committee.

Judy Wolverton and Steve Hillman make up the Curriculum committee.

The Spirit Committee consists of: Shannon Cleveland, Judy Russell, Julie Goodwin, Julie Wright, Sharon Hunt, Dean Collier, Rita Gayle Smith, Sherry Rogers, Tanya Allen, Judy Wolverton, Jimmy Sheppard, Blanche Harrell, Richie Hosey, Susan Hollingsworth, Debbie Akins, Cheryl Newell, Jean Mills, Ricky Turner, Deborah Addy, Phyllis Leflore, Dink Height, David Case, Jerry Smith, Karen Hicks, Jessica Harpole, Tim Cannon, Cindy Pennington, Lisa Everett, Betty Cullen, and Mark Dean.



There's enough for everybody

# Club activities broaden interests

by Rhonda Johnson

If, by some strange coincidence, anyone at E.C. finds that he has loads of free time on his hands, there are many extra-curricular clubs provided for almost any type of interest. These clubs are sponsored by instructors who are interested or informed about the particular field. Everyone is encouraged to participate in at least one of these clubs.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon is sponsored by Dr. Harris and anyone open to anyone majoring in pre-engineering. This club meets Tuesday, third period.

The Band meets four times a week and is sponsored by Mr. Dykes.

Baptist Student Union, which is located across the street from campus, is directed by Miss Gladys Bryant.

E.C.J.C. Players sponsor different plays and programs for

students interested in dramatics. The Players are sponsored by Mr. Peterson and meet Tuesday, third period.

Le Cercle Francais is for those who are interested in French. This organization has an annual Christmas Party and Spring Banquet and is sponsored by Mrs. Rowell. It meets Tuesday, third period.

All business students are urged to join Phi Theta Lambda, which meets Tuesday, third period, and is sponsored by Mrs. Everett and Mr. Trapp.

The Home Economics Club is sponsored by Mrs. Pouncey and meets Tuesday, third period.

M.E.N.C. is for those interested in Music Education. It is affiliated with the Music Educators National Conference. M.E.N.C. is sponsored by Mrs. Thornton and meets Tuesday, third period.

Men's Council assists the Dormitory Supervisor. This

organization meets first and third Tuesdays.

The Student Educational Association is sponsored by Mr. McMullan and Mrs. McMullan. It's purpose is to give the student experience in teacher-teacher and teacher-citizen relations. The SEA meets Tuesday, third period.

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau would be of interest to pre-med students. It is sponsored by Mr. Mason and meets Tuesday, third period.

Vica's purpose is to foster an understanding of labor functions and to create interest in industrial, technical, and health occupations.

Wesley is sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Meetings are held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the rooms above the student center. All students are welcome to visit at any time.

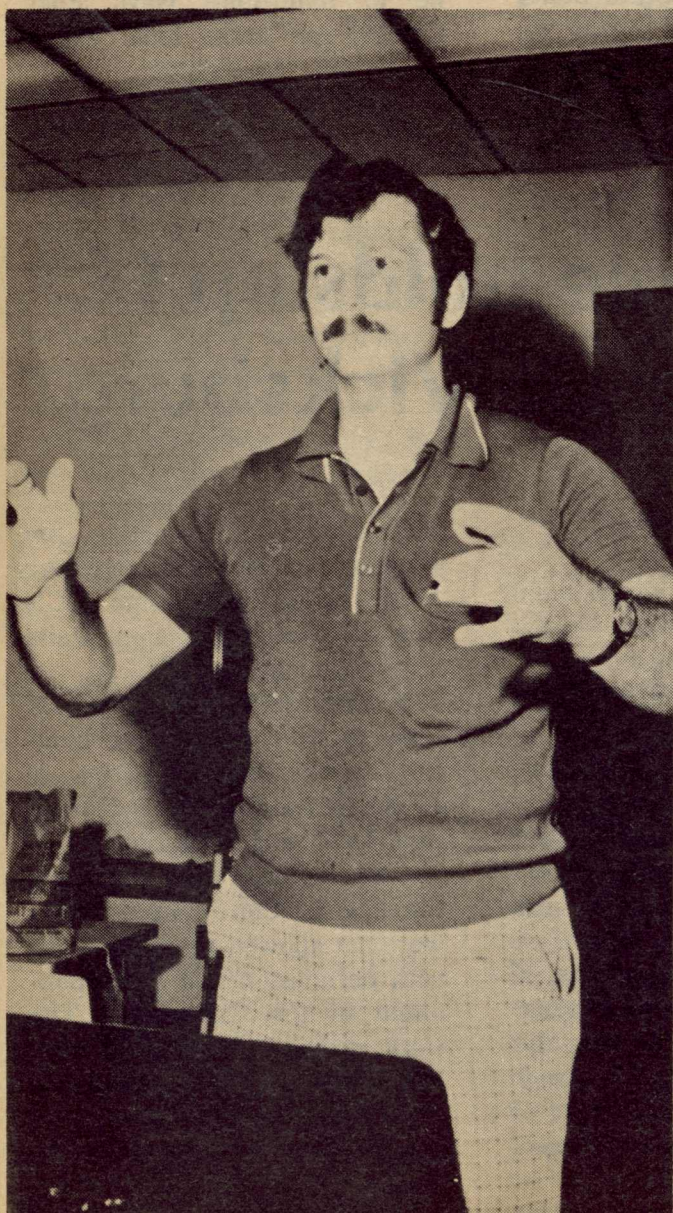
Women's Student Organization assists the Dorm Supervisor in directing the women's dormitories. This organization is sponsored by the dorm supervisor and meets Monday, 10:00 p.m.

The Tom-Tom is the official campus newspaper. Anyone interested in journalism should contact Mrs. Carrie Alford or the editor. Meetings will be called by the sponsor.

The Wo He Lo is sponsored by Mrs. Graham. Anyone interested in working on the Wo He Lo should contact Mrs. Graham.

If none of these clubs appeal to you, A Special Interest Group may be organized. A Special Interest Group must meet the following requirements:

1. The S.I.G. must be approved by the S.B.A.
2. The S.I.G. must have fifteen members.
3. The S.I.G. must have a faculty sponsor.



Drum majorette for the coming year is Lou Ann Harper, pictured left. Judy Deel is the feature twirler.



Band Director George Dykes directs the group.





Dykes: 'No reason why EC couldn't be the best'

## Band interest, attendance is increasing

by Sue Savell

Junior College All-State Band auditions and a District Band Directors meeting and banquet are just a few of the plans that East Central's band and director, James Dykes, have on the agenda for the coming year.

During the week of August 15, a District Band Camp was held for area students interested in joining East Central's band. Twenty-five students attended the camp as compared to last year's attendance of ten. According to Dykes, the camp's purpose was to get the band back into shape and to mold the various band styles into one. Also, those students attending the camp would be able to work on a one to one basis with those returning from last year, due to the special emphasis on marching and playing techniques stressed during the week.

Dykes emphasized that there are twenty bands in the district,

six of which are All-Superior plus several others that rated excellent in state competition. Of these twenty bands, fourteen are represented in East Central's band. Due to the quality of the students, Dykes said, "There is no reason why East Central couldn't be the best band in the area."

It is estimated that approximately forty-five members will compose the band as compared to the thirty-five members last year. Feature twirler for the coming year will be Judy Dill of Lena. Gail Gallup of Morton will be returning as captain of the eight member flag corp. Gail attended an Auxiliary Camp this summer at Co-Lin and received two first-place awards, one for solo flag competition and the "Hustler" award for individual flag competition. Lou Ann Harper from Leake Academy will serve as Drum Majorette. Miss Harper received superior ratings as drum majorette and

student conductor at State Competition.

The band plans to attend all but two of the football games, those being at Pascagoula and Coahoma, and has tentative plans to perform in several area Christmas parades. Several students are preparing to try out for the Jr. College All-State Band. Try-outs will be held toward the middle of the year with the

All-State Band performing at either the Southern Conductors Conference in Hattiesburg or the College Band Directors Association meeting in Atlanta.

The Warrior Band also plans to host a District Band Directors meeting and banquet August 29. The purpose of this meeting will be to determine ways East Central can assist local directors.

## Melanie holds up EC banner in Vicksburg

by Rhonda Johnson

Melanie Laird, represented East Central at the Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg.

Melanie, former Decatur Junior Miss, earned the title of Miss East Central by competing with twelve other contestants in the scholarship pageant last spring. She sang "Mame" from the Broadway Musical of the same name.

Melanie's overall opinion of the pageant is "You get to meet a lot of people from all over the state. There's a lot of work involved but there's also a lot of fun. All in all, the best thing is experience."

The competition was a bit stiffer in Vicksburg as there were thirty-eight contestants from all over the state. Mel-

anie's Chaperone was Mrs. Jim Ramsey and her roommate was Vicky Washington from EC's football rival, Mississippi Delta Junior College.

In addition to the other contestants, she met Lorilee Shaffer, former Miss America of 1972. There were many restrictions such as getting out of bed at 6:00 a.m. after hard practicing the night before. Contestants were not allowed to do anything with permission and accompaniment of the Chaperone. The worst restriction was, of course, "No Boys". There were also a few parties, including an autograph party at the Vicksburg Mall.

Melanie will be a sophomore this fall at Mississippi State University where she will major in Physical Therapy.

### Hey Man! A new van!

by Rhonda Johnson

Believe it or not, East Central has broken open the old piggy bank and purchased a new "van".

Rumor has it that the old van just couldn't handle the job. According to Dean Denver Brackeen, the new van is a fifteen-seater and is **AIR-CONDITIONED.**

The van will be used by the cheerleaders, choir, and other small groups to go to football games or field trips.

The van is green and white and may be seen on the side of the Vo-Tech building. A new bus has also been added that will take the Carthage route.



# Seven coeds to head spirit campaigns

by Patti Roebuck

All for the Warriors stand up and holler!

In the next few months we will be hearing this familiar cheer time and time again bellowing from the mouths and hearts of the seven girls who make up the East Central cheerleading squad. The cheerleaders met last week on campus to make plans for the upcoming football season, and, of course, to practice, practice, practice.

The 1977 East Central Cheerleaders are composed of five newcomers and two old pros. These girls have a total of twenty three years of cheerleading experience. That's a lot of rah-rahs!

Returning to the sidelines this year are the following: Head Cheerleader Shannon Cleveland from Union, is a sophomore majoring in education. Shannon has been a cheerleader for five years, including one year at East Central.

Judy Russell is a sophomore, majoring in business education. She plans to transfer to Mississippi State next year. Judy is vice-president of the Student Body Association and has had three years of cheering experience.

Newcomers to the spirit scene at East Central are:

Julie Wright, a freshman transfer from State, is enrolled in the drafting program. Julie has had one year of cheerleading experience at Louisville High School.

Sophomore Dean Collier, is from Walnut Grove. She plans to complete her accounting major at the University of Southern Mississippi. Dean, who was head cheerleader at South



Warrior cheerleaders are ready for an exciting season. Head cheerleader is Shannon Cleveland of Union, third row. Other cheerleaders are Judy Russell, Newton; Rita Gail Smith, Union, and Julia

Wright of Louisville, first row; Dean Collier, South Leake, and Sharon Hunt, Neshoba Central, second row.

Leake, comes to East Central with five years of experience.

Sharon Hunt is a freshman majoring in nursing. Sharon has five years of cheerleading experience at Neshoba Central High School.

Rita Gayle Smith, from Union, is a freshman Liberal Arts major with one year of cheerleading experience. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Smith of Union.

Julie Goodwin, Newton freshman, was unable to attend last week's practice sessions due to minor surgery.

The cheerleaders met July 20th to decide on uniforms and came up with a very striking outfit. The fall uniforms consist of a gold vest with black trim, a black blouson shirt accented with a hood and a large gold front pocket, and a gold shirt with black insert pleats. Black knee socks and black and white tennis shoes complete the outfit.

Pep rallies will be held every Thursday night at the old gym. The cheerleaders encourage students to attend the rallies and show their spirit by supporting the Warriors and the cheer-

leaders.

The main objective of this year's squad is to motivate the Warriors as well as the student body. Head cheerleader, Shannon Cleveland, stated that the cheerleaders are behind the Warriors all the way and that they expect tremendous support from the students.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Spirit Club, the Pep Club, should contact a cheerleader. Any student who has a suggestion about a chant or cheer should contact one of the cheerleaders.

## Phi Theta Kappa looks to coming conventions

by Sue Savell

Phi Theta Kappa, East Central's honor society, has big plans for the coming year and encourages all students to make an effort to qualify for membership.

The year's theme, "Man Alive-Can He Survive?" will serve as the background for the

club's programs which will include, "The Development of Man," "Brain Changes," and various other topics.

Newly elected officers include: President - Danny Kilens, Union; Vice-President - Sherry Vance, Newton; Secretary - Sue Savell, Union; Treasurer - Donna Reynolds, Philadelphia; and Reporter - Historian -

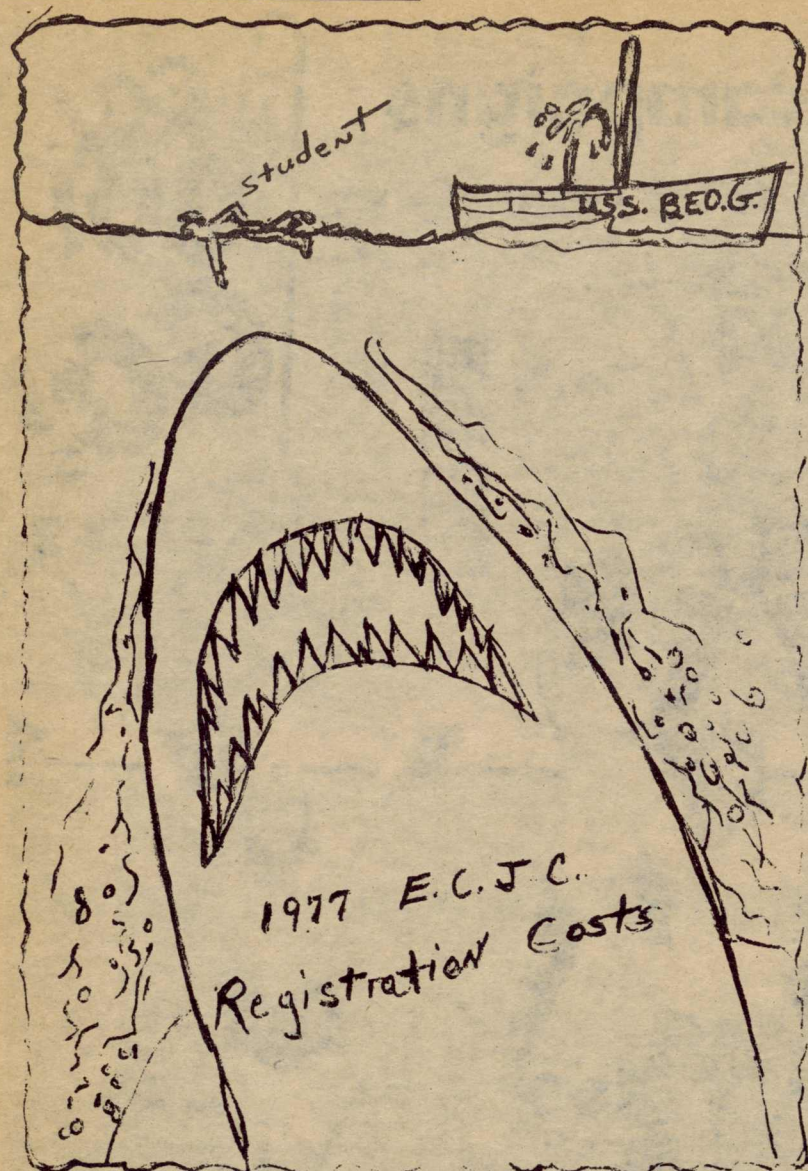
Jo Ann Wright, Decatur. Club sponsors are Mrs. Sara Heard and Mr. Thomas R. Mayes.

To qualify for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, Freshmen must have attained a 3.4 average for the preceding semester and Sophomores must have maintained a 3.3 average.

Conventions scheduled include the State Convention to

be held at Delta State in late October and the National Convention to be held in Orlando, Florida in the spring. The National Convention is a culmination of the year's activities and includes parties, banquets, award presentations, and special activities. The 1978 convention in Orlando will feature a day at Walt Disney World.





## Jackson Hall slated for remodeling

by Sue Savell

According to Dr. Charles Wright, tentative plans are underway for reconstruction and redecorating of the upper two floors of Jackson Hall.

Dr. Wright explained that funds for the project had been approved in a June meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The reconstruction will include replacement of windows, doors, lighting, and ceilings. Carpeting will be installed and desk and closet areas will be rebuilt.

Dr. Wright also expressed that plans were being made to tear away the old Home-Economics building. This building will be replaced with a new entrance to the cafeteria, a smaller cafeteria, private dining room and new nurse's quarters.

It is hoped that the projects will be completed by the end of the Summer of '78.

## Grid staff, players look to Delta date Sept. 3rd

by Rhonda Johnson

Approximately 57 young men arrived on campus Sunday, August 14, to begin a week long practice session.

A complete roster was not available at press time, but will be included in a future issue. Coach Ken Pouncey commented that the "dust has to settle" before a complete roster could be submitted.

James Mason is new to the Warrior Coaching staff. He hails from Bogulusa, Louisiana, where he coached high school ball. Mason also coached three years at the University of Southern Mississippi. Coach Mason will certainly be an asset to the Warriors this year.

East Central has 16 returning lettermen among the hopefuls for this year's team. Pouncey stated that in comparison to last year's team, "We're more inexperienced than last year, especially in the offensive and defensive line."

Several former East Central football players have been on campus helping Coach Pouncey during the practice session. They are: Mark Anders, Greg Clark, Chris Harris, and Craig Cleveland. Harris will also be helping during the regular season. Cleveland commented that this year's team has

"strong defensive ends".

The trainers also play an important part. They are: J.D. Holloman, Doug McInnis, Steve Combest, all sophomores, and Keith Palmer, freshman. McInnis stated that in his opinion this year's will be "as good or better" than last year.

Coach Pouncey said that all the teams the Warriors would be up against would be tough, but Miss. Delta Junior College will probably be the toughest as most of their lettermen will be returning.

Quarterback Ricky Harrison sums it up for this year's team: "We're going out to win 'em all!"

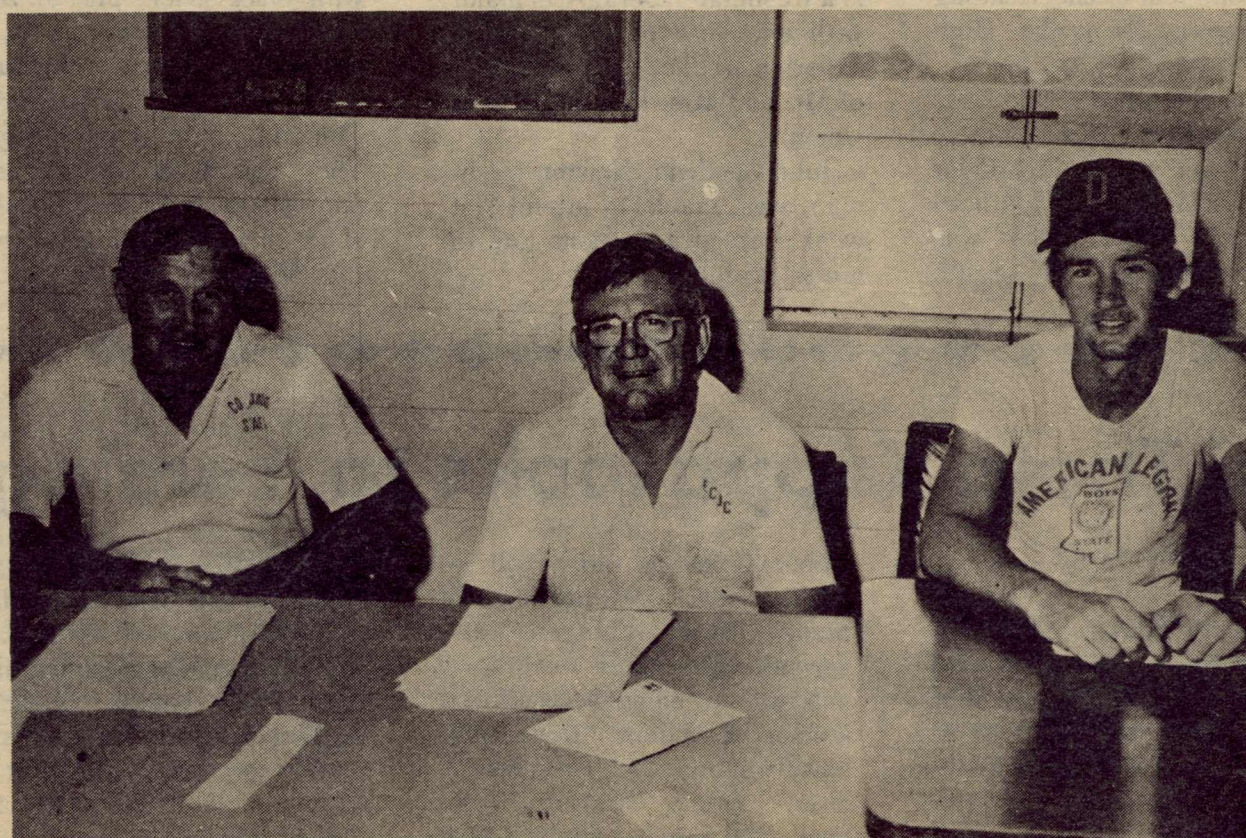
### 1977 ECJC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 3 - Delta ..... There  
Sept. 10 - Co-Lin ..... Here  
Sept. 17 - Gulf Coast---

Pascagoula

Sept. 24 - Coahoma ... There  
Oct. 1 - Holmes ..... Here  
Oct. 8 - Hinds (HC) ... Here  
Oct. 15 - Pearl River ... There  
Oct. 22 - Southwest ... Here  
Oct. 29 - Jones ..... There  
Nov. 5 - Northeast ... Here

All home games will begin  
at 7:30 p.m.



East Central coaches are making big plans for the Warriors this year. Head coach Ken Pouncey [center] works with new assistant coach James Mason and student assistant Chris Harris.



## Time finally catches up with 'temporary' apts.

by Rhonda Johnson

If you've been on your toes lately, you'll have noticed a building being torn down over by the married student apartments.

The pile of rubble is all that is left of "temporary" apartments built over thirty-one years ago.

After World War II, East Central received six buildings from the Federal Housing Authority and The Veterans Administration. Of those six buildings, only two are in existence today. They are Winston Hall, which is used for storage, and Leake Hall, an apartment building.

The four buildings that are no longer here were Old Newton Hall, the music building, and the Masonry and Electricity building, where the new library now stands. The other two were apartment buildings known as Apartment Building #1 and Apartment Building #2. Apartment Building #2 is the one being torn down today.

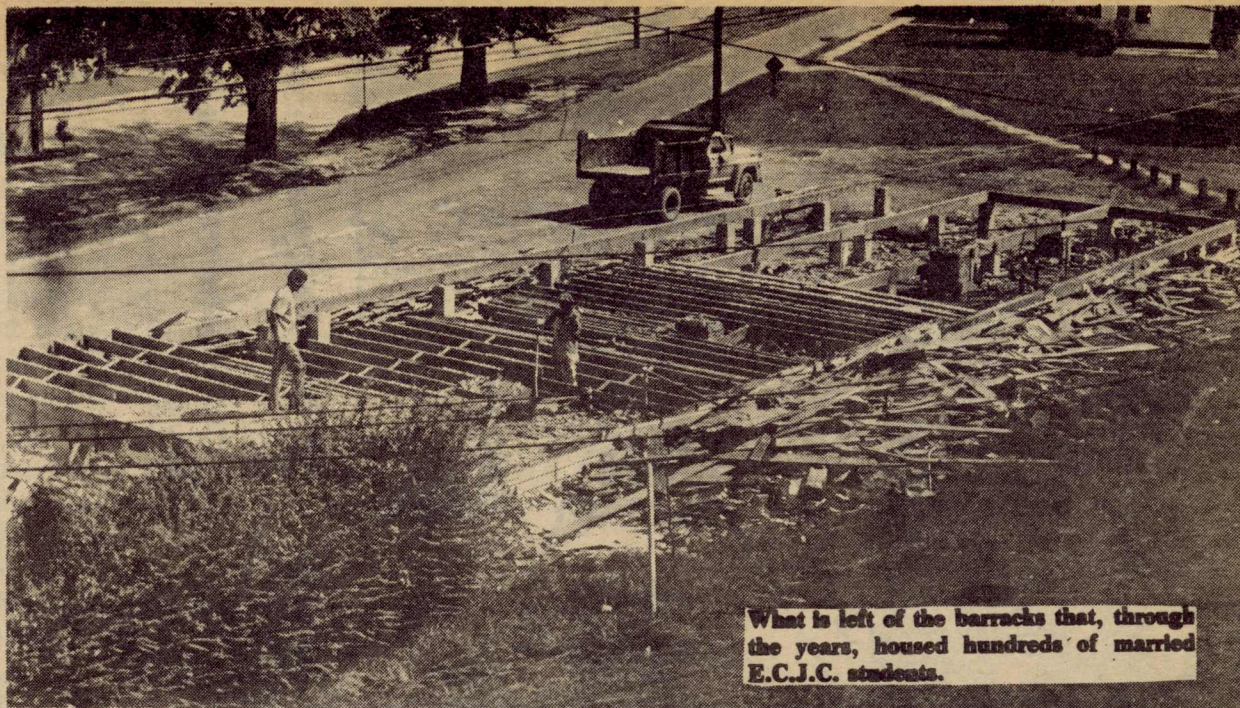
According to Mr. Ovid Vickers, the buildings were originally army surplus buildings that were used as Army and Navy barracks during the war. They were brought here, probably from Camp Shelby or Pascagoula, for Veterans and their families.

