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MISS EAST CENTRAL PAGEANT--Participants in the 1985 Miss East Central Junior College Scholarship Pageant scheduled for Thursday, February 7 on the Decatur campus are: (front row, left to right) Lisa Kelly, Tracy Williams, Cheri Wallace, Lisa Dooley, Patty Milling. (Back row, left to right) Cindy Bridges, Tywon-

na Richardson, Alice Dawkins, Alice Thames, and Kim Jones. A winner, four alternates and a Miss Congeniality will be selected. The winner will receive a scholarship and will represent ECJC at the Miss Mississippi pageant in July.

Players to present a time-tested Broadway classic: Oklahoma

By ADA MOREAU

The East Central Junior College Players are hard at work preparing and perfecting "Oklahoma" which will be presented February 27 - March 2. This year's musical is extra special to both the Players and their director, Mr. Peterson, because "Oklahoma" was the first musical performed at East Central when the tradition began fifteen years ago.

The setting for this delightful show, which will be directed by Bruce Peterson, is in Nineteenth Century Oklahoma at the time of its rise to statehood. It is full of romance and comedy, and can be enjoyed by people of all ages. Production assistants are Eliza Harkins of Carthage and Chris York of Philadelphia.

The cast for the show includes: Denise Dobson, Newton; Nelda Germany, Union; Brooks McElhenny, Decatur; Rory Trapp, Union; Kim Jones, Sebastopol; Mike Boggan, Newton; Alben Roland, Morton; Annette Hurley, Union; Stan Davis, Morton; Darrell Mangrum, Decatur; and Victor Coker, Newton.

The chorus and dancers are as follows: Darlene McClendon, Newton; Ada Moreau, Decatur; Tonia Stokes, Philadelphia; Pam Bane, Union; Jammie Covington, Philadelphia; Anna Wolverton, Union; Johnny Walker, Louisville; Amy Cox, Lake; Jeff Pennington, Decatur; Tobias Pace, Forest; Lawrence White, Philadelphia; Jeri Dean White, Noxapater; Pammy Armstrong, Walnut Grove; Lori Harrell, Decatur; Wanda Ezell, Decatur; Patti Milling, Decatur; Patty Wilson, Philadelphia; Gena Mosley, Newton; Cindy Bridges, Philadelphia; Donna Miller, Philadelphia; and Tracy Williams, Newton.

Tickets for the show are four dollars for adults and two dollars for students. They go on sale February 18. Everyone is encouraged to attend. After all, you just "can't say no."

Band Clinic

By BILL VAUGHN

The ninth annual East Central Junior College band clinic will be held February 8th and 9th. There will be 170 students from grades eight through twelve in attendance.

On the morning of February 8, students will be trying out to earn a chair in either the first band or the second band. The students with the highest scores will be placed in the first band, and the remainder will be placed in the second band. The guest conductor for the first band is Ken Wright from Cleveland, Mississippi; and the guest conductor for the second band is Shaw Furlow from Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Nine bands will be participating in the two-day clinic. They include Forest, Hawkins Middle School (Forest), Newton, Decatur, Morton, Scott Central, Union, Lake, and Philadelphia.

The students will be rehearsing all day on Friday and also on Saturday morning. A final concert is planned for Saturday afternoon at 1:00. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

New Miss EC to be chosen Thursday

Guys, break out the binoculars, because the Miss East Central Junior College Pageant is coming up. It will be held on Thursday, February 7, at 7:00 P.M. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. A small admission will be charged at the door.

Contestants will be judged in swim suit and private interview competitions during a private session that afternoon. The talent and evening gown competitions will be open to the public that evening. All clothing and accessories will be of each girl's own choosing and will probably aid the judges in making their final decisions.

A winner, four alternates, and a Miss Congeniality will be

selected. Miss Congeniality will be voted on by the contestants themselves. The winner will receive a scholarship and will represent East Central at the Miss Mississippi Pageant in July.

The pageant is sponsored annually by the Wo-He-Lo, the ECJC yearbook; and the winner and alternates will be featured as Most Beautiful and Beauties. Donna Creekmore, pageant director, says that she expects from ten to fifteen contestants. The pageant is always one of the highlights of the year, and everyone is encouraged to come out and support your favorite contestant.



'My Point Of View'

By Chris Gilmer
Editor-In-Chief

--Chris Gilmer

Those Cold Winter Winds

Paraphrasing a favorite nursery rhyme for my own purposes---Brr. The North wind doth blow (and the South wind, and the East wind, and the West wind); and it doth bring snow (and sleet, and freezing rain, and sub-zero temperatures). And what will poor robin do then, poor thing?

My advice to the robin is not to nest in the ECJC student center. Unless he's got an electric blanket, he might freeze.

During the course of one of my not so wonderful days last month, I started in the side door of the student center for my morning fix of caffeine (usually taking the form of a Pepsi), when I noticed that the door was locked. The sign on the door read, "Please use other door. We're trying to keep warm." Not that the word "please" was really necessary. As I said, the door was locked. We really had no choice but to comply. But I don't blame the people inside. **It was cold!**

So I walked briskly to the back door, expecting to go in and be warm, but much to my dismay this was not meant to happen. I went inside alright, but there was little change in temperature. I soon noticed everyone huddled together in the center of the room, and I got excited. I just knew that something exciting was about to happen. My day was surely going to improve.

I could imagine all sorts of wonderful things: someone break dancing to the latest single by Michael Jackson, a beautiful girl jumping out of someone's birthday cake. But I was wrong.

One long space heater was the main attraction. Everyone was huddled around it hoping that it and body heat might compensate for the lack of something better. Wrong again.---What the heck? I joined the group. Body heat with several of the ladies present might not have been so bad.

I appreciate the opportunity and those few days of togetherness that we enjoyed, but the student center is really our only meeting place. Our nests, unlike the lucky robin's, are already built there. And we don't have feathers for protection.---The student body appreciates your consideration in this matter.

Demand For More Pay

The battle rages on. Educators demanding a pay raise and legislators insisting with equal fury that there simply are no funds again "this year." I expect that this line sounds sadly familiar.--

Mississippi teachers are paid not only less than the Southeastern average, but less than any teachers in the nation. This is not true, however, of Mississippi legislators. Is the legislature, then, saying to us that our teachers are incompetent, unqualified, or unethical, and thus unworthy to be paid comparably to their peers? I think not.

I expect that they would agree that most Mississippi teachers are, at least, average; and many, very many, are superior. Certainly there are those teachers who "get by doing the minimum, taking the easy way out." Yet I dare say that a certain percentage (exact percentage is up for conjecture) of our legislators do the same. None of these people deserve an increase, but they are the proven exception and not the rule. Do we punish everyone for the faults of a few?

If, just if, the budget prohibits a teacher pay raise, then it must also be insufficient to raise legislators salaries. I feel certain, then, that the proposed pay increase for legislators which, by the way, far exceeds teachers' demands, will be refused by its intended recipients? I doubt it. I could almost understand legislative reluctance to accomodate teachers, if not for this "minor" discrepancy. Hypocritical? At the very least.

On the other side of the issue, I must also say this to the teachers. If money is your primary consideration, then you are in the wrong business. Students do not profit, and this I say from experience, by teachers who transform their profession into a mere job. This profession belongs to those who love it. Discontented teachers breed discontented students. Love it, or leave it.

It is sad, though, that many who do love it are being forced, through economic considerations, to leave teaching, at least teaching in Mississippi. I ask lawmakers, when they consider this issue, to also consider the people that gave them the foundations of education that have made them what they are today. If you don't believe that good teachers are gifted, follow one for a day. Find a way to keep brilliant Mississippi minds teaching in our state, to create more brilliant Mississippi minds.

The teachers are willing to cooperate reasonably. I do not have a workable solution for both sides, but someone needs to find one. How about the legislature? After all, that's their job, for which they are well paid. If you don't believe me, just ask any Mississippi teacher.

(Comments or opposing viewpoints should be directed to the following address: Chris Gilmer, Tom-Tom Editor, Box 160, East Central Junior College, Decatur, Ms. 39327.)

Signs Are Erected For ECJC On I-20

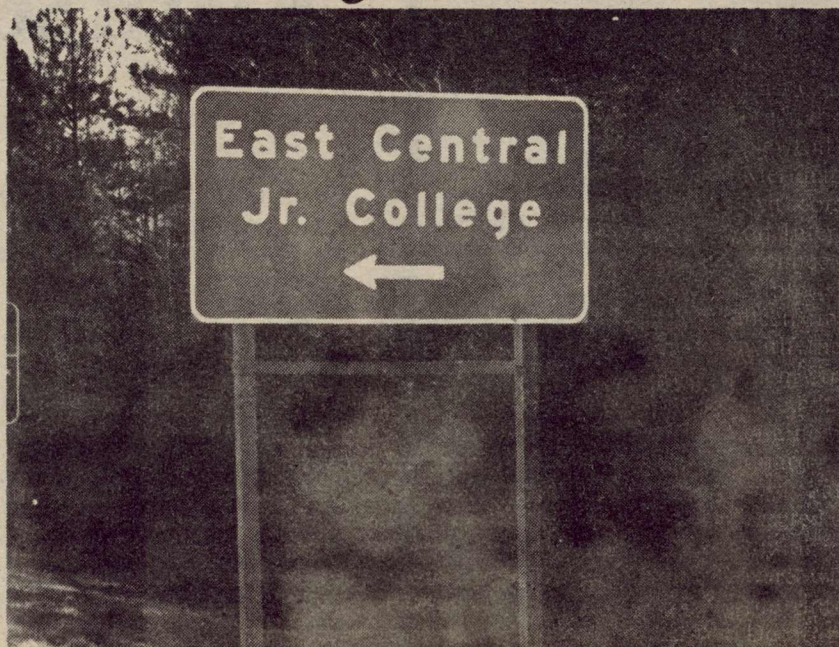
The student body will be pleased to know that new East Central signs have been erected at the Hickory and Newton exits coming from Meridian, and at the Newton exit coming from Jackson on Interstate 20.

Since 1979, the Alpha Alpha Epsilon Club has been in constant contact with the Highway Department trying to get signs erected. Frank May, chief engineer, Newton headquarters, stated that the law said that signs could not be erected on the Interstate for junior colleges unless they were within three miles of the interstate. Then the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club expressed a need for the signs to Mr. Sam Waggoner, Central District Highway

Commissioner. His response was the same as Mr. May's.

In 1981, a sign for Hinds Junior College in Jackson was erected. Hinds is located eighteen miles from the interstate. Officials at East Central asked the question, "Why can't we put up a sign?" The answer given was that the exit where the Hinds Junior College sign was located was congesting traffic.

On October 20, 1984, Dr. Charles V. Wright and the Decatur Chamber of Commerce received a letter stating that East Central signs would be put up. On January 11, 1985, the signs were erected. A special thanks goes out to the "higher powers" for placing East Central signs on Interstate 20.



Finally--A Sign Points The Way

EC students are fashion conscious

To wear just the right length, the right sleeve or the right shoes is fashion. To accent a wardrobe with poise, current style, and the right accessories is fashionable.

To follow fashion is easy; to be fashionable--that's another thing. That's ART.

The figure this year is a lady's own, no padded hips or shoulders this season.

There are no big sleeves and extra frills or short skirts, which are definitely out. The skirt length is neither too long nor too short, while stockings are as colorful as the rainbow.

From head to toe, current fashion is color! Bright green, forest green, mustards, oranges, and on up the color chart to deep blues, and--as always--rich, jet black. The fabrics of the season tantalize the senses with false and real furs, tweeds, wools, polyesters and soft smooth rayons.

Looking as pretty as any cover girl is Donna Miller in a v-neck acrylic polyester-blend sweater. The sweater is hand knitted of multicolored yarns. Donna is wearing black pants and shoes to match. Her jacket is gray and black wool with a flaired collar. The jacket is highlighted with buckles attached to the collar at each shoulder. This outfit is just right for a season-wise young lady. Donna chose this outfit with winter winds in mind.

Getting places on campus, and who wouldn't in such a campus-right outfit, is Suzanne Alford. Suzanne is comfortable in a turquoise open-weave sweater with a square neck and three-quarter length sleeves. The skirt is cotton and is multicolored. This pink, gray, and turquoise skirt is pleated and has side pockets. To complete the outfit, Suzanne has chosen dark gray leather flats and her accessories are pearl jewelry. This young coed understands the meaning of the word "fashionable."

No wardrobe can be complete without a short jacket. Tracy Williams dons a chic black rabbit jacket to accompany this burgundy dress which is given just the right fashion touch with a white collar and a row of white buttons marching smartly down the front. This dress is very much in season and would be comfortable at a luncheon, at church, or for the inevitable job interview.

The glowing radiance of navy and royal blue can make something happen to reflect the beauty of a young lady's skin, hair, and eyes. Becky Gallaspy can give evidence of this as she wears a straight walking suit combining navy and royal blue stripes. This suit, which is made of polyester and rayon, gives Becky that tall and statuesque look. The entire outfit is a coordination of shades of blue, as Becky has chosen blue hose and navy shoes to complete the

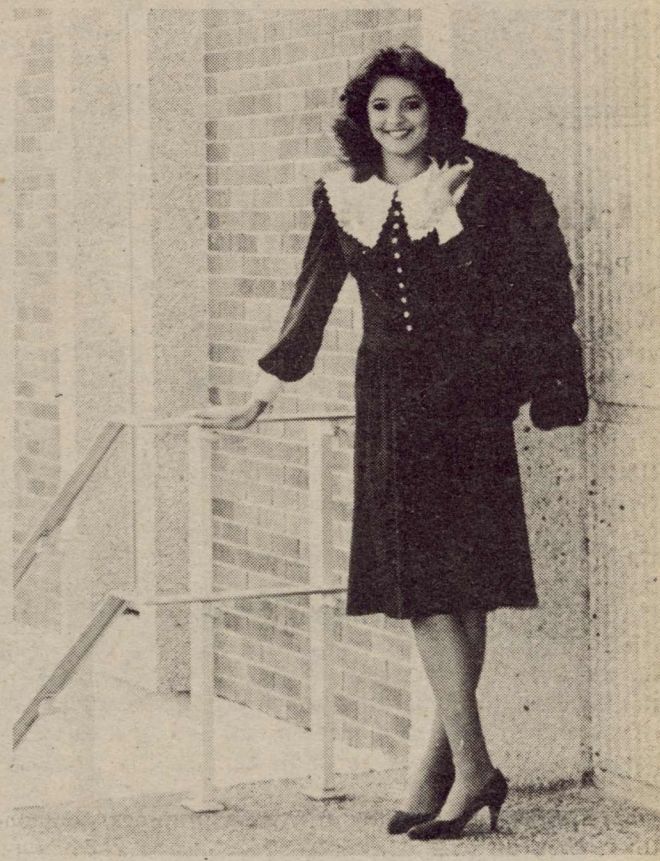
outfit.

These four girls are proof that East Central's girls are fashion conscious. Becky, Suzanne, Tracy, and Donna would all be right in style

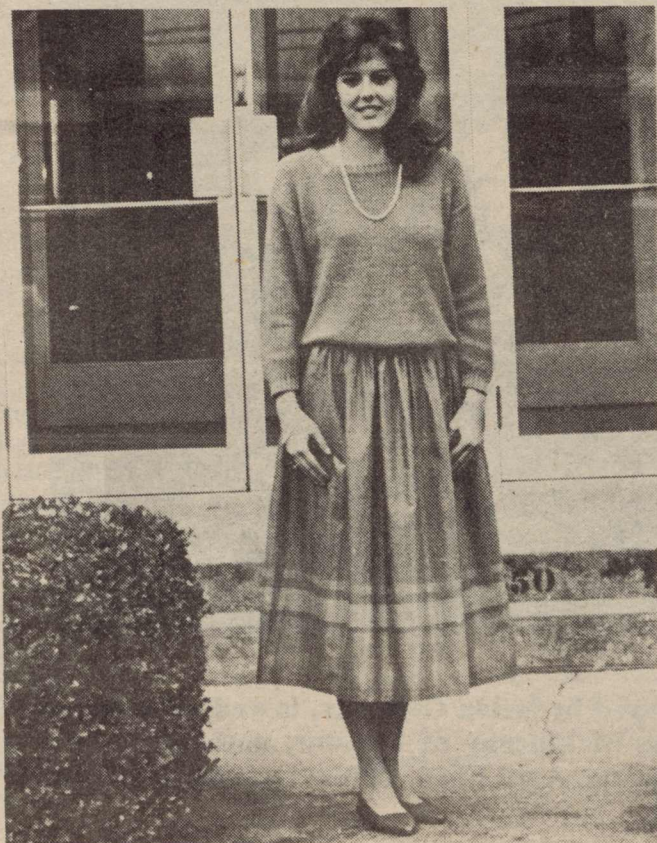
should their pictures appear on the cover of **Vogue**, **Mademoiselle**, **Town and Country** or any other publication devoted to high fashion.



Donna Miller



Tracy Williams



Suzanne Alford



Becky Gallaspy

Scenes From East Central's Upcoming Musical:

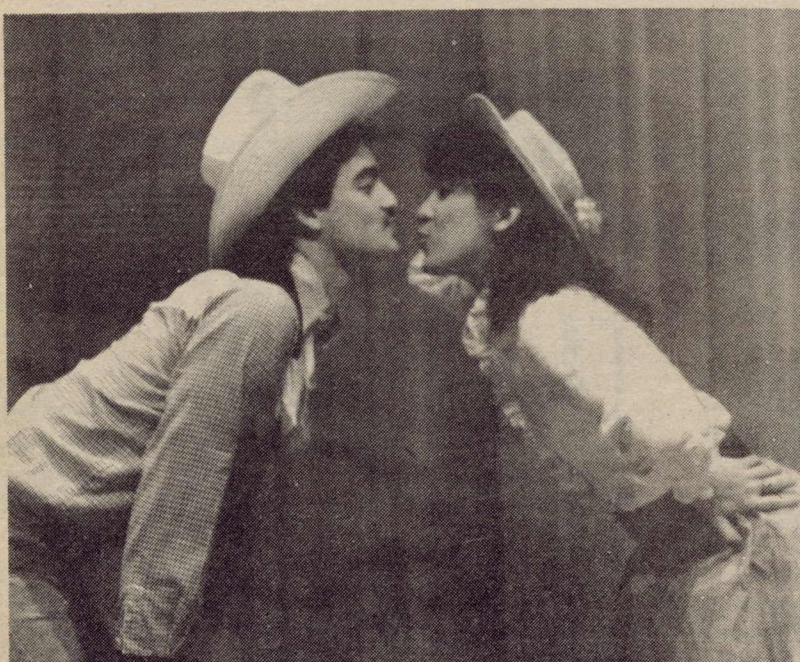
'Oklahoma'



Singing about Oklahoma is the women's chorus of the Players' 1985 musical production.



Will, played by Rory Trapp, rests contentedly between Ado Annie, played by Kim Jones, and Gerdy, played by Annette Hurley. Mike Boggan, playing the part of Ali Hakim, looks on.



Kissie, Kissie! As Will and Annie get ready for a little Oklahoma action.



Laurie, portrayed by Nelda Germany, is wedged between Curly, Brooks McElhenny of Decatur; and Jud, Alben Roland of Morton; Aunt Ellen, Denise Dobson, looks on.



Darrell Mangrum, Tom-Tom reporter, interviews, from left to right, Velda McNair, Joann Johnston, and Teresa Fletcher.

'Learning is a never-ending process'

DARRELL MANGRUM

In the past, college was primarily associated with those who were recent high school graduates. Today, however, there are more and more older people returning to college to further their educations. These individuals have returned for a number of reasons: to fulfill a lifelong dream, to pass away free time, or to just see what it would be like to go back to school.

Those who do return to college are usually more dedicated than their younger classmates. This is true because they know what it is like to work and rear a family. These students want to make the best of their time in school, and they usually do. Here are a few thoughts and ideas from some people who have returned to college.

Mrs. Velda McNair, a student from Philadelphia, has chosen to return to school after twenty-two years. "I've always wanted to go to college, and this is my first chance," said Mrs. McNair.

An elementary education major, Mrs. McNair is interested in special education. "I find college very rewarding," said Mrs. McNair, "and I enjoy the classes very much." Mrs. McNair, a mother of three, is truly a dedicated lady.

Mrs. Teresa Fletcher, a resident of Carthage, is another student who has chosen to return to school after being out several years. Mrs. Fletcher, who has been out of school for eleven years, said "I have always wanted to be a mortition, and I decided that if I didn't go back to school now, that I never would." A mother of two, Mrs. Fletcher sees her dream coming true through dedication and hard work. Mrs. Fletcher advises, "Get an education while young or the chance man never come around again."

A student from Decatur, Mrs. Joann Johnston, has decided to enter college after eleven years. Mrs. Johnston decided to return to school after her child was old enough to care for herself.

Wanting to stay in the Decatur area influenced Mrs. Johnston to choose elementary education as a major field of study. "I really enjoy college," said Mrs. Johnston, "but there is not enough time to learn

everything. Learning is a never-ending process."

College really is for everyone, as can be seen by looking around on campus. Those who do decide to return after being out of school many years find a

challenging and reqarding atmosphere waiting for them. Many who are afraid to come back to college do not find the enjoyment and sense of fulfillment being experienced by those who have returned.



This year's Fellowship of Christian Athletes officers are: Joy Eichelberger of Louisville, Beverly Chambers of Lena, Beverly Bowie of Lena and Pam Eichelberger of Louisville.



Collegians Plan Year's Activities

By ANNA WOLVERTON

The East Central Junior College Collegians are starting the new year with a very busy schedule. They will be touring twelve high schools this semester, averaging one

concert a week.

The Collegians will also be working on their spring concert which will be presented April 15, at 8:00 in Huff Auditorium on the East Central campus. They will

be singing many new songs, and they may add a few favorites from last semester to their line up.

Another event that they will be preparing for is their second annual appearance at

the Neshoba County Fair. This will be during the last part of July or the first part of August. Mr. Tom Carson, director of the Collegians, said that he hoped for another good semester

with this group.

Everyone enjoyed the group's performance during their fall concert, and we hope to see an equally good or better show this spring.



Mu Alpha Theta officers for 1984-85, from left to right: Chris Gilmer of Forest, first semester vice-president and second semester president; Darrell Mangrum of Decatur, secretary; Dessa Mercer of Decatur, first semester president; Dr. Shelby Harris, sponsor; and Joe Williams of Decatur, treasurer. Not pictured is Brooks McElhenny of Decatur, second semester vice president.

Phi Theta Kappa Plans For Conf.

By CHRIS GILMER
Secretary, Theta Xi

Theta Xi, East Central Junior College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, is eagerly planning the 1985 national convention. This year's convention site will be St. Louis, Missouri. In addition to the convention's usual meetings and lectures, St. Louis offers many outstanding cultural and entertainment opportunities for those attending.

The trip will be March 27-30, and students attending will be officially excused from class to represent East Central. Persons who are initiated into Phi Theta Kappa in February will be allowed to attend the convention, and Mrs. Burkes and Mr. Mayes hope to chaperone a large delegation. Mrs. Burkes assures everyone that they will "not only learn a lot, but have a good time in the process."

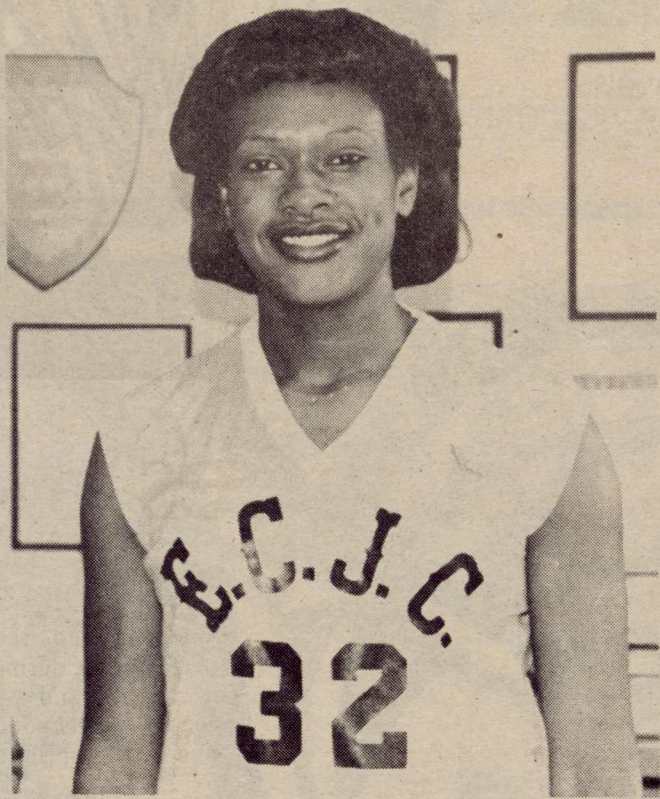
More details about the St. Louis trip will be in later Tom-Tom editions.

DON'T FORGET!

This semester's musical, "Oklahoma", will be presented February 27 - March 2. There will be good entertainment that people of all ages will enjoy. We urge everyone to come out and see the musical.



Joy Eichelberger Scores 1,000



Joy Eichelberger, ranked 4th in the nation in scoring.

In the weekly national scoring rating, Joy was ranked fourth in the nation in scoring.

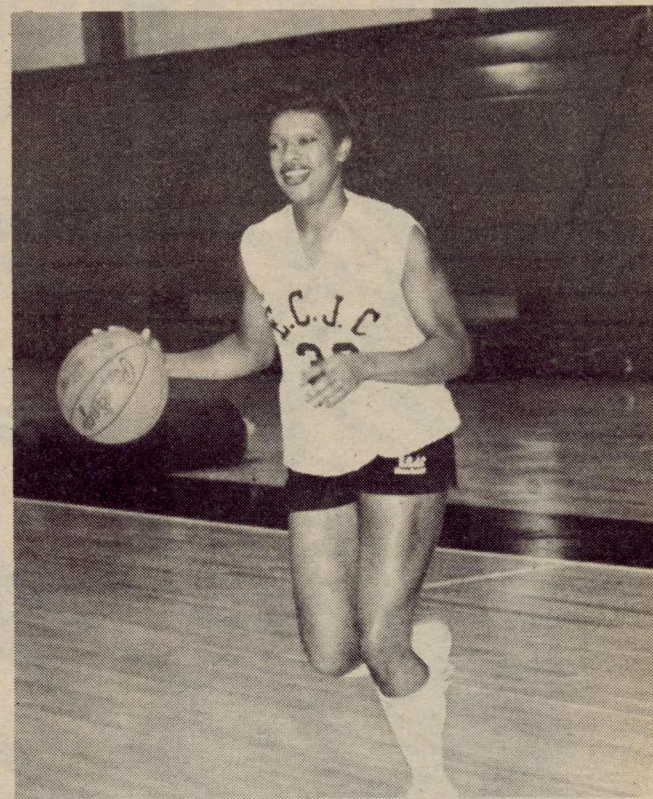
Joy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eichelberger of Louisville. She is a graduate of Louisville High School, and she received many athletic honors there. Joy was chosen best offensive player, most valuable player, and best free throw shooter. She was also All-Conference in track.

Joy has received many honors here at East Central, both athletic and leadership. She was chosen best offensive player, All-Region 23, and All-State. Joy is also president of ROTC, the dorm committee, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was also chosen to be listed in Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

Joy, whose hobbies include cross stitching, playing basketball, and playing tennis, has enjoyed her stay at East Central thus far; and she has some advice for the underclassmen. "Never pass judgements on other people until you are perfect yourself, and no one is perfect. Never say 'I can't

As the fifth girl to score one thousand points under Coach Lucille Wood, Joy Eichelberger has certainly

made her mark on East Central varsity athletics. Her average stands at over twenty-six points per game.



Joy as she practices her dribbling exercises.

until you've given it your best effort."

