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## "Once Upon A Mattress"

# Spring musical in production

East Central's production of *Once Upon a Mattress* will be held February 25-March 1 in the Fine Arts Building. Bruce Peterson is director of this eleventh annual production, based on the story of "The Princess and the Pea."

The principal case members were chosen from the auditions held January 8. They are Evelyn Pierce, in the leading role of Princess Winnifred; Randy Adair as Prince Dauntless; Susan Michalic as Queen Aggra-

vain; Ken Hackman as King Sextimus; Leisa Richardson as Lady Larken; Jamie Satcher as Sir Harry; Todd Rogers as the Minstrel; Scott Long as the Jester; and Clayton Whitehead as the Wizard.

Lynda Harvey is assistant director.

Chorus members were chosen on January 14. They are: Libby Appleby; Mike Childress; Charles Comans; Cheryl Comans; Cheryl Gibbon; Craig Gordon; Mark Gunn; Tamara Howell

(who will also play the Nightingale); Rose McGee; Fran Miley (who in addition will portray Princess Number 12); Sherri Miley; Gary

### NOTICE

Any students who are interested in helping with the musical should contact Bruce Peterson. There are many crews and committees whose work makes the musical possible. These positions must be filled!

Rogers; Tammy Taylor; and Melissa Thompson. Bob Heritage is in charge of all choral and vocal instruction for the musical.

Dancers auditioned for places on January 17. They are: Terry Adams; Cindy Beatty; Sheila Breedlove; Mike Childress; Charles Comans; Jan Crenshaw; Keith Gaines; Stephanie Hodges; Anthony Johnson; Tony Kirkland; Ricky Luke; Rose McGee; Evelyn Murrell; and Debbie Wroten. Ovid Vickers is the choreo-

grapher for all dance sequences.

The orchestra is made of select members of the East Central band. Band director James Dykes is conductor for the orchestra. Marian Thornton is pianist.

Ticket sales will begin on February 13. Tickets will be free to all EC students, faculty, and family members of faculty. Outside tickets are \$3.00. All seats are reserved. Tickets can be purchased beginning the 13th by calling 635-2126.

## Cindy Fulton - John Harrison

# Who's Who results are in

By LEISA RICHARDSON  
STAFF WRITER

Cindy Fulton and John Harrison have been elected this year's Mr. and Miss ECJC in the recent Who's Who Election.

Cindy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fulton of Philadelphia, is a Data Processing Major. She has many honors at East Central which include: Fashion Squad member, the Collegians, Sophomore Homecoming maid and a member of the ECJC Players. A talented student, Cindy also plays piano and bass and sings for the Spring Creek Singers, a local group from Philadelphia. She was also Philadelphia's Junior Miss in 1978. Cindy plans to attend Mississippi State next year.

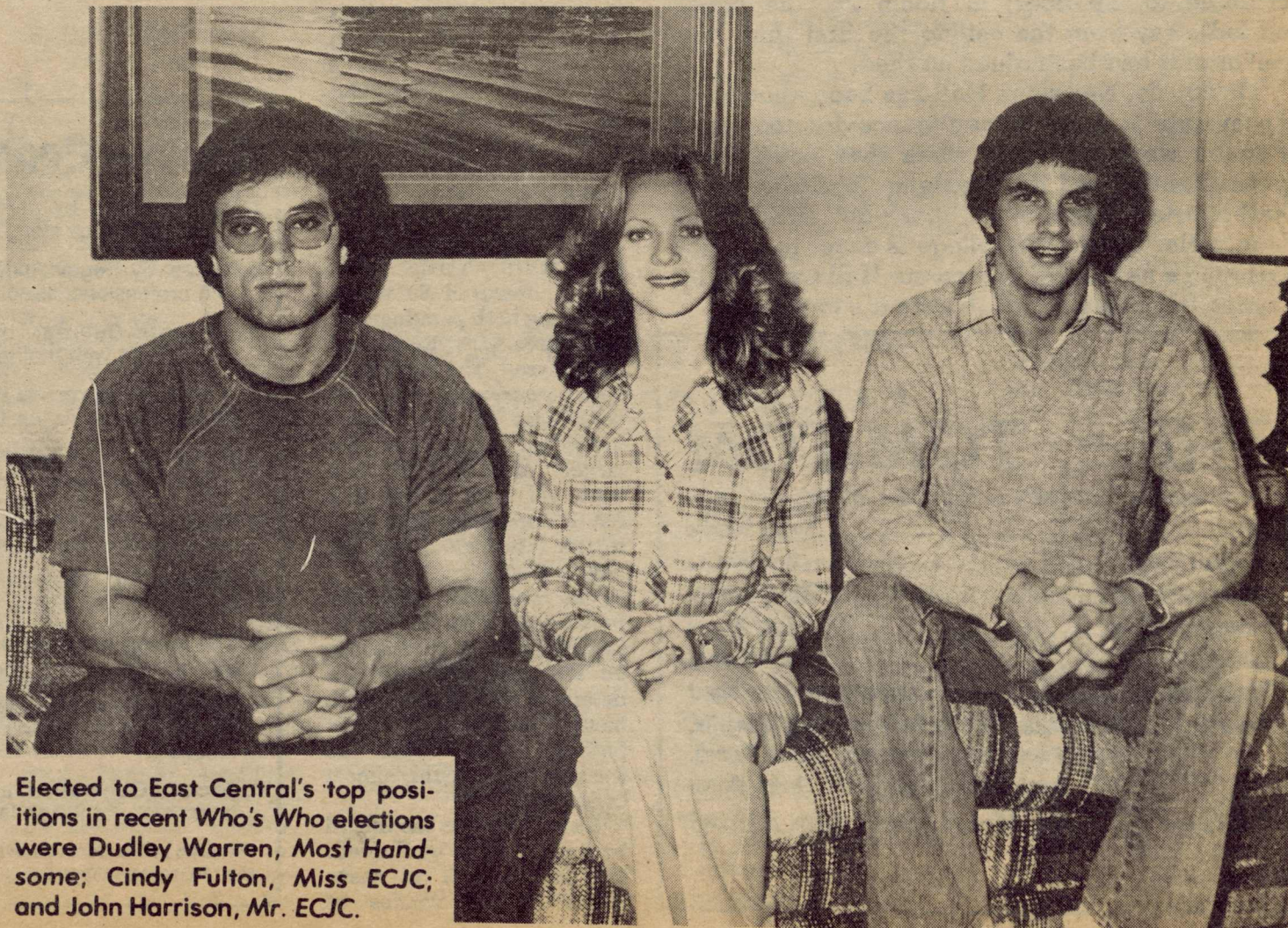
Mr. ECJC, John Harrison, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Harrison of Forest. A Pre-Dental major, John plans to attend the University of Mississippi next fall. John, a very outgoing student, is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa and serves on the Advisory Council to Congressional G.V. 'Sonny' Montgomery. John represented the student body

last year as President of the Freshman class and this

year he is Vice-President of the Student Body Associa-

tion. He is an avid sports fan and participates in all

phases of East Central's intramural sports program.



Elected to East Central's top positions in recent Who's Who elections were Dudley Warren, Most Handsome; Cindy Fulton, Miss ECJC; and John Harrison, Mr. ECJC.



## Patches won't repair Newsome problems

From the outside, Newsome Hall may look as though it is a sturdy, solid structure in which EC's sophomore women live, but from the inside, the building proves to be anything but solid.

Since the beginning of last semester, Newsome Hall has developed numerous problems that are not only inconvenient for its residents, but also present dangers. The problems have been reported to those who have the ability to correct them, and yet nothing has been done.

A few faults are: showers leaking into closets; plaster chips flaking from ceilings; loose metal plates on the stairs; leaks that do not merely drip; but stream down walls; and most seriously, a collapsing wall. Despite these messy, hazardous, annoying problems, the residents have been warned not to drive nails into the walls--there is a fine for defacing the building in such a manner. (Or perhaps the reason is that a few more nails might cause the literal downfall of Newsome Hall.)

Many of the students who live here are beginning to wonder if their room deposits will be returned at the end of the year, or if they will be punished for something they could not control.

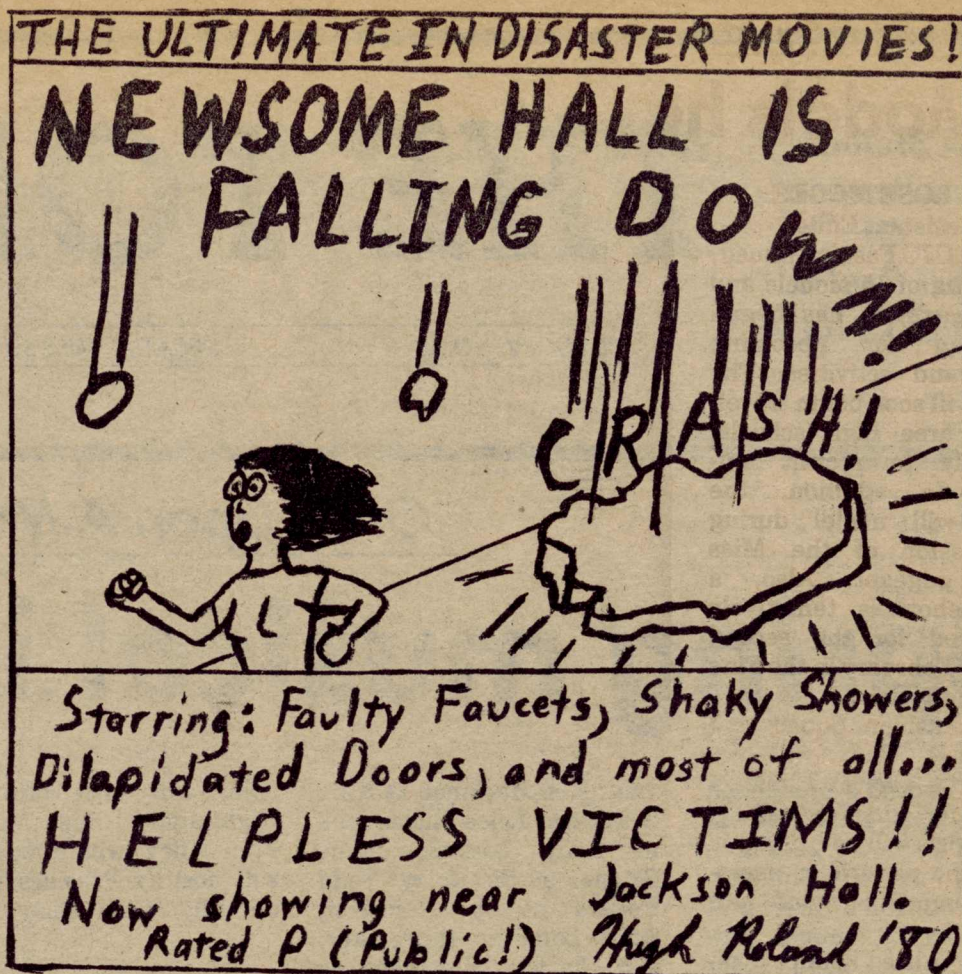
Occasionally the workmen make an attempt to temporarily repair some of the damage, but it is difficult to consider their methods sufficient. For example, to halt the collapsing of Room 27's outside wall, paper has been taped at an angle from the ceiling to the wall itself. Apparently paper is considered a sort of all-in-one-repair material, for it was used--twice--to stop a leak in Room 26. Unfortunately, it has not worked in either case. The wall in Room 27 can be heard creaking as chips of plaster periodically crumble to the floor; in Room 26, the paper curled away from the ceiling the first time rain fell after it had been glued up there.

Obviously, Newsome Hall has been allowed to decay into a state of negligence for too long. Repairs were not made when they could have permanently fixed the problems, and now these half-hearted attempts to "make-do" are almost laughable. Unless the college is eager to pay for building a new dorm, Newsome Hall needs to be completely overhauled...before it's too late.

## THE TOM-TOM

"A newspaper can never rise above nor fall below its staff"

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## Art students use New Orleans field trip for study

Instructor Bruce Guraedy and thirteen art students spent two days in New Orleans viewing paintings by America's two most celebrated frontier artists, Frederic Remington and Charles Russell. The students also saw other works in the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Students participating in the trip were Marie Aust, Susan Bane, Keith Johnson, Frances Cash, Dianne Henderson, Angeline John, Carleen Jones, Raymond Jones, Ricky Luke, Mike Mott, Patty Myers, Cindy Trevillion, and Janice Trippe.

The art display, EXHIBITION: THE WILD WEST, featured 80 works, including both paintings and sculptures, by Remington and Russell. The exhibition, which surveyed the development of each artist's individual style, is the largest exhibition of their work yet seen in the Gulf South. Drawings date back to the late 1800's and the nearly 1900's.

The students were impressed by what they saw. Laurie Pearson commented on the color schemes and details of both artists which made "the figures in the pictures very vivid, as though they would almost come alive."

Ricky Luke was fascinated by a night scene by Russell. He described it in these words: "Only shades of

white and black were used, but from a distance it seemed that the figures in his western scene were coming to life."

Mike Mott enjoyed the interest the Russell portrayed in the American Indian, "as evidenced by Russell's recurrent theme of the Indian Vs the buffalo."

As impressive as the exhibits were the permanent displays in the museum. Susan Bane pointed out that the students say "a Degas, a Gauguin, a Renoir, and a Picasso."

While in New Orleans, the students also had a side tour of the historic city.

### Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. **Chesapeake**, by James Michener. (Fawcett, \$3.95.) Multi-family saga along Maryland's Eastern Shore: fiction.
2. **Nurse**, by Peggy Anderson. (Berkley, \$2.50.) Personal and professional life of a nurse in a city hospital.
3. **Mommie Dearest**, by Christina Crawford. (Berkley, \$2.75.) Life with mother: Joan Crawford.
4. **A Distant Mirror**, by Barbara W. Tuchman. (Ballantine, \$6.95.) Europe in the 14th century.
5. **Scruples**, by Judith Krantz. (Warner, \$2.75.) Rags to riches in the fashion world: fiction.
6. **Fools Die**, by Mario Puzo. (NAL/Signet, \$3.50.) Casino gambling and its fallout: fiction.
7. **Pulling Your Own Strings**, by Wayne W. Dyer. (Avon, \$2.75.) How to master your life.
8. **The World According to Garp**, by John Irving. (Pocket, \$2.75.) Hilarious adventures of a son of a famous mother.
9. **The Culture of Narcissism**, by Christopher Lasch. (Warner, \$2.95.) American life in an age of diminishing expectations.
10. **Second Generation**, by Howard Fast. (Dell, \$2.75.) On-going story of Italian family in "The Immigrants": fiction.

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## Models have a busy schedule

By ROSE MCGEE  
Assistant Editor

The ECJC Fashion Squad, consisting of 15 models and three narrators has begun preparing for upcoming shows and activities. The group will soon begin traveling to area high schools, primarily to recruit students. In addition, the squad will model during intermission of the Miss ECJC pageant. Also, a bridal show is tentatively scheduled for the second week of February in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The Fashion Squad and area 4-H Club will co-sponsor a Charm Clinic in March for girls ages 9-14. These girls will be briefed in make-up, wardrobe, accessories, modeling, and hair styles.

Mrs. Alice Pouncey directs the Fashion Squad and teaches their required modeling class.



Vicki Hamrick, Lisa Sinclair, and Diane Jones are among the recent selections to the modeling squad.

Neshoba Countians selected to the fashion squad are Hiweda Jones and Sharon Gil (standing); Jan Smith, Cindy Fulton and Suzy Burkes.

## ECJC will host Dist. VICA

East Central Junior College will be the host for District V Secondary VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs in America) Contest February 15th. There will be Leadership Contests which consist of: Extemporaneous Speaking, Job Interview, Opening & Closing Ceremonies, Prepared Speech, and Club Business Procedure. Skill contest will be held in: Architectural Drafting, Auto Mechanics, Bricklaying, Carpentry, Electricity, Machine Shop, Mechanical Drafting, Sheet-metal, and Welding.

We will have students on our campus from Laurel, Collins, Ackerman, Forest, DeKalb, Columbus, Raleigh, Starkville, Eupora, West Point, and Louisville. We expect 400-500 students to be on our campus for the event. First, second and third place winners in each contest will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony to be held at 6:00 p.m. in Huff Auditorium.

District winners will compete in the State VICA Contest to be held in Jackson April 17 & 18. State winners will represent Mississippi in the National Contest this summer in Atlanta.

## Pageant is March 28

The 1980 Miss ECJC pageant, sponsored by the Wo-He-Lo staff, will be held March 28, in the Fine Arts Building. The pageant is open to any female East Central student who is not

married.

Students may pick up entry forms in Mrs. Martha Graham's office. The contestants will be judged on poise and ap-

pearance in four major categories: interview, swimsuit, talent, and evening gown. The title Miss ECJC (Most Beautiful) should not be confused with the Miss ECJC recently elected by the students. In addition to receiving a \$500.00 scholarship, the winner will compete in the Miss Mississippi pageant in Vicksburg this summer.

"Win or lose, every girl leaves with a feeling of accomplishment," said last year's winner Evelyn Pierce. "It's an opportunity for the girls to prove something to themselves."

For more information, contact Wo-He-Lo sponsor Martha Graham.

## Phi Theta Kappa takes 16 on Washington trip

By DIANNE RUSSELL  
Staff Writer

The month of March brings many things--St. Patrick's Day, Spring Holidays, and Mid-Term. This March, however, will also bring an exciting and adventurous week for a group of East Central Phi Theta Kappa Members.

Approximately 16 PTK members will be traveling to the National Phi Theta Kappa Convention, held March 20, 21, and 22. The theme of the 1980 convention is "A Time For Truth: America's Need For Governmental Renaissance" and, appropriately, will be held in Washington, D.C. Scheduled for the three days are such activities as dinners, banquets, special speakers, and election and installation of National Officers, along with plenty of free time for sightseeing.

East Central members attending the convention will leave Decatur on Tuesday, March 18, and return on Monday, March 24, accompanied by the club's two

sponsors, Mrs. Sarah Heard and Mr. Thomas Mayes. The group will be making a trip on the college van. They will be staying at the Washington Gramercy Hotel, which is within walking distance of the Capitol, the White House, and the Smithsonian Institute.

