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## Annual features the Who's Who

In recent Who's Who elections fifty-percent of the winners were from Neshoba County. These winners will be featured in the Wo-He-Lo yearbook.

Mr. E.C.J.C. is Mr. Chris Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merl Collins of Union. Chris is president of the Student Body and a member of the Collegians.

Miss E.C.J.C. is Michelle Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy of Philadelphia. Michelle is a Centralette, and was recently selected as Miss Congeniality in the E.C.J.C. Beauty Pageant.

Sophomore favorites elected were Mike Courtney - Forest, Boyd Germany - Jackson, Doug Woodward - Louisville, Jennifer Russell - Newton, Stacie Therrell - Philadelphia, Roxanna Manning - Philadelphia, Janet Winstead - Philadelphia.

Freshman favorites were Patrick Luttrell - Houston, Texas, Chuck Hinson - Decatur, John Thomas, Philadelphia, Tina Walker - Philadelphia, Janet Mowdy - Philadelphia, Amy Pouncey - Decatur, Lori Clark - Union.

## 'Hello Dolly' March 25-28

Amy Pouncey and Bear Germany will star in East Central's spring musical, "Hello Dolly." The play will begin on March 25, and will run through Saturday, March 28 in East Central Junior College's Fine Arts Auditorium.

"Hello Dolly" offers a variety of caste members, dancers, and singers. In recent tryouts, the caste selected was made up of: Amy Pouncey as Dolly Levi; Doreen Ryals, Irene Molloy; Susan Haralson, Minnie Fay; Renee Thaggard, Ermengarde, and Tammy Covington as Ernestina. Male caste members are Bear Germany as Horace Vandergelder; Chuck Hinson, Cornelius Hackl; Michael Miller, Barnaby Tucker; Gem Harrison, Ambrose Kemper; Marshall Watkins, Rudolph Reisenvever, and Brandon Herd as the Judge.

Bruce Peterson is the Director of the musical; Tom Carson, Musical Director; and Charles Hinson, Vocal Director. Ovid Vickers will be responsible for choreography, and Mrs. Leesa Graham will provide accompaniment.

For the first time East Central is providing College Credit for working on the play. The Class, Drama Productions I, carries one hour credit whether the student is a character or a member of the crew.

Tickets go on sale March 18, tickets are \$6.00 adults and \$3.00 for students and faculty. Mr. Peterson commented, "I hope students will participate and support the musical with their attendance."



**ECJC'S MISS CONGENIALITY 1987**  
Michele Murphy of Union was chosen Miss Congeniality by pageant contestants at ECJC's Beauty-Beau Pageant held Tuesday, January 13 in Huff Auditorium. Miss Murphy was presented flowers by Dr. Eddie Smith, College President.

## 22 EC students named to WW

The 1987 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN COLLEGES will include the names of 22 students from East Central Junior College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of the students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Those from Union who were selected include Regina Amos a Business Administration major, Christopher A. Collins a Liberal Arts major, and Doris Nell Russell also a Business Administration major.

Bridgett Bobbitt a Computer Science major and Mary Ann Gray a Business Administration major are both of Forest.

Russell Juan Davis is a Secondary Education major from Gadsden, Alabama. From Walnut Grove, George Avery Fisher is majoring in Engineering.

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## Enrollment up At ECJC for Spring Semester

An enrollment increase of over 10 percent has been reported at East Central Junior College for the Spring, 1987 semester, according to Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research.

McMullan reported there are currently 936 students enrolled at East Central, substantially more than 841 enrolled during the Spring, 1986 semester.

He said the breakdown of students by county is as follows: Neshoba, 283; Newton, 236; Scott, 143; Winston, 107; Leake, 96; out-of-district, 36; and out-of-state, 35.

McMullan said there are 393 full-time academic day students, 174 full-time technical day students, 145 full-time vocational day students, 35 part-time academic day students, 7 part-time technical day students, and 182 evening class students who are enrolled in courses being taught in locations throughout the five-county district.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECJC President, said the higher enrollment figure was anticipated and added he foresees even larger enrollments in the near future.

"We are greatly excited about the growth in enrollment at East Central and we are enthusiastic as we project the climb to continue," said Dr. Smith.

He added East Central is once again facing the uphill task of educating more students with funding that is not maintaining the same pace with the increased enrollment.

"The need is obviously great, as more students are choosing to enroll in our junior college. I sincerely hope that funding will increase for East Central Junior College so we can continue to provide the educational services needed in our five-county district," Dr. Smith said.







#### ECJC OFFICIALS SET ACTIVITIES

East Central Junior College Alumni Association officers and college officials recently met to complete the executive committee list and to set dates for activities planned in the upcoming calendar year. Events scheduled include Executive Committee Spring Meeting, April 16; Executive Committee Fall Meeting, September 10; and Homecoming, October 10, with reunions scheduled at 10:00 a.m., luncheon at 12:00 noon, and football game at 2:30 p.m. The theme for the 1987 Homecoming is "East Central Junior College, With You In Mind: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." The committee announced release notices on Homecoming nominations and elections will be sent July 15, nominations for Homecoming honors will close August 16, the balloting process will be from August 16 to August 25, and officers will count ballots and release publicity on those elected August 26. Meeting were, seated, from left, Dr. Pam Kirk of Louisville, association vice president; Harold Webb of Decatur, association president; standing, from left, Gene Davis, Dean of Students; Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECJC President. Not pictured is Mrs. Lois Cooper of Decatur, association secretary-treasurer.

(ECJC Photo)

## Four sets of twins make for 8 doubles

By Jeff Wall

Has seeing double puzzled you? East Central Junior College is pleased to have four sets of identical twins on campus this semester.

Kim and Tim Horton from Lake, Mississippi, are enrolled as Freshman majoring in Business Administration. They try to be alike as much as possible. The two advantages these twins have found are that they can share clothes and do homework together. Both girls play the piano and clarinet. The twins said, "We had to separate in grammar school because of a school regulation, but rather than make independent friends, we would just wait until we saw each other." In addition, the Hortons told the newspaper that after one week apart, they feel incomplete.

Robert and Reid Utsey of Millry, Alabama, are 1985 graduates of Letoy High School. Throughout high school, both youth men dressed alike and played football and baseball. Both are Sophomores majoring in Business Administration. Robert and Reid are attending East Central on football scholarships and share a dormitory room. Robert stated, "One disadvantage is that you don't have a single identification. You are known as Utsey." The major difference between the two is that Reid is more serious, and Robert is more likely to lose his temper.

East Central's third set of identical twins are Kelvin and Kerry Nichols from Beulah Hubbard. Kerry is a Pre-Med major, and Kelvin is majoring in Pre-Law. Both are Sophomores and plan to continue their educations at either Jackson State University or Southern Mississippi. Kerry revealed, "A twin can always be your close friend, someone to play with, and can provide extra clothes." In high school both played football, and Kerry told the paper, "We always considered ourselves as a team." This year, while Kelvin lives in the dorm, Kerry commutes. However, they miss one another if they don't see each other once a day.

Eleice and Denise Luckett are the fourth set of twins. After graduating from Carthage High School in 1986, the Luckett's entered East Central with a major in Nursing. Although the girls enjoy spending time together, they also like making new friends. Both feel that they can sense when something is wrong with the other twin. They recalled elementary when they switched places for one day. They said, "The whole day passed before the teachers and classmates had discovered the change." Eleice and Denise enjoy drawing and ended the interview by saying, "Everyone should be as lucky as we are to have a twin brother or sister."

## Student Leaders

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Christopher David Hemphill is from Louisville and is majoring in Secondary Education. Also from Louisville is Douglas Kimball Woodard majoring in Pre-Medicine.

Students named from Newton were Renee Carol Johnson who is a Nursing Major and Steve Edward Nelson who is a Secondary Education Major.

Barbara Louise Jones from Lake is majoring in Business Administration and Carl Eastland Porter of Morton is an Engineering Major. Two students named from Carthage were Charles Scott Moore, an Engineering major, and Patricia Ann Rives, a Journalism major.

Also selected from Philadelphia include Brigitte Gaye McDaniel who is majoring in Elementary Education, Dina Michele Murphy also majoring in Elementary Education, Stacie James Therrell who is a Music Education Major with Piano Endorsement, Kevin Cooper Thompson who is an Engineering Major, and Anita Susan Williamson who is majoring in Physical Therapy.



Twenty-two East Central students from the five county-area have been inducted into Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Those selected were: first row, left to right, Doris Russell, Union; Patricia Rives, Carthage; Stacie Therrell, Philadelphia; Wendy Smith, Decatur; Susan Williamson, Philadelphia; Gaye McDaniel, Philadelphia; Scott Moore, Carthage; Bridgett Bobbitt, Sebastopol; second row, left to right, Stevie Nelson, Newton; Barbara Jones, Lake; Michelle

Murphy, Philadelphia; Rusty Davis, Gadsden, Ala; George Fisher, Walnut Grove; Chris Hemphill, Louisville; third row, left to right, Chris Collins, Union; Mary Ann Gray, Forest; Regina Amos, Union; Doug Woodward, Louisville; Kevin Thompson, Philadelphia; and Robert Weidler, Decatur. Not pictured are Renee Johnson of Newton and Carl Porter of Morton.



# EC Child Care program is the first of its kind

By Janet Mowdy

In August, 1986, East Central added the Child Care Attendant Program to its curriculum. The six month training program, which is the first of its kind in the state, is funded under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) of the governor's office of federal/state programs.

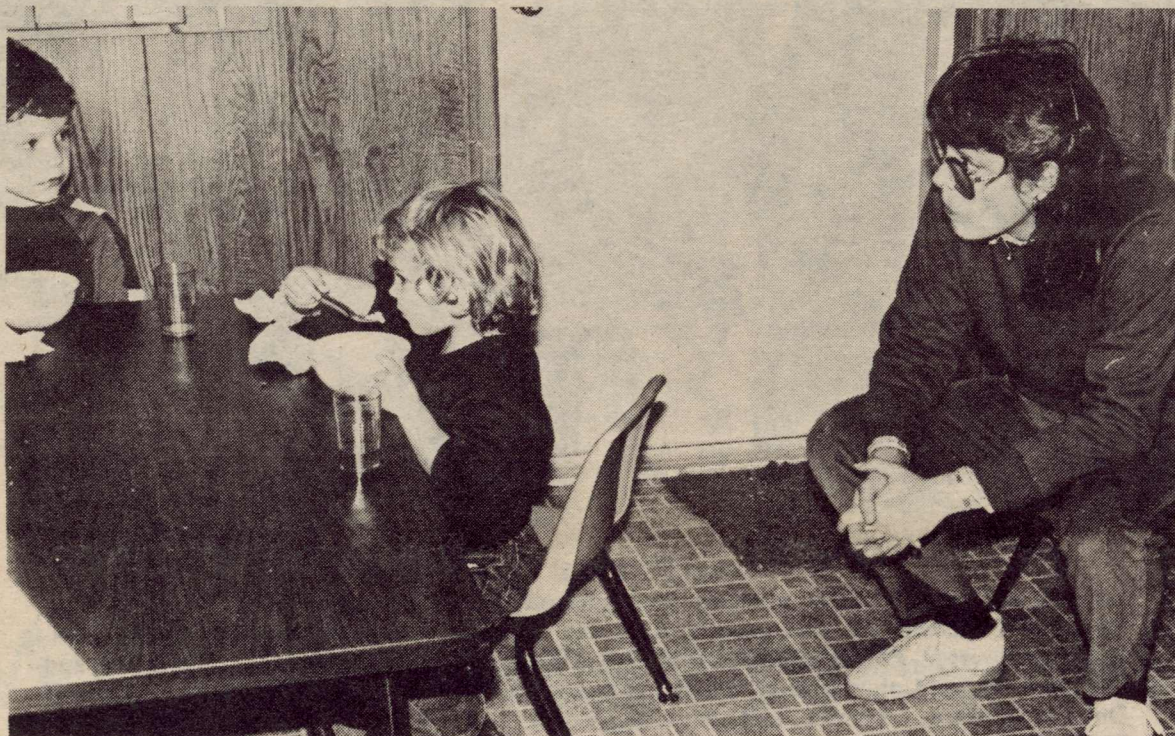
Although the program can enroll up to 12 students, currently, there are 10 from the five-county area. Instructor Katherine George of Jackson said she is looking for new students to begin the next session, scheduled to begin on March 23. George, who is assisted by Mary

Lyles of Pascagoula, said, "The only requirement for entering is that students must be 16 years old or older."

Students work in the training course from 8 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. each day. Mornings are spent mostly with the children, and classroom lectures are conducted in the afternoons. According to George the advantages of the program to the students are, "It enables them to become teacher-aids in headstart programs, kindergartens, and other child care facilities. It resembles an internship program in that it pro-



Mary Lyles, assistant instructor at East Central Junior College's Child Care Center, plans activities for the day. The center is open from 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. (ECJC Photo)



## ECJC'S CHILD CARE ATTENDANT PROGRAM

B.J. Bynum, left, of Chunky, and Kasidi Griffin of Newton enjoy ice cream during snack time at East Central Junior College's Child Care Center, while instructor Katherine George looks on. The program enrolls children between the ages of two and five, and is open from 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(ECJC Photo)

such as blankets, colors, scissors, etc. The program supplies a hot lunch and morning and afternoon snacks for the children.

The Center also provides a modern, well-equipped playground for the children containing seesaws, a space ladder, a superdome, and riding horses. George said, "Physical development is promoted through a good playground facility and the other college facilities. When the playground is wet, we take the children out to play on the tennis courts with their frisbees or either walking to the gym. I feel play is important to children."

The children are also provided an educational background of language and math skills and are helped to develop the ability to build relationships which will be helpful when they start school. They are involved in art activities that are directed toward learning skills such as teaching colors and their names. George feels that the children are learning a great deal about being independent.

The program is great for most of the mothers because out of 10 students, 7 have mothers on campus and 1 has a grandmother on the faculty. George said, "I feel this is a worthwhile program and I would like to see it progress. It's good training for the student and a good facility for childcare."

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the center should contact East Central Junior College. The center is open from 6:45 a.m. until 5 p.m. each week day, and closes for most school holidays.



## ECJC'S CHILD CARE ATTENDANT PROGRAM

David Bedwell, left, age three of Decatur, Emily Bozman, four, of Union, and John King, 2, of Decatur, enjoy ice cream during a snack break at East Central Junior College's Child Care Center as student Robin Houston, 19, of Philadelphia, looks on.

(ECJC Photo)

vides practical experience as well as an educational background for the students."

The students rotate on a three day basis while working with the children. While one student prepares the mid-morning snack, another is busy teaching songs to the children, or reading stories to them.

Students who successfully complete the curriculum receive a certificate at the end of the six-month training period. While it is possible for students to complete a two-year degree program at another college, most of the students now involved with the curriculum say they will look for jobs after completing requirements at the East Central Child Care Center.

Child Care Attendants in the course receive \$30 a week. Those with children of their own are paid an extra \$10 a week for each child.

Although maximum enrollment is 15, there are 10 children between the ages of two and five years, enrolled in the center. Mothers provide certain personal supplies, tuition, and things



# Beauties, Beaus selected

Mary Ann Gray of Forest was crowned East Central Junior College's Most Beautiful for 1987 Tuesday night, January 13, in Huff Auditorium. Gray, an accounting major at East Central, wore a red taffeta antebellum style gown for the evening wear competition.

The 1984 graduate of Forest High School is a sophomore and is an active member of the college fashion squad and math club, Mu Alpha Theta. The Dean's List scholar is the 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gray of Forest.

Chosen as ECJC's Most Handsome for 1987 was Doug Woodward of Louisville. Woodward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Woodward.

At East Central, the sophomore is President of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Vice President of Phi Theta Kappa, and Secretary of the Student Body Association. Woodward, 19 and a pre-medicine major, is a member of Who's Who Among American College Students and is a President's List scholar.

Along with the top winners, four beauties and beaus were selected. Beauties named were freshman Janet Mowdy, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mowdy of Philadelphia; freshman Stephanie Copeland, 19-year-old daughter of Max and Hanni Copeland of Newton, freshman Shelley Wolverton, 18-year-old daughter of Carolyn Moorman and Kenneth Wolverton of Philadelphia; and sophomore Stacie Therrell, the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Therrell of Philadelphia.

The four beaus selected during the pageant were freshman Ken Edwards, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Murkey Amerson of Philadelphia; freshman Steve Hardy, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hardy of Philadelphia; freshman Mike Killen, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Killen of Philadelphia; and sophomore Chris Collins, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Collins of Union.

Sophomore Michelle Murphy of Union was chosen by the other pageant contestants as Miss Congeniality. Murphy is the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy of Union.

Other beauty and beau contestants named to the top ten were Susan Haralson, Decatur; Emily Tingle, Decatur; Chiquita Jones, Meridian; Michelle Murphy, Union; Lisa Dearing, Newton; John Thomas, Philadelphia; David Lott, Lake; Mark Fulton, Philadelphia; Mike Courtney, Forest; and Paul Radigan, Union.

Judges for the pageant were Kathy Anderson and Jerry Williams of Starkville; Judy Booth of Eupora; and Zerelda Nelson of Lawrence. Leesa Graham, music instructor at East Central, was the pageant coordinator,

while English instructor Ovid Vickers served as master of ceremonies.

Guest entertainers who performed during the pageant intermissions were Gayla Gatewood of Forest and Gary Jolly of Philadelphia. East Central students Michelle

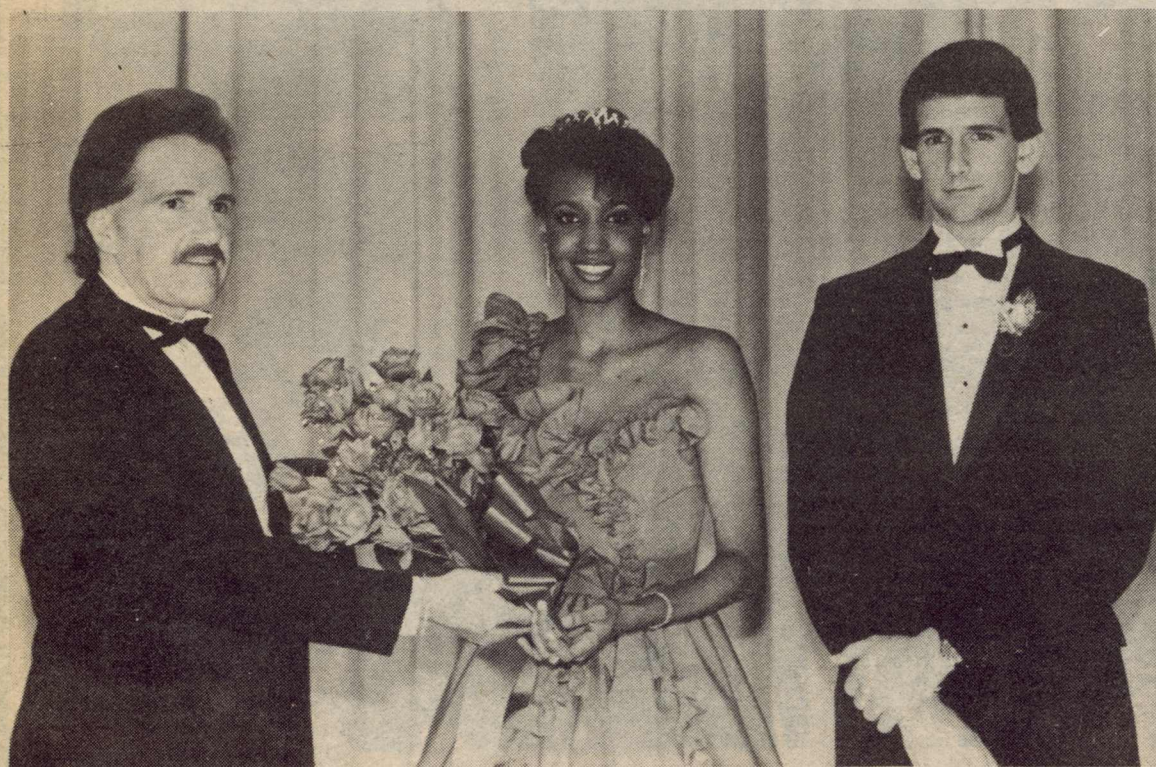
Chaney and Wendy Smith also sang for the audience, while the college's President, Dr. Eddie Smith, played some piano selections.

The 1987 winners will be featured in the college yearbook.



## ECJC BEAUTY-BEAU PAGEANT 1987

Selected as finalists in ECJC's Beauty-Beau pageant on Jan. 13 were, front row, left to right, Stephanie Copeland, Newton, beauty; Mary Ann Gray, Forest, Most Beautiful; and beauties, Shelley Wolverton, Philadelphia; Janet Mowdy, Philadelphia; Stacie Therrell, Philadelphia; and Michele Murphy, Union; second row, left to right, beau Chris Collins, Union; Most Handsome Doug Woodward, Louisville; and beaus, Ken Edwards, Steve Hardy, and Mike Killens, all of Philadelphia.



## MOST BEAUTIFUL - MOST HANDSOME

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President, East Central Junior College, is shown presenting roses to Mary Ann Gray of Forest who was named Most Beautiful at the annual ECJC Beauty-Beau Pageant held January 13 in Huff Auditorium. At right is Doug Woodward of Louisville who was chosen Most Handsome.



## DR. EDDIE SMITH

A surprise entertainer at the annual East Central Junior College Beauty-Beau Pageant was Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECJC President, who performed several selections while the judges continued their deliberations. Scheduled performers included Gayla Gatewood of Forest, Gary Jolly of Philadelphia, and ECJC students Wendy Smith and Michelle Chaney. ECJC Band Director Tom Carson provided musical accompaniment.





#### MORTON SENIORS VISIT ECJC

These Morton High School seniors visited East Central Junior College Monday, January 19, and received first-hand information concerning entrance requirements, financial aid, and the many fields of study offered. Upon arrival the students were greeted with refreshments and were given a short tour of the campus by Gene Davis, Dean of Students. The Morton seniors later met Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECJC President, and Dr. Brad J. Tucker, Dean of Instruction. The students were also treated to a luncheon in Mabry Cafeteria. Attending were, first row,

left to right, Michelle Prestage, Patricia Thornton, Sharon Coker, Tammy Perritt, Addeal Porter, Tanya Waggoner; second row, left to right, David Johnson, Jeff Davis, Tommy Moore, Leslie Fitzhugh, James O'Cain, Paul Prestage; back row, from left, Ray Parker, Lee Sugg, John Mark, and ECJC faculty members Gregg Jefcoat, Academic Counselor and John Adcock, Vocational-Technical Counselor. Not pictures is Morton senior Amy Trest who also visited the campus.