The administration, faculty, and student body of East

Central Junior College are proud of Joy's accomplishment, and we congratulate her on her efforts.

Teams Look Forward To Tourneys

Varsity basketball is in full swing this semester. Both the

boys and girls teams are proud of what they have ac-

complished thus far this season. Quite a few games are yet to be played, and plenty of time remains for both teams to improve upon their records.

The East Central Warriors, coached by Steve Rives, boast a record of ten wins and seven losses. Coach Rives is pleased with their progress so far. In addition to regular season games, the boys also have the South Division Tournament and the State Tournament to look forward to.

The Lady Warriors, whose record of six wins and eleven losses does not give a clear representation of their efforts, are coached by Lucille Wood. Their record stands at four wins and five losses in the Southern division. The girls have been beaten once by only one point and twice by two points. The only real losses that they have experienced were to Co-Lin and East Mississippi.

The girls are looking forward to the South Division Tournament on February 21 and 23, and the State Tournament on February 27 and 28. Both girls' and boys' action have provided great

rewards for spectators, and we are assured that great

basketball is still in store for us.



A jump shot over the defender as an attentive crowd looks on.



Ricky Griffith "jumps up" at the beginning of the boy's game.

Two days of snow and ice from an
arctic cold front left the outdoors
cloaked in a blanket of crystal and
forced the cancellation of classes
Friday at EC and many area schools



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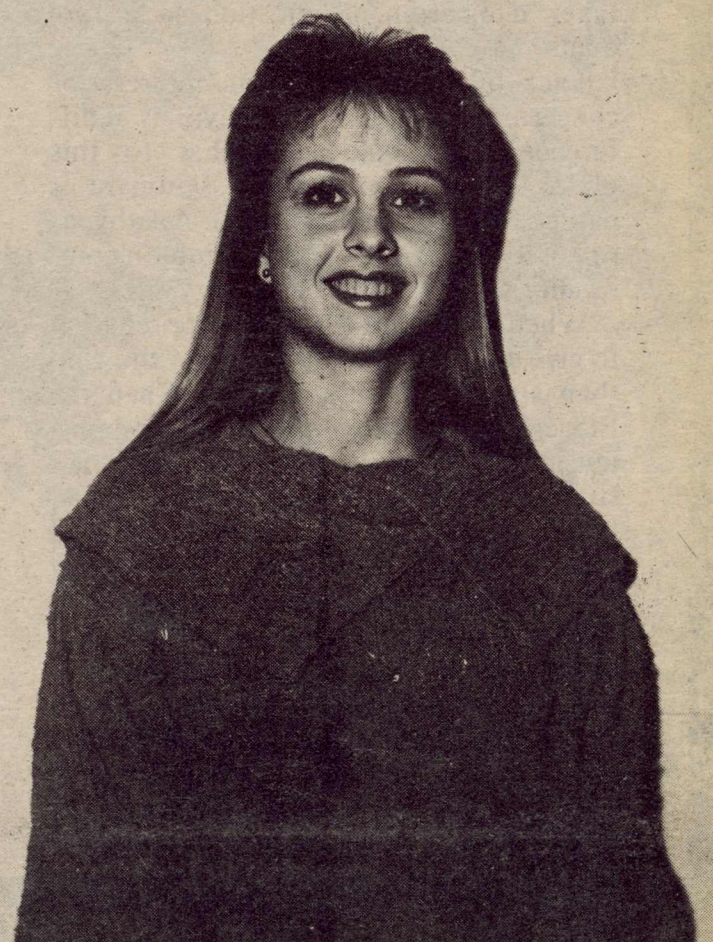
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Miss East
Central Junior
College, Lisa
Dooley, at the
pageant and in
casual attire.



Lisa Dooley is winner of scholarship pageant

One of the highest honors to be received by a young lady on this campus is to win the Miss East Central Junior College Scholarship Pageant. To receive this honor, a contestant must be talented, beautiful, poised, and informed. Meeting each of these requirements and more is Miss Lisa Dooley, the 1985 Miss East Central Junior College.

Lisa is a graduate of Louisville High School, and she enjoys reading, singing, and horseback riding. She thinks that while many faculty and staff members have aided her at East Central, Mr. Tom Carson has influenced her the most.

Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman White and the late Clinton Dooley. She is already making preparations for the Miss Mississippi pageant. She plans to find "just the right clothes," and she is working on the interview and talent portions of the competition also.

Clothing, Textiles, and Merchandising are Lisa's main areas of study, and she plans to transfer to Mississippi State University in the fall. Lisa may be quoted as saying, "I feel that going to the Miss Mississippi pageant will be one of the best learning experiences possible. I just hope that I can represent East Central well."

Lisa will doubtlessly represent East Central well, and the administration, faculty, staff, and student body wish her much continued success.



Selected as Miss Congenialities in the Miss East Central Jr. College pageant were Patti Milling and Alice Thames. These girls were selected by their fellow contestants.

FINANCIAL AID

1985-86 financial aid may be picked up in the financial aid office. It is important to do so as soon as possible. For more information, see, Mrs. Carson.

An Editorial...

Leaders, followers, and "none of the above"

By CHRIS GILMER

To contribute to the welfare of others is service. To devote oneself to the service of others both willingly and without the expectation of any form of compensation takes dedication. Dedication is a rare quality.---

Lack of feeling, emotion, interest, or concern is apathy. A synonym is indifference. One who subscribes to this philosophy is apathetic. A synonym is pathetic (my personal opinion). Apathy, as opposed to dedication, is a common commodity on this campus.

When the choir spends weeks preparing to give a concert and more adults show up than students, that's apathy. When the Players spend two months rehearsing a musical and more adults attend than students, that's apathy. (Luckily parents, faculty, friends, and alumni insured sellouts.) When Miss Wood and the Lady Warriors beat their drum all the way to the state tournament and it is played on the doorsteps of Scott Hall, I consider it apathetic that I could count the students who were present on my fingers and toes.

Fewer than ten people, maybe fewer than five, have worked **at all** on this year's annual, yet Mrs. Creekmore and now Mrs.

"My Point Of View"



By Chris Gilmer

Walton beg for support. One person attended the last meeting.

Everytime I see the words "A Student Publication of East Central Junior College" in the top left corner of the front page of the Tom-Tom, I feel like a hypocrite. It should say "A Publication of Five or Fewer Students and Mrs. Alford." Yet people ask me everyday when the next paper is coming out and if their picture is in it.

On a more positive note, let's sing the praises of a few who are not apathetic. Many clubs and service organizations function on this campus, and function well. An annual and six newspapers will be produced this year. "Miss Molly", as everyone lovingly calls her, knows almost everyone of you by name. Many others serve, and do so willingly. I praise and commend these people for a job well done, a job that they do for you.

Where do you fit into this list? As you can see, my criticism far outweighs my praise. Given reason, however, next time I would write it differently; but you must give me that reason.

These dedicated people love East Central Junior College. DO YOU?



Pictured are East Central Scholars Bowl participants, from left to right: Anson Thaggard, Joe Williams, Chris Gilmer, and Dr. Shelby Harris. The 4th team member has not been determined.

ECJC participates in the 'Ole Miss Scholars Bowl'

On March 22 and 23, four students from East Central will be traveling along with Dr. Shelby Harris to the University of Mississippi for the 1985 Ole Miss Scholars Bowl. One four member team was selected by officials at each junior college in the state that wished to participate. Selection of the team was based primarily on grade point averages.

The format of the competition will be that of a double elimination tournament, and the teams will be questioned in the areas of science, technology, mathematics, humanities, fine arts, business administration, and the social and behavioral sciences.

All questions will be formulated and validated by the faculty of the University of Mississippi, and answers to bonus questions may be a team effort. Answers to the toss-up questions, however, will be given by individual team members. The team captain will make the final decision and give the team's response to bonus questions.

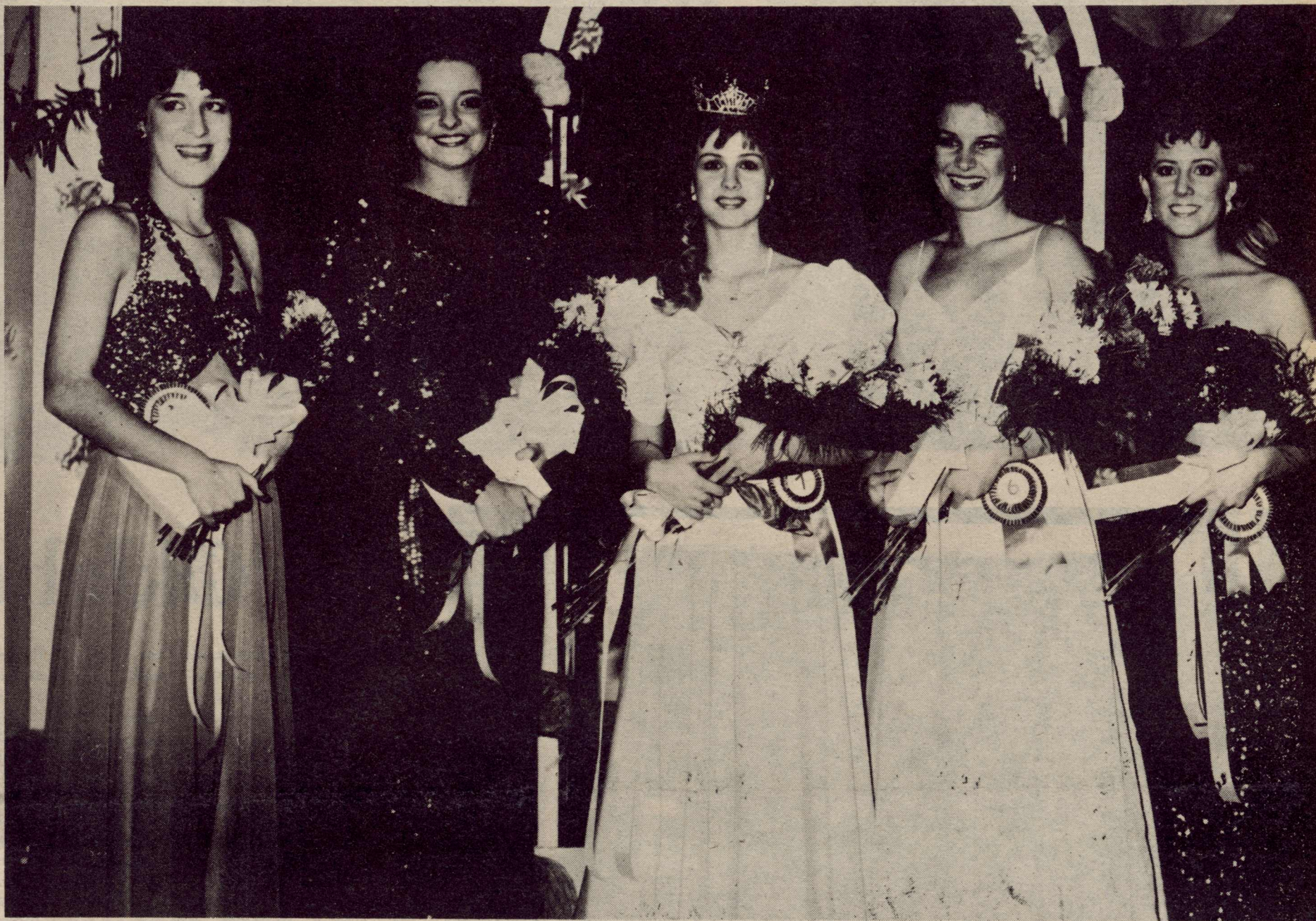
Registration for teams will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday, and the opening session will be at 1:00 that afternoon. Each team will be the guest of the Ole Miss Alumni House Motel, and team members will be treated to a banquet on Friday evening.

Ole Miss will offer many entertainment opportunities to the participants such as swimming, basketball, racquetball, and jogging. Scholars Bowl participants will be allowed to use the Turner Athletic Complex, which is one of the nicest athletic facilities in the South. A tour of Rowen Oak, the home of William Faulkner, will also be offered. Members of the East Central Scholars Bowl team are very excited about this unique educational opportunity.

CHEERLEADERS TRYOUT

Friday, March 29, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Those participating will be excused from class. For more information, see Wanda Ezelle.

Pictures from the Scholarship pageant



Beauties and Most Beautiful as selected at the pageant are from left to right: Kim Jones of Sebastopol, Tracy Williams of Newton, Lisa

Dooley of Louisville (most beautiful), Lisa Kelly of Lawrence, and Cindy Bridges of Philadelphia.



Miss East Central Junior College 1984 Melissa Spence and David Boydston, a former ECJC student entertained at the pageant.

Melissa Spence entertains as the judges choose a new Miss East Central Junior College.





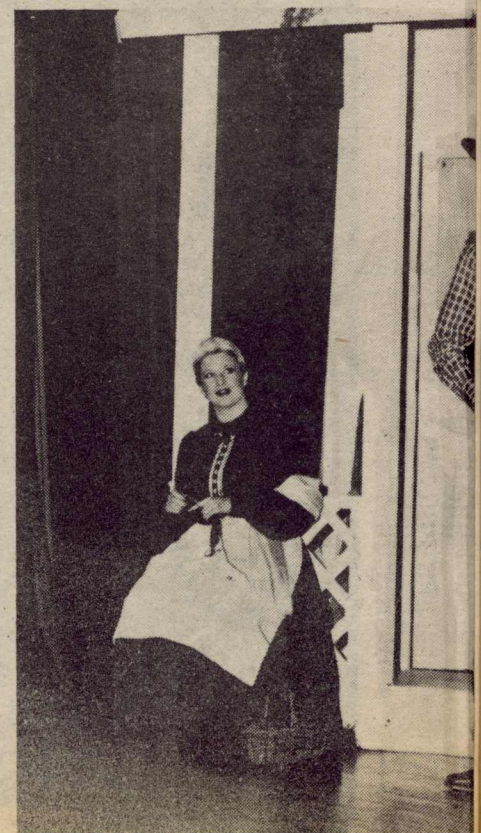
'Oklahom

Once again the East Central Junior College Players "brought the stage to life", and for this particular effort they deserve a commendation. This year's production was Rogers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma, and it was done with both masterful style and unique flair.

The setting of the story, Nineteenth Century Oklahoma at the time of its rise to statehood, was artistically represented by an extravagant set that must have taken many hours of devoted preparation. From the white picket fence and colorful flowers in the flower boxes, to the lantern on the front porch of the house, the set was breathtak-

ing in every smokehouse with a pan hanging on the wall, moonshine bottle, and a checkered tablecloth reflected Western life at this time well.

Brooks McElroy, who played the role of Curly, a cowboy, was a big and creative actor, his vocal talent displayed in his performance of "Jud and Laurie's" best singing and dancing in Scene One with the line of "the surrey with a fringe on top." In the case with last year's production, Brooks was a star through his role as a man in both pro-





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has been a dominant force in East Central educational theatre.

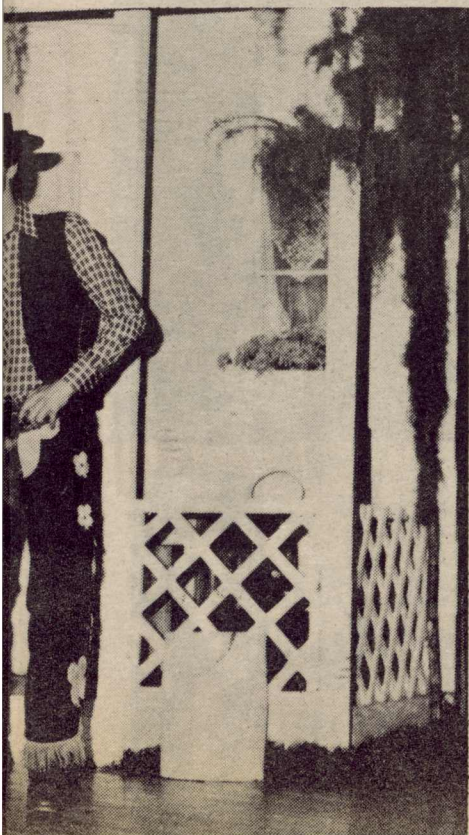
Doubtlessly the best vocal performance was given by Nelda Germany who played the part of Laurie, the female lead. Her voice quality is both pure and penetrating. Looking, sounding, and acting the part of Laurie, Nelda made her mark and was an obvious crowd pleaser. Only a freshman, we hope she will grace our stage again.

The costumes for Oklahoma were both timely and fitting. Possibly the best costumes were those of Ado Annie and Will Parker. Playing a part quite unlike herself, Kim Jones did a fan-

tastic job; and Rory Trapp has the most stage presence of the entire group.

Acted, portrayed, and played are all words commonly used to describe an actor's role creation, but possibly the highest praise that can be given to an actor is to say that he or she "became" his or her own character. This highest of praise goes to Denise Dobson and Mike Boggan who literally "became" Aunt Eller and Ali Hakim. Theirs was without a doubt the best acting in the entire production.

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'Oklahoma'... A Review

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From the wonderfully irritating laugh that Annette Hurley gave to Gerdie to the fiend that Alben Roland made Jud, the remainder of the principal characters were well played. The chorus contributed so much to the show that without it the overall effect could never have been created.

The "Dream" ballet which featured Cindy Bridges and Ricky Goss was exquisite. The acrobatic dancing of the entire company during "The Farmer and the Cowman" was very entertaining.

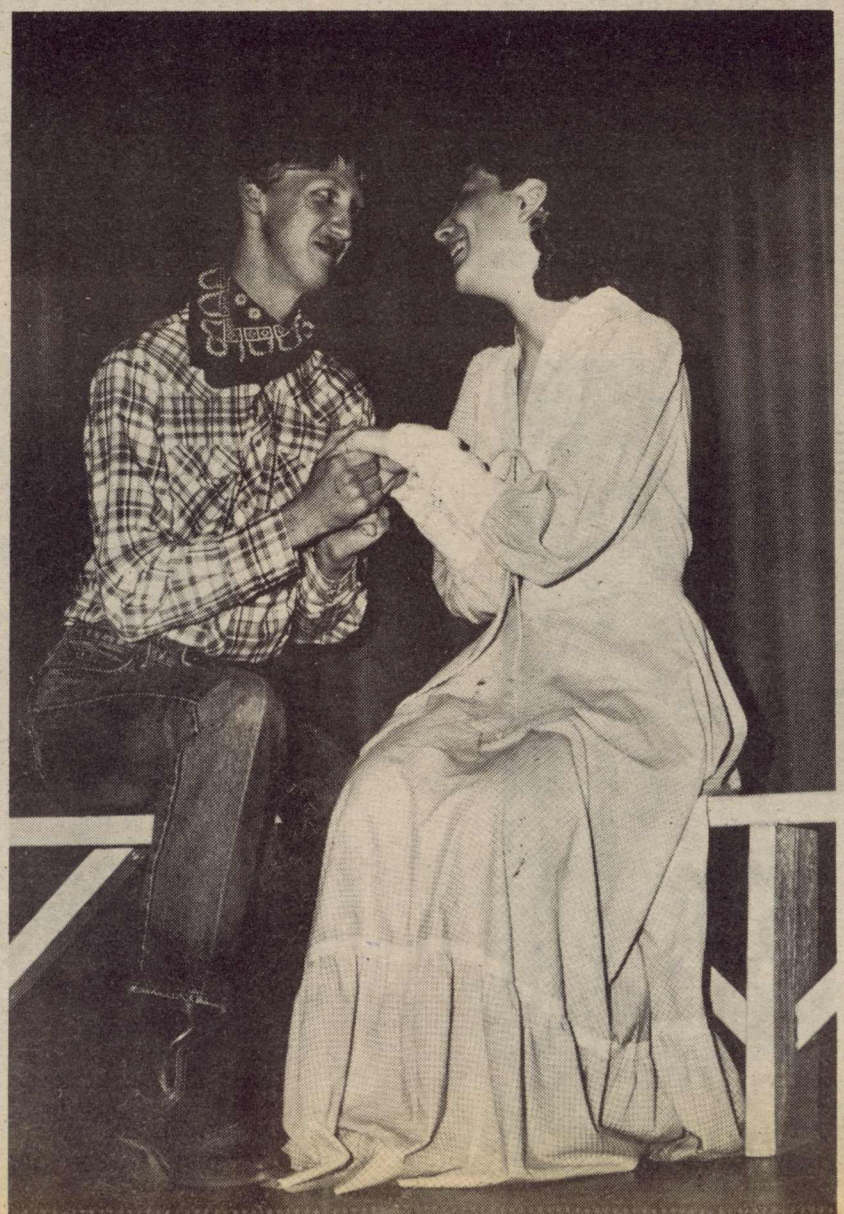
With especially nice contributions from the flute and tenor saxophone, the orchestra began and ended the production. The orchestra was very ably directed by Mr. Tom Carson, and Mrs. Marion Thornton was magnificent at the piano as always.

As is true of every production, this one was less than perfect. The most glaring defect was a certain lack of smoothness in particular places. Some of the gestures

and mannerisms seemed forced and planned, and the mark of professionalism is making planned things appear extemporaneous. As this group does not pretend to be professional, though, these things may be overlooked.

The moss, which was one of the most beautiful set accessories, seemed out of time and place in Oklahoma. However if Shakespeare's characters "heard the clock strike" before it was ever invented, I suppose this may be permitted also. My only other negative comment, and the most easily correctable, is that the dialogue was rushed, and many of the lines were lost. This should be remembered for future reference.

The director, Mr. Bruce Peterson, deserves the highest praise for his effort, and Eliza Harkins and Chris York are the unsung heroes. The entire company and everyone involved is commended, praised for a very entertaining production that rivals any Oklahoma production that I have seen.





Patty Wilson & Rory Trapp

Wilson and Trapp win in 'Who's Who'

During the recent Who's Who elections, the student body selected Patty Wilson and Rory Trapp to be Mr. and Miss East Central Junior College.

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Patty has been very active during her short stay at East Central. Patty transferred from Hinds at the beginning of her sophomore year, and has been quite a blessing to the student body.

Majoring in elementary education, Patty is the president of the Student Education Association. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, and they must be very proud of the many honors that she has received. She was elected sophomore homecoming maid, and she was chosen to be a member of the Warrior Corps. Patty is also a varsity cheerleader.

Patty wishes to thank the student body for their support in the election, and she said, "I am both thrilled and

proud to be elected to this honor. I would like to thank everybody who supported me. It is like a dream come true!"

Rory E. Trapp, who graduated from Union High School, was chosen Mr. ECJC. Rory is a sophomore majoring in Liberal Arts at East Central, and he plans to transfer to Mississippi State in communications.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Trapp must be very proud of their son who is the student body president here at East Central. Rory was listed in "Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges," and he is an active member of the Players. He has participated in both musical productions, and last year he received an "Outstanding Player Award." Rory enjoys creative writing, acting, and drawing; and he wishes to thank everyone who supported him in the election.

Congratulations to everyone who was elected to a Who's Who position.

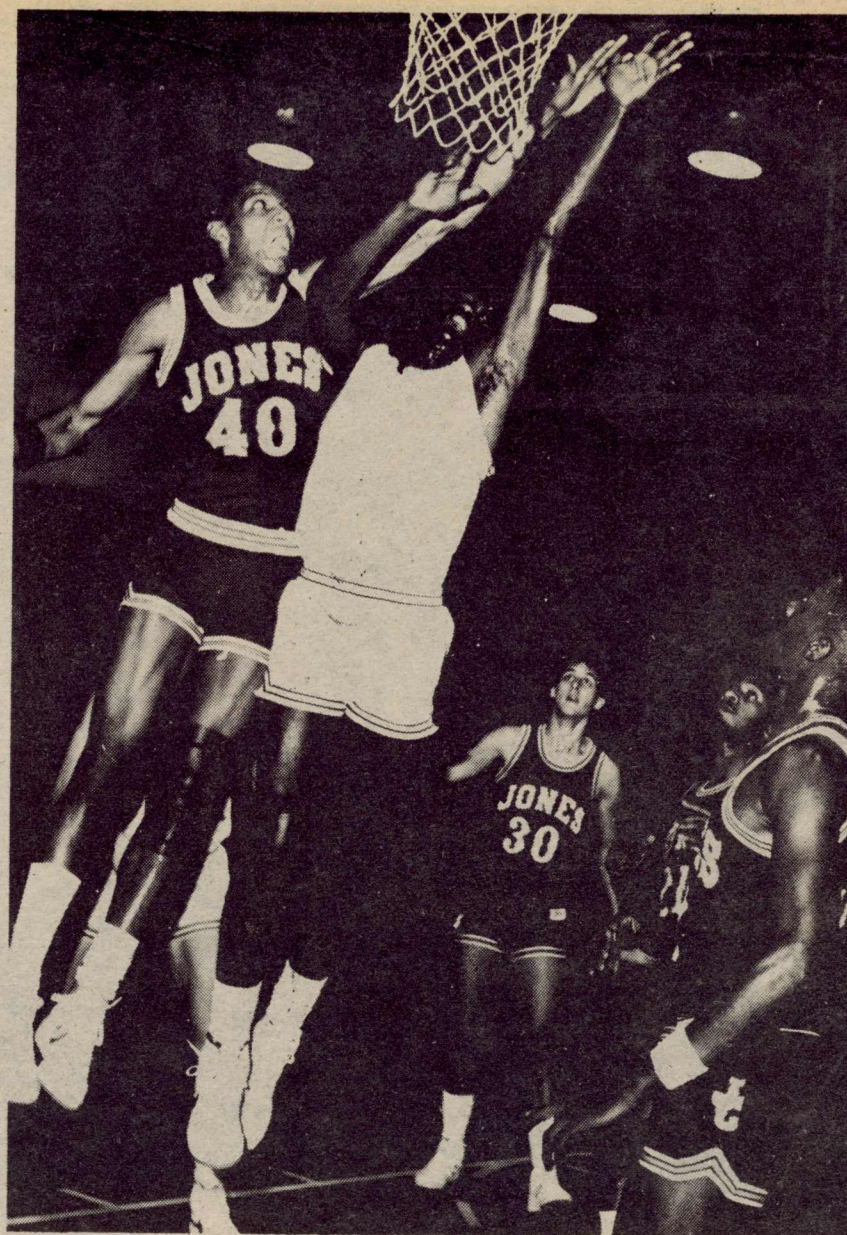


The East Central Junior College Choir under the direction of Dr. Charles Hinson, is planning their spring concert for the last Thursday in April

Hall Of Fame Nominations

Nominations for the Hall of Fame of East Central Jr. College are now open. A student, faculty member, or administrator may nominate a graduating sophomore for consideration. Criteria for selection are (1) contribution to the school, (2) Extra-curricular activity participation, (3) Academic Achievement, and (4) Potential for Future Success.

All nominations should be in letter form and turned in at the communications office by March 20. All letters should be signed. A faculty committee will make the final selection.



Both men's and women's basketball action was exciting as East Central teams participated in the state tournament. The tournament was held here at East Central.