## Black History is theme of February 6 program

By SHEILA WHITTEN  
Staff Writer

To honor the numerous outstanding Black leaders, February has been designated Black History Month. Blacks, as a race, have come a long way and have made many contributions to society, in such areas as music, literature, science, sports, professional administration and politics.

The Blacks at East Central will present a Black History program February 6 at 7:00 P.M., in the Fine Arts Building. The program

is open to the public. The Meridian Junior College Gospel Chorus and the Gospel Chorales of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Meridian will be the guest performing groups.

The program will consist of dance routines, poetry, a dramatization and a talent presentation, in which the members of the Wesley Choir, the MJC Gospel Choir and the Gospel Chorales will participate.

In addition, fashion from the 1950's through the 1980 trends will be modeled.

## Cheryl asked to perform at Nat'l FB Conven.

East Central sophomore Cheryl Gibbon, Mississippi's Miss Farm Bureau Queen, attended the National Farm Bureau Convention held in Phoenix, Arizona January 6-10, to represent Mississippi as a "goodwill ambassador."

One of her first appearances was at the gala ball held for all of the bureau delegates. There she met the national bureau president, Alan Grant.

A "talent show" was held on the first night of the convention at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center. There, Cheryl sang "Songbird" and her rendition of "The American Trilogy." Other entertainers that night were Bob Hope and Dr. Joyce Brothers. Although other reigning queens attended the convention, representing Florida, Colorado, Kansas, Virginia and Alabama, Cheryl was the only one asked to perform. She also sang at some special conferences and at one social gathering held for the Mississippi delegates.

When asked about her trip, Cheryl responded, "I had a fantastic time. It was too much to put into words."

Cheryl was accompanied on her trip by her mother, Mrs. B.B. Gibbon.



# Class favorites selected

By SHARON GOODMAN

The Freshman and Sophomore class favorites and Most Handsome were recently elected in the Who's Who Election at ECJC.

The Freshman Favorites are Libby Appleby, Debbie McBeath, Pam Taylor, Eric Edison, Al Haralson and Chris Vance.

Libby Appleby is from Louisville. She is majoring in Data Processing and is a member of the ECJC Concert Choir.

Debbie McBeath is from Sebastopol. She is a member of the Women's Varsity basketball team. She is majoring in Physical Education.

Pam Taylor is a Forestry major from Union. She is a member of the fashion squad and she plans to attend Mississippi State upon graduation from ECJC.

Eric Edison, of Hickory, is a Physical Education major. Eric is a member of the Warriors football team, annual staff, ROTC, and the Wesley Foundation.

Al Haralson of Sebastopol, is majoring in Physical Education. Al is a member of the ECJC Marching Band, The ECJC Concert Choir, the Wesley Found-

ation, and assistant director of the Wesley Choir.

Chris Vance is from Union. He is majoring in Carpentry and is an active intramural sports player.

The Sophomore Favorites are Leisa Richardson, Debbie Wroten, Cheryl Young, Jamie Satcher, Jody Tidwell and Kim Wolverton.

Leisa Richardson of Union, is a Special Education major. Leisa is active in various clubs and organizations. They include the ECJC Concert Choir, fashion squad, the ECJC Players, Women's Dorm Council and the TOM-TOM staff. Leisa was a Freshman homecoming maid and she is this year's Homecoming queen.

Debbie Wroten is a Liberal Arts major from Decatur. Debbie is a Centralette in East Central's Marching Band. Debbie is very helpful to the Wo-He-Lo and the TOM-TOM because she develops many pictures for both staffs.

Cheryl Young, an Architectural Drafting major, is from Carthage. Cheryl is the president of the Phi Theta Kappa. She was a Sophomore Homecoming maid and also participates in intra-

mural sports.

Jamie Satcher is a Liberal Arts major from Union. Jamie is a member of East Central's "Collegians" and the ECJC Concert Choir. Jamie is also a member of the ECJC Players. He participated in the musical "Mame" on last year, the Fall Dinner Theater and will participate in this year's spring musical production.

Jody Tidwell is from Philadelphia. Jody is an active member and coach of several intramural teams. He is also a varsity tennis player.

Kim Wolverton, from Carthage is the president of

East Central's Student Body Association (SBA). Kim has been basketball trainer during both his years at East Central. He plans to attend the University of Mississippi and major in Law.

Dudley Winstead of Edinburg is East Central's Most Handsome. Dudley is majoring in Carpentry and has received a certificate of electricity. Dudley is a member of the Warrior's varsity football team. Dudley will escort the young lady who is selected Most Beautiful in the ECJC Scholarship Pageant.

Others nominated for Freshman favorites were

Amy Allday, Ora Floyd, Korby Gaines, Vicki Hamrick, Jane Harthcock, Sandra Johnson and Tina Tumbling.

Others nominated for Sophomore favorites were Melanie Barrier, Reathia Comans, Kathy Harrison, Carleen Jones, Susan Mihalic, Dianne Russell, Faye Russell, Esther Thomas, Sherry Winstead, Craig Gordon and Bobby Haralson.

Others nominated for Most Handsome were James Eichelberger, Keith Gaines, Bert Gilmore, George Gray, Benny Moore and Gary Rodgers.

## Advisory Council offers opinions to Congressman

By SHEILA WHITTEN  
Staff Writer

Students often wish they could voice their opinions concerning some of the legislation that their Congressmen vote on directly to those congressmen. Representative G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery had made that wish come true.

At every junior and senior college in Mississippi's third congressional district, an advisory council has been formed to meet once a year with Montgomery.

The following students were recommended by the SBA for the 1979-80 Advisory Council at East Central: Randy Adair, Kenneth Baker, Cindy Cleveland, Randy Cleveland, Cindy Fulton, Lynn Hardage, John Harrison, Wanda Harrison, Susan Mihalic, James Mitchell, Joel Nelson, Gary Rogers, David Stradley, Pam Taylor, Tammy Taylor, David Walker, Sheila Whitten, Jackie Wilson, Kim Wolverton and Cheryl Young.

## Sixty-three choir members to attend state's Junior Choral Festival

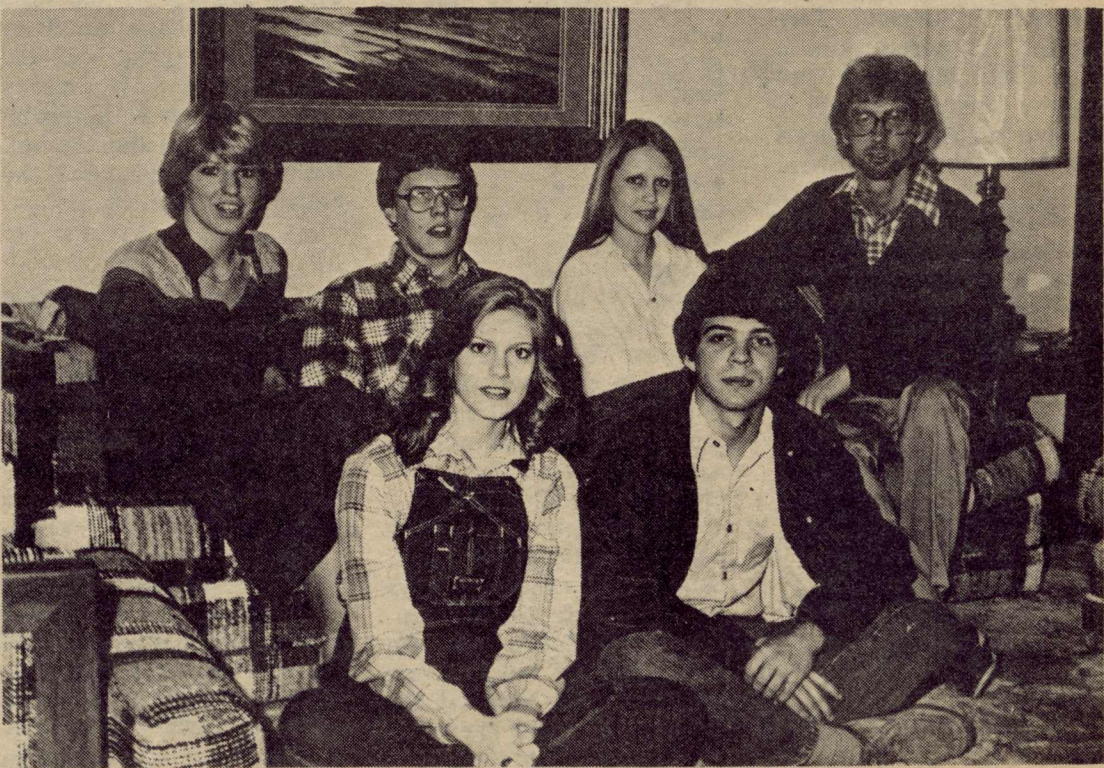
By NATALIA MARTIN  
Staff Writer

The sixty-three members of the East Central Junior College Choir are making preparations to attend the annual Mississippi Junior College Choral Festival. The festival will be held February 22-23 at Hinds Junior College in Raymond, Ms. On Friday afternoon the choirs will attend special practice sessions for the

mass choral concert. Friday night is a time for fun and entertainment. Each individual choir and each group of special ensembles representing each junior college will give a "mini" concert. Saturday will be filled with more practice sessions with Dr. Hugh Sanders, the guest conductor from West Texas State University, in preparation for the grand finale--the mass choral concert



Freshman Class Favorites are Pam Taylor, Chris Vance, Libby Appleby, Al Haralson, Debbie McBeth, and Eric Edison.



Sophomore Class Favorites are Leisa Richardson and Jody Tidwell (front row) and Debbie Wroten, Kim Wolverton, Cheryl Young and Jamie Satcher.



College is for expanding the mind....

## But, Lee works on our waists

By Dianne Russell  
Staff Writer

A familiar face to all EC students is that of Mr. Leonard Lee, food services director for the East Central Cafeteria.

Mr. Lee has been employed by ARA Food Services since August, 1965. Before coming to ECJC in December 1965, he was employed by the University of North Alabama, Arkansas AM&N, and Anderson College, Anderson, South Carolina.

In the 14 years Mr. Lee has been employed here, many changes have taken place on the campus. For example, in 1965 a dairy barn was located on the grounds where the Physical Education Building stands today. The Fine Arts Building, Newton Hall, Neshoba and Scott Halls, and the new library have all been built since then. The newest addition to the College, of course, is the remodeling of Mabry Cafeteria. In Mr. Lee's words, "The campus has almost been rebuilt".

Many people do not realize that the job of Food Services Director is time-consuming and sometimes difficult. All menus are made locally, based on local preference. Including Mr. Lee, there are currently 15 staff members working in the cafeteria. Their various jobs include ordering provisions (staple, frozen, and fresh), receiving, and storing. Records must be

kept, also, such as the payroll, weekly operating report, weekly invoice record, sales reports, and other required monthly and weekly reports.

The job, however, is not "all work and no play". In his spare time, Mr. Lee enjoys fishing and hunting. As he jokingly remarked, "I spend most of my time hunting for a good fishing hole!"

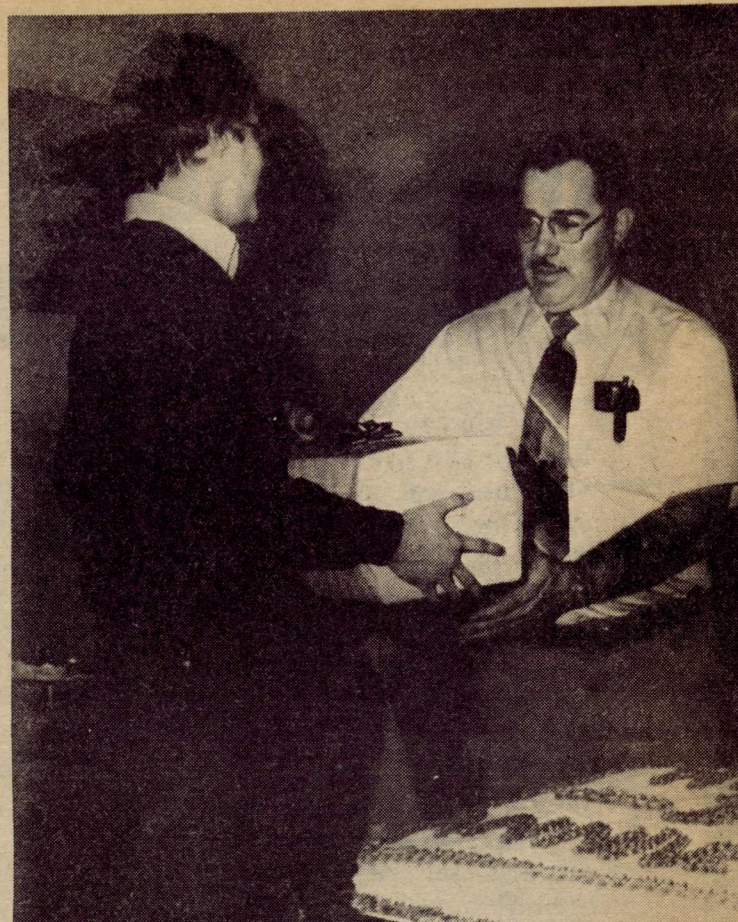
Mr. Lee explained the effect decrease in enrollment has on food served in the cafeteria. He stated that any time the enrollment drops below 375 to 400 students, there are bound to be problems. This has been especially true this year, with an increase in both labor and food cost. At the

present time, money is tight.

Concerning this, Mr. Lee commented, "We appreciate the students' help in controlling costs, leaving things in the cafeteria, and being understanding about the rising costs and problems we are facing".

When asked how he likes his job here at East Central, Mr. Lee said simply, "I love it!"

Kim Wolverton, SBA President, presents Mr. Lee with a gift honoring his fourteenth year as head of the ECJC cafeteria.

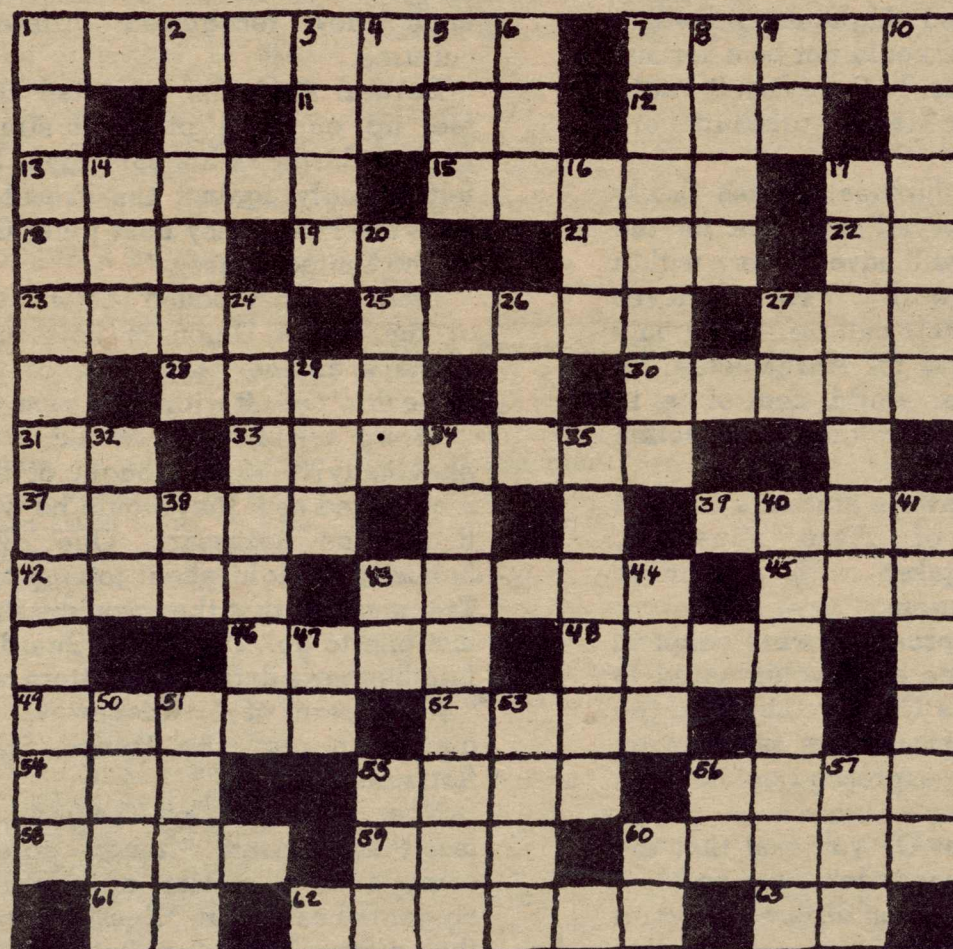


## Adult artists put work on display

Adult Education art students of East Central have their work on display at the Union Public Library. Eleven Newton Countians, including Art Instructor Bruce Guraedy, have drawings and painting on exhibit.

Among Mr. Guraedy's students exhibiting works are Mrs. Wanda Freeman, Mrs. Betty Thames, Mrs. Ruth McMullan, Mrs. Sally Hart, Mrs. Madeline Thompson, and Mrs. Dot Armstrong, all of Newton, Jerry Dunajick of Little Rock, Jeanean Leach and Pat and Glenda Reilly, all of Conehatta.

The exhibit is part of a season of four shows that will be sponsored by the Union Public Library.



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| 18 possessive pronoun           | 49 clear and hard              |
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| 21 first woman                  | 54 not cold                    |
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| 60 man's nickname                   |

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# Iranian and Russian situations outweigh daily college problems

Within the last few months, the United States has felt the pressures of unusual crisis. Iranian students are now holding approximately 50 Americans hostages. The ordeal began when America allowed Iran's exiled Shah into the country for medical treatment; Iranians demanded the return and death of the Shah, claiming that he had killed a number of people. To insure his return, these Americans were taken hostage. Iranians claimed to be acting for the sake of religion. To the United States, their action was perhaps completely irrational.

Today the Shah is in Panama and the 50 Americans are *still* being held. It seems as though force is the only means of release.

But after so long a wait, perhaps force would be a disastrous mistake. In the meanwhile, the Soviet Union has invaded Afghanistan, which adjoins Iran. This could or could not be a serious threat to the United States. In the event it might be, Carter has already taken precautionary measures.

Missionary to the Phillipines, James Slack, who led a recent BSU revival says that for the hostages to be freed, we will have to work within their "cultural framework". He believes America is unaware of their culture and is only trying American ways. As for Afghanistan, he feels that the desire for world control is in Russia's philosophy and that this is an action within their philosophy.