(ECJC Photo)

## Wife of college president leads an enjoyable, busy life

By Michelle Chaney

Mrs. Charlotte Smith plays a vital role in the life of East Central's President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Mrs. Smith not only helps Dr. Smith with functions on campus, but also maintains a life style of her own.

Mrs. Smith's life is very busy but an enjoyable one. There is always so much to do; such as school functions, meetings, and entertaining. Mrs. Smith enjoys entertaining and opening their home to the faculty during Christmas. She attends numerous school functions such as basketball and football games, musicals, choir and collegian concerts and beauty pageants. She accompanies Dr. Smith to various club meetings whenever possible. Mrs. Smith believes there are many good activities held on campus and enjoys attending them. Mrs. Smith said, "I don't feel that I'm required to attend these, I go because I enjoy being associated with EC". Mrs. Smith feels the faculty are the best, and enjoys being associated with them.

Mrs. Smith's life away from East Central is being Kindergarten teacher at Hickory. Mrs. Smith helped to coordinate the Kindergarten program for Newton County. Mrs. Smith said she really en-

joys her job at Hickory. She feels that although she is a President's wife it doesn't affect her job. She is a member of the Progressive Womens Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, Ms. Association for Children Under Six, Southern Association for Children Under Six, Baptist Young Women, Handchime Choir. She is a member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, where she is pianist. Mrs. Smith and her family present sacred concerts consisting of singing, and piano and organ duets. Mrs. Smith said, "I don't feel like I've lost my identity, I think I have made my own place. She feels having a job helps to keep her life separate, this gives her a sense of identity."

Mrs. Smith has liked Decatur since she's been here, and feel the people really make it so special. All the people she's associated with are so friendly. Mrs. Smith said, "The first few days we were in Decatur the people made my family feel always belonged." "This is an advantage of a small town."

Mrs. Smith is very excited and proud for her husband, and feels that this is a positive step for her family. She said, "Although this is an exciting life it gets hectic at times." There are times like in



Charlotte Smith

everyone's life when you just want to stop, and my life is no different. Mrs. Smith knew when Dr. Smith accepted his job that life was going to be busy and she has no regrets. Mrs. Smith said, "I hope that

I've been very supportive and the kind of wife that he would need in a job of this nature just as he would be to me." Mrs. Smith is truly a special lady behind that outstanding leader of East Central Junior College.

## PTK taps 36 new members on campus

By Jeff Wall

Phi Theta Kappa has recently announced their new members for the Spring semester. Requirements that each new member had to meet included a 3.4 Grade Point Average for Freshman and a 3.3 Grade Point Average for Sophomores for the fall semester. Approximately 36 new members were invited to join the chapter. A banquet was held Monday, February 2, 1987 in East Central's Gold Room. The new members for Spring of 1987 are Julie Adams, Lee Adams, Vicki Arthur, Sally Clark, Stephanie Copeland, Tammy Copeland, Dan Cumberland, Julie Cushman, Brenda Dearing, Danelle Ever-soll, Cynthia Gannan, Shelia Goodwin, Bobbie Nell Gray, Mary Ann Gray, John Wesley Hardin, Jan Holdiness, Sonya Horton, Melanie Huffman, Meschelle Jacobs, Suzanne Kennedy, Kim Lawson, Terry Matula, Dwayne Moore, Michelle Murphy, Jeff Register, Doris Russell, Doug Smith, Marsha Stovall, Teresa Stroud, Renee Thaggard, Jason Thomas, Melissa Thrash, Michael Wells, Melissa Whit-mire, and Dr. Brad Tucker was also named as an honorary member.

Theta XI, the Phi Theta Kappa Chapter at East Central Junior College, shared the Christmas spirit with some less fortunate Mississippians. Before the Christmas Holidays, members of Theta Xi cheerfully gave toys and food to Laird Hospital Clearing House in Union, Mississippi. The Clearing House distributed the items throughout the surrounding area to needy families.

This Spring, the Honor Fraternity hopes to continue with several projects. The members will send letters to all Senior honor students at high schools in the five county area encouraging them to attend East Central after high school graduation. Mrs. Burkes and Dr. Harris have already attained most of the names, and the number has reached 200. Theta Xi hopes this project will increase the number of students at East Central, as well as, increase the size and interest in Phi Theta Kappa.

In addition to projects, the organization will attend Phi Theta Kappa's National Convention April 2, 3, and 4, at the Hyatt Regency Reunion Center in Dallas, Texas. The convention will be filled with speakers and fun for everyone. The meeting will also provide members a chance to meet with others from throughout the country. It will also give many helpful suggestions for projects and activities in which East Central Junior College's Chapter may be interested.



# Rehearsals are also part of the fun of being an EC Collegian

By Michelle Chaney

The Collegians are talented students who represent East Central's five-county district. An outsider looking in may think being a Collegian is fun, because the girls look so glamorous, and it would be so easy to just sing. While being in the Collegians may be fun, it is also hours of hard work. Every performance that the Collegians are involved in there is equipment that has to be loaded, unloaded, then set up. Practices are each Monday night from 6:00 - 9:30, and attendance is required by the director. The practices prepare the group for the campus concerts held in November and April, also for second semester events.

Events during second semester contain a spring concert held in April, trips to area high schools, and performances at basketball games. This provides entertainment for the audiences as well as giving the Collegians a chance to get repaid for their hard work.

The Collegians are often called the closest group on EC's campus. Boyd Germany, a sophomore from Jackson feels that the Collegians are an essential part of East Central Junior College. Boyd said, "I have talked to people who didn't know East Central existed until

they heard the Collegians." "Being a part of the group and associating with the people has made the work worthwhile," Boyd said. The Collegians are truly an outstanding part of East Central and it has been an honor for me to be a part of it.

The Collegians are a group of students who deserve a lot because they help people realize part of what East Central has to offer. The Collegians, although there are differences, seem to remain the closest group on campus.

Members of the 1986-87 Collegians are: Stacie Therrell, Sophomore, Philadelphia; Michelle Chaney, Sophomore, Decatur; Kimberly Martin, Freshman, Lake; Roxanna Manning, Sophomore, Philadelphia; Chris Collins, Sophomore, Union; Chuck Hinson, Freshman, Decatur; Eddie Deurode, Freshman, Louisville; Michail Miller, Freshman, Newton; Scottie Chunn, Sophomore, Philadelphia; Boyd Germany, Sophomore, Jackson; Dewayne Moore, Freshman, Forest; Renee Thaggard, Freshman, Carthage; Jim Wolverton, Freshman, Philadelphia; Eugene Cliburn, Freshman, Union; Steve Hardy, Sophomore, Philadelphia; Jeff Neal, Freshman, Carthage; Jamie Nance, Freshman, Decatur; Paul Busby, Sophomore, Decatur; Bud Johnson,

Sophomore, Philadelphia. "Being a member of it has been the best part of my life," says Stacie.

Because we travel so much, it is fun and entertaining, and we become very close. After many other organizations, we stay together 10 of 12 hours a week.

Last year I was in the group which consisted mostly of vocalists, and more with the girls, and closeness is still the same.

If you sat in on a rehearsal, Mr. Carson telling us the mistakes of performances, and complain, but there's no do! We do sometimes annoy him, but it's all we're all proud to be Collegians! It's an honor to be in order to achieve are tremendous! It's go to the high schools and at the same time we ourselves.

I know when I leave I'll carry all these memories ten or twenty years remember the Collegian forever-friendships I

## Three straight Miss Neshoba County winners

It's not yet a proclaimed designation, but East Central Junior College in Decatur could well become known as "the official college where beautiful women attend school!"

Many pageant winners have chosen East Central as the place to continue their education, but probably for the first time there are three consecutive pageant title-holders from the same town attending the junior college at the same time. Such is the case with three young women from Philadelphia, who are all Miss Neshoba County pageant winners.

The reigning Miss Neshoba County is Stacie Therrell. Stacie was crowned by the previous winner, Janet Mowdy, and Janet was crowned by her predecessor, Michele Murphy.

Not only did each girl win the county pageant held each summer during the Neshoba County Fair, but each girl also served her high school as student body president and vice president and each won the "Queen of Hearts Valentine Pageant." And at ECJC, each girl has served as freshman maid, Centretablette, class favorite, and election committee member.

Despite sometimes competing against each other in pageants, all three girls are good friends. Probably the only time there is a little friction to develop is when rivals, Philadelphia and Neshoba Central teams clash in athletic events. Stacie attended Philadelphia High School while Janet and Michele went to Neshoba Central.

The three girls have known each other for quite a while, as their paths crossed in the early years of pageant participation.

Michele said she especially remembers meeting Stacie when they competed at a young age in Farm Bureau pageants. Michele laughed and said Stacie always beat her in the talent division because while Michele struggled through a little dance step from "Hello, Dolly" Stacie would perform superbly on the piano while playing Beethoven!

In the "Queen of Hearts Pageant", Stacie crowned Janet. Stacie's first words to Janet, spoken as Stacie pinned her successor, were

"Please don't let me stick you!" And to make this story even more confusing, Michele crowned Stacie the previous year!

Stacie, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Therrell of Philadelphia, is a sophomore piano major.

In winning her title of Miss Neshoba County, Stacie became the first contestant to also win Miss Photogenic and Miss Congeniality. It was the second time Stacie had entered the pageant. She first entered in 1984 when

Michele won the title, but Stacie did not come away without honors, however, as she was named Miss Congeniality.

Stacie's list of accomplishments at East Central, in addition to those already stated, include freshman class secretary, sophomore class vice president, Player's president, Warriors Corps secretary, and she has been a member of the Collegians, Jazz Band, and chorus for two years; Fashion Squad, Baptist Student Union, and President's Council.

She has served as a football and basketball cheerleader and she was the leading actress in the musical, "Bye, Bye Birdie". She was recently named to Who's Who In America Junior Colleges.

As mentioned, Stacie has been involved in many activities. She said one main driving force that keeps her going is her eight-year-old brother Matt, who comes to campus quite often with their mother to watch Stacie appear in any activity she participates. Stacie enthusiastically describes Matt as her "biggest fan". After she had captured one of her recent honors, Matt asked, "What's next, will you win Miss America?"

When she graduates this spring, Stacie said she will miss East Central. She said she loves the school and enjoys recruiting for the junior college because of her feelings for the faculty and fellow students.

"I really like the attention you get at East Central; you're not just a social security number here, you're a person. My teachers know me for what I am and they know about your activities, where you're from, and they take an interest in you personally."

"They take time to help you with your schedule and they are sincere in trying to do what's in your best interest. Also, you can choose to be involved in any activity you desire. You are denied nothing here; if you want to get involved, the teachers will help you reach your goal," Stacie said.

The sophomore beauty added there was no doubt in her mind she would attend East Central because both parents attended and she used to visit the campus frequently, attending ball games and other activities.

Stacie is attending ECJC on a Collegian (the campus singing group) scholarship. She added another plus for attending East Central is that there are many opportunities for students to earn money to help lessen the costs of attending college.

Stacie's plans include attending the University of Southern Mississippi where she hopes to eventually earn a master's degree and then a doctorate in music education.



NESHOPA BEAUTIES

This photo represents the chronological crowning of the three Miss Neshoba County Pageant winners. Stacie Therrell, far right, is the reigning title-holder, was crowned by Janet Mowdy, center, who in turn was crowned by Michele Murphy, left. The pageant is held each summer as part of the Neshoba County Fair. The three pageant winners are students at East Central Junior College in Decatur.

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The Collegians became an added attraction this semester at home basketball games performing for the fans such songs as "Walk Like An Egyptian," "Word Up," and "It's Hip To Be Square." The singers of the group are from left to right, Chris Collins, Union; Chuck Hinson, Decatur; Eddie DeVroede, Louisville;

Michael Miller, Newton; Michelle Chaney, Decatur; Kimberly Martin, Lake; Stacie Therrell, Philadelphia; and Roxanna Manning, Philadelphia. Members of the wind section of the group include Boyd "Bear" Germany, Jackson; Jim Wolverton, Philadelphia; Jem Harrison, Carthage; and Eugene Cliburn,

Union. Other accompanists are bass guitar player Scottie Chunn of Philadelphia; keyboard player Renee Thaggard of Philadelphia; Dewayne Moore of Forest on drums; and group sponsor Tom Carson of Decatur on rhythm guitar.

## Winners are on the East Central campus

Janet, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mowdy of Philadelphia, is a freshman liberal arts major.

Before Stacie had won Miss Neshoba County, Janet had been the first double-ward winner as she was named Miss Photogenic along with the pageant title.

Along with East Central honors previous-mentioned, Janet is a member of the Tom-m (campus newspaper) staff, Warrior Corps, and chorus.

The freshman beauty also played on the intramural football team which finished runner-up to the champion squad. Janet laughed when asked how many teams competed in the league (we won't tell!) and she added, in true competitive spirit, that the latter team did not win the title! Janet said she played running back and scored two touchdowns during the season.

Janet said there was never a doubt that she would attend East Central. Her father attended ECJC and he told her about all the great things that happen on campus.

It has been a "friendly" experience for Janet in attending East Central. She said most of her friends had planned to attend ECJC and was glad to finally get to meet and come friends with many of the people she had seen in photographs which appeared in neighboring town's weekly newspapers.

What Janet also likes East Central is being able to talk with the teachers at anytime. "All you have to do is just knock on the door and teachers are more than happy to talk with you. The teachers don't mind taking the time to talk about school problems about any subject. They also know our parents and that association is a big plus in communicating from teacher to student.

"I also like the many activities offered here. Even a student who is not very outgoing can find it easy to be a part of an activity," Janet said.

Janet's future plans are not certain, but she said she leans toward being a journalist and working in public relations.

But one thing is certain for Janet, she said

she "would rather stay here (East Central) the rest of my life if I could."

Michele, 19-year-old daughter of Martha Murphy and James Murphy of Philadelphia, is a sophomore elementary education major.

Michele began this string of Miss Neshoba County Pageant winners attending East Central when she won the title in 1984.

Besides high school honors mentioned, she was a Special Distinction student, Beta Club vice president, and basketball team member.

Michele was named "Miss Rocket" her senior year and she was the banjo player for a Bluegrass band called "One Night Stand" which performed during the Neshoba County Fair and other programs.

Along with East Central honors earlier mentioned, Michele was recently elected Miss ECJC. She was also recently chosen for Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. She is serving as a sophomore class officer and is a member of the President's Council.

Michele has served as Warriors Corps president, freshman class favorite, and a member of the Players. She is a Dean's List scholar and has been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, honorary society, Mu Alpha Theta, mathematics club, and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, honorary medical society.

Michele and Stacie appeared in the fall play, "Not My Cup of Tea" with Michele playing an 80-year-old woman and Stacie as the woman's 58-year-old daughter.

Michele, like Janet, enjoys playing intramural football but Michele's team fared a little better than Janet's squad. Michele, who played defensive cornerback, was on the championship squad her freshman year. Michele is credited with scoring a touchdown during the season. Besides football, she also participates in intramural basketball, softball, and volleyball.

The sophomore beauty said she always knew she would come to East Central. Her sister, Kim Viverette, played basketball on the Lady Warrior team and she would often tell Michele about all the activities available on campus.

"You make college what you want it to be, the more a person gets involved the more enjoyable the college experience becomes. I love it here at East Central. I've made a lot of friends and I know those friendships will last forever."

"East Central is kinda like high school but it's a better situation, you have the freedom to do as you please, yet if you're in the mood for some of Mama's cooking during the week, the drive home isn't that far at all."

"The teachers are really great here. They know you are on a one-to-one basis and they know your first names. They make it out to be a personal relationship because they do care about the students," Michele said.

For Stacie, Janet, and Michele, there are probably successful careers ahead and many more beauty titles. And for the next Miss Neshoba County, odds are she will also find her college home to be East Central Junior College.

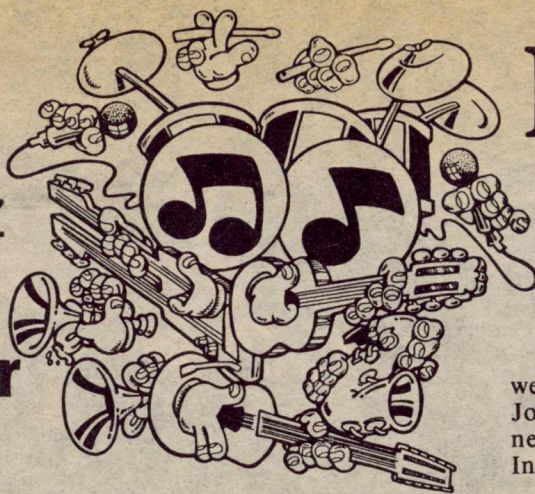


### NESHOPA BEAUTIES

The three Neshoba County beauties can usually be seen walking together on the East Central campus. From left, Michele Murphy, Stacie Therrell, and Janet Mowdy. (ECJC Photo)



## Concert and Jazz bands ready for spring



By Michelle Chaney

The 1986-87 concert and Jazz band is directed by Mr. Tom Carson. Mr. Carson said, "This year's band is so outstanding because the players all seem to be so professional."

The Concert band is composed of forty-one members. This is the largest band East Central has ever had. The concert band meets on Monday and Wednesday 8th period. The concert band will perform a concert activity period in late February. They will also present a spring concert on April 30th. the type

of music played by the concert band is serious.

The Jazz band is composed of sixteen instruments and eighteen members. Each player has their own individual parts. The music played by the Jazz band is alot harder because of the rhythm. The practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays E period. The Jazz band will play at basketball games starting January 26th. After basketball season the Jazz band will present an outdoor concert in the spring.

# Former Forest editor heads public relations

East Central Junior College welcomes Erle E. "Bubby" Johnston III as the school's new Director of Public Information.

Johnston, 34, and a native of Forest, took over the position on January 5, after Terry Gressett resigned the post.

Johnston said he appreciates the opportunity to work on the ECJC campus and looks forward to working with the faculty and students in publicizing the people and activities of the school.

He said of his first few weeks at East Central, "I've been busy getting organized and trying to learn the faculty and students."

A 1971 graduate of Forest High School and a 1975 graduate of Mississippi State University, Johnston received his bachelor of science degree in general business and minored in journalism.

At MSU, he was a president and dean's list scholar, a member of Blue Key and Omicron Delta Kappa honorary societies, and an officer of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

The new member of the ECJC staff has approximately 10 years journalism experience.

After serving eight years at the Scott County Times, which



Bubby Johnston

was owned by his family from 1939 to 1983, Johnston worked to the Scott County Broadcasting Company in Forest.

He also held positions at the Star-Herald newspaper in Kosciusko and at the Reflector, the MSU campus publication.

Johnston said when he is not working, he enjoys relaxing and doing such things as playing golf, watching football and baseball, and tuning in to old Andy Griffith re-runs. He also enjoys listening to music. Recently, Johnston reunited with some old band members from junior high school and resurrected their rock and roll group, "The Roadrunners," for a one night performance at his fifteenth class reunion.

Johnston also enjoys dancing. At the Forest Country Club's Fifties Night he teamed up with Jackie Smith of Forest to win the Twist Contest, and danced with Brenda Tadlock, also of Forest, to capture the jitterbug contest.

Since beginning his new job, the public information director has been busy covering basketball games, taking pictures of students who have received honors, and sending news releases of events to area newspapers.

Johnston said he appreciates how warmly he has been received by the faculty and students.

He added, "I hope the faculty and students will visit my office if they have any ideas concerning publicity of the college's events and activities."

## Valentine's Gifts

To the faculty and students of ECJC

## Let's Get Acquainted Don's Jewelry

Located on 7th Street in the old telephone building

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We have the latest in gold and silver puffed and fillagree hearts

**Register for \$30.00 worth of free jewelry given away each week!**

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## Harriet Vickers interns in information office

A hearty welcome is extended to Harriett Vickers who has returned to her alma mater to work as an intern this semester in the Public information Office.

Vickers will be working with Mr. Bubby Johnston who succeeds Mrs. Terry Gressett as the new Public Information Director. Vickers and Johnston began their duties January 5.

Vickers, 22 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Vickers of Decatur, is completing an internship in Public Relations as required by her graduate degree program at the University of Southern Mississippi.

She received her undergraduate degree in Journalism at USM in the Spring of 1986. At USM, she was Dean's List Scholar and served as secretary of Sigma Delta Chi, a Journalism fraternity, and she worked on the Student Printz, the campus newspaper. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorortiy.

At East Central, Vickers received many honors and was involved in various activities. She served as student body



Harriet Vickers

vice president, was named to the Hall of Fame, and she was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, an honorary society. She was a President's and Dean's List Scholar.

Vickers was a member of the Fashion Squad and she participated in two musical productions. She was the leading actress in "Man of La Mancha" and she served as a supporting actress in "Pajama

Game".

Vickers is a 1982 graduate of Decatur High School, where she also received many honors and was a standout basketball player.

She was chosen Miss Decatur High School and was a three-year starter on the Lady Warrior squad. All three seasons Decatur advanced to the South State Tournament and her junior year the team made the State Tournament finals. Vickers said she still likes to play basketball and is a member of an intramural team on the ECJC campus.

She attends Decatur United Methodist Church where she is a member of the choir.

Vickers said she enjoys being back at East Central but added the situation is a little different than before, since she is now considered part of the staff and not a student.

"It's great being back at ECJC. I'm enjoying my work in the Public Information Office, I look forward to working with the students and faculty in publicizing the many activities on campus," she said.



# Student memorial service celebrates King's birthday

A special ceremony was held on campus Monday, January 19 to honor the memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, whose birthday was observed during many programs across the state and nation. The program, which lasted about 45 minutes, was held in the Fine Arts Auditorium. About 40 students attended the campus observance.

The slain civil rights leader who would have been 58 years old, was fatally shot as he stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of East Central Junior College, welcomed the group and noted Dr. King's "dream of equality" was meant for all Americans, not just the black or white. Dr. Smith quoted excerpts from Dr. King's historic "I Have a Dream" speech, which the civil rights leader gave in front of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963.

East Central students who participated in the program included Ronnie Bender, a sophomore from Louisville who served as program chairman and speaker; Kerry Nichols, sophomore from Union who helped arrange the program; Charles Summers, sophomore from Philadelphia who read scripture, led in prayer, and gave an inspirational talk; Tina Nunn, a Louisville freshman, solos;

Delores Mullins, also a Louisville freshman who sang and provided piano accompaniment; and Freddie Hall, a sophomore from Newton, who also sang.

In making his remarks, Bender said blacks are no longer fighting a war against racism, but that the conflict is really "you against yourself." He said blacks no longer have to fight to go to school, to sit in front of the bus, or to drink from a water fountain.

"The many things Dr. King died for, we now can achieve, if we take advantage of the opportunities presented to us," Bender said.