Apartment Building #2 had eight apartments that, over the years, housed faculty, students, and even a kindergarten, which was operated by Mrs. R.C. Roberts, wife of the Dean.

These apartments were never really satisfactory because they were either too hot during the summer, or too cold during the winter. They were originally heated by coal stoves, gas was later piped in. There was very little closet and storage space plus poor lighting.

There are many people today who have college degrees or are successful because a place was provided for family while a student at East Central.

It is hoped that in the future our legislature will appropriate money so that suitable, modern quarters will be available for married students.



What is left of the barracks that, through the years, housed hundreds of married E.C.J.C. students.

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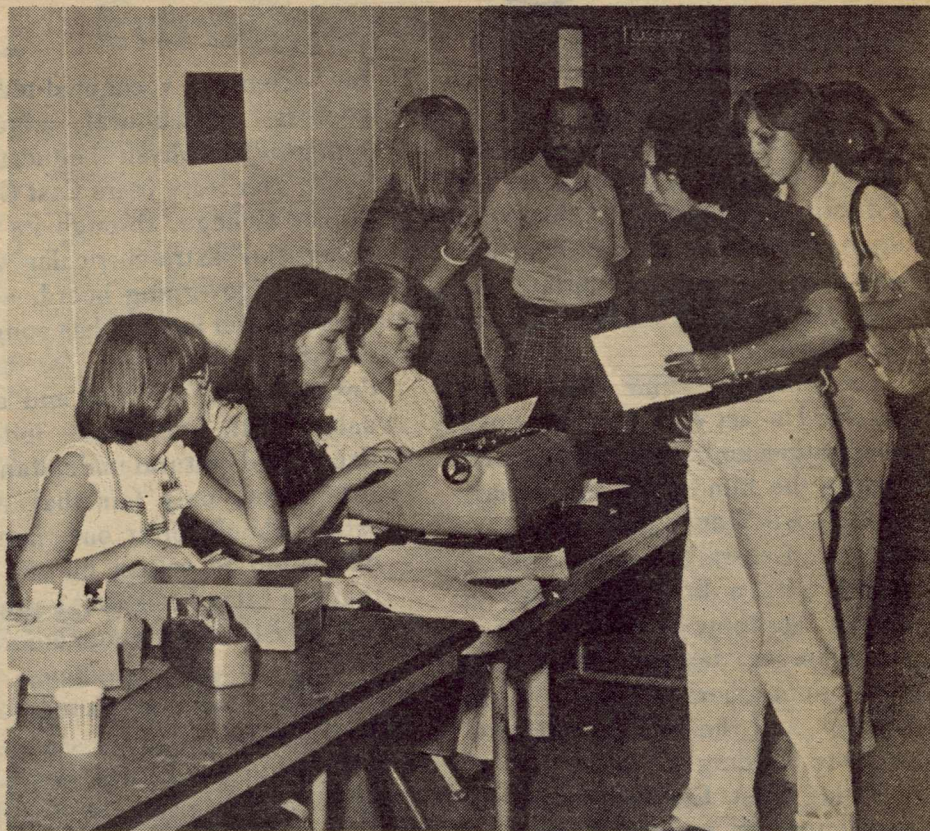
## Homecoming election procedures

by Darene Meador

Nominations for the 1977 Homecoming Court will be accepted on Sept. 6 through Sept. 9.

To nominate a candidate, a petition must be obtained from Dean Denver Brackeen. The petition must be signed by twenty-five students and returned to Dean Brackeen's office by Sept. 9. The election will take place on Sept. 13 and runoffs will be held Sept. 15.

The Homecoming Court will consist of three Freshman maids, three Sophomore maids, a Maid of Honor, and a Homecoming Queen. Nominees for Homecoming Queen, Maid of Honor and Sophomore maids must have a 2.5 grade point average. There are no requirements for Freshman maids.



REGISTRATION--Senita Dearing, Kathy Stamper, and Kathy McGrew register freshmen Martha Wooten and Patricia Warren. Lucy Hurst and Mr. Bob Heritage look on.

Photos by Jaris Brantley

## Cosmetology student wins state competition

by Jo Ann Wright

This year East Central provided a state winner in cosmetology, Dot Keen. Wanda Brackeen accompanied Dot serving as her model. They traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio

and spent five days competing in different divisions. Performance required a cut, style, comb out, and a formal hair style.

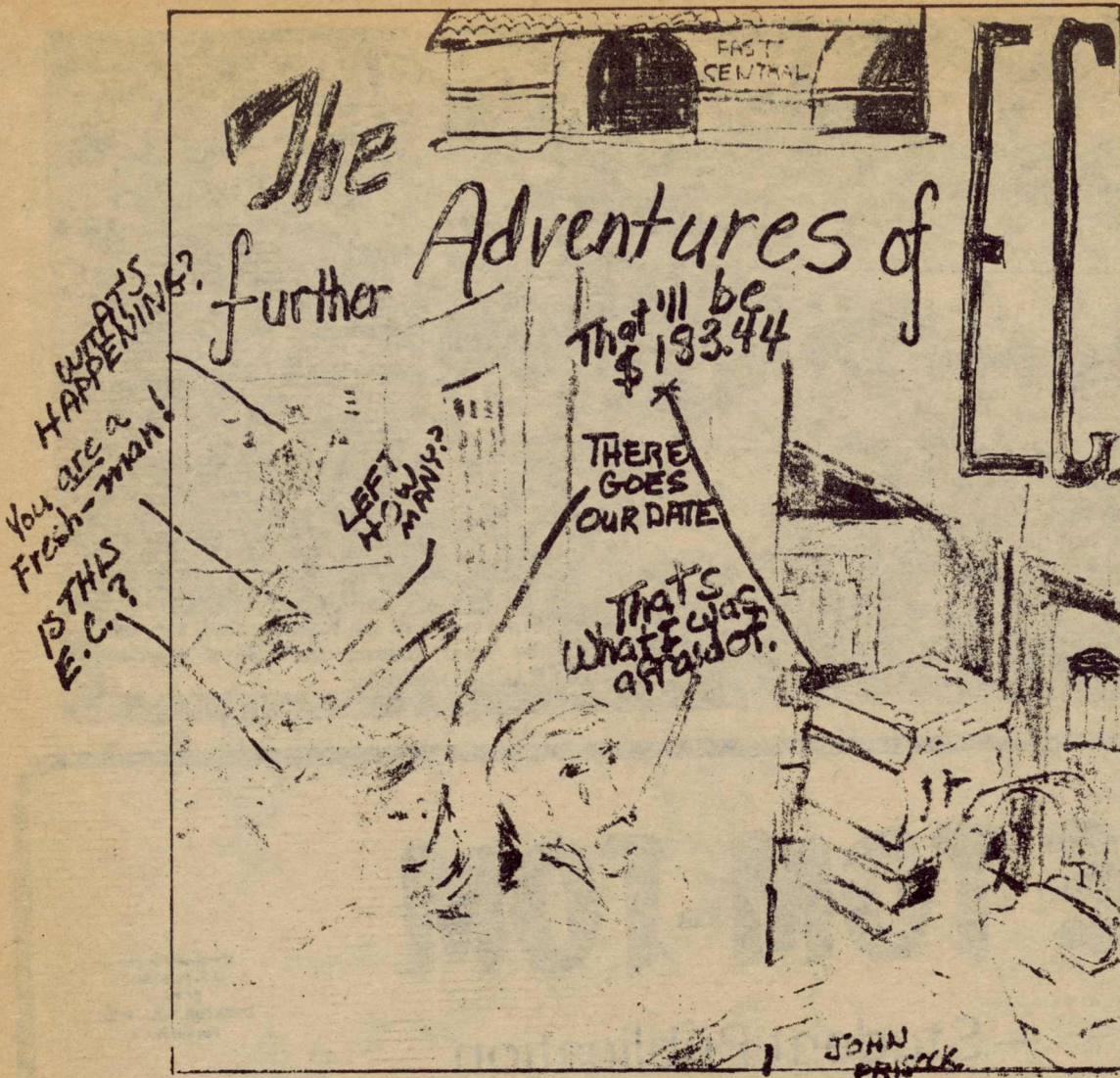
California placed first, Florida second, and Colorado third.

Each year EC sends one student to compete against students from other junior colleges in a state contest held in Jackson. They are judged by outside people in the industry. State contest winners

compete in the national contest.

The VICA Club is organized of students in vocational programs. As well as teaching citizenship and ethics, the club encourages its members to be more proficient.





50th anniversary of college

# Let's get started

by Sue Savell

Next September East Central Junior College will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary. Although a span of months lies between now and then it seems appropriate that the preparation and planning should begin now.

Imagine the time and work involved in last years Bi-Centennial celebration and the activities preceding the hundredth anniversary of the Civil War.

East Central Junior College began with a Freshman class of twenty students instructed by a two-member faculty. Only one curriculum-Liberal Arts - was offered, and the college consisted of three buildings.

Today East Central boasts an enrollment of some 960 students instructed by a total of fifty-three faculty members. The college offers thirty-two programs of study, including vocational education, a one-year intensified business curriculum, and technical programs. Also more than thirty different major buildings worth approximately \$6,000,000 have been added to the original three buildings. The latest additions include an air-conditioned library, women's dormitory, dining hall, and buildings designed specifically

for science, vocational-technical courses, agricultural education, fine arts and physical education.

For over forty years East Central Junior College, through its curricular and extra-curricular activities, the governing board, administration and faculty, has sought to provide opportunities for mental development, physical and spiritual growth, economic independence, and cultural understanding.

It seems only fair that we in return should offer our time and dedication to reflect on the past that has brought us to the present.

Suggestions for commemorating the event are numerous. New diplomas could be issued to the first graduating class, seals could be made to attach to all correspondence, a short history of the college could be written, library displays could be executed, and the 90-minute film of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college which was made at that time, and is now in the library, could be edited and shown at the Homecoming Banquet.

East Central has fulfilled its purpose and it's time we did some bragging. Through the co-operation of the student body we can express to others the esteem and pride which has carried us through these fifty years.

## EC boasts 'cattleman of the Year'

by Patti Roebuck

Developing an outstanding cattle farm is a dream of many young Mississippians, but such an operation can only be accomplished by hard teamwork. EL RINGO FARMS, owned and operated solely by E.C.'s drafting instructor Pace Guthrie, his wife, Hazel, and their children, is a classic example of a cattle showplace in our state.

The family transformed their farm from a small, rough wilderness into a well known beef producing operation. The Guthrie's hired no help, whatsoever, to build their home, barns, and fences; these farmhands cleared their own land and established pastures and hay fields.

The Guthries began with three female Angus, and later bought eighteen cows and calves, but most of their 75 brood cows were raised on the farm. Most of the cattle raised on EL RINGO FARMS are sold for breeding stock. Their herd is recognized by the Beef Cattle Improvement Association as being high quality breeding stock.

The Mississippi Cattleman's Association recently named Mr. Guthrie Cattleman of the Year in the less-than-one-hundred cow category.

Mr. Guthrie feels that the Cattleman's award should have been given to his wife. Mrs. Guthrie keeps the operation going while he is at E.C. teaching. She knows all of the cattle personally, by name or number, that is.

Nothing is more important to the Guthries than their children, though. The close family ties that have developed as the family has slaved together, experienced the triumphs and tragedies of farm life can't be described. They can only be experienced by the Guthries as they push ahead toward a common goal.

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# 2nd honeymoon takes Everetts to the Far East

by Gloria Hartness

Have you ever thought about spending your honeymoon in the Far East? Although it was her second, Mrs. Jessie May Everett, head of East Centrals' business division did.

Mrs. Everett and her husband, Mr. James B. (Bobby) Everett left for the Far East on July 9, 1977 on a Pan Am World Tour with eighteen other people. Mrs. Everett had been planning the trip for quite some time, but it took twenty-five years for her dream to come true. The occasion was her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The Everetts first stop was in Tokyo, Japan after thirteen hours in flight from Memphis, Tennessee. Their arrival in Tokyo was the beginning of their Orient adventure.

Their stay in the world's largest city ended after five days, and from there they went on to Kyoto, Japan for a two-day tour.

Visiting Japan was most enjoyable to Mrs. Everett. The Japanese' willingness to work appealed greatly to her. In Japan, when a child is strong enough to work, he does so, and continues to do so until death.

The system of education in Japan is somewhat different from that in the United States. Only those students who pass a certain exam may attend college after high school graduation. Those who make exceptionally well grades are allowed to be exchange students to various universities in the U.S.

Mrs. Everett also appreciated a fact very common to all Japanese people. Each family cares for its own until death. There sometimes may be three families living in a

one-room apartment, but it will be kept very clean.

Although there are some two million people in Japan, there is no such thing as a three-class system. There are the very rich people and, simply, the "rest".

"The Japanese," Mrs. Everett commented, "are a very conservative people. Only the very rich have luxuries. They use what they have very wisely."

While in Japan, the group also visited Mt. Fuji, a world famous mountain. Here squatters, or escaped refugees from Red China, make their home on the foot hills of the mountains.

Japan's population is in the millions, but the country's crime rate is very low. The Japanese are taught from childhood to be very honest and trustworthy people.

On the seventh day of their tour, Mr. and Mrs. Everett left Kyoto for the country of Taiwan. After one day there, they traveled to Hong Kong where they spent four days.

In Hong Kong, the Everetts went to the Wall of Red China. The wall is well-guarded on each side. The squatters, who live in the mountains, cross the wall to escape Red China.

Next on the itinerary was Bangkok, the capital city of Thailand. For two days the group remained there.

On the fourteenth day of their excursion, the Everetts saw beautiful Singapore, Malaysia, the orchid capital of the world.

In addition to these countries, the Everetts took an optional trip by Macaw, an island in the South China Sea, Guam and Hawaii.

On July 26, the Everetts ended their tour and first "big trip" and returned to the States.



Mrs. Everett displays some of the treasures she brought back from her trip to the Far East.

Photos by Jaris Brantley

## Enrollment changes daily

The latest registration count revealed the enrollment of 757 day students. Included in this figure were 610 academic students and 147 vocational students. The number of academic students has increased by 14 from last year but, the number of vocational students has been reduced by 31.

viduals are still in the process of registering and a final count of these students will be available at a later date.

According to the registrar, indi-

## Collegians named

by Jo Ann Wright

The competition for the Collegians was stiff this year. Twenty-four students, displaying outstanding musical talent, competed for positions. Mr. Heritage remarked, "It was a hard decision and I regret that I could not have selected all twenty-four."

The members selected were Janice Brock of Newton; Senita Dearing of Union; Lisa Everett of Decatur; Dink Hight of Philadelphia; Lucy Hurst of Hickory; Kaye West of Newton; Larry Ganaan of Carthage, Skippy Griffith of Vicksburg; Paul Lowery of Forest; Barry Phillips of Phillips, Joe Vance of Lake and Micky Vance of Lake. Accomplishments included Angela Hardy of Philadelphia and Jo Ann Wright of Decatur. Positions are still open for instrumentalists.

The Collegians, who perform and entertain as representatives of ECJC, are looking forward to a really exciting and eventful year.

## Art students to see Tut treasure

By Anne Burton

Several East Central art students will be travelling to the New Orleans Museum of Art to view the display of artifacts from the tomb of the famous Egyptian Pharaoh, King Tut.

After lying hidden thirty-three centuries, the tomb of King Tutankhamun was uncovered on November 4, 1922 by archaeologist Howard Carter. It was a small burial place, as tombs go, with only four rooms. The tomb was packed with treasures placed inside to insure Tut's comfort.

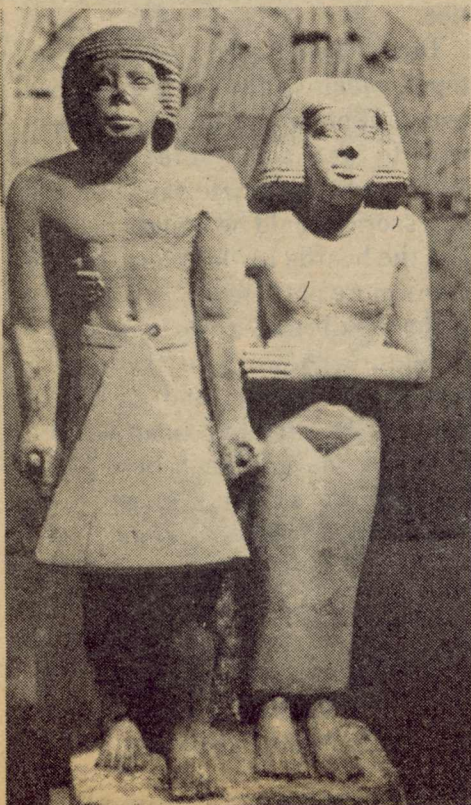
Fifty-five gold artifacts, drawings, and ceramics have been gathered after ten years of cleaning and restoring.

King Tutankhamun was nine

years old when he inherited the throne of Egypt sometime around 1334 B.C. His death, after a short reign of nine years, continues to mystify experts.

The artifacts will be on display in the New Orleans Museum of Art on September 18 to January 15, 1978. The display will be open to the public Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. If interested, plan to be in line 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. to be able to get inside to see the artifacts. Go on a weekday because the weekends will be packed.

Admission into the museum for six to eighteen years is 50 cents and one dollar for adults. Art students see Mr. Guraedy for details concerning the trip.







**MEMBERS OF THE 1977-78 WARRIOR FOOTBALL TEAM** are, from left to right: #9 - Bobby Tillman, F.S., 167 lbs., Union; #10 - Mark Killens, Q.B., 185 lbs., Union; #12 - Ricky Harrison, Q.B., 161 lbs., Beulah Hubbard; #20 - Robert Hardy, R.B., 165 lbs., Newton; #23 - Ralph Edwards, S.S., 172, Forest; #25 - Mark Kilpatrick, R.B., 198 lbs., Philadelphia; #30 - Mike Wroten, R.B., 210 lbs., Decatur; #31 - Johnny Johnson, R.B., 175 lbs., Morton; #32 - Rodney Kelly, L.B., 180, Noxapater; #33 - Theodore Ealy, R.B., 173 lbs., Forest; #34 - Sammy Miller, C.B., 150 lbs., Louisville; #35 - Harold Hughes, C.B., 160 lbs., Louisville; Glen Nicholson, S.S., 180, Neshoba Central; #40 - Lou Eichelberger, S.S., 170 lbs., Louisville; #80 - Gary Hartcock, D.E., 193 lbs., Newton; #84 - Alexander Ealy, T.E., 174 lbs., Forest; #44 - Kermit Carpenter, C.B., 181 lbs., Forest; #45 - Bud Dees, F.S., 180 lbs., Walnut Grove; #50 - Billy Mayes, C, 193 lbs., Forest; #53 - Greg Clark, D.T., 240 lbs., Louisville; #60 - Steve Breland,

O.G., 232 lbs., Philadelphia; #61 - Ken Riggs, D.T., 240 lbs., Conyers, GA.; #62 - Andy Brewer, L.B., 192 lbs., Philadelphia; #63 - David Carter, C, 176 lbs., Noxapater; #64 - Terry Bates, D.E., 188 lbs., Forest; #65 - Will McMillan, O.G., 180 lbs., Hometown; #66 - Robert Varnam, L.B., 198 lbs., Morgan City, LA.; #70 - Terry Walker, L.B., 214 lbs., Louisville; #71 - Rocky Cleveland, O.T., 230 lbs., Decatur; #72 - Troy Eichelberger, L.B., 191 lbs., Louisville; #73 - Dan Alfano, D.T., 229 lbs., Seminole, Fla.; #74 - Roy Brown, D.T., 211 lbs., Louisville; #75 - Kenneth Whitfield, O.T., 242 lbs., Louisville; #77 - Kenneth Yarbrough, O.G., 236 lbs., Louisville; #82 - Jerry Tichnell, L.B., 197 lbs., Philadelphia; #83 - Cliff Eichelberger, S.E., 195 lbs., Louisville; #81 - Ronnie Herron, S.E., 176 lbs., Morton; #85 - Jimmy Steadman, D.E., 175 lbs., Morton; #88 - Sonny Bennett, T.E., 218 lbs., Walnut Grove. Managers: #10 - Jimmy Hollman; #11 - Steve Combest; #63 - Keith Palmer; #55 - Doug McInnis.

## 10 intramural football teams begin play

by Bill Dickens

Intramural football season at ECJC started August 29, featuring for the first time, women's flag football.

Six men teams and four women teams compose the league that officially started Thursday, September 1.

In the previous practice games the Bad News Bears defeated the Todd Hall All-Stars 14-12, while Ooh-Rah edged out the Crunch Bunch 13-6.

In the last practice game the Crunch Bunch game back to beat the Hustlers 27-0.

In women's action, the Billion Dollar Babies beat the Captain Fantastics 13-6; the Hustlers won their game against W.C. Doan in a forfeit.

In the first official game of the week, Ooh-Rah combined an explosive offense with stingy defense to defeat the Hustlers 45-6. In the game Tommy McCool ran for one TD, Steve Shelton for another. Charlie Cox added one on an interception that iced the game.

This week's Player of the Week award goes to Donnie "Peanut" Stewart. Combining quick hands with good concentration, Peanut anchored the Ooh-Rah defense in their 45-6 victory.

## Warriors beat Trojans 7-0

"You can't win 'em all if you don't win the first one" and EC goes into Saturday night's game against Co-Lin still holding the opportunity to win 'em all.

The Warriors took their first win, a 7-0 victory over Delta last Saturday, on the road. The game's lone score came on a 22 yard swing pass from quarterback Rickey Harrison to Robert Hardy. The first quarter score came on a fourth and seven situation and ended a 70 yard scoring drive. Harrison's PAT ended the scoring for both teams.

Keeping the ball on the ground throughout the night, the Warrior offense continually got good yardage from runners Hardy, Theodore Ealy and Timmy Hamil. Harrison, working with Warrior wishbone attack, picked up several key first downs with keepers.

The Warrior offense was not without its problems, however, as they left eight fumbles on the ground, six of which were turnovers to the Trojans. Three times in the second half the Warrior offense committed bobbles that killed their chances to back the Trojans off the goal line.

The Warrior defense, which started slowly by allowing the Trojans to move within field-goal range on their first possession, ga-

thered itself as the night went along to hold the Deltans at bay. With two pass interceptions and one fumble recovery in the second half, the defensive unit continually pushed back all Trojan threats.



David Underwood

## Skateboarding is popular at East Central

by John Prisock

Skateboarding has taken the surf out of the ocean, and put it on pavement. If you think a skateboard is nothing more than an old rough board with skates nailed to the bottom, then you are in for a surprise. Skateboarding is now the art of the individual. You can buy boards in all shapes and sizes, all color combinations and even personally customized to your own taste.

This board-mania is all across our country, putting a board with wheels under the feet of all aged people. To say that just anyone can ride one though, would be unfair to the individuals who have made riding it an art.

Riding a skateboard could be compared to either Ballet or Karate. When a novice learns the skills of balance, control and self assurance then mastering the board becomes easy. We have a few riders on our campus who have mastered the art of skateboarding. One rider felt that with the advent of new synthetic wheels (providing better traction), as well as boards shaped for trick riding, that the possibilities were endless. Some of the tricks our riders can perform include: sitting while riding; jumping up, twisting half-around and landing, while riding; riding with the hands only; fliptailing, done by pushing down on the back of the board, letting the front rise, then twisting to the side; and riding through an obstacle course. All of these tricks require skill and practice.

David Underwood, from Sebastopol, feels that a skateboard competition would be an excellent way to get some attention and create new riders. He said that the accessories could be bought readily and the boards made easily, letting many more participate. It is a great athletic skill that gives a sense of adventure. A word to the novice though. Be careful and don't try hard tricks on slim boards. The wider boards are much better and you are not as likely to get your first lesson. That is a skinned toe.