In order to learn how aware students on East Central campus are of these situations, interviews have been taken with a number selected practically at random.

Almost all students approached were eager to discuss the matters. Some even volunteered to participate in the poll. The 18 who completed the interview were asked basically the same seven questions. Several others expressed opinions on certain questions.

The first question was: Do you feel that the method in which the Shah was dealt was best?

Attitudes about this question differed. Several students believe that everything was handled just as it should have been: America was right to accept him to begin with; right to protect him and to treat him; and right to send him to Panama rather than back to Iran to meet his death. Others have doubts: "...I don't think we should have sent him to Panama...he's theirs/Iran's."

"...he should have been sent to Iran the first time they asked for him." "He shouldn't have been invited into the country to start with..." "...seems as though he's been treated kinda special/as opposed to the average sick individual." "No! They should've took him back..." "Law officials from Iran should have come over here..."

When asked if the hostages will ever be freed, most students tried to keep a positive attitude

although some couldn't see any other way than force: "Yes, soon...within the month..." "eventually, even if measures of force have to be taken". One girl hoped they would be freed, but "...probably be 1984 before..."

Another was somewhat less encouraged: "At this moment, no...They've waited so long... some may even commit suicide..."

As far as the rationality of the students who are holding the hostages, about half saw the Iranians as irrational. However, several were open to the fact that the Americans have been kept alive and healthy according to circumstances; some were even understanding of their actions: "...every man for his own country..." "They may be caught up with the Ayotollah craze...They're vulnerable..." Perhaps they recognized differences between cultures.

Several students, admitted that they didn't feel 'up' on the Afghanistan situation, but most backed Carter in his sanctions. However, some felt strongly against the President: "If Carter wins the Presidency next time, God have mercy on the United States..."

Most of those polled see war with either Iran or the Soviet Union or both as a possibility, perhaps an inevitable one, of the future; but some don't see it within the next year or so.

When asked "How would a war effect you personally?" Most thought of the draft. Most men talked as if they would be willing to fight if it became necessary. One girl said, "I've honestly thought about joining the Air Force." Two men felt that they would "...probably be the last one to go...I'm in the Guard." Friends and families were definitely matters of concern.

A concern of another was, "With all the nuclear power, the United States might be flattened..."

Near the end of the poll, a somewhat less-than-accurate rumor spread over the campus in a matter of a half hour. When students heard that "Russia just invaded Iran", the matter took on an urgency. Students recognized the implications: The United States would probably become involved in war, which meant that students would inevitable be drafted; friends would be lost. Amazingly, most seemed as though they would be willing to cooperate with the necessary, even though a grim perspective was placed on things. Daily college problems took on little meaning. Even though basic facts were blown out of proportion, this certainly illustrates the concern of East Central's students in world matters and responsibilities to one's society.

Hopefully, as developments continue, a questionnaire can be distributed in order to involve more students and therefore, to obtain a probable less-biased poll.



## Number of students falls off

By LEISA RICHARDSON  
Staff Writer

Along with the many changes at East Central this semester, there has also been a change in the enrollment of the school with 670 students.

Although the enrollment of students is lower, percentage wise East Central is about the same. The enrollment for the 1980 semester has exceeded the expectations on the first day of registration with the addition of 61 evening students.

Also the late registration added 50 students. East Central has 30 people involved in the CETA program. This program in Louisville is for training Production Machine Operators and in Carthage the purpose is for training Combination Welders.

Frank Rivers, ECJC Registrar, said in connection with enrollment figures, "There has been a national trend in fewer college students. This is due to many circumstances such as money, transfers, graduates and individuals who drop out of school or work. Parents are trying to economize by having smaller families, and therefore there is a lower number of teenagers today."

Peterson loves the clowns.....

## Individualism is a big part of his life

By ROSE MCGEE

As most students have probably observed, Bruce Peterson, Speech professor, decorates his office with clowns. When asked why, he related a childhood story.

As he was growing up in Waukegan, Illinois, a circus came to town every summer. It set up in a vacant lot, and he and other children would help. He says that he was especially enchanted with the clowns. His interest was furthered when he had the privilege to view the Ringling Brothers Circus in Chicago while it was still performed under a tent. Here he saw the famed clowns Emit Kelly, Lou Jacobs, and Arnold Gribbling.

TV's Red Skeleton also influenced his interest in clowns.

He says that he liked clowns because of what they did for people; they "Made them laugh, made them forget themselves." He considered this a "wonderful thing."

Although he claims that he does not consider himself a clown despite the fact that "at one time I wanted to be," perhaps some would consider him as such according to his above definition. He does, however, answer with a simple "Yes" when asked if his 'individualism' has always been a natural part of his life.

Peterson began actually



collecting clowns several years ago... "I don't even remember when..." His clowns are done in crafts ranging from embroidery to ceramics. Most have been gifts.

Peterson's theatrical experience began in high school at Waukegan, where he played the major role in "The Curious Savage" and minor roles in "Tea House of the August Moon" and "The Would Be Gentleman". He also worked on the stage crew in the musical, "Oaklahoma".

Turning down a scholarship in Perdu, and having relatives in Mississippi, Peterson attended college at Mississippi State. "I never regret it." Beginning his major in Agriculture, he found he could not pass Chemistry. "I said to myself, 'Self, what are you gonna major in now?'" And he turned to Speech and Theater. He planned to go into the areas of radio and TV and had never considered teaching. However, while in graduate school at Ole Miss he made \$45 a week in assistantship

teaching and discovered that "This is wonderful; I want to do this the rest of my life."

While in college and graduate school, he participated in a number of productions and came in contact with several famous faces, including Mercedes Omegas, who received an Academy Award, and John Vivian, "Mr. Lucky." He had the privilege of working as understudy to John Carodine when he performed at Ole Miss. Peterson worked in a production with Anthony Auroerress, who has since played the part of "Jack" on the daytime "The Young and the Restless."

Several productions he worked on in some facet have become a part of East Central's theatrical history. While in college, he built a miniature set with styrofoam for the 3-act play, "The Curious Savage", which was the first play performed on EC's campus. He designed costumes for the musical production "My Fair Lady." At Ole Miss, he worked with costumes in

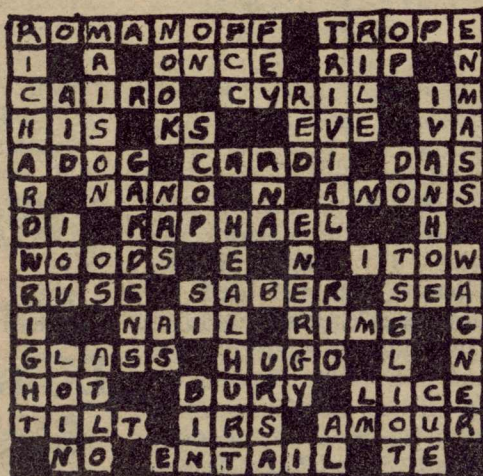
"Once Upon A Mattress," this year's spring musical. This musical and "The Rainmaker" were both done under a tent at that time.

Peterson has been at East Central since 1967. This is his eleventh year directing musicals and his sixth for dinner plays. Of the musicals, he says that "Camelot," "Gypsy," "Hello Dolly," and "Mame" are among his favorites; the latter of which had always been "...one we would never do..." But he now considers EC's version as "...better than traveling Broadway... and in many ways, better than the movie..."

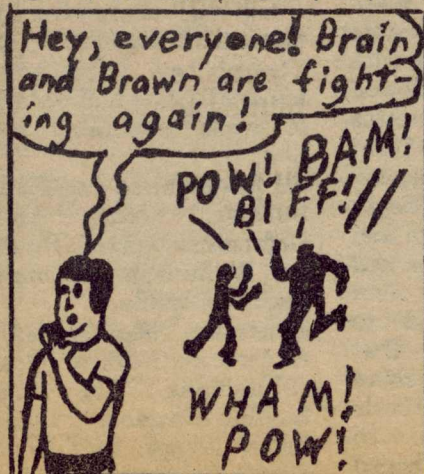
When asked if he ever had dreams of "Broadway," he shared that everyone in the field of theater does, but he never actually pursued it. "I enjoy knowing where my next meal's coming from..."

He has seen in others that acting is not all glamour. He believes 'stars' are normal people except for the possibility of more problems and pressures. "...once you get to the top, there's no where to go but down..." "All that glitters is not gold."

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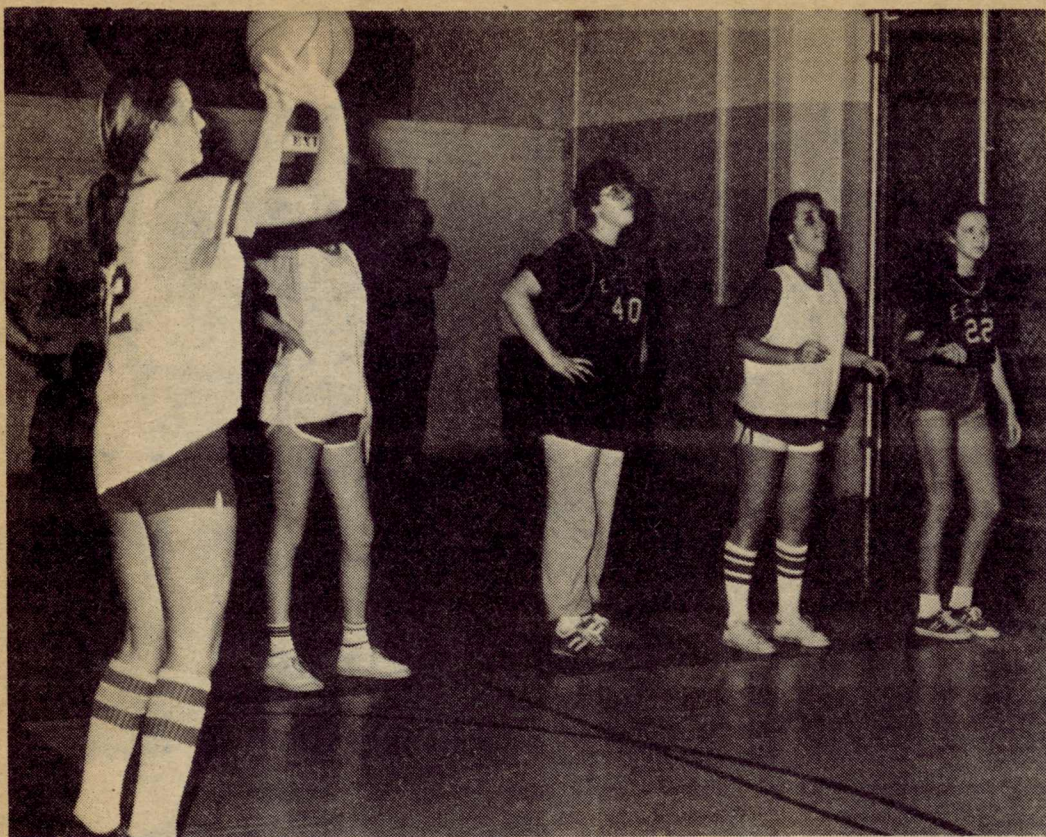


## Brain and Brawn



by Hugh Roland





# EC is making 'adjustments' after break

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

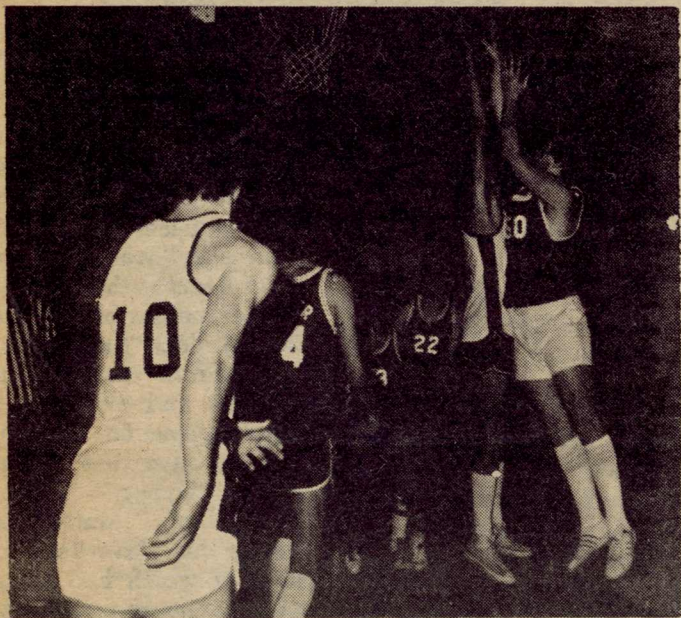
"We have had to make adjustments to fill the position that was left vacant when our leading scorer did not return," stated Coach Robinson, whose East Central Warriors have lost 5 games straight, dropping their record to 8-8. "We are getting things back together and will start winning again."

The breakdown so far this semester is as follows:

East Central 59-Gulf Coast 86  
East Central 80-Jones 92  
East Central 88-Southwest 100  
East Central 80-Co-Lin 82  
East Central 66-Hinds 70

The individual accumulative statistics will be shown by the following chart.

Name	Gms.	Asst.	Reb.	R. Av.	F.A.	F.M.	%	F.T.A.	F.T.M.	%	T.P.	T.P.A.
Atkins	13	5	18	1.3	37	12	32	6	3	50	27	2.0
Prejean	8	5	3	0.7	0	0	0	2	1	50	1	0.1
Gray	15	19	57	3.8	207	96	46	40	25	62	217	14.4
Myers	15	9	111	7.4	97	50	56	58	26	44	126	8.4
Roberts	8	7	4	0.4	32	16	50	5	4	80	36	4.5
Gilland	13	15	84	6.4	64	40	62	41	34	82	114	8.7
Stewart	14	19	52	3.7	103	55	53	28	18	64	128	9.1
Brand	9	6	14	1.5	29	23	79	5	2	40	48	5.3
Johnson	15	17	107	7.1	96	60	62	31	22	70	142	9.4
Little	14	72	165	11.7	116	77	66	51	44	86	198	14.1



## League balance shows in intramurals play

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

"Competition this year is very good," stated intramural sports director Glenn Hicks. "This year the Leagues are balanced." The basketball games were as follows:

**Men**  
Supernature 73 - Varsity Jocks 59  
Highballers 67-152 Express 49  
Faculty 60-Varsity Jocks 59  
Sonic Boom 72-151 Express 41  
Rags to Riches 55 - Highballers 51

Sonic Boom 53-Supernature 66  
Supernature 97-152 Express 57  
Highballers 66-Faculty 59  
Rags to Riches 67-151 Express 45  
Highballers 72-Varsity Jocks 69

**Women**  
Allstars 72-Land's Ladies 11  
Sweet Peas 34-Last Resort 24  
Sweet Peas 60 - Land's Ladies 16  
Allstars 36-Last Resort 28  
Last Resort 54-Land's Ladies 24

The team records are as follows:

### MEN'S INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

	Win	Lose
Super-Nature	5	0
Sonic Boom	5	1
Highballers	4	3
Rags to Riches	3	3
Faculty	3	2
Varsity Jocks	1	4
151 Express	1	6
152 Express	0	4

### WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

	Win	Lose
Sweet Peas	4	0
Last Resort	3	2
All-Stars	2	2
Land's ladies	0	5

## Intramurals will attract 90 students in competition

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

Approximately 90 students will compete in the individual and dual sports and games scheduled to begin on January 21. The intramural program has attracted the attention of many students this year, according to intramural sports director Glenn Hicks.

The winners of these games will compete in competition with other junior college students from across the state at Mississippi Delta Junior College-February 29 and March 1.

## Warriorettes keep win streak going

By FAYE RUSSELL  
Sports Writer

The Lady Warriorettes came back after Christmas ready to play ball, winning four games in a row. They defended Gulf Coast 70-69 in overtime. Debbie McBeath led the Warriorettes with 31 points; Esther Thomas followed with 16 and Joyce Watkins added 10. They then traveled to Jones and won 79-75. Thomas led EC with 27 points; McBeath followed with 19; Watkins added 12; and Mona Tucker racked up 11.

When Southwest came to Warrior Territory, the Warriorettes won 76-55. Again Thomas led the scoring with 31 points; McBeath followed with 26. The Warriorettes also defeated Co-Lin 74-63 in a home game. Thomas led with 30 points; McBeath followed with 19 points and 16 rebounds; Watkins had 10 rebounds.

The team traveled to Hinds and saw their first defeat of the second half of the season, losing to Hinds 64-53. McBeath had 25 points and Thomas followed with 10. Tucker had 10

rebounds and Watkins had 9. The record for the Warriorettes is 12-4 on the season; they stand 8-1 in the conference.

Watkins has averaged 10.6 rebounds a game; McBeath averages 20.8 points a game.

## Three from EC make All-State team

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

Having completed the football season, East Central had 3 players to make All-State and 3 players to make Honorable Mention.

All State: Mike Lee-Safety, Decatur; Ronnie Mella-Defensive tackle, Houma, La.; Willie Hannah-Running Back, Louisville.

Honorable Mention: Luther Anderson-offensive tackle, Columbiana, Ala.; Ricky Rogillio-offensive guard, Baton Rouge, La.; Donald Ficklin-Quarterback-defensive back, Morton.



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## South Title Stays In Decatur!



THE EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM captured first place in the South Division with a big 97-90 win over Jones. Members of the team are (kneeling) Gloria Ashford, Faye Russell, Iris Smith, Faye Quinn, Debbie McBeath; (standing) Kelly Walsh, Jane Dees, Tina Tumbling, Esther Thomas, Joyce Watkins, Susan Johnson and Reathia Comans.

## Hall of selection to begin

Nominations are now open for the East Central Junior College Hall of Fame for 1980.

Each year the Tom-Tom sponsors selection of members. Selection is made by a secret faculty committee from nominations submitted to the Tom-Tom by students, faculty, and administrators.

Nominations are to be turned in to Mrs. Alford, Tom-Tom sponsor, before March 21. The nominations should include the name of the person who is nominated, the person's achievements on campus, and any other pertinent personal data. The nominations must be signed.

Nominations should be turned in to the Communication's Office in Newton Hall. The nominations should be addressed to Mrs. Alford.

Selection to the Hall of Fame is based on the following criteria: (1) Leadership, (2) Contribution to the college, (3) Scholarship, and (4) Potential for achievement. The nominees must be graduating sophomores.