"We are not here to mourn Dr. King's memory," he added, "but are here to give honor to Dr. King for the path of freedom and opportunity he paved for all Americans, black and white."

Summers told the crowd the black generation of today is weak.

"We do not know what it is like to be oppressed. Being black is no longer an excuse. The opportunity is there and we should not settle for just being second best," Summers said.

Summers said taking a holiday from school, as some have suggested, is not what Dr. King would have wanted.

"Although some students may want to take off from school on Dr. King's birthday, I feel he would not have wanted

that. Instead we should study even harder on his day so as to better ourselves through education," Summers said.



## KING DAY

East Central sophomore Ronnie Bender of Louisville is shown making remarks during a special ceremony to commemorate the late Dr. Martin Luther King. The program was held Monday, January 19 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Others on the program included, from left, Kerry Nichols, Charles Summers, Tina Nunn, Delores Mullins, and Freddie Hall.

# American transition easy for Kuwait students

Many freshman students in East Central's five county district encounter numerous difficulties when they make the transition from high school to college. This transition seems relatively easy when one considers the adjustment that Ehab Elbatnigi and Adnan Asey have made.

Both of these foreign students are from the country of Kuwait. Kuwait is an independent Arabian state that lies at the upper corner of the Persian Gulf and has an area of 6,880 square miles. Mississippi is almost 8 times larger than Kuwait which has a population under 1,000,000. It is bound on the west and north by Iraq, on the east by the Persian Gulf, and on the south by Saudi Arabia.

Rapid growth of this small nation was stimulated by the exploitation of Kuwaiti petroleum. The native and official language is Arabic. English is the second basic language and is taught in public schools.

Ehab and Adnan arrived in the United States over 4 months ago. They both attended the University of Southern Mississippi last semester.

Like the majority of

American teenagers, Ehab and Adnan enjoy music. Ehab enjoys Madonna, Cindi Lauper, and Peter Gabriel. Adnan ranks Pink Floyd and Kenny Rogers as a few of his favorite entertainers. Ehab is anxious to obtain an American driver's license so that he can buy a car. He hopes he can get either a 300 ZX or a Mercedes, and he wants it to be red since that is one of his favorite colors.

Ehab and Adnan enjoy being in America because people are so friendly. They also enjoy the great amount of freedom that Americans usually take for granted.

In Kuwait, Adnan and Ehab received only two television channels, but most of the programs were American. They watched "Miami Vice," "Dynasty," "Magnum P.I.," and "What's Happening." V.C.R.s are very popular, but Adnan still enjoys going to the movie and two of his favorites are "Jewel of the Nile" and "Commando."

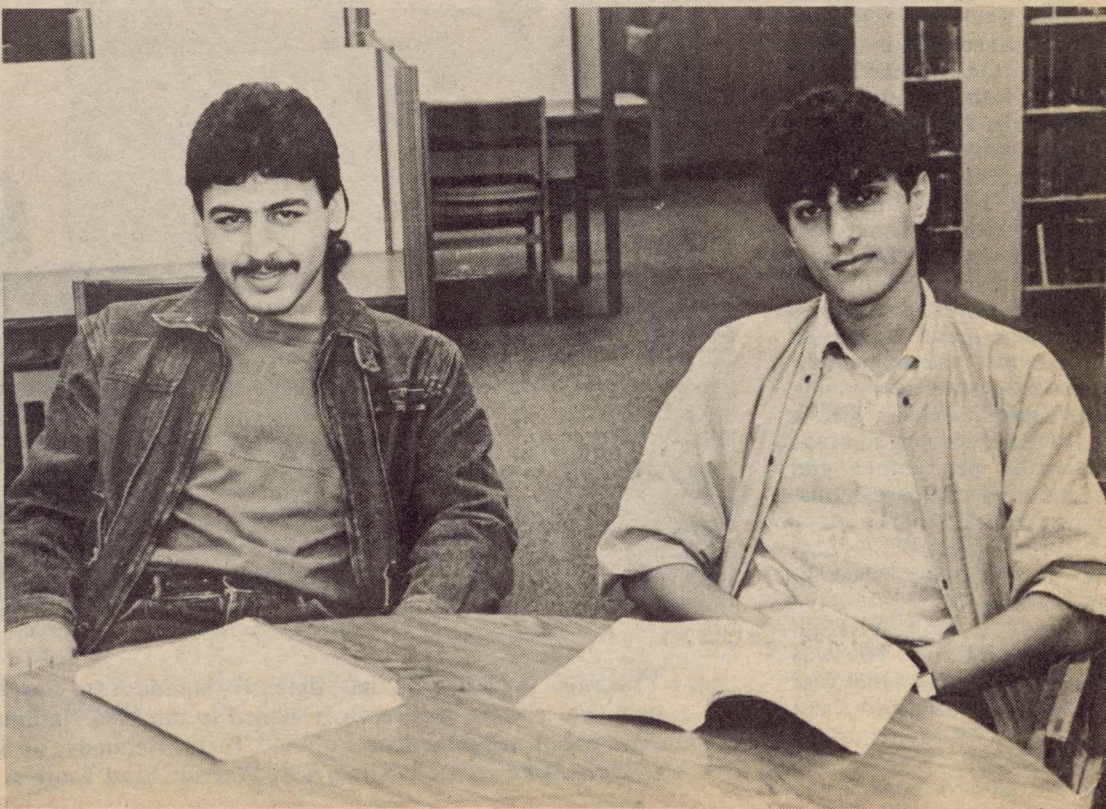
Ehab is studying accounting. He hopes to be accepted to a school in California after graduation. He is also considering the Air Force.

Adnan is majoring in Medical Engineering. After

graduation he will have to leave Mississippi to go to a school that offers the curriculum he needs.

Even though the environment here is totally different than the one where they grew up, Ehab and Adnan have adjusted to

American life well since they feel they are fortunate to be able to gain a college education.



Ehab Elbatnigi and Adnan Asey



## New slide show tells the EC story

By Michelle Chaney

East Central Junior College has a new way of promotion - a new slide presentation.

The new slide presentation is a culmination of efforts by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Mrs. Ann Burkes, Mr. Ovid Vickers, Mr. Tom Carson, and Mr. Mike Goodwin from Carthage. The slide show presents through music and pictures what East Central has to offer.

The presentation lasts about 9½ minutes. It shows pictures of all buildings on campus while telling information about each. The show emphasizes the various vocational, technical, and educational programs offered at ECJC.

The presentation tells about successful alumni and portrays Star Students who have chosen East Central. It deals with academic as well as the athletic activities, such as, different All-Americans and All-Stars at East Central through the past.

The slide presentation portrays in a few minutes the advantages East Central Junior College has to offer students as well as the industry.

## Februray is Junior College Month

February has been designated as Junior College Month. Dr. Eddie M. Smith, statewide chairman for all junior colleges, will meet with other junior college Presidents on January 27th to witness the signing of the proclamation by Governor Bill Allain. Junior College Month will be promoted

throughout the state in the form of press releases and media coverage. Other activities will be held to express the significant contributions that junior colleges are making to the strength, vitality, and prosperity of the state of Mississippi.



ECJC students did not get to take a day off from school after the snow fell Wednesday night, January 21. However, students such as Malissa Nicholson, left, of Union, and Terry Nelson of Newton did enjoy seeing who could build the biggest snowball.

## Signs with Pittsburg State.....

# Kennedy earns All-American football honors

Standout defensive football player Wayne Kennedy of East Central Junior College has carved another niche in his belt of honors; and this time he has received the highest tribute paid to a junior college player.

Kennedy, a 6' 1" 250-pound defensive tackle from Slidell, Louisiana, was recently named to the 1986 National Junior College Athletic Association All-American Football Team. A two-year starter for Coach A. J. Kilpatrick's Warrior squad, Kennedy was the only player from Mississippi to be named on the first team defensive unit. He joins Aaron Fox of East Mississippi Junior College who was selected on the first team offensive squad.

Kennedy was earlier honored by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger/Jackson Daily News when he was named the Junior College Football Player of the Year for the 1986 season.

The 20-year-old compiled impressive individual statistics last season and also led the defensive unit which was ranked nationally in several categories. Kennedy had 69 individual tackles, 28 assists, and had 10 quarterback sacks. He caused four fumbles and made four fumble recoveries. Nationally, East Central ranked fifth in total defense, allowing just over 210 yards per game; and seventh in pass defense, allowing just over 5-5 mark.

Before signing with East Central, Kennedy was an outstanding defensive noseguard at Salmen High School in Slidell. He was chosen All-State his junior year and received All-State, All District, and All-Metro honors his senior year.

So with all those honors, why did Kennedy choose East Cen-

tral Junior College in Decatur, Mississippi?

"I signed with ECJC because I was impressed with Coach Kilpatrick, his staff, and I absolutely fell in love with the East Central campus. The campus, with its historic beauty, really appealed to me as did the people. I cannot say enough about the people at East Central. They are probably the nicest folks I've ever met. I also

wanted to enroll in vocational-technical training, and I knew ECJC offered one of the best programs available," Kennedy said.

Kennedy made an immediate impact at East Central. His freshman year he was named the team's most valuable defensive player and was selected honorable mention on the All-State squad. And this past season, his sophomore year, he

was named to the All Region first team and the All-South State squad, and he was selected to play in the Mississippi Junior College All-Star football game on the South Division unit.

Coach Kilpatrick describes Kennedy as "one of the most outstanding linemen I've ever worked with."

"Kennedy is a very cooperative young man; always interested in the program and

he works hard. He enjoys playing which is a big asset to being a good player," Kilpatrick said.

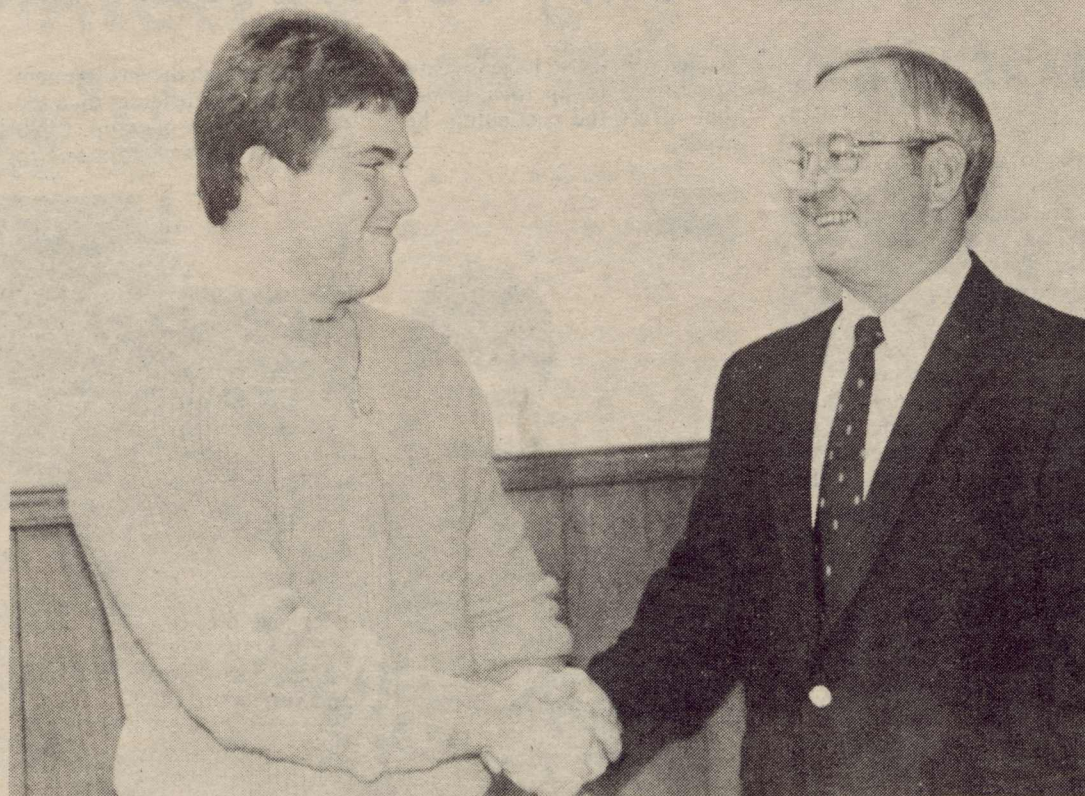
The head football coach said when Kennedy first came to East Central, he was about 25 pounds heavier and not quite as fast. But after the first season of conditioning and regular workouts, Kennedy trimmed down, got stronger, and picked up on bench press 450 pounds and can squat 650 pounds. He runs the 40 yard dash in 4.9 seconds.

Kennedy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Kennedy of Slidell, has completed his athletic and academic careers at East Central, and has transferred to Pittsburgh State University in Pittsburgh, Kansas where he has signed a scholarship to play football and study industrial arts. Kennedy said he was recruited by Mississippi State University, Northeast Louisiana, Nicholls State, and many other universities but he chose Pittsburgh because of the curriculum offered at the school met his career needs. Pittsburgh is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Kennedy said he did not want to leave East Central, but the opportunity was available to continue playing football and studying in his chosen profession. He added he will miss a lot of people, especially his girlfriend, Bobbie Kay Smith, a freshman from Union.

And what will the future hold for Wayne Kennedy? Is professional football a possibility?

"He certainly has the talent to make it in the professional football league," Coach Kilpatrick said, adding, "And with a little luck, he just might make it!"



Wayne Kennedy, left, defensive standout for East Central Junior College the past two seasons, was recently named to the 1986 National Junior College Athletic Association All-American Football Team. Kennedy, of Slidell, Louisiana, is being congratulated by A.J. Kilpatrick, Warrior head football coach.

(ECJC Photo)



## Art instructor at East Central.....

# Guraedy work added to state exhibit

Bruce Guraedy, art instructor at East Central Junior College in Decatur, was recently honored by the Mississippi Museum of Art which announced two of Guraedy's paintings were selected for the prestigious Mississippi Artists Collection.

Guraedy was one of 28 artists chosen from more than 200 artists statewide to receive the honor. He received a check for the paintings, which were purchased for the new Jackson office of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, and Company located in One Jackson Place.

The East Central art instructor sent two paintings, a water color entitled "Dusk Departure" and a landscape oil painting called "Semi-Seurat." Guraedy also attached a resume pertaining to his artistic background.

Guraedy has been an art instructor at ECJC for 11 years. This semester he is teaching 121 students in nine different classes. Of the nine classes, six are taught in the daytime and three are night classes. Guraedy said he usually averages about 100 students per semester.

Guraedy is a 1968 graduate of Forest Hill High School. He received a B.A. in Art and

minor in Communications from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1973 and he received a master's degree of art education from USM in 1976. He also received a graduate fellowship in art education from USM. Guraedy said he also has completed 30 hours beyond his master's degree in art at Mississippi College.

Among his honors, Guraedy received the 1985 East Central Junior College Alumni Association Distinguished Faculty Award. He serves as art critic for the Claybluff Art Association of which he is a member, in Philadelphia. He meets with association on a monthly basis.

Guraedy is past president of the East Central Junior College Faculty Club and is a member of the Mississippi Junior College Faculty Association.

For the past six years, he has been a part-time art instructor at the Meridian Branch of Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Linda Kay Knighton of Big Timber, Montana, who is a teacher at Decatur Elementary School. They have one child, Jason Brian, age four. They attend Decatur United Methodist Church.



### ECJC ART INSTRUCTOR HONORED

East Central Junior College art instructor Bruce Guraedy does a little touch-up work on a just completed oil painting. Two of Guraedy's paintings were recently chosen for the prestigious Mississippi Artists Collection.

(ECJC Photo)

## Taylor to represent EC on JuCo Foundation

W.A. "Bill" Taylor, Chairman of the Board of Taylor Machine Works in Louisville, has been appointed to the State Advisory Council of the Mississippi Junior College Economic Development Foundation.

Taylor will represent East Central Junior College in Decatur on the council which is comprised of one member from each of the 15 junior college districts in the state. He was appointed by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECJC President. Five counties comprise the East Central District, which are Newton, Neshoba, Scott, Leake and Winston.

Taylor served as Chairman of the Board and President of Taylor Machine Works from 1968 until last year when his oldest son, Lex, was promoted to president.

Taylor Machine Works is the largest privately owned lift truck manufacturing firm in the United States.

The company, founded by Taylor's father, Alex Taylor, in 1927, manufactures and sells specifically designed material handling equipment and components in addition to the Big Red Line of lift trucks which have from 10,000-pound to 120,000-pound lift capacity.

Taylor is an innovator in the design and implementation of management systems, market

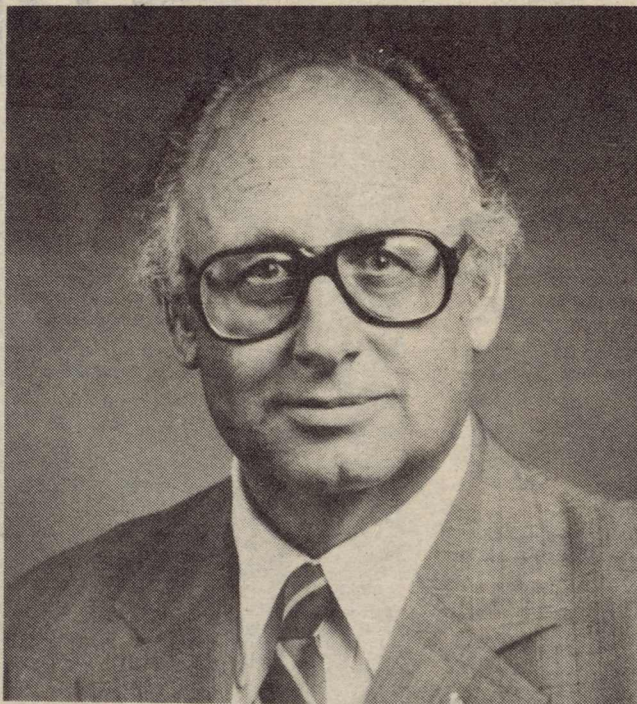
research, and the utilization of computer science in the operation of all company facets.

Taylor, a native of Winston County, was born in 1931. He and his wife, Mrs. Mitzie Metts Taylor, live in Louisville with their younger son, Robert. In addition to their two sons, they have a daughter, Teresa, who is manager of market research at Taylor Machine Works and also serves as Director of the W.A. Taylor Gallery in Louisville.

Taylor attended Mississippi College and Mississippi State University. He served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He is an active member of First Baptist Church in Louisville and supports several missionaries in foreign missions.

He presently serves on the Board of Directors of Mississippi State University Development Foundation, Dixie National Life Insurance Company, Jackson Symphony Orchestra, Kidney Foundation, Mississippi Museum of Art, National Association of Manufacturers, Construction Industry Manufacturers Association, and BIPAC, Washington, D.C.

Taylor is an active supporter and has served many years on the Executive Board of the Pushmataha Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



He also owns Taylor Equipment and Machine Tool Company which buys and sells steel, and W.A. Taylor Gallery and Art Village in Louisville.

His hobbies include goose hunting, collecting fine bronze sculpture, and American Indian paintings.

In 1981 he was awarded membership in the Omicron Delta Kappa Society (MSU Circle) in recognition of conspicuous attainment of service

in college activities.

The State Advisory Council was organized to provide advice and support to the Mississippi Junior College Economic Development Foundation. Major activities of the Council include identification and promotion of appropriate economic development activities with junior colleges, identification of funding sources and entering into appropriate campaigns and

activities to acquire funds for the Foundation, assisting in the image development of junior colleges, establishing Council subcommittees and/or task forces related to specific areas of economic development to give special attention to priority issues, and other activities appropriate to the support of the Foundation.

The primary purpose of the Mississippi Junior College Foundation is to promote, encourage, and assist all forms of education, research, and economic development conducted by the 15 public junior colleges in the State of Mississippi and the Mississippi Junior College Association. The foundation is composed of acting presidents of the 15 public junior colleges.

A press conference and joint meeting of the Foundation and Council was held January 28 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Jackson. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategies for a statewide economic development plan which capitalizes upon the regional strengths of the junior colleges. Former Governor William Winter, Senior Law Partner for Watkins, Ludlam and Stennis in Jackson, served as press conference moderator. Winter serves as Advisory Council member to the Hinds Junior College District.





#### ECJC BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS

Leading cheers for East Central Junior College Lady Warrior and Warrior basketball squads for the 1986-87 season are, first row, left to right, Debbie Love, captain; Kathy Culwell, Cindy Watkins, all of Louisville; Melissa Thrash, Decatur; standing, from left, Amanda Cassel, Paul Radigan, "Warrior Chief", both of Union; and Jennifer Russell, Newton. Not pictured is Jennifer Young of Noxapater. The cheerleader sponsor is Mrs. Kathy Jefcoat.