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## Homecoming scheduled October 8th

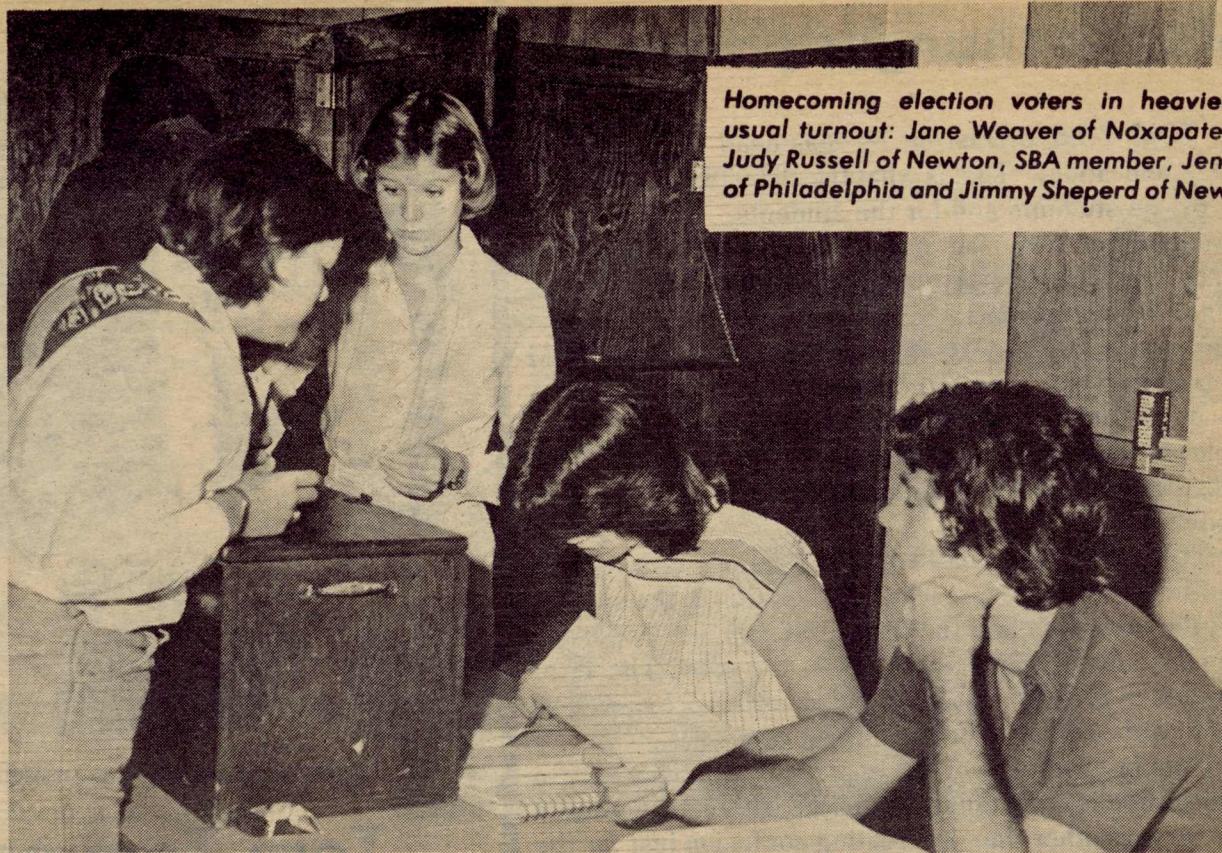
East Central Junior College's 1977 Homecoming will be held on October 8. According to Charles V. Wright, the following people are being asked to serve on the Homecoming Committee.

Homecoming Chairman, Raymond McMullan, Students, Jimmy Shephard and Judy Russell; Homecoming court committee, Alice Pouncey, Elizabeth Pitts, and Mrs. Charles Wright, Student, Lynn Harkins; Registration committee, Lois McMullan, Students, SEA Officers; Parade Committee, Dr. Shelby Harris, Harvey Trapp, John Adcock, Student Danny Killen; Decoration of Dining Hall, Sarah Heard, Rudolph Mayes, Students, Phi Theta Kappa; Reception Committee, Lucille Wood, Tommy Thrash, Alyne Simmons, Bruce Peterson; Campus Decoration, Joe Clark, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Gipson; Publicity, Carrie Ann Alford, Students Sue Savell, Rhonda Johnson.

Plans for Homecoming include a reception honoring Alumnus of the Year to be held in the Fine Arts Building at 3:00. At 4:00, E.C.J.C. will present their 1977 Homecoming Parade. Starting at 5:00 in the Fine Arts Building there will be an Alumni Business Meeting. The Alumni supper will follow in East Central's cafeteria at 6:00. East Central Warriors will host Hinds Junior College in football beginning at 7:30. The half time show will be the presentation of the 1977 Court.



Homecoming Queen Shannon Cleveland of Union; Maid of Honor-Lorene Russell of Forest.



Homecoming election voters in heavier than usual turnout: Jane Weaver of Noxapater voting, Judy Russell of Newton, SBA member, Jena Mills of Philadelphia and Jimmy Sheperd of Newton.

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## Shannon Cleveland elected Queen

Shannon Cleveland of Union was elected to reign as Queen of East Central's October 8th homecoming activities.

Shannon is head cheerleader and an officer in the Student Education Association. Last year she was selected as a beauty in the Miss ECJC Pageant.

Lorene Russell of Forest was selected maid of honor. Lorene was also a beauty in last year's Who's Who.

Sophomore maids are Jessica Harpole of Philadelphia, Blanche Harrell of Carthage and Shelia Pryor of Forest.

Freshman Maids are Carla Halley of Morton; Lisa Haralson of Decatur; and Julie Wright of Louisville.

Those nominated for Homecoming Queen were: Shannon Cleveland of Union, Cheryl Newell of Decatur, Judy Russell of Newton, and Lorene Russell of Forest.

The nominees for Sophomore Maid included: Debbie Akins,

Gina Callahan, Robin Clark, Lucy Duncan, Jessica Harpole, Donna Reynolds, and Patti Warren, all of Philadelphia; Tanya Allen of Jackson; Dean Collier of Walnut Grove, Lynn Harkins of Thomastown, Blanche Harrell of Carthage, Donna Lindsay of Morton, Sheila Pryor of Forest, Sherry Rogers of Noxapater, Alice Steele of Newton, and Jo Ann Wright of Decatur.

Freshman Maid nominees were: Janice Brock of Newton, Pam Burkes, Angela Hardy, Brenda Sue Munn, all of Philadelphia, Vickie Crowson and Lisa Horton of Noxapater, Carla Halley of Morton, Robin Hamrick of Enterprise, Darene Meador and Lisa Haralson, both from Decatur, Susan Harrell, Phylis Leflore, and Mary Reeves of Carthage, Debbie A. Livingston, Cheryl Price and Julie Wright of Louisville, Lee Simmons of Lake, and Sandra Walker of Lawrence.

A run-off election was held on

Sept. 15. Students voted on the following: Homecoming Queen: Shannon Cleveland, Cheryl Newell, and Lorene Russell. Sophomore Maid: Debbie Akins, Dean Collier, Jessica Harpole, Blanche Harrell, Sheila Pryor, and Donna Reynolds. Freshman Maid: Pam Burkes, Carla Halley, Lisa Haralson, Angela Hardy and Julie Wright.

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### CLASS PICTURES

Class pictures will be taken Thursday, September twenty-second in Huff Auditorium, behind the stage. Pictures will be taken between eight o'clock that morning till three o'clock that afternoon. Please do not wear any type of head garment. There will be no remakes.



## Paper changes policies

The TOM TOM carries on its masthead the words "a student publication." That is what the 1977-78 staff wants--a paper by the students and for the students.

To determine how the paper could better serve the students, feedback from a variety of students has provided some helpful suggestions.

Beginning with the next issue, copies of the TOM TOM will be placed in each student's mailbox on Tuesday afternoon of the publication date.

Publication dates for first semester are: September 20, October 4, October 18, November 1, November 15, and December 6.

The TOM TOM serves as a public relations arm of East Central Junior College. It reaches out not only to the student center, the dormitory and the library on campus. Copies go into homes, offices, and schools across the state. The TOM TOM wants to present a good image of our school as well as a good record of what is happening on campus.

It will not be the policy of the paper (to use a cliché), "to wash the school's dirty linen in public." There are methods to right wrongs other than by creating confusion just for the sake of making people want to read the TOM TOM.

The paper will accept signed letters to the editor. Some of these letters will be printed, and the writer's identity will be withheld on request. Any letter must be presented by the writer to the sponsor or one of the editors of the TOM TOM.

The paper will contain editorials to make the students, the faculty, and the administration think about what will make East Central a better school.



Executive Editor Sue Savell and Managing Editor Rhonda Johnson

## Tom-Tom names new Editors

Sue Savell of Union and Rhonda Johnson of Decatur have been selected to serve as co-editors of the TOM TOM for the 1977-78 school year.

Sue Savell, an English major, is executive editor responsible for the editorial content of the paper. Responsibility for making the paper "go" belongs to Rhonda Johnson as Managing Editor.

Sue has an extensive background in journalism, having served as news and feature editor of last year's TOM TOM. She won an editorial award from the Mississippi Junior College Press Association last year. In

high school, she won the Communications Award for Journalism, the Citizenship Essay Award, and the Alcohol Essay Award. On campus, Sue is active in Phi Theta Kappa.

Rhonda Johnson plans to major in journalism with a minor in public relations. She was a staff writer for last year's TOM TOM, a class favorite, member of the ECJC Players, and a member of the Hospitality Committee.

Each editor with her special talents in the area of journalism plans for a big year for the TOM TOM.

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## Twenty-eight apply for December graduation degrees

by Sherry Vance

The following students from both vocational and academic areas have made application for graduation in December:

**Vocational Degrees:** Automotive Body and Fender: John Michael Baggett, Ricky Allen Dooley, Lou Autrey Eichelberger, Uhlma Lee Havard, Douglas Edmond Herrington.

Automotive Mechanics: Danny L. Moore.

Electricity: Ronald D. Rogers  
Machine Shop: Gerald R. Beem, John L. Hoyt, Bobby M.

Williams

Welding: James H. Anthony, Lonnie Chapman, Charles A. Graham, Jessie B. Harman, Jr.

Cosmetology: Robert Lee Herrington

Intensive Business: Eleanor Baucum, Diane Bryson, Daphne Regina Moore, Linda K. Nowell, Patricia Ann Rowell

**A.A. Degrees:** Michael Wayne Burch, Thomas L. Coleman, Billy Lanette Fenchak, Mike French, Larry Gage, Fred Thomas Germany, Sherry Haimes, Pam Stevenson.

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### Master's degrees or better

## EC has qualified academic faculty

by Sue Savell

For the first time in the history of East Central Junior College every member of the full-time academic teaching faculty holds a Masters degree.

Current data shows that fifteen academic faculty members have their Masters, six have completed their Masters plus fifteen hours, three have their Masters plus thirty hours, four have completed their Masters plus sixty hours, and three members hold Doctorate degrees.

The various colleges and universities attended by the academic faculty members include: Mississippi State, Mississippi College, Clark College, University of Southern Mississippi, University of Mississippi, Georgia State College, East Illinois State Teacher's College, George Peabody College, Okla-

homa State University, Tulane University, Louisiana College, Livingston University, William Carey College, New Orleans Seminary, University of Alabama, Texas A & M, Cornell University and the University of North Carolina.

As for colleges and universities within the state, fifteen have attended Mississippi State University, four have attended the University of Mississippi, sixteen have attended the University of Southern Mississippi two have attended Mississippi State College for Women, and eight have attended Mississippi College.

Those members who have taught for twenty years or more include: R.G. Fick, Miss Lucille Wood, Mrs. Jessie Everette, Dean Denver Brackeen, Ovid Vickers, Dr. B.J. Tucker, and

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# Students return to college after sev. yrs. vacation

By Gloria Hartness

While walking around campus you might see several adults, but don't think that they are all instructors. We have here at East Central a host of older students who have returned to school to further their education. Some have been away as many as ten years; others, as few as four.

Linda Harris, an elementary education major from Decatur is attending classes for the first time in eight years. She is also enrolled at the Mississippi State University Extension in Meridian, MS.

"I find school harder for me here than at the extension," Mrs. Harris commented. "The atmosphere is different because of the age differences and the instructors treat you differently."

After spending two years in the United States Air Force, Steve Reaves enrolled at ECJC to start his career in forestry. Steve graduated from Noxapater High School in 1973, and is currently a sophomore.

Although some of the older students find that things have changed, others have different opinions. Ann Jenkins, a business major from Newton, doesn't find it difficult to go to school with teen-agers. Last year was Mrs. Jenkins' first

year at school since 1971.

Sirlester Robinson went to work on a production type job after she graduated from high school. This made her realize that more education would be necessary for an easier job.

Patricia Robinson thought that a twelfth grade education was enough to get her a good job. After going to California and working on a production job, she found the work harder than expected.

Another returning student is Brenda Alexander. Brenda wanted to prove something to herself—that she could accomplish something. Her challenge was to obtain more education.

One faculty member commented, "I really enjoy teaching students who have come back to school after years of working or staying home with children. These older students seem to be more appreciative of the opportunity to learn than most younger students are. They value a college education because they have seen for themselves the need rather than having parental or social pressures force them to college."

More and more students are returning to colleges and universities across the nation after years of working, and, certainly East Central is no exception.

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## FACULTY (Con't from page 2)

Registrar Frank Rives. Fick, who has been with the college since 1951, is the Senior faculty member and Dean Tucker, who has also been with the college

since 1951, is the Senior administrator.

In response to the faculty's achievement, Dr. Charles Wright stated, "I don't believe there is a better qualified faculty in the state."



Brenda Alexander, Sherry Spears, Lynette Clark and Joan Johnson (with daughter Gretchen) have come back to school after a vacation of several years.

## Defeats her mother

# Recipe sent in by Mrs. Pouncey wins grand prize cookbook award

by Patti Roebuck

Did you ever think your cooking could win a prize for you? Mrs. Alice Pouncey's culinary abilities have done just this for her; she captured the grand prize in the 19th annual Meridian Star Cookbook.

The recipe was entered in the contest and published in the Meridian Star this summer. Mrs. Pouncey had to prepare her dish and take it to be "taste-tested" by professional Home Economists from the Meridian area.

Mrs. Pouncey obviously comes from a family of good cooks, as her mother won the meat category with a recipe given to her by Mrs. Pouncey. Mrs. Pouncey beat her mother in the over-all contest. "She won second and I won the grand prize," stated Mrs. Pouncey.

The grand prize was a Panasonic Microwave Oven. Ironically, she received a microwave oven for Mother's Day from her husband.

A White Chocolate Cake was Mrs. Pouncey's award winning entry. The recipe was given to her by Sheila Williams, a former student from Union.

This is a very unusual type of cake because the major ingredient, white chocolate, cannot be found in any grocery stores in the area. White chocolate is a candy; there is no chocolate in it

at all, but it tastes and smells like chocolate. Mrs. Pouncey obtained her white chocolate at the candy counter at Woolworth's in Meridian.

## WHITE CHOCOLATE CAKE

1/4 lb. white chocolate  
1/2 cup boiling water  
1 c. butter or margarine  
2 cups sugar  
4 eggs; beat egg yolks separately

Melt chocolate in boiling water (over heat). Cool. Cream butter until light. Add sugar gradually and continue to beat until very light and fluffy. Add 4 egg yolks. Beat 2 or 3 minutes on mix. Add cooled chocolate and mix well. Add alternately with 1 cup buttermilk, 2 1/2 cups cake flour, 1 tsp. baking powder. Fold in beaten egg whites. Gently stir in 1 cup of chopped pecans and 1 c. flaked coconut. Pour into three 9 inch cake pans (greased & floured) Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes.

## FROSTING

1 stick butter (1/2 c.)  
2-3 oz. pkgs. cream cheese  
1 box powdered sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1/2 c. chopped pecans

Cream butter & cream cheese. Add sugar and vanilla. Beat until of spreading consistency. Add pecans. If too stiff to spread, add a small amount of milk or cream.

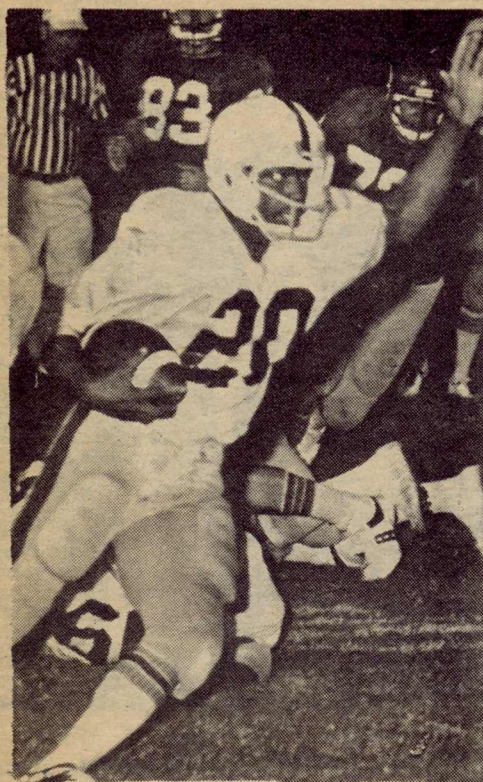
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# Co-Lin defeats EC 12 to 6

by Bill Dickens



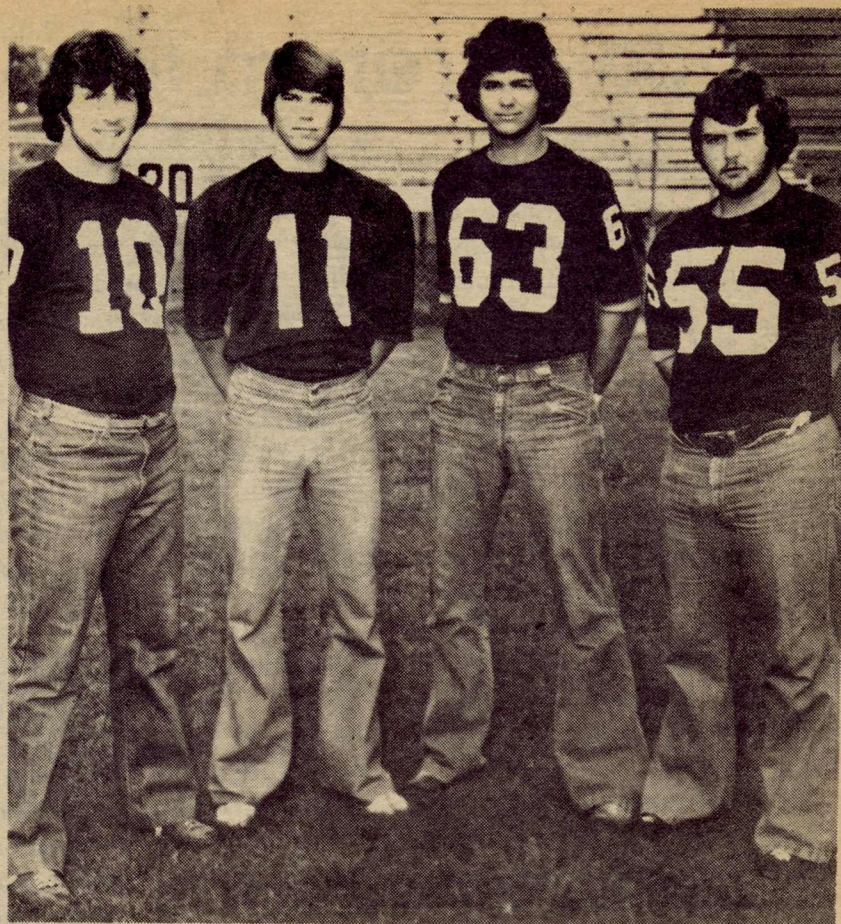
Running back Robert Hardy of Newton carries the ball for a big gain against Co-Lin.

The East Central Jr. College Warriors played host to Co-Lin Jr. College Saturday, September 10, at Warrior field, losing the game 12-6.

The Warriors continue to have their problems, offensively, in putting points on the scoreboard. Against Co-Lin the Warriors picked up a total of 386 yards for 20 first downs, but only 6 points. Twice they were stopped inside the Wolves' 20-yard line, once being stopped on downs inside the 10 yard line; they lost another when Ricky Harrison fumbled.

The Warrior defense looked good again, allowing only one TD on the night, the other Co-Lin TD coming on an intercepted Ricky Harrison pass. Only twice has the defense been scored on in two games.

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ECJC MANAGERS Jimmy Holliman, Steve Combest, Keith Palmer and Doug McInnis put in many hours of hard work every week, but don't get much of the glory.  
(All photos in this issue by Jaris Brantley)



## SEA OFFICERS

Left to right: Velma Posey-Treasurer, Shannon Cleveland-Secretary, Martha McWhorter-Freshman V.P., Susan Brittian-Soph. V.P., Cheryl Newell-President. Student MAE Fall Leadership Conference Friday, Oct. 7, at Primos Northgate Restaurant in Jackson.

## Intramural football scores

Bad News Bears	13
Hustlers	12
Todd Hall	14
Crunch Bunch	6
OOH-RAH	31
Space Cats	2

### Women

Billion Dollar Babes	2
WC Doan	0
Standings: OOH-RAH	- 2, 0;
Bad News Bears	- 2, 0; Crunch
Bunch	- 1, 1; Todd Hall
Hustlers	- 0, 2; Space Cats
Babes	- 1, 0, 1; Hustlers
Capt. Fantastic	- 1, 0, 0;
WC Doan	- 0, 2.

### Intramural Player of the Week

The winner of this award is picked by the referees and

sports director.

This week's intramural player of the week is Wayne Turner, of OOH-RAH. Wayne scored one touchdown on offense, and set up another on a pass interception, keying a 31-2 victory.

### Coach of the Week

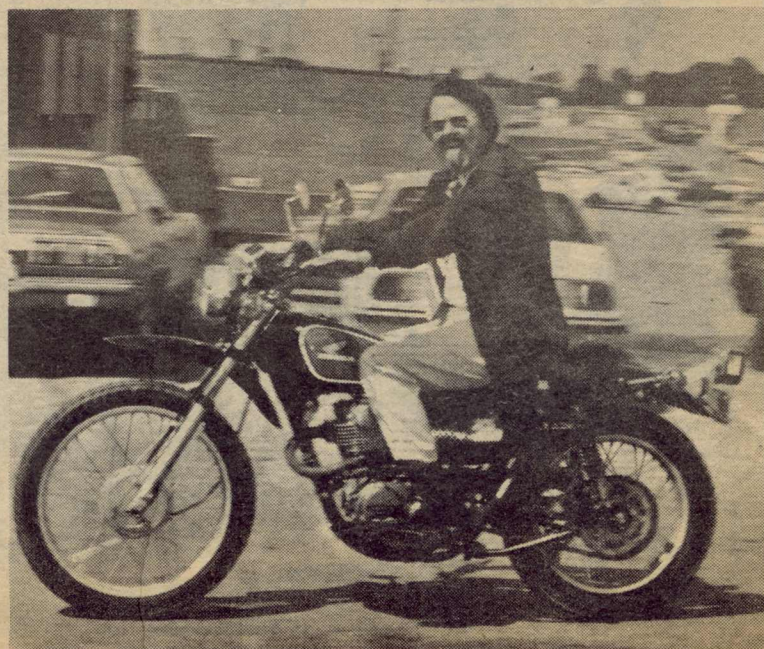
This week Jimmy Luke wins Coach of the Week, for meritorious service to whichever team he's coaching now.

### Intramural Volleyball Starts

Intramural volleyball will start October 3. Deadlines for teams wishing to participate is September 29. Entry forms for men and women teams can be picked up in the Student Activities Center.

## CAMPUS SPORT

Dr. Richard Ethridge of the History Dept.





# Homecoming slated this Staurday

by Jo Ann Wright

ECJC homecoming activities will take place Oct. 8. Halftime activities will include the crowning of the queen and the parade of the homecoming court.

Chosen queen was Shannon Cleveland. Shannon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cleveland of Union. She attended Union High School and is a sophomore majoring in Elementary Education. She is secretary of the SEA, a cheerleader, and a member of the hospitality and spirit committees, and is active in intramural athletics.

Her escort is David Case. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Case of Union. He attended Union High School and is a sophomore majoring in Liberal Arts. He participates in intramural activities.

Maid of honor is Lorene Russell. Lorene is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Ellene Russell of Hillsboro. She graduated from Scott Academy and is a sophomore majoring in Secretarial Science. She is active in intramural sports.

Her escort is David Dearing. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dearing of Forest. He attended Scott Academy and is a sophomore majoring in Business Administration. He participates in intramural athletics.

Chosen as sophomore maids were Shelia Pryor, Jessica Harpole, and Blanche Harrell.

Shelia is the daughter of Mrs. Waldo Pryor of Forest. She graduated from Forest High School and is a Liberal Arts major. She is active in intramural activities.

Her escort is Tim Davis, son of Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Davis of Sturgis. He attended Louisville High School. Tim is a Liberal Arts major and is very active in intramural sports.

Jessica is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boots Harpole of Philadelphia. She is a graduate of Leake Academy and is a Medical Records major. She is active in intramural sports and a member of the spirit and

hospitality committees.