The Hall of Fame has been selected annually since 1956. Pictures of the winners are hung in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

To be selected to the Hall of Fame is one of the highest honors for an East Central student.

## Inflation continues to haunt college's plans for growth

Despite the not-so-bright outlook for funding by the state legislature, ECJC President Charles V. Wright has several building and renovation projects outlined for the college. Some of these have already been started, while several years might pass before the others can be begun.

The three major considerations before the Board of Trustees are: reroofing two buildings, which was authorized in the December meeting, according to Wright; repaving the streets; and the possible extension of the football field for a track.

"Other needs have been determined," he said, adding that if sufficient

money is appropriated in this session of the legislature, these needs will be considered by the Board; if the funding is not adequate, appropriations for next year will be added to it until there is enough to begin.

The other projects are a student union, and new apartments for the married students, though Wright said that he sees both proposals, particularly the latter, as being, "pretty far down the road."

In June, 1979, he estimated that the student union, which would be extended from the existing structure, would cost \$1,065,000. Today, however, with the rising cost of labor and building

materials, he estimates the cost between 1 and 1.5 million dollars.

"The longer we wait, the more it will cost us," he said.

An example of how much building cost have skyrocketed is that in 1968, the Vo-Tech Building was constructed for around \$10.00 per square foot. Today, Wright estimates that that same building could be constructed at a minimum of \$40.00 per square foot.

The college receives funding from one of two sources, both of which are controlled by the legislature: the Mississippi General Fund and the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund. The money from Federal Revenue Sharing must be

matched by ECJC; the money from the Mississippi General Fund has no "strings" attached.

The cost for the college could be reduced greatly if the funding for the buildings were arranged in the same way that it was for the library and Newton Hall. EC received half of the money from the General Fund and half from Federal Revenue Sharing, which resulted in the college paying ¼ the total cost for each building.

When asked why he gave the student union priority over the apartments, Wright answered, "The student union would touch more people than the apartments...the entire student body would have access to the student union."



Spring  
Vacation!!



# We must take the time to get the facts we need

With President Carter's request for Congress to reinstate registration for the draft, the next stop is the draft itself.

This will undoubtedly involve people who are presently attending East Central; therefore, it is almost incredible that more students are not concerned about the issue. The political and foreign affairs scene is admittedly confusing and undependable, and the events of the past few months have given rise to many questions.

Should the draft be reinstated? Does the drafting of women depend on the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment? Was the United States in effect attacked when hostages were taken at the U.S. embassy in Teheran? Can the U.S. afford to retaliate militarily? What stand does each of the presidential candidates take on these issues?

Are the students of ECJC politically deficient, with few opinions, inconsistent answers, and essentially, unsound reasons to support our answers? Certainly not everyone is--but nobody should be.

The few minutes spent listening to a new broadcast or scanning a newspaper would make us all more aware of what is happening off this small campus. In direct contrast to the demonstrations on college campuses during the 1960's and early 1970's, student awareness is at an all-time low.

This is not to say that we should initiate a riot, but it does bring up this question: if we are not informed of today's problems and possible solutions, how can we be prepared to serve as the leaders (or even the competent followers) that America so desperately needs?

As a nation, we can change only those things of which we are aware. At East Central, we obviously do not have the power to alter the course of history, but we can make a difference in the future by studying what is happening around us.

Don't allow these conflicts to be forgotten. Realize what is going on, for in the years to come, we must apply what we have learned.

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## THEM OLD CURFEW BLUES



JACKSON ~~HALL~~  
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Hugh A. Roland '80

They didn't wear costumes, but....

## The back-stage job is big

By ROSE MCGEE  
 Assistant Editor

Behind the stage is found the organization from which the staged production results. Before the audience knows any more than "there is to be a show...", dedicated students put in hours of hard work hemming, altering, and ironing costumes; preparing sets, props, and lights; designing a program; publicizing; and selling tickets. On actual performance nights, these, plus a make-up and hair-style committee, ushers, and additional helpers all play their own big parts. Assistant directors, managers, and crew chairmen work with, and sometimes despite of, the cast, chorus, dancers, and orchestra to organize a successful production.

As problems arise, someone manages to cover just as someone does when a cast member misses a line. When Scott Long's "Soft Shoe" was interrupted by a loud crash behind the curtain, the noise was eliminated as quickly as possible and the show went on. A set crew member came to the rescue when a curtain followed some dancers carrying a mattress onto the stage. Problems such as these are likely to arise at some time during any production and capable crews help to minimize worry.

Mavis Harris and Tamara Howell served as costume chairmen. Their responsibilities

went as far back as measuring for costumes to be ordered. Pam Stewart took a great deal of the later responsibility of hemming and altering, and costume changes during performances. Also serving on the costume committee were Sharon Goodman, Lisa Johnson, Patricia Thornton, Tammie Roland, Iris Smith and Joyce Watkins.

Lynda Harvey, Business manager, also served as Mr. Peterson's assistant director. Tammie Shelley served as his secretary.



KEN HACKMAN as King Sextimus gives a delightful performance without ever saying a word.

Richard Gatewood, Dianne Russell, Peggy Smith, and Kim Wolverton served as House Managers--seating people, handling ticket problems, re-seating after intermission, and closing up after the show.

Lynda Fulton and Tammie Shelley were Stage managers--making sure cast, chorus, and dancers were where they were supposed to be at the right time.

Felix Johnson and Sharon Gill ran the lights.

With Wendell Nelson and Al Haralson serving as chairmen, Gary Akins, David Little, Steve McKay, Raymond Reed, Rickey Stewart, and Hilton White moved sets during scene changes. Debbie Easterling and Barbara Green made sure props were available.

Sherry Weatherspoon, chairman, Margaret Laird, and Lynn Livingston worked on the make-up committee.

Production Design was by Harold Howell, Mike Mott, and Laurie Pearson. Harold and Tamara Howell designed the program cover.

Dianne Russell, Craig Gordon, and Evelyn Pierce publicized the musical. Dana Heard, chairman, Cindy Brewer, Betty Hathorn, Sandra Smith, Ruthie Stennis, and Esther Thomas made up the ticket committee.

Also, House Managers and ticket committee members served as ushers along with Brenda Evans, Vicki Hamrick, Jane Harthcock, and Laurie Tidwell.



# Vo-Tech Open House



**DEMONSTRATING** the data processing equipment are David Griffin and Ralph Thomas.



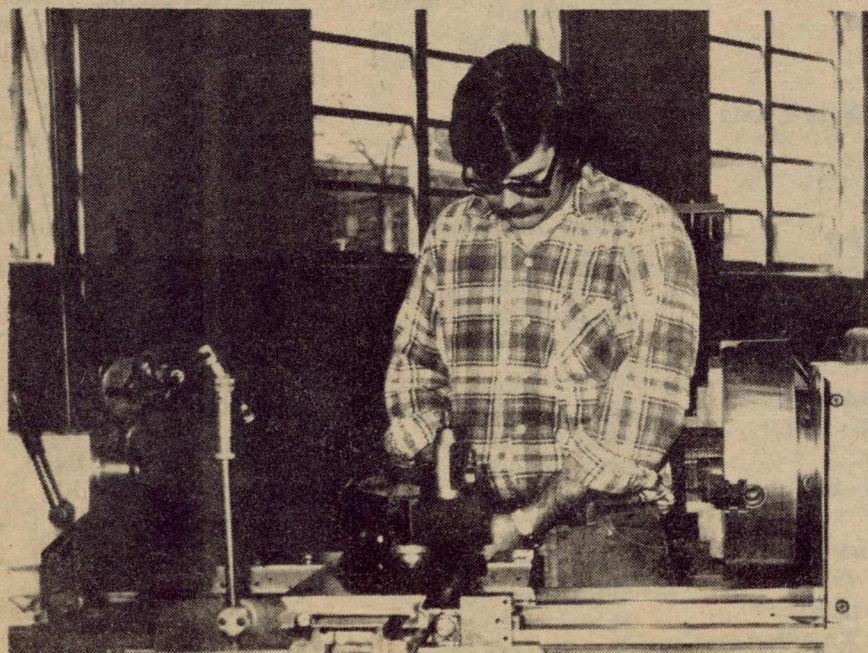
**PROPER TECHNIQUES** of welding are shown by Jerry Brantley, Jeffry Hill, and Bernard Jordan.



**JOHN PAUL RISHER** demonstrates repair techniques in Body and Fender.



**JILL RUSH** and Lynn Livingston serve punch to Steve McKay at the Open House



**DOUGLAS MCGREW** works on a machine shop project.



**STEVE EASOM** and Travis King illustrate procedures in electricity.



## A review....

# "Mattress" is EC's eleventh musical hit

by PAM TAYLOR

Inasmuch as "a genuine princess is exceedingly grand" the ECJC musical production of "Once Upon a Mattress" is exceedingly entertaining.

The play begins as Todd Rogers, the minstrel, acquaints the audience with his eye witness account of the princess and the pea story. Todd is confident in the portrayal of the traveling minstrel. He speaks clearly and has a fine singing voice.

The scene with Fran Miley, as Princess Number 12, and Clayton Whitehead, as the Wizard, sets the stage for "Opening For a Princess" and shows the audience the Queen's testing procedure.

Lady Larken (Leisa Richardson) and Sir Harry (Jamie Satcher) make a charming duo. Leisa is convincing in her portrayal of the emotional and worried Larken. She has a strong stage presence and a flair for persuasive crying. Jamie Satcher makes a fine presentation of the chivalrous knight, Sir Harry. He is very good in expressing his love for Larken through song and facial expressions. Although they could have been louder, both Leisa and Jamie have fine singing voices which add to the effective portrayal of Larken and Harry.

In top-notch style Susan Mihalic becomes the arrogant Queen Aggravain and domineering mother of

Prince Dauntless. She has a forceful stage presence and is masterful in controlling her Court.

Randy Adair depicts the perfect "mother's boy" in his role as the innocent Prince Dauntless. He delights the audience with his pouting and bantering with his mother. While singing, Randy uses good facial expressions to convey the meaning of his songs.

As he pantomimes across the stage, Ken Hackman (king Sextimus) proves to have a good understanding of the character. His performance as the mute king is both creative and amusing.

As the powerful wizard, Clayton Whitehead certainly looks the part from the bottom of his black dress to the top of his pointy hat. He delights the audience with his magic tricks, which are well planned and well carried out.

In the role of jester, Scott Long is enjoyable. He amuses the audience with his silly giggling and pantomiming with the king. Scott also has a nice singing voice.

Also the Nightingale of Samarkand, Tamara Howell, is stunning in voice and appearance.

Last, but definitely not least, is the determined and unforgettable Winnifred.

As Evelyn Pierce assumes the role of the princess from the swamp, she truly captivates the audience. Her singing is dynamic, for it is

filled with expression, comedy, and originality. The vitality of her performance won the hearts of the audience.

The entire play is well carried out. The scenery is simple and uncluttered, yet effective. The Medieval costumes are elegant. The

orchestra and chorus add much to the show. The orchestra has a good sound. They play with a good interpretation of the music which makes it interesting and lively. The chorus is strong and melodic. Although they could show a little more of the enthusiasm

befitting the story, their quality of sound made up for the lack.

The entire cast, crew, and directors should be commended for the tireless efforts that made ONCE UPON A MATTRESS the eleventh hit musical for East Central Jr. College.



PRINCESS AGRVAIN (Susan Mihalic) looks on in disgust as Princess Fred belts out a song from "Once Upon A Mattress." Others in the picture are (l. to r.) Charles Comans, Shelia Breedlove, Wizard Clayton Whitehead, Scott Long, Randy adair, and Stephanie Hodges.



CLAYTON WHITEHEAD, Scott Long and Todd Rogers work on some plans.

## "Once Upon A Mattress"

Directed by-BRUCE PETERSON  
Musical Direction-BOB HERITAGE  
Orchestra Direction-JAMES DYKES  
Assistant Director-Lynda Harvey  
Secretary to Director-Tammie Shelley  
House Managers-Richard Gatewood  
Dianne Russell  
Peggy Smith  
Kim Wolv ton  
Business manager-Lynda Harvey  
Stage managers-Lynda Fulton  
Tammie Shelley  
Production Design-Harold Howell  
Mike Mott  
Laurie Pearson  
Publicity-Dianne Russell  
Craig Gordon  
Evelyn Pierce  
Light Crew-Felix Johnson  
Sharon Gil  
Propertie Debbie  
Easterlin  
Barbara en  
Set Crew andell Nelson  
Al Haral  
Gary Aki  
David Li  
Steve Ma

Raymond Reed  
Ricky Stewart  
Hilton White  
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Cindy Crewer  
Betty Hathorn  
Sandra Smith  
Ruthie Stennis  
Esther Thomas  
Costumes-Mavis Harris  
Tamara Howell  
Sharon Goodman  
Lisa Johnson  
Tammy Roland  
Iris Smith  
Pam Stewart  
Patricia Thornton  
Joyce Watkins  
Ushers-House Managers-Ticket Committee-Brenda Evans  
Vicki Hamrick  
Jane Harthcock  
Laurie Tidwell  
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Margaret Laird  
Lynn Livingston  
Program Cover Design  
Howell  
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Charles Comans,  
Cheryl Comans  
Craig Gordon  
Mark Gunn  
Tamara Howell

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Fran Miley  
Sherri Miley  
Gary Rogers  
Tammy Taylor  
Melissa Thompson  
Court Dancers  
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Debbie Wroten  
Charles Comans  
Rose McGee  
Ricky Luke  
Sheila Breedlove  
Tony Kirkland  
Stephanie Hodges  
Keith Gaines  
Cindy Beatty  
Anthony Johnson  
Evelyn Murrell  
Terry Adams  
Jan Crenshaw  
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# Choir, Collegians at State Festival

By JAMIE SATCHER  
Staff Writer

On Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23, the East Central Choir and Collegians participated in the Mississippi Junior College State Choral Festival held at Hinds Junior College.

The choir left early on Friday, and they arrived at Hinds just as the first rehearsal of a mass choir (composed of the members of all the choirs participating

in the festival) was to begin. The choirs were introduced to the guest conductor for the weekend, Dr. Hugh Sanders from the University of West Texas.

On Friday night, special ensemble groups from each of the junior colleges provided entertainment. The Collegians sang "Depending on You," "Three Times a Lady," and "Jump, Shout, Boogie" which featured the female vocalists and soloist Tamara

Howell. The Collegians received a standing ovation from the audience for their performance.

On Saturday, the 63 members of the East Central Choir presented their choral program by singing "The Last Words of David," "Ride the Chariot," and "All the Things You Are." Even though East Central may be next to the smallest junior college in the state as far as enrollment is concerned, the concert choir

was the largest to attend the festival.

Each year, directors of the college choirs choose pieces of music that they feel will be suitable for mass choir performance. The choirs individually practice these numbers on their own, and at state festival these numbers are smoothed out so that over 600 singers may easily blend.

Dr. Sanders led the mass choir on Saturday night in their final concert of the selected tunes.

## BSU hosts Dr. Swor at banquet

By LINDA FULTON

Dr. Chester Swor, world-renown Baptist minister, was the guest speaker at the BSU's annual Valentine banquet.

BSU president, Jackie Wilson, presided as master of ceremonies for the evening held at the BSU Center. The center was festively decorated with pink and red streamers, hearts, flowers, and candles. The theme was "LOVE: Keep Me Where It Is."

Dr. Charles Wright gave the invocation before the meal which consisted of fried chicken, baked potato, beans, salad, rolls, tea, and cake. There were several guests, who were recognized by Jackie Wilson. Special music was provided by Sherry Winstead and Richard Golden, who sang "Keep On Singing That Love Song."

The special guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Chester Swor. Dr. Swor is world known for his speaking, especially for youth groups. His message was "Being Everyone's Sweetheart." A gift was presented to Dr. Swor by Miss Gladys Bryant, BSU Director, as a token of appreciation and love from the BSU.

Before ending the evening, special music was presented by Sheila Thrash and Jeff Spears. They sang "That's God's Love," a song written by Sheila for the occasion.

## Enrollment doubles in ROTC program

By SHARRON GOODMAN

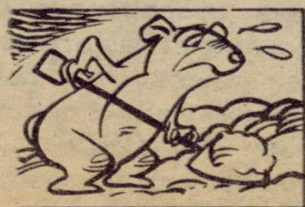
What is the ROTC Cadet Association? That is something asked by a number of students around the campus who are involved in it. The ROTC Cadet Association is an organization of the

students who sign up for the class.

This class is an elective. Students who take it are under no military obligation. "The enrollment in the ROTC class has more than doubled this semester", says Sheila Whitten, President of the association. "There are 120 members enrolled. The class is instructed and headed by Captain Dannie Tennimon, Sergeant Lawson and Sergeant and Major Royals.

The Army ROTC offers scholarships for college students. To be eligible one must be a member of the ROTC, fill out an application, take a physical and be interviewed with a board at MSU. If one gets the scholarship, his or her tuition, books, workbooks, and other necessary items, in addition to this the student will receive \$100.00. The ROTC student will be obligated to serve 4 years of active duty and 2 years in the reserve. Scholarships can be applied to any college or university as long as it has a ROTC program. Several members of East Central's Cadet Association are applying for the scholarship.

The ROTC Cadet Association of ECJC is now in a fund raising project by selling double bars of O'Henry candy for 50 cents. To get some candy contact any member of the Cadet Association.



A mole can dig a tunnel 100 feet long in one night.

## 'Mess ECJC' to be picked Tues, April 8

By DIANNE RUSSELL

On Tuesday, April 8, the Home Economics Club will sponsor a "Mess East Central" Beauty Pageant. This is an annual event, with each club or organization on campus sponsoring one or more males in a comical "take-off" of a beauty pageant.

The contestants will be judged in three categories: evening gown, talent (a two minute presentation), and audience response. Each category counts as one third of the total score. Judges for this event are the winners of the Miss ECJC Scholarship Pageant, held in the latter part of March.

Three of the winners of last year's pageant are on campus this year: Beauties Ken Hackman and Geddie Simmons and Mess ECJC, John Harrison.

Mess ECJC 1980 will be crowned by Mess Harrison, and will receive a crown, a banner, and a goblet. Each of the four runners-up will receive a gift certificate from the Cosmetology Department.