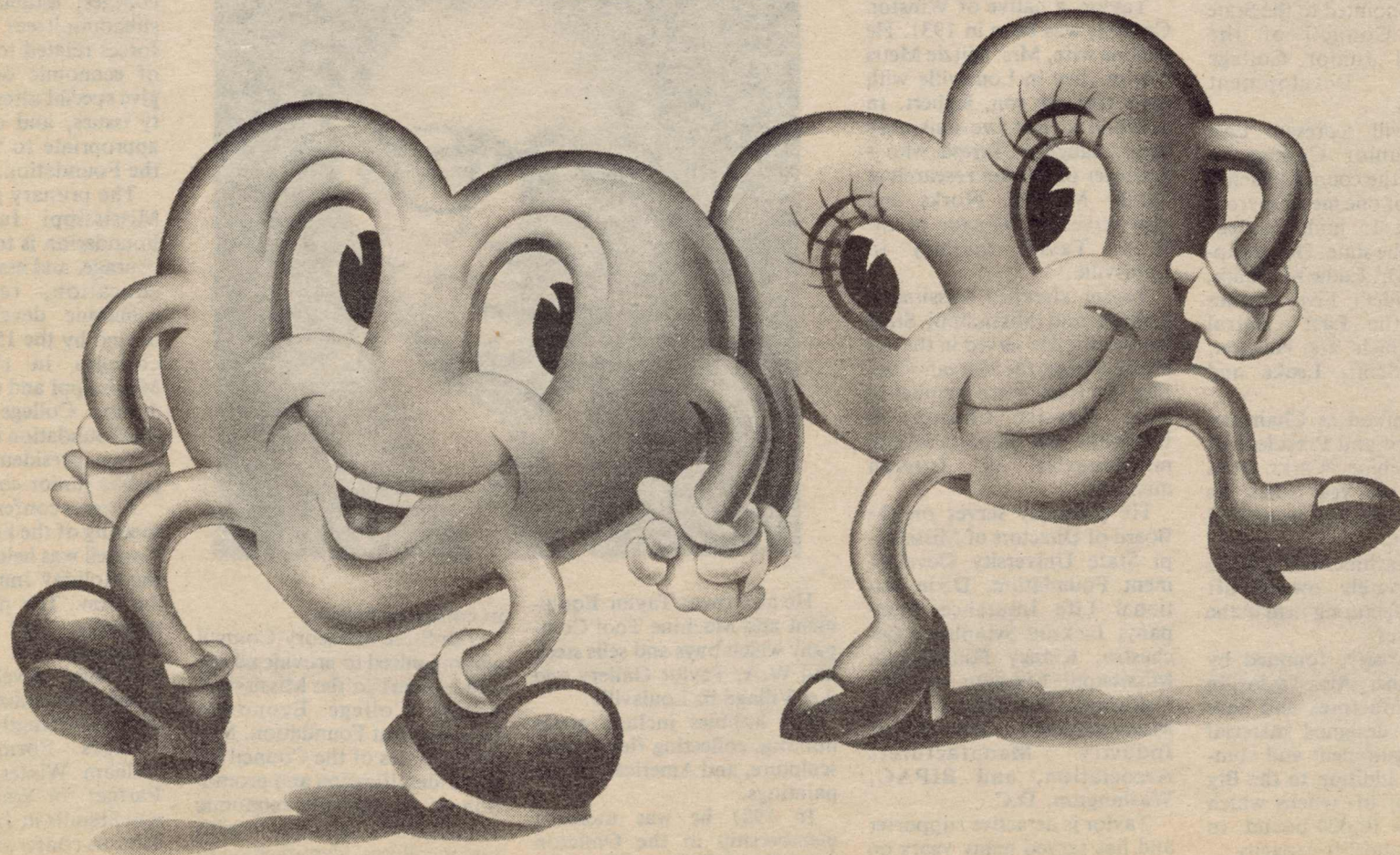
(ECJC Photo)



#### SBA DANCE

Many ECJC students enjoyed dancing to the latest "top 40" songs at the Student Body Association dance held on January 20. The event was a fund raising project for the organization, and Jamie Nance of Decatur provided the music.

# Valentine's Day, Feb. 14





# THE TOM TOM

A STUDENT PUBLICATION OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

## Welcome! High School Seniors!

The entire administration, faculty, staff, and student body are glad to have you on the campus of East Central Junior College for our first ever **Senior Night**.

Many activities have been planned especially **with you in mind** to acquaint you with **YOUR** community junior college. Enjoy yourselves and please consider **Senior Night** as East Central's way of honoring you upon your graduation from high school.

Best wishes and we hope to see **ALL** of you next fall!

**Eddie M. Smith**  
President

## Vo-Tech gets \$158,000 boost

Funding in the amount of \$158,000 has been approved or is expected to be officially approved for new equipment at the Vocational - Technical Department at East Central Junior College in Decatur, announced O.L. Newell, Vo-Tech director. Newell said funding has also been approved to pay part of the salary for the remedial instructor.

**Newell said special funding, which** came through the Vocational - Technical Division of the State Department of Education, was most recently approved in the amount of \$22,240 for ten microcomputers and printers. The regular allocation of \$35,358 was previously approved for other equipment for the Vo-Tech Department, meaning a total of \$57,598 in funds has been fully approved for new equipment.

The Vo-Tech director, who described the funding as a "shot in the arm", said the new microcomputers and printers will be set up in the Business Technology Department. Newell said the department has been operating with just twelve microcomputers and printers and added the

ten new systems will be a welcomed addition for the Business Technology and Computer Technology students.

Other equipment is also being purchased for Cosmetology, Auto Mechanics, Business Technology, Vocational Individualized Developmental System, Body and Fender, Industrial Sewing (at the Philadelphia - Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center), Drafting and Design, Carpentry and Cabinet Making, and Electronic Technology Departments.

**Newell said a plotter costing approximately \$4,000** will be purchased for the Drafting Department and an engine analyzer for Auto Mechanics costing about \$15,000 will be purchased from previously mentioned funds should Special Funds not be approved.

Newell said additional funding has been verbally approved for the following programs: Drafting and Design, \$35,000; Machine Shop, \$32,500; Metal Trades (at Philadelphia - Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center, \$15,000;

Continued on page 4, See Vo-Tech.....



**SCHOLARS BOWL WINNERS...** For the second consecutive year, a team of students from East Central Junior College has won the annual "Ole Miss Scholars Bowl" held at The University of Mississippi. The ECJC team competed against 19 other Mississippi junior colleges during the two-day event, answering questions concerning science, humanities, professional programs, letters, and the fine and performing arts in a contest modeled after the television version of "College Bowl". Over \$150,000 in scholarships to the University were awarded to participating teams. Representing ECJC in the competition were (from left) team adviser Dr. Shelby Harris of Decatur, Kevin Thompson of Philadelphia, Mark Eldridge of Union, Chris Collins of Union and Bob Weidler of Decatur. Ole Miss Chancellor Gerald Turner (right) presented the rotating Scholars Bowl trophy to the winning team.



Mary Ann Gray

## Mary Ann Gray is setting her goals higher

By Janet Mowdy & Rick Smith

For Mary Ann Gray, winning the title of Most Beautiful at ECJC was a great honor. In her own words she explained, "Being selected Most Beautiful was a wonderful honor but to be chosen as the first black Most Beautiful added to the glory." She quickly added, "By being selected, I feel that I can set my goals higher, and also I feel that people look further than color."

**Mary Ann, daughter of William and Lillian Gray,** is a commuter from Forest and is majoring in business. The oldest of three children, she has two younger brothers, ages sixteen and fifteen. Mary Ann's family, like Mary Ann herself, were all shocked when she captured top honors in the competition. After the pageant, East Central's Most Beautiful went home and pinched herself to make sure that she was not dreaming.

Since the pageant, people have treated Mary Ann differently. More people now know her and speak to See **GRAY**, continued on page 3....



# EC wins UM 'brain games'

For the second straight year, East Central Junior College in Decatur has captured first-place honors at the University of Mississippi Scholars Bowl competition, defeating 20 teams representing the state's junior colleges. The competition was held February 27-28 on the Ole Miss campus.

During the Scholars Bowl tournament, teams are questioned in such areas as science and technology, mathematics, humanities, fine arts, business administration, and behavioral and social sciences.

East Central team members are Chris Collins of Union, Mark Eldridge of Rolling Fork, Kevin Thompson of Philadelphia, and Robert Weidler of Decatur. The team advisor is Dr. Shelby Harris, Chairman of the Division of Science and Mathematics. The four students have a cumulative grade point average of 3.82 on a possible 4.0 scale.

In winning the competition, now in its third year, each ECJC team member will receive a \$3000 scholarship to attend the University of Mississippi and East Central Junior College will receive \$700 for use in its general scholarship fund. Ole Miss Chancellor Dr. Gerald Turner will officially present the championship trophy in Decatur to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECJC President, and the Scholars Bowl Team at a later date.

Concerning the competition, Dr. Smith said, "Of course I'm happy and proud because of the victory by our Scholars Bowl team and the overall competition held this past weekend at Ole Miss."

"We at East Central Junior College have a long-standing tradition for academic excellence and instructional quality in our programs of study."

"Certainly we feel that the victory of our Scholars Bowl team is a reflection of the existence of that quality to which we ascribe."

After 17 teams had been eliminated, the four junior colleges remaining in the competition were East Central, Holmes (Ridgeland campus), Meridian, and Gulf Coast (Jackson County campus).

Meridian Junior College won top honors the first year of competition, and, after all the other teams had been eliminated from the double-elimination tournament, it was ironically MJC and ECJC battling for the thousands of dollars in scholarships and the championship trophy.

East Central was the last team in the competition to receive single elimination status. In earning that honor, ECJC defeated Meridian on the following question: "If a string of Christmas tree lights goes out when one bulb has burnt, how..." East Central was first to respond by answering that "the bulbs are wired in series". East Central was later defeated by Meridian but rebounded in the third match to outscore MJC 145-55 and claim the championship trophy.

Members of last year's Scholars Bowl championship team included Darrell Mangrum of Decatur, Tammy Reed of Noxapater, Stan Hardy of Philadelphia, and Alben Roland of Morton.

Team captain Collins, a political science major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Muriel C. Collins of Union. He is a President's List scholar, a member of the Warrior Corps recruiting team, Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and the Collegians. Collins also serves as Student Body Association president and was selected to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

Eldridge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eldridge of Rolling Fork, is a President's List scholar, and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. He is also a sophomore majoring in economics.

Thompson, a sophomore, is majoring in civil engineering and is a member of the marching band, Alpha Alpha Epsilon engineering club, Phi Theta Kappa, and is secretary of the math club, Mu Alpha Theta. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson of Philadelphia is a Dean's List scholar, was selected to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students, and received the Freshman math and engineering awards.

The final team member, Weidler, a sophomore majoring in science education, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was selected to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students. The 21 year Navy veteran received the chemistry award and is a President's List scholar. Weidler is married to the former Burma Reeves of Decatur. They are the parents of two teenagers, Heather and Jason, who attend Decatur High School.



**ECJC FASHION SQUAD MODELS  
THE LATEST FASHIONS**

The East Central Junior College fashion squad has been busy this semester traveling around the five county area. The squad recently went to Newton High School and Carthage High School, and many more trips have been planned for the spring semester. Members of the 1987 squad are first row, left to right, Amanda Castle, Union; Bobbie Warnsley, Decatur; second row, left to right, Amy Pouncey, Decatur; Jennifer Humphries, Louisville; Lori Clark, Union; Carla Parker, Philadelphia; third row, left to right, Mandy Chamblee, Philadelphia; Gaye McDaniel, Philadelphia; Debbie Love, Louisville; Carol Ann Adkins, Philadelphia; fourth row, left to right, Renee Thaggard, Philadelphia; Stephanie Nichols, Philadelphia; Sally Johnston, Lake; Jacqueline Thompson, Philadelphia; fifth row, left to right, Mary Ann Gray, Forest; and Lawrence Thomas, Philadelphia.

## Tingle to represent EC at National conferences

Mrs. Lawrence Tingle, Director of Special Services at East Central Junior College in Decatur, has been chosen to receive an all-expense paid trip to represent Region 4, which includes colleges from the eight Southern states, at a Leadership Training Seminar on the Trio Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act scheduled March 7-10 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Tingle has also been named to represent the 18 colleges in Mississippi at the Department of Education Congressional Workshop in Washington, D.C. March 14-18. The National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations will sponsor her trip to Washington.

A resident of Newton, Mrs. Tingle received the honors during the recent Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel held in Atlanta.

She is married to Robert Tingle and they have three children.

The East Central Junior College Special Services Program is the recipient of a recent honor, having been chosen as one of four programs in Mississippi listed in "Equality", the national publication of NCEOA for January-February.

Mrs. Tingle has headed the ECJC Special Services Program since 1982.

Before coming to East Central, she taught junior high math at Newton, remedial reading and history at Newton elementary, physical education and science in the New Iberia Public Schools in Louisiana, and taught the same courses in the Meridian Public School System.

Mrs. Tingle received a B.S. degree from Alcorn State University, a B.S. teaching certificate from Mississippi State University, a Master of Education degree from Mississippi



**Mrs. Lawrence Tingle**

State University, and has done additional study in law enforcement education from the University of Kansas, Jackson State University, and Mississippi State University.

Among her honors, Mrs. Tingle has served as a National Education Association State Representative, Louisiana Technical College Math Presenter, District Math Presenter (Newton), State Trio Team Leader at the NCEOA Policy Seminar in Washington D.C., and has been involved in the Public Schools AIM Objective (Newton) and the Department of Education, Adult Learners, in Chicago.

Her professional memberships include Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Mississippi Association of Educational Program Personnel, Southern Association of Educational

Program Personnel, National Council of Educational Opportunity Association, Heroines of Jericho, Order of Eastern Star, Third New Hope Christian Women, East Mississippi Women Association, and Order of Calanthe.

She serves as Sunday School teacher/Vacation Bible School teacher at Jerusalem Baptist Church in Lawrence where she also serves as church Deaconess. She is a 4-H Club Volunteer and a member of the Community Development Club.

Her publications and awards include Mathematics Is Fun, 1980, State of Mississippi, Department of Mathematics (Five), Chisambop Class Award (1979), Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Honor Society Award (1970), State of Mississippi Certificate of Appreciation - Outstanding Educator Award (1976), Mississippi/Alabama Association of Educational Program Personnel Certificate of Awards (1985-86), and Southeastern Association of Educational Program Personnel Certificate of Appreciation



# ECJC receives honor society commendation

Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor fraternity for two-year colleges, has sent a special commendation to East Central Junior College president, Dr. Eddie Smith, congratulating the college on its long commitment to excellence. The commendation came in a letter in which Phi Theta Kappa stated its enthusiastic endorsement of the proclamation by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the American Association of Community College Trustees declaring February to be "National Two-year College Month." The honor fraternity also applauded Governor Bill Allain's official recognition of the significant achievements of two-year colleges in Mississippi.

One of the most innovative leaders among two-year colleges in Mississippi, East Central Junior College has also been a leader in the growth and development of Phi Theta Kappa in Mississippi. According to executive director Rod Risley: "Since East Central Junior College received a Phi Theta Kappa charter in 1956, its administration has supported the national Phi Theta Kappa organization and its Theta Xi chapter through the formative years when the local and national organizations were growing together. Now, thanks in great measure to the support of East Central College and many other two-year colleges committed to scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service, Phi Theta Kappa's national organization has more than 700 chapters across the nation and a support system for nationally recognized honors programs and service programs. And, again thanks to colleges like East Central Junior College, which have consistently participated, Phi Theta Kappa is able to provide national meetings with excellent speakers and seminars, along with national awards and scholarships for continued study and even international study."

Risley continued: "East Central Junior College and Kappa Alpha have a rich Phi Theta Kappa tradition. Chapter advisor Ann Burkes is a member of the chapter she now advises and East Central president Dr. Eddie Smith was president of this same Theta Xi chapter at the time Mrs. Burkes was a member. Dr. Smith currently serves as Phi Theta Kappa's Presidential Ambassador to the Mississippi Two-year College President's Association and chairs the two-year college committee to recognize two-year colleges in Mississippi. Another East Central president, Dr.

Charles Wright, received the Michael M. Bennett President Award which honored him as the nation's most distinguished president in 1985.

"East Central has certainly had its share of honors," said Risley, "but beyond that, we have been impressed with the efforts of the school and the chapter toward brotherhood. Together, they have hosted several regional meetings and have helped to develop both leadership and convention programs. They have given overnight lodging to members of chapters from other states as they traveled through Decatur and served as an important "refreshment station" for the joggers who ran from Tennessee to the Gulf Coast to make money for the American Cancer Society. One of their most effective recent brotherhood efforts was to co-host a meeting of four neighboring chapters so that they might share in an excellent program on "the American Dream," the current National Honors Topic, and plan a program for "Outreach," the national service project."

Risley praised the commit-



## ECJC STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO PHI THETA KAPPA

Many ECJC students from the five county area were recently inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honorary society. Freshmen students must have a 3.4 grade point average to be accepted into the organization, while sophomores are required to have at least a 3.3 grade point average. Those recently initiated were first row, left to right, Meschelle Jacobs, Decatur; Melanie Huffman, Neshoba Central; Doris Russell, Union; Renee Thaggard, Philadelphia; Melissa Thrash, Decatur; Tammy Copeland, Philadelphia; second row, left to right, Brenda Dearing, Neshoba Central; Suzanna Kennedy, Hickory; Vicki Arthur and Sonya Horton, both of Edinburg; Bobbie Gray, Neshoba Central; Jan Holdiness, Louisville; Marsha Stovall, Neshoba Central; third row, left to right, Cynthia Ganann, Leake Academy; Sheila Goodwin, Carthage; Danelle Eversoll, Union; Mary Ann Gray, Forest; Stephanie Copeland, Newton; Michele Murphy, Neshoba Central; Julie Adams, Edinburg; Teresa Stroud, Kemper Academy; fourth row, left to right, Mike Wells, Philadelphia; Jeff Register, Morton; Terry Matula, Philadelphia; Doug Smith, Sharkey Academy; John Hardin, Scott Central; Dan Cumberland, Philadelphia; and Jason Thomas, Union.

ment of both Mrs. Burkes and Rudolph Mays, who recently retired from East Central after many years of service to the school and the fraternity. Mrs. Burkes, certainly one of the most popular and widely

respected advisors in the state, is delighted to now have the assistance of Dr. Shelby Harris. "With these two very capable people at the helm, the future for Theta Xi looks very bright," said Risley.

## Gray...

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her. But Mary Ann's future plans do not include more pageants. They include going to Mississippi State or Southern. She hopes to become an accountant. She plans to leave the state after graduation.

To prepare for the pageant, Mary Ann practiced her interview with outside help. She strongly believes that her experiences on the modeling squad and her training for a year in cosmetology helped in her victory. She also worked on her walk, her smile, and her self-confidence as part of her preparation. She is quick to point out that Ms. Gloria Johnson, ECJC Librarian, helped her to prepare for the competition.

Mary Ann is involved in many activities at East Central, such as the modeling squad, Phi Theta Kappa, and Mu Alpha Theta. She is a tutor for college algebra.

As a commuter, Mary Ann feels that she misses out on many campus activities, such as Bible-study, ballgames, programs, and just being with her friends. But she quickly adds that being at home with the quiet of her own room to use for study helps her make better grades.

Perhaps the biggest change the pageant has caused for Mary Ann is the overcoming of her shyness. She is now an articulate young woman, as well as a beautiful one, and one has the feeling in her presence that more honors lie in store for this young lady.



## DR. TUCKER NAMED HONORARY MEMBER OF PHI THETA KAPPA

Dr. Brad Tucker, left, Dean of Instruction at East Central Junior College, was recently inducted as an honorary member into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary society. Dr. Tucker was presented a membership certificate from chapter president Susan Williamson of Philadelphia as ECJC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith looks on. Dr. Smith was earlier named Phi Theta Kappa's first Presidential Ambassador. The position of Ambassador is a newly created one and Dr. Smith is the first college president of the United States to be chosen for this honor. Phi Theta Kappa, with more than 700 chapters, is the only nationally acclaimed honor fraternity serving American institutions which offers regionally accredited associate degree programs. (ECJC Photo)



# 'Hello Dolly' on stage March 25-28

Rehearsals for East Central Junior College's production of

the Broadway musical "Hello Dolly" have begun and are on



**POUNCEY AND GERMANY  
REHEARSE A SCENE**

Amy Pouncey of Decatur, and Boyd Germany of Jackson rehearse a scene from Broadway musical "Hello Dolly" which will be performed at East Central Junior College March 25-28. Tickets go on sale March 18 at a price of \$5 per seat. (ECJC Photo)

schedule. The cast rehearses 2 hours each night, Monday thru Thursday. Amy Pouncey of Decatur will play Dolly Levi. Previous experiences for her include "Sound of Music" and the Dinner Theatre. When asked about the number of hours of practice Amy has devoted to the musical, she replied, "Although I don't have much free time, I enjoy working on the musical. I think the rehearsals will discipline me and teach me more about how to get along with others." Although Amy's major is Child Development, she will continue to audition for other parts at East Central and later at Mississippi State University.

In the musical when Dolly is asked about her occupation, she replies, "Some people paint, some sew, ...I meddle." The play, set in New York, provides a look at the rich in the early nineteen hundreds.

"Hello Dolly!" is the story of Mrs. Levi's efforts to marry Horace Vandergelder, who is played by Boyd Germany. Throughout the play she matches up Irene Molloy, played by Doreen Ryals, with Cornelius Hackl, Chuck Hinson; Barnaby Tucker, Michael Miller, with Minnie Fay, Susan Haralson; and Ambrose Kemper, Gem Harrison, with Ermengarde, played by Renee Thaggard.

"Hello Dolly" is an irresistible story of the joy of living, glittering with gay songs and shining with happy scenes.

Peterson said he and his cast have completed blocking act one and are beginning the second act.

Publicity Chairman Gaye McDaniel reported the flyers have been made, articles circulated to area newspapers, and that work on the programs have begun. She added that the casts' Amy Pouncey and Boyd Ger-

many, will appear on "Five Alive" with Leslie Priester March 18th on WTOK Channel 11 in Meridian.

"Both the cast and the crew have been giving the musical one hundred percent," commented Amy. All props have been made and are ready to be painted. In addition, a special runway has been constructed in front of the stage so the cast will be closer to the audience. Chorus members and dancers

are also eagerly preparing for the musical.

Mr. Peterson said, "The work of the cast and the set decorations we are planning should make this show worth seeing."

The production will be performed March 25-28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets go on sale March 18 and the cost will be \$5.00 general admission and \$3.00 for students and faculty.



**"HELLO DOLLY"**

**REHEARSALS UNDERWAY**

Brandon Herd of Decatur, left, Tammie Covington of Philadelphia, and Marshall Watkins of Carthage rehearse a scene from the Broadway musical "Hello Dolly." The East Central Junior College production will be held March 25-28. (ECJC Photo)

## Vo-Tech

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and Intensive Business (also at Philadelphia - Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center), \$18,420 for a total of \$100,920 in expected funding.

The Vo-Tech director said East Central Junior College has also received a Job Training Partnership Act Related Studies Contract in the amount of \$10,000 which will be used to supplement the salary of the remedial instructor. Funding was made available through the Governor's Office of Federal-State Programs and the Division of Vocational - Technical Education.

John Adcock, Vo-Tech counselor, said there are 145 students enrolled in the Vocational studies program and 239 enrolled in the Technical studies program. Adcock noted there is a substantial increase in the Technical program enrollment as compared to the Spring 1986 semester when 180 students were enrolled.

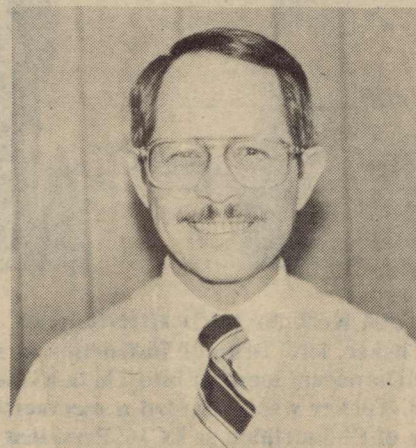
## Charles Hinson will chair State JuCo Choral Festival

Charles Hinson, choral director at East Central Junior College in Decatur, has been named chairman of the 1987-88 Mississippi State Junior College Choral Festival. The choral festival will be held in the Spring of 1988 at Hinds Junior College, which serves as host each year.

Hinson received the honor following ECJC's recent participation in the 1986-87 choral festival. The festival is a two-day event with about 400 students participating from all 18 state junior colleges. Performances are made by each choir, vocal ensemble, and a mass choir concert is held the final night.