Her escort is Tommy McCool, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCool of Louisville. He attended Louisville High School and is a Liberal Arts major. He is a member of the French Club, the

baseball and tennis teams, and participates in intramural sports.

Blanche is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Harrell of Carthage. She attended

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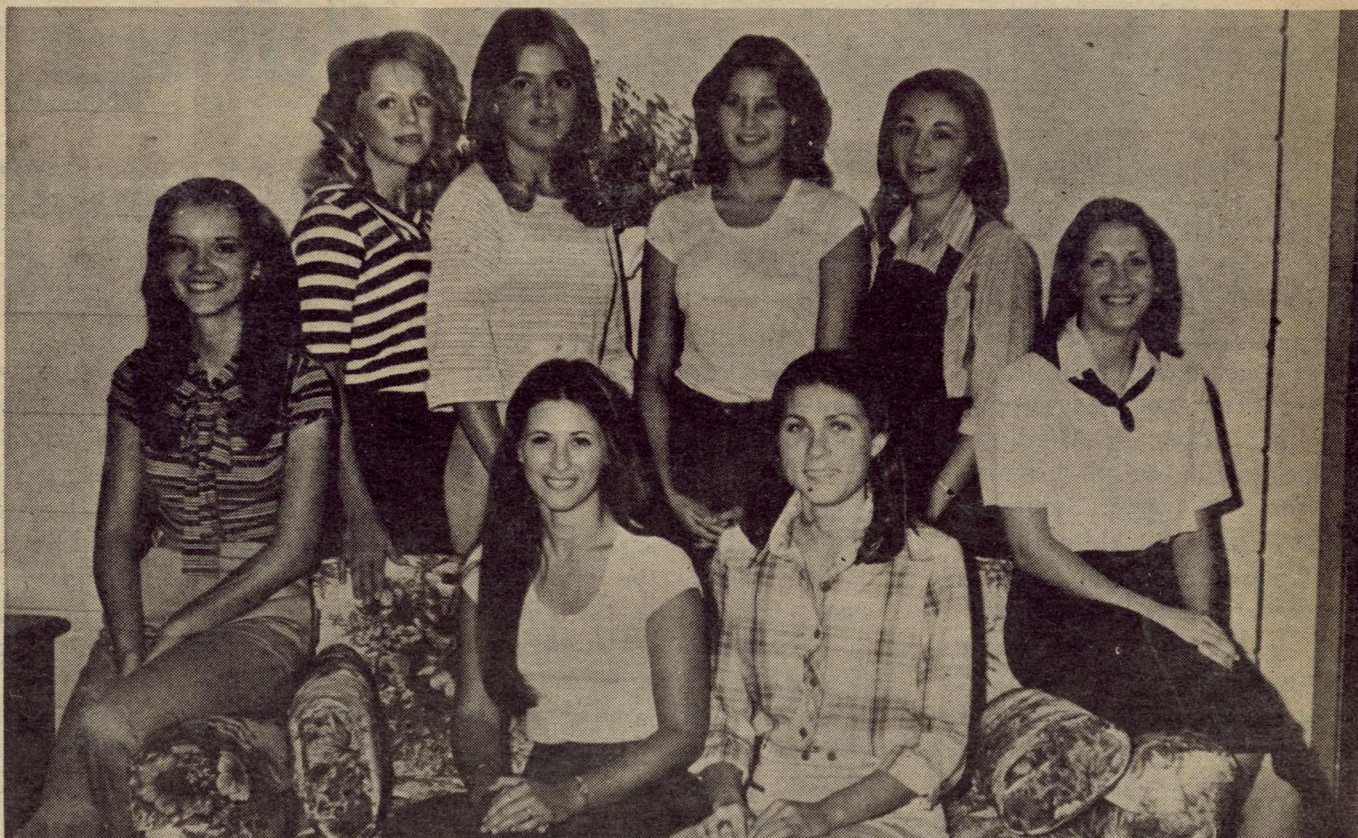
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ECJC HOMECOMING COURT

East Central's 1977 Homecoming Court will feature Shannon Cleveland of Union as queen [seated, front right]. Maid of honor is Loreen Russell of Hillsboro [seated left]. Freshmen maids [from left]

are Lisa Haralson of Conehatta, Julie Wright of Louisville, and Carla Halley of Morton. Sophomore maids are Shelia Pryor of Forest, Jessica Harpole of Philadelphia, and Blanche Harrell of Carthage.

## Homecoming Calendar of Activities

**3 o'clock** - Fine Arts Building - tea honoring Jesse M. Everett, Alumnus of the Year

**4 o'clock** - Downtown Decatur - Homecoming Parade

**5 o'clock** - Fine Arts Auditorium - ECJC Alumni Meeting

**6 o'clock** - ECJC Cafeteria - Alumni Banquet

**7 o'clock** - Warrior Field - Hinds Junior College Band Performance

**7:30 o'clock** - Kick Off Time - Warriors vs. Hinds



# Homecoming filled with nostalgia for alumni

At homecoming Alumni tend to be filled with nostalgia. They remember traditions that seemed so much a part of the ECJC they knew.

But traditions seem to be fading on college campuses of the 70's; just as they have on East Central's. Some traditions have fallen because of lack of student interest or lack of funds. Some have just faded away.

Some of the traditions that were once a vital part of ECJC life, you may remember.

Do you remember:

(1) Senior Day with as many as 900 seniors swarming on the campus?

(2) Weekly chapel which was required and was begun with

roll check?

(3) Track as a regular part of the athletic program?

(4) Homecoming half time which featured a combined band of East Central and the district high schools?

(5) Birthday suppers for all the people who had had birthdays that month?

(6) Big sisters who were assigned as advisors for the freshmen girls?

(7) Shaved heads of freshmen boys?

(8) ECJC Coeds of 1949 who voted not to wear corsages to the student activity dance?

(9) County night that was a part of the orientation program during the first week of school?

(10) May Day?



*Jackson Hall, Old Library, cafeteria....*

## Renovation of 3 buildings underway

**Ms. Rhonda S. Johnson**

East Central is coming up in the world! Plans are in the making for the renovation of Jackson Hall, the old library, and the cafeteria.

A contract has been submitted to Charles P. McMullan Associates of Jackson for work on the two upper floors of Jackson Hall. The old parts will be torn out and the ceilings lowered for new light fixtures. New windows that match the windows in front will also be added. The floors will be carpeted and new "attached" furniture will be installed. This simply means study-desks, dressers, and closets will be built into the walls.

A new Public Address (P.A.)

system, locks, and doors are also included. The old air conditioning and heating systems have already been renovated.

Dr. Charles V. Wright stated that the contract is hoped to be signed in December so that construction may begin in May in order to be completed for next fall semester.

The old library, which is located across the mall from Jackson Hall, has been under construction since last summer. The electrical work and petitions are near completion. A system of new offices will be located there.

Among these will be Dr. Wright's new office. His old office will become a conference room. The Business office will

be moved to the new location and the old Business office will be the Registrar's "new" office. The Registrar's old office will be another counselor's office.

There will be three entrances to these offices. One in front, one on the side, and another will be added in the back, facing the Main street of Decatur. Another room in the old library will be used by the Board of Trustees for meetings. A small kitchenette will adjoin it for refreshments.

The renovation of the cafeteria is a bit more complicated. The Old Home Economics building, or the annual building, will be completely torn down. A smaller cafeteria will be built, along with a new nurse's office that will include two sick rooms and a small waiting room.

The smaller cafeteria will be used by athletes, faculty, and businessmen who usually break our chow lines at noon. A hallway will connect these two cafeterias and sick rooms. A covered walk-way, similar to the one we have now will also be added. There will be two public restrooms in the building also. The side entrance by the Gordon Room that leads to Jackson Hall will be redone and a small living room and dining room will be added. These

rooms will be used by the Board of Trustees for meetings and for other visitors to campus.

It is hoped that all this construction will begin in May, but there are other factors that could possibly delay it, such as weather, money, or architectural delays.

A request has been put in for funds for a new student center and book store, but we'll just have to wait and see about that. It is also hoped that in the future several more tennis courts will be added and lighted.

Most of the returning freshmen can expect to see a new and different East Central Junior College.

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### SPIRIT BUTTONS

**Cheerleaders will be selling spirit buttons for homecoming all week. There is a limited number, so get yours fast. Buttons can be purchased from any cheerleader for fifty cents.**



Alumna of the Year....

# Jessie M. Everett to be honored

Selected by the East Central Junior College Alumni Association as the 1977 "Alumna of the Year" is Mrs. Jessie Mary Everett of Decatur, chairman of the Business Department at ECJC.

Mrs. Everett is a very outstanding civic leader on the local, and state levels, holding high offices in numerous organizations. She has been an outstanding alumna of the institution for a number of years, having graduated from the college in 1949, and returning in 1956 as a member of the Business Department. She received her BSC Degree from the University of Mississippi in 1951, and received her MBE Degree from the same institution in 1956. She has done further work at Ole Miss and Georgia State College in Atlanta.

Mrs. Everett is married to James B. Everett, attorney in Decatur and a graduate of East Central Junior College. They have two children, Keith, an outstanding graduate of ECJC and presently a third year medical student at the University Medical Center in Jackson and Lisa, a freshman at ECJC this year.

Mrs. Everett has served in every capacity on the ECJC Alumni Association. She served for six terms as secretary and was presented a Resolution of Appreciation for a job well done from this Association. She has served as Newton County vice-president, vice-president at large, and as president.

She has been honored on the local level for her many outstanding accomplishments. She was the first woman in Decatur to receive the coveted Golden Deeds Award in 1969, an annual award designed to honor outstanding community citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves. In 1977 she was selected by the Decatur Woman's Progressive Club as the 1977 "Beautiful Activist"

## UNSELFISH SERVICE

She has done volunteer work in many organizations such as: Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, the March of Dimes, American Red Cross, Cancer, Girl Scouts, and Heart Fund. She has served in the Decatur Woman's Progressive

Club as secretary, vice-president, president, chairman of departments and divisions, and numerous committees. She served as chairman of the Community Improvement Division and Library Division when Decatur secured a public library and won 2nd place in Mississippi in the Sears Community Improvement Contest.

In the District II, Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, she has served as vice-president and president and was selected "District President of the Year" in 1968; she was selected as "Teacher of the Year" in Decatur and District II in 1964.

She has served on the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs Executive Board since 1962. She serves as voluntary county alumni representative for the University of Mississippi Alumni Association.

Mrs. Everett has been active in the Decatur Public Library Program, having served as chairman of the Board of Trustees since its organization in 1968. She has also served as chairman of the Newton County Library Board of Trustees since its organization in 1968. She served as chairman of the Board for the Kemper - Newton Regional Library System when the system was organized and serves as vice-chairman at the present time.

Mrs. Everett serves on the Area III Tourist Council and has been active in the Decatur Recreation Association program since the early beginning of this association.

## ACTIVE PROFESSIONALLY

Mrs. Everett has been very active in professional organizations, both on the local and state levels. She has served as an officer for seven years in Delta Kappa Gamma Society, and presently serves as President. She is editor of the Delta Pi Epsilon newsletter. She has been active in the Mississippi Junior College Faculty Association, serving as a charter member of the Board of Directors as secretary, and also on the Constitution Committee. She is a member of the Mississippi Business Education Association, Mississippi Association of Educators, National Business Education Association, serving in many leadership capacities in



**Mrs. James B. Everett**

these professional organizations.

She has worked hard and faithfully in many facets of the school program for Decatur Public Schools. She has served in leadership capacities in the Parents-Teacher Association and the Band Booster Club.

Mrs. Everett is not only an outstanding alumna of East Central Junior College, but also an outstanding student of the institution. Mrs. Everett, a native of Neshoba County, and the daughter of the late B.C. and Maggie Stewart, attended East Central from 1947 - 49. She excelled as a member of the basketball team and was one of the guiding lights on the Tom-Tom, the college newspaper.

Mrs. Everett is active in church work at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church where she has taught the young married women's class for the past eight years.

Mrs. Everett will be honored during the Homecoming Activi-

ties at East Central Junior College on October 8, when the ECJC Warriors play Hinds Junior College. There will be a business meeting, a homecoming parade, banquet and pre-game ceremonies, at which time Mrs. Everett will be honored at each of these events.

## RECEPTION IN HER HONOR

One of the big highlights of homecoming will be a special reception given in her honor on that day from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building at East Central Junior College. All alumni of East Central and all friends and former students are asked to attend the reception on October 8 to pay tribute to this outstanding honored lady who has done so much through the years unselfishly for her students, friends, community and her state. This is to be her day, and associates of Mrs. Everett are given a special invitation through the media of the press to attend this special occasion in her honor.



## Modeling I and Social Usage....

# Two new courses now being offered

by Patti Roebuck

Two new courses at E.C. this year can make you a more confident and perhaps a better looking person; these are the Modeling and Social Usage classes.

Modeling I is being taught this fall by Mrs. Alice Pouncey;

it is a two semester course. There is no textbook for this course, which is primarily based on poise and charm. A great variety of other things are taught, such as, good grooming, proper ways to walk, sit, and stand, posture, make-up, hairstyles, fashions for the individual, and modeling manners. Modeling I also includes a

two hour lab each week and incorporates several visual aids.

During the next two weeks, girls in this class will be getting facials and studying make-up at Cosmetology. Later, they will have their hair styled.

Returning from last year's Fashion Squad are Mandy Dees, Lynn Harkins, Cheryl Newell, and Donna Reynolds.

New students are the following: Pam Adcock, Sheila Breedlove, Janice Brock, Pam Burkes, Lucy Duncan, Lisa Everett, Janet Goforth, Sherry Haines, Robin Hamrick, Lisa Haralson, Angela Hardy, Jessica Harpole, Linda Killen, Carla Massey, Deborah McDaniel, Denise Rector, Judy Russell, Charlotte Shaw, Kathy Simpson, Teri Walton, and Julie Wright.

Some of these girls will be chosen to model for the dinner theatre in November and ten of them will be selected for the Fashion Squad.

The students in Modeling I feel that the class is beneficial to them. Denise Rector said, "I enjoy the modeling class because it teaches one grace and poise and because I have met some of the nicest girls I know in it."

Cheryl Newell feels that it helps one to find her faults and to improve themselves in many ways.

Judy Russell summed the prevailing feelings of most of the girls by saying, "I think the modeling class is good for most any girl because it teaches many things that enable girls to feel more confident about themselves."

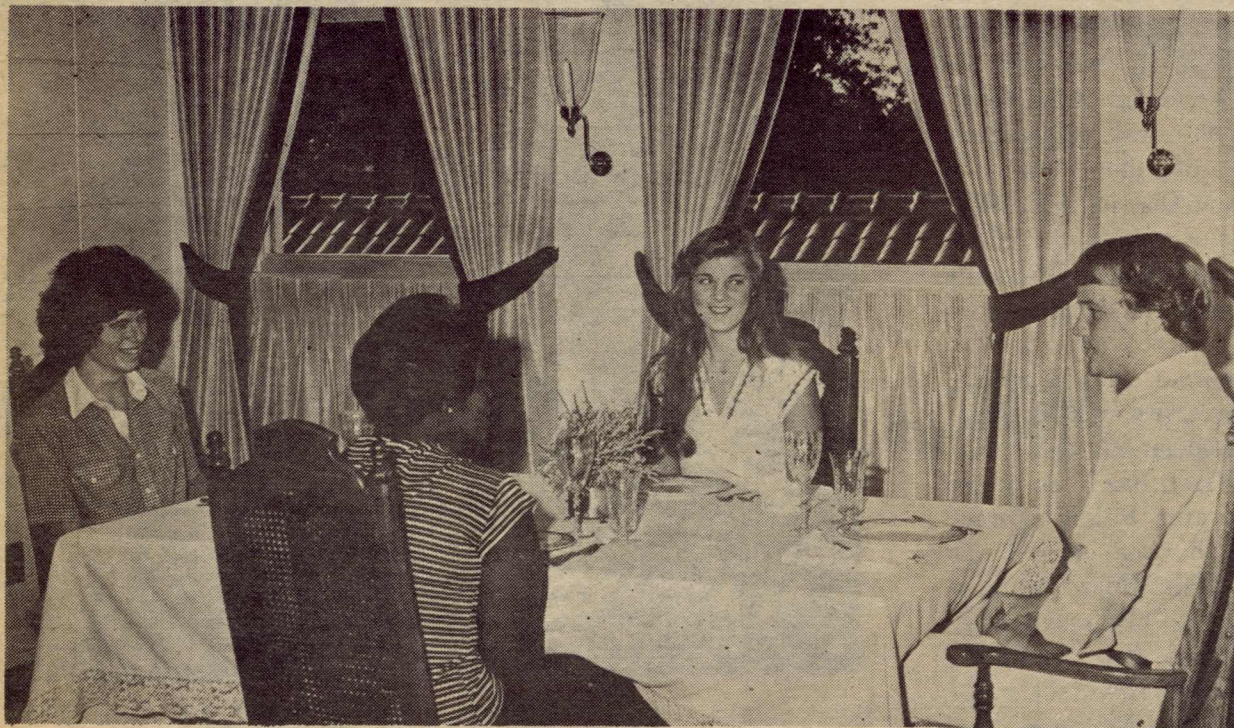
Mrs. Pouncey's Social Usage class is made up of 26 people, two of them being boys. This course is based on manners and includes etiquette, primarily for our middle class society.

Some things that are included in the class are introductions, funerals, table settings, invitations, personal letters, dating, engagements, weddings, business manners, travel tips, and tipping.

Social Usage can help you get out of sticky social situations. Mrs. Pouncey says it teaches you "the right thing to do at the right time."

Carolind Darby, a student, has this to say about the class, "It is beneficial to me in everyday life. No one should be ashamed of his mistakes. In this class, you really learn what to do. Mrs. Pouncey teaches in such a way that she includes everyone and their mistakes."

Mrs. Pouncey, along with the students, enjoys the class. She said, "I'm learning more than the students are."



**SOCIAL USAGE STUDENTS** Chris Hollingsworth, Robin Hamrick, Mark Wall, and Charlene Wash learn good table manners in the Home economics classroom.



**THE MODELING CLASS** spent a class period recently at the Cosmetology School where they received "the works" in beauty and hair care. Cosmetologists, standing left to right, are Robert Herrington, Debra Livingston, Debbie Goodwin, Delores Welford and Linda Richardson. Models, seated left to right, are Donna Reynolds, Lucy Duncan, Lynn Harkins, Julie Wright, Angie Hardy and Denise Rector.





Hugh Mack and The Magnolia Star will play for ECJC's Homecoming Dance, Thursday, October 6.

The dance band is under contract to Firesign Records, Lt.d. of New York. They will release an LP this fall to coincide with a promotional tour being coordinated across the

country.

Songs this band will be doing include "Hotel California", "Barracuda", "Margaritaville", and "Right Time of the Night."

Any student planning to have a date who is not an East Central student, should turn his date's name in to Dean Brack-

een's office by noon on Thursday. A fee of \$1.00 is charged for the outside dates. All persons being admitted to the dance must have an ECJC ID or have their names on the list from Dean Brackeen's office.

The dance will be from 8 to 12 at the Cafeteria.



PHI THETA KAPPA initiates, from left to right, are: (seated) Patti Roebuck, and Judy Wolverton; (standing) Deane Calhoun, Mike Gully, Steve Hillman, Randy Richardson, Bob Huddleston, and Lou Ann Harper.

## 8 members initiated into PTK honor society

by Sue Savell

Eight new members were recently welcomed into Phi Theta Kappa, East Central's honor society.

The new Phi Theta Kappa initiates are as follows: Judy Wolverton - Philadelphia, Bob Huddleston - Union, Randy Richardson - Union, Mike Gully - Philadelphia, Lou Ann Harper - Carthage, Diane Calhoun - Forest, Patti Roebuck - Newton, and Steve Hillman - Carthage.

After a small reception, Danny Killens - President, Sherri Vance - Vice President, and Sue Savell - Secretary conducted the initiation ceremony. Killens welcomed the new members into the select group and stressed the qualities

of truth, scholarship, and leadership that each member is expected to uphold.

Following the initiation, guest speaker, Ovid Vickers, spoke on the National theme of "Man Alive - Can He Survive?" Vickers spoke briefly on the issues of pollution, population control, energy, food production, biology, and weather. He stressed that through man's faith in God and in himself he can survive and that as William Faulkner said, "God intends for man to endure."

Requirements for membership in Phi Theta Kappa are: Freshmen must have maintained a 3.4 average the previous semester and Sophomores must have maintained a 3.3 average the previous semester.



## Ricky Harrison, Linda Killens head classes

Ricky Harrison of Beulah Hubbard was elected president of the sophomore class. Other officers are vice-president, Shannon Cleveland of Union; secretary Senita Dearing of Union; and treasurer, Cheryl Newell of Decatur.

Sophomore class sponsors are Mr. Ovid Vickers and Mrs. Martha Graham.

Freshmen elected Linda Killen of Union as president. Serving with her will be Perry Winstead of Union, vice-president; Gloria Hartness of Louisville, secretary; and Brenda Munn of Philadelphia, treasurer.

SBA representatives from the freshman class are Kim Webb of Louisville and Kaye West of Newton.

Sponsors for the freshman class are Dr. Richard Ethridge and Mr. George Mason.

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## Tom-Tom staff attends Jr. college press

The TOM-TOM staff attended the Mississippi Junior College Press Association on September 30.

Staffers who made the trip were Bill Dickens, Ann Burton, Sue Savell, Patti Roebuck, Rhonda Johnson, and sponsor Mrs. Carrie Ann Alford.

Editors Sue Savell and Rhonda Johnson attended the Executive Session to discuss requirements for a journalism scholarship to be awarded by the MJCPA.

Workshops on photojournalism, feature writing, editorial writing and newswriting were held by authorities in these areas.

The staff was particularly impressed by the feature writing session led by Dr. Will Norton, Jr., head of the Ole Miss Journalism Department.

The editorial writing workshop was led by Henry Meyer, sponsor of the Reflector at Mississippi State.

Norma Fields of the Tupelo Daily Journal directed the workshop on newswriting.

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### Alpha Alpha Epsilon Officers

Left to right: Jimmy Shepard, Secretary-Treasurer; Steve Hillman, President; Danny Killens, Vice President; and Lucy Hurst, Reporter.

## Club Activities

### HOME-EC CLUB SELECTS OFFICERS

The following six girls were selected at the first meeting of the Home-Ec club to serve as officers: President - Lynn Harkins; Vice President - Cindy Harris; Secretary - Helen Baucum; Treasurer - Kathy Stamper; Reporter - Tammy Weaver; Historian - Judy Yarbrough.

Some very interesting projects are being formulated by the club and because of this everyone is encouraged to join. The dues for membership are \$1.25.

### DICKENS HEADS FRENCH CLUB

Bill Dickens of Carthage was selected to head the French Club for the 1977-78 school year.

Other officers selected were Patti Roebuck, Vice-President; Sherry Vance, Secretary; Sharon Tingle, Treasurer; and Ada Boggan, Reporter.

Appointments were also made to four committees to serve during the current school term. Chairmen of the committees are Bill Dickens, Reception Committee; Alan Muse, Food Committee; Patti Roebuck, Program Committee; and Rhonda Johnson, Decorating Committee. Each chairman picked a number of people to help him

throughout the year. Plans were discussed on a reception for the teachers, and the French Club's annual Christmas Party.

### BSU ACTIVE

September has been a very active month for the Baptist Student Union.

Among the scheduled activities for this month include Vesper services, which are held at 6:00 on Monday and Wednesday nights. Choir practice begins at 6:00 on Tuesday nights, and Reverend Gus Merritt will hold a Bible study on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Special activities of BSU include a share clinic that was held during Vespers at 6:00 on Sept. 7. Then on Sept. 19-21, a revival named "Encounter 77" will begin at 6:00.

Every Wednesday from 11:40 to 11:55 a.m. there will be a devotional period in Newton Hall, room 60. Everyone is invited to attend.

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### HOMECOMING COURT [Continued from pg. 1]

Carthage High School and is a Pre-Nursing major. Blanche is a member of the SBA, spirit committee, and participates in intramural athletics.

Her escort is John Muse, son of Mrs. Henry Muse and the late Henry Muse of Union. He

attended Union High School and is majoring in Physical Education. He participates in intramural activities.

Chosen as freshmen maids were Julie Wright, Lisa Haralson, and Carla Halley.

Julie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Wright of Louisville. She attended Louisville High School and is majoring in Drafting. She is a member of the spirit and hospitality committees, and participates in intramural activities.

Her escort is Richy Hosey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor F. Hosey of Forest. He graduated from Forest High School and is majoring in Business Administration. He is active in intramural sports.

Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Haralson of Conehatta. She is a graduate of Decatur High School and is majoring in Pre-Nursing. She participates in intramural sports and is a member of the modeling class.