GOLF SCHEDULE

Spring, 1985

Monday, March 4.....Hinds
 Tuesday, March 19.....Pearl River
 Monday, March 25--
 Friday, March 29.....Gulf Coast
 Wednesday, April 3.....East Central
 Tuesday, April 9.....Southwest
 Thursday, April 18.....Copiah-Lincoln
 Monday, April 22--
 Friday, April 26.....Meridian

State Tournament

April 30 - May 1.....Bossier City, LA

Region 23 Tournament

April 30 - May 1.....Bossier City, LA

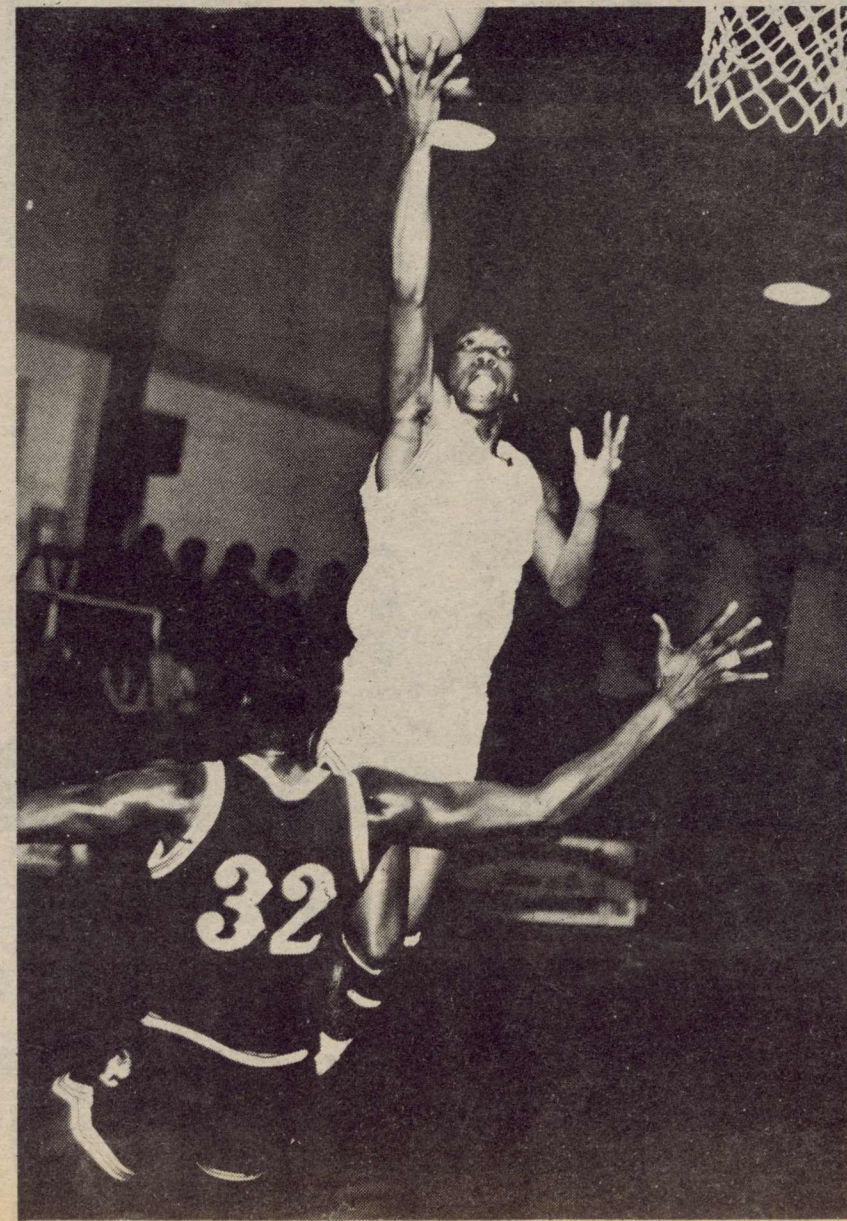
TENNIS SCHEDULE

Spring, 1985

Wednesday, March 6	Jones	There
Friday, March 22	Meridian	Here
Tuesday, March 26	Miss. Delta	Here
Thursday, March 28	Hinds	There
Wednesday, April 10	Jones	Here
Thursday, April 11	Hinds	Here
Monday, April 15	Miss. Delta	There

State Tournament

April 24-26 Meridian



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Hall of Fame Inductees--Receiving the "highest" honor on campus were Charles Edwards (seated in tree) and (l. to r.) Andy Thaggard, Tina Hollingsworth, and Chris Gilmer.

Hall Of Fame Members For 1985 are named at ECJC

Four East Central Junior College students were named to East Central's highest honor, the Hall of Fame. Charles Edwards, Chris Gilmer, Tina Hollingsworth, and Andy Thaggard were selected by a faculty committee from faculty and student nominations.

Selection to the Hall of Fame is based on character, scholarship, participation in campus activities, and potential for future achievement. All members of the Hall of Fame must be graduating sophomores with at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Charles Edwards, from Sebastopol, is majoring in pre-veterinary science. During his sophomore year, Charles was

President of the BSU, vice-president of the Warrior Corps, a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Mu Alpha Theta, chairman of the Election committee, and a member of the curriculum committee.

He was selected to membership in Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. During his freshman year, Charles was an SBA representative. This summer, he will serve as a student missionary in Alaska. Charles plans to attend Mississippi State next year.

Chris Gilmer, a Forest High School graduate, is majoring in English and journalism here at East Central. This year, Chris is Editor of the *Tom-Tom*, President of Mu Alpha Theta,

and vice-president of the Student Education Association. During Chris' freshman year, he was vice-president of Le Cercle Francais, the French Club.

Chris is a member of the ECJC Players, having participated in both Dinner Theatre productions. Chris is secretary of Phi Theta Kappa, and he was chosen to participate in the University of Mississippi Scholars Bowl. He will attend the University of Southern Mississippi next year.

Tina Hollingsworth, of Lake, is majoring in pre-nursing. Tina is the President of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of the ECJC band, and an officer of the BSU. Tina is a member



Dr. Eddie Smith with wife Charlotte

Dr. Smith Named President Of ECJC

By CHRIS GILMER,
Editor

"Never make important decisions without careful consideration", is the motto of Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Dr. Smith will succeed Dr. Charles V. Wright as President of East Central Junior College. After assuming his new position on July 1, 1985, Dr. Smith plans to set short and long term goals for East Central; and he promises to be both fair and flexible in achieving them.

Dr. Smith, 42, earned his doctorate with emphasis on higher education at the University of Southern Mississippi; and he is presently serving as Dean of Instruction at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in Wesson, Mississippi. Before assuming this position, Dr. Smith served as Executive Dean for that college's Natchez branch. Dr. Smith is married to the former Charlotte Flowers of Natchez, and they are the parents of two children.

Twice nominated as "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" and "Outstanding Young Educator," Dr. Smith has also been named "Outstanding Young Man of America in

1970" and "Outstanding Educator in American Colleges and Universities in 1974."

Dr. Smith believes that the greatest assets he will bring to East Central are planning and organization, and he credits the present administration in these areas also. He believes that East Central has a definite mission to fulfill in the five-county area, and he plans to push for recruitment that will lead to higher enrollment. Creating and maintaining a positive public image for East Central will also be a prime consideration.

"One of the best physical plants of any junior college in the state," is what Dr. Smith said of our campus lay-out; and he credits the present administration with this. "It shows innovative thinking on the part of Dr. Wright and the Board of Trustees. Another asset is East Central's computer system, which has modernized and standardized procedures. Probably the greatest asset that East Central has to offer is a faculty that is genuinely interested in the welfare of the students."

My Point Of View

By CHRIS GILMER
Editor in Chief

As you probably know, I have spent most of this year writing about the negative aspects and shortcomings of students, administration, and government, parts of a total picture that needed to be corrected. Feeling it my responsibility as much as my privilege, I have not modified any news story or opinion to make it more acceptable, hoping that my attempt at truth would help to preserve something I felt worth preserving. Saving the best for last, however, it is with more job, but no less enthusiasm, that I wish to examine a more positive aspect of this institution, some people that deserve special recognition.

After close consultation with Merriam-Webster, I have decided that devotion is the word for which I am searching, it being a stronger word than

dedication. There is a select group of individuals on this campus who are "ardently dedicated and loyal" to the students and ideals of East Central Junior College. Realizing that no one person is perfect in judgement or deed, and that some are less perfect than others, it is still only fitting to commend this group as a collective body.

One who possesses the action or power to move the intellect or emotions is nothing less than inspirational; and whether giving new life to the century old characters of literature and history, bridging the Atlantic to make European cultures understandable, or simply teaching students to function in a social society, this group characterizes inspiration well. Whether teaching the discipline courses in the most practical way possible, sponsoring student groups in extra-curricular activities, or just smiling and

offering a needed word of encouragement, this institution could not function without them.

Speaking in the first person, I say a very personal "thank-you" to those among this group who have made my transition easier, but further take the liberty to express the appreciation of the entire student body. (A more personal word from each individual student might be more appreciated.)

Surely by now you have guessed the identity of this group, the teaching faculty and staff of East Central Junior College. This editor realizes that they do bleed when they are cut, but they are also too often underrated. They have many good ideas that will help make East Central an even better place for students to begin, and most will voice these opinions when, and if, they are asked.

Dr. Smith Is Named President Of ECJC

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Because Dr. Smith has not yet assumed his responsibilities, it would not be practical to make broad statements concerning his policies. He does, however, plan to do a thorough assessment of the situation before definite plans are made. Dr. Smith, who is himself a graduate of East Central, said that he enjoyed being a student

here and that this appointment is especially meaningful to him.

Dr. Smith firmly believes that "there is a place at East Central for anyone who wants to come here," and he hopes to prove this to prospective students. We extend the very best of wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Smith in this most noble undertaking.

Four Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

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of the ECJC Players, and secretary-treasurer of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau. She plans to further her education at the University Medical Center.

Andy Thaggard, of Philadelphia, is majoring in pre-medicine. Andy has been active in musical activities on campus, working with the Col-

legians, the choir, the band, and the orchestra. Andy is vice-president of Phi Theta Kappa, an officer of the BSU, and a member of Mu Alpha Theta.

He was chosen to participate in the University of Mississippi Scholars Bowl, and served as chairman of the group. Andy plans to attend Ole Miss.

Student Body Officers Are Elected For 1985-1986 School Year

By DARRELL MANGRUM
Feature Editor

The new 1985-86 Student Body Association officers have been elected. They are: Greg McNair, president; Randy Hayes, vice-president; Lori Harrell, secretary; and Annette Hurley, treasurer. These new officers have the difficult task of providing leadership for the Student Body Association throughout the upcoming year.

Greg is a resident of House, Ms., and is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McNair. At Neshoba Central, Greg was a member of the student council and Beta club. He played football, basketball, and baseball. At East Central, Greg, who is a pre-pharmacy major, serves as president of the freshman class and is a member of the Warrior Corps and Mu Alpha Theta.

Randy is a graduate of Scott Central High School, and he lives in Forest. Randy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hayes. In high school, Randy was a member of the student council and the Beta Club; and served his senior class as president. Randy is an engineering major, and he is a member of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, Mu

Alpha Theta, and Warrior Corps. Randy is also freshman class treasurer.

Lori is a pre-nursing major from Decatur. She is a graduate of Decatur High School. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lavell Harrell. At Decatur, Lori was a cheerleader, secretary of the student council, secretary of the Beta Club, and a member of Mu Alpha Theta. At East Central, Lori is a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and the ECJC Players. She will be serving as a cheerleader next year.

Annette is a liberal arts major from Little Rock, Ms. She is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hurley. At Beulah Hubbard, Annette was a member of the Library club and student council; and she was a class officer. Annette also served as president of the Beta Club. At East Central, Annette is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, and the ECJC Players.

This group will meet prior to the fall semester to discuss plans for the first few days of school. They are all very qualified and capable of fulfilling the duties of their offices. The student body wishes to congratulate them on being selected.



SBA officers for 1985-86 are: (seated l.to r.) Annette Hurley and Lori Harrell. (standing l. to r.) Randy Hayes and Greg McNair.



Dr. Wright displays the "Michael Bennett Distinguished President Award."

Dr. Wright Awarded Distinguished President Award For 1985

Once again Dr. Charles V. Wright, President of East Central Junior College, has honored this institution by receiving special recognition for his service to education. At the recent Phi Theta Kappa National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Wright received the "Michael Bennett Distinguished President Award for 1985."

In an interview, Dr. Wright stated that he and Mrs. Wright were "pleased" to be invited as the special guests of Dr. Margaret Mosal, National Phi Theta Kappa Director; and they were thrilled when Dr. Wright was presented with this coveted award in front of some 1400 students." He received a standing ovation.

Dr. Wright stated that he was especially pleased to be honored by Phi Theta Kappa because

that group is itself a very special organization. Dr. Wright said, "Phi Theta Kappa honors academic achievers regardless of their field of study. It brings together the brightest minds from all academic areas and encourages continued scholastic achievement. I think that Phi Theta Kappa is simply great."

Dr. Wright, who came to East Central in 1966, has been very supportive of Phi Theta Kappa, as well as the other worthwhile organizations on campus. He has brought about many changes here at East Central, and he has attended many Phi Theta Kappa functions, such as the national convention held in Biloxi, Mississippi. Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Wright for his support over the years and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Graham, Hollingsworth & Wright To Leave ECJC

By ALBEN ROLAND

Three members of the E.C.J.C. faculty will not be returning next year. They are Mrs. Martha Graham, Mrs. Charles V. Wright, and Mr. Edgar Hollingsworth.

Mrs. Graham came to East Central in the fall of 1967 with a degree in English and history and a Master's Degree in Psychology. During her eighteen years at East Central, she has taught general psychology, educational psychology, adolescent psychology, marriage and family, foundations of education, improvement of reading, and speed reading.

Mrs. Graham has been in charge of the annual for the past thirteen years. She has been the main photographer during this time, not only for the annual, but also for the paper and other school public relations. Every year, with the exception of 1985, Mrs. Graham has been in charge of the Miss East Central Junior

College Pageant.

She attended summer school at Mississippi State last summer and will be returning this fall as an accelerated student in architecture. When she receives her degree, she plans to move to Brazil and practice architecture there. Mrs. Graham says that she will miss East Central. In addition to having taught here, she also graduated from East Central. She says that ECJC students are the greatest in the world.

The second faculty member who is leaving is Mrs. Charles V. Wright. Mrs. Wright has been a member of the business department since 1966. She came to East Central from Jones Junior College where she also taught business related courses.

She and Dr. Wright will be retiring to their home in Crossgates. While Mrs. Wright was a member of the faculty here, she saw her three children, Dr. Charles Wright, Jr., of

Olney, Texas, Mr. David Wright of Arlington, Texas, and Mrs. JoAnn Wright Sanders, of Yazoo City, Ms., graduate from East Central.

Mrs. Wright says that she has enjoyed her years at East Central, and that the greatest joy of teaching has been seeing her students go into the business world and succeed.

Mr. Edgar Hollingsworth, Radio and T.V. repair instructor, has taught at East Central sixteen years in this vocational field. In his final year, he is teaching electronics.

Mr. Hollingsworth will be leaving East Central this May to go into full-time business for himself selling and repairing satellite antennas. He says that he has enjoyed his sixteen years here, especially those he spent teaching radio and television repair. He advises students to keep searching for the occupation they enjoy and never give up until they find it. There is something out there for everyone.



Meet the people who have brought you this year's TOM-TOM. Front: Darrell Mangrum, Feature Editor; Cecilia Waggoner, reporter. Back l. to r.: Chris Gilmer, Editor-in-Chief; Anna Wolverton, reporter; Greg Beard, sports editor; and Bill Vaughn, news editor. Not pictured are Ada Moreau, reporter, and Mrs. Carrie Alford, sponsor.

A Tribute To Dr. Charles Wright

By CARRIE ANN ALFORD

When I came to this campus to interview for a job fifteen years ago, I walked into Dr. Wright's office and expected to be greeted with questions about my work experience, my theories of education, or my

college grades. Much to my surprise, the first question Dr. Wright asked me was, "What kind of work do you do in your church?" After I answered the question, he told me that on the campus of East Central he wanted to have a Christian at-

mosphere. I was impressed with the man then; I am still impressed fifteen years later. I have not always agreed with what he did, but I have always respected his right as president of this institution to do what he thought best. I believe that no matter what decision he made,

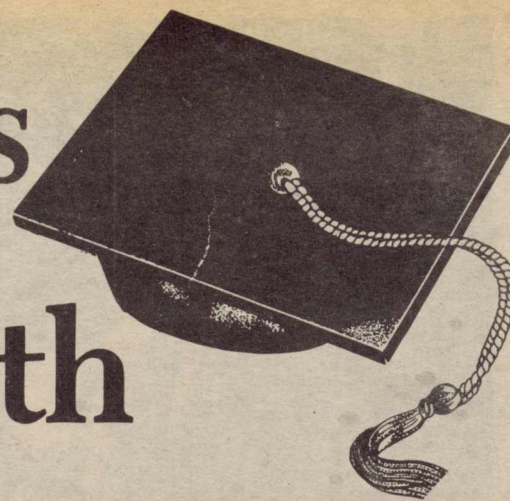
he was doing what he believed best for East Central Junior College.

A look across the campus will show the accomplishments of Dr. Wright. The new buildings--the library, Newton Hall, the gymnasium--all reflect Dr. Wright's concern with

creating a beautiful, serviceable campus. The physical facilities are among the best in the state; it is for this that Dr. Wright will be remembered. He came to a campus with turn of the century, run-down buildings, and he left the modern campus we have today.

Graduation Exercises

To Be Held May 10th



By **DARRELL MANGRUM**,
Feature Editor

On Friday, May 10, 1985, at 8:00 P.M., the fifty-sixth graduation exercises of East Central Junior College will be held. The exercises are scheduled to take place on Warrior Field; however, in the case of inclement weather, the exercises will be held in Huff

Auditorium.

There are 117 candidates for graduation in academic and technical programs. These hope to earn Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Applied Science degrees. There are twelve candidates for intensive business certificates and forty-nine candidates for certificates in other

full-time vocational programs. Those serving as ushers are: Al Lucas, Greg McNair, Greg Nowell, and Darrell Mangrum.

All the faculty will also participate in caps and gowns. Academic identification colors on hoods worn by the faculty members indicate the highest degree earned and the college attended. The color of the tassel

indicates the subject area of the faculty member. Those holding degrees in science will be wearing gold tassels. A white tassel represents the arts, and green represents physical education. Blue represents education, and pink represents music. Metallic gold represents terminal degrees.

Graduation is a time to bring

to an end one phase of life and begin another. This special time is greeted with both feelings of sorrow and joy. Some who graduate will go out and find a job while others will continue their education. Wherever these people go, they will remember ECJC and the lasting impression made upon their lives during their short stay here.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION April 23, 1985

ACADEMIC

Adams, Cynthia Ann, AS
Alford, Ellen Suzanne, AA
Bailey, Christie Marie, AA
Barrett, Joe Dwayne, AAS
Bell, Johnny Wayne, AS
Bell, Tommy Joe, AAS
Blount, Kenneth M., AA
Breedlove, Sharon Dawn, AA
Brown, Michael Glynn, AA
Brumett, Gene, Jr., AS
Bufkin, James Ladell, AAS
Cade, Edwin Paul, AA
Callahan, Thomas Michael, AAS
Cline, Kenneth E., AS
Coleman, Sherry Ann, AA
Coleman, Susan Marie, AA
Cooksey, Wanda D., AA
Cox, Amy Marie, AA
Dickerson, Kenny R., AA
Dolan, Annette, AAS
Dooley, Lisa Leonora, AA
Edwards, Bennett Dee, Jr., AA
Edwards, Charles Mac, II, AS
Edwards, Jackie Lynn, AA
Eichelberger, Andrea Joy, AA
English, Anna Elaine, AA
Evans, Alton Ray, AS
Ezell, Wanda Jeanne, AA
Fulton, Laura Denise, AA
Gallaspy, Becky Lynn, AA
Gardner, Lisa Gaye, AAS
Garvin, Andrew Bruce, AA
Gill, Johnny Tremain, AA
Gilmer, Amanda Lynn, AAS
Gilmer, Christopher C., AA
Goss, Ricky Dale, AA
Gray, Melissa A., AS
Greenwood, Charles Ray, AA
Griffin, Sandy Jeanette, AAS
Griffith, Ricky Allen, AA
Guthrie, Tina Carol, AAS
Hand, Jeffery Allen, AS
Haralson, Vicki S., AAS
Hardin, Marsha Buntyn, AAS
Hardy, Sheila, AAS
Hare, Gary Franklin, AA
Harkins, Eliza Theresa, AAS
Harrell, Peggy S., AAS
Harris, Britt Alan, AA
Holder, Melissa Carol, AA
Hollingsworth, James W., AS
Hollingsworth, Rhonda
Patrenia, AS

Howington, Marsha Suzette, AAS
Hoyt, Teresa Darlene, AAS
Hull, Teresa Ann, AS
Hurley, Ralph Daniel, AA
Isaac, Darlene Ann, AA
Jones, Kimberly, AAS
Johnston, JoAnn Anthony, AA
Keeton, Sharon Rhenae, AAS
Lassetter, Dan B., AAS
Lee, Tammy, AA
Lewis, Robert Michael, AAS
Lique, Roger Merrill, AS
Love, Ella Mae, AA
McLendon, Darlene M., AA
McMillan, Arthur H., AA
Miller, Miki Chapman, AAS
Miller, Penny Renee, AAS
Milling, Melissa D., AAS
Moreau, Ada Elizabeth, AA
Ogletree, Jeff Morgan, AS
Parkes, Luke Lamar, AA
Perry, Teresa Lynn, AA
Pierce, Kenny Lee, AAS
Porter, Cindy Ann, AA
Reese, William Neal, AS
Rigdon, Alesia DeAnn, AA
Risher, Laurie Dennis, AA
Roberson, Ginger Lynn, AA
Rogers, Judson Allen, AAS

Roland, James Daniel, AAS
Rushing, Karla Pennington, AA
Russell, Debbie Carol, AA
Russell, Cindy Carol, AA
Sanders, Deborah Marie, AAS
Shivers, Mollie Elaine, AAS
Sistrunk, Wanda Lyn, AS
Smith, Angela Delphine, AA
Taylor, Mary Felicia, AA
Thaggard, Anson Lee, AS
Thompson, Kenneth Claude, AA
Trapp, Rory E., AA
Turner, Matthew Lenny, AA
Van Devender, Kim Mangrum, AAS
Walker, Johnny Alexander, AA
Wall, Susan Elise, AS
Wallace, Cheryl Lynn, AA
Warren, Keith L., AAS
Weeks, Steven Lee, AA
Williams, Amy Louise, AA
Williams, Douglas H., AS
Williams, Joe Edward, AS
Willis, Raymond, Jr., AAS
Wilson, Allison Y., III, AAS
Wilson, Patricia M., AA
Winstead, Sharon Michelle, AS
York, Christine, A., AAS

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION February 7, 1985

VOCATIONAL

Intensive Business-Clerical

Bates, Mary Elaine
Bolton, Sharon Renee
Jenkins, Vera Ellen
Jordan, Linda Meria
Lang, Teresa Crosby
Watkins, Donita Richardson

Intensive Business-Secretarial

Andrews, Michelle
Boler, Lesia Ann
Bufkin, Carol M.
Myers, Lynn
Stone, Kim
Turner, Teresa Lynn

Automotive Body & Fender Repair

Gray, Charlie R.

Automotive Mechanics

Jones, Joe Clyde, Sr.

Carpentry & Cabinet Making

Catchings, Don L.
Hatch, Alan D.
Logan, James Glenn
McDaniel, Garey
Myricks, David F.
Oswald, Timothy W.
Riley, James
Schilling, Leroy Edward
Simoneau, Daniel Thomas
Wilson, William Lewis

Cosmetology

Haralson, Bethany A.
Hillman, Melissa K.
Moore, Freida
Walters, Cheryl Ann

Electricity

Chaney, James A.

Machine Shop

Carmichael, Henry Oree
Clark, Robert G.
Crimm, Larry Lynn
Nye, William W.
Thompson, Tim

Masonry

Amos, C.D.
Berryman, Edgar Albert

Johnson, Charlie Ray
Mitchell, Lee Q., Jr.
Wash, David L.

Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

McGee, Mark

Welding

Sikes, Douglas A.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION December 20, 1984

Associate in Arts

Arinder, George Wayne
Dolan, Richard Adam
Hillman, Tanya Wona
Holmes, Annie Fean
Mercer, Dessa Doyle
Simmons, Daniel Gregory
Spence, Arthur Mike
Stewart, Carla

Associate in Science

Underwood, Thomas Louis

Intensive Business

Purvis, Cordie Elizabeth
Sparkman, Bridgett Lynne

Auto Body & Fender Repair

Burke, Michael C.
Johnson, William

Auto Mechanics

Craig, Michael J.
Massey, Herbert Lavon
Moore, Larry Everette
Peritt, Herman C. (Jr.)

Carpentry & Cabinetmaking

Glass, Tracy

Cosmetology

Moore, Mariel Gwendolyn
Peacock, Margaret

Masonry

Henry, Dwight

Welding

Buckner, Mack
Cleveland, Tommie L.
Crowther, Oliver F., Jr.
Davis, Charlie C.
Hoye, Grady
Hunter, Robert L.
Permenter, William Bradley
Taylor, Jackie
Walker, Quincy Charles





Awards Day Held Thursday, April 25

Throughout the school year, there always seems to be a great amount of activity going on. In the classroom, students prepare speeches, write essays, program computers, and learn such skills as cabinet-making, hair design, and automobile repair. Outside of the classroom, endless extra-curricular activities are always going on. Intramural sports, dramatic shows, musical concerts, and a variety of other events occur daily.

At the end of each year, a day is set aside to award those who have shown a special talent or skill in their areas of study. Awards Day was held for the 1984-85 school year on April 25, during activity period.

Many people were awarded during Awards Day. The following people were recipients of awards: Danny Seminole, Cabinet-making; James Robins, Carpentry; Stacie Dyess, Electricity; Larry Crimm, Machine Shop; Mark McGee, Refrigeration; Charlie Ray Gray, Paint and Body Shop; Charlie Gray and James Lovell, Special awards; Cheryl Walters, Vocational Student of the Year; Marsha Hardin, Technical Student of the year; Danny Roland, DAR Award; Mike Kirkland, ROTC; Charles Moore, Military History; JoAnn Johnson, Recruitment; Elaine Bates, Intramurals; Chris Gilmer, TOM-TOM, Amy Cox, ECJC Singers; Denise Dobson, Players; Chris Gilmer, Secondary Education; Stan Hardy, Mathematics; and Stan Hardy, Chemistry.

Along with the departmental awards were many Alumni and Faculty Memorial Awards. They were as follow: William Griffin Alumni Award for Men's Intramurals - Tracy Glass; Earline Wood Alumni Award for Women's Basketball - Beverly Chambers; Howard Sessums Memorial Award for Men's Basketball - Johnny Gill; Andrew Webb Memorial Award for Football - David

Pleasants; Jack B. Mayo Memorial Award for Phi Theta Kappa, Chris Gilmer; Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Memorial Award for Speech - Rory Trapp; Aletha Chaney Memorial Award for English - Chris Gilmer; Sara Carr Deaton Memorial Award for Secretarial Science - Elaine Bates; W.A. Coursey, Jr. Memorial Award for Engineering - Roger Liquey; Danny Killins Memorial Award for Engineering - Johnny Bell; Dr. Edwin Miller Memorial Award for Medical Services - Charles Edwards; Opal McMullan Dickinson Memorial Award for Elementary Education - Patty Wilson; Billy Wayne Baucum Memorial Award for Secondary Education - Brooks McElhenny; Wallace Bedwell Memorial Award for Business, Debbie Russel; Ruth Hull Memorial Award for Home Economics, Teresa Perry; Frank Edwin Leatherwood Scholarship Award for Biological Sciences, Marcia Mason; J. Andy Miller Memorial Award for Engineering - Thomas Bishop; and Charles Pennington Memorial Award for Secretarial Science - Teresa Hoyt.

At the end of the ceremony, some very special awards were given. First, the Citizenship Award was given to Charles Edwards for his outstanding personality, character, and leadership. Finally, a very special group was honored. These are the students included in East Central's Hall of Fame, the highest honor on campus: Tina Holingsworth of Lake, Andy Thaggard of Philadelphia, Charles Edwards of Sebastopol, and Chris Gilmer of Forest.

Congratulations is extended to all the award recipients. It is those who strive for excellence who make our institutions of higher learning the great places that they are.