Hinson is in his fourth year at East Central. Besides serving as choral director, Hinson teaches freshman theory, music appreciation, music survey, and voice.

Before coming to East Central, Hinson taught in high schools and a junior college in Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. He



**Charles Hinson**

also has served as full-time minister of music for various churches in Florida and Georgia. Since age 15, he has served as part-time choir director for various churches. He currently serves as part-time choir director at First Baptist Church of Collinsville.

Hinson is a graduate of Co-Lin Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a bachelor's degree in music education. He received a master's degree in music education from Louisiana State University.

Among his credits, Hinson has 12 gospel songs in print which have been used by various publishers.

He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha fraternity and the American Choral Director's Association.

His wife Marie is a teacher at Boler Elementary School in Decatur. They have one son, Chuck, who is a freshman business major at East Central Junior College.



# Pumping iron...

By Melissa Thrash

Researchers are finding that even moderate exercise can reduce the effects of aging and actually reverse them. Among the demonstrated benefits are improved heart and respiratory function, increased muscle strength, denser bones and quicker reflexes. Today millions of people are running, cycling, swimming and walking their way to a healthier, more fulfilling life.

At East Central, some students are taking advantage of the Fitness and Conditioning class offered under the instruction of Ms. Lucille Wood. The coed class is open to anyone and it stresses the importance of fitness today. The students learn the basics of stretching and flexibility which are necessary for coordination, grace, and the prevention of lower-back pain and joint injuries.

The class also uses free weights and the weight machine. These tone up muscles which improves both posture and figure. In many instances it reduces inches in the waistline, abdomen, hips and thighs. It improves the health of one's heart, blood vessels, and lungs for a longer life. Most importantly, it increases stamina to meet life's demands and to take advantage of life's opportunities.

Students take the physical education course for numerous reasons, but one student admits that it is easier to exercise with the class instead of alone. The class meets twice a week and usually exercises for 45-50 minutes after a warm-up and stretching session. The class is full of individuals who work at their own pace and eventually build up toward their set goals. Some walk, some jog, while others run. The class is a one hour activity credit.

Mary Brown of Sebastopol said she enjoys the class and can tell a difference in the way she feels. She said that her stomach had flattened, her legs tightened, and her waist had become smaller. The freshman works with the free weights during her afternoon classes.

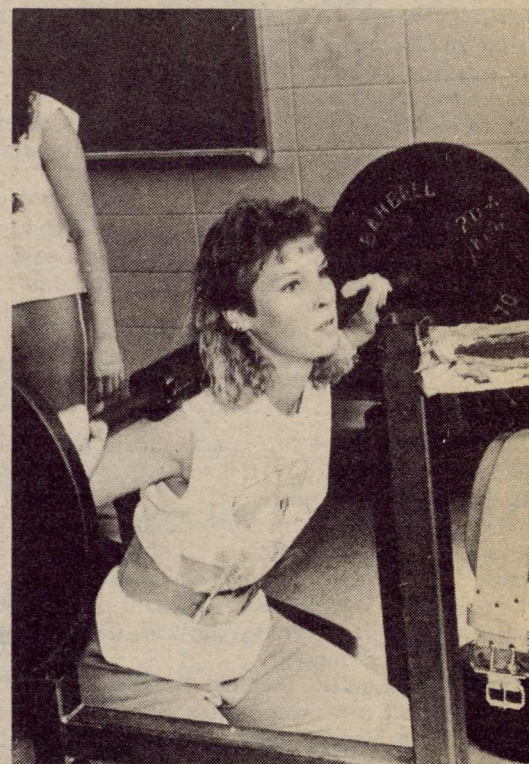
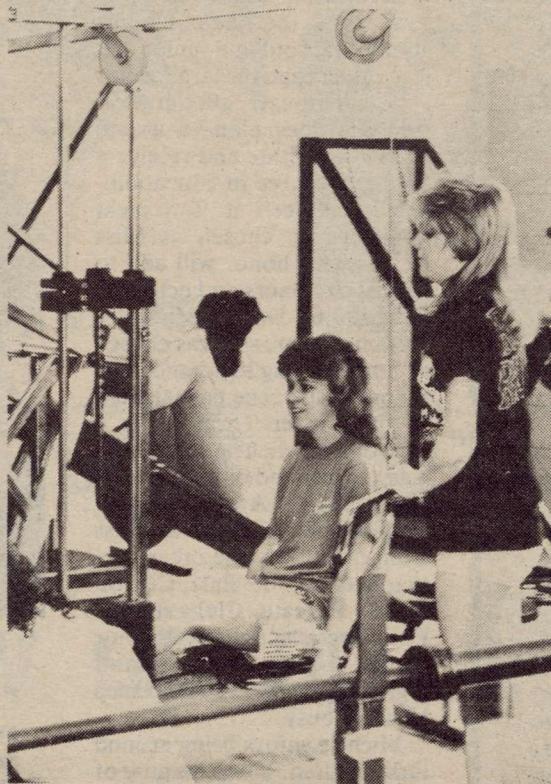
Lee Phillips, a freshman, enrolled in the class because he enjoys working out and can also obtain credit for it. While playing basketball at Neshoba Central, he began to regularly lift weights. In addition to the class session, he works out on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Lee said he and others could tell a definite difference in his body strength and has increased his bench pressing mark from 130 to 200 pounds.

Elinda Williams from Union originally joined the class to lose weight. She said she was apprehensive about joining since there were so many athletes in the class. She says that she looks forward to each class meeting now and enjoys it since she works at her own pace. She began lifting 20 pounds with her arms and is now comfortable with 50. Her leg-pressing ability has tripled from 100 pounds to 300. She credits the class with lowering her once high blood pressure. She also said that her stamina and strength had noticeably increased.

In addition to Fitness and Conditioning, Beginning Tennis, Advanced Tennis and Golf are taught in the Physical Education Department. Miss Wood states, "Lots of our students are missing out on two fine life time sports. As one becomes older it will be hard to

find enough people to play softball, basketball and the team sports, but most towns have tennis courts and golf courses. I have noticed our tennis courts are not being used because our people don't know how to play. Our beginning tennis is for the student who does

not know the basics of tennis. We have a high rate of success with those students who place the time and effort into both the tennis and golf classes. I have never known a person who was sorry they learned to play tennis or golf."



## EC competes in Choral Festival week

By Michelle Chaney

The 1987 Mississippi Junior College Choral Festival was held February 20 & 21 at Hinds Junior College. The festival was under the direction of Dr. James Richard Joiner, and Mrs. Vickie King, accompanist.

Dr. Joiner is Associate Professor of Music at Mississippi College. He has been a guest conductor in various states. Dr. Joiner, a native of Brookhaven, holds a PhD in Vocal Pedagogy and his Masters degree in voice and music. Dr. Joiner said, "I have directed many choirs of different ages, and I believe

each choir has a unique type of vocal ability." I feel very positive about the choir festival, the students are so easy to work with," Dr. Joiner said.

The group arrived at Hinds around 2:30, registered then went to one of the three Mass Choir Rehearsals. Each of the rehearsals lasted two hours, and were under the direction of Dr. Joiner.

Friday night individual choir ensembles performed a variety of selections that lasted from 6:45 to 9:50 p.m. "Each individual ensemble was very good, and each showed a varie-

ty of vocal technique," said Stacie Therrell, a sophomore choir member from Philadelphia.

Saturday morning it was back to Hinds at 8:30 for another round of Mass Choir Rehearsals and Individual Choir Performances. Each choir performed a variety of Latin and English songs. For dinner the choir enjoyed a meal with Boyd Germany's family and special guest Dr. Joiner.

East Central's choir performed on Saturday night. The choir is under the direction of Mr. Charles Hinson, and accom-

panist Mrs. Leesa Graham. Dr. and Mrs. Eddie M. Smith, and Mrs. Marie Hinson were present at the chorus performance, and also for the Mass Choir Concert. Dr. Smith said, "I was really proud of the choir and the matching outfits looked great." "The feeling of being able to perform as a choir within a multitude of other choirs was very inspiring," said Catherine Stephens, a sophomore choir member. The Mass Choir Concert was held at 8:00 p.m. and directed by Dr. Joiner.

Mr. Charles Hinson, director

of East Central, was selected as chairperson for the 1988 Choral Festival. Mr. Hinson will have the responsibility of selecting a guest director, and presiding over the festival. Mr. Hinson said, "I feel very honored as being selected chairperson, and hope to conduct it to the best of my ability." The choir festival was very interesting and believed to have been summed up in this quote by Dr. Joiner: "The Choral Festival was a delightful weekend, and sharing it with young people interested in music made my job worthwhile."



## 44 earn spot on President's List

By Roxanna Manning

Students have come to realize there is more to school than just friends, sports, and outside activities. Study has been embedded in their minds. Some will set new goals for better grades, and some will push to maintain their goals already.

The number of students making the President's List for the fall semester of 1986 was very impressive. There were 17 from Newton County, 4 from Leake County, 16 from Neshoba County, 3 from Scott County, and 4 from Winston County. To be on the President's List means having a G.P.A. of 3.8 or above. Making the President's List is a very big honor and shows that all the study and hard work does pay off.

After talking to several of the students, it is evident that there are rules a person must apply to obtain good study habits.

Michelle Jacobs, from Newton Co. says, "I always make sure I get plenty of rest before a test. I have to have at least 7 hours sleep. My roommate often stays up all night to study but if I don't get my rest I don't do as well."

Marsha Stovall's, from Neshoba County, study secret is to learn everything day by day. "Just reading over your notes the night before the test will not get the grades a person wants."

To be sure making top honors means great sacrifice and many hours of study. It is well worth the effort, just ask any of these people:

Wiley Rebhurn Adams, Chris Collins, Samuel Denors, Lewis Toney Martines, Malissa Nicholson, Shirley Smith, Stacie Smith, Marsha Stovall, Tessa Stroud, Mary Thomas, Paul Thomas, Rob Williams, Anita Williamson, Eddie Willis, Tammy Winstead, Calvin Young all from Neshoba County.

Nancy Alexander, Melinda Barber, Mary Burton, Stephanie Hall, Meschelle Jacobs, Renee Johnson, Diane Jones, Kevin Meador, Larry Moore, Frances Parker, Dominito Smith, Wendy Smith, Valerie Strait, Duan Tune, Roy Walters, Rob Weilder, Betty Jeanne Winstead all from Newton County.

Julie Adams, Bund Fairchild, Todd Powers, Kris Thomas from Leake County.

Willie Moore, Phillip Swain, Marvin Tucker, Doug Woodward from Winston County.

Julie Cushman, George Fisher and Anthony Moore from Scott County.

## ECJC night school enrollment shows continued growth

By Janet Mowdy

For many years East Central's Night School program has been around and doing well. But, this year the program has shown a great increase in enrollment. According to Brad Tucker, Dean of Admissions, in 1985 there were 65 credit students enrolled in the program. In 1986, that number jumped to 148. Although that is a good increase, there was an even better one for 1987, when 183 students enrolled in the program.

Even though these statistics seem good as they are, they sound even better when the non-credit students are calculated with them. Dean Tucker reports that there are around 200 students enrolled in the non-credit evening courses. Altogether there are around 400

students enrolled in night school.

The addition of county Co-Tech centers have helped the program tremendously. Dean Tucker used the Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center as a good example. Tucker explains, "We have just about reached the market in Neshoba County. There are 8 classes of 129 students enrolled there. We also anticipate an increased demand in the outline of the other counties. Winston, Leake, and Scott counties' enrollments are expected to grow also."

When asked about the total increase, Dean Tucker said, "We feel we are making progress. More people should be enrolled, but we feel we will continue to grow. Once these centers are better established the numbers on enrollment in them will increase."

## Chris Collins - Michelle Murphy Mr. & Miss ECJC

By Aprille Watts  
Miss East Central

After graduating from Neshoba Central, Michele chose East Central for the same reason most of its students do -- it is close to home. Also Michele chose EC over a senior college because she feels a person from the area schools should start out at a junior college rather than the large senior college. However, after graduation she does plan to attend Mississippi State and receive a Master's degree in education.

Michele feels it is a great honor to be chosen as Miss ECJC. This honor will add to her list of honors and activities here at EC. During Michele's freshman year, she was chosen as homecoming maid and class favorite; also, she participated in the Dinner Theatre. As a sophomore Michele serves as a class officer and on the election committee. And recently Michele was selected as Miss Congeniality by the other participants in the East Central Beauty Pageant. Clubs such as Phi Theta Kappa, Warrior Corp, ECJC Players, and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau help keep Michele busy.

Michele enjoys being around little children. It was because of this love for children that she chose Elementary Education as her major. By teaching Michele hopes to be a positive factor in children's lives. Michele feels that being a teacher is more than being an academic instructor. Helping children deal with the problems of life and growing up is a main goal in Michele's career.

Other than her life at EC, Michele's hobbies include playing softball, dancing, swimming, and playing the banjo. Michele plays banjo in the band "One Night Stand", which has performed at EC's talent show and the Neshoba County Fair. Having a hobby such as banjo playing is good, because if Michele does decide to give up school, she has something to fall back on.

Mr. East Central

Chris Collins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Muriel Collins, graduated from Union High School. Chris admits East Central may not have been his first choice in colleges as a senior in high school. But now, as a graduating sophomore at East Central, Chris overflows with praise for the college. The



MR. AND MISS ECJC

Chris Collins and Michele Murphy were recently elected Mr. and Miss East Central Junior College following the campus Who's Who elections. Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merl Collins of Union, is a sophomore political science major. He serves as student body president and is a member of the Collegians. Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy of Philadelphia, is a sophomore elementary education major. She serves as Warrior Corps president and was selected Miss Congeniality in the campus beauty-beau pageant.

ECJC Photo)

faculty and administration are high on Chris's list of people who deserve credit for his success on the campus. Chris states that the faculty "will break their necks to help you."

Chris praises East Central in general for allowing a person to reach their potential and to be involved in all facets of college life. He emphasizes that in a large college a person might get smothered.

Chris has had the unique opportunity of experiencing college life as both a dorm student and as a commuter. Living in the dorm for his first three semesters, Chris became very involved. By serving as president of the Student Body Association and many other committees, Chris has become very active in student government. Also, Chris is a member of the Collegians and the War-

rior Corps.

By becoming so involved, Chris is forced to come to the campus at least once a day that he commutes. Commuting does have some advantages to Chris. He believes that he studies more and definitely gets more rest.

With his junior year fast approaching, grades and his future plans become more important to Chris. Receiving a B.S. in political science at Mississippi State is Chris's immediate plan. Then he intends to enter law school at Ole Miss. After graduation from law school, Chris would like to enter politics and become involved with government.

Chris feels he has matured while at ECJC; he says "East Central has been a very special place for me. I have learned a great deal about myself while here."

## Students Earn National Honors

The following students from East Central Junior College have been honored nationally: Scott Moore, Carl Porter, George Fisher, Carl Sorey, Kerry Davis, and Kevin Thompson.

These students are National Collegiate Engineering Award Winners. Their biography will be printed in the 1987 United States Achievement Academy National Collegiate Awards Yearbook. Perhaps even more important, it means they qualify for USAA College Scholarships.

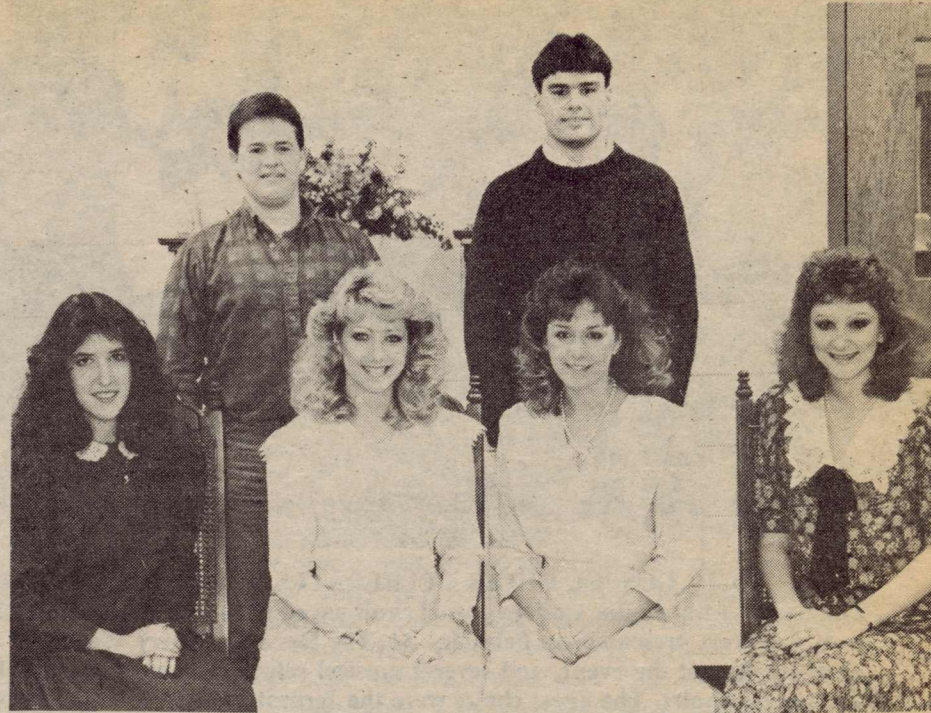


# ★ ECJC Class Favorites ★



## ECJC SOPHOMORE FAVORITES

Sophomore favorites recently elected at East Central Junior College during the campus Who's Who elections are, first row, left to right, Roxanna Manning, Neshoba Central; Jennifer Russell, Newton; Stacie Therrell, Philadelphia; Janet Winstead, Neshoba Central; standing, from left, Mike Courtney, Forest; Boyd Germany, Jackson Jim Hill; and Doug Woodward, Winston Academy. (ECJC Photo)



## ECJC FRESHMAN FAVORITES

Freshman favorites recently elected at East Central Junior College during the campus Who's Who elections are, first row, left to right, Lori Clark, Union; Janet Mowdy, Neshoba Central; Amy Pouncey, Decatur; Tina Walker, Neshoba Central; standing, from left, Chuck Hinson, Decatur; and John Thomas, Neshoba Central. Not pictured is Patrick Luttrell of Milby High School in Houston, Texas.

# You can 'sew up an A' in this class



## TAYLOR BEGINS WORK ON NEW OUTFIT

Elementary clothing student Vivian Taylor gets a head start on her classmates as she begins work on the second of three outfits to be completed in the class. The students must also recycle a garment they have not worn in the past year before they can complete class requirements.

While most people think that academic classes consist of listening to a teacher lecture, reading assigned material from the textbook, and taking mid-term and final exams, there are several academic classes on the East Central campus which provide "hands on" experience.

One such class is the home economics elementary clothing class taught by Alice Pouncey.

Pouncey said she now has nine students enrolled in the beginning class, but all are not necessarily new to the art of sewing.

"I have all levels of students, and some who had never sat down at a sewing machine before they began this class," Pouncey said.

She explained that even though some of her students were taught how to sew in high school, they still must complete the beginning course at East Central if they are home economics majors.

The course, which is also open to non-majors as an elective, meets three days a week.

"During our lecture class which meets second period on Friday, we discuss the different types of fabrics and fibers, and also decide what materials are appropriate to use with certain patterns," Pouncey said.

The actual "hands on" experience comes during the laboratory hours which are first and second period on Monday and Wednesday.

Each semester the students are required to make three garments for themselves while learning how to set in sleeves, put in a zipper, and put on a collar. The next requirement is to recycle a garment which has not been worn in the past year.

"Many of the students make

such alterations as cropping a pair of long pants, making shorts out of long pants, or turning a dress into a shirt or sweater," Pouncey said.

Finally, students are required to prepare a special report on their favorite fashion designer giving a history of that person's life and describing the kind of clothes he or she designs.

Pouncey also teaches three other home economics-classes at the college. Her social usage

class meets every semester and now has 42 students enrolled in it. Several aspects of etiquette are taught such as how to set a table, how to carry on a conversation, and how to write thank you notes.

Introduction to modeling is offered in the fall, and those students in the class who make the fashion squad continue the class into the spring semester. Also, in the spring, a foods class is taught and students

learn how to prepare and cook meals.

The elementary clothing class will be offered again during the fall 1987 semester.

Those students participating in this semester's class are Larriette Brooks and Vivian Taylor, both of Newton; Lori Clark of Union; Cynthia Franklin and Amy Pouncey, both of Decatur; Jennifer Goldsby of Morton; Kim and Tim Horton of Lake; and Patsy Mims of Philadelphia.



## ELEMENTARY CLOTHING CLASS COMPLETES FIRST OUTFIT

The elementary clothing class, taught by Alice Pouncey, shows off their first completed outfit. The students must complete three outfits before receiving a final grade in the class. Students in the class are first row, left to right, Jennifer Goldsby, Morton; Patsy Mims, Philadelphia; Kimalyne Horton and Timalyne Horton, Lake; second row, left to right, Amy Pouncey, Decatur; Lori Clark, Union; Larriette Brooks, Newton; Cynthia Franklin, Decatur; and Vivian Taylor, Newton.





#### ECJC GOSPEL CHOIR CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The East Central Junior College gospel choir paid tribute to National Black History Month with a concert presented on February 24. The Reverend Larry Weems of Jackson was the guest speaker at the event, and several musical selections were presented by the choir and three guest choirs. The guest choirs were the Jerusalem Baptist Church choir of Lawrence; the Morning Star Baptist Church choir of Philadelphia; and the Murray Chapel choir of Decatur. Members of the ECJC gospel choir are Pamela Hathorne, Juanita Hathorne, Maretta Hudson, Amanda Holmes, Audrey Young, Yolando Young, Carla Burnside, Vickye Davis, Lisa Lewis, Elizabeth Tucker, J.C. Ford, and Charles Summers, all of Philadelphia; Delores Mullins, Marcus Hannah, and Billy Shields, all of Louisville; Mattie Harrington and Kerry Nichols, both of Union; Debria Thompson and Marion Nichols, both of Newton; Diane Johnson, Cynthia Franklin, and Lucille Lampkin, all of Decatur; Brenda Johnson, Carthage; and Chiquita Jones, Meridian. The gospel choir officers for 1986-87 are Kerry Nichols, president; Brenda Johnson, vice-president; Lisa Lewis, secretary; Yolanda Young, director; Anthony Roberts and Sharon Goodman, pianists; and Mrs. Lawrence Tingle, choir sponsor.