Admission to the pageant will be \$1.00 per person. All proceeds will be used to purchase new equipment for the Home Economics Department.

## Thirteen Phi Theta Kappas to attend national confab

Thirteen members of East Central's Phi Theta Kappa chapter will be attending the national convention to be held March 20-22 in Washington, D.C.

The group will leave Decatur, on Tuesday, March 18. Thursday night of the convention is reserved for meetings. State and regional dinners will also be held that night. ECJC's PTK will dine with all of the other chapters from Mississippi.

Friday is set aside as "See Washington Day". East Central's chapter plans to visit Senator Thad Cochran and Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery. The group also has tickets to visit the White House. They will be staying in the Glamery Inn, which is only four blocks from the White House. Also included on the sightseeing

agenda are a House of Representatives session, a visit to the Smithsonian Institute, and tours of the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

Friday night, like the night before, is reserved for meetings. This is also the night for election of National officers.

On Saturday night an Awards Banquet will be held for outstanding chapters, sponsors, and members of PTK. The local group will return to the Decatur campus on March 24.

Attending the convention will be Randy Adair, Polly Bounds, Cindy Beatty, Stan Clark, Cindy Cleveland, Scott Long, Rob Loper, Rose McGee, Annette Miller, Becky Smith, Pam Taylor, Donna Wolverton and Clayton Whitehead.

## Plenty of activities available in spring for ECJC students

As Springtime approaches, students seem to become bored. Perhaps it is the weather; perhaps it is weariness from too much school. But whatever the cause, the E.C. students can find plenty of activities to occupy their time during the last month of school.

The women students, if they are athletically inclined, could sign up for East Central's first ever Women's Softball Team. Coached by Mr. Hicks and Mr. Anderson, the team offers a chance for inter-collegiate sports for women.

If beauty rather than brawn is their bag, the East Central girls could become contestants in the Miss East Central Scholarship Pageant. The winner will represent

East Central in the Miss Mississippi Pageant and will be awarded a scholarship. Runners up will also receive scholarships. The top five winners will be featured as beauties in the college annual.

If dancing is their thing, since this is leap year, women might choose to ask a date to the annual Freshman-Sophomore Prom to be held on April 17.

The men on campus find that being contestants in the "Mess ECJC" pageant helps to fight the "blahs". Although the rewards are not as financially appealing as the Miss ECJC pageant, there is a great deal of notariety in being named the "Mess."

If the students like to plan

ahead for next year, the next few weeks could offer a challenge. Students could circulate petitions for positions on the SBA for next year. The petitions are due March 24.

Or the students could begin getting ready for cheerleader tryouts to be held on April 1.

All students, both male and female, might spend some time cleaning off a shelf for the trophies and awards they could gather at East Central's Awards Day.

But if all else fails to eliminate their boredom, East Central students could try studying. For when April comes, can final exams be far behind?

Final exams begin April 25 and commencement is scheduled for May 2.



Rejection slips don't bother him...

# Vickers writes for enjoyment

The Winter issue of *The DeKalb Literary Arts Journal* carries two poems by Ovid Vickers of the East Central Junior College English Department. The poems are two of a quartet of poems titled "Four From '35" and describe two elderly women who were a part of the "growing-up-years" which Vickers spent in South Georgia. "Miss Emma Beauchamp" tells of a woman who had mystical powers such as the ability to remove warts, cure the diseases of children, and talk out fire. "Miss Nancy Hargrove," who Vickers never knew but heard a great deal about, had five sons who served the South in the Civil War. The other two poems of the quartet have been accepted by *Wordcraft* and will be published in May.

In addition to these poems, "Elsa" a poem about a child, appeared in *Teaching English in the Two-Year College*, a publication of East Carolina University at Greenville. The Summer issue of *The Georgia Review* of the University of Georgia will carry a poem by Vickers titled "The 14th Amend-

ment" which is about a Holiness meeting.

Although Vickers has had 13 poems published since 1966, he considers prose his favorite medium. His articles have appeared in *Georgia Life*, *The Mississippi Folklore Register*, *The Mississippi Educational Advance*, *Commaderie*, *Printed Matter*, *Notes on Mississippi Writers*, *The Peabody Reflector*, and *The*

*Mississippi English Newsletter*. He admits that his greatest pleasure in writing came when *The Journal of Norwegian Folklore* printed one of his articles on folklore.

Vickers writes because he enjoys it, and if something is published, this of course, adds to the enjoyment. He emphasizes very strongly that "I have had far more things rejected than I have

had published." "Rejection," he says, "shouldn't discourage a person if he likes to write."

Vickers recognizes the difference between having something published in a "little magazine" and having something appear in a national publication. He expresses an aspiration to someday see his work appear in a national magazine.

## Turnout was key to Black History week

By SHEILA WHITTEN  
Staff Writer

The success of the Black History program recently presented at ECJC can be attributed to the large attendance and the community and school participation, according to one Wesley member.

The program proved to be more than the observance of a race and its struggle out of slavery; it was an opportunity for the audience to become more aware of the individual achievements of blacks.

The overall success of the program can also be attributed to the fact that both Meridian Junior College and EC were working together, sharing an experience, instead of competing with each other.

February 12, the ECJC Wesley Choir, the dance group and Sylvia Griffin (with her monologues "All dressed up and no place to go") performed at MJC's Black History Program. The Meridian program consisted of full community participation and support, as well as that from the school.

## Carson is PTK's guest speaker at initiation night banquet

By EVELYN PIERCE  
Staff Writer

On March 5, the annual Phi Theta Kappa banquet was held in honor of the initiation of its new members. The banquet was held in the Gold Room of the cafeteria.

Those new members include: Susan Bane, Christy Brantley, Retha Bryan, Cindy Cleveland, Randy Cleveland, Donda Hill, Deborah M. Johnson, Scott Long, Robert Loper, Ricky Luke, Deborah McBeath, Mary Massen-

gale, Pam Mitchell, Norman Moore, Mike Mott, Joel Nelson, Ted Pope, Raymond Reed, Pat Sanders, Denise Tatum, Pamela Taylor, Wanda Thompson, Mona Tucker, Terry Warren, Teresa Williams, Terrell Winstead, Carl Wolfe, Donna Wolverton, Debra Wooten, and Cindy Beatty. President Cheryl Young and Vice-President Stan Clark officiated in the initiation ceremonies.

Guest speakers for the banquet were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carson of Cone-

hatta. Since this year's club theme is "Renaissance in Government," and since Mr. Carson is an ex-ambassador to Europe, both he and his wife were able to tell the members about their experiences in another country and to give their viewpoints on government today. This was done by way of a panel discussion conducted by Susan Mihalic and Randy, club members.

Club sponsors are Mrs. Sara Heard and Mr. Rudolph Mayes.

## EDITORIAL

# Students show an interest in events

BY ROSE MCGEE

With studies and college activities, it would probably be easy for a student to create his own world and remain indifferent to outside issues. Last month, through 18 personal interviews, the Tom-Tom discovered that this is not necessarily true on East Central's campus. Since then, 56 students completed a questionnaire, giving further evidence of this.

Surprisingly, according to the poll, students do try to keep up with what is going on. More than half say they read the newspaper averaging at least 1-3 times per

week. Seven of these say they read it daily. Nearly 2/3's say they watch the nightly news at least 1-3 times per week. Nine of these say daily.

The vast majority claim to be at least somewhat concerned about world issues. And this is evidenced by the above statistics.

When given a list of six current issues, and asked to number in order of importance those having the greatest effect on the U.S., opinions varied as to what would top the list. The energy crisis, the Afghanistan situation, and the draft in close

leads; however, several placed these further down. Almost half agreed that the hostage situation should rank about 2nd. The Presidential election was usually placed later on the list and the Olympic boycotts were at least concern. A few people added other concerns to the list.

Over half of those polled indicated that the hostages held in Iran would pose a justifiable reason for war. But most did not seem to feel that threat to Middle East oil or Soviet occupation of Afghanistan would be worth so great a sacrifice as war.

## Letter To The Editor

### Reader condemns condition of East Central dorms

Letters to the Editor must be submitted in person; they must be signed, though the names will be withheld upon request.

One of the first things we're asked at ECJC by seniors at our high schools is: are the dorms nice? Yes, the dorms are nice, if you don't mind the temperature being a little off at times in Jackson Hall. It's great in Newsome Hall, except sometimes the weather forecaster forgets to announce the flooding of one or two of the rooms over here. We've even got our own pets: ROACHES. Can you imagine opening the medicine cabinet to find a roach crawling on your toothbrush? (If you

live in Newsome Hall, you don't have to imagine it.)

Another grievance is the TERRIBLE phones in the dorms. The need is great in Newsome Hall, because there is only one phone. There should be two, and they should be in booths. The long distance calls are almost inaudible.

Also, why don't girls who park behind the cars beside Jackson Hall ever get a ticket? They're not parked in a yellow zone, but only one car can go through and it creates an inconvenience for others.

I love ECJC, but this is the present, NOT the past and I think that new rules should be passed. I hope I'm not the only one who feels this way.

NAME WITHHELD



In intramural play....

# Supernature, Sweetpeas are champs

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

The individual and dual sports tournament came to an end on Thursday, February 28, with the "Free Throw" and "Horse" tournament.

The winners were as follows:  
Spades-Roderick Young and

Ricky Hornsbarger  
Chess-David Stradley  
8-ball-Chris Vance  
Checkers-Jeff Coleman  
Ping Pong-Singles-David McMullan; Doubles-Norman Moore and David McMullan  
Free Throw-Bobby Harralson  
Horse-Ricky Hornsbarger  
Snooker-Johnny Upton

Foosball-Kerry Huddleston and Mike Mott.

All these will represent East Central in the state tournament, except for the snooker winner. Also due to a conflict in their schedule, Huddleston and Mott will not be able to go-instead Eddie Lawrence and Ricky Hollingsworth will partici-

pate in the competition.

The Allstars won the intramural basketball championship by defeating the Sweetpeas. The Supernature defeated the Rags to Riches.

The Championship games were both very exciting games-both close hard fought battles. In the boys' game there was a shot made-that is very rarely seen-although it did not count because the horn had sounded-I still think it is worth mentioning. Victor Merrit grabbed the rebound with 1 second to go in the game and threw a one-handed shot from the free shot line on one end of the court and made the basket on the other end.

The scoring per quarter was as follows:

Allstars/ 9-4-8-14-35  
Sweetpeas/ 12-8-2-9-31  
Supernature/ 12-20-18-18-68  
Rags to Riches/ 21-12-18-13-64

Intramural softball will begin on March 3-with an expected 100 or more students to participate in the women's and men's leagues.

## EC to field varsity girls softballers

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

East Central will have a varsity Women's softball team this year. They will be under the direction of Mr. Glen Hicks as head coach and Mr. Mike Anderson, assistant coach.

The team has 4-double headers scheduled-two with Hinds and two with Co-Lin.

After the regular season East Central will participate in a double-elimination tournament held in April at Meridian for the State Championship.



DAVID LITTLE, a sophomore from Lake, will represent East Central in the Jr. College All-Star game March 31.

## Three from EC on state 'dream team'

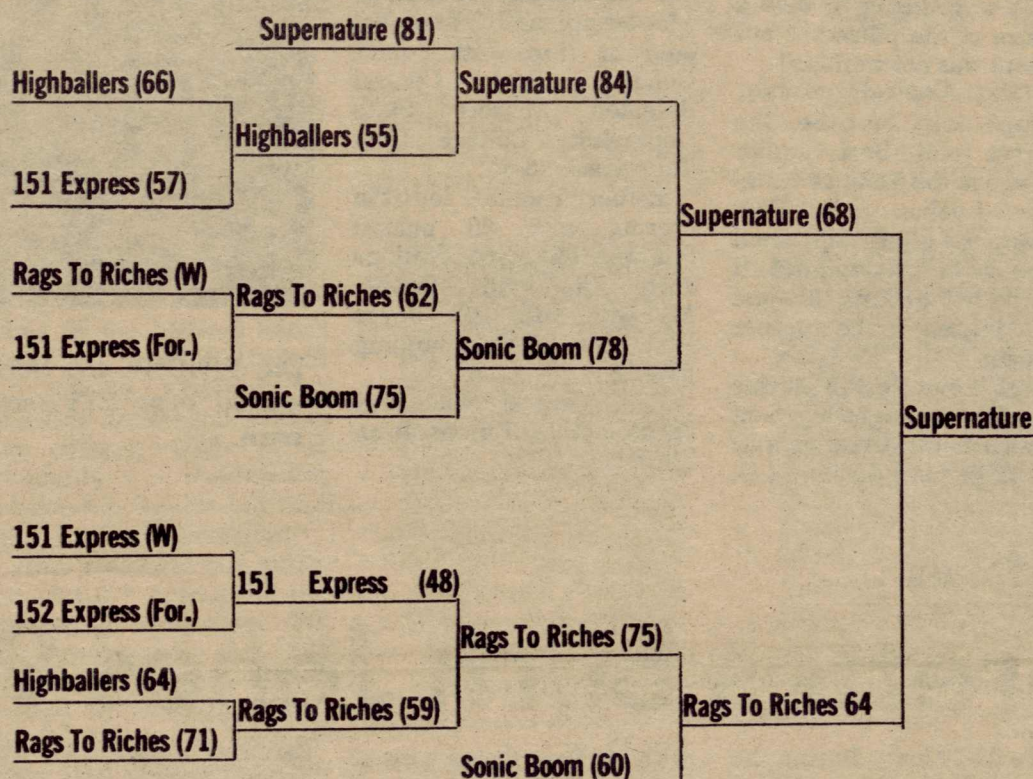
David Little, Esther Thomas, and Joyce Watkins have been selected to represent East Central in the Junior College All-Star games to be played March 1 at Holmes Junior College. Coach Herman Robinson, Warrior coach, has been named coach for the men's game.

David is a sophomore from Lena who played high high school basketball at Leake Academy. He averaged 14.7 points and 11.6 rebounds per game during his sophomore season for the Warriors. Although he has received several scholarship offers, Little has not made a final decision about where he will attend school next year.

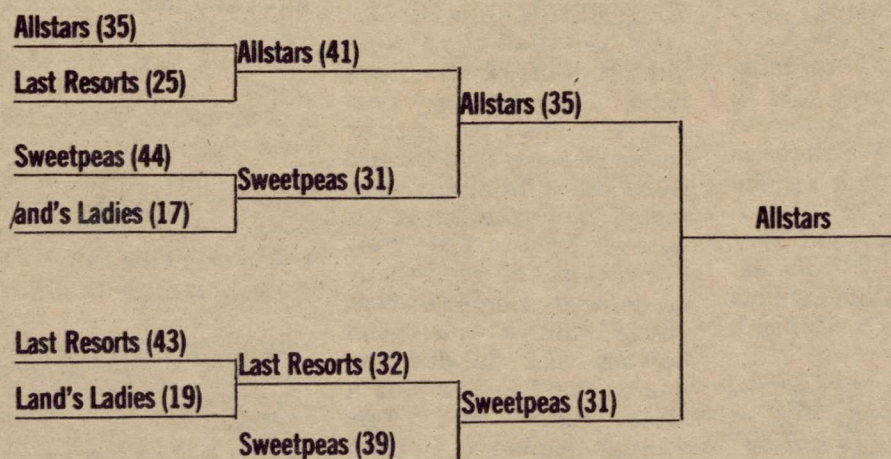
Esther Thomas is a graduate of Louisville High School. She averaged 21.8 points per game for the Warriorettes this season.

Joyce Watkins of Lake averaged 13.2 points per game and led the team with 29 rebounds for the year.

## MEN'S INTRAMURAL PLAYOFF BRACKETS



## WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL PLAYOFF BRACKETS



Brain and Brawn

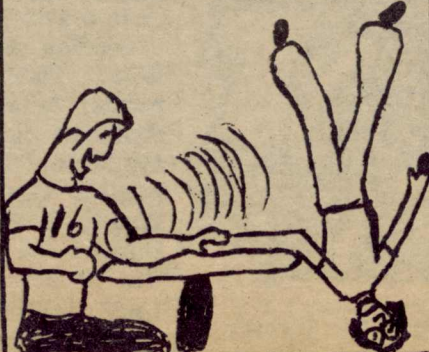
With just a little leverage, a lot of effort...



Even I can beat you at arm wrestling, Brawn!



WHAMMO!



by Hugh Roland

Care to try for 2 out of 3?





No hospitality, either....

## EC is a slow starter; Loses to Coahoma 80 to 75

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

On February 20, 1980, the East Central Warriorettes traveled to Northwest Junior College to play Coahoma in the State tournament.

Having had a bad night of shooting plus being unable to get on tract until the last ten minutes of the ball game-East Central was defeated by Coahoma 80-75.

Debbie McBeath and Joyce Watkins led the scoring with 24 points each; followed by Esther Thomas with 11, and Reathia Comans with 10. Reathia also led the rebounding with 14.

Although East Central did not play well-their bad performance no where near matched the bad conditions that they were faced with while they stayed in the visiting quarters at North-

west.

The visiting quarters consisted of an abandoned equipment room with holes in the walls, rusty and mildewed bathroom fixtures, a shower with the floor partially removed, not to mention the dirty appearance-as if it had not been cleaned in a while.

We were going to take a picture of the place-but our camera was not working!

East Central Junior College may not be the biggest and best Junior College in the State as far as material values go-but East Central is a giant step ahead as far as hospitality goes. If you do not believe this-just try visiting the other colleges.

Was it that Northwest was still angry over getting beat by East Central last year-or did they just dislike E.C.

that much. They put Jones in their nice new gym. Maybe they were trying to get even with us from last year with a morale victory-I will let you decide!

### REGION VII

Beginning on Monday, February 25, East Central participated in the Region VII tournament (Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee) held at Northwest Junior College. East Central defeated Motlow State Community College from Tennessee, 75-55.

Esther Thomas led the scoring with 28 points; followed by Joyce Watkins with 26, and Debbie McBeath with 12. Joyce Watkins led the rebounding with 18.

East Central will play Jackson State, Tennessee on Thursday.



DR. WRIGHT, Dr. Harris and Leisa Richardson are elated over EC's newest addition to the trophy case.

### Rough and tumble finale....

## Warriorettes burn Jones 97-90

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

After completing their regular season with 12 wins and 2 losses in the South Division, the East Central Warriorettes earned the right to claim first place in the South. Yet, all had to be proved in the South Half Tournament--and the Warriorettes proved to be the best in the South.