Players Banquet Honors Outstanding Members

The ECJC Players banquet, held recently on campus, was a very gala event at which members of the Players were honored for outstanding leadership, acting, service, or participation in other capacities. Mrs. Martha Graham and Dr. Charles V. Wright were honored as "Outstanding Players" for

their tireless service to Players over the years. The delicious buffet style meal was prepared and served by Mr. Leonard Lee and the staff of ARA Services.

Receiving awards for acting, dancing, characterization, singing, serving on crews, or being

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Marcia Mason Is Elected President Of EC's Phi Theta Kappa

By STAN HARDY

The Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently selected its 1985-86 officers. The new officers were chosen by the outgoing officers and approved by the entire chapter.

Chosen as president was Marcia Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mason of Newton. Marcia is a graduate of Newton County Academy and is majoring in Pre-Medicine.

Selected as vice-president was Darrell Mangrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Mangrum of Decatur. Darrell is a graduate of Decatur High School and is majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

Chosen as secretary was Annette Hurley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hurley of Union. Annette is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, and she is majoring in Liberal Arts.

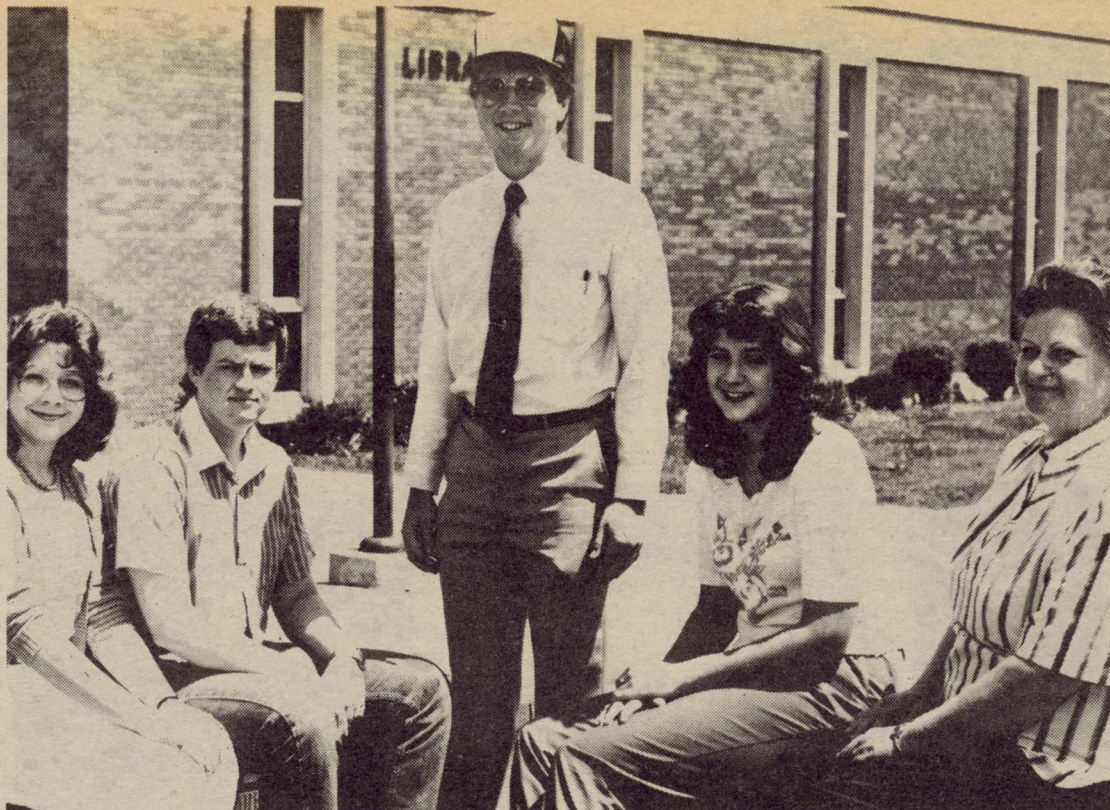
Selected as treasurer was Mrs. Marguerite Dennis of Philadelphia. Mrs. Dennis is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, and she is major-

ing in Liberal Arts since she resumed her education here at East Central. The chapter will select a historian at a later date.

After the selection of officers, a presentation was made by Barry Reynolds, the former national president of Phi Theta Kappa. Reynolds, now a student at USM, complimented East Central President Dr. Charles V. Wright for receiving the "Michael Bennett Distinguished President Award" for 1985. Reynolds related the experience of running for a national office, and he told of some of his experiences as president.

He explained that Phi Theta Kappa was a very special organization, and he encouraged each member to be active on the local, state, and national levels. He also challenged the officers to be creative with their new leadership roles.

Phi Theta Kappa is the national honor fraternity of community and junior colleges throughout the entire nation. Sponsors of Theta Xi Chapter are Mrs. Ann Burkes and Mr. Rudolph Mayes.



Pictured are 1985-86 Phi Theta Kappa officers (left to right) Marcia Mason, president; Darrell Mangrum, vice-president; (center: Barry Reynolds, past national president and guest speaker) Annette Hurley, secretary; and Marguerite Dennis, treasurer.

Thaggard & Edwards To Serve As Summer Missionaries This Year

By ANNA WOLVERTON, Reporter

Two sophomores at East Central, Andy Thaggard and Charles Edwards, have been appointed through the Mississippi Baptist Student Union to serve as summer missionaries. Andy and Charles attended the orientation at Gulfshores Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian. Seventy-four other student missionaries attended the meeting, which is only two students short of the record of seventy-six.

Andy will be going to Santee State Park in the central part of South Carolina. He will be working as chaplain and recrea-

tion director for the park area. Andy will leave on June 1, and return on August 9. When asked to comment on his feelings toward this new experience, Andy replied, "There are a lot of questions in my mind, some of which won't be answered until I arrive; nevertheless, I'm excited about the opportunity."

Charles will be traveling to Fort Yukon, Alaska. This is above the Arctic Circle in the northernmost part of the state. He will be working in the remote villages of the Athelaskan Indians. He will be working with children in Vacation Bible School and other kinds of Bible studies. Charles will be leaving June 5, and will

return on August 11.

Charles shared his enthusiasm by saying, "I've heard many things about Alaska, particularly the Fort Yukon area. Some things have been interesting, and others have not. Despite the fact that mosquitos there thrive on summer missionaries' blood and a newspaper can't be read outside day or night, I am really looking forward to meeting the people and the challenges that the Lord will send my way this summer."

All the support given during our various fund raising activities for student summer missions is greatly appreciated.



Joy Eichelberger displays one of her many athletic honors.

Eichelberger Scores 1,292 Points

By GREG BEARD Sports Editor

Joy Eichelberger, a sophomore here at East Central, has been very active in almost every aspect of campus life during her two-year stay. She has participated in many activities, and she has distinguished herself in more than a few areas. Most recently, Joy was chosen to play in the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Star Game which was held in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Joy was one of only seven girls who were chosen from east of the Mississippi River. She also played on the Mississippi Junior College All-Star team, and was elected to serve as one of the team captains.

Among the athletic awards that Joy has won are: First Team All-State and South Division, All-Region 23, "Koda-K" All-District IV, and Second Team All-American. Joy was also chosen as Homecoming Queen, and she was listed in Who's Who Among American

Junior Colleges. Here at East Central, Joy also served as President of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Since Joy scored 1,292 points in 54 games, her picture will be placed in our trophy case. She has scored the most points ever scored by an individual player in ECJC history. The student body would like to congratulate Joy and her coach, Lucille Wood, on the outstanding honor which they have won for themselves and for East Central.



During The Past Year...

Collegians Are "Class Act" Performing Group

The ECJC Collegians provided quite a diversion from studying as they ably performed the music of Prince, Madonna, Laura Brannigan, Lionel Richie, and many other contemporary musicians at their recent campus concert. If you sat in the balcony, then you know that Huff Auditorium was literally "rocking" as a large crowd enjoyed the vocal performances, instrumental solos, and original choreography.

The magnetic energy of the performers and the brilliance of the costumes created an overall effect that was enjoyable to all ages. Congratulations to Mr. Tom Carson, director of the group, for putting together a "class act" year after year. We hope that this tradition will continue, because the Collegians are among the best ambassadors that are sent out to represent East Central to prospective students.

New Cheerleaders Are Chosen

By THOMAS BISHOP

The ECJC cheerleaders for 1985-86 have been selected. First time cheerleaders for the Warriors will be: Stacie Therrell, Sharon Arrington, Lori Harrell, and Marzette Jernigan. Returning from last year's squad are: Tracy Williams, Donna Miller, and Kim Hamil.

Stacie Therrell, from Philadelphia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Therrell. She has been a high school cheerleader for four years. Her interests include playing the piano and singing. Stacie plans to major in accounting at East Central.

Sharon Arrington is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Arrington. She attended Newton High School, where she was a member of the basketball team. She plans to major in Business Administration.

From Decatur High School

comes Lori Harrell, a pre-nursing major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lavell Harrell. She was a high school cheerleader for four years, and was also a member of her high school student council. On campus, she is involved in the Players, and she had a part in the spring musical.

Marzette Jernigan comes to East Central from Neshoba Central High School. At Neshoba Central, Marzette is involved in extra-curricular activities such as the high school band. Marzette plans to major in Liberal Arts here at East Central.

Tracy Williams, from Newton Academy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams. She is majoring in Liberal Arts, and she was a high school cheerleader for four years. Her hobbies include playing golf and cross stitching.

A graduate of Neshoba Central, Donna Miller is the daughter of Ms. Viki Peltoniemi. In high school, Donna was a cheerleader for two years. At East Central, she is majoring in Liberal Arts. Her interests include: sports, dancing, and swimming.

Kim Hamil is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hamil. She attended Philadelphia High School where she was a cheerleader for two years. Her hobbies include horseback riding, swimming, and dancing. She is majoring in communications.

At East Central, cheerleaders assume a number of responsibilities. These responsibilities include: summer practices, preparation for pep rallies, cheering at athletic events, and making signs for the gym and football field. As you can see, being a cheerleader is not all fun and games.



Players Banquet

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a part of the chorus or orchestra were: Mike Boggan, Ada Moreau, Toby Pace, Chris Gilmer, Darrell Mangrum, Denise Dobson, Stan Davis, Annette Hurley, Philip Pinter, Victor Coker, Cindy Bridges, Ricky Goss, Ginger Roberson, and Alben Roland.

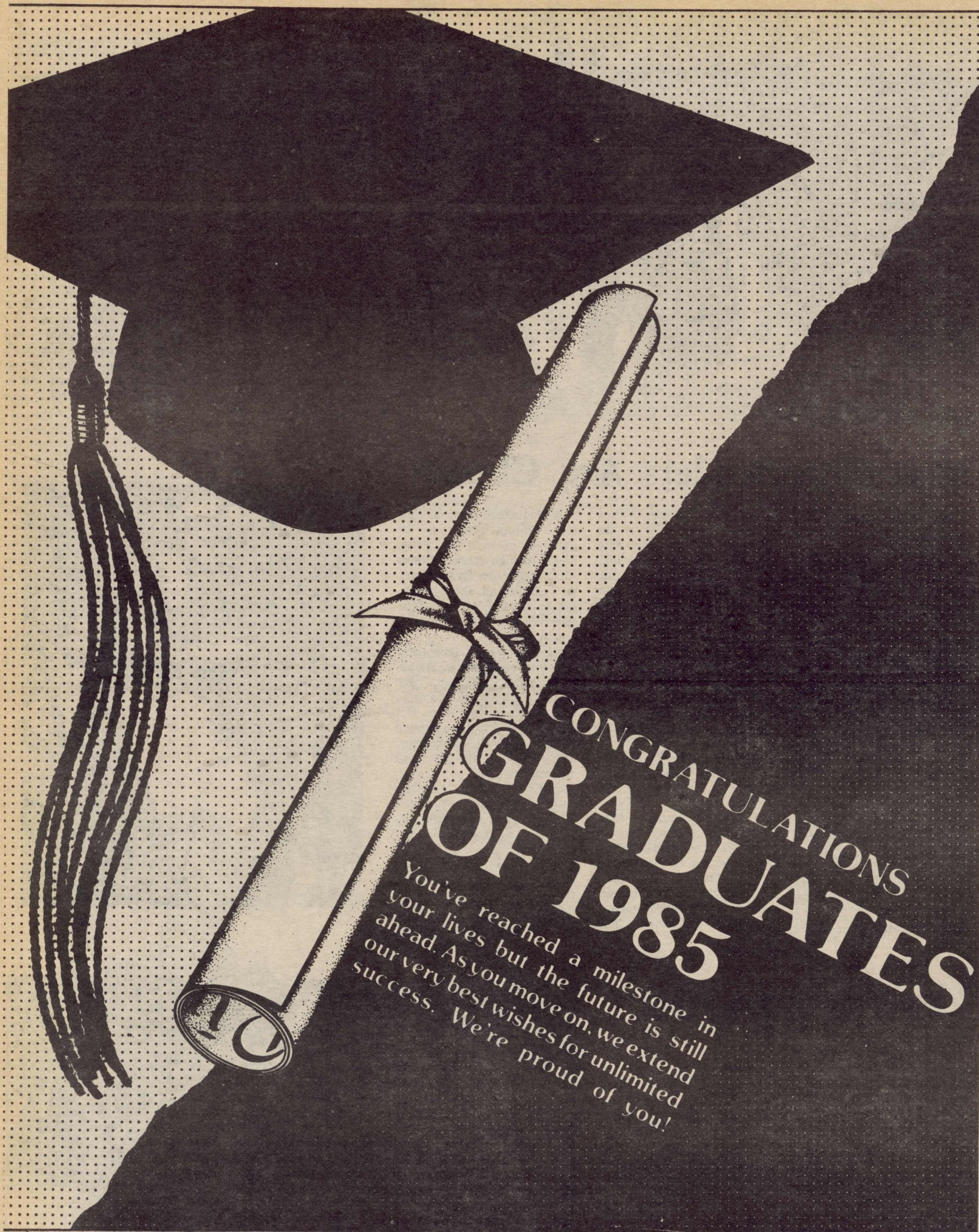
The following people received acting awards: Mike Boggan, Nelda Germany, Brooks McElhenny, Kim Jones, Rory Trapp, and Denise Dobson. The "Outstanding Players" were: Jimmy Tingle, Pammy Armstrong, Pam Bane, Tina Hollingsworth, Boyd Germany, Donna Miller, Tracy Williams, Melissa Holder, Amy Cox, Danny Bryant, Stan Davis, Johnny Walker, Darlene

McClendon, Eliza Harkins, and Chris York.

Entertainment for the banquet was provided in the form of a skit by Stan Davis, Boyd Germany, and Danny Bryant. Kim Jones and Lawrence White also performed a favorite song by Anne Murray.

Dr. and Mrs. Wright, faculty members and their husbands or wives, and students who are members of the Players all came together to recap the events of the year and to honor those who excelled. The banquet was great fun for everyone who attended. Officers for the Players are Amy Cox, Eliza Harkins, and Ada Moreau. Johnny Walker was in charge of the decorations.





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Dr. Eddie Smith:

Administrator, Alumnus

by Aprille Watts

Since 1963 Dr. Eddie M. Smith has looked on East Central Junior College as an alumnus; beginning July 1, he looks on East Central as an administrator and parent, as well as an alumnus.

As both president of the college and the parent of a freshman student, Dr. Smith has evaluated East Central's many strengths. As president, he feels EC has a highly qualified and concerned faculty that directs a wide variety of programs which are excellently organized to parallel with and transfer to senior colleges. However, a more fatherly view of East Central sees its size as a major strength. He feels students at East Central get more individual attention from faculty and also have more activities offered to them than freshmen and sophomores do at a senior college where the activities would be dominated by upper classmen.

Even with its strengths Dr. Smith has found specific things he would like to change

or improve to make East Central better. One of these goals relates directly to the students by making orientation and registration more convenient and less worrisome to them.

Orientation this year was held two days in the fall for freshmen; however, in the summer of '86 there will be five days of orientation scheduled throughout the summer for the '85 - '86 freshmen. Also this semester advanced registration will be held in November. While pre-registering each student will be assigned a faculty member to advise them in course selection and scheduling.

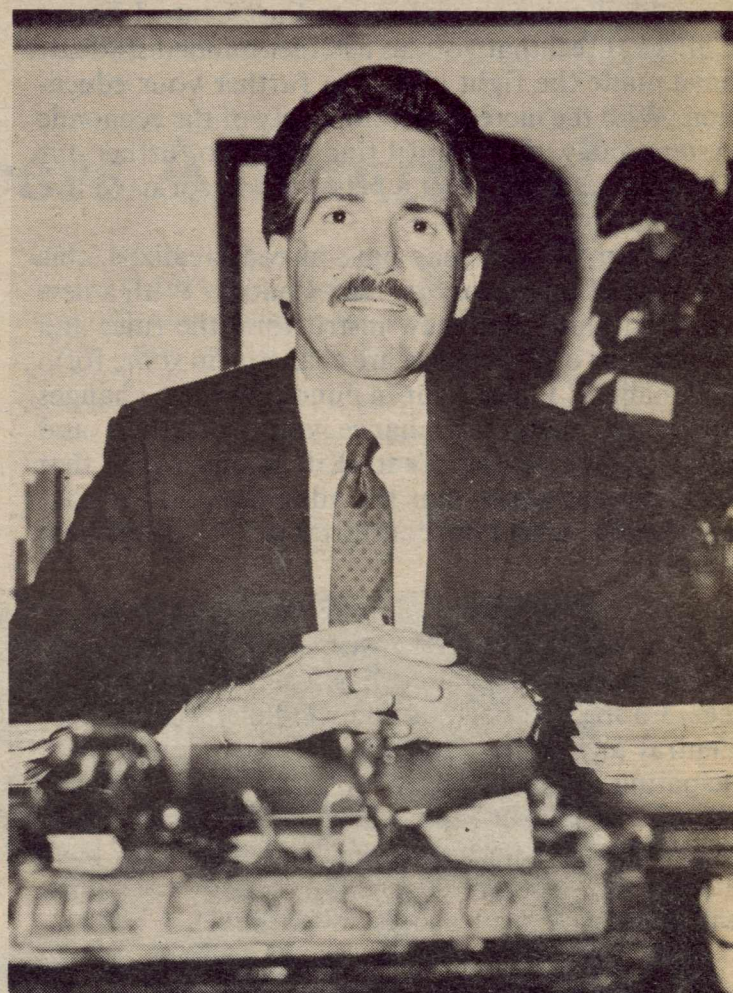
Another goal of the new President is to focus on the alumni and their support. Dr. Smith feels that alumni who feel a part of East Central are the best recruiters available. Homecoming will begin the revitalization of alumni by featuring a full itinerary of activities. There will be reunions of different classes and the 1970 football team. Also, this year more awards will be given to distinguished alumni and faculty than in the past.

Traditionally, the homecoming parade will generate spirit for the game, and the homecoming court will be presented at halftime to cap the festivities.

Not only is Dr. Smith the capable President of East Central, he and his wife Charlotte have two daughters, Kelli 21, who is a senior at Mississippi majoring in Pre-Med and Wendy, a freshman at East Central.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Smith are members of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church and have become involved in community organizations such as the community concerts. Also, Dr. Smith is a member of the Decatur Lions Club, and Mrs. Smith is a member of the Progressive Womens Club, of Decatur.

When asked how the beginning of his presidency of East Central was going, Dr. Smith enthusiastically replied, "We are enjoying East Central and my position mainly because of the students, faculty, and administration here - They are ECJC."



Dr. Eddie M. Smith

To Be Presented During Halftime...

Homecoming Court Is Selected At ECJC

Excitement filled the air as ECJC students awaited the results of the homecoming election. After a runoff, the suspense was finally broken.

The 1985-86 Homecoming Queen is Cindy Bridges of Philadelphia. As a sophomore, Cindy is a member of the ECJC Players and the Mu Alpha Theta. She is also a Centralette.

Serving as Maid of Honor is Alice Thames of Union. Alice is a sophomore majoring in Secondary Education. She is a Centralette, a member of the Warrior Corp, ECJC Players, President of the Student Education Association, and sophomore class secretary.

The sophomore class is represented by Joycelynn Gunter of Newton, Annette Triplett of Noxapater, and Teresia Wolf of Forest. Joycelynn is majoring in math education and is captain of the Centralettes. Annette is a member of the ECJC Gospel Choir, and her major is Intensive Business. Teresia is also majoring in Intensive Business, and she is drum major of the ECJC band.

Maids representing the Freshmen Class are Michelle Murphy, Stacie Therrel, and Stacy Steele, all of Philadelphia. Michelle is majoring in Physical Therapy and is serving as a Centralette. Stacie is an ECJC Cheerleader, and her major is undecided. Stacy is in the Gospel Singers, a Student Body Representative, and is majoring in Liberal Arts.



The 1985-86 Homecoming Court includes: (l to r) SOPHOMORE MAIDS - Joycelyn Gunter, Annette Triplett, Teresia Wolf, (standing) Alice Thames - Maid of Honor, Cindy Bridges - Queen, FRESHMEN MAIDS - Stacie Therrell, Stacey Steele, and Michelle Murphy.

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From The Editor...

Welcome

By Bill Vaughn
Editor

Fellow students, on behalf of the Tom-Tom staff, I would like to welcome you to East Central Junior College. I feel that you, as a career minded student, have made the right choice to further your education. With the increasing complexity of the economic system today, we all must find a way to further our knowledge to construct a better world for us to live in tomorrow.

As many of you may have already realized, this is a year of transition for East Central. With a new president and many new instructors, the rules and regulations of the college are changing in some form and manner. Please bear in mind that these changes are being made to enhance your education and lifestyle here at East Central. It is imperative that each student know that the administration is concerned only with how comfortable you feel at East Central.

Once again, I'd like to wish each and every student a hearty welcome to East Central Junior College. I hope that each of you will take pride in East Central and show it throughout the year by participating in one or two of the many activities that are offered to you here at East Central. Remember to study hard and make the good grades that your parents want to see. Your willingness to work hard will determine your success or failure.

East Central has many opportunities to offer its students. Not only does it have an excellent academic program, but it offers many extra-curricular activities that the student may participate in. To name a few of these activities, there are the Collegians, the Centralettes, the band, football, baseball, basketball, and many others that might be of interest to the student. The only way to enjoy these programs is to participate in them. Participation is always encouraged throughout a student's college life.



Members of the Tom-Tom staff for this year are Bill Vaughn, editor (seated); Russell Dennis, reporter, Greg Beard, sports editor, Renee Hamilton, reporter, and Leanna Breazeale, typist.



Other Tom-Tom staffers are Aprille Watts and Amy Carleton (seated), Ann McGee, Michelle Chaney, Shavon Goodman, reporters; Carl Cleveland and Shelia Hashima, feature writers; Rick Smith, typist, and Darrell Mangrum, reporter.



Mu Alpha Theta officers are: (l to r) Dr. Shelby Harris - Sponsor, Phoebe Gray - Secretary, Stan Hardy - Social, Darrell Mangrum - President, and Randy Hayes - Treasurer.

Mangrum To Serve As President Of Mu Alpha Theta

By Darrell Mangrum

Mu Alpha Theta, the math club, has selected officers to serve during the 1985-86 school year. Darrell Mangrum will serve as president; Greg McNair, vice president; Phoebe Gray, secretary; Randy Hayes, Treasurer; and Stan Hardy, social chairman.

Darrell is an engineering major and attended Decatur High School. Greg is an optometry major from Union and attended Philadelphia High School. Randy is an engineering major from Forest and attended Scott Central High School. Stan is a computer science and math major from Philadelphia and

attended Neshoba Central High School. Dr. Shelby Harris is Mu Alpha Theta sponsor.

Mu Alpha Theta was organized on East Central's campus in 1981 and is one of 22 junior college MAO chapters in the state. East Central's MAO Chapter was the first junior college chapter to attend a national convention in the convention's 15-year history. That convention was held during the first week of August this past summer in Honolulu, Hawaii. The convention next year is in Miami, Florida. All interested members should contact Dr. Harris for more information.

Enrollment Increases For '85 Session

By Bill Vaughn

East Central is one of the few junior colleges with an enrollment increase for the 1985 school session.

Eight hundred fifty-one students are enrolled full time at East Central this semester, as compared to 847 enrolled last year. The academic curriculums contain five hundred fifty-six students, while the technical area of study involves one hundred forty-two students. Studying in the vocational field are one hundred fifty-two students.

The five-county area sends a total of seven hundred eighty-seven students to East Central this semester. These counties are represented as follows: Scott 122; Leake, 82; Newton, 252; Neshoba, 246; and Winston, 85. Thirty-three

students come from other counties throughout the state, while thirty-four students come from other states.

This year the females rule the campus with four hundred thirty-two students, while the males are a little behind with four hundred seventeen students. Of these figures, five hundred fifty-six students

are freshmen, while two hundred ninety-five students are sophomores.

Aside from the regular class schedule, East Central is offering five night classes off campus. Four of these classes are being offered at Choctaw Central, and the other class is being offered at the Philadelphia - Neshoba

County Vo-Tech Center. The night classes being offered at Choctaw Central are child psychology, basic concepts of math, art appreciation, and introduction to typing. The night class being offered at the Philadelphia - Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center is English Literature. Educational Television courses are

also being offered in introduction to computer concepts and introduction to sociology. Continuing Education is offering classes in aerobics, painting, basic refrigeration and air conditioning, and basic D/C electricity. All of these courses combined contain approximately one hundred students.

New Faculty Members Announced

By Michelle Chaney

Ten new faculty members have been added for the 1985-86 school year.

J.C. Arban, graduate of the University of Southern, has become a part of East Central's faculty as Assistant Football and Head Baseball coach. A native of Poplarville, Arban has been coaching for over 26 years. Most recent positions were held at the University of Southern Mississippi and Pearl River Junior College. At USM he earned a degree in PE and BE. Arban is married to the former Faye Farragut of Moss Point, and they have two children Scott Arban and Lisa Shelton.

with a BS in Computer Science and a MS in Engineering Science. Fulton held the position of part-time Graduate Instructor at Ole Miss. Fulton is formerly of Oxford MS.

Mrs. Leesa Lee Graham joins East Central's faculty as Keyboard Instructor. She attended East Central and then Mississippi State earning her BME and MME. She has taught private piano lessons and was employed at Hickory before coming to East Central. Mrs. Graham is married to Jeff Graham of Decatur.

Mr. Larry Gressett has been hired as Men's Basketball Coach. Before coming to East Central, Gressett coached

Gospel Choir Is Organized At ECJC

By Sharron Goodman

With the beginning of each school year comes the old and the new. Among the new at East Central this year is the East Central Junior College Gospel Choir.

The choir recently met for their organizational meeting and elected officers. The officers are: president, Sharon Goodman of Decatur; Vice-President, Jerri Dean White of Noxapater; secretary-treasurer, Charlene Kirksey of Philadelphia; corresponding secretary, Demetra Moore of Louisville; director, Fred Hall of Newton.

Mrs. Lawrence Tingle is serving as faculty advisor for the group and according to her "organizing the E.C.J.C. Gospel Choir is one of the best things that could have happened on campus." Mrs. Tingle said that almost all of the members of the group already have experience in choir singing because they have sung in their local church choirs.

Mrs. Tingle also stated that the choir has already gotten invitations to churches in the East Central district; however, the main event planned for this semester is the Fall Concert that the choir will present in the Fine Arts Auditorium on November 18th.

The E.C.J.C. Gospel Choir along with Mrs. Tingle anticipates a great year.



New members of the faculty include: (front, l to r) Mr. Hal Fulton, Mr. Wayne Hill, Coach J.C. Arban, Mr.

Gene Davis, (back, l to r) Coach Larry Gressett, and Coach Sammy Pace.

Mrs. Lilia Briseno, born and reared in Mexico, has been hired as Spanish instructor. Briseno has been in the United States 15 years, living in Chicago, Detroit, Bay Springs, and Decatur. She is married to Dr. O.J. Briseno. They have four children: Alexander, Javier, GiGi, and Gabriel.