## Congratulations, Seniors

You've worked hard to earn your high school diploma and we're proud to have you here, as our guests, to see what life is like on our campus. Before you decide on the next important step in your future, consider the possibilities of continuing your education at

## East Central Junior College



#### ECJC JAZZ BAND ENTERTAINS BASKETBALL FANS

The ECJC jazz band performed for the Warrior basketball fans during many of the teams' home games. Directed by Tom Carson, the band played several different arrangements of popular jazz music. The band has also been entertaining various clubs and organizations around the five county area. Members of the band are Eddie Devroede and Randy Boyd, both of Louisville; Scottie Chunn, Stacie Lundy, Patsy Mims, Dan Cumberland, Bud Johnson, Jim Wolverton, Doug Clemons, Marsha Stovall, and Michael Cloud, all of Philadelphia; Canoy Weaver, Morton; Amy Pouncey, Decatur; Jeff Neal, Carthage; Teto Harrell, Lake; and De-  
ayne Moore, Forest.

## Wendy Smith to work summer as BSU missionary

During the summer months many ECJC students enjoy their break from school by playing golf or tennis, working on the "perfect" tan, or looking for an interesting part-time job.

However, this summer one EC student will put aside these ideas and will participate in something a little extraordinary.

Wendy Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Eddie Smith, will be traveling to the northwest corner of the United States to spend her summer as a missionary in the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Smith first became aware of this opportunity through the Baptist Student Union at the college. The East Central BSU helps sponsor the state BSU Student Missions program that offers college students an opportunity to work as summer missionaries for eight to 10 weeks. The missions

program is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Student Union in cooperation with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and National Student Ministries.

Each year the college BSU students raise money which becomes part of the state student mission fund. These funds pay the travel costs and expense allowance for all student missionaries. Each student receives a \$50 preparation fee and an expense allowance of \$150. Also the Mississippi BSU pays for transportation to and from the destination.

Smith first had to fill out an application, and then she was interviewed by the local BSU student missions committee who recommended her to the state missions committee. She then went before the state BSU missions committee which notified her that she had been selected.

After receiving a letter of confirmation, Smith was excited to find out that during her stay in the northwest, she would be working with a music revival team.

She said, "I will be a part of a team of about four students and we will be moving around every two weeks to different areas."

"I will also be doing some general missions work which will include such things as teaching Vacation Bible School and working with youth and children," she said.

Smith will live with church families in the communities where she serves, and will be under the supervision of a Home Mission Board missionary.

The 19-year-old Wesson High School graduate is a vocal music education major at East Central and plans to attend Mississippi College in the fall.

At Wesson, she was a member of the band, Y-teens, National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Society of Distinguished American High School Students. Smith also took fourth place at the National Association of Teachers of Singing state competition.

During her two years at EC, Smith has been an active member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, ECJC Players, Warrior Band, BSU, and the Warrior Corp recruiting team. She has served as rifle captain of the band and as worship and music chairman of the BSU. She won a drama award for her participation in the 1986 musical "Bye Bye Birdie" and was selected to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

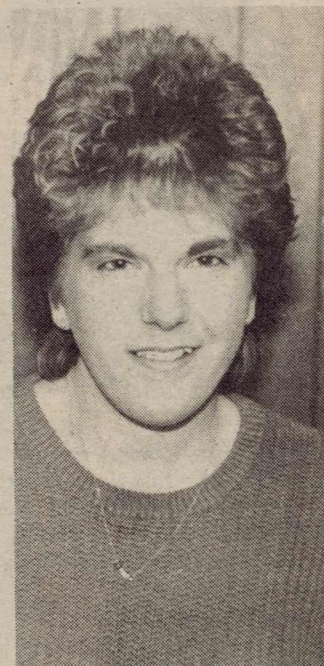
Smith is a member of the Clarke Venable Baptist Church in Decatur where she is active in the adult choir and college career Sunday School class.

The summer missionary will attend an orientation for student missionaries at Gulf Shore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian March 26 and 27, before beginning her work on June 1.

She said the reason she applied for the position was because she realized that there are people close to us who have a lot of needs.

"I hope that my team and I will be able to meet these needs through Jesus," she said.

Each year the Mississippi BSU Student Missions program sends around 75 students to participate in its missionary fields.







#### ECJC THREE-ON-THREE WOMEN'S TEAM FINISHES FIRST

Members of the ECJC three-on-three women's basketball team who finished first among the eight junior colleges participating in the regional tournament at Ole Miss are, left to right, Laura Baggett and Harriet Vickers, both of Decatur; and Susan Sims and Melissa Shirley, both of Morton. (ECJC Photo)



#### EC THREE-ON-THREE MEN'S TEAM WINS

EC students Yogi Johnson of Newton, left; Mecedric Calloway of Philadelphia; Greg Carter of Walnut Grove; and Terry Hathorn of Noxapater finished first among the eight junior college three-on-three men's teams participating in the regional tournament recently held at the University of Mississippi. (ECJC Photo)

## Men's and women's 3-on-3 finish 1st in regional tourney

East Central's three-on-three basketball teams finished first among the eight other junior colleges competing in the regional tournament at the University of Mississippi on Feb. 7.

The women's squad finished fifth overall out of the 21 women's college teams which participated, while the men's team finished 12th out of 42.

The women's team defeated the University of Tennessee at Memphis, Mississippi State's first and second teams, and Tennessee's Belmont College,

but lost to Mississippi College and Ole Miss in the double elimination tournament.

EC's men's squad beat Tennessee's State Technical Institute and Christian Brothers College, while also defeating the University of Alabama. They lost to Delta State and Tennessee's Union University.

Members of the women's team were Laura Baggett and Harriet Vickers, both of Decatur; and Melissa Shirley and Susan Sims, both of Morton, while the men's team was composed of Mecedric

Calloway of Philadelphia; Greg Carter of Walnut Grove; Terry Hathorn of Noxapater; and Yogi Johnson of Newton.

Stevie Baggett of Decatur coached the ladies, and Marlon Evans of Philadelphia was the men's coach. Both teams began playing at 9:30 a.m. and continued in the competition until 5 p.m.

Intramural coordinator Mike Anderson and vocational-technical instructor Larry Blackburn also attended the event.



#### "AIR NIKE" IS INTRAMURAL RUNNER-UP

Coach Terry Moore's "Air Nike" intramural basketball team was the "A" division runner-up in the men's finals of the tournament. Members of the team are first row, left to right, Billy Ray Walker, Newton; Mecedric Calloway, Philadelphia; Jessie Nelson, Morton; second row, left to right, Buck Tims, Louisville; Terry Nichols, Chicago, Illinois; Luke McNair, Union; and Yogi Johnson, Newton. The "Long Shots" were the runner-up team in the "B" division of the tournament.



#### "LADY CELTICS" ARE RUNNER-UP IN WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Yogi Johnson's "Lady Celtics" finished their intramural basketball season as the women's division runner-up. Members of the team are, first row, left to right, Treacy Nichols, Louisville; Lucille Lampkin, Conehatta; Lori Wilson, Philadelphia; and Tara Cistrunk, Louisville; second row, left to right, Cynthia Ward, Carthage; Tina Nunn, Louisville; coach Johnson, Newton; Bobbie Warnsley, Decatur; and Diane Johnson, Conehatta.



The ECJC men's intramural basketball team "Dreamteam" captured the "B" division championship during the intramural tournament recently held at the college. The team finished the season with a 9-3 record. The team members are first row, left to right, coach Tracy Glass, Louisville; Miles Porter and Cedric Nichols, both of Morton; Sam Lewis and Marlon Evans, both of Philadelphia; and Anthony Triplett, Louisville; second row, left to right, coach Torrie Farrell, Chicago, Illinois; Paul Heard, Heflin, Alabama; Ron Williams, Louisville; Mike Sewell, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Tim Sattinger, Clearwater, Florida; and coach Angelo Smith, Heflin, Alabama.





Members of the 1987 ECJC baseball team are first row, left to right, Gary Carey, Good Hope; Patrick Kelly, Morton; Chris Hemphill, Louisville; Will Summerall, Morton; Verandel Irons, Philadelphia; Greg Warren, Forest; Mark Fulton and Doug Jones, Philadelphia; second row, left to right, Jim Sisson, Philadelphia; Miles Porter, Morton; Myron Gilmore, Carthage; Tommy Wallace and Anthony Triplett, Louisville; Mecridric Calloway,

Philadelphia; John Martin, Monroe, Michigan; Terry Moore, Noxapater; third row, left to right, manager Shane Sanderford, Philadelphia; Steve Johnson, Philadelphia; Ryan Hull, Chunky; Ronnie Bender, Louisville; Bill Hamrick, Newton; Rory Willis, Philadelphia; and manager Tim Pilgrim, Philadelphia. Team members not pictured are Jason Thomas, Union; and Torie Farrell, Forest.

## Baseball team starts season with 4-1 win

East Central Junior College began the baseball season on a winning note March 4 by defeating homestanding Co-Lin 4-1 in the first game of a double-header. The second game was tied 8-8 after seven innings and was called because of darkness.

East Central's John Martin,

a freshman hurler from Monroe, Michigan, fired a two-hitter and struck out 10. Martin did not allow a hit until the sixth inning. He walked five. Behind the plate was Tommy Wallace, a freshman from Louisville.

Patrick Kelly, a freshman from Morton, and Doug Jones,

also a freshman from Philadelphia, led the offensive attack with three hits each.

East Central scored one run in the second, one in the fifth, and two in the seventh. Runs were tallied by Ryan Hull (2), a freshman from Chunky, Mark Fulton, a freshman from Philadelphia, and Torrie Farrell, a sophomore from Walnut Grove.

Co-Lin's lone run came in the fourth inning.

ECJC had opportunities to score more runs, as the Warriors stranded 17 base runners.

In the second game, East Central rallied from a four-run deficit in the top of the seventh and held Co-Lin scoreless in the bottom of the inning to claim the 8-8 tie.

East Central, which could muster but four hits, was led by Doug Jones and Ryan Hull who each had a double.

Runs were scored by Torrie Farrell (2), Ryan Hull (2), Will Summerall, a freshman from Morton, Tommy Wallace, Doug Jones, and Patrick Kelly.

On the mound for ECJC were Chris Hemphill, a sophomore from Louisville, who struck out one and allowed four hits and three walks in three innings pitched; and Anthony Triplett, a freshman also from Louisville, who fanned four, walked one and allowed one hit in four innings of work. Behind the plate was Miles Porter, a freshman from Morton.

Following the Spring Break, East Central, now 1-0-1, will resume the baseball season Monday, March 16 at Clarke College before hosting Southwest Tuesday, March 17. Games begin at 1:00 and all are double-headers.

## Warrior BB teams lose in playoffs

The East Central Junior College basketball squads ended their seasons Tuesday, Feb. 17, with defeats in the first round of the South Division tournament at Southwest Junior College.

Larry Gressett's Warriors were defeated by Pearl River Junior College 96-75, with Gary Anderson of Brent, Alabama, leading team scorers with 16 points.

Other scorers for the Warriors were Byrne Drummond of Houston, Texas, 15; Arness Georgetown of Plaquemine, Louisiana, 12; Randy Fullington of Houston, Texas, 10; Joe McGowan of Oxon Hill, Maryland, 6; Terry Hoskins of Philadelphia, 4; Glen Robinson of Edinburg, 3; Larry Robinson of Philadelphia, 3; Greg Wells, of Edinburg, 3; and Joe Jones of Philadelphia, 2.

The halftime score was Pearl River 48, East Central 29, and Pearl River maintained the lead throughout the second half.

Sammy Pace's Lady Warriors were defeated by Utica Junior College 64-43. Melissa Jimmerson of Louisville led team scorers with 16 points.

The Lady Warriors' other scorers were Faye McDonald of Carthage, 6; Tracy Stuart of Philadelphia, 5; Wynne Stribling of Carthage, 5; Barbara Jones of Lake, 5; Yolanda Gill of South Leake, 2; and Delois Griffin of South Leake, 2.

The ECJC men's squad finished up the season with an 8-17 record, while their division record was 6-9.

With a season ending record of 8-15, the Lady Warriors finished 4-11 in division play.

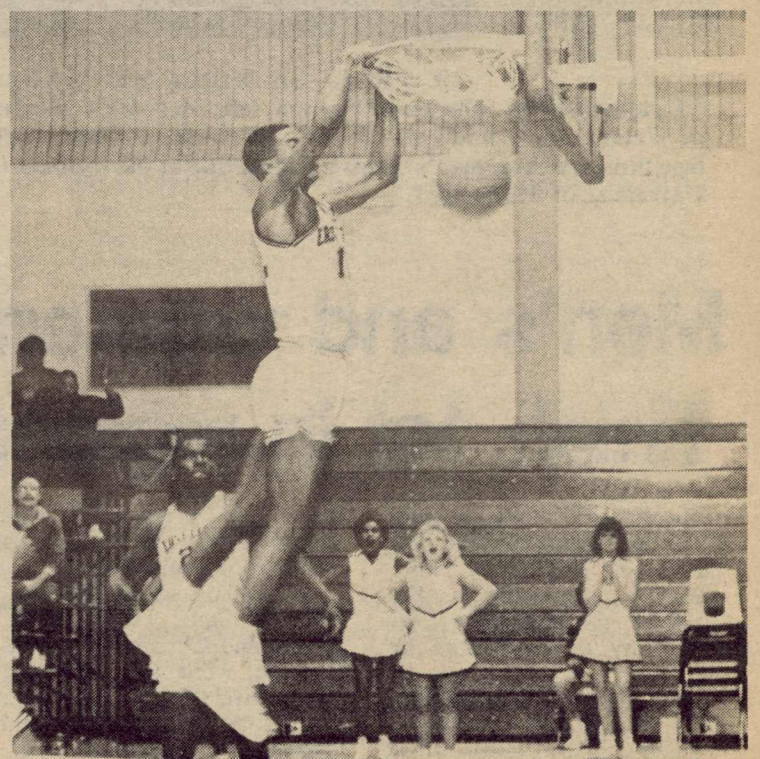
### Pace, Gressett are All-Star Coaches

East Central Junior College basketball coaches Sammy Pace (Lady Warriors) and Larry Gressett (Warriors) have been named as coaches for the South Division All-Stars in the upcoming Mississippi Junior College All-Star Classic.

The All-Star Classic will be held April 2 on the Holmes Junior College campus.

Coach Pace will share duties with Coach Doris Smith of Gulf Coast and Gressett will team with Coach Marc Dukes of Jones Junior College.

All-Stars chosen from East Central are Barbara Jones of Lake and Gary Anderson of Brent, Ala.



### EAST CENTRAL SPLITS WITH SOUTHWEST

East Central Junior College freshman guard Byrne Drummond slam dunks for the easy two-pointer during the Warriors' 103-91 victory over visiting Utica February 3. Drummond had 15 points on the night as the Warriors registered their best offensive performance of the season.

### ECJC Warriors 1987 Baseball Schedule

Feb. 28	EMJC	Scooba
March 2	Pearl River	Decatur
March 4	Co-Lin	Wesson
March 16	Clarke	Newton
March 17	Southwest	Decatur
March 21	Utica	Utica
March 23	Hinds	Decatur
March 26	Jones	Ellisville
March 31	Gulf Coast	Decatur
April 4	Pearl River	Poplarville
April 6	Co-Lin	Decatur
April 8	Southwest	Summit
April 10	Clarke	Decatur
April 14	Utica	Decatur
April 16	Hinds	Raymond
April 20	EMJC	Decatur
April 21	Jones	Decatur
April 25	Gulf Coast	Perkinston
April 28	Play Offs	TBA

Larry Gressett, Head Coach  
Larry Blackburn, Asst. Coach  
Ricky Harrison, Asst. Coach

Starting Time: 1:00 P.M.  
All Games Doubleheaders



# Warriors must replace 14 starters

East Central Junior College began spring training January 25 and an optimistic head coach, A.J. Kilpatrick, said he is pleased with the first few days of practice. He said the spring workouts will continue on various days throughout the month of February. Under junior college guidelines, spring football players can work out only 20 days.

Coach Kilpatrick, whose 1986 squad finished with a 5-5 record, said he felt really good about last season, since the Warriors ended the year on a high note, winning four out of the last five games.

He was especially proud of the defensive unit, anchored by All-American sophomore tackle Wayne Kennedy. Kennedy, a 6'1" 250-pound defensive tackle from Slidell, Louisiana, has left East Central and has transferred to Pittsburgh State University in Pittsburgh, Kansas where he has signed a football scholarship.

The Warrior defense was ranked fifth in the nation in total defense, allowing just over 210 yards per game. The squad was ranked seventh in the nation in pass defense, allowing but 95 yards per game.

Besides Kennedy, other defensive starters who have ended their junior college careers at ECJC are ends Eric Bailey and Alvin Henry, linebacker Glenn Coghlan and strong safety Kevin Lyons.

Also gone from the team are Rusty Davis, Mike Brown, Dewan Salter, Chris Hemphill, Anthony Johnson, Issac Harris, Vincent Stewart, Kenneth Sears, Kendall Sullivan, and Jerry Leonard.

In all, 15 sophomores will be lost to the team including 14 starters. But Coach Kilpatrick said with a strong freshman unit returning, plus some new players and an anticipated good recruiting year, the Warriors should be able to put a very competitive squad on the field for the 1987 season.

New faces on the squad include Richard Basil, 5'11" 200-pound quarterback from Demopolis, Alabama; Patrick Moertens, 6'3" 290-pound offensive tackle from Radcliff, Kentucky; Donnie Elliott, 6'1" 185-pound wide receiver-safety from Neshoba Central; Mickey McMillan, 6'7" 290-pound defensive tackle from Lake; Luke McNair, 6'3" 235-pound defensive end from Union; Eugene Rhodes, 6'2" 260-pound offensive tackle from Demopolis, Alabama; Harry Varns, 5'8" 185-pound tailback from Pike County, Alabama; John Williams, 6'2" 220-pound defensive end from Sebastopol; Veronza Petty, 6'1" 245-pound noseguard from Tuscaloosa Central; Darren Quarles, 6'3" 190-pound wide receiver also from Tuscaloosa Central; Tim Clayton, 5'11" 215-pound offensive guard from Newman, Georgia; and Dun Moore, 5'9" 190-pound monster man from Philadelphia.

Returnees to the squad, their position, height, weight, and hometown are Brad Breland, OT-K, 6'3", 285, Union; Mecridric Calloway, CB, 5'10", 188, Neshoba Central; Henry Coleman, S, 6'2", 185, Louisville; William Constant, OG, 5'11", 250, Tuscaloosa Central; Kenneth Edward, TE, 6'4", 230, Neshoba Central; Torrie Farrell, WR, 6'1", 190, Forest; Nathaniel Grace, N-DE, 5'11", 250, Evergreen, Alabama; Travis Graham, CB, 6'1", 170, Noxapater; Paul Heard, N-OB, 6'1", 260, Heflin, Alabama; Verandel Irons, K, 5'8", 175, Neshoba Central; Frank Jackson, LB, 6'1", 250, Cedartown, Georgia; Sedric Jordan, TB, 6'3", 220, Noxapater; Mike Killens, P, 6'2", 175, Neshoba Central; Scottie Love, DT, 6'2", 270, Louisville; Cedric Nichols, CB, 5'11", 185, Morton; Marvin Pearson, FB, 5'11", 220, Pike County, Alabama; Miles Porter, FB,

5'11", 200, Morton; Tim Sattinger, C, 6'3", 260, Clearwater, Florida; Michael Sewell, WR, 6', 175, Tuscaloosa Central, Alabama; Jeff Schloemer, C, 6'1", 215, Newman, Georgia; Angelo Smith, LB, 5'11", 205, Heflin, Alabama; Willie Thames, CB, 6'1", 175, Louisville; Allen Williams, OG, 6'3", 265, Demopolis, Alabama; Undray Young, DT,

6', 265, Noxapater; Jessie Nelson, P, 6'11", 245, Tuscaloosa Central, Alabama; Ricky Anderson, WR, 6', 170, Choctaw Central; and Ronnel Williams, WR, 6'1", 170, Louisville.

Managers are Ken Spiva, Shey Hailey, Terry Moore, Robert Utsey, and Mike Brown.

Coach Kilpatrick said the

crop of high school senior athletes looks "real good" in the five-county district. He said the coaching staff looks forward to signing many of the young athletes and he also invites those who would like to tryout for the team to do so. Coach Kilpatrick said tryouts are scheduled March 2, 3. Additional information will be announced later.



## NEW ECJC FOOTBALL SQUAD MEMBERS

New members on the East Central Junior College football team who have reported for Spring workouts include, first row, left to right, Patrick Moertens, 6'3" 290-pound offensive tackle from Radcliff, Kentucky; Donnie Elliott, 6'1" 185-pound wide-receiver-safety from Neshoba Central; Luke McNair, 6'3" 235 pound defensive end from Union; Eugene Rhodes, 6'2" 260-pound offensive tackle from Demopolis, Alabama; standing, from left, John Williams, 6'2" 220-pound defensive end from Sebastopol; Tim Clayton, 5'11" 215-pound offensive guard from Newman, Georgia; and Dun Moore, 5'9" 190-pound monster man from Philadelphia. Head Coach A.J. Kilpatrick said 38 players have reported for Spring training which will continue through the month of February. Ten high school seniors recently signed football scholarships with more signees expected soon, the head coach announced. Coach Kilpatrick said tryouts will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, March 2 and at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 3.

(ECJC Photo)



## DAVIS

### REPRESENTS STATE

Gene Davis, Dean of Students at East Central Junior College in Decatur and current president of the Mississippi Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, represented the state at the national convention held February 26-28 at the Registry Hotel in Dallas, Texas. The National Wild Turkey Federation is a non-profit conservation organization with approximately 45,000 members. Davis is the son of Mrs. Walter Davis of Louisville and the late Mr. Davis.

(ECJC Photo)



## EC STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ALL-STATE BAND

Seven East Central Junior College band students recently participated in the All-State Junior College Band at the University of Mississippi. All junior colleges in the state were represented, and those selected to attend from ECJC were, from left to right, Sheila Goodwin, Carthage; Boyd Germany, Jackson; Kinsey Goldman, Philadelphia; and Tandra Rushing, Forest. Not pictured are Eddie DeVroede, Louisville; Jim Wolverton and Eugene Cliburn of Philadelphia. The ECJC concert band is under the direction of Tom Carson.

(ECJC Photo)



# Campus' top intramural teams take tri-county title



## ECJC WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL TEAM WINS TRI-COUNTY TOURNEY

The "EC Superstars", women's intramural basketball champions, defeated the East Mississippi Junior College women's intramural champions 36-35 on March 3 to become the Tri-County Extramural champions for 1987. Members of the team are, first row, left to right, Yvette Gill, Louisville; Kathie Henry, Philadelphia; Mildred Triplett, Noxapater; Chiquita Jones, Meridian; and Jennifer Young, Noxapater; second row, left to right, coach Willie Rush, Philadelphia; Tammie Moore, Philadelphia; Arlene Edwards, Meridian; Alice Foster, Morton; and Stephanie Nichols and Cindi Moore, both of Philadelphia. Other schools participating in the tri-county tournament were Meridian Junior College and Clarke College, Newton.