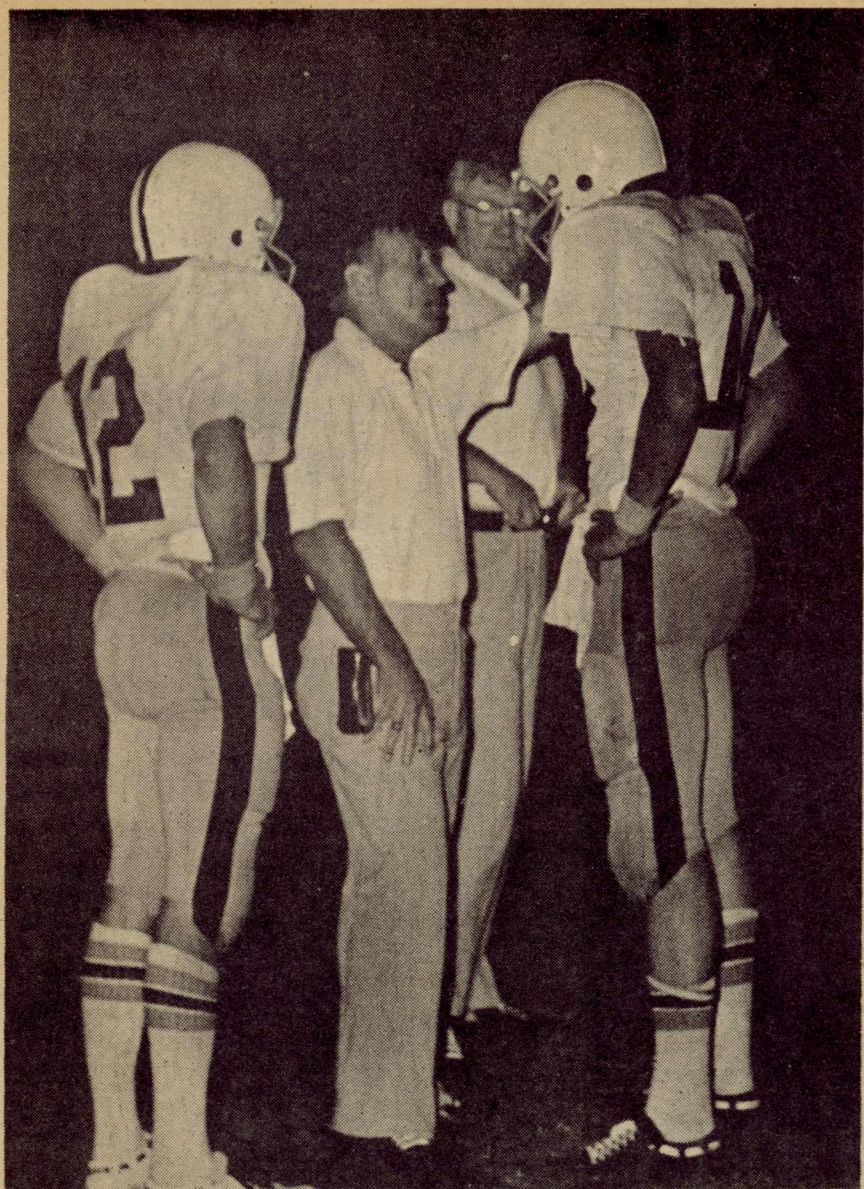
Her escort is Steve Stamper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie M. Stamper of Decatur. He attended Decatur High School and is majoring in Pre-Med. Steve is active in intramural sports.

Carla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Johnson of Morton. She graduated from Morton High School and is a Special Education major. She is a member of the varsity basketball team and BSU.

Her escort is Wayne Brantley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Brantley of Madden. He attended Leake Academy and is majoring in drafting. He is active in intramural athletics.

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COACHES Mason and Pouncey discuss game plans and strategy with quarterbacks Ricky Harrison (12) and Mark Killens (10).

## WARRIOR SPORTS

Bill Dickens, Editor

### Intramural football action

#### Men

Hustlers	12
Crunch Bunch	6
OOH-RAH	57
Bad News Bears	7
Hustlers	24
Space Cats	180T
OOH-RAH	25
Crunch Bunch	6
Todd Hall	25
Hustlers	20

#### Women

Billion Dollar Babes	6
Captain Fantastics	0
Hustlers	12
WC Doan	6

#### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Robbie Fisher, of the Hustlers, intercepted two passes and scored twice, leading his team to a 12-6 victory over the Crunch Bunch.

#### COACH OF THE WEEK

Mark Dean, whose deeds kept Richie Hosey's mouth from cancelling the two TD's, and enabled them to win.

**RUNNING BACK** Theodroe Ealy runs with the ball for 6 points against Holmes J.C.

## Warriors lose to Holmes, Gulf Coast; beat Coahoma

### GULF COAST

When the East Central Warriors traveled to Gulf Coast for their third game of the season, they knew it would be a tough game. As have previous meetings between the two, it was a close game, Gulf Coast finally winning 10-0.

But for the Southern Division leaders, it wasn't an easy victory. After battling three quarters to a scoreless tie, Gulf Coast got on the scoreboard with 4:41 remaining in the game, on a 16-yard run.

East Central received the ensuing kickoff, and two plays later, fumbled away any chances for a win. Gulf Coast added three points with a 40-yard field goal, and the game ended, 10-0.

The Warrior offense picked up a total of 205 yards, for 10 first downs, and one fumble. The defense, which allowed only one TD in the game, had two interceptions.

### COAHOMA

Coaches strive for their teams to have defense. Coaches build their teams around defenses. Defense wins games.

So it was quite natural when East Central Warriors utilized exactly that part of their game against Coahoma Jr. College, holding them scoreless in their 24-0 victory.

In picking up their second win

of the season, the Warrior defense did play an important role in winning. They not only held Coahoma scoreless, but got the Warriors on the scoreboard. Troy Eichelberger put the Warrior's first six points up when he recovered a Coahoma blocked punt in the end zone.

In the second quarter, Robert Hardy got two of his three touchdowns for the night, on runs of 1 and 4-yards, putting East Central on top 18-0 at halftime.

In the second half, the rain and mud was too much for both teams, but Hardy managed to add another six pointer with a 14-yard run, and the Warriors won it, 24-0.

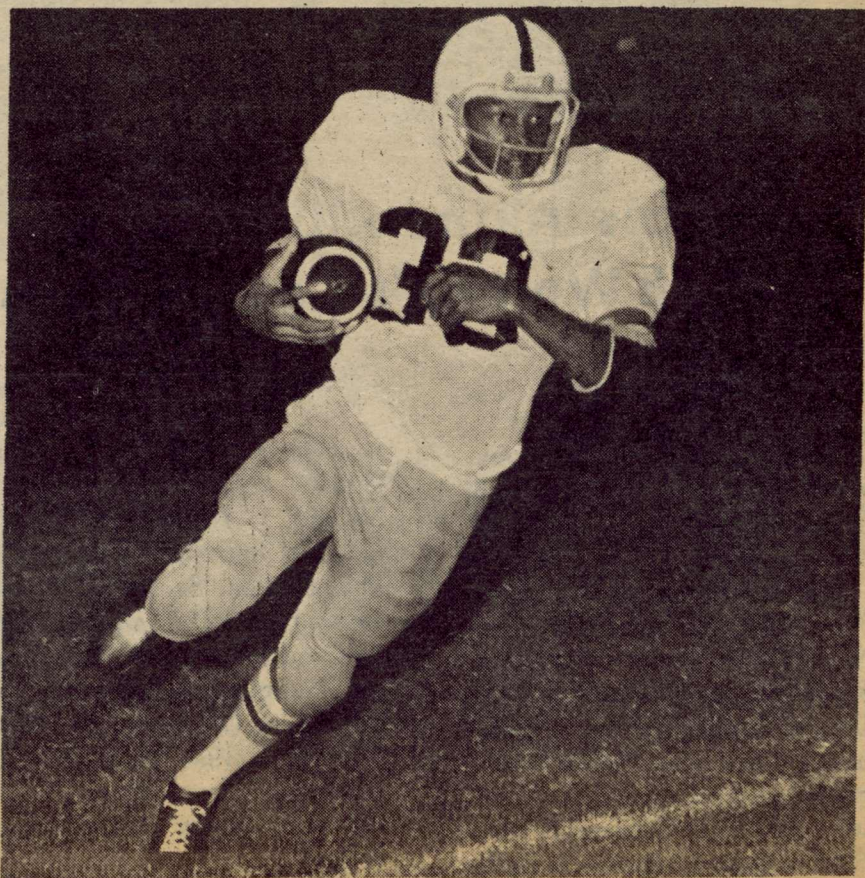
### HOLMES

The East Central Warriors played host to Holmes Jr. College, Saturday night, at Warrior field, losing the game 21-10.

The Warriors got on the board first on a 43-yard field goal by Kim Webb in the first quarter. Holmes retaliated with a touchdown pass to make 7-3.

East Central got the lead back when Mark Killens completed a touchdown pass to Theodore Ealey, and the first half ended 10-7.

In the second half, with tempers flying and turnovers playing a major role, Holmes blitzed East Central for two touchdowns. final score 21-10.





## Color guard to participate in HC halftime with band

by Anne Burton

Ever wonder who those people in little green suits at football games are?

They just happen to be E.C.J.C.'s five member color guard. The guard presents the colors and arms at all home football games. Chosen at random from the Rangers, the guard includes Gina Gibbs from Newton, Tommy Thomas from Jackson, Lee Simmons from Lake, Michel Bullard from

Union, and Sammy Smith from Alabama. Lee Simmon and Sammy Smith are also in the National Guard.

The color guard works very closely with Mr. Dikes and the band. For homecoming the color guard is going to join the band in presenting the half time show.

As for the future, the color guard plans to travel with the band to at least one away game.

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## Rangers rappel

by Anne Burton

"The Rangers lead the way"

They are at it again. It's not enough that they are running miles and spending days in the woods taking survival tests; now they are skimming sides of buildings. Using only a rope, the Rangers descended the side of the fifty foot auditorium, Tuesday morning all in one piece.

The Rappel, as its known to the Rangers, looked to be similar to mountain climbing. Lamar Moore highlighted doing the Australian Rappel, which is coming down face first. Lamar explained that this was so you could shoot at the enemy on the ground.

The Rangers are planning more death defying acts this year, so don't be surprised if you see people falling from the sky. It's only the Rangers.

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## Debbie Akins will serve as 1977-78 Women's Council Pres.

by Darene Meador

Debbie Akins of Philadelphia was recently elected Women's Council President for the 77-78 school year.

Other officers for Newsome Hall include: Jane Weaver, Noxapater, House Chairman; Kathy Stamper, Newton, Civic League Chairman; Gina Callahan, Philadelphia, Social Chairman; Laurie Kuykendall, Decatur, Secretary-Treasurer; and the Religious Chairman is Retha

Goldman, Philadelphia.

The Freshmen of Jackson Hall chose: Linda Killen, Union, House Chairman; Carla Massey, Noxapater, Civic League Chairman; Dink Height, Philadelphia, Secretary - Treasurer; Natalie Thompson, Morton; and Mary Wade, Lake, are the Religious Chairmen; and the Social Chairmen are Myra Murrell, Forest, Julie Wright, Louisville, Karen Hurst, Decatur, and Susan Harrell, Carthage.

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COLOR GUARD members Lamar Moore of Kosciusko, Regina Gibbs of Newton and Tommy Thomas of Jackson.

## ECJC has only women ROTC rangers in U.S.

By Anne Burton

Try-outs for R.O.T.C. Rangers were held September 14, on the football field.

The Rangers were formed during World War II. When there was a need for an elite group of soldiers to get in behind enemy lines, and perform operations. This intelligence group had to be better than the average soldier with an ability to survive in the field.

According to Lamar Moore, R.O.T.C. Commander, candidates for the Rangers have to be in the R.O.T.C. and also pass a physical test. This test includes running a mile in six minutes, twenty push-ups, and thirty sittings, among other exercises.

East Central's Rangers have eighteen members, four of which are women. They are Lee Simmons of Lake, Ann Monk of Lake, Libby Long of Pearl, and Barbara Moore of Philadelphia.

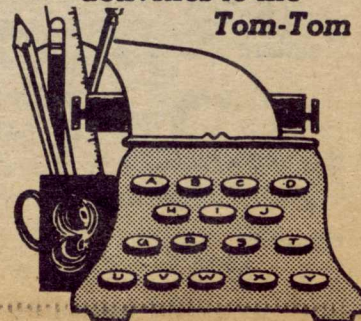
They are the only women

Rangers in the United States.

On September 17, the Rangers went to a compass reading course held at Mississippi State University. They will also have several maneuvers including Survival Techniques and Field Training exercises.

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**Elect a President?**  
**Make a field trip?**  
**New Initiates?**  
**Attend a convention?**  
**Make sure the whole campus knows by reporting your club's activities to the Tom-Tom**



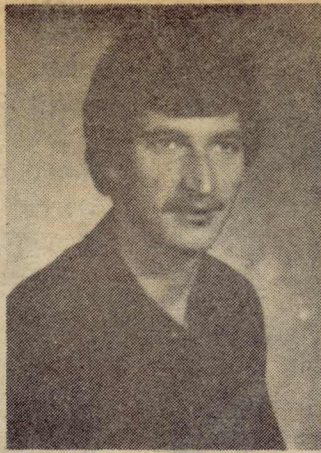




Shannon Cleveland



Dean Collier



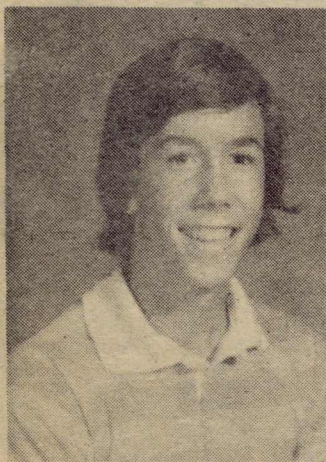
Steve Hillman



Lucy Hearst



Danny Killen



Tommie McCool



Lamar Moore



Judy Russell



Sue Savell



Jimmy Shepard

## Sixteen are named to Who's Who from ECJC

Sixteen outstanding sophomores have been selected to WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES for 1977-78.

Selection was made by a faculty committee from faculty nominees. Criteria for selection are: academic ability, citizenship, service to the school, promise of usefulness, and participation and leadership in extra curricular activities.

Those selected are Shannon Cleveland, Union; Dean Collier, Walnut Grove; Steve Hillman, Carthage; Lucy Hurst, Chunky; Danny Killen, Union; Tommie McCool, Louisville; Lamar Moore, Philadelphia; Judy Russell, Newton; Sue Savell, Union; Jimmy Shephard, Newton; Tammie Tadlock, Morton; Joe Vance, Lake; Sherry Vance, Newton; Rhonda Whitehead, Philadelphia; and Jo Ann Wright, Decatur.

Shannon Cleveland is a second year cheerleader. This year she serves as head cheerleader, sophomore class vice-president, and SEA officer. Shannon is also active in

intramurals.

Dean Collier is a cheerleader, having served as an alternate last year.

Steve Hillman is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of ROTC, president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, a lab assistant for Dr. Fisher in the chemistry department, and a bus driver.

A member of Phi Theta Kappa, Lucy Hurst is also the reporter for Alpha Alpha Epsilon, and she sings with the Collegians.

Danny Killen serves as Phi Theta Kappa president and Alpha Alpha Epsilon vice-president.

Tommie McCool is a member of the French Club, the baseball and tennis teams, and participates in intramural sports.

Lamar Moore, a minister, is active in ROTC on campus.

SBA vice president Judy Russell is a second-year cheerleader.

Tom-Tom editor Sue Savell

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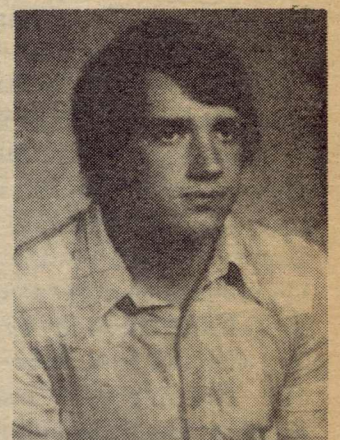
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Tammie Tadlock



Sherry Vance



Joe Vance



Judy Wolverton



Rhonda Whitehead



Jo Ann Wright



lee Simmons...

# She's a W.A.F.

by Patti Roebuck

Lee Simmons is one of a very few girls from this area who has the "guts" to go her own way. Lee is a freshman from Lake and on June 14th, she did the unprecedented; she became a Woman in the Air Force.

When asked what made her decide to join the Air National Guard, Lee replied, "I always wanted to be a part of the military. They told me that the ANG would only be part-time and that it would pay for my education, so I did it."

Last year, the Air Force launched a special campaign to get more new recruits from Mississippi. These new recruits were to go "on the buddy system", with friends to make the transition easier. Lee was a part of this campaign, the first Magnolia Flight. She, along with three friends, arrived at Kelly Air Force Base by military plane and traveled to Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas, from there, Raw recruits of both sexes accompanied her on this special flight.

The girls lived in dormitories during their six week stay. During this time, they got plenty of shots and they only got to open their luggage twice, upon arrival and departure. They only saw the opposite sex at church on Sunday!

Lee's typical military day went something like this, "Reveille was at 5:00 a.m., after which we had five minutes to get dressed. Then came PC, physical conditioning. We ran laps next. At the end of our stay, we had to be able to run 1 1/2 miles to be able to go home. Breakfast, followed by clean-up, was the next order of the day. The afternoon was filled with learning drills and going to classes on first aid, Air Force History, and the Air Force Mission."

At night, the girls received their instructions of what to do from then until daylight and pulled dorm guard. A girl had to stand just inside the door of the dormitory for two hours at a time "every second of the day," according to Lee.

Various special events highlighted her stay at Lackland. "When I pulled K.P.," Lee explained, "I had a sixteen hour work day, from 3:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. It got so hot that a

friend of mine fainted into the garbage disposal!"

She continued, "We had our first inspection on the 8th day. Everything had to be perfect. We had ten inches of personal space in our drawers. Our toothbrushes, hairbrushes, and shampoo had to be in a certain place facing a certain way. Towels and bathcloths had to be folded perfectly. There could be absolutely no threads hanging from our uniforms." If anything was amiss, the girls received demerits, which could set them back in training.

"Everybody really looked forward to the 18th day, because we got our dress uniforms," says Lee. They had been wearing field uniforms up until that time.

Of course, an obstacle course was part of their stay. They did the usual stunts, monkey bars over water and jumping through tires. That's too much Women's Lib for some girls, but not Lee; she didn't fall in the water!

On Sundays, the recruits had a G.I. party. "We got to stay in the dorm and wax floors, move beds, and wash our clothes."

"The weekend before we came home, we were granted a Town Pass. We went to the Alamo and to Breckinridge Park and the Zoo. We had no chaperones, but we had to wear our uniforms."

Naturally, some of the girls couldn't or wouldn't make it through basic training. According to Lee, "Some of the girls made up good excuses to be sent home. One girl got set back in training because she wouldn't take a bath. Our training instructor told us that if we messed up, she'd set us so far back, we'd have to get off the plane again."

The girls were led by two training instructors, T.I.s. as they're called in the ANG. Lee says, "We had a good T.I. and a wicked one to balance it out. They knew we couldn't do without the friendship of the good one."

But, basic training did have its drawbacks. "You couldn't touch a guy, or rather, you couldn't be caught, touching a guy. This was called PDA, public display of affection, and you suffered the consequences if you did it," remembers Lee.

Lee is now a part of the 186th Tac Recon Group in Meridian.

She is an Administrative Specialist, performing the basic secretarial duties.

Lee feels that the only bad thing about it was "that we weren't individuals; we were a group of 50 people."

On the surface, Lee appears

to be a shy person, but, in reality, she is a hard-working, diligent young woman who feels that she has really accomplished something. Lee has paved a road to her future through the Air Force.

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WAYNE McCORKLE is shown with his collection of bottles, which have been on display in the library.

## Bottle collection is on display in Library

by Patti Roebuck

The dates range from the late 1800s to the early 1900s and it's made up of mostly soda, whiskey, and medicines. If you're wondering what I'm writing about, it's the bottle exhibit in the lobby of the library.

The bottles were collected by Wayne McCorkle of Union. When asked why he started collecting bottles, Wayne replied, "I just have a thing for old stuff. I guess I'm an antique nut."

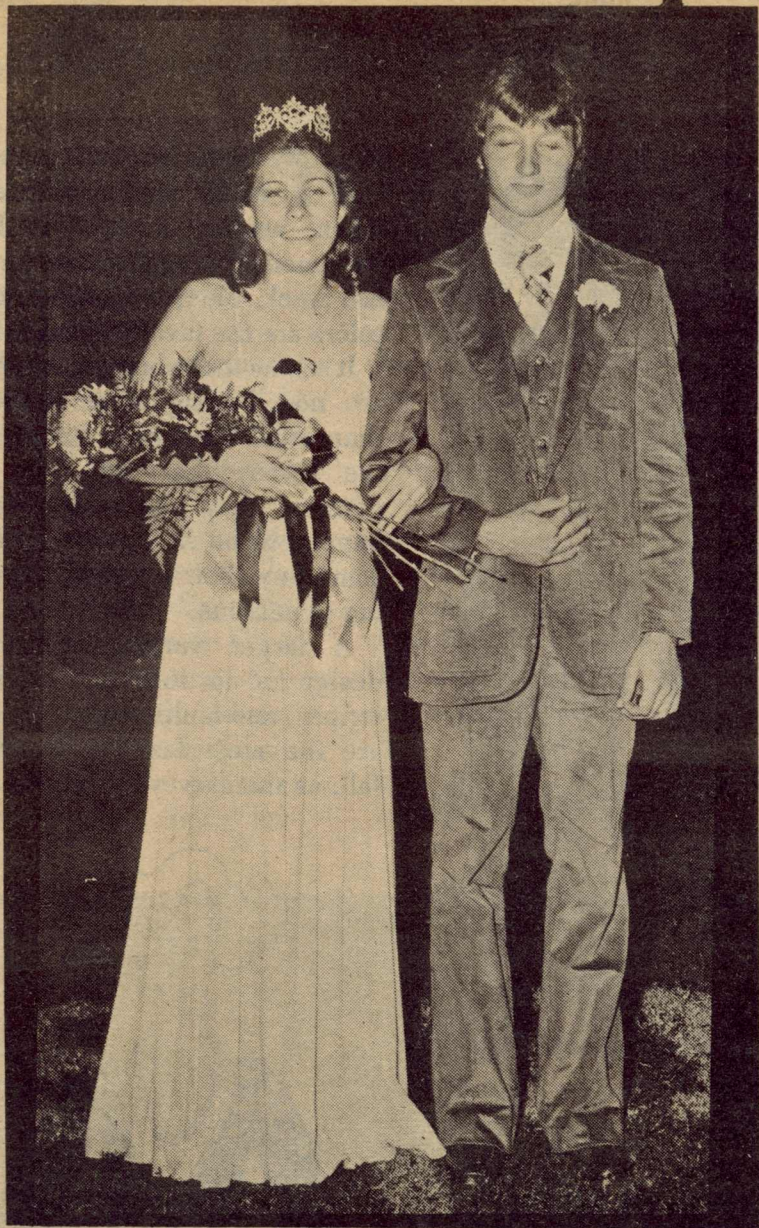
The only true bottle made in Newton County is part of the

collection. One of the more unusual bottles is a Joseph A. Magnus whiskey bottle, which was made before prohibition. It is a victorian style bottle with lions and wheat stalks as decorations. There is also a Temperence Beverage bottle which was used as an intoxicating beverage during prohibition, but it contained no alcohol. Many of the bottles are a lavender color due to sun exposure over a long period of time.

Take a look for yourself. These bottles aren't mere pieces of glass; they're a story in themselves!

Alpha Alpha Epsilon [The Engineering Club] will be sponsoring a Halloween Sock Hop Thursday, October 27, from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. The cost is a mere \$1.00 per person. Bring your old records - dress tacky - and have a good time.