Mrs. Brenda Bynum has been added to the Vo-Tech as Business Technology Instructor. Bynum was a graduate of East Central, earning her AA in Secretarial Science. At Mississippi State, she earned a BS in Business Education and a MS in Vocational Education. Before East Central, Mrs. Bynum was employed at Meridian Junior College and ECJC Philadelphia - Neshoba Vo-Tech Center. Mrs. Bynum is married to Bob Bynum. They have two children Jennifer and Matt.

East Central has a new Dean of Students, Gene Davis, formerly of Perkinston. Dean Davis got his education at Mississippi State, earning his BS and MED in Physical Education. Before coming to East Central he was Dean of Men at Gulf Coast Junior College. Dean Davis attended East Central in 1969-70.

Hal Fulton has been employed as Computer Analyst and Computer Science Instructor. Fulton was educated at Ole Miss

Basketball and Baseball at Clarke College. He attended Mississippi College, receiving his Bachelors in Math and Masters in counseling. Gressett is married to the former Ruth Mabry of Lake. They have three children, Dan, Brad, and Erin.

Mr. Wayne Hill has been hired as Auto Mechanics Instructor. Hill attended Mississippi State earning his BS in Trade and Industrial Education, and Masters. Before returning to East Central, Hill was Automotive Instructor at Itawamba Junior College. Hill is married to Sandra Smith of Carthage. They have three children Shellye, Renae, and William.

Mr. George Lynn of Forest has been hired as Electronics Instructor. Prior to his employment at East Central, he was part-time instructor at East Central, and Service Manager at Thompson Motors. Mr. Hill attended East Central and graduated from numerous Air Force Training Centers.

Hired as Women's Basketball coach for East Central is Mr. Sammy Pace. Pace has coached at Hickory and Scott Central. Before coming to East Central he was Attendance Center Principal at Sebastopol. Pace earned his AA at East Central, BS in Bio and General Science, and MED in College Education at Mississippi State. Pace is married to the former Virginia Barret of Forest. They have two children, Amy and Jennifer.

Homecoming Court

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The court was selected from a field of forty-eight students. Nominated for Homecoming Queen were Cindy Bridges, Becky Gallaspy, Alice Thames, and Tracy Williams.

Thirteen girls were nominated for sophomore maids: Allison Adams, Alice Dawkins, Elaine English, Teresa Gorden, Lisa Greenwood, Joycelynn Gunter, Lori Harrell, Annette Hurley, Katrina Myers, Patty Reeves, Cindy Bridges, West Thomas, Annette Triplett, and Teresa Wolf.

Nominees for freshmen maid were Pennie Bailey, Leanna Breazeale, Amanda Cassel, Ashlie Chipley, Kathy Culwell, Alice Foster, Suzzette Hall, Wanda Held, Tracy Hudnall, Jennifer Jernigan, and Connie Jordan.

Other nominees were Debbie Love, Joyce Moore, Virginia Morris, Michelle Murphy, Marion Nichols, Carla Parker, Jennifer Russell, Kelly Smith, Michelle Stanley, Shirley Steele, and Stacy Steele.

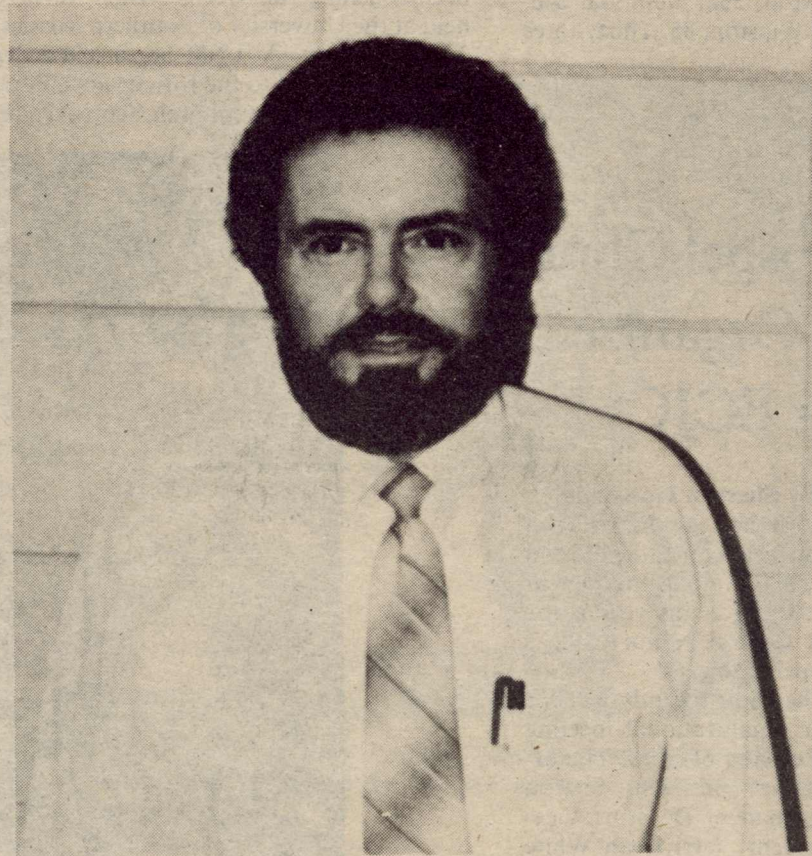
Also nominated were Delaine Strait, Valerie Strait, Mia Stribling, Stacie Therrell, Janet Tullos, Cindy Watkins, Susan Williamson, and Jennifer Young.



Coping top honors in the talent show were Lawrence White, Stan Davis, Boyd Germany, and Danny Bryant.



Bruce Guraedy



Alfred Bailey

Vocational & Academic Instructors...

Bailey & Guraedy Named Outstanding Instructors

Mr. Alfred Bailey and Mr. Bruce Guraedy were announced as East Central Junior College's "Outstanding Vocational and Academic Instructors of the Year", respectively.

Guraedy, a native of Forest, has been the art instructor at ECJC for 10 years. His courses of instruction include Drawing, Design, Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture, Art Appreciation, Art for Teachers, and Art History. He also conducts Continuing Education night courses in Adult Painting and Intensive Crafts.

A graduate of Forest High School, Guraedy continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi

where in 1975, he received his BA in Art with a minor in Communications with emphasis placed on photography, cinematography and radio-television production. In 1974, he was presented with a certificate in Art Education from USM. He received his Masters degree in 1976, also from USM. Further graduate work has been completed at Mississippi College and Mississippi State University.

Guraedy is a member of the Mississippi Junior College Faculty Association, East Central Junior College Faculty Club in which he has served in the capacities of President, Vice-president, and Legislative Representative,

and the USM Alumni Association.

His art works have been exhibited throughout the state of Mississippi and are also the property of many private collectors throughout the Southeast and Northwest region of the United States.

Married to the former Linda Kay Knighton, Guraedy has one three year old son, Jason. They reside in Newton and are members of the Christ Lutheran Church in Meridian.

Mr. Al Bailey, chosen as the "Vocational Instructor of the Year has been an instructor of Remedial Related Studies in the Vocational department of ECJC since January, 1972. A native Scott

countian, he attended East Central and went on to receive his BS from the University of Southern Mississippi, and his Masters from Mississippi State University. He has had additional work at Memphis Tech, Memphis Area Vocational School, University of Tennessee, and Memphis State.

Bailey has demonstrated a high level of leadership ability while serving as chairperson on several committees within the vocational department. Each year he has worked in some capacity as a faculty advisor of the VICA club.

He is involved in his major professional organizations including the Mississippi Junior College Faculty Association,

Mississippi Association of Vocational Education Special Needs Person (MAVESNP), American Vocational Association, ECJC Faculty Club, and VICA.

Bailey is actively involved in the Chapel Hill Development Club and the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, where he holds the position of Deacon and Church Clerk. He is also a Moderator of the Bethany Baptist Association.

He is married to the former Freda McKee and they have 2 children, Al - 12, and Allison - 6 years of age.

Everyone is invited to attend Homecoming activities on October 19 and join in honoring these two "Outstanding Instructors of the Year" for 1985-86.

ECJC Players Plan For '85 Dinner Theatre

By Dennis Russell

The ECJC PLayers are enthusiastically making plans for the Dinner Theatre, November 13, 14, and 15. They will present three one-act plays.

A slate of officers for the coming year has been selected. Stan Davis will serve as President; Toby Pace, vice-president; Annette Hurley, secretary; Darrel Mangrum, play reading; Boyd Germany, Chairman.

Auditions for the Dinner Theatre were held Tuesday, October 15. Any student who is interested in joining the players may still do so.



Second place talent winners were Wendy Smith and Lawrence Smith with their vocal rendition.

Staff Attends The Annual Fall Conv.

Members of the Tom-Tom staff attended the Fall convention of the Mississippi Junior College Press Association in Natchez, October 10-11.

Highlighting the conventions were workshops on Newspaper advertising, sales and feature writing. Jim Elsberry, advertising manager for the Natchez Democrat

talked about the proper approach for advertising sales. Carolyn Smith and John Matthews led the workshops on feature writing.

Tom-Tom staffers attending the convention were Bill Vaughn, editor; Carl Cleveland, Greg Beard, Aprille Watts, Michelle Chaney, and Mrs. Carrie Ann Alford, sponsor.



Officers for the ECJC Players are: (sitting, l to r) Toby Pace - Vice President, Annette Hurley - Secretary, (standing, l to r) Stan Davis - President, Boyd Germany and Darrell Mangrum - Play Reading Chairmen.

Chamblee Elected To Serve As President Of Sophomores

Phillip Chamblee of Carthage was elected to serve as president of the sophomore class. The election, which was held for the first time during the Homecoming elections, featured twelve candidates for the five positions.

Other sophomore class officers were also selected.

Darrell Mangrum of Decatur was elected vice president. Alice Thames of Union was selected secretary. Lisa Greenwood of Louisville was named treasurer. Representatives are Anna Wolverton and Kendall Welch.

Chuck Nance beat out four

other candidates for president of the freshman class. Vice president is Mia Stribling from Philadelphia. Stacie Therrell of Philadelphia was elected secretary. Doug Clemons was chosen treasurer. Stacie Steele and Marzet Jernigan were chosen representatives. They are from Philadelphia.

VICA Club Plans For Blood Drive Oct. 24

By Sharon Goodman

East Central's Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA) elected Andre' Mosley of Carthage as President for 1985-86 school session.

Other officers are: vice president, Darrel Quick of Edinburg; secretary, Randy Kilgore of Hickory; treasurer, Kristi Miller of Meridian; reporter, Earl Talley of Philadelphia; chaplain, Billy Clemons of Philadelphia and parliamentarian, David Sorrels of Hickory.

According to Mr. Lester Miles, VICA advisor, membership has doubled this

year compared to last year's enrollment. Miles also stated that he and the club members are planning many activities for the school year.

The first activity planned is a blood drive on Thursday, October 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Each year East Central's VICA club participates in the state competition. Miles said this competition will take place next semester in Meridian and in order to participate, the club has to have some type of funds.

To raise funds, the club will run the concession stand at East Central's football games and will also probably have a

candy sale during next semester.

VICA will also host the VICA district competition for area high schools.

Miles stated that VICA is the largest club on campus and that "We always have an outstanding membership each year." He also stated that during this past summer two VICA members from East Central competed in the national competition in Phoenix, Arizona. He continued with the point that he is looking forward to the upcoming year. In his words, "We've got the people in the club to do a great job and the staff to back them up."

HOMECOM

Cooper, Oliphant Honored As 'Alumni Of The Year'

Mr. Joe Mulholland of Philadelphia, President of East Central Junior College's Alumni Association, announces that Mr. Carl Cooper and Dr. Beverly Henry Oliphant will be honored as "Alumni of the Year" at the Homecoming festivities scheduled for Saturday, October 19, on the College campus.

Mr. Cooper was an outstanding student at East Central and has been a strong supporter of the college through the years. He is presently Senior Vice-President of Medical and Rehabilitation Services, Inc., a Rehabilitation Management Company owned by the Mississippi Methodist Hospital and Rehabilitation Center.

Cooper was born on August 28, 1939. He is married to Louise Blount Cooper, a former classmate at East Central. Mrs. Cooper works with the Newton County School System as Public Relations Director and book-keeper for Food Services. They reside in Decatur with their two children, Mike, age 16, and Tam, age 13. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper give two "Doug Cooper Memorial Scholarships" to East Central each year in memory of their son. Cooper is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W.H. Cooper of Carthage.

Cooper started to school in Union. He and his family moved to Carthage when he was in the third grade. He graduated from Carthage High School in 1957. He attended ECJC and graduated with honors in 1959. He received his B.A. Degree from Mississippi State University in 1961, graduating a President's List Scholar.

After graduation from college, he taught school at Northwest Junior High School in Meridian, and Bailey Junior High School in Jackson. He went to Decatur High School in 1963 as science teacher and coach.

In 1965, he was named Welfare Director of Newton County. He joined Vocational Rehabilitation Services as a general counselor in 1967, and served as a sheltered workshop coordinator, an area supervisor of SSDI/SSI, and later went on to become Mississippi's first Commissioner of the Department of Rehabilitation Services.

In 1975, he was named as the Center Director of Weems Community Mental Health Center. In 1981, he was named by Governor William Winter as the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Energy Assistance.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper owned and operated a retail clothing store in Newton and Decatur for several years.

Cooper has had an outstanding military career. He is presently Executive Officer of the 631st Field Artillery Brigade at Grenada. The Brigade is a tactical command and control headquarters, capable of controlling up to six battalions of 500 men each. He holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He joined the Army National Guard in Carthage in 1956, and has served in units in Philadelphia, Decatur, Newton, and Jackson. He served as Brigade Operations Officer in Grenada from 1980 to 1982. He was named Commander of the 4th Battalion, 114th Field Artillery in 1982 and served in that position until July 1985.

Cooper has received many decorations including the Mississippi Commendation Medal from Governor William Waller in 1974. In 1981, he received the Mississippi Magnolia Medal for meritorious service rendered to the Mississippi National Guard.

In 1974, he was named Decatur's "Outstanding Young Man." He has served on many state boards and advisory committees. He is active in boy scouting, the Mississippi Heart Association, the Athletic Booster Club of Decatur, the MSU Alumni Association, and the East Central Junior College Alumni Association. He is currently president of the Decatur Lions Club.

Cooper is a member of the Decatur United Methodist Church. He serves on the Administrative Council and is chairman of the Stewardship Committee. He serves on the finance committee and is a member of the church choir.

Dr. Beverly Oliphant was born in 1939 near Edinburg in Leake County. She is the oldest of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Henry who still live in the Edinburg community. She enrolled in the freshman class at East Central Junior College in 1957. She graduated third in a class of 94 in May 1959. She became interested in the field of medicine while at East Central Junior College as a student of Frank E. Leatherwood, instructor in biological sciences.

Beverly received her BS Degree from Mississippi State University, her Master's Degree from the University of Florida and her Medical Degree from George Washington University in

Washington, D.C.

Presently she is an Internal Medicine Specialist with the Foreign Service Section of the U.S. State Department Medical Unit. She is responsible for the ambassadors and their families, for international injuries and for accompanying the Secretary of State around the world on all trips out of the country. Her work has ranged from the Georgetown Massacre (Rev. Jones - People's Temple) to the bombing injuries in Lebanon to foreign diplomat family practice in Washington. She is an outstanding public speaker and she uses that talent to lecture at the George Washington Medical School and to speak on medical topics in the capital area and around the world.

Mrs. Oliphant is married to Frank Oliphant of the Williston community in Leake County. He is a physicist with the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory. She has three children, ages 24, 16, and 14.

Dr. Beverly Oliphant is proud of East Central Junior College and is appreciative of the role it has played in her education and in her life. She comes back whenever she has the opportunity and visits the college and the Leatherwood family.

The Alumni Association is inviting all former classmates, friends, and associates to come to the festivities of Homecoming on Saturday, October 19, and join in honoring the "Alumni of the Year".

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Pictures of the Hall of
Fame hang in the lobby
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Former Centralettes
and Majorettes will
gather in Cross Hall,
Room 11.

The last football team
to win a trophy -- the
team of 1970 -- will meet
in Cross Hall, Room 23.
Forty former players and
former coaches Ken
Pouncey and Willie
("Teeny") Coates have
been invited back to the
campus for the reunion.

CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE **Memphis, Tennessee 38152**

HOMECOMING **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** **October 19, 1985**

Registration of Guests -- Sullivan
Student Center

Tennis Tournament

Class Reunions and Group Reunions
1935--Burton Library, Mississippi
Room

1945--Burton Library, Reading Area
1955--Burton Library, Conference
Room

1965--Burton Library, Faculty Room

1975--Newton Hall, Room 92

1985--Newton Hall, Room 90

Homecoming--Newton Hall, Room 60

Homecoming Majorettes--Cross Hall, Room 11

Football Team--Cross Hall, Room 23

Dutch Luncheon--Mabry Cafeteria

M.--Tour of Buildings and Campus--

Begins at Burton Library

M.--Reception--Fine Arts Center

M.--Open House at President's Home

M.--Evening Meal for Students--Mabry
Cafeteria, Gold Room

Trade--Assemble at south entrance of
VOC-TECH Building

Alumni Banquet and Business Meeting--
Mabry Cafeteria

Block-off at Warrior Field--East Central

Crowning of the Queen at Halftime



To describe the 1985 Homecoming Queen, Cindy Bridges, one might use the words beauty, brains, and talent. Cindy, the daughter of Forrest and Freddie Bridges of Philadelphia, is a 1984 graduate of Neshoba Central.

Cindy Bridges Elected Queen

Activities for Homecoming are always an exciting part of the school year at East Central. This year is no exception because all year long the faculty, students, and staff have worked constantly to make sure all of the events planned for October 19th fall right in place.

Capturing top honors in a recent election for Homecoming Queen was Cindy Bridges of Philadelphia.

Cindy, a Neshoba Central High School graduate, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Bridges of Philadelphia.

A Sophomore now majoring in speech pathology, Cindy keeps busy around cam-

pus with classes and extracurricular activities. Cindy is a Centralette, a member of the E.C.J.C. Players and a member of the election committee. During the 1984-85 school year, Cindy was chosen as a campus beauty in the E.C.J.C. Beauty Pageant, was elected class favorite and received the E.C.J.C. Players Best Dancer Award.

Cindy plans to attend Ole Miss after graduating from East Central and as far as any other future plans, she stated that she will be in school for awhile longer if she pursues the speech pathology field. She stated that she is also interested in possibly becoming a flight

attendant someday.

Cindy works for herself as a "Beauty Control" consultant. She does color analysis by suggesting to clients what colors are best suited for them according to hair color, eye color, etc.

Swimming, running, skiing, shopping, and reading poetry are some of Cindy's hobbies.

When asked how she felt about receiving the honor of Homecoming Queen, Cindy replied that she was surprised by the election outcome and thanks everyone who voted for her.

The Tom-Tom congratulates Miss Cindy Bridges; E.C.J.C.'s 1985 Homecoming Queen.

To Begin June 11...

Three Faculty Members To Spend Sixteen Days On European Continent

By Carl Cleveland

Americans have always had a fondness for travel, especially European travel. When summer arrives again, local Americans will have a chance to indulge that fondness when three members of East Central's faculty lead a sixteen day tour of the European Continent.

Mr. and Mrs. Vickers and Dr. Harris, in cooperation with E F Tours, will be guiding the visit which begins on June 11, from New Orleans. Each of them has the experience of previous travel

with this Cultural Exchange Organization, so those signing on for the tour can expect two weeks of an efficient presentation of the highlights of Europe plus time to appreciate less well-known sights in famous cities.

The jaunt includes stops in London, Paris, Rome, and Athens. The cost of \$1395 covers airfare, accomodation, specified tourist excursions, knowledgeable guides, and transportation, as well as breakfast and dinner. An insurance plan covering unexpected medical costs is also

available. In addition to all of this, students who take the tour may receive three semester hours credit in Fine Arts.

Besides the before mentioned cities, the tour offers visits to Lucerne, Switzerland and Florence, Italy and an overnight cruise to Greece. From Athens, the group will return by flight to New Orleans.

Anyone who enjoys travel and the opportunity to see these ancient places and meet the people who inhabit them should look into the offerings of the E F Cultural Exchange

Program. Although the custom of a Grand Tour through Europe has declined during the turbulent years of the twentieth century, the great attractions still exist waiting for admiring visitors.

On this journey, people may encounter for themselves everything from the pomp of Elizabeth II and her thousand years of Royal History to the natural splendor of the White cliffs at Dover. They may

cross the channel and pass through the grandeur of the Sun King's Versailles and

travel to the magnificent Swiss Alps. Italy will offer the mysterious Tower of Pisa and solitude in the Vatican. In Athens, the birthplace of democracy, wayfarers will end their visit by becoming personally acquainted with distant Greek Lerves and legends. It will be two weeks of actually seeing, touching, hearing the sights and sounds that no book or pictures or song can ever truly make real.

Those interested should contact either of the Vickers or Dr. Harris at once and get complete details.

September 6-7...

Dr. Swor Speaks At Fall Retreat

By Darrell Mangrum
The East Central Junior
College Baptist Student

Union held its Fall Retreat at Lake Tiak O'Khata September 6-7, 1985. Dr.

Chester Swor, world famous youth speaker, led the sessions. Lloyd Lunceford, State

Associate BSU Director, led the music. Twelve East Central students, Miss Gladys

Bryant, BSU Director, and Scotty Goldman, Assistant BSU Director attended. Scott Valentine, State BSU President and Charles Edwards, a former East Central Student were special guests.

The retreat consisted of several sessions which included music and speaking. There was also a campfire service on Friday night and recreation periods each day.

The topic Dr. Swor used was "No Uncertain Sound," I Corinthians 14: 8. He placed major emphasis on the kind of sound the Christian sends out. He said, "Many times, what the Christian says and what he does are not consistent." He said that people pay more attention to what the Christian does and not what he says.

In the concluding session, Dr. Swor asked, "Are you a Catalyst or a Cameleon?" In this session, Dr. Swor dealt with those Christians who change to match their surroundings (the crowd around them). This group he called cameleons. Those who changed people around them yet remained unchanged themselves were the catalysts according to Dr. Swor.

The weekend was truly an enriching and renewing experience for all those involved. Dr. Swor's timely topic touched everyone in a very special way.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon officers are: (f to r) Randy Hayes - Vice President, Eddie Pierce - Treasurer, (back, l to r) Thomas Bishop - Secretary, Fred Hamilton - Social, and Darrell Mangrum - President.



Alpha Alpha Epsilon Elects Officers

By Darrell Mangrum

Alpha Alpha Epsilon has chosen its officers for the 1985-86 school year. Darrell Mangrum, president, is from Decatur and attended Decatur High School. Randy Hayes,

vice president, is from Forest and attended Scott Central High School. Thomas Bishop, secretary, is from Union and attended Neshoba Central High School. Eddie Pierce, treasurer, is from

Noxapater and attended Noxapater High School.

AAE will be busy this fall helping with Homecoming. The engineers are coordinating the parade and will be driving cars of honorees. A membership drive is on this

fall. Anyone majoring in engineering who is interesting in learning more about the field AAE should join. All who are interested should contact Dr. Shelby Harris, sponsor, for more information.

To Be Honored During Homecoming Activities...

Denver Brackeen To Be Inducted Into 'Athletic Hall Of Fame'

The induction of former All-American Denver Brackeen into East Central Junior College's "Athletic Hall of Fame" was announced by Mr. Joe Mulholland, President of ECJC's Alumni Association. Brackeen will be honored during Homecoming festivities scheduled for Saturday, October 19, on the college campus.

In addition to receiving a degree from ECJC, Brackeen, earned a B.S. in Physical Education and a Masters of Education from the University of Mississippi. Brackeen served as Dean of Students of East Central for a record holding 21 years. He also served in the capacities of basketball coach, Director of Admissions, Director of Guidance, and Academic Dean.

Brackeen began making history at East Central Junior College in 1949 when he elected to attend East Central over numerous other colleges. Brackeen was a top college basketball prospect because of his outstanding high school career at Hickory where he made the All-Star team for two years and helped to lead Hickory to 51 wins and 1 loss his senior year. He selected East Central because he felt that he could do better in academic work at a smaller institution and that it would better prepare him for senior college work. He also stated that if a major college wanted him when he finished high school, they would also want him when he finished at ECJC.

At East Central, Mr. Brackeen made the Junior College All-State team the 1949-50 school year; but because of the Korean conflict, he was called to active duty in January 1951 in the middle of his sophomore year. Brackeen continued his basketball career while serving in the army by playing for the 31st Division Army team. He made the All-3rd Army team and was selected the Most Valuable Player in the 3rd Army. His team was runner-up to the All-3rd Champions.

In September, 1952, Brackeen returned to East Central where he averaged 32 points per game and led his team to achieve one of the greatest success stories that the ECJC athletic department has ever recorded. East Central won the State Junior Col-

lege Basketball Championship and Brackeen was selected to the All-State Junior College team. East Central won the Regional Tournament enabling them to play in the National Junior College Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas, where they finished fourth in the nation. At Hutchinson, Brackeen set a field house record by scoring 53 points in one game. Brackeen was selected the Most Valuable Junior College Basketball Player in the Nation and was selected to the Junior College All-American Team.

Following graduation from ECJC, Brackeen was recruited by over 100 major colleges throughout the nation, but chose the University of Mississippi because he wanted to attend a college in the state and because he liked the university. His junior and senior years at Ole Miss, he was selected to the All Southeastern Conference team. His senior year he was also selected the Most Valuable Player in the Southeastern Conference, was named to the All-American Team, and was selected by *Look* as the Most Valuable Basketball Player in the 5th United States District which includes nine southern states. He averaged 28.9 points per game and was fifth in the nation in scoring.

In 1955, Brackeen was drafted by the New York Knickerbockers with whom he played for about three months. In October, 1955, he returned to East Central as the basketball coach. He stated that he returned to East Central Junior College because it was home and a place he loved. After coaching 7 years, he compiled a record of 137 wins and 52 losses.

Brackeen not only has had an outstanding athletic career, but also has a very distinguished military career. He holds the rank of Assistant Adjunct General for the Mississippi National Guard. He has served in many areas of responsibility including Secretary of the National Guard Association and member of the National Guard Association Board of Directors. He has been honored for his outstanding accomplishments by receiving the Mississippi Commendation Medal, the Mississippi



Denver Brackeen

Magnolia Cross, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Brackeen's friends and associates, basketball players

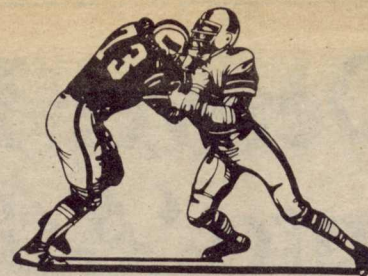
that he coached, as well as his military associates are given a special invitation to attend the Homecoming activities to join

in honoring Mr. Denver Brackeen as the first "Athletic Hall of Fame" member.

Be Sure To Attend
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On
Saturday, October 19

Final Score 16-10...

Warriors defeat Co-Lin for first victory of the season



Warrior Ernie McFarland injured during play.

By Greg Beard

E.C.J.C. vs. Itawamba

It was a heartbreaker for the Warriors who lost their first game of the season by 1 point to Itawamba.

E.C.J.C. took a 3-0 lead on its second series of the game. The Warriors went 40 yards in 11 plays before the drive ended. Luke Vaughn booted a 40 yard field goal with 8:20 remaining in the first quarter.

The Indians struck back when quarterback Mitch Eubank flipped a pass to A.Q. Brownlee, who ran 68 yards to the endzone. The extra-point attempt was good, making the score 3-7.

Itawamba scored on its next drive when Eubank connected with Calvin Thompson for a 5-yard score.