Playing at home on Tuesday night, the Warriorettes rolled past Utica 119-67. East Central dominated the game from the opening tip-off. At half time, E.C.

had a 61-29 lead. During the second half Coach Wood cleared the bench and saw her Warriorettes reach 100 with about 7 minutes to play. Utica, having brought only seven players, found themselves playing with only 3 players for the last 5 minutes and 36 seconds. East Central scored only 19 points to Utica's 10 due to the fact the Warriorettes didn't wish to run up the score anymore.

Esther Thomas led East Central with 25 points; followed by Reathia Comans with 22; Debbie McBeath

with 19; Faye Quinn with 13 points and 11 rebounds; and Tina Tumbling with 12 points. This game set a record for the most points scored in a single game by East Central.

### EAST CENTRAL vs HINDS

On Thursday night came the test of the South--Hinds (who had beaten East central in their two regular season games). East Central came out "fired up" and ready to take revenge against Hinds. The Warriorettes had to rely heavily on defense in order to beat Hinds, and it was good defense that decided the game. The first half was a close battle with East Central gaining a 7 point lead once--but that did not last. Hinds fought back and took a 46-45 lead at the half.

The second half was no less exciting than the first half. The Warriorettes managed to gain the lead in the closing minutes and go on to win 82-78.

Leading the scoring was Ester Thomas with 22 points; followed by Joyce Watkins with 18; Debbie McBeath with 14; and Reathia Comans with 10. Reathia Comans and Joyce Watkins led the rebounding with 12 each.

### EAST CENTRAL VS JONES

The South Half Championship was decided on

Saturday night as East Central played host to the Lady Bobcats of Jones Junior College.

The basketball game (if you can call it a basketball game) was the roughest, most unorthodox contest in the history of basketball. The ball was not dribbled down the court--it was kicked, hit, pushed or whatever--"anything went." There was one incident where at least seven players were on the floor at one time trying to get the ball.

Even though the funda-

mentals were lacking as far as the referees were concerned, the ability to score by both teams was not lacking as East Central defeated Jones 97-90, to gain the South Division Championship for 2 years in a row.

Joyce Watkins led East Central in scoring with 29 points; followed by Esther Thomas with 24; Debbie McBeath with 21; and Reathia Comans with 12.

Joyce Watkins also led rebounding with 16, followed by Reathia Comans with 11.

### TOURNAMENT SUMMARY

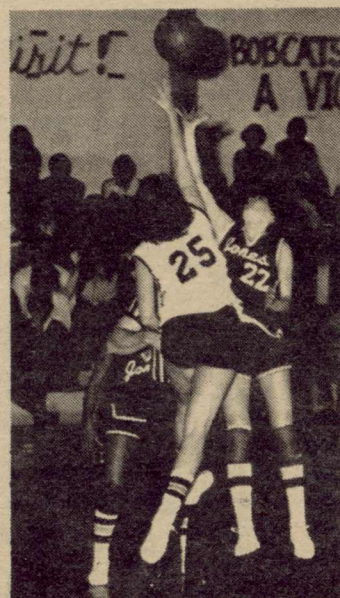
During the tournament East Central averaged 99.3 points per game to 78.3 for their opponents; rebounds E.C. 53, opponents 44.7; shooting--field goals E.C. hit 51 percent, opponents 38 percent; and free throws--E.C. hit 72 percent, opponents 67 percent.

In the three games the top six scorers were Esther Thomas with a 23.7 average; Joyce Watkins, 18.7 point average; Debbie McBeath, 18 point average; Reathia Comans, 15.7 point average; Faye Quinn, point average; and Mona Tucker with a 5 point average.

In rebounding Joyce Watkins averaged 12.4 per game followed by Reathia Comans with 10.7 per game.



ESTHER THOMAS adds two more in EC's victory over Jones.



AS FAYE QUINN goes up for a jump ball, Debbie McBeath, Mona Tucker and Joyce Watkins wait to control the ball.



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## Gibbons crowned Miss EC

Sophomore Cheryl Gibbon of Hickory was crowned the 1980 Miss East Central Junior College in last week's scholarship pageant, sponsored by the Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff.

Alternates are freshman Retha Bryan of Ida, Michigan; and sophomores Cindy Fulton of Philadelphia; Carleen Jones of Walnut Grove; and Leisa Richardson of Union. Sophomore Sheila Whitten of Newton, representing the ROTC Cadet Association, was chosen by the other contestants as Miss Congeniality.

For her talent, Cheryl Gibbon, who represented the Collegians, sang "The American Trilogy," a medley composed of "Dixie," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Hush, Little Baby."

Retha Bryan, sponsored by the Concert Choir, played a piano selection by Chopin. Cindy Fulton, sponsored by the Collegians, played the piano and sang the theme from *The Rose*. SEA-sponsored Carleen Jones sang a medley from *The Sound of Music*. Leisa Richardson, sponsored by the Concert Choir, sang a medley from *The King and I*.

In addition to receiving a \$500 scholarship, Cheryl will compete in the Miss Mississippi pageant this summer in Vicksburg. The winner of that contest goes on to the Miss America contest in New Jersey.

The winners of the Miss ECJC pageant will be featured in the yearbook as Most Beautiful and Beauties.

Other contestants were: Libby Appleby, Barbara Green, Stephanie Hodges, Debra Johnson, Katherine Parker, Shannon Richardson and Melissa Thompson.

Special entertainment was provided during the See page 3 for photos and article....

Pierce, Mihalic, Lathem, Harrison.....

## Four named to Hall of Fame

Four East Central sophomores have been named to the East Central Hall of Fame: John Harrison, Skippy Lathem of Morton, Susan Mihalic of Union, and Evelyn Pierce of Newton. Being named to the Hall of Fame is the highest honor and East Central student can receive. Criterion for selection are contribution to the college, high moral standards, outstanding scholarship, leadership, and potential for achievement.

John Harrison has maintained a 3.7 average in the Pre-dental curriculum. He was president of the 1978 freshman class and is now serving as vice-president of the Student Body Association. Last year, John received the Frank E. Leatherwood Biological Science Award. He is active in intramural basketball and was a class favorite last year.

Skippy Lathem has a cumulative grade point average of 3.58 in Pre-engineering. He is active in the Engineering Club, intramurals and Phi Theta Kappa. Interested in the athletic activities of the school, Skippy serves as Sports Editor of the *Tom-Tom* and manager of the women's basketball team.

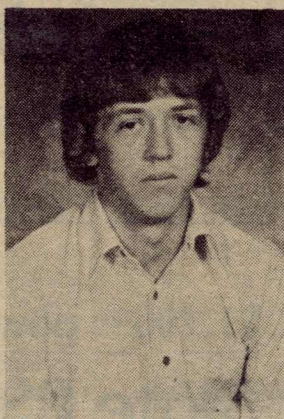
Susan Mihalic has achieved a 3.95 average in her class work while being very active in school activities. Serving as editor of the *Tom-Tom*, Susan is considering a major in journalism and English or Political Science. She has participated in the theater production on campus every semester. Offices that she holds include E.C.J.C. Players, president; Phi Theta Kappa, treasurer; Student Body Association, secretary; and concert choir, secretary. She is a member of the French Club.

Evelyn Pierce has maintained a 3.9 average while majoring in English and Theater. Being very active in musical activities on

campus, Evelyn has been a member of the Collegians and the choir for two years and has had the leads in

both spring musicals since she came to East Central. She is a member and an officer of the ECJC Players,

the French Club, and Phi Theta Kappa. She has been a member of the *Tom-Tom* staff for two years.



Skippy Lathem



Susan Mihalic



John Harrison

## Pope elected pres. of EC Student Body

Ted Pope was recently elected by the student body of ECJC to preside over the 1980-81 Student Body Association. Other officers include Bert Gilmore, Vice-president; Debbie McBeath, Secretary; and Leah Livingston, Treasurer.

Pope, an engineering major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Pope of Philadelphia. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Alpha Epsilon.

Gilmore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kendal Gilmore of Sebastopol. An agriculture-education major, he is a member of the Student Education Association, the Agriculture Club, and ROTC.

A mathematics-physical education major, McBeath is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. McBeath, Jr. of Union. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Student Education Association, the varsity basketball, tennis, and softball teams.

Livingston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pharris Livingston of Louisville, is a data processing major. She is a member of the ECJC Concert Choir.

Outgoing officers are

President Kim Wolverton of Carthage; Vice-President John Harrison of Forest; Secretary Susan Mihalic of Union; and Treasurer Terry Fisher of Churchula, Alabama.

### EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE EXAMINATION SCHEDULE SPRING 1980

PERIOD	TIME
Friday, April 25, 1980	
1	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
4	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
5	1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Monday, April 28, 1980	
2	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
7	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
8	1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Tuesday, April 29, 1980	
3	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
All two semester hour courses	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
6	1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

All one semester hour courses will be given on the last regular class meeting before April 25, 1980.

All vocational course exams will be given Tuesday, April 29, 1980 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

All grades are due by Wednesday, April 30th, 1980 at 8:00 a.m.



## We must prepare, work to maintain America's position

This coming year, many students will accept new responsibilities--whether they go to work, enroll at a new school or continue their education at East Central. Although these responsibilities may seem small, their overall importance cannot be overemphasized, for they are preparing us to accept a far greater obligation: the responsibility for our future as a nation.

Today, because America is in a delicate diplomatic situation, there is a pressing need for unity within the country. The Afghanistan and Iranian crisis have rallied a flare of support for America and the rights of Americans--but how long will this support last? Do Americans occasionally need the shock of situations such as these to remind us of our vulnerability and the precarious position we have placed ourselves in?

1980 is an election year, and the choice of the voters will determine America's future. A tremendous weight will rest on the shoulders of the next president--but it is our responsibility to select the candidate who can carry the weight.

Analyze the candidates' stands on issues. What do they favor or oppose, and why? How will this affect the individual, the state of Mississippi, the entire country?

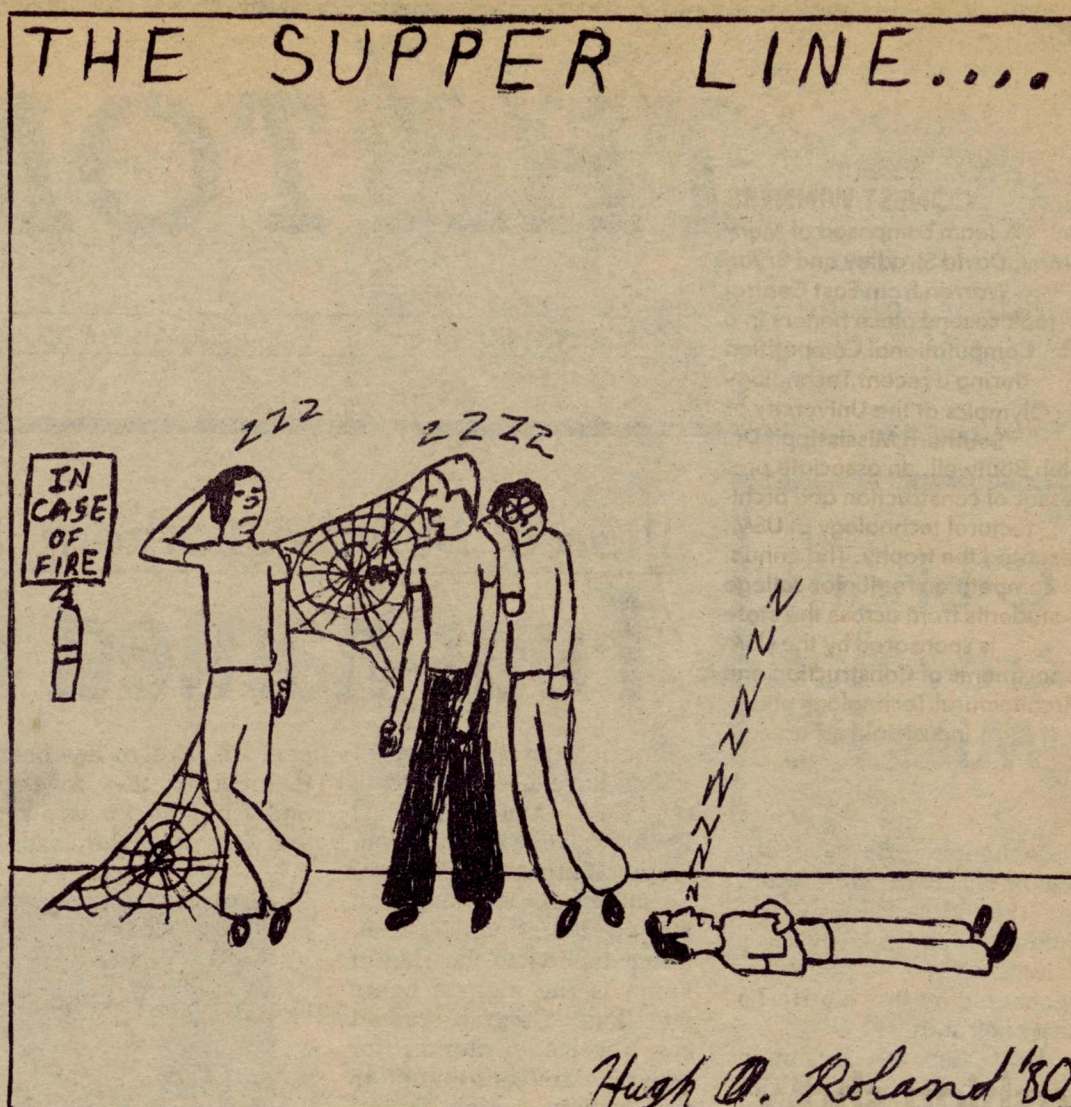
One vote can make all the difference. If America is to maintain the superiority that we have claimed for so long, U.S. citizens must make their voices heard. We will shape the America of the next decade. And we must begin now.

## Our nation's work is done at the grassroots

Senator Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas captured the attention of a convention of Phi Theta Kappans in Washington when she talked of national and world affairs and emphasized the need for the return of strong local governments.

Surely she is correct when she insists that we as Americans have placed too much responsibility of our own welfare on national and state agencies. We are losing control of our own lives and therefore, we are losing our dignity. Complaining of what the government has failed to do accomplishes little if we have done nothing ourselves to improve our situation. If we don't establish clean-up programs in our own areas, problems of land and air pollution can't be conquered. If we don't attempt to conserve gasoline and electricity, if we always ride, if we always speed, if we leave electrical appliances and lights on, if we never search for optional fuels, the energy crisis cannot improve. If we refuse to work and make jobs available, unemployment will continue to be a problem in our nation.

But rather, if we take an interest in government and in our own welfare, we can make some changes and gain better control over our own lives.



**\$1,700 is goal....**

## State BSU chapters raising funds for summer missionary work

By NATALIA MARTIN  
Staff Reporter

All across the state local BSU groups are beginning to raise money to support those Mississippians who will be serving as summer missionaries. The BSU State

Mission Committee has recently chosen sixty-eight students involved in BSU to serve as summer missionaries. Of those sixty-eight people, East Central's BSU had two people chosen to serve: Cindy Cleveland and Todd Rogers.

Cindy Cleveland of Union will attend orientation in Rapid City, South Dakota before going to Cheyenne, Wyoming where she will serve for ten weeks working mainly with Vacation Bible Schools.

Todd Rogers of Harper-

ville will attend an orientation session at the Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, California before going to Yosemite National Park. Todd plans to carry his guitar and conduct campfire devotional periods for tourists.

EC's BSU is planning a Walk-a-thon to help raise their share of the state's \$60,000.00 goal for summer missions. EC's goal is \$1700.00. Anyone who is interested in contributing to this special cause, should contact one of the BSU members.

## AAE team does well at USM meet

Three members of Alpha Alpha Epsilon--(The Engineering Society)--David Stradley, Mark May, and Bryan Warren, represented East Central in the Technology Olympics sponsored by the University of Southern Mississippi on March 5.

Of a possible score of 700, the E.C. team was only five percentage points behind the first place team from Mississippi Gulf Coast College in Calculator Computation competition.

These members and Skippy Lathem will represent East Central at the Mathematics Olympics at the University of West Florida in Pensacola on April 5. They will be accompanied by Dr. Shelby Harris, sponsor of the AAE.