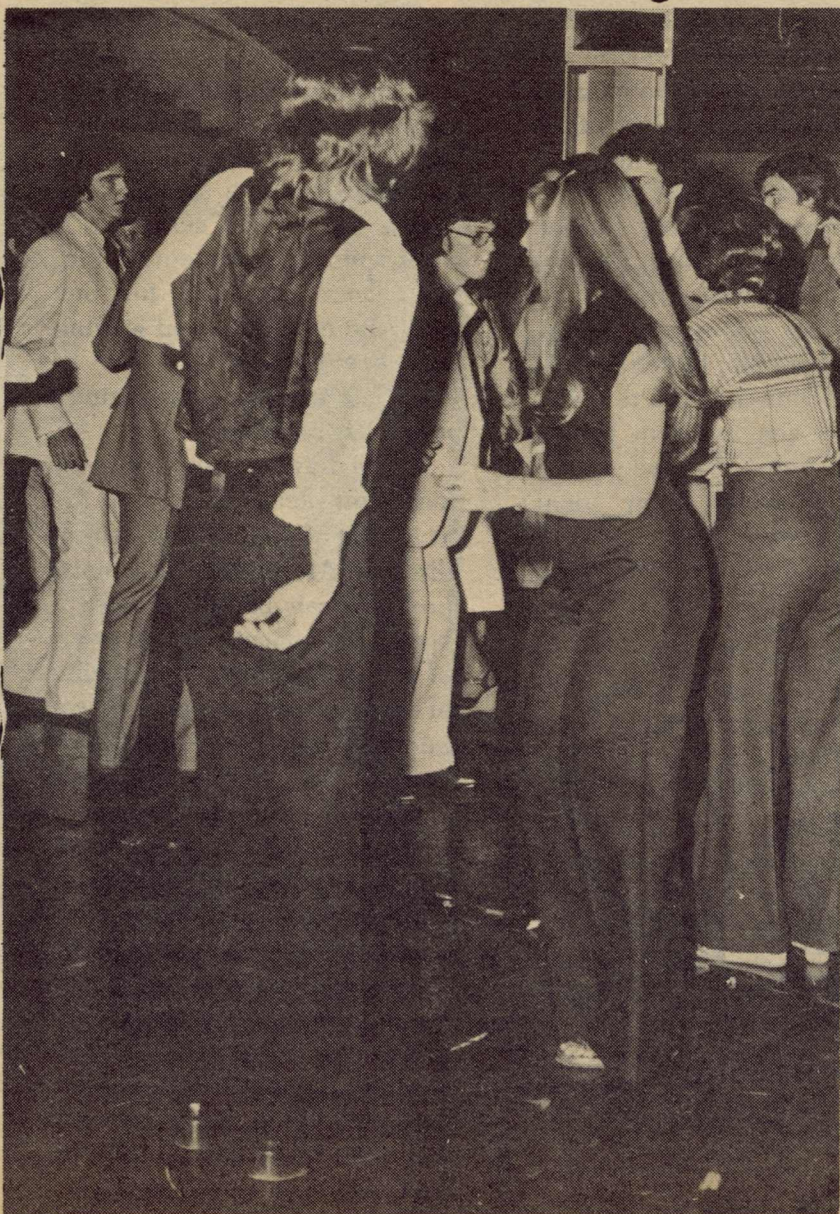




**QUEEN** Shannon Cleveland and her escort David Case after her crowning.



The **HOMECOMING DANCE** was enjoyed by hundreds of students.



**THANK YOU**--to all faculty members and faculty members' wives for the many things done to make Homecoming 1977 a very special day for me; to the people who made the reception [with all the homemade cookies, punch, flowers, and plants] a beautiful occasion; to the students so pretty in their long dresses for serving and attending the register; to the Queen for greeting the many guests; to the sponsors and members of Phi Theta Kappa for making the banquet pretty with the decorations; to the director and members of the Collegians for performing so well at the banquet; to the parade committee for having a big lineup [31 entries] ready for the parade; and to all students and faculty members for their cards, letters, plants, flowers, telephone calls, and kind words--everything together made a memorable day for me.

Jessie M. Everett

## EC Alumni planning for 50th anniversary

By Anne Burton

Ever wonder what happened to all the past graduates of East Central? Every year at Homecoming a few gather on campus for an alumni meeting, and this

year was no exception.

On Saturday, October 8, an alumni meeting was held here on campus. Dwight Mulholland of Collinsville, president of the Alumnus was in charge of the business meeting. Mrs. Lois Cooper of Decatur gave the secretary report.

Dr. Charles Wright welcomed the Alumni to the campus. He also brought the members up to date on some of the changes made in the past year and announced future additions to the physical plan of the campus. Dr. Wright stated that the alumni could use the Mississippi room in the new library to house memorabilia to be donated by friends of the college and alumni members. These items should be mailed to Mrs. Anne Burks, E.C.J.C. librarian, at Box 17, Decatur, Ms. 39327.

The alumni expressed a special interest in the upcoming 50th anniversary of the college. Dr. Wright informed the alumni that the college has already started preparations for the celebration.

Officers elected to serve the 1977-78 year are: President - Dwight Mulholland of Collinsville; Vice President - Pat Cleveland of Forest; Secretary - Treasurer - Lois Cooper of Decatur; County Vice Presidents are: Newton - Dr. S. Harris; Scott - Don Triplett; Leake - John Williams; Neshoba - Chubby Bates; Winston - Paul Simmons; At-Large - Bobby Thames of Alabama.

Mrs. Jessie May Everett was named alumna of the year.



## 'Impulse buying' factor in clothes selection

By Gloria Hartness

In a small fashion survey taken among a few ECJC freshmen and sophomore girls last week, blue, gold, and rust colors are the favorites this fall.

It seems that women and girls are now buying more clothes than ever. Most girls stated in the survey that they buy a garment they like when they happen to be in a store, while some buy their clothes according to seasons.

A larger variety of cloth design is in this fall--solids, stripes, and multi-colors. These are the most fashionable this fall, as the survey indicated.



Sweaters are always a fall style and this year makes no exception. Striped sweaters with solid-colored slacks are very popular on campus.

A very fast-selling fashion in style this fall is gauchos. As the weather is getting colder, boots are commonly worn with gauchos. Solid-colored gauchos are seen mostly, but thin vertical-striped are also favorable.

Pants suits are also growing fashions. Most pant suits now include slacks, a blazer, a vest, and a blouse. The survey also indicated that solids are also preferable for pants suits' color.

Dresses were listed as least favored in the survey, but there are several girls on campus seen wearing them. Again, basically solids are the style. A few flowery designs may be seen.

Although sweaters and slacks, gauchos, pants suits, and dresses are big fall fashions, blue jeans are still number one. Some girls prefer the latest fancy styles while others (and most) are sticking with Levi's.

Pictured left to right:  
Pam Kirby  
Lisa Horton  
[Seated] - Janet Goforth  
& Qvettia Thomas  
Jackie Walters  
Brenda Munn

Leonard Lee.....

## Survey will upgrade food service

by Anne Burton

Mr. Lee Speaks . . .

On or about Wednesday, October 26, the lunch room plans to conduct a Food Preference Survey to determine your likes and dislikes. We want to include the foods you like the best in the menus we plan for you. This is one way for you to tell us what those foods are. We also want to provide you with the finest in food service, so the answers you offer on the questionnaire will help us to do this for you. Thank you for the time and thought we are sure

you will give this important survey. Results of the survey will be published as soon as they are available.

We also would like to pass on information about the lunch room that you may or may not be familiar with.

1. Purpose of dining service is to serve students, faculty, and staff of East Central.

2. Service hours are: Breakfast - 7:15 to 7:45; Lunch - 11:00 to 12:45; Dinner - 5:00 to 5:45.

We ask you to be in before closing time because our employees begin their meal break at closing time.

3. Seconds Policy. **Boarding**

students may obtain seconds, however you can request a serving of the alternate entree being served. One may wonder why the seconds policy does not apply to commuting students. The answer is simple, the boarding students seldom consumes every meal served in a week which they are entitled to. The commuter pays for one meal and eats one meal leaving no unspent funds.

4. Suggestions, complaints, or special problems.

If you have a suggestion or complaint please bring it to the attention of your dining service director. More often than not a problem can be solved on the spot if all concerned are aware of it. Always keep the pipeline of communications open. A well informed person is always more helpful than one who has to "dig out" information.

If you have a particular dietary problem of some type your dining service director will assist you any way he can. We are as concerned about individuals as we are the mass.

By the way if you are wondering who the dining service director is, he is the short guy with black hair, mustache, and cute little white hat.





# ROTC promotions made for year

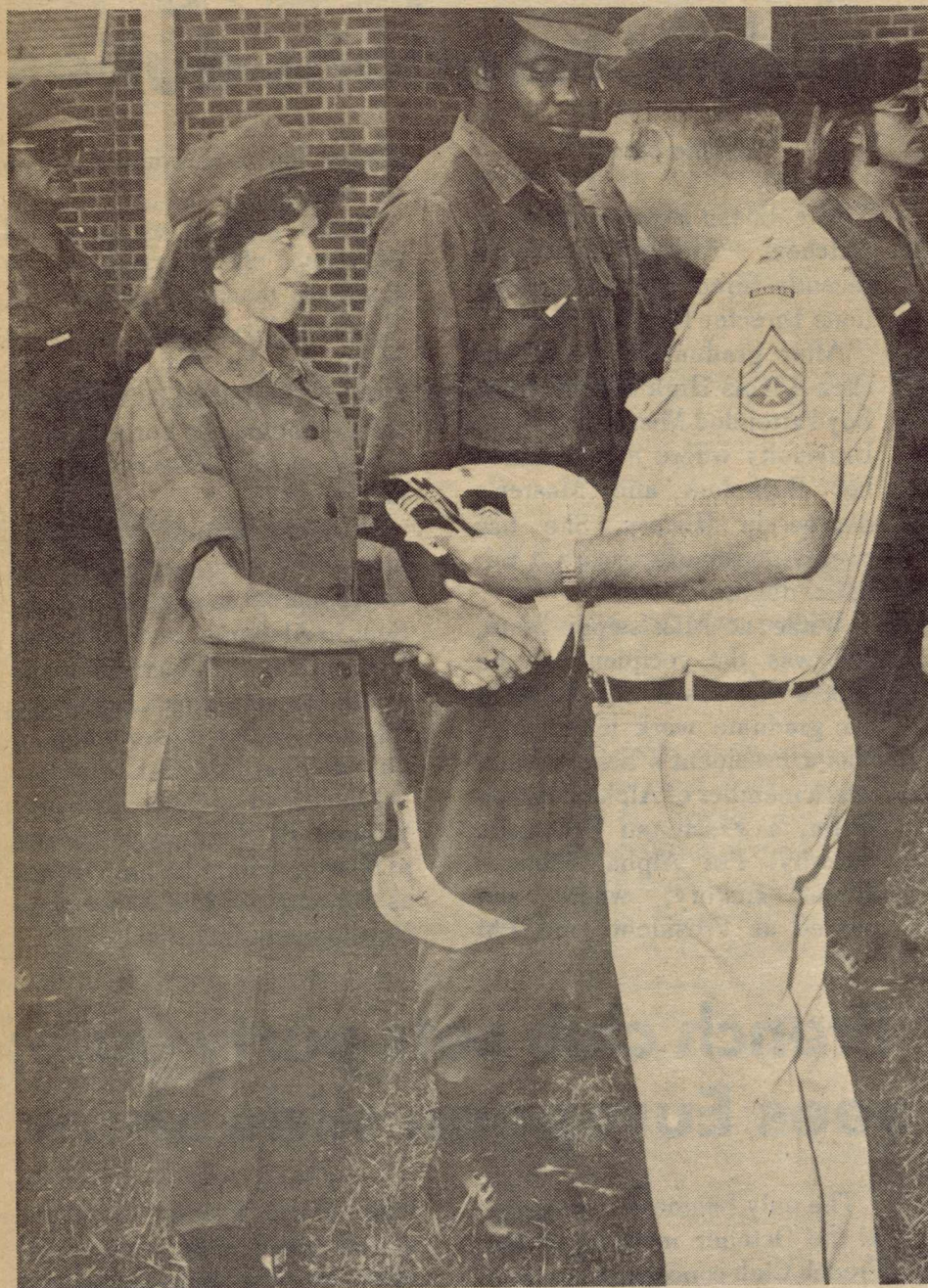
by Rhonda Johnson

Promotion and Assignment Orders were recently given to the following cadets at East Central and were effective August 31, 1977.

Lamar Moore, Philadelphia, Second Lt., Platoon leader; Cleo Pointer, Lena, Staff Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant; James Coate Regina Gibbs, Newton, Sergeant, Squad leader; Jerome Brown, Philadelphia, Sergeant, Squad leader; Steve Hillman, Carthage, Sergeant, Squad leader;

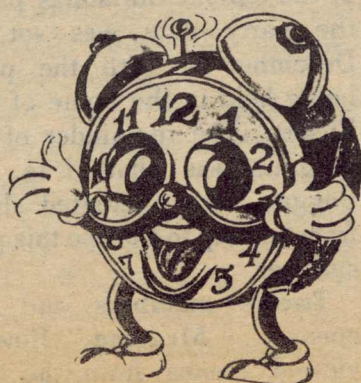
der; Jay Norris, Carthage, Sergeant, Squad leader; Barbara Moore, Philadelphia, Sergeant, Administration NCO; and Gary Jones, Morton, Sergeant, Public Relations.

Cadet Association officers were elected on Sept. 12th. They are: Regina Gibbs - President; Craig Parker - Vice President; Steve Hillman - Treasurer; Tommy Thomas - Sophomore Representative; Sammy Smith - Freshman Rep., and Elmer Mullins - Rep. at Large.



REGINA GIBBS receives award from Sgt. Casey. [All photographs in this issue by Jaris Brantley]

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
ENDS SATURDAY, OCT. 29th**  
Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour before going to bed.



ROTC OFFICERS are [front] Regina Gibbs, [second row] Gaylon Smith and Tommy Thomas; [third row] Steve Hillman, Elmer Mullens and Craig Parker.

## Fine Arts Department plans variety of shows

According to Bruce Guraedy of the Fine Arts Department several art shows are being planned for the months ahead.

A group of paintings and drawings which feature a variety of impastos and water colors created by Freshman and Sophomore students will be on display in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building until October 26.

An impasto is a painting in which the paint is layed on thick so that the texture stands out. Also, several of the water colors depict an old house located on Highway 503, outside of Decatur.

The next display will feature creations by students of Guraedy's Inventive Crafts class which meets each Monday night in Carthage. The class consists

of non-art majors who work well with their hands and enjoy creating items of interest from ordinary things.

The exhibit will focus on the art of Decoupage and the creation of "Bean" Mosaics. The mosaics consist of using a variety of seeds to create a picture and then shellacking over the seeds to keep them from sprouting. The mosaics on exhibit will be original pieces - no kits were used.

Guraedy expressed pride in the work done by his Inventive Crafts class, especially since they have had no previous experience.

The exhibit will be on display for two weeks and the public is invited to attend.



## Dinner Theatre to produce four one act plays in November

This year's fall dinner theatre will consist of an evening of four one-act plays. The plays selected are "And the Villain Still Pursued Her," "Everybody's Secret," "Impromptu," and "Crawling Arnold."

The theatre will take place the nights of November 15 and 16 in the ECJC Cafeteria. The evening will begin with a buffet meal at 7:00 p.m.

The cast for "Impromptu" consists of Ernie Coward as Ernest, Gina Gibbs as Winifred, Donna Reynolds as Lora, and Gary Jones as Tony.

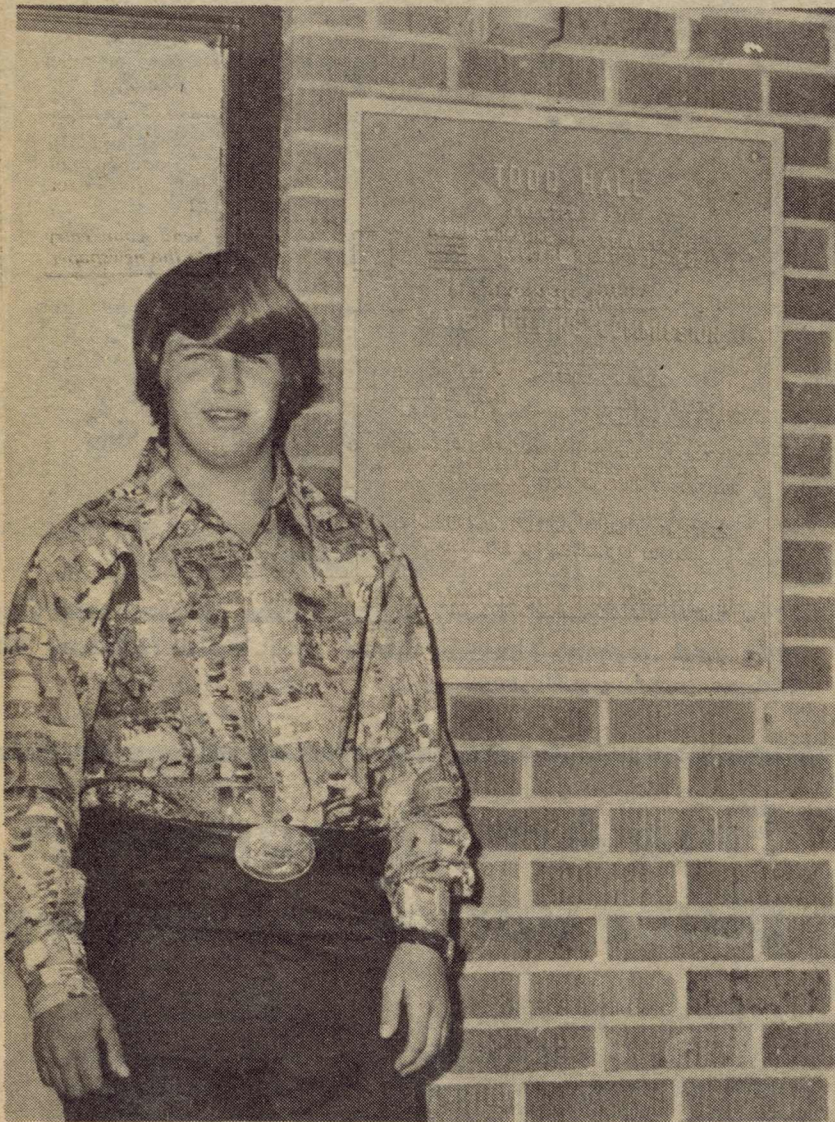
The "Crawling Arnold" cast has Alan Wilkerson as Barry, Judy Wolverton as Grace, Terri Vance as Miss Sympathy, Carol McFarland as Millie, and Richy Hosey as Arnold.

"Everybody's Secret" casts Gina Gray as Mamie, Mary Evans as Carrie, Janet Shaw as Nannie, Rhonda Johnson as Kitty, Shelly Pudas as Fanny, Ada Boggan as Peggy, Sherry Haimes as Gertie, Sue Savell as the Countess, and Cindy Hamil as Carol.

The cast of "The Villain Still Pursued Her" is made up of Bill

Dickens as John, Julie Wright as Emaline, Theresa Walton as Lena, Gayla Folsom as Mary, Dale Worrell as George, Roby Fisher as Jack, Kim Townsend as Lizzie, and Allen Muse as Jim.

Mr. Peterson, speech instructor, emphasized that the four one act plays were selected rather than one three act play because more people could be involved in the production. He also pointed out that this is the first year the speech department has tried the one act plays and the novelty of the idea is a challenge.



Todd Hall at Todd Hall

## Are you Todd Hall from Todd Hall?

During registration, a somewhat robust figure walked up to the table, and when asked his name, replied, "Todd Hall." He was immediately told, "Not your dorm, your name!"

According to Todd, a Freshman Liberal Arts Major, registration was only the beginning. Naturally he has had to endure a great deal of kidding about his name and has found it difficult

when calling home.

Todd, who is from Vicksburg, visited East Central last year and attended the Band Clinic. He liked the campus and had a friend who was a student here so he decided to enroll.

Despite the confusion, Todd plans to return to East Central next year, where people will still be asking, "What did you say your name was again?"

## Susan Boyd begins public relations duties

By Sue Savell

Mrs. Susan Boyd, a native of Natchez, Mississippi, was recently hired as Public Relations Director for East Central.

After graduation from Natchez-Adams High School, Mrs. Boyd attended Mississippi State University where she obtained her Bachelors and Master's degree in History. She has twenty-one hours toward a Ed. Spec. degree.

While at Mississippi State, she was the recipient of the James W. Garner Fellowship for graduate work in History, was a President's Scholar, and was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, a Freshman Scholastic Sorority, Phi Alpha Theta - Honor History, where she served as President, and Phi

Kappa Phi, a National Scholastic Society.

While working on advanced degrees, she served as a graduate teaching assistant in Western Civilization for three years. In the Fall of 75 she taught Western Civilization at the Columbus Air Force Base, a branch of East Mississippi Junior College.

Besides teaching, Mrs. Boyd has served as an archaeological crew member in several excavations in Alabama, and served as Environmental Educator for the Youth Conservation Corp at the Choctaw Indian Reservation in Philadelphia this past summer.

Mrs. Boyd and her husband, William H. Boyd, have moved to Newton where he now serves as Director of Mid-Mississippi Development District.

## French club sets party date; sees European slide show

The only business transacted at the October meeting of the French Club concerned the time of the annual Christmas party; the party date was set for December 6, with the party being held in the home of Mr. Vickers. The remainder of the program was allotted to Ada Boggan, who presented slides from her trip to Europe this past summer.

Twelve members and our sponsor, Madame Rowell, viewed scenes from the five European countries of Switzer-

land, Italy, France, Holland, and England. Ada commented upon the cleanliness of Holland in contrast to the filthiness of Italy. The members saw a slide of Wimbledon courts and heard of her excursion through Amsterdam's Red Light District. When speaking of a trip to Piccadilly Circus in London, Ada remarked about the strange dress and appearances of the Punk Rockers; she concluded that her two favorite places on the trip were Paris, France, and Switzerland.



# 'Wreck Tech' weekend planned at USM Nov. 12

Prospective USM students are invited to come cheer for USM during Wreck Tech Weekend on Saturday, Nov. 12.

The planned schedule will provide an opportunity to talk with students on campus, a tour of the campus and information about admissions during an afternoon of activities at the R.C. Cook University Union from 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Students participating in all of the planned agenda will be eligible for free tickets to the game that evening between USM's Golden Eagles and the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs.

Activities, kick off at 2 p.m. in Bennett Auditorium, USM President Aubrey K. Lucas will welcome the group and special entertainment will be provided by "Southern Exposure," the university's popular travelling song-dance-music revue; a 12-member troupe-selected in campus-wide auditions.

Also scheduled on the program will be USM Head Football Coach Bobby Collins, who will talk about the university's football program. This will be followed by drawings for foot-

ball jerseys and USM pennants.

From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., a small co-curricular session is planned at the University Union. The session will include an admissions booth, representatives who will offer information on career development, financial aid, co-operative education, counseling center and others.

Refreshments of cokes, hot dogs, baked beans and potato chips will be served.

According to admission officials some 300-350 students primarily from across the state are expected to attend the Wreck Tech program.

Additional details can be obtained by writing USM High School and Junior College Relations, Southern Station Box 11, Hattiesburg, MS 39401, or by contacting your high school or junior college counselor.

This fall recruitment program aimed at high school and junior college students, under the direction of Mrs. Brechtel, is being coordinated by Russell Ray, Randy Hathorn, Lynn Roe, Michele Green and Beverly Crumbly, staff counselors.

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## \$199,825 awarded EC in BEOG grants

The BEOG, or Basic Educational Opportunity Grant, is a federal aid program designed to provide financial assistance to those who need it to attend post-high school educational institutions.

Basic Grants are intended to be the "floor" of a financial aid package and may be combined with other forms of aid in order to meet the full costs of education. The amount of a Basic Grant is determined on the basis of financial resources.

The Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Award is a grant, and unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid.

According to Dean Denver Brackeen, there were 279 applicants to the BEOG. East Central is authorized to award \$199,825. Of this sum, \$139,660 has already been paid. The money is paid to the recipients in two equal installments of the following dates: Fall Semester: November 7, 1977; Spring Semester--February 13, 1978, and March 27, 1978.

## Who's Who

(Continued from page 1)

also serves as Phi Theta Kappa secretary.

Jimmy Sheppard presides over the Student Body Association and is secretary-treasurer of Alpha Alpha Epsilon.

Tammie Tadlock is a member of the girls' basketball team.

Joe Vance is active in the music department on campus. He sings with the Collegians and has participated in the plays.

A reporter on the TOM-TOM, Sherry Vance is vice-president of Phi Theta Kappa, secretary of the French Club and is on the Annual Staff.

Rhonda Whitehead received the award for the most outstanding student in intensive business last year.

SBA officer Judy Wolverton is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Jo Ann Wright's activities on campus include TOM-TOM Staff, Wo-He-Lo staff, Phi Theta Kappa, and ECJC Players. She is the pianist for the Collegians.

ZOGGY

MY LIFE IS BORING..  
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT MORE..  
...I'M THE ONLY PERSON  
I KNOW WHO'S ONLY  
SEEN "STAR WARS" ONCE!!



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Tom Wilson 10/25

WORDY  
GURDY

BY TRICKY RICKY

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word. To win \$10 send your original rhymes with your definitions to this newspaper. All entries become the property of UFS, Inc.

1. Off-key feline (1)

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ANSWERS: 1. FAT CAT & DOUBLE TROUBLE 2. CHICKEN & DUCK 3. MEDIUM & LARGE 4. GORDON & GORDON 5. MONOTONY & MONOTONY 6. BUDGET & BUDGET 7. SOCKING & SOCKING

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Thanks and \$10 to Sharon Senz of Bellmore, NY for #1. Send your entry to this newspaper.