E.C.J.C. cornerback Greg Sanders intercepted a pass from Eubank to Thompson and ran 45 yards for the TD. Vaughn booted to make the score 10-14.

E.C.J.C. recaptured the lead when a short punt set the Warriors up on the Indians 36. Two pass completions put the ball on the 3 yard line and Woodrow Longmire scored on the next play.

The extra point was wide to the right and when IJC's Bell hit a 33 yard fieldgoal, the scoring ended. East Central lost the game 17-16.

E.C.J.C. vs. Holmes

The Bulldogs hit the scoreboard early when quarterback Al Capello connected with George Coleman on the 28 yard line. Coleman rushed through the startled Warrior defense to score 6. Shane Johnson hit the extra point to make the score 7-0.

Richard Basil came in to replace Rusty Davis in the second quarter. Basil completed a pass to Billy McLeod who ran for a 35 yard gain. Basil connected with Maddie, next, for a gain of 11. The Warriors fumbled on the next play and the Bulldogs recovered.

Fumbles and penalties in the second half presented any scoring by either team. The Bulldogs went on to win the ballgame 7-0.

Warrior quarterback Richard Basil completed 11 of 17 passes for a gain of 139 yards. Eric Bailey, Billy Ray Walker, Michael Graves, and Andreall Tabb were recognized as playing outstanding defense.

E.C.J.C. vs. Co-Lin

Defense was the key for the Warriors when they played Co-Lin Junior College. The Warriors took their first victory of the season 16-10.

The Warriors took a 7-0 lead in the game with about 5:00 to go in the first half. On third down and goal from the 9 yard line, Warrior Charles Ray was stopped on the 1. On the next play, Warrior quarterback, Rusty Davis kept the football and scored the T.D. Vaughn connected on the extra point to make the score 7-0 at the half.

Early into the third quarter, E.C.'s Wayne Kennedy recovered a Co-Lin fumble on the 21 yard line.

The Warriors had to settle for a field goal by Vaughn. The score stood 10-0.

Co-Lin struck back quickly with a 78 yard scoring run by Willie Holmes. Flint James booted to close the gap to 10-7. The Warriors were later forced to punt to the Wolves who moved the ball to the 36 yard line. Co-Lin connected on a field goal to tie the game 10-10.

E.C. quarterback Dewaine Salters came in for an injured Davis. Moses received Salters

pass in the endzone with :01 left in the third quarter. The Warriors missed the field goal and led 16-10.

The rest of the game was a defensive battle with neither team scoring again. The Warriors went on to win 16-10.

E.C.J.C. vs. Delta

It was an emotional game to the end, when the E.C. Warriors and the Delta Trojans deadlocked 13-13.

Delta hit the scoreboard first when Chuck Smith went over the line of defense from 1 yard out. Rodney Fulghan booted to make it 7-0.

With 7:11 to go in the quarter, delta quarterback Levon Davis dropped in the endzone to attempt a pass. Warrior Carl Porter intercepted and 23 yards for the T.D. Luke Vaughn converted to amke the score 7-7.

The Trojans took the lead

near the end of the first half when John Williams ran from the 12 yard line into the endzone. The extra-point attempt failed making it 13-7 at the half.

With 7:03 left in the game, Warrior quarterback Richard Basil saw an opening in the Trojan defense and ran 55 yards for the T.D. Vaughn missed the extra point. The score stood tied at 13.

With :05 left Delta tried a field goal that went wide to the right leaving the game at a 13-13 tie.

E.C.J.C. vs. Gulf Coast

East Central received a severe blow when they met up with the Bulldogs from the Gulf Coast. Warrior Woodrow Longmire's 95 yard run for a TD was not enough for the Warriors who lost 45-6.



Woodrow Longmire runs the ball for a long gain.



Cheering You On To Victory!

East Central Cheerleaders are (l to r) Debbie Love, Marzet Jernigen, Teresa Huntley, Regina Puckett, Stacie Therrell, Lori Harrell, Jennifer Jernigen, and Lisa Greenwood, (sitting) Kim Hamil - HEAD CHEERLEADER.

Welcome! Warrior Chief!

(Shown at right)--Cheerleaders shown with EC mascot, "Warrior Chief" are (l to r) Stacie Therrell, Regina Puckett, Warrior Chief, and Kim Hamill.



(Bottom left)--Dr. Smith and the cheerleaders welcome the "Warrior Chief" as an ECJC Fan. (Bottom right) EC Cheerleaders perform at local high school.





Centralettes for East Central are: (front row, l to r) Jennifer Russell, Zeoparah Hodge, Amy Hedrick (2nd row, l to r) Tracey Williams, Patty Reeves, Joyce Moore, Tracy Hudnall, Michelle Murphy, Wanda Held, (3rd

row, l to r) Alice Thames, Joycelynn Gunter - Captain, Susan Williams - Assistant Captain, Cindy Bridges, Melinda Pullin.

Centralettes: 'Golden Girls'

**By Bill Vaughn
Editor**

A group of young ladies, sometimes called the "golden girls," are working their way into the hearts and minds of many of the men at East Central. Better known as the Centralettes, these girls deserve

every bit of praise that is given to them.

Being a member of the Centralettes means hard work, sacrifice, and lots of practice to achieve perfection. The Centralettes practice every day in the Fine Arts building or on the practice

field for one to two hours. While other students are sleeping or "cruising" the campus with friends, the Centralettes are practicing their dance routines to perfection.

The members of this prestigious group are: Joycelynn Gunter of Newton,

captain; Amy Hedrick of Newton; Jennifer Russell of Newton; Patty Reeves of Decatur; Joyce Moore of Decatur; Tracy Williams of Newton; Melinda Pullin of Philadelphia; Susan Williamson of Philadelphia; Zeporah Hodge of Union; Tracy Hud-

nall of Hickory; Michelle Murphy of Philadelphia; Alice Thames of Union; Cindy Bridges of Philadelphia; and Wanda Held of Union.

The student body really looks forward to seeing the Centralettes perform for the remainder of the year. Good luck to the "golden girls."



Student Body Association of-
ficers are: (l to r) Randy Hayes
- Vice President, Greg McNair
- President, Mr. Gene Davis -
Dean of Students, Annette
Hurley - Treasurer, and Lori
Harrell - Secretary.

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1985 Homecoming Queen Cindy Bridges is crowned by Dr. Ed-die Smith. Cindy's escort is Jimmy Bates.

Participation In Homecoming Noted As 'The Best Ever'

By Carl Cleveland

Something new is in the air at East Central. Nothing has exemplified this subtle freshness better than the recent festivities surrounding Homecoming. From the packed program of events to the blaze of fireworks on game night, East Centralites moved with a vibrancy not seen in years.

Perhaps this year's events were symbolized best by two firsts. For the first time, all faculty members were involved by the administration in the planning and organization of Homecoming and an officially sponsored dance was held on the Mall. Administrators and instructors who "danced the night away" proved that a dance was a much needed and welcome innovation.

The greatest success, however, was the day itself. According to Dr. Tucker, who

was Chairman of the Steering Committee, the College had an, "excellent turnout this year". Two hundred sixty nine guests registered, but there were several more present who did not register because of other involvements. Dr. Tucker estimates that there were 300 guests on campus.

Fifty would-be John McEnroes and Chris Evert-Lloyds signed on for the tennis tournament, which had to be completed after the alumni banquet.

Out of 191 seats at the banquet, 190 were filled. This is up from about 130 in the past. In alumni dues, about \$598.00 has been collected.

Those who witness the parade praised it as an important part of the Homecoming Schedule and, of course, enjoyed it. The President's reception also drew excellent reviews substantiating the

general opinion that Dr. Smith was a moving force in the success of this year's activities.

The administration is already planning for next year. Dr. Tucker referred to a suggestion box that has been set up in order to get ideas from this year's participants on how to improve on committees and events.

For the present, everyone can be proud of a job well done. Triumphant officials, students, and fans of East Central will always remember the panache of Homecoming Day, the skillful band, the verve displayed by the Centralettes and Cheerleaders, the beauty of the Homecoming Queen and Court, the winning game, and the brilliant fireworks. All things considered, Homecoming 1985, could be considered the best ever.

Players To Present '85 Dinner Theater Nov.

By Sharron Goodman

The E.C.J.C. Players will present the annual Dinner Theater on November 13th, 14th, and 15th at 7:00 nightly.

The Dinner Theater is an event planned by the Players every fall where the audience will be served a buffet meal in Mabry Cafeteria. The audience will then be entertained by the Collegians, the campus' pop singing group, and the ECJC Modeling Squad. After the preliminary entertainment, the plays will be presented.

The plays chosen for this year's Dinner Theater are "LET'S MAKE UP", "IMPROMPTU", and "TERROR WALKS TONIGHT."

"LET'S MAKE UP" is a one-act play about four students out on a date, but the tables are turned on the girls.

Cast members for this play are Michelle Murphy, Susan Williamson, Daniel Burton, Chuck Nance and Scottie Chunn.

In "IMPROMPTU", four actors are called to the stage to improvise a play that is supposed to be "life". Boyd Germany, Annette Hurley, Lori Harrell and Alben Roland are the cast members for "IMPROMPTU".

"TERROR WALKS TONIGHT" involves the town busy body, Mrs. Harrison played by Wendy Smith, trying to control the teenagers' dates and lives. Other cast members include Danny Bryant, Stan Davis, Janet Tullos, Anna Wolverton, Phillip Chamblee, Kim Hamil, Pam Bane, and Darrell Mangrum.

To successfully produce any

play, there, of course, has to be cast members, but there also has to be many people behind the scenes who help everything fall in place.

The assistant director this year is Gay McDaniel. People in charge of tickets are Roxanna Manning (chairman), Leanna Breazeale and Traci Hillman. On the make up crew, are Delane Strait (chairman), Valerie Strait, Margo Freeny, Michelle Chaney, Michelle Stanley and Jennifer Russell. Tammy Winstead chairs the publicity crew and her assistants are Traci Hillman, Aprille Watts and Scottie Chunn.

The chairmen of the set crew are Jimmy Bates and Mark Cheatham. In charge of props is Tobias Pace and the



"Let's Make Up" is one of the three plays to be presented at the Dinner Theater. Members of the cast include Chuck Nance, Michelle Murphy, Daniel Burton, Susan Williamson, and Scottie Chunn.

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Apathy At ECJC

By Bill Vaughn, Editor

Is apathy among us at East Central? At Homecoming, the cheerleaders sponsored what they called "cheerleader days", such as Toga Day and Sock Day, in hopes of boosting the overall spirit of East Central. The response of the students to these days was overwhelmingly low. What happened? Why didn't the faithful students of East Central respond to these so-called "cheerleader days"?

"Ideas such as wearing togas and tying socks all over one's body are immature and childish," said Greg Ware. Many students at East Central feel that since they are in college now, there is no use in trying to avoid maturity. Most students feel that if they tie socks all over their bodies, their immaturity would show. To most college students, immaturity is one thing that they had rather not deal with.

Ovid Vickers, an English instructor at East Central, stated, "This sort of thing is associated more with high school than college. The cheerleaders need to put up more posters and get key people on the campus to help carry out the theme." Many students have said that if they had known about the cheerleader days, then they would have participated. The idea of publicizing these days in advance was a key issue among many of our East Central students.

Marguerite Davis, an older student at East Central, stated, "Each student probably said, 'why would I count'? Someone else on campus will do it so it doesn't really matter if I do it or not." A number of students have this kind of feeling and don't want to participate in many of the activities on campus. They feel that even if they did participate, nobody would care. After all, who cares if you wear a toga or not? Nobody!

Teresa Huntly, a cheerleader at East Central, stated, "The students of East Central don't have enough spirit. There are many who do have spirit, and they participate in the sensible things. I did everything except the sock day and the toga day, which were not sensible things to do. I think that the cheerleaders should have responded to these days better than what they did." If the cheerleaders sponsor something, then they should also participate in it. That is the feeling of most students at East Central.

Apathy is a word to be reckoned with. Whether dealing with participation or school spirit, apathy is definitely a destroying device in many of our activities here at East Central.

Warrior Corps Selected

By Carl Cleveland

East Central Junior College has several student groups on campus. Because of its frequent contact with potential East Central students and guests of the College, the Warrior Corps is one of the most important of these groups.

Members of this select organization are chosen with public representation of the College in mind. To be selected, a student must attend East Central on a full-time basis and possess a minimum GPA of 2.0. The prospective Warrior Corps member must also be active in campus organizations, have no College disciplinary action in record, and, in the official College language, "be of good moral character".

Sponsored by Mr.

McMullan, the Warrior Corps performs a variety of duties. The students serve the College as tour guides and registrars. They visit high-schools on recruiting missions and provide service at official College functions. They are distinguished by their white sweaters with East Central emblems, yellow oxford shirts, and black skirts and pants.

New participants in the Warrior Corps were recently chosen. They are: Warren Alford, Bridgett Bobbitt, Chris Collins, Kathy Culwell, Stan Davis, Barbara Jones, Al Lucas, Darrell Mangrum, Gaye McDaniel, Michelle Murphy, Dennis Russell, Wendy Smith, Stacie Therrell, Johnny Weems, Kim Wilcher, and Susan Williamson. Students serving in the Corps who were chosen last year are:

Phillip Chamblee, Lisa Greenwood, Randy Hayes, Trent Kelly, Lee Anna Lofton, Marcia Mason, Greg McNair, Greg Nowell, and Alice Thames.

Officers have also been selected. Greg Nowell is serving as President, Lee Anna Lofton is Vice-President, and Alice Thames is Secretary.

Already this semester, the Corps members have been busy. They have registered guests to the campus and since October 3 have been visiting high schools. Morton High School, Philadelphia High School, South Leake High School, Leake Academy, Lake High School, Carthage High School, Forest High School, and Neshoba Central High School have already been visited or will be visited by Christmas.

Dinner Theatre To Be Held

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lighting will be handled by Edward McGowan (chairman) and Willie Anderson. Co-chair persons on the set-up crew are Bobbie Warnsley and Amy Hedrick. Others on the set-up crew include Nelda Germany, Tobias Pace and Tammie Carington.

Forty people were interviewed privately for the Dinner Theater on October 14th. On the next day, auditions were held where the students read parts for the different roles. According to Mr. Bruce Peterson, faculty advisor for the ECJC Players and theater director, the people who auditioned this year were exceptionally talented. He also stated that he was pleased with the students who auditioned and making the decisions for cast members was a very difficult one for him.

Mr. Peterson has been at ECJC since 1967 and during this time he has directed plays,

dinner theaters and 16 musicals. Some of the musicals he has directed at EC include "OKLAHOMA", "CAROUSEL", "CAMELOT", and "MAME".

With a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University in speech and drama and a master's from Ole Miss, Mr. Peterson has had both on-stage and off-stage experience.

While a student at MSU, Mr. Peterson played the father role in "THE MIRACLE WORKER." He also had parts in "MAD WOMAN", "OUTWARD BOUND", and worked on the set for a production of "BUS STOP."

At Ole Miss, Mr. Peterson was cast for parts in "THE RAINMAKER", "YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU" and "RASHOMON." He was stage manager for a production of "TO BROADWAY WITH LOVE" and

worked on the costume crew in "ONCE UPON A MATRESS." Mr. Peterson also understudied John Carradine while at Ole Miss.

Mr. Peterson went back to Ole Miss a couple of summers ago and received an additional 15 hours in theater. During that time he was involved in such productions as "ROMANTIC COMEDY", "JOSEPH IN HIS AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT" and "CAMELOT."

Mr. Peterson encourages everyone, especially the students to support this year's Dinner Theater. "After all", stated Peterson, "it's (the Dinner Theater) presented by the students for the students."

Tickets are still on sale for the Dinner Theater and the prices are \$6.00 for general admission and \$3.00 for students. Tickets may be purchased in the Dean of Students office from 2:30 to 4:00 in the afternoons.

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Players Prepare For Dinner Theatre

By Aprille Watts

The ECJC Players who are participating in this year's Dinner Theater began practices more than 3 weeks before the first curtain was raised.

But before practices began many hopefuls were preparing for tryouts. Forty people auditioned for parts in the three one-act plays, with only 18 parts available. Mr. Bruce

Peterson was very pleased with both the members and quality of students who auditioned.

After the plays had been cast and scripts handed out, each play practiced twice a week for one hour the first two weeks. The first week of practice was spent simply reading over lines and getting a feel of how each person's character should be developed. Gaye McDaniels, the student director, said, "Everyone was learning their lines and getting into their parts real well." The next week the casts worked on facial and hand gesture mainly, with some work done with props and cues on stage. By the second week each person was responsible for having one half of the lines memorized with work beginning on the second half the third week.

Susan Williamson enjoys the practices because she likes the way everything builds step by step until the play is stage ready. This weekend, Nov. 8 & 9, the casts of all 3 plays will practice. All members will either stay on campus for the weekend or commute for practices. The week prior to the performances two closed dress rehearsals will be held. This will be when final touches and polishes will be put on. One cast member is growing nervous about the plays being ready. However, she feels confident in Mr. Peterson having everyone ready at curtain time.

Presently Mr. Peterson is getting all the behind-the-scheme people assigned to duties. The 18 actors do have major responsibilities in the success of the Dinner Theater, but many jobs are done out-



The cast of "Impromptu" includes Lori Harrell, Boyd Germany, Annette Hurley, and Alben Roland. Gay McDaniel is the assistant director.



"Terror Walks Tonight" will include Kim Hamil, Janet Tullos, and Anna Wolverton (seated; Wendy Smith, Danny Bryant, Phillip Chamblee, Stan Davis, Darrell Mangrum and Pam Bane.

President's Council Is Formed At East Central

By Bill Vaughn

Dr. Smith recently selected members for a new organization at East Central, the President's Council. The council consists of all of the President's of a club or organization on the campus of East Central. The President's Council is set up to provide a means of communication between the various clubs and organizations and to help solve any problems that may arise within these groups.

The first meeting of the council was held on October 29 in the board room of the administration building. Members present at the meeting were Alice Thames, President of Student Education Association; Annette Hurley, Editor of the Annual; Marcia Mason, President of Phi Theta Kappa; Bill Vaughn, Editor of the Tom-Tom; Stan Davis, President of

the E.C.J.C. Players; Darrell Mangrum, President of Mu Alpha Theta, Alpha Alpha Epsilon, and the Baptist Student Union; Chuck Nance, President of the Freshmen Class; Greg Nowell, President of the Warrior Corp; Greg McNair, President of the Student Body Association; Phillip Chamblee, President of the Sophomore Class; and Monica Parker, President of Jackson and Newsome Halls. Also in attendance at the meeting were Dr. Smith and Dean Davis.

During the meeting, each member introduced his or herself, gave a brief report on the activities of his or her club or organization, and elected officers. The new officers are as follows: Phillip Chamblee, Chairman; Chuck Nance, Vice-Chairman; and Annette Hurley, Secretary. The next meeting has been set for November 25.

Students Have Opportunity To Attend Movies On Campus

By Roxanna Manning

What comes to your mind when you hear the words lights, camera, action? How about when you get a whiff of hot, buttery popcorn? Well, the first thing that I think of is the movies! As most of the E.C.J.C. dormitory students know, Dean Davis has made it possible for the students to see a movie at least once a week in Newton Hall, Room 60. Although the attendance was slightly small to start with the first couple of showings, there are now about thirty to forty people attending regularly.

The students seem to be taking an interest in this activity. The most successful movie was, "Sluggers Wife," that is until the Fright Night showings on Oct. 28. The students were treated to a triple showing of: "The Ghouls," "Children of the Corn," and "Friday The Thirteenth: A New Beginning." There was a record breaking attendance at these showings. From all reports there was even people sitting on the floor and standing in the aisles.

After talking to some of the students regularly attending

practices were changed due to conflicting activities on campus. Also, many cast members must balance their time between other extra curricular activities and studying. Another responsibility of cast members is to get costumes. Luckily most costumes can be composed of student's clothes or clothes of relatives.

When the plays do open in the Mabry Cafeteria, not only will fellow students and E.C. faculty view the work E.C. Players have put forth but an audience from the whole district will be on hand. And as in the past the audience will go home well fed and entertained by dedicated students of E.C.

the movies I have combined a short list of things suggested to boost the attendance. 1. Vary the schedule of the movie showings. Not everyone can attend on Mondays of every week. 2. Vary the types of movies. They want more scary movies. 3.

Use more advertisements. Some students don't see the signs or do not know what will be shown far enough ahead of time. The last suggestion, but the one most made by students, but obviously not possible is; 4. Serve hot buttered popcorn.



Members of the 1985 Homecoming court were (front) Teresia Wolf, Annette Tripplett, Cindy Bridges, and Alice Thames; (back) Stacy Steele, Stacy Therrell, Michelle Murphy, and Jocelynn Gunter.



Queen Cindy Bridges in the homecoming parade



Freshman Maid Michelle Murphy smiles for the parade crowd

Homecoming Reunion Held For Hall Of Fame Members

Twenty-five members of ECJC's Hall of Fame gathered at homecoming and bridged the generation gap to share a common interest - the love and appreciation they have for East Central.

And they must have loved the school, for they did so much for it during their time as students. They were its SBA officers, its Tom-Tom

and its WO-HE-LO editors, its BSU presidents, its cast of numerous theater productions, its band members, its athletes. They were the students who made things happen on campus.

They have become doctors, college professors, engineers, pharmacists, teachers, accountants, and social workers. Much of their success, they attribute to East Central.

Ovid Vickers, chairman of the communications division, gave some brief opening remarks to welcome the members of the Hall of Fame to the campus and to reminisce about the changes that have taken place through the years. The group then gathered in the Home Economics living room to reminisce on their own.

The common thread which ran through the small cluster of conversations was how much East Central had meant to them in their personal lives and in their professional development.

Johnny Briggs, Director of Child Services for the Southern Baptist Convention in Arkansas, was unable to be at the reunion, but he sent a message about what East Central meant to him. He said,

"It was at East Central that I first perceived my own potential. I realized that I could do what I wanted to do. The Faculty's support was very influential in my life."

One of the first members of the Hall of Fame said, "When I saw the new buildings, I knew the campus didn't look the same. But as I walked around somehow I felt that the spirit of the place is still the same. Faculty still seem to care. Students speak. It's still my ECJC."

In retrospect, it seems that these students who gave to the college also took the most away when they left. ECJC will always be an important part of their lives.

Attending the reunion were Dr. Keith Everett, Dr. Beverly Henry Oliphant, Dr. Randy Richardson, Dr. Tommy Richardson, Nancy Turner Easom, Roger Easom, Greg Henley, Ted Pope and Scott Long.

Others attending included Skippy Lathem, Linda Lathem, Randy Russell, Lynn Russell Hayes, Dianne Griffin, Sheila Welch, Tom Carson, Harriet Vickers, Patsy Mowdy Vance, Linda Lea Glasgow, Gail Fulton, Wayne Bishop, Chris Gilmer, and Gloria Sanders McRae.



Mr. Joe Mulholland, President of ECJC's Alumni Association presents plaque to Dr. Beverly Henry Oliphant who was chosen "Alumna of the Year".

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Enthusiastic Warriors after the Homecoming victory



Roundball Action

In the season opener, East Central's Men's and Women's teams captured victories over Meridian Junior College.

The Warriorettes waltzed to an 84 to 50 victory over MJC, but the men's game was a heart stopper. The game was EC - 69, Meridian 70, with two seconds left on the clock. Then Tolby Bender stepped to the free throw line and calmly sank two to land the Warriors their first victory.

In Women's action Karen Miller led all scoring with 22 points. After EC jumped to a 17-0 lead early in the game, they never relinquished it.

According to Coach Sammy Pace, the scoring attack was well-balanced, with many players having 8 or 10 points. "It was really a team effort," said Coach Pace. "Ten girls played effectively. Both freshmen and sophomores did well."

Former ECJC Students Coaches Of Warrior Basketball Teams

By Kevin Meador

Two former E.C. roommates have reunited to lead their respective teams. Coaches Sammy Pace and Larry Gressett roomed together at East Central from 1967 through 1969.

Coach Sammy Pace, the girls' coach, comes to East Central from Sebastopol High School where he served in an administrative capacity. Coach Pace has also held jobs at Moss Point, Hickory and Scott Central after attending East Central. Coach Pace attended Mississippi State University. He has a 74.4 winning percentage as a coach.

Coach Pace feels that a major key for a successful season will be the effort he gets out of his player. The people that see the Lady Warriors play will say they did their best, no matter whether they win or lose.

The Warriorettes' main strength will be their speed. They will try to use their speed to beat their opponents down the court and get the easy shot. But, if they cannot do this, they will set up their offense and go for the high-percentage shot.

Defensively, the Warriorettes will set up according to their opponent. They will be in a zone defense if the opponent is larger or a man-to-man defense if the opponent is smaller or about the same size. The Warriorettes may possibly use some full-court pressure.

The boys' coach, Larry Gressett, comes to E.C. from Clarke. Coach Gressett has held posts at Holly Bluff, Lake, and Clarke. He left coaching for a few years and worked as a disc jockey and in sales for WQST in Forest.

Coach Gressett feels the

Warriors will play an exciting fast-break offense, one that the fans will enjoy. There will not be any type of slow-down offenses because the Junior Colleges will use a plus 5 second clock.

The Warriors will basically play an aggressive man-to-man defense, with possibly some full-court pressure. Out of thirteen players, seven are freshmen. These freshmen will have to mature and come around to help the Warriors out. At this time, the Warriors will start four sophomores and one freshman.

Both teams need fan support. Everyone is urged to come out and support the Warriorettes and Warriors. Both teams will be aggressive and play an exciting brand of basketball. Both programs are being led by good coaches with a lot of class, so come out and support them!

Warriors Rejoice Over Homecoming Victory

The Homecoming victory was sweet for the E.C.J.C. Warriors, as they edged Southwest Junior College 21-14 before packed stands.

The Warriors scored 21 points in the first and needed all of them to withstand the Southwest Bears fourth-quarter rally.

The Warriors had first possession and drove the ball from their own 28 to the Southwest 29 where they had to give up the ball on downs. One play later Billy Walker pounced on a Southwest fumble to give East Central the ball at the Southwest 33.

After a seven play scoring drive, Otis Johnson bulled his way over from the one. Luke Vaughn's extra point kick gave the Warriors a 7-0 lead with 6:27 left in the first quarter.

The game was then all-defense until Carl Porter covered a Southwest fumble to give the Warriors possession. E.C.J.C. quarterback Richard Basil threw a 59 yard pass to Moses Rivers in the endzone, making the score

14-0 for the Warriors.

After stymying the Bears again, the Warriors capped a 65 yard drive with a one yard plunge by Basil into the endzone. Luke Vaughn added the Warriors final point with his P.A.T. This gave the Warriors a 21-0 lead at halftime.

The third was a stalemate. Southwest seemed to stop the Warriors defensively, but the Bears couldn't meet a sustaining offensive drive.

With 7:25 left in the fourth quarter, Southwest finally hit paydirt after an 80 yard drive aided by roughing the passer and pass interference penalties. This made the score 21-7.

On the next Warrior possession, the Bears intercepted a Basil pass at the Southwest 17. Utilizing five plays, the Bears scored on a 40 yard pass, and the PAT was good. With 3:36 left in the game, the score was 21-14, Warriors.

The Warriors managed to grind out enough first-down yardage to run out the clock and make the final score 21-14.



Homecoming bust through sign was provided by the cheerleaders

1st Annual Tennis Tourney Is A Success

In the first annual E.C.J.C. Homecoming Tournament, East Central graduate Kerry Winstead (class of 83) captured top honors in the men's singles. Faculty member Raymond McMullan was first runner-up in the competition.

The Women's title was taken by Zudye Smith of Philadelphia. E.C.J.C. faculty member Lesa Lee captured second place.

In men's doubles, over 35,

Jones and Faulkner won the trophy for first place. E.C.J.C. alumni Wes Kight and Kerry Winstead won the under 35 trophy.