**ECJC MEN'S INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL TEAM IS TRI-COUNTY CHAMPION**  
ECJC's men's intramural championship basketball team, the "Free Agents", captured the Tri-County Extramural tournament on March 3 by defeating Meridian Junior College 98-68. Members of the team are, first row, left to right, Richard Basil, Demopolis, Alabama; and Greg Carter, Walnut Grove; second row, left to right, Dennis Edwards and Tracy Hall, both of Carthage; Ronnie Bender, Louisville; Darren Quarles, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and coach Quincy Walker, Lawrence. Other colleges participating in the tri-county tournament were East Mississippi Junior College and Clarke College.



## STUDENT MEN'S TEAM GOES OVER GAME PLAN

The student men's team discusses their strategy during a time out at the faculty-student basketball game on February 4. The students went on to defeat the faculty men's team. Members of the student team were Doug Woodward and Ronnie Bender, both of Louisville; Stevie Nelson, Newton; Chris Collins and Paul Radigan, both of Union; Richard Basil, Demopolis, Alabama; and Mike Stubbs, Forest.



## STUDENT AND FACULTY WOMEN'S TEAMS FIGHT FOR THE BASKETBALL

Stacey Jones of Sebastopol and Amanda Cassel of Union fight for the loose ball during the student-faculty basketball game as Susan Williamson of Philadelphia and Laura Baggett of Decatur look on. The game, sponsored by the Student Body Association, was won by the faculty women's team.

## GOLF SCHEDULE Spring, 1987

Thursday, March 5 ..... Copiah-Lincoln  
Tuesday, March 17 ..... Gulf Coast  
Wednesday, March 25 ..... East Central  
Thursday, April 2 ..... Hinds  
Wednesday, April 8 ..... Miss. Delta  
Monday, April 13 ..... Pearl River  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
April 21 & 22 ..... State Tournament  
Region 23 Tournament

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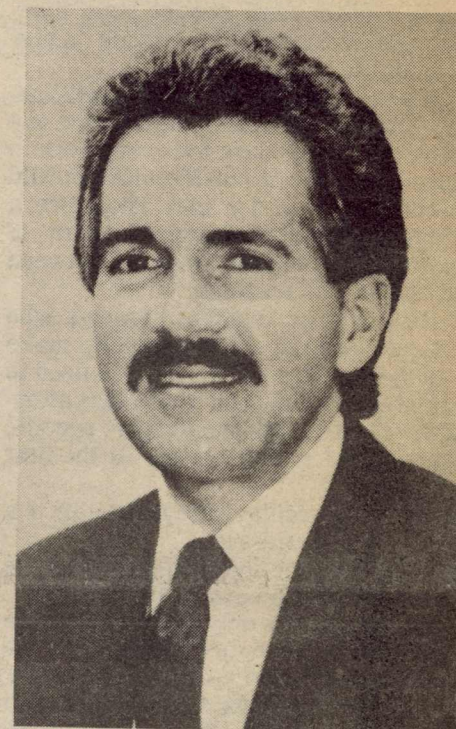
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## Ready For The Rangers!

Before the Northwest Junior College Rangers can move the pigskin against East Central Junior College Thursday night they will first have to penetrate the Warrior defensive line, which will be anchored by "flying" tackles (72) Paul Heard, a 6'1" 260-pound sophomore from Heflin, AL, and (78) Mickey McMillan, a 6'7" 290-pound freshman from Lake. Kickoff is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. September 3.

## Welcome To East Central Junior College



Dr. Smith

Welcome to East Central Junior College-the junior college with YOU in mind!

We're off to a great start for what I believe will be one of the most outstanding years in the history of the college. You can easily feel the enthusiasm in the air as all of our students, faculty, administration, and staff begin anew with a fresh spirit of eagerness.

Let's all keep the momentum going by doing our very best in the classrooms, in our offices, on the playing fields, and in all of the numerous student organizations and activities. Get involved and stay involved in all that East Central has to offer you.

Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable 1987-88 session at East Central Junior College.

Sincerely yours,

*Eddie M. Smith*

Eddie M. Smith  
President



## Intramural Schedule

(Approximately)

Beginning Date  
September 3  
September 10  
October 10  
November 10  
January 10  
February 25  
March 10

There will be a men's and women's division in each intramural sport.

Chess, ping pong, 8-ball, badminton, and other individual tournaments will be held during the school year.

For further information, contact Mike Anderson.

Sport  
Flag Football  
Nerf Football  
3-On-3 Basketball  
Basketball  
Basketball Resumes  
Softball  
Volleyball



# Developing Study Skills

By Gene Davis  
Dean of Students

You will find that college is one of the most significant environmental and academic transitions you will ever make. The move from home to college, no matter how close or distant, is exciting. It is a time for you to grow in basic knowledge and learn to live with many new and different people.

It is a time for learning to make decisions. You must not only set the alarm for an 8 a.m. class and get up without someone calling ten times, but you must decide when to change sheets, wash clothes, and budget your time. Going to college is experiencing "a new way of life."

If you expect to do well academically, you should be studying at least one hour outside of class for every hour in class; two hours outside class should produce very good grades. Therefore, a student who is taking 15 hours of classwork should be studying between 15 and 30 hours a week.

Research proves that students who attend class regularly generally make satisfactory grades, so you will need to take responsibility for your class attendance. Instructors usually give specific guidelines for their classes at the first meeting.

So always contact the instructor if a class must be missed.

Make it a practice to study even if the instructor doesn't assign "homework". Some instructors only give two or three tests during the entire semester so the student must keep up on a daily basis.

Another academic tip is to set up a conference with the instructor to discuss your progress.

Don't assume that the instructor will call you in when you are not doing well. It is your responsibility to take the initiative to find out the instructor's office hours and make an appointment.

Plan ahead for midterm exams and final exams so that you won't be cramming at the last minute.

## What's The Most Important Word?

By Gene Davis  
Dean of Students

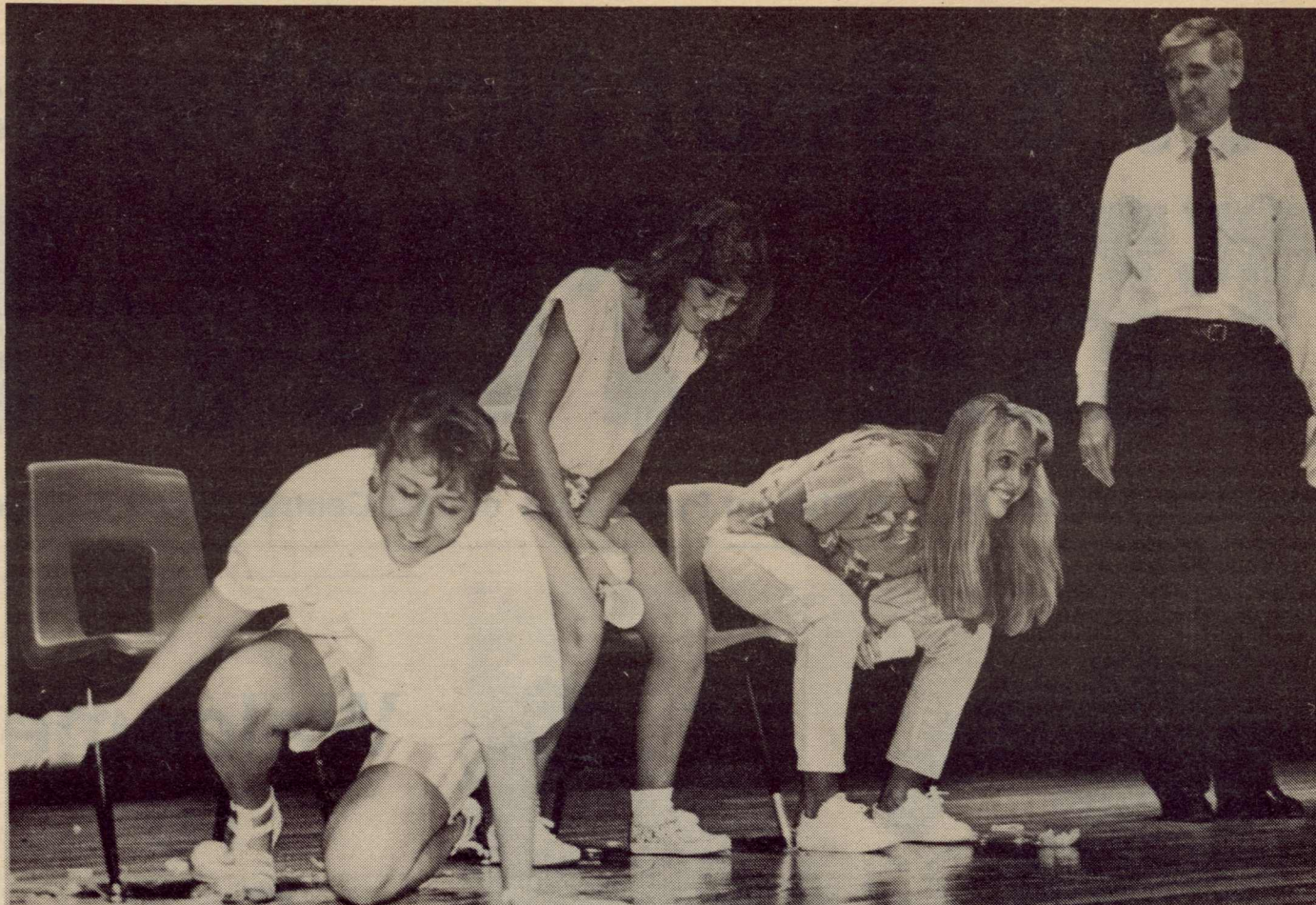
"No"...even though "no" is a negative word and a positive attitude is paramount to success, "no" can be your best friend in maintaining a positive college life.

"No" is important when a friend invites you out to party when an assignment has not been completed.

"No" is important when there is pressure to experiment with drugs which may be harmful.

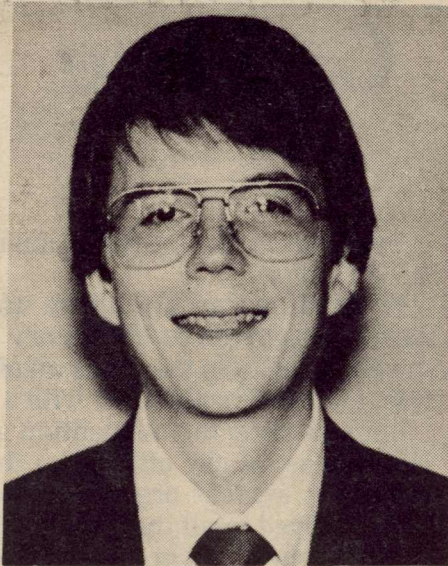
"No" is important when you are coerced to try anything that goes against your basic value system.

Practice time management and effective study skills. Accept others for who they are without compromising your standards. Think about your new independence. If you remember to allow time for fulfilling academic needs, social needs and spiritual needs, college will give you pleasure as well as an education.



## Hypnotically Intoxicated!

Although they appeared to have been a little "tipsy", ECJC students, from left, Amy Pouncey of Decatur and Stacy Phillips and Shelley Wolverton, both of Philadelphia, were actually under the hypnotic spell of Colonel Ed Wallington. Colonel Wallington, whose recent performance was his 16th straight at East Central, convinced the three coeds they had been drinking alcohol, when actually they were really "drinking" out of empty cups! Wallington, who is considered the third leading clinical hypnotist in the world, performed before a packed house in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.



Jim Stroo

## Stroo Joins ECJC Faculty

James Robert Stroo of Hattiesburg has been selected Economics/Business Administration instructor at East Central Junior College, it was announced by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECJC President.

Stroo, 24, officially began his new duties effective August 17, 1987. He succeeds Glenn Hicks who resigned to enter politics.

Prior to his being hired at East Central, Stroo served as an instructor in the Economics Department at the University of Southern Mississippi where he also served as a graduate assistant.

He is a graduate of Hattiesburg High

## Advisement Program Exemplifies Slogan

By Greg Jefcoat  
Academic Counselor

The Advisement Intervention Program certainly exemplifies East Central's well-known college slogan "With You In Mind".

Your advisor is your campus contact person. Please become acquainted and feel comfortable talking with your advisor about college-related concerns. By communicating with your advisor you can make better-informed choices related to class scheduling, course selection, and major selection.

You will also be actively involved in keeping a record of courses as you complete them on your Graduation Transfer Checklist which will be kept on file by your advisor. It's a secure and rewarding experience to keep track of your progress as you move forward toward graduation and transfer.

College policies, rules, and regulations may often seem confusing. When an important decision has to be made, or when problems arise that may involve a college policy, please consult your advisor. These situations in most cases can be easily resolved.

Further, be committed to the goal of graduation and let the Advisement Intervention Program work for you.

School (1981), and University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a B.S. degree in Economics in 1986. At USM he also received a M.B.A. in Finance in August, 1987.

Stroo, who is single, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stroo of Hattiesburg.



Ron Davis

## Davis Joins ECJC Faculty

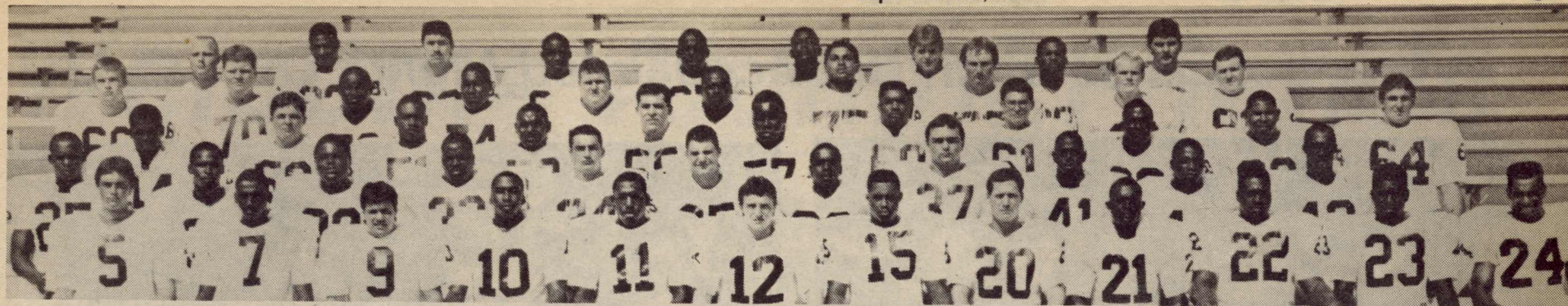
Aaron Ronald Davis of Decatur has been selected as Biology instructor at East Central Junior College in Decatur, it was announced by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECJC President.

Davis, 32, officially began his new duties effective August 17. He succeeds Mrs. Sara Heard who retired after 31 years of service.

Before being hired at East Central, Davis served as a part-time instructor at the Meridian Branch of Mississippi Branch of Mississippi State University. He also has teaching experience at Northwest Junior High School, Magnolia /

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## Warrior Football Squad

Members of the 1987 East Central Junior College Warrior football team are, first row, left to right, punter Michael Killen, Philadelphia; wide receiver-cornerback Michael Oliver, Newton; strong safety Scotty Scott, Scott Central; wide receiver-cornerback Willie Thames, Louisville; quarterback Joe McGowan, Oxon Hill, Maryland; kicker-monster man Verandel Irons, Philadelphia; quarterback Richard Basil, Demopolis, Alabama; tailback Greg Martin, Leake Academy; cornerback Tim Davis, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; tailback Sedric Jordan, Noxapater; monster man Dun Moore, Philadelphia; cornerback Mecridric Calloway, Neshoba Central; second row, left to right, cornerback Cedric Nichols, Morton; tailback Johnny Triplett, Louisville; wide receiver Torrie Farrell, Walnut Grove; fullback Marvin Pearson, Pike County, Alabama; linebacker Dan Parkes, Nanih Waiya; fullback Miles Porter, Morton; punter-tailback Jessie Nelson, Morton; linebacker Scott Engle, Oneta, Alabama; fullback Rodney McClendon, Philadelphia; tailback-wide receiver Calvin Cooley, Cartersville, Georgia; safety Henry Coleman, Louisville; third row, left to right, defensive end Andre' Gibson, Marrero, Louisiana; guard Tim Clayton, Newnan, Georgia;

linebacker Andre Griffin, Newnan, Georgia; linebacker Angelo Smith, Heflin, Alabama; center Tim Sattinger, Clearwater, Florida; lineman Eugene Rhodes, Demopolis, Alabama; offensive guard Allen Williams, Demopolis, Alabama; center Allen Kron, Philadelphia; nose-guard Chris White, Morton; offensive guard-linebacker William Constant, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; linebacker-guard Tony Jordan, Winston Academy; fourth row, left to right, defensive end Paul Prestage, Morton; kick-offensive tackle Brad Breland, Union; nose-guard-offensive guard Paul Heard, Heflin, Alabama; offensive guard Hosea McBeath, Philadelphia; offensive tackle Mark Marable, Oxford, Alabama; offensive tackle Alvin Mullins, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; offensive tackle Pat Moertens, Radcliff, Kentucky; defensive tackle Mickey McMillan, Lake; split end Donnie Elliott, Philadelphia; defensive end Steven Parker, Noxapater; fifth row, left to right, manager Wade Kennedy, Noxapater; split end Phillip Donald, Newton; defensive end John Williams, Sebastopol; wide receiver Michael Sewell, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; tight end Arness Georgetown, Plaquemine, Louisiana; defensive end David Wells, Noxapater; tight end Chris Cooper, Anniston, AL; manager Kenneth Spiva, Noxapater; and manager Jeff Schloemer, Newnan, GA.

## Starting Lineup Announced

East Central Junior College football Coach A.J. Kilpatrick has announced the starting lineup for the Warriors' Thursday, September 3, season opener with visiting non-district fow Northwest Junior College, the defending North Division Champions. Northwest has been picked to win the overall junior college title this season. Kickoff is scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

### Offense

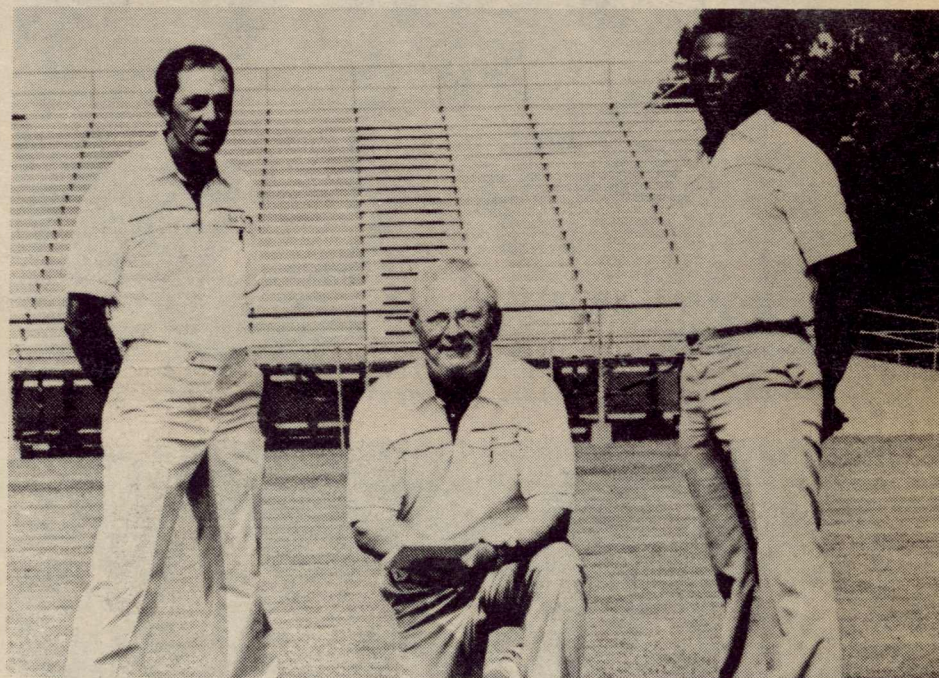
Offensive team starters include quarterback Richard Basil, a 5'11" 195-pound sophomore from Demopolis, AL; tailback Sedric Jordan, 6'3" 220-pound sophomore from Pike County, AL; wide receive Michael Sewell, a 6'1" 180-pound sophomore from Tuscaloosa Central; tight end Chris Cooper, a 6'3" 225-pound freshman from Anniston, AL; offensive tackles Brad Breland, a 6'3" 285-pound sophomore from Union, and Pat Moertens, a 6'3" 290-pound sophomore fromn Radcliff, KY; guards Allen Williams, a 6'3" 265-pound sophomore from Demopolis, AL, and William Constant, a 5'11" 245-pound sophomore from Tuscaloosa Central; and center Tim Sattinger, a 6'3" 255-pound sophomore from Clearwater, Florida.

Coach Kilpatrick said Michael Killen, a 6'2" 175 pound sophomore from Philadelphia will handle punting chores, Verandel Irons, a 5'8" 170-pound sophomore from Philadelphia will kick extra points, and

Brad Breland, who is also a starting tackle, will be kicking field goals.

### Defense

Defensive team starters include cornerbacks Willie Thames, a 6'1" 175-pound sophomore from Louisville, Mecridric Calloway, a 5'10" 180-pound sophomore from Neshoba Central and Cedric Nichols a 5'11" 185-pound sophomore from Morton; safety Henry Coleman, a 6'2" 180-pound sophomore from Louisville; linebackers Angelo Smith, a 5'11" 210-pound sophomore from Heflin, AL, and Frank Jackson, a 6' 240-pound sophomore from Cedar-town, GA; nose-guard Chris White, a 5'9" 225-pound freshman from Morton; nose-guard-tackle Paul Heard, a 6'1" 260-pound sophomore from Heflin, AL; tackles Alvin Mullins, a 6'3" 240-pound freshman from Tuscaloosa, AL; and Mickey McMillan, a 6'7" 290-pound freshman from Lake; and defensive end John Williams, a 6'2" 220-pound sophomore from Sebastopol.



## Football Coaches

Members of the East Central Junior College Warrior football team coaching staff include: from left, J.C. Arban, assistant; A.J. Kilpatrick, head coach; and Tony Triplett, assistant.

## Davis...

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Carver Junior High School, and Harris High School, all located in Meridian.

Davis is a graduate of Decatur High School (1973); East Central Junior College, where he received an A.S. Degree in Science in 1975; University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a B.S. Degree in Biology in 1977; and Mississippi State University, where he received a Master's Degree in Education in 1985.