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## Spring musical still to be chosen

Among the musicals being considered for the Spring production by the ECJC Music and Speech Departments are "MUSIC MAN, SOUND OF MUSIC, MAN OF LA MANCHA, MAME, LIL' ABNER, AND BYE BYE BIRDIE.

The musical has been scheduled for the week of March 13-17 in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Final selection of the play will be made by a faculty committee composed of Mr. Peterson, Mr. Dykes, Mr. Heritage, Mr. Fick, Mrs. Thorton, and Mr. Vickers.

## THE TOM-TOM

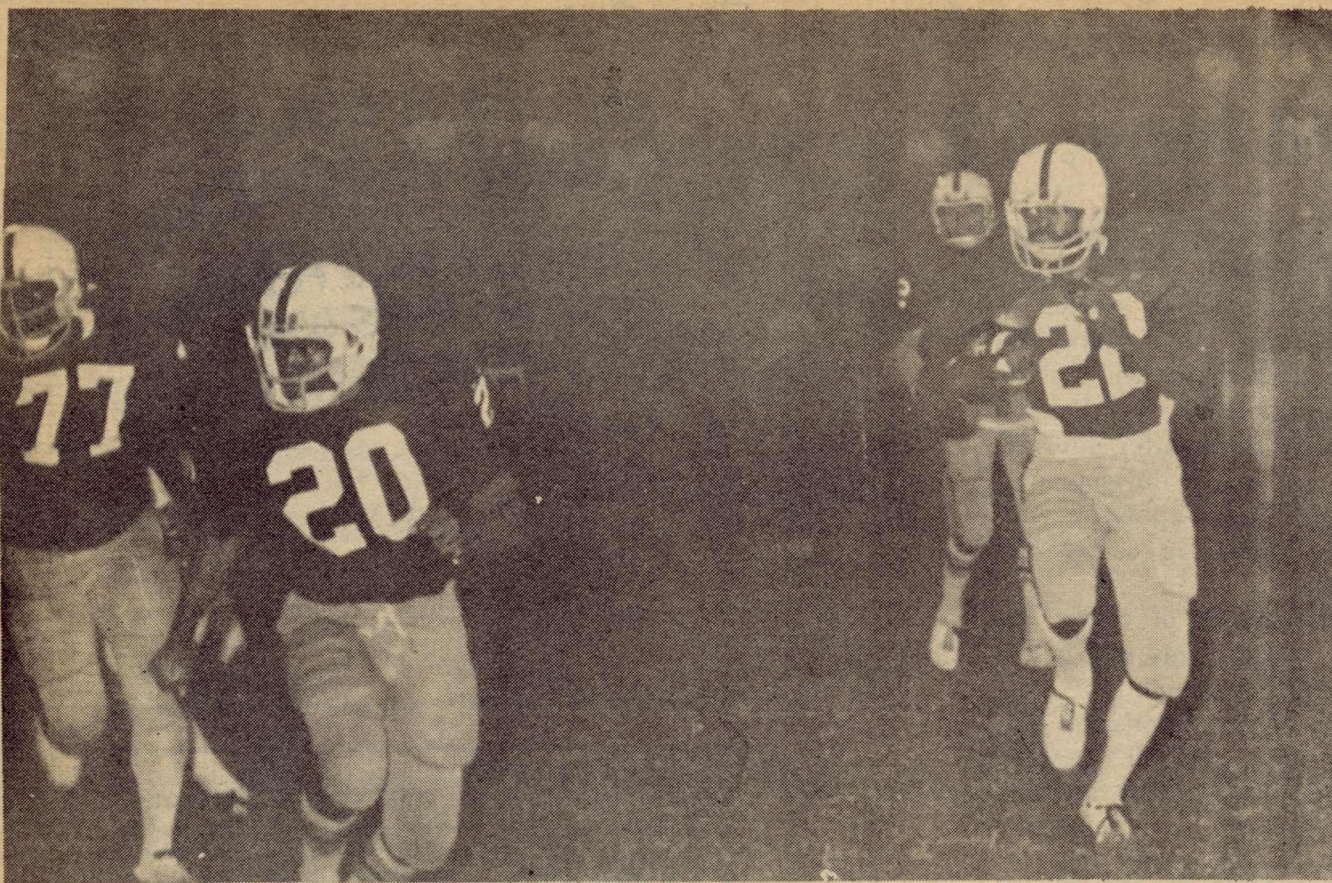
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FRANKIE BEEMON carries for a big gain, with Kenneth Yarborough [77] and Robert Hardy blocking.

## 17-6 victory over Hinds in rain-marred HC game

by Dale Worrell

It was a night the players hate. The coaches hate it even worse. Last Saturday night, October 8, was homecoming on the East Central campus. There was a constant rain before the game, which postponed the annual parade. The rain stopped long enough to play the first half and have the half-time ceremonies. Then it began to rain. It poured the entire second half, and EC's homecoming

game with Hinds was marred with numerous turnovers. Nevertheless, the EC Warriors trudged out a 17-6 win.

East Central, with Mark Killens starting at quarterback, showed signs of playing an explosive offensive game. But, the mud and the stingy Hinds defense held the Warriors at bay for most of the game.

Killens played an exceptional game at quarterback, while Theodore Ealy, who scored two touchdowns, also played an

exceptional game. Kim Webb added the extra points and also added a field goal.

The entire Warrior defense again played their routine rough and tough game.

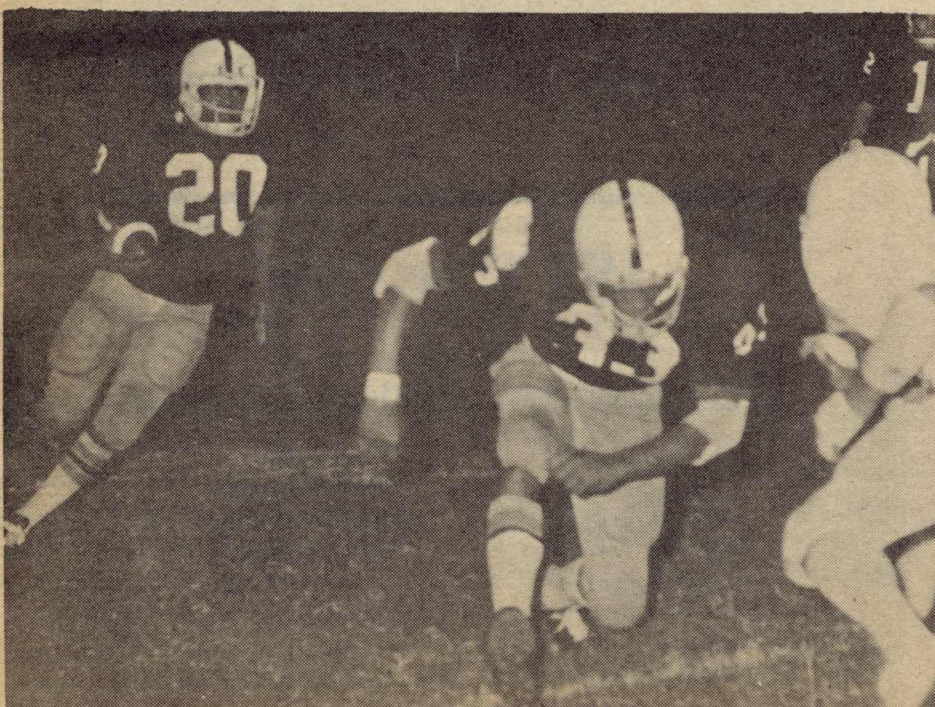
East Central and Hinds were very evenly matched, and regardless of the rain and mud, the rough play on the field proved it.

### INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL SCORES

OOH-RAH	32
Hustlers	12
Todd Hall	8
Bad News Bears	7
Hustlers	13
Bad News Bears	6

#### [Women]

Billion Dollar Babes	12
Hustlers	0
Captain Fantastics	13
Billion Dollar Babes	6
Captain Fantastics	6
Hustlers	0
OOH-RAH	32
Space Cats	0
Todd Hall	26
Crunch Bunch	19
OOH-RAH	40
Bad News Bears	27



Theodore Ealy blocks for Robert Hardy

## Intramural Standings

OOH-RAH	7-0
Todd Hall	5-2
Bad News Bears	4-3
Hustlers	2-5
Space Cats	2-5
Crunch Bunch	1-6
Billion Dollar Babes	3-0-1
Captain Fantastics	3-1-0
Hustlers	1-2-1
W.C. Doan	0-4-0

### INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

OOH-RAH	3-0
RAH-OOH	1-0
Roots	1-0
Still Runners	2-1
Ballers	0-1
Unlimited	0-2
Todd Squad	0-3
Faculty	2-0

#### Coed - Volleyball

US	2-0
Dauids Volleys	1-0
CB All-Stars	0-1
Call Me	0-2

## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**4th Week** - Jerry Smith and Dudley Clark share player of the week honors, both playing outstanding for the Space Cats and Bad News Bears, respectively.

**5th week** - Tommy McCool and Bill Dickens, both of OOH-RAH, led them to two big victories while keeping a perfect 8-0 record.

### COACH OF THE WEEK

Tim Davis, of OOH-RAH, for his efforts in keeping the rest of OOH-RAH off the water tower.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**6th Week** - Joseph McDonald - brought Todd Hall from a 14-7 halftime deficit to tie at the end of regulation and go on to win 26-19.

### COACH OF THE WEEK

Jerome Brown - who finally got Scrap Gaye to understand that you score by kicking the ball over the goal posts, not by dunking it.



4 plays to be presented

# Dinner Theater opens tonight at 7

By Sue Savell  
Executive Editor of  
The TOM-TOM

Excitement continues to build as twenty-six East Central students, many for the first time, prepare for tonight's grand opening of the annual Dinner Theater.

According to Bruce Peterson, Director, a buffet meal will be served in the school cafeteria at 7:00, during which the Collegians, a campus singing group, and the Fashion Squad will entertain. Also, a collection of art work produced by campus art majors will be on display.

Following the buffet, four one-act plays including, in order of appearance, **Crawling Arnold**, **Everybody's Secret**, **Impromptu**, and **And the Villain Still Pursued Her**, will be presented at 8:00. Peterson emphasized that the four one-act plays were selected rather than one three-act play because more people could be involved in the production. He also pointed out that this is the first year the speech department has tried the one-act plays and the novelty of the idea is a challenge. Past dinner theaters have included **Picnic**, **Blithe Spirit**, **The Savage Dilemma**, and **The Male Animal**.

**Crawling Arnold** deals with an unusual treatment of how a person is affected by his society and family life. Heading the cast as "Arnold" will be Richy Hosey. While attending Forest High School, he was a member of the Drama Club and played baseball. A Sophomore majoring in Business Administration, Richy is a member of the E.C.J.C. Players and participates in intramural sports.

"Grace," Arnold's mother, will be portrayed by Judy Wolverton. A graduate of Philadelphia High School, Judy was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and The Society of Distinguished American High School Students. She served as Secretary of the Student Council and was a majorette in the Tornado Marching Band. A Sophomore majoring in Pre-Pharmacy, Judy serves as Treasurer of the Student Body Association, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and last year was the recipient of the Leatherwood Biological Science Scholarship.

Alan Wilkerson, will play the role of "Barry," Arnold's father. While attending South Leake High School, Alan was a member of the Forestry Class and the FFA Club. A Sophomore majoring in Graphic Communications, he is a member of the ECJC Players.

"Miss Sympathy," a psychiatric social worker, will be portrayed by Terry Vance. A graduate of Theodore High School in Mobile, Terry was a

member of FBLA, served as Reporter for her Junior and Senior classes and won the Business Education Award. A Sophomore majoring in Data Processing, she is a Dean's List student and participates in intramural sports.

Carol McFarland, will be performing the role of "Millie" the maid. While she attended Decatur High School, Carol was a member of the Warrior Band and the Beta Club and served as Student Council Representative. A Freshman majoring in Liberal Arts, she serves on the Annual Staff and is a member of the Wesley Foundation.

**Everybody's Secret** is a play that typifies women doing what they do best. Gina Gray will portray "Mamie O'Toole, a cafe manager. While attending Morton High School, Gina was a cheerleader, served as Student Body President and was crowned Homecoming Queen. A Freshman majoring in Speech Communications, Gina is a member of the E.C.J.C. Players and participates in intramural sports.

The cashier, "Carrie Cash," will be played by Mary Elaine Evans. At Hickory High School Mary was Homecoming Maid and a member of the flag team. She is a Sophomore majoring in Liberal Arts and is a member of the French Club and the Wesley Foundation.

Playing the role of "Miss Nannie Porcelain," a toasty patron, will be Janet Shaw. A graduate of Union High School, Janet was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, played basketball and was a member of numerous clubs. A Freshman Liberal Arts major, she serves on the Annual Staff and is active in intramural sports.

Rhonda Johnson will portray "Kitty Nightingale," a former actress. A Decatur High School graduate, Rhonda was selected Miss Congeniality in the local Junior Miss pageant and served on the **Smoke Signal** staff. At East Central she is a Sophomore majoring in Journalism, serves as Managing Editor of the **Tom-Tom**, is a member of the French Club and last year was selected as Freshman Class Favorite.

"Mrs. Fanny Coxwell," a reformer, is being played by Shelley Pudas. Shelly attended Louisville High School where she was a member of DECA Club and was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. A Freshman Cosmetology major, she is a member of the E.C.J.C. Players and the VICA Club.

Ada Boggan will perform the role of "Peggy Moore," the granddaughter of a famous dancer. A Decatur High School graduate, Ada

served as Vice-President of her Senior Class, Vice-President of FBLA and Editor of the **Smoke Signal**. A Freshman majoring in Pre-Nursing, she is Reporter for the French Club, and a member of the **Tom-Tom** staff.

"Gertie Gage," a constant borrower, is being played by Sherry Haimes. While at-

various clubs, won the Communications Award, and was school and county winner in the Alcohol Essay Contest. A Sophomore majoring in Broadcast Journalism, she is Executive Editor of the **Tom-Tom**, serves as Phi Theta Kappa Secretary, is listed in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges and last year

how much illusion does a person need to live a balanced life?

Ernest Lee Coward, Jr. of Morton, will perform the role of "Ernest," a debonair, but aging, leading man. A graduate of Morton Attendance Center, Ernie participated in the Pep Club and was basketball statistician. A Sopho-



## "Crawling Around"

Terri Vance, Judy Wolverton, Allan Wilkerson, Richie Hosey

(additional Pictures on page 4)

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tending Louisville High School, Sherry was a member of the Math and Science Clubs, and was Vice-President of the Spanish Club. A Sophomore Liberal Arts major, she serves on the Annual Staff and is a member of the Student Educational Association.

Cast as the "Countess," a woman of mystery, will be Sue Savell. A graduate of Union High School, Sue was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, was a member of

received the Editorial Award at the Mississippi Junior College Press Convention.

Cindy Hamil will play the role of "Carol Sweet," an Astrology fanatic. At Carthage High School, Cindy served on the Mayor's Youth Council and received first class band honors. She is a Freshman majoring in Secondary Speech Education and is a member of the E.C.J.C. Players.

**Impromptu** is a provocative treatment of the popular theme: How much truth and

more majoring in Business Administration, he is a member of the E.C.J.C. Players and is involved in intramural sports.

"Winifred," a character actress, is portrayed by Regina Gibbs. While attending Newton High School, Regina served as FHA President, was a member of the **Tiger Roars** newspaper staff and received the Home Economics Award. A Sophomore Speech Education major, she is President of the E.C.J.C.

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## Meridian native

# Sophomore James Coate gets ROTC scholarship

By Rhonda Johnson

James Coate, Sophomore from Meridian, was recently awarded an ROTC Scholarship. James is a Staff Sergeant (SSG) in the ROTC unit at East Central.

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen and between 17 and 25 on June 30th of the year eligible. He must be a high school graduate and have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT). He must be accepted by a college or university that offers ROTC and meet the physical standards.

His only obligation is that he is commissioned upon graduation to four years of active duty and three years in

reserve or National Guard.

James was selected on the basis of results of SAT or ACT, high school academic record, extra-curricular leadership and athletic activities and a personal interview.

The scholarship is awarded and given to the student. He may attend the college or university of his choice, the only stipulation being that the selection offers ROTC. The scholarship pays tuition, books, all expendables, lab fees, and a \$100.00 a month subsistence.

Applications are now being accepted. The scholarship is open to anyone, though not currently in ROTC. If interested please contact Sergeant Major Casey.



James Coate is awarded ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

## Lewis elected VICA President

The final election of VICA officers was held Tuesday, November 8. The following people were chosen as officers: President - Jimmy Lewis; Vice-President - Jimmy Steadman; Secretary - Debbie Goodwin; Treasurer - Linda Richardson; Reporter -

Robert McDill; Parliamentarian - Randy Trest; Chaplain - Joyce Johnson.

Membership in this club is larger than it has been in several years; the club boasts a student membership of 73 and a faculty membership of 14.

## All-State band auditions set

Auditions for this All-State band will be held November 22, 1977. All students are eligible to try out, but must be a member of their college band the semester of participation.

The Mississippi Public Junior College All State Band will play for the Governor and

State Legislature then will depart for Atlanta, Ga. to play for the Southern Division Biennial Conference of the College Band Directors National Association. This trip will be from January 24, 1978 thru January 28, 1978.

For further information contact Mr. Dykes.



**WARRIORETTE PLAYERS**--Front Row: Terry Stowers - Forest, Tammy Tadlock - Morton, Sherry Rodgers - Noxapater, Cindy Pennington - Decatur; [Second row] Coach Lucille Wood, Phyllis LeFlore - Carthage, Denise Kemp - Carthage, Karen Hurst - Decatur, Carla Halley - Morton, Dorothy Hughes - Forest; [Third row] Charlene Jones - Forest, Pam Lee - Philadelphia, Jackie Tucker - Carthage, Shelia Ward - Philadelphia, Irma Johnson - Forest.

# ECJC Phi Theta Kappans cop presidency at State Convention

By Patti Roebuck

The ECJC Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has been elected president of the PTK State Convention. During 1978-79, the local chapter will be in charge of all meetings.

Other offices elected are South West, Vice-President; Gulf-Coast, Secretary; and Jones, Reporter.

In the spring the local chapter will elect a PTK member to serve as the State President.

"Man Alive - Can He Survive?" was the theme of the 1977-78 Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa convention. Members of Theta Xi Chapter from E.C. who attended were Lou Ann Harper, Danny Killens, Randy Richardson, Patti Roebuck, and Sherry Vance, along with sponsor, Mrs. Sara Heard. The convention was held at Delta State University in Cleveland.

Three workshops were held to correlate with the theme of the convention. Mrs. Walter Crawford, of Tylertown, gave a "Tribute to Loren Eiseley: Poet Laureate of Science". "Current Personalities and Issues in Science and Technology" was given by Mr. Hunter Cole, Associate Director of PTK, of Canton. The E.C. group was especially impressed by Dr. Jack Crocker's lecture. He spoke on "People Shapers: Biological Alterations of Man".

Mr. Norris Stampely, Vice President of Production at Mississippi Power and Light Company, gave a lecture on the energy problem in relation to the survival of man.

Mr. Jim Herring, District

Attorney of Canton, gave an inspiring talk on the political situations and future of our state. Mr. Herring is a former candidate for Lt. Governor.

Another highlight of the convention was a special program given at the Planetarium at DSU. The group saw a conglomeration of programs on The Fall Sky, Stars

and Planets, The Seasons, The Sun, Directions and Seasons, The Moon and Stars, and The Winter Sky.

The most exciting and perhaps frightening experience was the tour of Parchman. Mrs. Jean McBride served as our tour guide; Mrs. McBride lives and works on the grounds of the (Continued on page 4)



**DRESSED TO SUIT THE FIFTIES**, Shannon Cleveland, Denise Rector, Jessica Harpole and Pattie Stone attended the Engineering Club sock hop.



# WARRIOR SPORTS

Bill Dickens, Editor

## Warriors win final game, defeat Northeast 21-19...

by Dale Worrell

With a very disappointing season behind them, the EC Warriors came home on Nov. 5 to play the final game against Northeast Junior College.

From the beginning, it was evident that the entire squad was ready to prove a point. The point being, that they could win, and with only a few breaks, the entire season could have been different.

Northeast scored first. Then it was Robert Hardy doing it again for the Warriors. Behind excellent front line blocking, he rambled for a 61-yard score. Kim Webb missed the extra point. Northeast scored next and missed their extra point. The Warriors could not move the ball against the very rough defense of Northeast. The Warriors punted to the Northeast squad, and they drove down to score again before half time. The half ended with the Warriors behind 19 to 6. It looked as though the EC squad would

come up a little bit short one more time.

But, no, not this time. The Warriors came out firing, and soon the score was 19 to 13. The Warriors had sustained a drive with Theodore Ealy of Forest, going over for six. Kim Webb was perfect with the PAT this time.

The score remained the same until Mark Killens and Cliff Eichelberger teamed up for a picture-perfect pass play that put the Warriors even with Northeast. An extra point would put us ahead, but the snap from center was muffled. They missed the try for one, but an alert Mark Killens, who holds for the kicks, rolled out and hit, guess who, Cliff Eichelberger in the end zone for a two-point conversion.

But, the Warrior defense had to put on one last show. They stopped the Northeast drive, then blocked the attempted field goal that could have won the game.

The EC team finished the season at 4 wins and 6 losses.

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## ...fall to powerful Jones

By Dale Worrell

The Warriors travelled to Ellisville to play nationally second ranked Jones Junior College, with ideas of being a giant killer. They knew they had their work cut out for them, and they fought gallantly through almost three quarters, before succumbing to the powerful Jones team.

Jones jumped off to a quick thirteen point lead in the first half and went into the locker-room with that lead. It was a tough fought first half, with the Warriors battling and scrapping to stay in the game.

The Warriors came out in the second half with fire in their eyes. They scored quickly in the third quarter, with Robert Hardy doing the

honors.

It appeared that maybe the Warriors could pull off the upset. But it was not to be. Because of the fact that the Warriors had had to fight so hard to stay in the game, they were bound to wear out. And wear out they did. With about five minutes to go in the third quarter, the very potent Jones offense broke through to score 27 points against the scrappy Warrior defense, to finish with a 40 to 6 win.

The Warriors went to Jones knowing they would have to play a very fine game to win. The Warriors lost, but they did indeed play a fine game.

The Warrior record dropped to 3 and 6.

## Call Me, Ooh-Rahs take VB title

OOH-RAH and Call Me won their respective volleyball championships Wednesday night, before a packed crowd in the old gym.

OOH-RAH won the men's title the hard way, edging out RAH-OOH in the semi-finals then beating Roots for the championship. Long volleys,

with many hard spikes typified the game played, both teams playing good volleyball. It was the second title for OOH-RAH on the day.

In co-ed volleyball, Call Me defeated US in the final game, winning the Co-Ed Title, with Gerome Brown and Scrap Gage playing key roles in the victory.



MARK KILLENS goes around end.

## Four ECJC players are named to All-Star and All-State positions

Two members of the ECJC football team have been selected to play in the Junior College All-Star game, while three members of the team were picked to be All-State.

The All-Star players, Robert Hardy and Steve Breland, will play in a game that will be closely watched by the major college scouts. Robert Hardy, who played halfback, is from Newton, Miss. and a

two-year letterman at ECJC Steve Breland, an offensive guard, is from Philadelphia, Ms. and is also a 2-year letterman.

Selected for the All-State team were Harold Hughes, Steve Breland, and Troy Eichelburger, playing at defensive back, offensive guard, and linebacker respectively.

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## Ooh-Rahs, Billion Dollar Babes win f'ball titles

OOH-RAH beat Todd Hall 25-12 and the Billion Dollar Babes beat the Captain Fantastics 13-6 to win the men and women's intramural football championships, Wednesday, on the intramural field.

In men's action, OOH-RAH, combining a big play offense that averaged 31 points a game with a stingy defense that allowed only 7 points a game, finished the season with a perfect 12-0 record.

Bill Dickens scored first on a pitch from Wayne Turner in the second quarter. QB Tommy McCool hooked up with Dickens on a 23-yard TD pass, then scored himself on a 12 yard run. Wayne Turner iced the game with a 31-yard scamper behind some key blocks.

Charlie Cox had one interception for the defense, which kept an explosive Todd Hall offense from the end zone for most of the second half, once on a crucial goal line stand. Final score, OOH-RAH - 25, Todd Hall - 12.

In women's action, the Billion Dollar Babes edged out the Captain Fantastics 13-6.

The Captain Fantastics scored first when Julie Wright took the first snap from center 65 yards for a TD.

The Babes retaliated when Patti Warren intercepted a pass and returned it 45 yards for the tying touchdown. Shannon Cleveland scored the winning 6 points for the Babes on a 40-yard run. The final score, Billion Dollar Babes - 13, Capt. Fantastics - 6.