The tournament, which started at 9 o'clock Homecoming Day, was not over until almost game time at 7:30. All of the courts in Newton County (including Union, Newton, and East Central) were necessary to complete the tournament in the allotted time.

Back To The Future (In Reverse)

By Brenda Garvin

If you have not had the opportunity to see the movie, **Back to the Future**, it is my suggestion that you take time to see this humorous movie. Being back in school at East Central after having attended in 1967-68 is somewhat like **Back to the Future** in reverse for me. I must say that I felt much more comfortable during my first trip to E.C. in 1967.

Being at East Central in 1967 and 1985 have much in common, yet there are many differences. Ironically, one of the most popular singers in 1966-67 was Aretha Franklin. Aretha Franklin has hit the pop charts today with **Freeway of Love** and in 1966, her hit song was **Respect**. In the 60's, Tina Turner sang in a duo with her husband, Ike Turner, but Tina has debuted in 1984 as a solo artist. She is a big hit with the teenagers of today. Basically her sound is the same and the people of my generation are enjoying Aretha and Tina's return to fame as much as they enjoyed their music in the 60's.

One gigantic difference is in the rules during our day. It will seem unbelievable that we actually had such strictness during our college life. It can be compared to living condi-

tions today in Parchman. As a Freshman, we were allowed to date only one night per week, and our curfew was 10:00 p.m. on date night. We could go to the library on other nights, but we had to be back to our rooms by 9:00 p.m. We had study hours from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., and lights out at 10:30 - no exceptions! There were reps given for unclean rooms, talking out dormitory windows, not wearing a coat over shorts, and unbecoming conduct between boys and girls (hugging and kissing on campus). Four reps constituted campusment for a week. Being campused meant the student could not go home for one weekend, she could not go to the student center, and worst of all, she could not talk to boys. She was allowed to go to church on weekends and to attend BSU and Wesley activities. Another rule that made no sense at all was that a girl could bring a car to school, but couldn't ride around campus in it or with a boy, except on date night. We spent hours in the floor boards hiding from the house mother.

I suppose that some of the best times we had during our college days were discovering how to break the rigid rules

and not get caught. Most of the time, we got away with breaking them, but there were a few times we got caught and suffered almost unbearable punishments. For instance, the second week of my Freshman year, Dianne Parks and Pat Cooper (both are from Philadelphia) and myself were one minute past 10:30 getting in on a weekend. (the generous 10:30 curfew was because we had a home football game with Scooba that Saturday night) Instead of taking a rep for being late, we decided to get a friend to sign us out for home. We felt spending the night in my car would be an exciting adventure. Unfortunately, we got caught and the "powers that be" (Dr. Wright) almost kicked us out of school. If our parents had not backed us, we would have been thrown out of school. Our punishment was six weeks of campusment, which nearly drove us crazy. If it had not been for Miss Wood and Denver Brackeen (former dean of students) persuading Dr. Wright to let me go to the gym to practice basketball, I would have gone crazy!

I am told that prior to 1966, the rules were even more rigid. I know that I would not have survived! I believe that our class helped pioneer the way for less strict rules for students in the future. After we left, there were many rule changes. Who knows, maybe the administration wanted to take all the fun of breaking rules away from the students!

Mangrum, Adcock Win Logo/Slogan Contest

By Amy Carleton

The first few weeks of the 1985-86 school year at East Central Junior College began with a search for a new logo and slogan to represent our school. The contest was open to all interested people attending East Central or in the surrounding areas. Over one hundred entries were submitted in both contests by eager people trying for the prize money, which was fifty dollars for each contest. The judging was done by a panel

of 12 judges from the administration, faculty, and staff of East Central. There was much arguing among the judges, but as the judging closed the finished products were ones that showed East Central's own identity and ones that would well represent our school. The winners were Darryl Mangrum, logo and Mr. John Adcock, slogan. A special thanks goes to all people who participated in this contest and showed support for East Central.

Smith Attends Southern Assoc. Of Colleges Meet

Dr. Eddie Smith, President of East Central attended the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on October 21-23.

Dr. Smith was chosen as the one representative of all Mississippi Junior Colleges on the Standard Reports Commission and Committee.

There are 65 members on the full commission. Their purpose is to review the credit status of all the institutions in the region that are accredited by the S.A.C.S. Those trying

to gain accreditation have to meet with a set of rules. Recommendations are then put before the full Southern Association of Colleges and Schools delegates. The Associations annual meeting will be held in December.

The states included in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

BSU Career Week Touches Many

By Darrell Mangrum

Career Week at BSU was held October 14-17, featuring former students of East Central Junior College. Speaking during the week were Dr. David Rives, Dr. Eddie Smith, and Ray Humphreys.

Dr. Rives, a dentist and pastor residing in Newton, shared many of his experiences since attending East Central. He dealt primarily with how a person can find God's will in his life. Dr. Rives said that much prayer should go into finding God's

will. He also said that God may have more than one will for a person. "A person may have one career in which God allows him to grow. Later, God may have another will for that person," said Dr. Rives.

Dr. Smith, President of East Central Junior College, said that once a person finds God's will he should live it to the best of his ability. He said that a person need not necessarily be in a church-related vocation to serve God, but can serve daily in any vocation.

Mr. Humphreys, a hospital administrator from Hattiesburg, gave three basic points for finding and following God's will "Calling career, and Christian service should be a Christian's three main concerns," said Humphreys. He said that in any vocation a person should strive to serve Christ.

These speakers offered a great deal of advice which will aid those who attended in many ways. Each speaker had a special message that will help everyone in finding, but most of all living God's will.

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Band Membership Increases In 1985-86

By Bill Vaughn

The E.C.J.C. Warrior Band, through hard work and dedication, has presented halftime shows full of color,

difficult drills, and magnificent sound. Under the field direction of Teresia Wolf, this group of young musicians has set out to entertain to the best

of their ability.

"Up sixteen members from last year, the sixty-five member band is as strong as ever," said Mr. Carson. Mr. Carson attributes the strength to the amount of practice that the members go through each week. On Monday and Wednesday, the band practices from 2:25 until 4:30, and on Tuesday and Thursday, the band practices from 2:00 until 4:30. Only those students who are willing to work hard, can become members of this prestigious group.

Opening the halftime show is a hard-driving number called "Firestorm." An old Stevie Wonder tune, "Another Star," gives the Color Guard time to show what they can do, and the Centralettes strut their stuff to a number called "Big Noise." The drum line is featured in a cute, but classy song entitled "Tie Me Kangaroo Down." In a patriotic closer, the Warrior band marches with pride to the sounds of a song called "Trooper Salute."

Leading the band this year is Teresia Wolf from Forest, MS. Teresia is a sophomore majoring in Business. Having been drum major for 2 years, she will be missed by many of her peers after she leaves East Central.

Lining up the Color Guard are sixteen dedicated members. Members of the rifle team are Teresa Sharp,

Wendy Smith (Captain), Canoy Weaver, Niles Davis, Douglas Clemons, and Cathy Culwell. All members of the rifle team are Freshmen. The Sophomore members of the flag team are Debria Thompson, Suzie Griffiths, and Miriam Moncrief (Captain). Freshmen members of the flag team include Ramona Burton, Delain Strait, Valerie Strait, Cindy Watkins, Monica Moore, Tammy Copeland, and Tambra Rushing (Co-Captain). The Color Guard has added a delightful look to the visual effect of the halftime show.

Aside from the halftime shows, the Warrior band will be participating in many parades. On November 11, the band will perform in the Veteran's Day parade in Philadelphia. On December 7, the band will once again travel to Philadelphia to participate

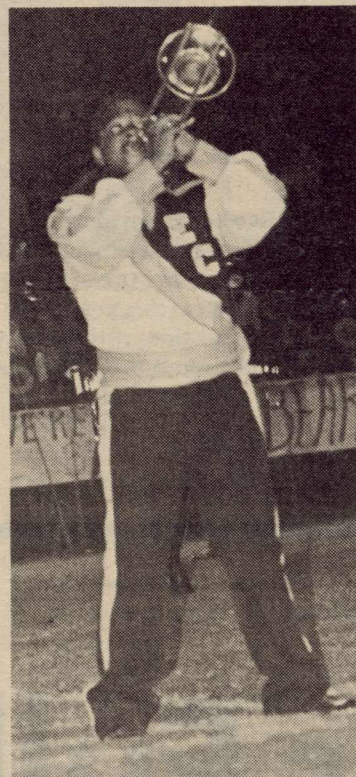


Warrior Chief is played by Donnie Cleveland

in the Christmas parade. On December 6, the Warrior band will participate in the Decatur Christmas parade at 2:00, and the Forest Christmas parade at 5:30.



Debria Thompson twirls her flag at homecoming



Alvin Ricks plays trombone solo

Intramural Scoreboard

Ladies Flag Football

Dixie Darlings.....3-1
Playmates.....4-2
Fly Girls.....1-3
Betterhalf.....OUT
BAM.....OUT

Men's Flag Football

Talking Heads.....8-0
Master Blasters.....8-2
Weekday Warriors..6-4
Semi-Cool.....4-5
Party Animals.....3-7
Fabulous FP's.....2-8

Ladies Volleyball

Fly Girls.....2-0
Lady T's.....1-0
The Terminators...0-1
To Be Announced..0-2

Men's Volleyball

Old Folks.....2-0
Talking Heads.....1-0
Poptops.....1-0
The Spikers.....1-0
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Weekday Warriors..0-1
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Advance Registration To Be Held December 11 At EC

By Ann McGee

East Central Junior College will be trying something new this year, Advance Registration. This process will be beneficial to those students who take advantage of it. The faculty will have more time to counsel with the students. Dean Rives believes that Advance Registration will be more convenient for the student and an easier process for all.

Advance Registration will begin on Monday, December 2 and will end on Wednesday, December 11. Each student will be assigned an advisor (a member of the faculty) before registration begins. Students are responsible for seeing their advisors for advice on schedules and counseling.

Students will initiate this process by going to Student Services and checking on dormitory assignment, car registration, mail box, ID, financial aid, etc. While there students must fill out an information form. Then before leaving students should pick up a blank schedule.

During the advisor's office hours, students should meet with them in order to complete the schedule for second semester. After completion and the advisor has signed the schedule, students are to go to the office of Admissions and Records. Here their schedules will be entered into the computer. At this time if there are

any major conflicts, the student will have to return to the advisor to rework the schedule.

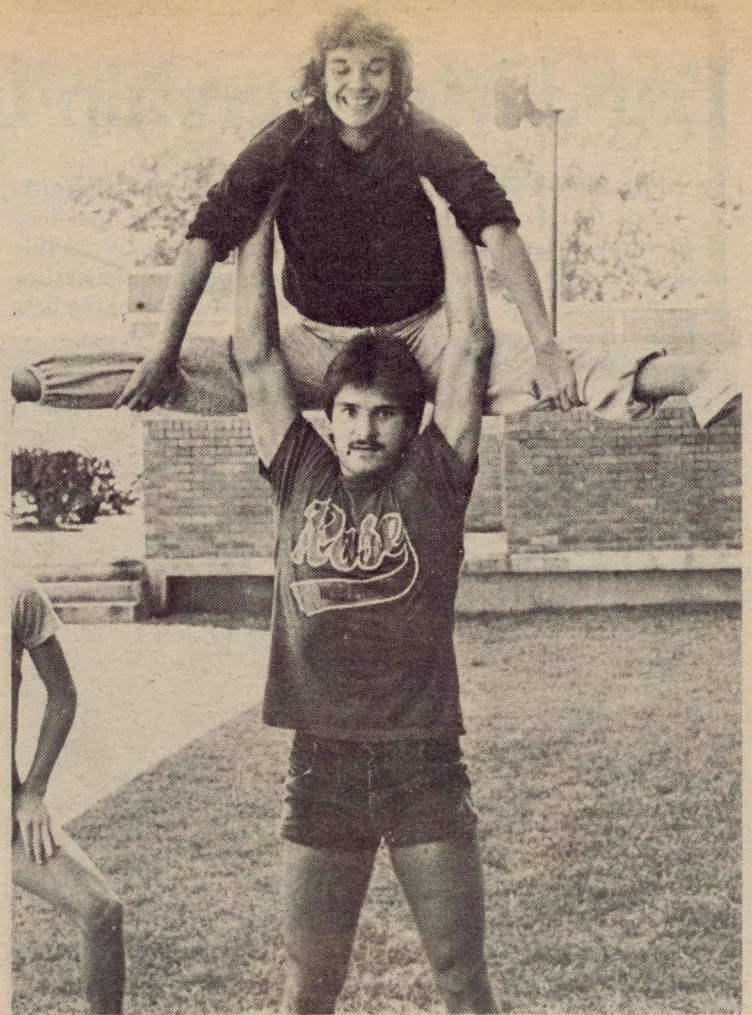
Students must then go to the Business Office and pick up the computer copy of their schedule. This copy will also show the amount owed by the student. After doing this, the student will pay the fee or make the necessary arrangements. If a student finds that he cannot return for second semester and requests a refund before January 8, 1986, he or she will be refunded 100% of the amount paid. But beginning Wednesday, January 8, the regular refund policy will become effective.

All E.C. students and new or transfer students should participate in Advance Registration if possible. This process has many advantages. First of all, those who pay their fee and complete Advance Registration will not have to return until the first

day of classes, January 8. But the students who complete registration and do not pay their fees, must return on January 6 to the Business Office. Another advantage would be not having to worry about registering and schedules over the Holidays.

Students who do not Advance Register will have to return on January 6 at 1:00 p.m. Also the students who need to change their schedules for approved reasons may do so during the add/drop period - January 8 to January 17, 1986.

Before Advance Registration the faculty and students will receive general schedules of classes for second semester. Other details will be posted in the Daily Bulletins. Also public information for new or transfer students will be provided. Details for registration on January 6 and 7 will be released at a later date.



Chuck Nance hoists Lisa Greenwood as they practice cheerleader routines.

Male Cheerleaders Increase School Spirit

By Sheila Hashimi

Included among the many changes that have taken place at East Central this year have been the addition of the male cheerleaders and the Warrior Chief mascot to the cheerleading squad. Student body response, as well as public response, has been very

positive and receptive toward them, especially since male cheerleaders and mascots are primarily found at larger colleges and universities.

This newly formed group not only perform at the pep rallies and ballgames along with the other cheerleaders, but they also practice on a

regular basis with them. Although the cheerleaders added new male members, they still function as one unit and not two separate ones.

The male cheerleaders are comprised of Marzet Jernigen, Warren Alford, Chuck Nance, Daniel Burton, and Donnie Cleveland, who is cur-

rently serving as the Warrior mascot.

When asked what he thought about the new cheerleaders and mascot, one fellow student replied, "I think they've done a good job to help promote school spirit, and I hope they continue to keep up the good work."

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Twenty Inducted Into AJC's Who's Who

Twenty East Central sophomores have been named to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. Their pictures will appear in the annual publication of the organization. Dean of Students Gene Davis said, "This is an excellent way of recognizing outstanding students."

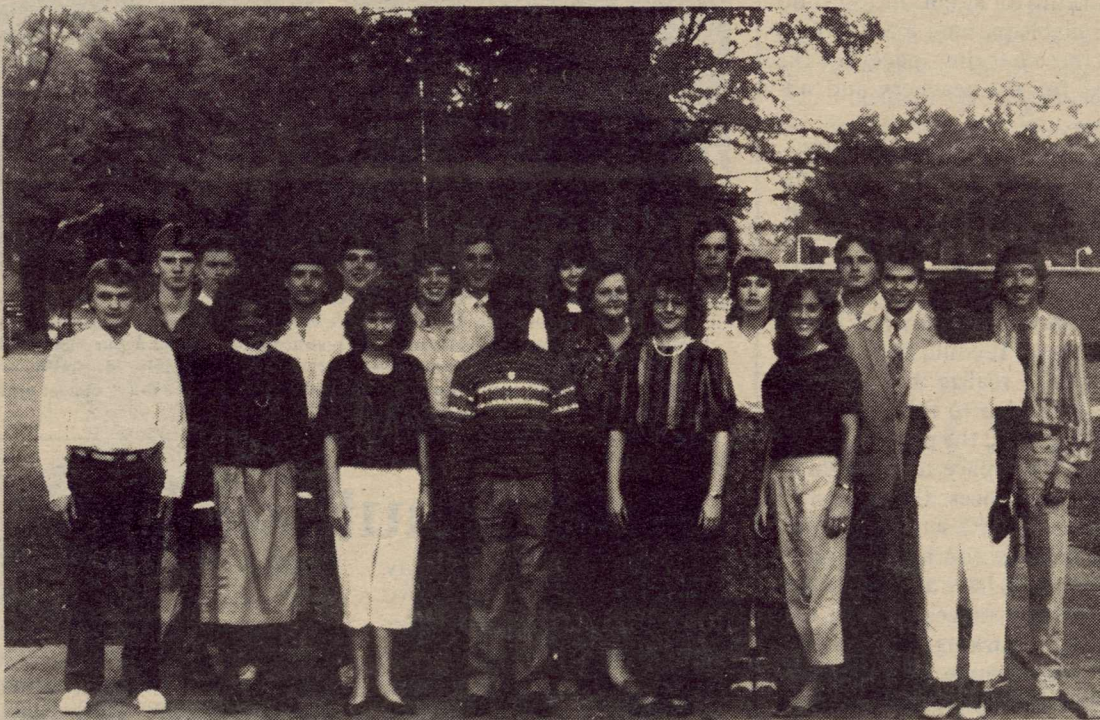
Nominations for the honor are submitted by faculty members. A committee of four faculty members and the Dean of Students make the final selection.

Thomas Bishop of Philadelphia is secretary of Alpha Alpha Epsilon. Thomas is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School.

Cindy Bridges, an NCHS graduate, is also from Philadelphia. Last year Cindy was a cheerleader, and this year she serves as a centralette. She was this year's Homecoming queen and was a beauty last year.

Phillip Chamblee, of Carthage, is the sophomore class president and is a member of the Warrior Corps.

Stan Davis, of Forrest, is a class officer, and a member of the Warrior Corps. He has been active in the theater productions during both his



NAMED TO WHO'S WHO in American Junior Colleges are (first row) Edgar Pierce, Alice Thames, Jocelyn Hunter, Randy Hayes, Macie Mason, Cindy Bridges, Karen Miller, (second row) Mike Kirkland, Greg Nowell, Alben Roland, Marguerite Dennis, Stan Hardy, Stan Davis, (third row) Darrell Mangrum, Greg McNair, Phillip Chamblee, Annette Hurley, Fred Hamilton, and Thomas Bishop.

freshman and sophomore years.

Mrs. Marguerite Dennis is active in Phi Theta Kappa. A Philadelphia native, Mrs. Dennis is following in her daughter's footsteps. Her daughter Laurie Risher was named to last year's Who's Who.

Jocelyn Gunter of Union is captain of the Centralettes. She was a member of this year's homecoming court.

Fred Hamilton is active in Alpha Alpha Epsilon, Mu Alpha Theta, and Phi Theta Kappa.

Stan Hardy, a native of Philadelphia and a graduate

of Neshoba Central High School, is social chairman of Mu Alpha Theta and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Randy Hayes is an SBA officer and is a member of the Warrior Corps.

Annette Hurley is the narrator of the Modeling Squad

and is active in the ECJC Players organization and performances.

Mike Kirkland is active in the campus ROTC.

Greg McNair, a graduate of Neshoba Central, is SBA president and the Warrior Corps.

Darrell Mangrum, from Decatur, is BSU president, a member of the Tom-Tom staff, PTK and the Warrior Corps, and a class officer. He is active in the ECJC Players.

Karen Miller, a graduate of Louisville High School, is a member of the girls' basketball team and a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Greg Nowell, from Philadelphia, serves as president of the Warrior Corps.

Eddie Pierce, a graduate of Noxapater High School, is the manager of the football team.

Alben Roland is a member of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, Mu Alpha Theta and the ECJC Players. He is also a class officer.

Brenda Sandifer is a pre-nursing major who is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Alice Thames is a class officer, a member of the Modeling Squad and the Warrior Corps. She is from Beulah Hubbard.



--Ovid Vickers

Vickers Is Honored By Miss. Mississippi Folklore Society

Ovid Vickers, a long-time member of the ECJC Faculty, was honored by the Mississippi Folklore Society for his 17 years of service to that group. A special edition of the "Mississippi Folklore Register" was issued in his honor this Fall.

The "Register" is the society's biannual collection of articles on folklore in Mississippi including selections on southern cooking, chairmaking, music, humor and superstitions, according to Dr. Phillip C. Kolin, a professor of English at the University of Southern Mississippi.

In the special edition, Dr.

Peggy Prenshaw, Dean of the Honors College at USM, has written a tribute to Vickers, who is retiring as secretary-treasurer of the Folklore Society. Three of Vickers' colleagues in the ECJC English Department, along with several of his former students, have contributed articles.

Carrie Ann Alford writes of customs and hospitality evident at the Neshoba County Fair; Rudolph Mayes describes how to make homemade hominy; and Vickers' wife Carol provides a lively history of several traditional marriage customs.

Former students con-

tributing to the journal included Dr. Verbie Lovern Prevost, who has taught history at the University of Alabama. She wrote of chairmaking in Thomastown, which was her hometown. Dr. Gene Wiggins, journalism professor at USM, and Dr. Clyde Williams, professor of English at Mississippi State, also contributed articles.

Copies of the special fall issue of the Mississippi Folklore Register can be purchased for \$3 through the secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Folklore Society, Department of English, East Central.

An Editorial...

The Need For More Parking Spaces

By Bill Vaughn

Oh no! I've got to hurry up or I'll be late for class. But where do I park? It looks like all of the available parking space are no longer available. I guess I'll be late for class one more time. I wonder if the President would mind if I parked in his driveway. It's either that or be late once again.

How many of you students at East Central have found yourself in this situation? Many, I'm sure. By no means am I attacking East Central on the parking lot situation, but I do feel that there is a need for more available parking space around the campus. Not only do we need these parking spaces for the students, but we also need them for the teachers and administration.

After speaking to many of the students around the campus, I have found that many agree that the college does have some parking problems. A few of the students presented some interesting ideas on how to solve the problem. The main point of this editorial is to try to make everyone aware of this problem and possible solutions.

One student said that East Central should tear down Winston County Hall and put a parking lot there. It could then be called the Winston County parking area. I realize that masonry is taught in this building, but it is an idea to think about.

Another student said that we should extend the parking spaces in front of the library. Then, all of the space to the side of the library could be made into parking spaces. Once again, I realize that the buses are parked there, but I seriously doubt that another spot to park them would be too hard to find.

Many of the girls living in the dormitories have also complained of inadequate parking space. The best suggestion that I've heard to this problem is to construct a parking area between the sophomore girls dorm and the tennis courts. Since this area would be strictly for the girls, anyone found in violation could be issued a fine by campus security.

My idea on the parking situation is to build a parking area in front of the science building. It would be easily accessible by all parts of the campus, and it would be close enough to the main classrooms so that students would not be late for class. I realize that this is part of the beauty of the front campus, but something has to be done to solve the parking problems that we are facing today. It would only take up a small portion of the front campus, and I am sure that most people would understand that we need these parking spaces.

To benefit the teachers, zone parking spaces could be put in front of each building. Once again, anyone found violating these parking spaces could be issued a fine by campus security. The rest of the parking spaces should be left for commuters and visitors only. Since some of the dormitory students have the tendency to drive to class, there should also be a regulation protecting the commuter parking spaces. Since I have heard many complaints from the faculty about the parking situation, I feel confident that they would concur with me on this idea.

Very seldom do students want to arrive on campus and then have to leave campus to find a parking space. Unfortunately, the available parking areas are not adequate enough to provide the students and the faculty the space that is needed to park. Serious consideration should be given to the parking problem, not only from the administrators, but also from the faculty and students. If we are to solve the problems of parking, then we need to solve it today, not tomorrow.

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JUCO PRESIDENTS HONORED--Three junior college presidents recently were honored by a reception at the home of University of Southern Mississippi President Dr. Aubrey Lucas. The administrators and their wives were greeted during the reception by USM's top administrators, deans and department chairmen. Pictured, left to right, are Lucas; Rod Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president of East Central Junior College; Dr. David Haraway, president of Northwest Mississippi Junior College; and Dr. Barry Mellinger, president-elect of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College.

Most Beautiful To Be Selected

Preparations are underway for East Central's beauty pageant. The tentative date set is Tuesday, January 21 in Huff Auditorium. The deadline for entering is near so all interested students - male and female - should contact Ms Walton as soon as

possible.

Female contestants who have submitted entries include: Sandra Brown, Tonya Clair, Becky Gallaspy, Teresa Gordon, Suzette Hall, Sally Johnston, Vanessa Jones, Lisa Kelly, Gaye McDaniel, Patti Milling, Kahina Myers, Melinda Pullin, Tywonna

Richardson, DeLaine Strait, Valerie Strait, Stacy Steely, Stacie Therrell, Jeri White, Annette Williams, and Tracy Williams.

Male escorts are: Warren Alford, Rusty Davis, Marzet Jernigan, Ernie McFarland, Toby Pace, Paul Radigan and Charles White.

Letters From Our Readers...

Dear Editor,

In regard to your editorial, "Apathy at ECJC", I would like to make a few comments.

Sometimes, in an effort to get people interested or involved in certain activities, we can use a negative approach. In these cases we must be careful with our wording, careful not to "point-fingers", and most of all we must perform in-depth research. In your editorial did you do these things?

First of all, to make things clear, I am partial. I'm a cheerleader here at ECJC. When I read your article, it seemed to me that you were blaming the cheerleaders for the "Apathy at ECJC". Did you know that we had try-outs twice this summer, practiced one day a week during the summer, came two weeks in advance to prepare for orientation and the performance for the student body, made signs for the first days of school, made bust-through signs and fence signs each week, had parties and "surprises" for the football players, made locker posters, performed at two Octoberfest activities, made out pep rallies, did choreography for dances, incorporated male

cheerleaders into our squad, and most recently were chosen to cheer for the South in the Jr. College All-Star Game? Can you honestly call us "Apathetic"?

You see, while you may have been trying to improve spirit here at East Central, you just may have hindered it along with hurting some feelings.

For the information of you and the student body-the cheerleaders did not sponsor a "so-called cheerleader days". We sponsored "Spirit Week". This is one method used to promote spirit during special games. We thought homecoming would be a great time for this activity. I do agree that we should have publicized "Spirit Week" more, but in our fun-filled week of making two bust-through signs, practicing for the pep rally, making posters, and making arrangements for the homecoming parade, we failed to do so.

When a survey is conducted, isn't it correct to survey a well-rounded group? Did you do this? Do one cheerleader, one teacher, and two commuting students make up a well-rounded group? What about students

who live on campus? Did you ask us? Did you even talk to our head cheerleader or sponsor for the details of "Spirit Week"?

Immaturity is not a problem at East Central. Maybe these activities we had planned for homecoming were a little on the high-school side, but aren't we just a step away from high school? One week of being silly does not make us all immature. In fact, studies by the NCA (National Cheerleading Association) show that activities such as we planned to promote school spirit. Why do you think we have pep-rallies?

Bill, I believe your editorial was unfair! Have you been to a pep rally, football game, basketball game? Did you participate in "spirit week"? Did those you interviewed participate? What about those of us who did? Where were we when you conducted your survey and wrote your editorial? Do you really have the right to define "Apathy at ECJC"?

We have a very supportive body. Why try to bring us down with your snide remarks and your unjust accusations?



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS--Sophomore class officers were recently selected at East Central Junior College. Holding these positions are: (front, l to r) Representative - Anna Wolverton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wolverton of Union; Secretary - Alice Thames, daughter of Ms Mary Thames of Union; Treasurer - Lisa Greenwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Greenwood of Noxapater; President - Philip Chamblee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chamblee of Carthage; Representative - Kendal Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Welch of Decatur; and Vice President - Darrell Mangrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mangrum of Decatur.