## THE TOM-TOM

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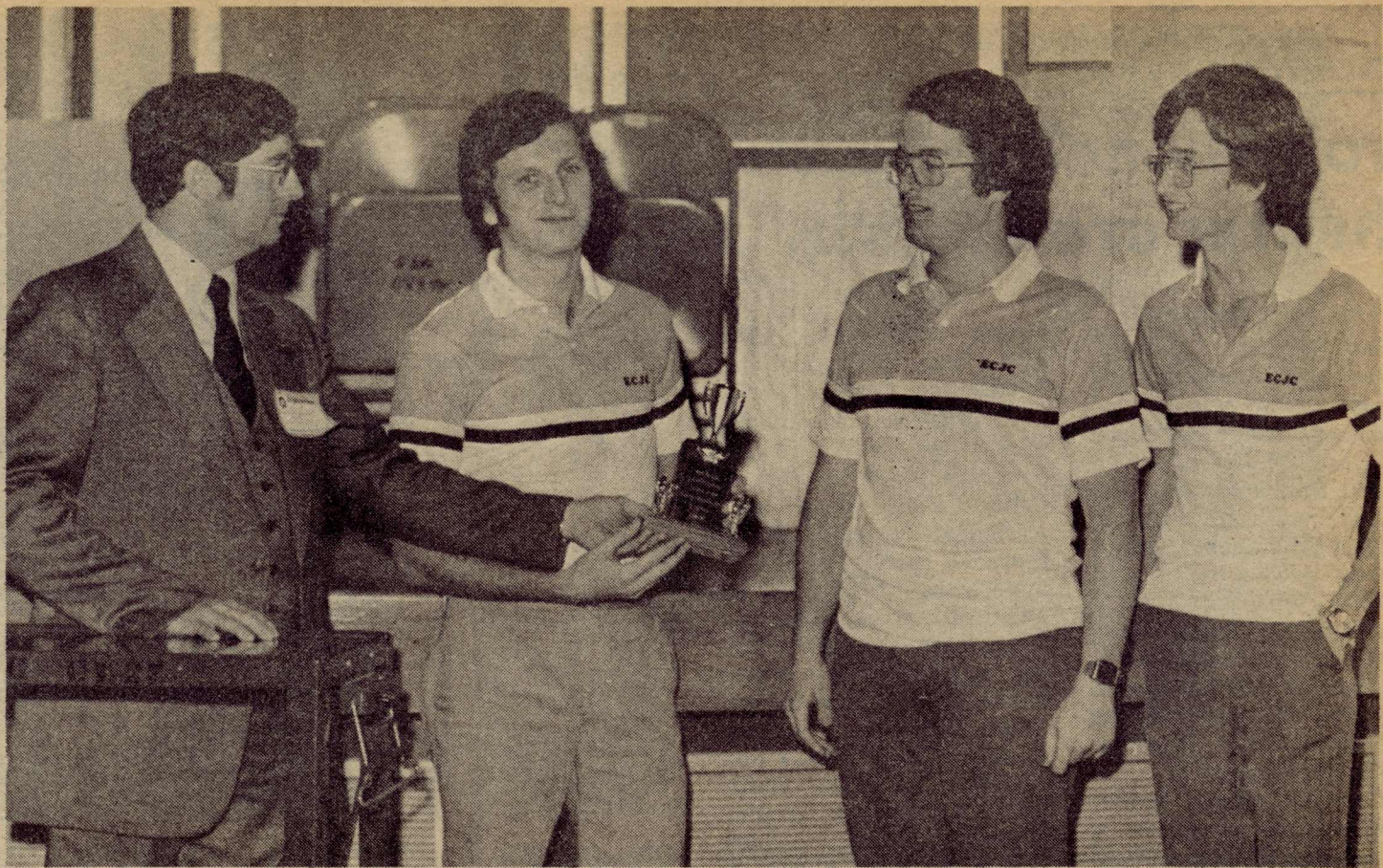
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### CONEST WINNERS

A team composed of Mark May, David Stradley and Bryan Warren from East Central took second place honors in a Computational Competition during a recent Technology Olympics at the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Colen Boutwell, an associate professor of construction and architectural technology at USM, presented the trophy. The annual competition for junior college students from across the state is sponsored by the USM Departments of Construction and Architectural Technology and of Industrial Technology.



## Fashion show includes men and children

By LEISA RICHARDSON

A variety of clothes were modeled at the spring fashion show, presented Thursday, March 6 by the Fashion Squad under the direction of Mrs. Alice Pouncey. The divisions included sportswear, casual, dressy, evening wear and bridal fashions.

One unique thing about this fashion show was the use of male models and young children. The men modeled sportswear and also tuxedos while escorting the girls in the bridal finale. The male models were: Gary Barber, Randy Cleveland, Keith Gaines, Al Harrison, John Harrison, Anthony Johnson and Sidney Massey. The young children were all girls who modeled everything from bathing suits to Easter frocks. These young ladies were: Beth Blanks, Jennifer Blount, Kerry Gibbon, Stephanie Gibbon, and Sheree Robinson.

All of the models wore outfits from stores located in the surrounding area: Abney's Department Store of Bay Springs, Alan's Hallway of Fashion, Brass Knob, Feldman's, Southern Fashions of Newton, Betty and Bobby's Edwards, and House of Style of Decatur, House of Fashion, Monroe Williams and Company, and Panetta's of Philadelphia, Marshall Lewis Department Store and Spikes of Union, and Williams Fashion of Carthage.

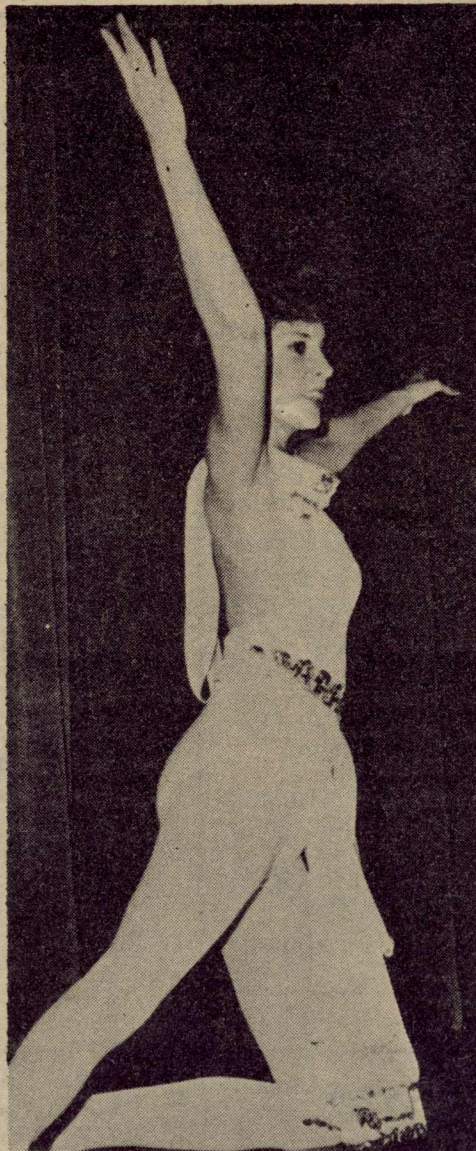


**FIRST ALTERNATE** Cindy Fulton of Philadelphia sings the theme from *THE ROSE*.

## Miss ECJC Pageant Continued from page 1....

program by 1979 Miss ECJC Evelyn Pierce; a 1979 alternate, Tamara Sammons Howell; and an ensemble composed of Bob Heritage, Ken Hackman, Gary Rogers Jamie Satcher, Geedie Simmons and Eddie Thorne. Sherry Arrington served as the pageant pianist.

Bruce Peterson was master of ceremonies for the evening. Judges, from Mississippi State University, were Mrs. Sara Foster, Dr. Bill Foster, William Stephens, Beth Duncan and Deborah Warren.



**CONTESTANT** Shannon Richardson of Union in the talent portion of the pageant.



**PAGEANT CONTESTANT** Melissa Thompson of Morton.



A review....

## Professionals at Ford's Theater are superb

By ROSE MCGEE

East Central has produced some extraordinary musicals. The styles, however, seem of no comparison to that of the professionally-staged production of "Day by Day", although neither is necessarily more entertaining.

"Day by Day" is a contemporary musical review of composer/lyricist Stephen Schwartz's Broadway hits. The show is staged in Ford's Theater, Washington D.C. until April 6.

Five performers display their talent and versatility on an almost bare platform stage. Five dress-maker manigans serve as an only unremoved stage set. With no curtains present, most of the new costume changes take place right on stage.

Originally titled "Magic To Do", the musical has no actual plot, but illustrates the hum-drumness, excitement, dreams and needs that everyday working

people experience. With very little dialogue, the Lineworker, Cashier, Waitress, Typist and Hardhat fill the stage with almost constant exceptionally strong vocal parts and strenuous dance. Every character carries equal role importance and this is illustrated in their solos.

In places, the play tickles the most sensitive bones and cuts the heart in others. "Style" sung by "The Lineworker," Scott Bakula and "Boing" by "The Hardhat," James Rich, display definite humor. "Lion Tamer" by "The Cashier," Valerie Karasek; "West End Avenue" by "The Typist," Beth McVay; "Corner of the Sky," done by the whole ensemble; and other songs are especially sensitive.

Deb Girdler (understudy to regularly performing actress, Carolyn McCurry) portrays the humorous waitress.



THE SEA WAS AWARDED a trophy at the recent State-wide meeting of the Student Education Association. The award represents a 20 percent increase in membership in the local chapter. SEA members Debbie McBeath and Melissa Weir present the trophy to Raymond McMullan, SEA sponsor.

## Charm Clinic demonstration for area high school students

By LEISA RICHARDSON

On Tuesday, March 18 the Fashion Squad sponsored a Charm Clinic for all area junior high and high school girls. Five categories were explained, discussed and demonstrated. The categories were 1) Modeling, 2) Make-up, 3) New Styles, 4) Hair and 5) Accessories. Some make-up samples were given and a make-up demonstration was given to a volunteer. The

Clinic was offered at 3:15 until 4:30. The twenty-three girls who attended were: Lori Clark, Debra Mangrum, Rebecca Higgins, Catherine Comans, Rhonda Smith, Patty Reeves, Suzette Hall, Janice Viverette, Bobbye Viverette, Diane Griffin, Lisa Clay, Harriet Vickers, Lori Harrell, Karla Munn, Carla Clarke, Karen Robinson, Joyce Moore, Tami Vance, Alicia Pouncey, Sherri McMullen, Amy Pouncey, Dorothy

Logon and Sonya Crowther.

Mrs. Pouncey had some additional comments about the Charm Clinic, "The modeling class evaluated the clinic and we have some good suggestions and changes for next year. For one thing, we will have more publicity in order to reach more people. The Charm Clinic is a good opportunity to show what our modeling squad members have learned throughout the year."

### Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. **Star Trek**, by Gene Roddenberry. (Pocket, \$2.50.) Further adventures of TV spaceship, U.S.S. Enterprise.
2. **Mommie Dearest**, by Christina Crawford. (Berkley, \$2.75.) Life with mother: actress Joan Crawford.
3. **The Mr. Bill Show**, by Walter Williams. (Running Press, \$4.95.) Story of TV puppet from "Saturday Night Live."
4. **How to Eat Like a Child**, by Delia Ephron. (Ballantine, \$3.95.) And other lessons in not being grown-up.
5. **The World According to Garp**, by John Irving. (Pocket, \$2.75.) Adventures of a son of a famous, feminist mother.
6. **Chesapeake**, by James Michener. (Fawcett, \$3.95.) Multi-family saga along Maryland's Eastern Shore: fiction.
7. **Mary Ellen's Best of Helpful Hints**, by Mary Ellen Pinkham and Pearl Higginbotham. (Warner, \$3.95.) Solving household problems.
8. **Ashes in the Wind**, by Kathleen E. Woodiwiss. (Avon, \$4.95.) Southern belle vs. Yankee doctor: fiction.
9. **Evergreen**, by Belva Plain. (Dell, \$2.75.) Jewish immigrant woman climbs from poverty on lower Manhattan.
10. **In Search of History**, by Theodore H. White. (Warner, \$5.95.) Personal adventures of a famous journalist.

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### New & Recommended

- Economics in Plain English**, by Leonard Silk. (Touchstone, \$3.95.) Explained for laymen with wit and brevity.
- Grave Mistake**, by Ngaio Marsh. (Jove, \$1.95.) Nursing home whodunit with Scotland Yard to the rescue: fiction.
- Night-Side**, by Joyce Carol Oates. (Fawcett/Crest, \$2.50.) 18 stories treating dreams, madness, the mysterious: fiction.

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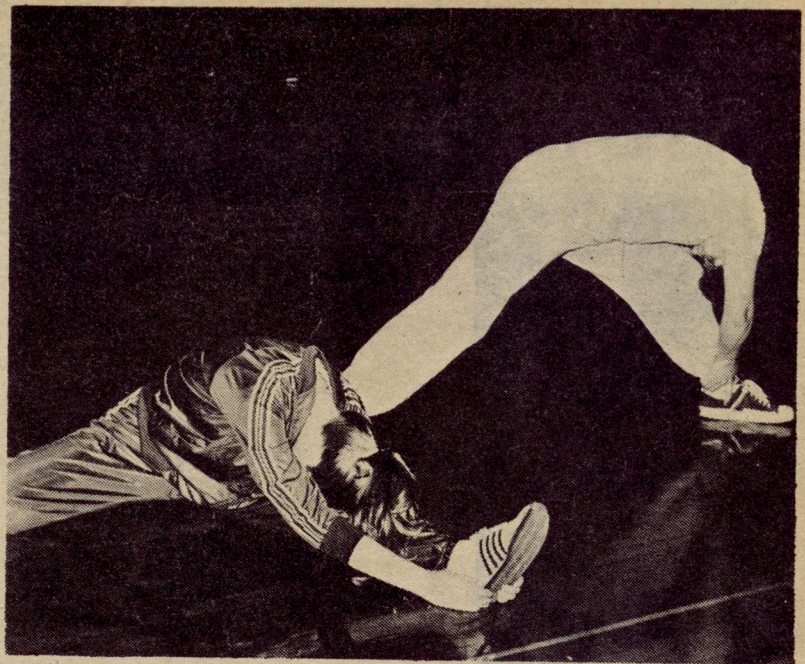


SBA OFFICERS FOR THE 1980-81 YEAR: (from left) Ted Pope, Bert Gilmore, Debbie McBeath and Leah Livingston.





**GRRR!** Leisa Richardson and Kathy Harrison grit their teeth as Fitness instructor Lucille Wood looks on



**LEISA AND KATHY** warm up before beginning their "real" exercises.

**not a body-building program....**

## Fitness class has long-term effect

By **LEISA RICHARDSON**

The Fitness and Conditioning Class, under the supervision of Coach Lucille Wood, is a self-improvement course offered this year. Last semester the course was mainly made up of football and basketball players. Unfortunately, the number of students taking advantage of this course has slacked off this semester.

What exactly does the Fitness Class do?

"The objective of the class is to teach the principles of fitness for a carry-over effect so people will continue doing these exercises daily, not simply for class time," pointed out Coach Wood who then added, "We learn the basic stretching exercises for different parts of the body. We tone up muscles, and it helps a person feel better."

She keeps her classes up to date by reading books and magazines. "With the physical fitness kick, there are many current books in the library with good exercises ideas," said Coach Wood.

Some students think this course is offered only to athletes. "Not so," said Coach Wood, "in fact, this semester I only have one varsity athlete enrolled. People tend to shy away from this class because they are afraid of keeping up with others. Each person is required to do what he or she is capable of, nothing more. Also, this is a fitness class; it is not a muscle or body-building program. It is mostly for fitness and exercise although we do work out on weights to get warmed up."

One student taking the course is Debbie Easterling who said, "I really enjoy it. It makes me feel so much

better to exercise daily. I only wish we had more in our class and also offered the class at a different time of day since I sometimes have a 3rd period right after 2nd period Fitness."

Another fitness 'student' is a teacher at ECJC, Mrs. Martha Graham. "It makes

middle-age people feel half that. Instead of taking away energy it adds so much more to my day. The only drawback is changing twice in the morning," said Mrs. Graham.

Two students from first semester could tell a difference as results of the class.

Faye Quinn, a varsity basketball player said, "It helped me with fundamentals and agility."

As for Donald Fickland, a 2 year football player, "It certainly helped me with coordination during football season."

Coach Wood added, "For

the class to go over well I need 12 to 16 people in it. That gives them an opportunity to do more with jump ropes. I think it is a class that every student can benefit from. I hope to gradually add more to this course."

## Heavy rains fail to dampen spirits at BSU Leadership conference

By **ROSE MCGEE**

Ten East Central BSU'ers, along with "Miss 'B'" and Mr. Deaton,

participated in the largest Leadership Training Conference ever held at Gulf Shore Baptist Assembly.

With 440 participants, the Conference reached 140 more than it ever had in the past. EC students attending

included: Greg White, Steve McKay, Donda Hill, Cindy Cleveland, Todd Rogers, Mark Gunn, Lisa Wolverton, Gigi Street, Troy Myers, and Hugh Roland.

The conference functions annually to train BSU officers and promote Christian service.

BSU'er Hugh Poland remarked, "...we thought we were going to have to build an ark..." But the conference went on successfully in spite of the rain.

Summer missionaries Cindy Cleveland and Todd Rogers went ahead of the others for a special missions conference and initiation period. Cindy expressed that it "...prepared us for being leaders and not just followers this summer."

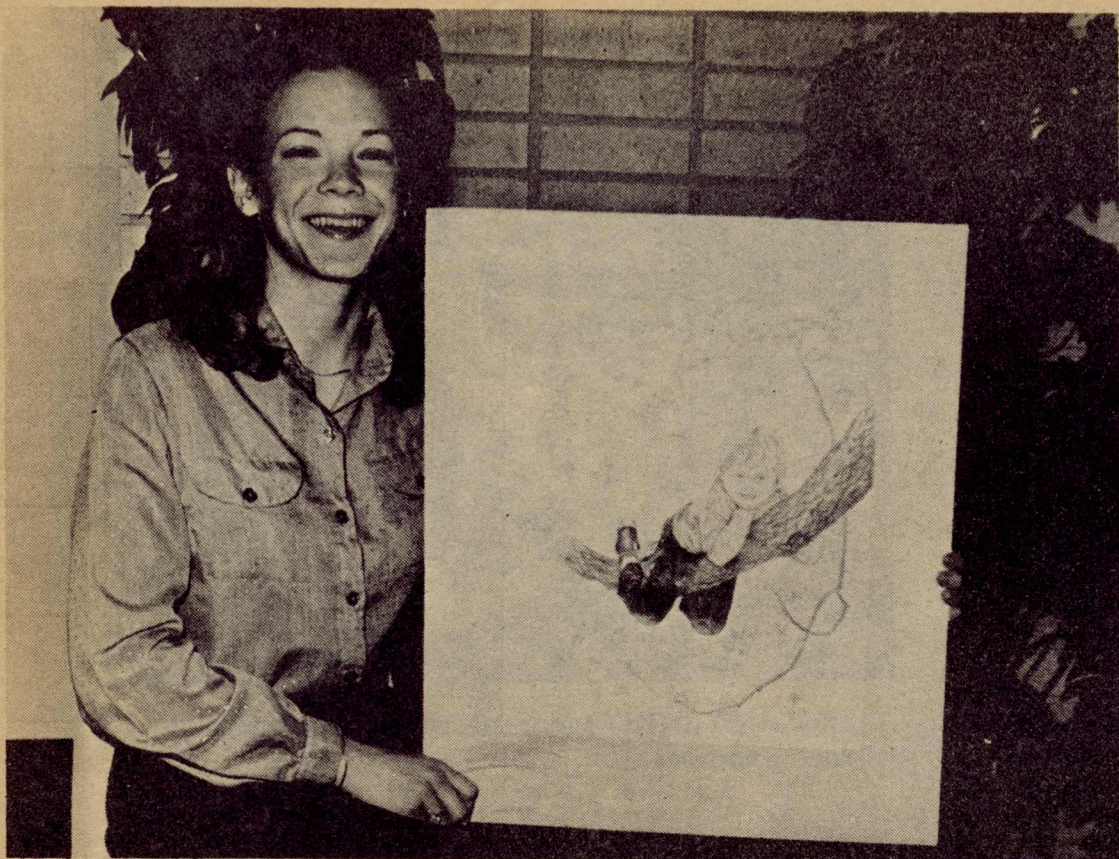
The actual conference held as a theme, "As One Who Serves" and emphasized the needs for prayer, Bible Study, and, most of all, personal witness.