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WARRIOR PLAYERS—[Front] Elmer Mullins - Biloxi, 11 - Keith Robinson - Decatur, 10 - Phil Shepard - Madden, 24 - John Burkes - Walnut Grove, 14 - Melvin Atkins - Walnut Grove, 12 - Terry Qualls - Forest, Hilton White - Edinburg; [Back] 20 - Gary Brazzle - Philadelphia, 15 - Barry Upton - Walnut Grove, 25 - Billy Joe Patrick - Decatur, 22 - James Duce - Chatanooga, Fla., 30 - Wade Stowers - Forest, 31 - Clifton Wilson - Forest, 23 - Mark Robinson - Baton Rouge, La., Coach Robinson.



# DINNER THEATRE...

(Continued from page one)

Players, President of the ROTC Cadet Association and performed in last year's dinner theater "Blithe Spirit."

Performing the role of "Lora," the ingenue, will be Donna Reynolds. A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, she was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, served as Student Council Secretary and was a cheerleader. A Sophomore majoring in Elementary Education, Donna's activities include being a member of the Fashion Squad, the Student Educational Association and serving as Treasurer of Phi Theta Kappa.

Gary Jones, will portray "Tony" the juvenile. While attending Morton High School, Gary was a member of the band and FBLA. A Sophomore majoring in Elementary Education, he is in ROTC, participates in intramural sports and is a member of the E.C.J.C. Players.

And The Villain Still Pursued Her is an old-fashioned melodrama dealing with a hero, heroine, and a villain. Bill Dickens will play the part of "John Handout." While attending Carthage High School, he was selected as Mr. CHS, Most Likely to Succeed, and received the Tiger Award. A Sophomore majoring in Communications, Bill is a member of the tennis team, the E.C.J.C. Players, and participates in intramural sports.

John's daughter "Emaline" will be portrayed by Julie Wright. A graduate of Louisville High School, Julie was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, served as cheerleader, and was selected Miss Congeniality in the local Junior Miss pageant. She is a Freshman majoring in Drafting, was selected as Freshman Homecoming Maid, is a member of the Women's Council and is active in intramural sports.

Gayla Folsom will appear as the Handouts' maid, "Mary." While attending South Leake High School, Gayla received the Senior English Award, and was a

member of the Annual Staff, Choir, and FHA. She is a Sophomore Commercial Art major and is a member of the E.C.J.C. Players.

"George" the Villain will be played by Dale Worrell. A graduate of Forest High School, Dale played baseball, was a member of the paper staff and performed in three plays. A Sophomore majoring in Speech, he plays baseball, is on the Tom-Tom Staff and is involved in intramural sports.

Performing as "Jack the Hero," will be Robby Fisher. A graduate of Sebastopol High School, he was a member of the Beta Club and participated in baseball, football, and track. A Sophomore at E.C.J.C., Robby is an Industrial Education major, a member of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, and is active in intramural sports.

Theresa Walton will be cast as "Lena Handout," John's wife. As a student at Union High School, Terry was a member of the Hall of Fame, and was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and The Distinguished American High School Students. She is a Freshman majoring in Liberal Arts and is a member of the French Club and the E.C.J.C. Players.

Portraying "Lizzie Leaping," the Handouts' Country Cousin, is Kim Townsend. While attending Morton High School, she served as President of the Dramatics Club and the Math Club, and was selected Miss Personality. Kim is a Freshman majoring in Business Administration and is a member of the Band, Choir, and E.C.J.C. Players.

Allen Muse, plays "Jim the Detective". At Union High School Allen played in the Band, served as Freshman Class Representative and was Sophomore Class Vice-President. He is a Freshman majoring in Liberal Arts and is a member of the French Club and the E.C.J.C. Players.

E.C.J.C. students may purchase their tickets for \$2.00.

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## Student Education Week Nov. 14-18

The Student Education Association observed National Education Week, November 14-18, by planning several activities. This included arranging a display window in the Student Center, placing cookies in the teachers' lounge, and presenting the teachers with a small gift.

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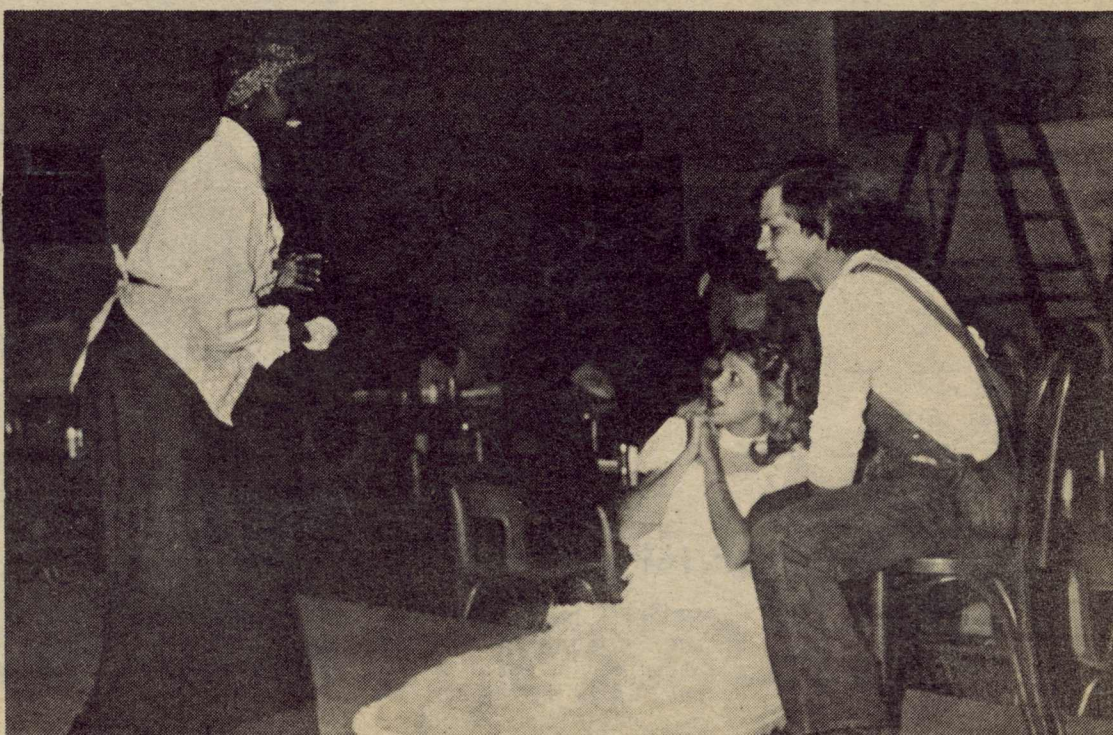
## "Everybody's Secret"

Left to right: Cindy Hamill, Janet Shaw, Rhonda Johnson, and Shelly Pudas.



## "Impromptu"

Front: Regina Gibbs and Gary Jones. Back: Dona Reynolds and Ernie Coward



## "And the Villain Still Pursued Her"

Gayle Folsom, Julie Wright, Bill Dickens

# Phi Theta Kappa...

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penitentiary.

The theme of the convention, "Man Alive - Can He Survive?", seemed appropriate for this tour. We saw such things as the bloodhounds, the young offenders, and several new buildings. We were allowed to talk with some of the offenders, who told us of their crimes and lives in prison.

The most awesome experience was our tour of the Maximum Security Unit. We

saw the gas chamber and Death Row.

The Convention was brought to a close Monday night after the election of officers. After a long, hard campaign, Theta Xi was elected President.

"Man Alive - Can He Survive?", what an appropriate theme for this year's convention, especially since we all survived Mrs. Heard's driving.

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# Scholarship Pageant to be Feb. 3

by Rhonda Johnson

The Miss East Central Junior College Scholarship Pageant will be held on February 3, 1978.

Winning the local pageant is the first step to the title of Miss America. The Miss America Pageant is a non-profit civic corporation, conducted since 1921 during Labor Day Week in Atlantic City, N.J.

The Miss America Pageant grants approximately

\$1,000,000.00 in educational scholarship funds and is awarded annually at the Local, State, and National Miss America Pageants. The winner of the Miss East Central Pageant will receive \$500.

To enter an Official Miss America Preliminary Pageant, the contestant must meet certain basic requirements, must agree to abide by all the rules of the Local,

State, and National Miss America Pageants now in effect or as announced hereafter.

Some basic requirements for entering include - an entrant must be a female between the ages of 17 and 26 on Labor Day, a high school graduate, single and have never been married or had a marriage annulled, of good moral character, and a citizen of the United States. Please contact Mrs. Martha

Graham for a list of the exact requirements and further information.

As a contestant in the Miss East Central Pageant, the only expense will involve wardrobe. Contestants will need a long evening gown, a swimsuit, and a talent costume, if needed. The swimsuit competition will be closed and will be for the judges only.

Each entrant must have a talent presentation of

approximately three minutes, appear on stage in an evening gown, and be interviewed by a panel of judges.

Contestants must be sponsored by any club or organization on campus. Nominations will be accepted until January 20, 1978.

The winner of the scholarship pageant will represent East Central in the Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg.

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## "Son" shines in during Religious Emphasis Week

by Allen Muse

With the theme "Let The Son Shine In", Religious Emphasis Week, November 28, 29, 30, has become a landmark in the lives of the many students who came together in Christian fellowship.

This past week was a time of sharing and fulfilling the ideas and promises of our Creator. It was an invitation to the students to come see and hear about God, and what he could do for them. In many cases some students were able to make personal decisions and commitments.

Mr. Ovid Vickers, who was in charge of Religious Emphasis Week, said that each session was well attended. He also pointed out that the speakers brought out some good ideas, and that the students seemed to be very interested in what they had to say.

The Week's activities included sessions by Rev. Glenn Martin, Mrs. J.H. Street, and Rev. H.G. (Hank) Winstead. Also on the agenda was a special concert by the Wesley Foundation Choir.

The week began Monday

morning with a third period talk presented by Rev. Glenn Martin, pastor of the Ellisville United Methodist Church, Ellisville, Mississippi.

Rev. Martin spoke on the trials and tribulations facing today's college students. He explained how through our efforts and with help from God, we can overcome these stumbling blocks and find a new and better way.

On Tuesday, the students were addressed by Mrs. J.H. Street, a former member of the Clark College Faculty, an outstanding Baptist Layperson, and a well-known youth leader.

Mrs. Street's talks dealt mainly on using God's help from day to day. She pointed out that by believing in what you pray for that all things are possible. She added that we should reach out and help those who need our help, and that we should work hard to achieve our goals.

Tuesday evening at 7:00, the students were entertained in the Fine Arts Building by the Wesley Foundation Choir. The Choir presented some very fine pieces of music, and the evening's highlight was

Gayla Folsom's rendition in dance of James Weldon Johnson's "The Creation."

In Wednesday's closing sessions, the students were spoken to by Rev. H.G. (Hank) Winstead, pastor of the Court Street United Methodist Church in Hattiesburg.

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REPRESENTATIVE SONNY MONTGOMERY talks to East Central students Ricky Harrison, Linda Killen, and Perry Winstead during recent visit to campus.



REVEREND GLENN MARTIN opened Religious Emphasis Week with a speech to the students. Doctor Wright and Jimmy Shepherd are seated on stage.





**THE BILLION DOLLAR BABES** took top honors in the Women's Flag Football League. Kneeling are Patti Stone, Patti Warren, Gina Callahan, Theresa Parker, and Janet Shaw. Standing, left to right, Shannon Cleveland, Denise Rector, Jessica Harpole, Karen Hicks, Lucy Duncan, and Terri Vance.

## Intramural Championships

"CALL ME" won the coed volleyball championship. Team members kneeling are Shumaker, Travis Sherrod, Lisa Isaac, Karen Henry, and Joseph McDaniel. Standing are Edwin Montgomery, Larry Gage, Ellis Griffin, James Clark, and Jerome Brown.



**OOH-RAN VOLLEYBALL TEAM** copped top honors in the tournament. Team members are [bottom, l. - r.] Todd Gregory, Tommy McCool, Eddie Gregory, and Charlie Cox. [Standing] Steve Watkins, Frankie Beemon, Bill Dickens, and Carl Wilbanks.

## Intramural BB standings

### Men's League

Nader's Raiders	1	1
I Kappa Keg	1	0
M.S. Modulators	1	0
Jailbirds	1	0
Packers	1	0
Good News Bears	1	1
Rif Raf	0	2
Chocolate Snow	0	1
L'ville	0	1

### Women's League

Sassy Girls	1	0
I Kappa Keg	1	0
EC Combination	1	0
Bionic Women (formerly Capt. Fantastics)	0	2
Freto Banditos (Bandits)	0	1
Stompers	1	0
Hands-Off	0	1



## I Kappa Keg pharority attracts below avg. student

Probably the biggest and fastest growing organizations on campus is the "Pharority" of I KAPPA KEG. Strangely enough, it is the ONLY "Pharority" on campus.

The "Pharority" is CO-ED and the basic requirement is a grade point average of below 2.0. Any member above a 2.0 is immediately placed on probation.

The Founding Father is freshman Mike Luke of Hickory. Other officers include: President - Kenny Addy of Hickory; Vice-President - Mike Land of Louisville; and Secretary - Treasurer - Ricky Hosey of Forest.

I Kappa Keg is active in all facets of campus life. They participate in intra-

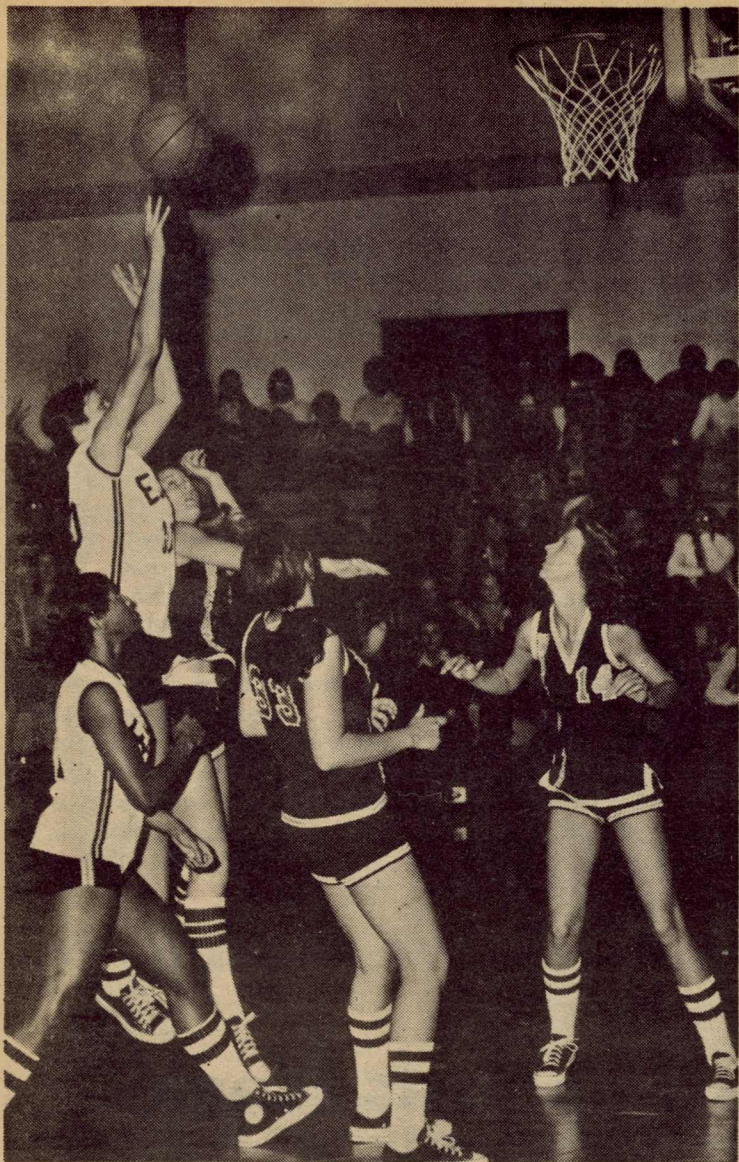
mural basketball with a women's and a men's team, cheer at the Varsity basketball games with their own special cheers, and they strive to improve Campus Life.

Each member has a green and yellow jersey and his own Keg. I Kappa Keg is intent on studying human behavior so that they might be able to act human.

The I Kappa Keg Cheerleaders include: Judy Russell, Rita Gayle Smith, Julie Goodwin, and Julie Wright. The I Kappa Keg Sweetheart Pageant will be coming up soon, and each contestant must meet eligibility requirements.

All prospective Sweethearts please contact Father Mike Luke or President Kenny Addy.





**PAM LEE** puts one up for East Central as Terry Stowers looks on.

## WARRIOR SPORTS

*Bill Dickens, Editor*



**OOH-RAH**, winners of the flag football championship, are Eddie Gregory, Dale Worrell, Bill Dickens, Donnie Stuart and Steve Shelton [kneeling]. Standing are Tim Davis, Tommie McCool, Charlie Cox, Steve Watkins, Todd Gregory, Wayne Turner, and Carl Wilbanks.

## Warriorettes have impressive 7 wins, 1 loss record thus far

by Rhonda Johnson

The Warriorettes are up on their game this season with an impressive 7-1 record.

Leading scorers for the Warriorettes are Pam Lee with a 22.2 average per game and Charlene Jones averaging 16 points per game.

Scores thus far include: E.C. - 79, Holmes Jr. College - 57; E.C. - 71, Holmes Jr. College - 63; E.C. - 93, Mississippi College Junior Varsity - 82; E.C. - 76, Meridian Jr. College - 69; E.C. - 80, Pearl River Jr. College - 79; E.C. - 74, Gulf Coast - 66; E.C. - 67, East Mississippi Jr. College - 97; E.C. - 67, Jones Jr. College - 52.

The Warriorettes are now 2-0 in conference games by defeating Pearl River and Jones.

East Central roundballers include 10 freshmen and 3 sophomores, having lost two all-stars Diana Lyons and Jeanette Barnes. Coach Lucille Wood commented that she is pleased with the progress of the freshmen in that the freshmen are carrying a full load.

Last year the Warriorettes were the South half division Regular Season Champs. They were second in the State losing to Gulf Coast who were the Region 7 Champs. The Warriorettes finished 7th in the nation last year, hopefully this year's team can live up to the reputation of being

winners. It looks good so far and the Warriorettes deserve all the support we can muster.



With the ball for East Central is **JIM DUCE** in a game with Pearl River.

5 wins, 3 losses

## Exciting home games are demonstrated by Warriors

by Steve Stamper

The E.C.J.C. boys basketball team has gotten off to a good start this year. The record at this early part of the season is 5 wins against 3 losses.

Coach Herman Robinson is getting a lot of scoring from a number of different players on the squad. The leading scorers for the season are: John Burke, 172 points; Jim Duce, 136 points; Gary Brazzle, 45 points; and Wade Stowers with 22 points.

The Warriors have given the fans some exciting games on the home court. Against Holmes Junior College, E.C.J.C. defeated the Eagles 79-78 on a couple of last second free throws by Gary Brazzle.

Another close game was against Pearl River Jr. College. The Warriors won that one 74-69, by coming from behind in the last minute.

The Warriors recently played in Holmes Jr. College Invitational Tournament. In the first game of the tournament, E.C. defeated the defending state champs Delta Jr. College by the score of 77-62. By defeating Delta, E.C. got to the finals where they met East Miss. Junior College and were defeated 97-89 by a very hot shooting team.

So the Warriors are off to a good start this season and would like the support of the students.

Admission to the home games is free to E.C. students. Simply flash your I.D. at the door.



## 'Atomic World' nuclear program given on campus

by Ada Boggan

You don't have to be a science major to understand or enjoy **This Atomic World**, the traveling program on the role of nuclear energy.

**This Atomic World** put on an entertaining demonstration of nuclear energy on Thursday, December 1.

For over 20 years, this traveling program, has been visiting high schools and colleges all over the United States with an educational and entertaining program on nuclear science.

The program covered many ideas: highlights of basic nuclear physics; radioactivity, what it is and how it's detected; chain reactions; uses of radioisotopes in industry, medicine, and research; reactors; and nuclear power, particularly its planning, costs and environmental effects.

All this was presented to the students by a specially trained science teacher who used a truckload of off-beat and colorful instructional devices that helped him make his points clearly.

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## to the Editor:

To the student body and faculty:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for your support of the ECJC players during the 1977 Dinner Theatre Production. This was the first time East Central has presented a group of one-act plays; and **THANKS TO YOU**, it proved a great success! Also, for the first time in many years the Dinner Theatre was a sell-out—and for both nights!

Many of you never know just what frenzy goes on backstage on the nights of performance. Special thanks goes to the students who made up the committees that worked so hard doing everything from rearranging the set to calming nerves.

"The Sound of Music" has been chosen for the

Spring Musical, which will be performed in March. Try-outs for the musical will be held just after school begins second semester. I'd like to encourage anyone who might be interested, to try out. It is open for all students. And EC has already proved that it is not lacking in talent this year!

Speaking for all the students involved in the Dinner Theatre, I can truly say that this letter of thanks would not be complete without expressing a very special "Thank You" to Mr. Bruce Peterson, without whom the production would not have been possible. I don't think he'll ever know just how much he really was appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Regina Gibbs  
President: ECJC Players

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From King Tut's tomb

## Students view treasures

A group of twenty-three Art students recently traveled to the New Orleans Museum of Art to view the display of artifacts from the tomb of the famous Egyptian Pharaoh, King Tut.

The fifty-five artifacts, which will be on display in New Orleans until January 15, represent a total of some five-thousand items taken from the tomb.

According to history, King Tutankhamun was nine years old when he inherited the throne of Egypt sometime around 1334 B.C. When he died, Tut was placed in a four-room tomb which was packed with treasures to insure his comfort. Thirty-three centuries later, the

tomb was uncovered on November 4, 1922, by archaeologist Howard Carter.

When asked about their reaction to the exhibit, Cindy Harris of Decatur expressed, "I couldn't believe it," and Anne Harkins of Thomastown added, "It was fabulous." Dwight Perkins stated that, "It was frightening being in there with things that were 3,000 years old," and that "the gold on the artifacts puts your eyes out."

According to Bruce Guraedy of the Art Department, the exhibit is geared toward the general public and advises that anyone going to see the exhibit should buy a catalog at the information desk or take one of the

sound systems available as they tour the museum.

Admission to the exhibit is \$1.00 for Adults and 50 cents for Senior Citizens and those under 18. Mondays are reserved for school tours only, Tuesday and Wednesday the hours are from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Guraedy added that the food is a "rip-off" and that one should carry his own lunch. He also suggested that if one must go on a weekend be sure to be in line by 5-6 a.m. and encouraged anyone planning to see the Tut exhibit to also view the collection of paintings located on the second floor of the New Orleans Museum of Art.

## Religious Emphasis Week

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tiesburg, and formerly of the Decatur Methodist Church.

Rev. Winstead's talks confronted the students with ideas and ways that they could use to better their lives. He challenged the students to work hard to

reach their goals in life.

Following each session, a short time was set aside for the asking and answering of questions. Many students raised questions concerning their church life and daily problems. Questions such as "What is the Church?", "How should one pray?" and "How can I become a better witness?" were answered by the speakers, who tried to explain their ideas or viewpoint on the subject, and make suggestions to the

students on how to accomplish these ideas.

From all the many sessions, most students felt a spiritual up-lifting. Many said that they felt that many of their ideas and questions were cleared-up, and that they really enjoyed this time of Christian fellowship with one another.

The theme "Let The Son Shine In" really sums up the idea of the week, because in some cases, the "Son" really did shine in.

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## Students attend National 4-H Conv. in Mo.

By Rhonda Johnson

Wouldn't it be nice to take a week off from the exciting East Central and spend it in Kansas City, Missouri?

Two freshmen, Mike Faulkner and Fatie Horn did just that. They represented their FFA chapter in Carthage at the 50th Annual FFA National Convention held Nov. 6-13.

Mike and Fatie, both Liberal Arts majors, were among the 21,883 FFA-ers from all over the nation to attend the convention at Kansas City. They attended two sessions a day each day of the convention.

The Carthage Chapter was awarded a gold plaque for poultry judging. Mike Faulkner racked up high honors by placing 9th in the division of poultry judging out of 108 entrants. For this Mike received a gold medal. Fatie Horn also was awarded a gold medal for ranking 24th.

## 'Sound of Music' is chosen for musical

by Sue Savell

Bruce Peterson of E.C.J.C.'s Speech Department announces that Rogers and Hammerstein's **The Sound of Music** has been chosen for the annual Spring Musical.

According to Peterson, there will be a meeting on Thursday, January 5, 1978, at 3:30 in the Fine Arts Building of all students planning to try out. The actual tryouts will be held on Thursday, January 12, from 3:30 - 5:00 and from 6:00 - 9:00. All persons wishing to participate in any way must be present. He stressed that, "Tryouts are open to all students attending East

Central."

The musical will be produced during the week of March 13-17 in the Fine Arts Building at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available well in advance, and E.C.J.C. students may get in free by showing their I.D. and picking up a ticket for whatever night they choose.

The spring production usually involves some one-hundred students and offers openings for singers, dancers, instrumentalists, costume designers, make-up artists, and various crew members.

As Peterson expressed, "The musical is presented by students for students."

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