Fashion Squad Selects Six New Models

By Ann McGee

Tryouts for the E.C. Fashion Squad were held on November 26. The new models chosen are: Stacie Therrell, Carla Parker, Beverly Robinson, Stacy Steele, Venessa Jones, and Gaye McDaniel all of Philadelphia, Mary Ann Gray of Forest, Bobbie Wansley of Newton, Lisa Parker of Hickory, Suzette Hall of Decatur, Sally Johnston of Lake, and Michelle Stanley and Janet Tullos both of Noxapater. Tonya Claire of Philadelphia is to be a narrator. Charles White of Mobile is E.C.'s first male member of the modeling class and the Fashion Squad.

Members who will be returning to the Fashion Squad include: Becky Gallaspy and Patti Milling of Decatur, Tammy Reed and Jeridean White of Noxapater, Tracy Williams and Lisa Kelly of Newton, and Alice Thames of Beulah Hubbard. Also from Beulah Hubbard, Annette Hurley is a narrator.

All students taking the modeling class may try-out

for the Fashion Squad. Students trying-out were first interviewed by Mrs. Pouncey; then they had to model in front of judges. These judges judge each individual on 5 different categories and give that person a score ranging from 1 to 10 for each category. Poise, turns, outfit on the model, hair and nails, and make-up are the 5 categories.

E.C. Fashion Squad members have rules and regulations they must follow. Models must not have any unexcused tardies or absences in modeling class. If this occurs, points will be taken off the students final grade. Appropriate dress, make-up, manners, and behavior are expected of all members at all times. Misconduct can lead to dismissal from the squad. Models must maintain a 1.5 GPA. Models must also maintain their weight. Fashion Squad members must be on time for all trips. Deadlines are set for descriptions of what a model will wear in a show. Models are expected to make as many shows as possible.

Collegians Concert Is Success

By Carl Cleveland

If Lionel Richie had one word, "outrageous", to describe the American Music Awards, he would have been hard put to find just one word to describe the fall Collegians Concert. "Awesome!" "Electrifying!" "Stupendous!" Any one would fit very well.

Members of the group, under the direction of Mr. Carson, began their year of performing with an hour long campus show. Huff Auditorium was filled with an excited audience of East Centralites and guests. When the lights went down and the opening salvos of Huey Lewis and the News began, everyone

knew the night would be special. Observers of last year's group waited to see if they could be topped. If the new makeup didn't quite overcome the 1984-85 performances, it certainly came close.

Dressed in all new wardrobes, which put aside collegiate prep, the East Central rockers moved through popular songs and newly choreographed dance steps. The vocalists were supported by instrumentalists who could easily match any band on the music circuit. With talent like that which rocked Huff Stage there is no need to pay twelve dollars to see better known groups. Unless, of course, the

inestimable Tina Turner and her band are performing.

Music popularized by such diverse artists as Wham, Dire Straits, Madonna, Mister Mister, David Bowie, and Mick Jagger was presented. There was even the old favorite, "Sharp Dressed Man", by ZZ Top, accompanied by unique versatility of the winds section who took over the singing and dancing. For the number, other instrumentalists exchanged their tools of the trade to complete the scene.

By the time the show closed with "Dancing in the Street", there had been plenty of dancing on the stage, in seats, and in the aisles.

Ware Is Elected Club President

By Sheila Hashimi

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau is one of the special interest clubs at East Central designed for those students majoring in a medical or health related field. Anyone interested in joining the medical club should contact Mr. George Mason, the sponsor, for additional information.

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau recently chose its officers for

the 1985-86 school year. Greg Ware, a graduate of Forest High School, was selected as the president. Cindy Slone, a current resident of Philadelphia, was selected as the vice president. Sheila

Hashimi, a graduate of Decatur High School, was selected as the secretary/treasurer. Melissa Shirley, a graduate of Morton

High School, was selected as the program chairperson.

For next semester the medical club plans to invite speakers to come and talk about careers in medical and health related professions. In addition, a trip to the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson is planned for some time in the early spring.

ROTC To Begin 'Phasing Out'

By Ann McGee

Next year all Junior Colleges, including East Central, will begin the process of phasing the R.O.T.C. program out. R.O.T.C. classes will only be offered to Sophomores.

After the school term 1986-87, all Junior College students who wish to participate in the R.O.T.C. program can go to summer camp between their

sophomore and junior years. At this summer camp students learn the equivalent of what has been taught in the Junior Colleges program. After attending camp, students will be ready to continue the R.O.T.C. program at a Senior College.

One reason R.O.T.C. is being taken out of Junior Colleges is to cut down on expenses. Another reason is the

fact that Nationwide the program was not very successful. However, the R.O.T.C. program has been a success here at East Central. A couple of other reasons which might account for this phasing out is that teachers from the Senior Colleges will not have to be sent out to the Junior Colleges and also it will cut down on the surplus of military officers.

Government Classes Attend MSU

By Carl Cleveland

The government classes visited Mississippi State University to attend the first in a series of lectures by American political leaders. The series is being held in connection with the John C. Stennis Institute at the University, which sponsors scholarships. Two of these scholarships have been granted to East Central graduates, Linda Killen and James Wood.

Originally, Senator Gary Hays of Colorado was scheduled to speak. However, Senate work on the Farm Bill intervened; and his wife, Lee,

gave his speech. Prior to her appearance, Senator Hart telephoned and, through loud speakers, explained the situation to the audience. He felt that his presence was needed to help finalize work on the document. This marked the second occasion he has cancelled an appearance in Mississippi.

Mrs. Hart began the lecture by making a few remarks of her own before giving her speech from the text prepared by her husband. She spoke of the need to improve education on a national basis and commended Mississippi's recent

reforms in that area. She also gave her husband's views on the military power of the U.S. and the need to deal with the increasing budget deficit. After the speech, there was a brief question and answer session before Mrs. Hart departed for Jackson.

Wives of prominent political leaders are frequently called upon to represent their husbands, and Mrs. Hart is no exception. She demonstrated the poise and intelligence required of such public people and received a standing ovation for her efforts.

'Let's Make Up', 'Impromptu', & 'Terror Walks Tonight'...

ECJC Players Begin Season With Three Night Dinner Theater

The East Central Junior College Players opened their 1985-1986 season with three one act plays presented as a three night Dinner Theater presentation. The three plays were "Let's Make Up", "Impromptu", and "Terror Walks Tonight."

When one is already familiar with works being performed and knows the actors performing, the writing of an objective review takes on added dimensions. The assignment is not, under these circumstances, accomplished without a certain degree of anguish and anxiety.

"Let's Make Up," the first of the three plays, is a piece of theatrical froth about four students out on a date. The boys become disgusted with the chatter and mannerisms of the girls, and the latter part of the play is devoted to the boys assuming the characteristics of the girls when the girls return from a trip to the powder room.

Michelle Murphy and Susan Williamson were good as the two girls, but Daniel Burt and Chuck Nance delighted the audience with their imitations of the girls. Scottie Chun rounded out the cast with a

walk on part which required him to speak two lines. "Let's Make Up" was written to be enjoyed. These five young people apparently enjoyed performing the play, and the audience, from their applause, obviously enjoyed seeing it.

The second play, "Impromptu," borders on being theater of the absurd. The play brings four actors to the stage to play out a scene from what could be called the travesty of "life." The play is not easily understood unless one is into abstract thought and dialogue. The ideas in the play and the acting required by the ideas is far more metaphysical than real.

I am not sure the audience understood just exactly what Boyde Germany, Annette Hurley, Lori Harrell and Alben Roland were attempting to convey. This ensemble of actors worked well together, but it was Boyde Germany who was a stand-out in this play. Germany, it seemed, had managed to get inside the play. One was convinced that the words he spoke were from his own mind and were not just some lines written by a playwright

for him to say.

Wendy Smith, Danny Bryant, Stan Davis, Janet Tullios, Anna Wolverton, Phillip Chamblee, Kim Hamil, Pam Bane, and Darrell Mangrum concluded the evening with their presentation of "Terror Walks Tonight." This play delighted the audience with its portrayal of a town's busy body attempting to control the dating activities of the communities' teenagers.

Two people were standouts in this production. Wendy Smith and Anna Wolverton were superb as the town's busy body and her side kick. Smith and Wolverton, although no more than twenty, managed with their makeup, posture and mannerisms to convey the impression they were well passed middle age. They both had great empathy for what they were doing, and they did it well. This play and the entire cast deserved and earned the applause it received.

Obviously a great deal of work by both actors and crew went into the production of these plays. It was a pleasant evening and left us all anticipating the player's spring production.



**Cast members of "Impromptu"
Lori Harrell and Alben Roland.**



Cast members, left to right, of "Let's Make Up" Chuck Nance and Daniel Burton.



Cast members, left to right, of "Let's Make Up" Susan Williamson, Chuck Nance, Michele Murphy and Daniel Burton.



ALL-STAR FOOTBALL--Chosen to represent East Central Junior College Warriors at the Mississippi Junior College All-Star game to be played in Tupelo, December 7 at 1:30 p.m. are (l to r) Woodrow Longmire, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Longmire of Forest; Greg Sanders, son of Ms Bessie Sanders of Centreville, AL; and Billy McLeod, son of Ms Bettye McLeod of Mobile, AL.



ECJC CHEERLEADERS--East Central Junior College Cheerleaders have been chosen to represent the South's team at the Mississippi All-Star game to be played in Tupelo on December 7th at 1:30 p.m. ECJC cheerleaders who will be participating are: (front row, l to r) Lisa Greenwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Greenwood of Noxapater; Lori Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lavell Harrell of Decatur; Regina Puckett, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn and the late Mr. Tracy Puckett of Chunky; (2nd row, l to r) Kim Hamil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hamil of Philadelphia; mascot - "Warrior Chief" who is Toby Pace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pace of Forest; Teresa Huntley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Huntley of Louisville; (back row, l to r) Daniel Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Burton of Philadelphia; Debbie Love, daughter of Mrs. Margie Triplett of Louisville; Marzet Jernigan, son of Mr. Tommy Jernigan of Philadelphia; Stacie Therrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Therrell of Philadelphia; and Warren Alford, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Alford of Philadelphia. Not pictured is Jennifer Jernigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Jernigan of Louisville. The football cheerleader sponsor is Ms Terry Walton.

Football Players To Represent ECJC In All-Star Game Dec. 7

By Greg Beard

Many of the members of the 1985-86 E.C. Warrior football team received special awards and recognition.

Billy Joe McLeod and Greg Sanders were chosen 1st team all-state.

Following closely behind was Woodrow Longmire. Andrew Jabb, and Tharrin Maddie who were selected as 2nd team all-state.

Honorable mentions were given to Rusty Bagley, Kendal Sullivan, Wayne Kennedy,

Isaac Harrie, Otis Johnson, and Kelvin Lyons.

The state All-Star Game will be played December 7. Warriors Greg Sanders, Billy Joe McLeod, and Woodrow Longmire were selected to play in this honorable game.



CHAMPIONSHIP FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM, is coached by Jimmy Boles and Mark Cheatam. Pictured are Jocelyn Gunter, Susan Williamson, Cindy Watkins, Amanda Castle; Michelle Murphy, Janet Winstead.



Intramural Basketball Kicks Off

By Greg Beard

Intramural Basketball at East Central began on November 19. There are 15 teams competing for the Championship. There are 148 students participating in intramural basketball this year. There are 3 games scheduled per day. The time for these

games are: 3:45, 6:00 and 7:30.

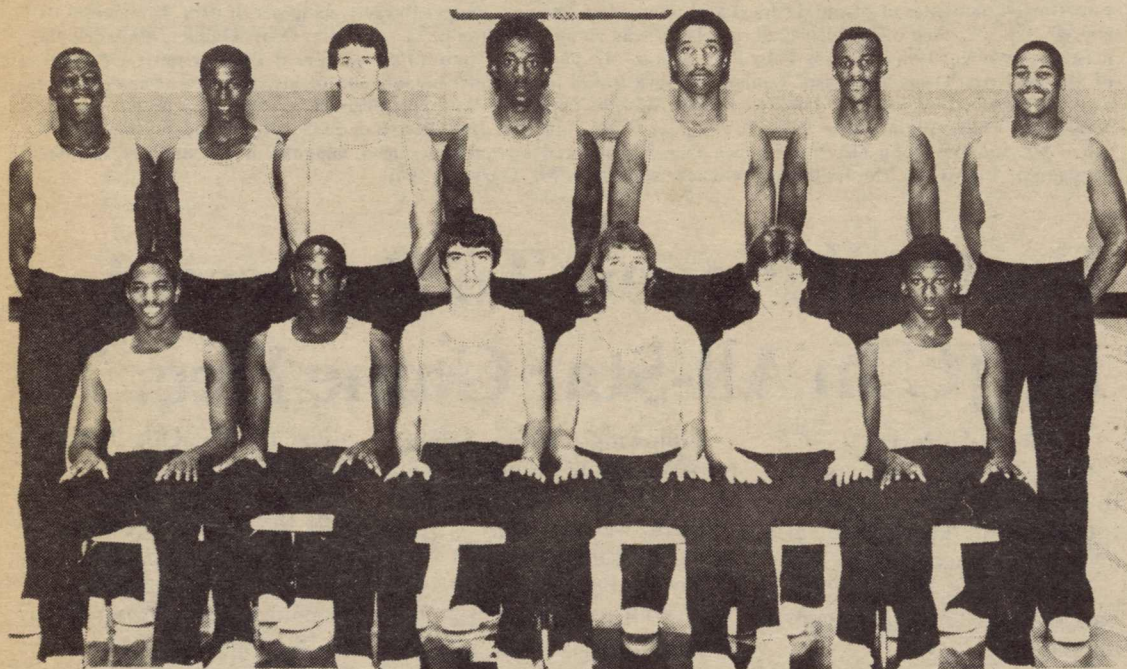
It is too early in the season to pick a favorite. Right now there is some stiff competition. The Sky Demons lead the men's division at this time. The E.C. Superstars lead in the women's division.

All students showed reveker

that the Shick Super Hoops Competition will begin on January 6. If your team is interested in competing, your team rosters must be turned in before that date. There will be prizes for the participants and winners in both men's and women's divisions. Entry forms can be picked up in the Activity Center office.



ECJC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL--Basketball play is underway at East Central Junior College. Members of the Warriorettes include: (front, l-r) Sethia Townsend, Lawrence; Alice Dawkins, Hickory; Sandy Nowell, Louisville; Patricia Rives, Carthage; Paula Harrison, Decatur; Karen Miller, Louisville; Barbara Jones, Lake; (back, l-r) Angie Smith, Madden; Tracy Donald, Philadelphia; Regina Amos, Union; Anita Union, Brewton, AL; Thira Huffmon, Louisville; Beverly Bowie, Lena; and Ruby Carter, Kosciusko. Beverly is the daughter of Ms. Myrtle Bowie.



ECJC MEN'S BASKETBALL--Members of the East Central Junior College Men's Basketball team include (front, l-r) Terry Hoskins, Philadelphia; Gary Anderson, Brent, AL; Glenn Robinson, Carthage; Greg Latham, Carthage; Larry Robinson, Sharpsville, PA; Kenny Morgan, Morton; Arness Georgetown, Plaquemine, LA; Talby Bender, Lawrence; Doug Woodward, Louisville; Robert Holloway, Shreveport, LA; John Vivians, Carthage; Ronnie Bender, Louisville; and Greg Wells, Carthage. Kenny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Morgan.

Basketball Season Gets Underway At ECJC

By Greg Beard

The basketball season is well underway here at E.C.J.C. Thus far, most of the games have been "on the road."

The Warriorettes record now stands at 5-3. Coach Pace stated that, "The girls record is about what he expected for the early season." They have been improving since their first games of the season. They have come back and defeated some opponents that beat them in the first few games. Coach Pace feels that they haven't performed as

they could have, but, he hopes that they continue to improve.

The Warriors started the season off with 2 impressive victories. Since then, they have lost the last 6. Their record doesn't reveal the Warrior's performance on the year. Most of the games they lost were by very slim margins. Coach Gressett hopes that his team can break even with their record before the Christmas holidays.

While Coach Pace hopes his team keeps the spark, Coach Gressett is hoping his team can find the spark.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Women's intramural basketball

E.C. Superstars.....	2-0
TK Ladies.....	1-1
Salt and Pepper.....	1-1
Isrealites.....	0-2

Men's Intramural basketball

Sky Demons.....	2-0
Sugar Daddy Express.....	2-0
The Gators.....	2-0
Chi-Town Players.....	1-1
Playboys.....	1-1
Master Blasters.....	0-1
Phi Slamma Jamma.....	0-1
Court Masters.....	0-1
Party Animals.....	0-2
Pop Tops.....	0-2

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1985-86

Nov. 4	Meridian	Here	Jan. 9	*Jones	There
Nov. 7	EMJC	There	Jan. 13	*Co-Lin	Here
Nov. 12	Clark	There	Jan. 16	Holmes	There
Nov. 14	Delta	There	Jan. 20	*Hinds	There
Nov. 21	*Southwest	There	Jan. 23	*Utica	Here
Nov. 22	Delta	Here	Jan. 27	*Co-Lin	There
Nov. 25, 26	Tournament	Southwest	Jan. 30	*Pearl River	Here
Dec. 2	*Pearl River	There	Feb. 4	*Utica	There
Dec. 7	Clark	Here	Feb. 8	*Southwest	Here
Dec. 9	*Jones	Here	Feb. 11	*Gulf Coast	There
Dec. 13	EMJC	Here	Feb. 13	*Hinds	Here
Jan. 7	*Gulf Coast	Here			

All games are double-headers

Starting Time: 6:00 p.m.

*Conference Games

This Year At ECJC...

Two Firsts Added To Cheerleading Squad

1985 has been a big year for the EC cheerleaders. One of the highlights of the year was certainly being chosen to represent the South team at the Junior College All-Star Game in Tupelo. This was the second time the East Central cheerleaders have been so honored. The game, which was held Saturday, December 7, was a highlight culminating a year of hard work.

The year has brought two firsts to the Warrior cheering squad--the addition of a mascot and the addition of male cheerleaders. Both these additions were due in large part to the strong desire of the

new President, Dr. Eddie Smith, to give East Central a new, more vibrant image.

The mascot, played at times by Donnie Cleveland and by Toby Pace, was introduced at the Co-Lin game. This must have built up spirit on the field because the Warriors defeated the team who later became State Champions.

The crowd also warmed to the gentle giant of a Warrior as he teased the crowd and taunted the opponents. Perhaps, the highlight of Warriors' year was when he planted a kiss on the cheek of homecoming queen Cindy Bridges and then proceeded to

swoon at her feet.

Being the Warrior is not an easy task. The head of the costume which was designed by Art instructor Bruce Guready, is heavy and particularly hard to balance. Yet the two mascots handled it with grace.

The addition of men cheerleaders also gave the squad a new image. Cheerleaders Toby Pace, Marzette Jernnigan, and Daniel Burton have done a fine job through the year.

The cheerleaders are normally selected in tryouts in the spring of the year. For the first time, a man--Marzette--

was selected as a member of the squad. Having a male cheerleader added so much to the squad's versatility that former cheerleader advisor Terry Walton, Dr. Smith, and Dean of Students Gene Davis decided to add additional men to the squad.

Since schools in this area don't have male cheerleaders--a phenomenon seen mainly in senior colleges--the men selected had quite a job before them to learn almost a hundred cheers and chants and to learn the dances performed by the cheerleaders.

But each of the men brought some special ex-

perience to the squad. Marzette had gymnastic experience. Toby, as a member of the Collegians, had dance experience. Daniel, grew up with two older sisters who were junior high and high school cheerleaders. He had spent time at home helping them sharpen up their routines. Even though they lacked actual game experience, they did bring special knowledge to their new jobs.

With these two additions, East Central has produced a much more effective cheerleading squad.



WARRIOR CORPS--Sixteen students have been selected at East Central Junior College to join the returning sophomore members of the Warrior Corps, a group organized in 1982 and designated to be the official student representatives for the college. These students will assist in recruitment and will serve as the hospitality committee for various campus activities. Deserving students were recommended and selected by administrators and faculty. Members of the Warrior Corps are: (first row, 1 to r) Wendy Smith of Decatur, Marcia Mason of Newton, Stacie Therrell of Philadelphia, Alice Thames of Union, Kim Wilcher, Cathy Culwell of Louisville, (2nd row, 1 to r) Randy Hayes of Forest, Lisa Greenwood of Noxapater, Barbara Jones of Lake, Lee Anna Lofton of Carthage, Michele Murphy of Union, Gaye McDaniel of Philadelphia, Susan Williamson of Philadelphia, (3rd row, 1 to r) Bridgett Bobbitt of Forest, Warren Alford of Philadelphia, Al Lucas of Newton, Stan Davis of Morton, Greg Nowell of Philadelphia, Greg McNair of Union, (4th row, 1 to r) Johnnie Weems of Newton, Dennis Russell of Noxapater, Chris Collins of Union, Trent Kelly of Union, Philip Chamblee of Carthage, and Darrell Mangrum of Decatur.

Theta Xi To Re-work The Leatherwood Exhibit

By Ann McGee

The E.C. chapter Theta Xi of Phi Theta Kappa has initiated 7 new members. New members include: Thomas Anderson, Willie Anderson, Fred Hamilton, Peggy Matthews, James Powell, Dawn Tune, and Betty Winstead. This is probably the highlight of each semester for Phi Theta Kappa.

Theta Xi's service project for the year is to re-work the

Leatherwood exhibit in the Science Building. They hope to line the case, label the specimen, clean, etc. Theta Xi hopes to have this service project completed by March 19, 1986, which is Senior Day.

During the month of November Theta Xi did more than just initiate new members. They ran a concession stand at the school auction to earn money for the National Phi Theta Kappa

Convention. The National Convention will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the spring of 1986. Members also attend the MS-LA-TN Regional Convention on the coast.

Theta Xi has been making plans for the spring semester. Also Theta Xi will be hosting the Regional Leadership Conference next fall at Roosevelt Lake, so they have been busy making plans for this also.

Theta Chi Organized At East Central

By Bill Vaughn

The Theta Chi chapter of Phi Beta Lambda was recently reactivated at East Central Junior College. Phi Beta Lambda is a national business society open to all students majoring in the business field. Its purpose is to give the students a chance to broaden their interest in business and to provide service to the community.

To open the organization, a reception was held for all prospective members in the business field. After the reception was held, an election was held for the officers of the organization. The new officers are as follows: Ann Abel, President; Tywonna Richardson, vice-president; Rosie Conway, secretary; Leanna Brezeale, treasurer; Demetria Moore, reporter; Peggy Matthews, parliamentarian; Willie Anderson, historian; and Tonya Clair, Kendel Welch, and Edward McGowan, members-at-large. These officers will conduct all business within the organization.

At the first meeting, members and a chairman for

three standing committees were chosen. Members of the service committee are Gail Rhinewalt, Gail Vance, Ashlee Chipley, Patsy Garrison, and Cecila Waggoner, chairman. Selected as members of the fund-raising committee were Tonya Clair, Cynthia Hughes, Patricia Steele, Billy Ray Walker, and Tywonna Richardson, chairman. Members of the membership committee are Kendell Welch, Billy Ray Walker, Edward McGowan, Bill Vaughn, and Angela Williams, chairman.

Serving as advisors for Phi Beta Lambda are all of the business instructors at East Central. These advisors are Mrs. Bynum, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Pitts.

Presently, Phi Beta Lambda consists of 32 members and anticipates future growth. The membership dues are \$12.00, which a portion of that goes to state and national Phi Beta Lambda. The last day to become a member is January 21, 1986. The advisors encourage anyone interested to join as soon as possible.

Items Of Interest...

The Fine Arts Dept. of E.C.J.C. presented its annual Choral Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 5, 1985 at 7:00 p.m. held in the Fine Arts Building. Mr. Mike Chandler, Minister of Music at Clarke Venable Baptist Church, was featured soloist.

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Dr. Smith, Dr. Brad Tucker were in New Orleans attending the Annual Meeting of Southern Association of Colleges Dec. 1-4. This association deals with the accreditation of colleges. Dr. Smith has been credited with serving on this board. He attended an earlier meeting in Atlanta.

What East Central Junior College Means To Me

By Beverly Oliphant, M.D.

The E.C.J.C. Homecoming events have rekindled the ever glowing coals of my life's intents and purposes. May I take just a moment to share what E.C.J.C. means to me.

Even as a young student E.C.J.C. represented to me more than a mere "school", in the connotative sense of the word. I had worked hard physically, mentally and emotionally preparing myself to be ready for an education at an institution of higher learning. I was never naive enough to believe that education

would or could come through memorizing concepts and ideas from printed pages and then waiting until life pushed the right buttons thereby eliciting the pre-recorded rote flow of verbal and mental regurgitation. I intuitively knew that knowledge, while requiring much of that, is too deep (or too high) to be encompassed by such intellectual mechanics. I knew that real knowledge requires a type of organic integration in which the student embodies the conceptual understanding both into his person and into

the community corpus of which he is a functional organ for service. E.C.J.C. facilitated this growth in and through me.

A college certainly, but it was also a home where I found kindred minds and hearts; a home certainly, but it was also a sanctuary for there I began to delve into the inner mysteries of life. There I felt secure enough to allow the ever palpable presence of being, to sensitize me to the cries of suffering and to the promise of relief through compassion of spirit wedded

to skillful intelligence. There at E.C.J.C., I consecrated my life to serving mankind's needs which I found to be no different from my own. My success as a physician has not been due so much to inherent mental brilliance but to the incredible polishing of one with ordinary lusture by daring teachers whom I trusted as they entrusted me with their best.

My teachers then and elsewhere have taught me to cultivate the attitude of success without arrogance, pride

in personal pursuit tempered with the humility of experience, and finally, service to humanity while remaining grateful for the opportunity to serve.

In summary, some 28 years after my graduation, I remember E.C.J.C. as a vital center of learning where the common unity of humanistic community and intellectual opportunity allow one to develop his highest creative potential. Anything less is not an education. That is what E.C.J.C. means to me.

An ECJC Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the mall, not a squirrel was stirring, not even a nut to fall.

The secretaries were by their computers with care, in hopes that St. Rives would soon be there.

The students were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of A's dance through their heads.

And Mrs. Smith in her kerchief, and Dr. Smith in his cap had just settled down for a Christmas break nap.

When out on the campus there arose such a clatter, Dr. Smith rose from his bed to see what's the matter.

Away to the window he flew like a flash, broke open Mrs. Smith's shutters, and tore open the sash.

Giving a luster smile to all student to appear, it's a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew at a moment is must be St. Rives.

More rapid than warriors, his coursers they came, and he whistled and shouted then called them by named:

"Now, Thomas! now, Brenda! now O.S.! and Carol! On A.J. and Versie! on Lois and Raymond.

To the top of the Business office, from the bottom of the mall, Now dash away, dash away, dash away all.

As he guided them out like a wild hurricane fly, each little reindeer shouted, out with a cry.

So up to the vocational building the courser they flew, with a sleigh full of books, and St. Rives too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof, the prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As Dr. Smith drew in his head, and was turning around down the chimney he came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, and his clothes were tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of grades he had flung on his back, looked like a grocery boy, just opening his sack.

His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples how merry,



His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry,

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, and the hair on his head was as white as snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, and the smoke encircled his head like a wreath;

He had a broadface and a little round belly, that shook, when he laughed, like a bowl of jelly.

He was chubby and plump-airtight jolly old man, and I laughed when I saw him, inspite of being a fan.

A drop of a course, and an excuse for a day, soon gave me a bill of how much I had to pay.

He spoke not a word, then turned his neck, then filled all stockings with A's and a grant check.

Laying a finger beside his nose, giving a nod up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle and away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him explain, as he drove out of sight, take my picture Miss Walton and you will have a date for tonight.