Bible studied were led by Fisher Humphreys and songs, by Scott Willis. Saturday night, James Slack presented a talk illustrating statistics of Christian/non-Christian ratios.

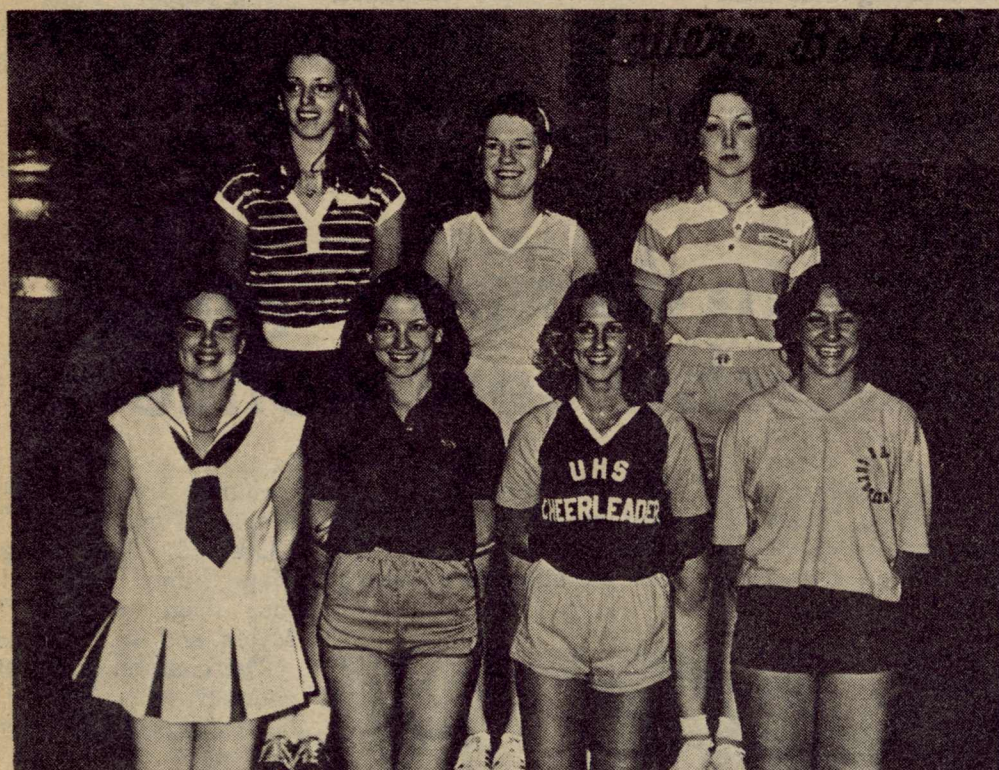


**1980-81 BSU OFFICERS** at East Central are: (front) Gigi Street, Social Chairman; Lisa Wolverton, Secretary; Cindy Cleveland, Missions Chairman; Donda Hill, Publicity; (back) Todd Rogers, President; Steve McKay, Bible Study, Scott Long, Drama Chairman, Greg White, Publicity; Mark Gunn, Worship Chairman; Mrs. Gladys Bryant, Director.





**SOPHOMORE ART MAJOR** Kim Seepe, of Clinton, is pictured here with her sketch, which placed third in the Mississippi Junior College Art Competition.



**ECJC FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS** for the 1980-81 school year are (front, from left) Robin Tabor, Winston Academy, Louisville; Vikki Jenkins, Neshoba Central, Philadelphia; Diane Griffin, Union High School; Teresa Goodwin, Newton High School; (back row) alternates: Nury Schuerr, Louisville High School; Sonya Smith, Neshoba Central; and Jamie Adcock, Noxapater High School.

## Washington tour, and convention highlight trip for 13 Theta Xi's

Thirteen Theta Xi members and four chaperons traveled to Washington D.C. for National Phi Theta Kappa Convention, held March 20-22.

The group left campus about 5:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 18th crowded into a 15-passenger van and a luggage-filled pick-up truck. Stopping only for gas, food and "water-hauls", they traveled to Smythville, Virginia to spend the night.

Wednesday, the group drove through the Blue Ridge Mountains and stopped for a brief snowball fight. They also toured Thomas Jefferson's personally-designed "Montecello."

Arriving in Washington around 6:00 p.m. Eastern time that night, they moved into the Gramercy Inn.

Thursday, the group toured the White House and the Capitol Building. Representative Sonny Montgomery congenially provided House tickets and visited with the group. Senator Thad Cochran provided tickets to the Senate Chamber. Senator John Stennis presided that day.

The first general session of the convention was held that afternoon and a brief sketch of the convention schedule was given.

That night Senator Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas spoke at a banquet emphasizing the importance of individual and local initiative in improving government.

Senator Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon spoke at Friday's breakfast about the need for an ethical spiritual renaissance. In addition, Hodding Carter, representative of the

President, made a special appearance that morning.

Most of Friday was spent visiting the various buildings of the Smithsonian Institute.

Friday night four members attended the musical "Day by Day" in Ford's Theater where Lincoln was shot. Some saw the city on their own while others rested.

Saturday morning, a riding tour by the convention traveled to the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials. Its last scenic stop was at Arlington Cemetery where the eternal flame of John Kennedy burns and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier stands.

Saturday night consisted of an awards banquet with a speech from Gen. William C. Westmoreland, installation of new officers, and adjournment of the convention.

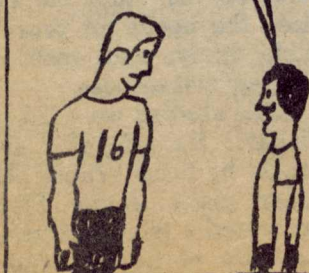
The group rose early Sunday morning and drove to Mount Vernon, Washington's home. They rode the rest of the day to Greenville, South Carolina where they slept.

Monday, the group pulled onto campus about 4:30 to be greeted by familiar faces.

Students who attended the convention include: Clayton Whitehead, Cindy Brewer, Polly Bounds, Rose McGee, Rob Loper, Scott Long, Annette Miller, Becky Smith, Donna Wolverton, Randy Adair, Stan Clark, Cindy Cleveland, and Pam Taylor. Sponsor Sara Heard, her husband George, Sponsor Rudolph Mayes and his wife Madeline served as chaperons.

### Brain and Brawn

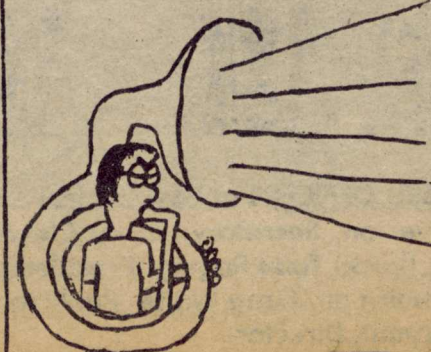
Gee, Brawn! I didn't know Brain was in the EC Band!



Yeah, he plays that big instrument that looks like a stupid foghorn!



BWOOOOOO



by Hugh Roland

The word he is looking for is "tuba!"





for Bender playing professional ball.....

# "Is like the final reward"

By SKIPPY LATHAM  
Sports Editor

The following story appeared in the Clarion-Ledger during February.

## TAKES BITE OF BIG APPLE

As the commercial says, Evelyn Bender has come a long way, baby.

Bender, called "Snoopy" by her friends, is living in New York City now, and that's about as far away from Newton, Miss., as anything can be.

Some people say you haven't lived until you've been to Newton. Bender might feel she isn't living when she isn't in Newton.

Bender grew up playing basketball. Lucille Wood, her former coach at East Central Junior College, says Bender learned to play the game watching television. "She'd watch some move or some shot by the pros and go out in the backyard and try it there. She never really had any coaching."

Despite the start in the game, Bender is now playing her trade with the New York Stars, in the Women's Professional Basketball League.

That's as much a rags-to-riches story as anything you'll read in any paperback novel.

In the Jan. 17 edition of The News World, Chris Fiala wrote of a game in which Bender's Stars beat Rita Easterling (of Mississippi College) and the Chicago Hustle. "Evelyn's fluid dribbling and effortless jumpers had greatly aided the Stars. She had 18 of her 20 points in the second quarter, then sat out the rest

of the game with sore legs."

Bender helped the Stars that night to their 16th win against two losses, enough to lead the league. Since then, she hasn't played because of the shin splints that have bothered her for the past three years. But her team is still in first place.

The Stars are coached by former New York Knick Dean Meminger.

"I played ball for nine years," says Bender. "This, for me, is like the final reward for all those years of effort. If I don't play but one or two years, it's been worth it. It's like getting to play in the Pan Am games or the Olympics to me."

People who have known Bender for years would have a difficult time picturing the 5-7 guard in New York.

Bender played for a Newton High School team which didn't win during her final two years. That means didn't win a single game, not wasn't a winner. Bender scored two-thirds of her team's points during that span, shooting jump shots, dribbling behind her back,

throwing blind passes. Not a typical girl basketball player.

"I never saw her play in high school," says Wood, who has seen her share of junior college talent. "Denver Brackeen (a former All-America at Ole Miss and now working at East Central) had a son playing at Decatur High School and had seen her play."

"When we went to talk to her, she was real shy. She didn't say much of anything to us."

Bender was so shy, she asked for and was granted a room without a roommate. She never invited Wood to her room during her two years at East Central. "I never saw the inside of her room," Wood says.

"People are always kidding me because I don't talk," says Bender. "I haven't changed all that much since back then. But I don't want to change. There are too many people different than me for me to want to change any. I would lose all the friends I've made if I were to change."

If she was shy off the court, it didn't show on it. East Central, primarily because of her scoring, made it to the state championship her freshman year before losing by a point. Her sophomore year, she led the Lady Warriors to the state title.

In a semifinal game in the North Mississippi tournament her sophomore year, with five seconds left in the first half against hated rival East Mississippi, Bender took a step inside the time line, leaped off the floor



**DURING A TIME-OUT** the Star's trainer is talking with Snoopy about her hand that she has just injured.

and, using her perfect jump shot form, fired through a bucket. East Mississippi's team, its fans, the media—even the rest of the East Central team—all gasped.

"There wasn't another one around who would shoot a jump shot like hers," Wood says. "She just had more raw talent than anyone I ever coached. But the thing that made her special was she did it all on her own."

Later, after junior college, she signed to play with Jackson State. Off went Bender to summer school here. When the fall arrived, there was no Bender to be found.

"I didn't like it. Jackson State was just the last place I wanted to be. I had heard some bad things about it and I backed out. I didn't want to go alone."

Snoopy did play for Jackson State after staying out of school for one year.

Snoopy was drafted by the Washington Metros team but this team disbanded during the early part of the season. The New York Stars were more than happy to sign Snoopy when her team disbanded.

Recently the Stars completed their regular season

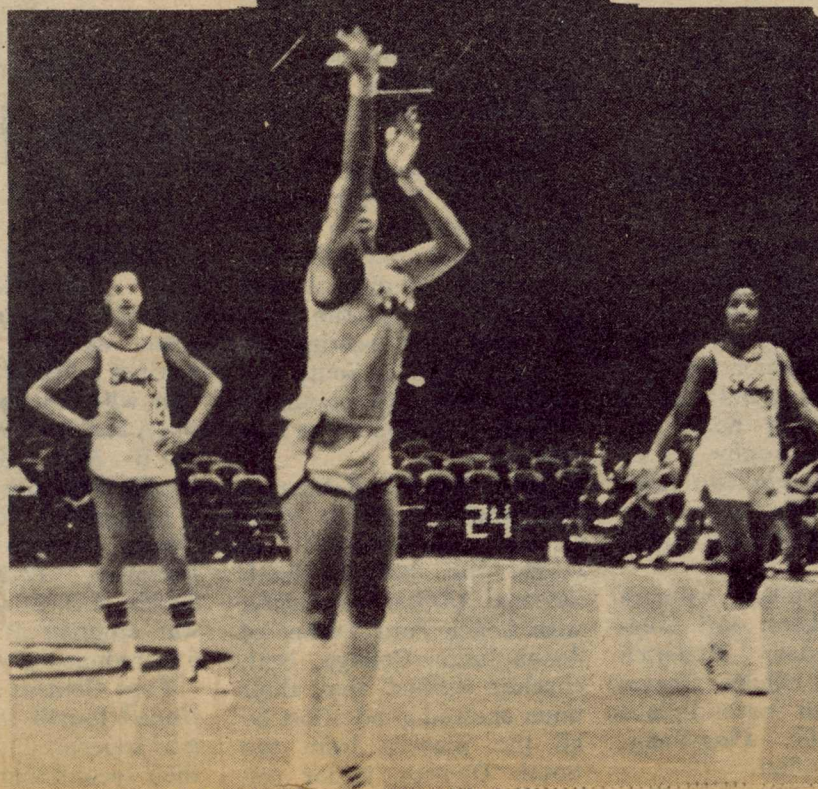
with a 27-7 record. During the next to last game—while playing the Milwaukee Does—Snoopy scored 11 points in less than half the game. She probably would have played more—but she was having problems with her legs and she also hurt her hand during this game. The Stars won 146-102.

Two nights later the Stars played their Final game against the New Jersey Gems. Snoopy played less than eight minutes due to her injuries and did not score. The Stars won 104-91.

Snoopy may be shy, but she has made herself known in the sports world—especially to the fans at Madison Square Garden.

Snoopy is well remembered by the people at East Central. During her two years, she averaged 26.7 points per game and made All-State both years. Snoopy holds the record for the most Field goals in a single by a Warriorette—20 and she also holds the record for the most points scored in a home game—42.

Snoopy will be returning home after the completion of their post-season tournament. She is planning to help with the basketball camps at East Central this summer.





# Thomas becomes all-time leading scorer with 1,203 career points

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

With an average of 21.5 points per game (1203 career points), Esther Thomas moves into first place as the all-time leading scorer as a Warriorette at East Central. Only two players have scored more

than a thousand points while at EC. They are Evelyn "Snoopy" Bender (1081 points and 26.7 average) and Diana Lyons (1047 points).

A 5-2 guard from Louisville, Esther was the leading scorer in the state this year. During her Freshman year, Esther made 2nd-team-All-state; Region 7-tournament team; and helped lead the Warriorettes to the State Championship and a 20-9 record.

During her sophomore year, Esther was selected to play in the All-Star game; she made All Region 7 and she is a likely candidate for All-State. Esther also set a record her sophomore year-she scored 44 points in a regulation-length game. In this game she also tied the record for the most free throws made in a game at 18.

In high school, Esther was voted-Best Offensive Player for 4 years and Most Valuable Player for 1 year.

Esther is majoring in physical education, and she is thinking about continuing her education and basketball career at Livingston University in Alabama.

## 4 Warriors sign with Sr. college

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

Four of this year's Warriors have signed with Senior Colleges to play football. Two of these have already transferred-Mike Lee of Decatur signed with Mississippi College and Ronnie Mella of Sunset, Louisiana, signed with Delta State University. Donald Ficklin of Morton and Robert Hull of Walnut Grove had signed with West Virginia State.



FELIX JOHNSON, of Tallaluh, Louisiana, has signed a grant-in-aid basketball scholarship with the Mississippi College Choctaws.



THE VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, newly formed at ECJC: (front) Lori Krebs, Esther Thomas, Vanessa Triplett, Dianne Jones, (second row) Gloria Ashford, Tammy Taylor, Kelly Walsh, Dawn Haberle, Deborah Johnson, Faye Russell, and Chris Vance, manager; (third row) Mike Anderson, asst. coach, Peggy Smith, Susan Bane, Mona Tucker, Shelia Gilmer, Tina Tumbling, Debbie McBeath and coach Glenn Hicks.

## Esther Thomas, David Little are tops in All-star play

East Central basketball players took top honors at the All-Star Basketball game played at Holmes Junior College in Goodman recently in both women's and men's games. Esther Thomas of Louisville and David Little of Carthage both received the Most Valuable Player Award at the games.

Esther, a 5'3" sophomore at East Central is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Thomas and is majoring in Physical Education. During her freshman

year she was named to the 2nd team All-State and to the All Region VII Tournament team. During her sophomore year she was selected to the 1st team All-State and the All Region VII tournament. Averaging 21.7 points per game this year she was the leading scorer in the State. Besides serving as Captain of the Women's Division All-Star game she scored an outstanding 17 points to help her receive the MVP honor.

David, son of Dug and Brenda Lewis of Carthage is a graduate of Leake Academy. A 6'6" forward at ECJC he averaged 14.7 points per outing and 11.7 rebounds during his sophomore year.

With practice just underway at the All-Star game, David sprained his ankle and it was doubtful that he would play. He did not start but came in during the game and took over scoring 25 points helping the South win 112-98. He had 15 rebounds, 11 field goals and three free throws.

Coach Herman Robinson, Basketball coach at East Central was selected to coach the Men's South Division All-Star team along with Coach Ford Turner of Jones Junior College. Both coaches agreed that their team showed good effort by all the players from the South Division junior col-

leges.

Coach Robinson commented, "In most All-Star games you have more individual play than team play but the South squad played together as a group, helped each other on defense and each player gave up the basketball when he might have scored himself."

Both players have had several offers from 4 year colleges but are undecided as to which school that they plan to attend to further their educational and basketball careers.

## EC takes first place in intramural

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

In the state intramural tournament held at Mississippi Delta Junior College, East Central scored enough points to bring home the first place trophy. E.C. managed to win two first-place awards and one second-place in the competition.

The first-place winners were: Checkers: Jeff Coleman; Spades: Roderick Young and Ricky Hornsburger. The second-place winner was: Ping-Pong: David McMullan.

## Tennis team beats Jones six to two

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

East Central's tennis team earned 6 victories against 2 losses in competition with Jones. E.C. won the A and B - men's singles, the B - Men's doubles, and the B - women's singles.

In baseball the Warriors lost to Hannibal LaGrange, Missouri, 12-1; and to Scooba 6-0, in a game that was stopped at the end of 5½ innings due to rain.

East Central's golf team placed fourth in their first golf tournament and 5th at their second tournament.