He is married to the former Pat Jeffcoat of Morton and they have one child, Matt, age five. Mrs. Davis is an instructor with the Talented and Gifted Program in the Newton County School System.

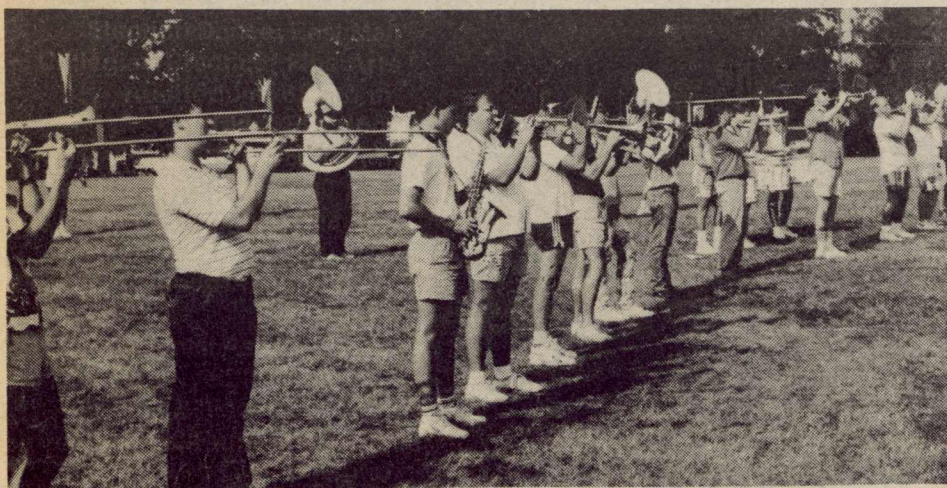
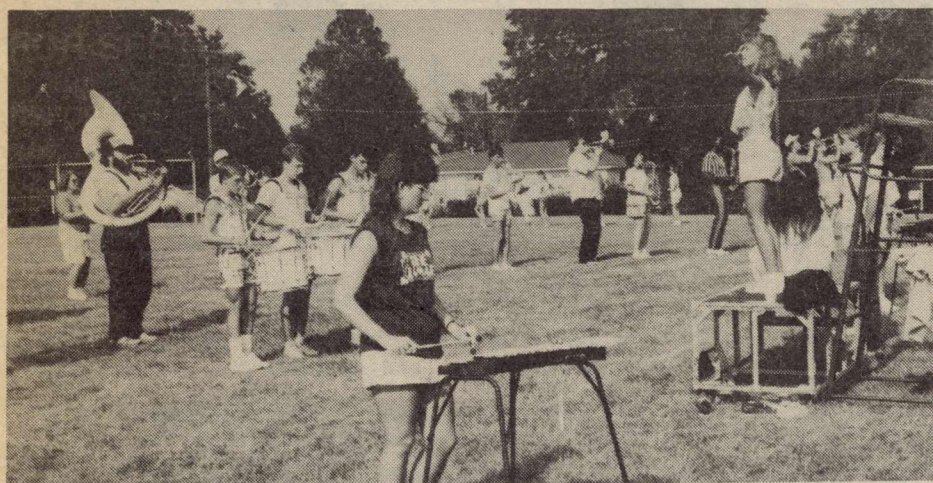
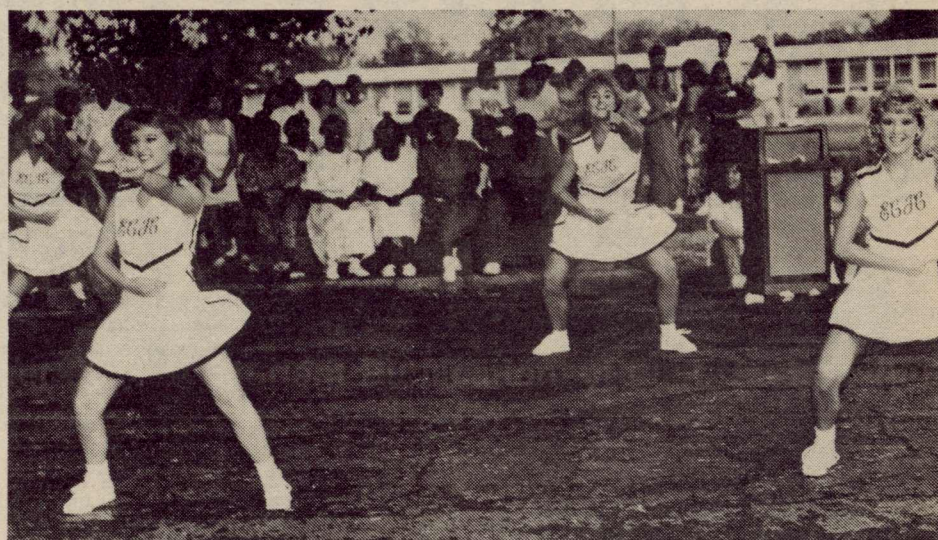


## Football Cheerleaders Win Awards

East Central Junior College football team cheerleaders recently claimed several superior hours at a Cheerleader Camp held at the University of West Florida in Pensacola and sponsored by Elite Cheerleading Athletics. The East Central cheerleaders won the Spirit Stick Award and captured three superior ratings, one excellent mark, and one outstanding rating. The cheerleaders received instruction in pom routines, cheers, chants, pyramids, partner stunts, jumps, dances, and tumbling. Displaying the ribbons won at the camp are, from left, Cindy Fulton, Neshoba Central; Melissa Thrash, Decatur; Shelley Wolverton, Philadelphia; Sonya Federick, Lake; Rhonda Jones, Hickory; Dale Brooks, Scott Central; Tonya Trapp, Neshoba Central; Lisa Lott, Forest; Leesa Lee (sponsor); and Cindy Crimm, Scott Central.



## Scenes from 'Get Acquainted Night'



### Warrior Band - Getting Ready!

The ECJC Warrior Band has been practicing many hours in preparation for the 1987 football season. Renee Thaggard of Philadelphia is serving her second year as the drum major. The band is directed by Tom Carson, who said the group is sounding and marching "great". He said the band members have been working hard and have put together many entertaining routines for the half-time show.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

By LINDA HANSFORD  
Student Services

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|------------------------|--|
| Tuesday, September 1   | Sign up for class office election                            |
| Wednesday, September 2 | Pep Rally, East Mall, 6:30 p.m.                              |
| Thursday, September 3  | ECJC vs. Northwest at Decatur<br>7:30 p.m. Football          |
| Tuesday, September 8   | Collegian Practice, Fine Arts Auditorium<br>6:00 p.m.        |
| Thursday, September 10 | Pep Rally and Cookout, East Mall                             |
| Friday, September 11-  | Phi Theta Kappa Regional Leadership                          |
| Saturday, September 12 | Conference, Lake Tiah O'Khata                                |
| Saturday, September 12 | ECJC vs. Gulf Coast at Perkinson,<br>Football, 7:30 p.m.     |
| Monday, September 14   | Election Dance, East Mall                                    |
|                        | Collegian Practice, Fine Arts<br>Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.       |
| Tuesday, September 15  | Class Elections  |
| Thursday, September 17 | Pep Rally, East Mall, 6:30 p.m.                              |
|                        | ECJC vs. Clarke at Newton, Baseball, 4:00 p.m.               |
| Saturday, September 19 | ECJC vs. East Mississippi at Decatur,<br>Football, 7:30 p.m. |
| Monday, September 21   | Collegian Practice, Fine Arts Auditorium,<br>6:00 p.m.       |
| Monday, September 21-  | Student Council Association of                               |
| Tuesday, September 22  | Mississippi Convention, Jackson<br>(ECJC will serve as host) |
|                        | School Picture Retakes, Huff Auditorium,<br>8:00 p.m.        |
|                        | Phi Beta Lambda Tea, Vocational<br>Building, Activity Period |
| Thursday, September 24 | ECJC vs. Clarke at Decatur, Baseball,<br>2:00 p.m.           |
| Friday, September 25-  | Baptist Student Union State Convention,                      |
| Monday, September 28   | Jackson  |



# Welcome Alumni, Friends

# THE TOM-TOM

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## Alumni Honor Lee, Tucker, Thrash, Clark, Baucum

The East Central Junior College Alumni Association has announced the recipients of the annual "Alumna of the Year", "Alumnus of the Year", "Academic Instructor of the Year", "Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year", and the Athletic Hall of Fame awards for 1987-88, according to Harold Webb of Decatur who serves as alumni association president.

The award presentations will be made during the Alumni luncheon which will be held as part of the school's Homecoming celebration scheduled Saturday, October 10.

The honorees are selected by a vote of the school's alumni.

Named as "Alumna of the Year" is Dr. Addie Rhodes Lee, a native of Louisville who serves as Business Education instructor at Rogers Vocational Center, a division of Gardendale High School in Birmingham,

AL.

Dr. Lee was earlier named Alabama's "Teacher of the Year".

Selected as "Alumnus of the Year" is Dr. Brad Tucker who serves as Dean of Instruction at East Central.

Dr. Tucker has begun his 37th year as a member of the ECJC staff, a length of service no one has surpassed.

Social Science teacher Tommy Thrash has been named "Academic Instructor of the Year", and Chester Clark, Assistant Director of the Vocational-Technical Center and Drafting instructor, has been chosen "Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year."

The newest inductee to the ECJC Athletic Hall of Fame is the late Billy Wayne Baucum of Newton who served as Captain of the 1960 East Central football squad and was

selected to the All-State and All-American football teams.

A native of Gum Branch in Winston County where she first dreamed of becoming a teacher while she received her instruction in a one-room schoolhouse during the mid-1940's, Dr. Lee has won many honors serving for almost 20 years as Business Education instructor at Minor High School in Birmingham before her most recent assignment at the Rogers Vocational Center, also located in Birmingham. The schools are part of the Jefferson County School System.

As previously mentioned, Dr. Lee was earlier named Alabama's "Teacher of the Year" and was presented a resolution from both houses of the Alabama legislature and

a commendation from Governor Guy Hunt.

She has also been selected as the Alabama Vocational Association's "Outstanding Vocational Teacher for Business Education" for 1987-88 and has been nominated by the State of Alabama for the National Teacher of the Year Award for 1988.

The city of Midfield, AL, recently awarded its outstanding citizen by presenting her with a Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Lee is the daughter of Mrs. O.D. Rhodes of Winston County and the late O.D. Rhodes.

She is a graduate of Louisville High School, East Central Junior College, Miss. State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in Business Education,

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## Homecoming Court Selected; Wolverton Named Queen

By SHELTON VANCE

Philadelphian Shelley Wolverton has been elected by the student body to serve as East Central's 1987 Homecoming Queen. Shelley, daughter of Mrs. Carolyn Moorman and Mr. Kenneth Wolverton, is a Sophomore majoring in Business Administration.

A graduate of Philadelphia High School, Shelley is serving her second year as an EC cheerleader. Also, Miss Wolverton is a Mu Alpha Theta member and Secretary of the Sophomore class.

Shelley indicates that many great experiences have made her time at EC enjoyable. She said, "It is difficult to point to one thing as most meaningful, but the friendly people of EC are a top asset!"

Maid of Honor Lori Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wilson of Philadelphia.

A graduate of Philadelphia High School, Lori is serving as a Sophomore member of the ECJC Election Committee.

Lori is active in ECJC intramural basketball. She enjoys exercising in her free time.

Amy Pouncey is serving as one of the three 1987 Sophomore Maids. Amy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pouncey of Decatur. Amy is a second year Warrior Corps member, as well as a Centralette and Student Body Secretary.

Amy is a graduate of Decatur High School. In 1986 she served as EC's Freshman Homecoming Maid and Freshman Class Favorite.

Melissa Thrash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thrash, is a graduate of Decatur High School. She has been elected as a Sophomore Maid for the 1987 Homecoming festivities.

Melissa is EC's Head Cheerleader, as well as Warrior Corps Secretary. She has been chosen President of Phi Theta Kappa and Sophomore Class Secretary.

Louisville High School graduate Missy

Whitmire will also serve as a 1987 Sophomore Maid. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Whitmire.

Missy is a Sophomore member of Phi Theta Kappa. She is active in Mu Alpha Theta and Secretary of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau.

Freshman Penny Crawford has been chosen as a Freshman Maid. A Neshoba Central graduate, she is the daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Don Crawford of Philadelphia.

Penny is Treasurer of the Freshman Class and a member of the Election Committee. She is Co-Captain of EC's 1987 Centralettes.

Sebastopol High School graduate Angie Morrow as also been chosen as a Freshman Maid. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Morrow.

Angie is a member of the 1987 Election Committee. She is also serving as a Cen-

tralette.

Also serving as a Freshman Maid is Penny Overstreet. Penny is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Overstreet. She is a graduate of Decatur High School.

At East Central, Penny is a member of the Election Committee.

1987 Homecoming Queen Shelley Wolverton and her court will be presented in the annual ceremonies on October 10.



Elected as the 1987 East Central Junior College Homecoming Court are, seated, from left, Maid of Honor Lori Wilson and Queen Shelley Wolverton; standing, from left, Freshman maids Penny Crawford, Angie Morrow, Penny Overstreet; and Sophomore maids Amy Pouncey, Melissa Thrash, and Missy Whitmire. The Homecoming court will be presented at halftime during the ECJC-Pearl River football game which begins at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.





Dr. Lee

## Alumni.....

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and the University of Alabama, where she received a master's degree in Business and a doctorate in Secondary Education.

At East Central, she excelled in academics, edited the Tom-Tom, the campus newspaper, and was named to the Hall of Fame.

Dr. Lee holds membership in many professional organizations and is a charter member of the Gamma Nu Chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon, the national honorary graduate society in Business Education, at the University of Alabama. She was recently re-elected for a second two-year term as president of the organization. She has also served two terms as vice president.

Dr. Lee has served as vice president and president of the Alabama Business Education Association and last year was invited to the National Business Education Association to speak on "The Use of Computers in Business Education." She has served on numerous committees and one several visiting teams for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Lee and her husband Roy live in Midfield and they have two children, Jan Guthrie, who lives in Midfield, and Staff Sergeant Jerry D. Peterson of Homestead Air Force Base, FL.

Dr. Tucker began his employment at East Central as Vocational-Agricultural teacher in 1951. He later served as college Agricultural instructor and Farm Manager before assuming the Dean's position in 1961.

He also taught Sociology at ECJC and has taught graduate courses in Educational foundations and in Junior College Administration for Mississippi State University.



Dr. Tucker

ty. For the past three years Dr. Tucker has been designated by the college to work with the Alumni Association and to coordinate the annual Homecoming activities in addition to the usual Dean's responsibilities.

Prior to his coming to East Central, Dr. Tucker served two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He also taught for two years at Benton High School in Yazoo County.

Dr. Tucker is the senior member of the Mississippi Public Junior College Dean's Association and the only charter member still serving as Dean.

Dr. Tucker has served as president of the ECJC Faculty Club, president of the Dean's Association, president of the Decatur Exchange Club, Master of the local Masonic Lodge, and Chairman of Deacons at Decatur Baptist Church.

He has represented the Mississippi Vocational Association as a delegate to the American Vocational Association and has served as a leader at the Southeastern Leadership Conference for Junior College Administrations at Florida State University.

Dr. Tucker is a member of the ECJC Faculty Club, State Junior College Faculty Association, the Mississippi Junior College Dean's Association, the Mississippi Association of School Administrators, and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

He was Valedictorian at Edinburg High School and graduated with honors from ECJC in January, 1948.

Dr. Tucker was inducted into honorary organizations Alpha Tau Alpha, Alpha Zeta, and Phi Kappa Phi at Mississippi State University where he received the bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees.

He received a Kellogg Foundation Scholarship to study Junior College Administration at the University of Texas. He also took courses at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Tucker is a native of Leake County and is the third child of the late Marvin and Bonnie Tucker.

He is married to the former Mary Vaughn of Yazoo County and they have one daughter, Beth, of Meridian.

Mr. Thrash has served as social Science instructor at East Central Junior College since 1962.

At ECJC, he teaches World History, Government, and Geography.

He is a graduate of Newton High School, East Central Junior College, and Mississippi State University where he received bachelor's and master's degrees. He also completed additional studies at MSU and at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Mr. Thrash is a member of Decatur Methodist Church where he serves as a Board of Trustees member.

He is a member of Decatur Country Club and is the current vice president. He is also a past president of the country club.

Mr. Thrash is a former member of the



Mr. Thrash

Decatur Jaycees and served as vice president and national director for the State Board of the United States Jaycees.

He is married to the former Jeanette Beavers of Union and they have two children, Mary Evelyn (Mev) Knight of Meridian, who is head of physical therapy at Rush Hospital in Meridian, and Melissa, a sophomore at ECJC.

All family members have attended East Central Junior College.

Since 1974, Mr. Clark has served as Assistant Vo-Tech Director and Drafting and Design instructor. Clark joined the ECJC staff in 1969 as a full-time instructor.

Prior to his employment at East Central, Mr. Clark taught in the Columbus Public Schools and was later employed at RCA Ser-



Mr. Clark

vice Company in Philadelphia.

He also served in the U.S. Army Security Agency for three years, from 1954-57.

Mr. Clark is a graduate of Linwood High School in Neshoba County, East Central Junior College, and Mississippi State University where he received bachelor's and master's degrees. He has taken additional courses at MSU and at Mississippi College.

He is a member of Neshoba Baptist Church where he is an ordained Deacon and teaches the Adult Sunday School Class.

His hobbies include woodworking, gardening, and collecting various items, including stamps, coins, and electric trains.

Mr. Clark and his wife Lou, who also works at ECJC and is employed in the Office of Admissions, Records, and Research, have two children, Barry, a salesman for

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## Clark.....

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Hallmark Toyota in Jackson, and Lori, a sophomore at ECJC. Barry, a recent graduate of Mississippi State University, also attended East Central.



Mr. Baucum

Following an outstanding athletic career at Newton High School, Baucum signed a football scholarship with the University of Southern Mississippi but chose instead to play football at East Central.

He was a two-year starter as a halfback and defensive back and was named Team Captain for Coach Bobby Oswalt's 1960 squad.

During his sophomore year at East Central where he was named Outstanding Back. Baucum rushed for 750 yards on 153 carries and had 18 pass receptions for 240 yards. He made 92 tackles.

Baucum was selected to the All-State and All-American football teams and played in the Junior College All-American Game held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. During the game he was the second leading offensive player.

Following his career at East Central where he was elected Mr. ECJC, Baucum attended Louisiana College on a football scholarship and lettered in football and baseball. He was named Outstanding Back his senior year and led the team in rushing and pass receptions.

Baucum later coached at Columbia and Hickory high schools and was an assistant to ECJC Head Football Coach Ken Pouncey from 1967 to 1970.

Following his coaching stint at ECJC, Baucum served as Assistant Superintendent of Education and Federal Programs Coordinator for Newton County Schools from 1970 to 1982.

He was elected Newton County Superintendent of Education in 1982 and served until his death following a heart attack on December 14, 1983. He had just been re-elected to serve another term at the time of his death.

As County Superintendent of Education, Baucum also served as a member of the ECJC Board of Trustees.

Baucum was twice named Decatur's Outstanding Young Man and was selected one of Mississippi's Outstanding Young Men in 1976.

He was involved in many civic and community endeavors and is credited with organizing the first Boy Scout Troop in Hickory.

Baucum was a graduate of Newton High School, East Central Junior College, Louisiana College, where he received a bachelor's degree, and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a

## Many Activities Planned Saturday For Homecoming

A full day of activities is planned for alumni and friends of East Central Junior College in Decatur during the annual Homecoming celebration schedule Saturday, October 10, announced Dr. Brad J. Tucker, Dean of Instruction, who also serves as coordinator for the Homecoming events.

The annual Alumni Tennis Tournament actually kicks off the celebration and will be held Monday through Friday, October 5-9, on the ECJC courts. Those interested in participating should contact Miss Lucille Wood at ECJC.

Homecoming Day actually begins at 8:30 a.m., when the annual Alumni Golf Tournament is scheduled to begin at the Decatur Country Club course.

Tournament coordinator Joe Clark said the nine-hole event should be completed in plenty of time for participants to attend the Alumni luncheon.

Registration of guests begins at 9 a.m. in the Sullivan Student Center.

Beginning at 10 a.m., class and group reunions are asked to follow the schedule below:

Class of 1937—Fine Arts Center

Class of 1947—Burton Library, Mississippi Room

Class of 1957—Burton Library, Conference Room

Class of 1967—Burton Library, Faculty Room

Class of 1977—Newton Hall, Room 92

Class of 1987—Newton Hall, Room 90

May Queens—Cross Hall, Room 11

Collegians—Cross Hall, Room 23

1948-49-50 Football Teams—Newton Hall, Room 60

At 11:15 a.m. all former athletes (EC Club) are asked to meet in Room 60.

The luncheon will start at 12 noon in Mabry Cafeteria, with Harold Webb of Decatur, Alumni Association President, presiding.

As previously announced, Dr. Addie Rhodes Lee of Midfield, AL, has been selected "Alumna of the Year", Dr. Brad J. Tucker, Dean of Instruction at ECJC has been named "Alumnus of the Year", Social Science teacher Tommy Thrash has been chosen "Academic Instructor of the Year" and Chester Clark, Assistant Vo-Tech Director Drafting and Design Teacher, has been selected "vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year". The late Billy Wayne Baucum of Newton will be posthumously inducted into the ECJC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Following the luncheon, the Warriors will host the Pearl River Wildcats in a South Division matchup beginning at 2:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

At halftime, the Homecoming Court will be presented.

This year's queen is Shelley Wolverton of Philadelphia. The Maid of Honor is Lori Wilson, also of Philadelphia.

Sophomore maids are Amy Pouncey and Melissa Thrash, both of Decatur, and Missy Whitmire of McCool.

Freshman maids are Penny Crawford, Philadelphia; Angie Morrow, Union,; and Penny Overstreet, Decatur.

Following the football game, a reception will be held in Mabry Cafeteria for alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends.

East Central will offer child care service for the day at the Child Care Center for children up to age six. For further information contact Ms. Katherine George or Miss Mary Lyles, phone 635-3285.

## Phi Theta Kappa Conference Held

By MELISSA THRASH

The East Central chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Theta Xi, recently attended a regional Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Conference held at Lake Tiak-O' Khata in Louisville, September 11 and 12.

Chapter officers from Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee were present at the two day seminar.

East Central was the host chapter and was responsible for providing entertainment Friday night.

In keeping with the 200th anniversary of the signing off the Constitution, which is PTK's theme for this year, Theta Xi developed games dealing with the Constitution.

The guest speaker Saturday morning was East Central President, Dr. Eddie Smith, who is a former Theta Xi Chapter President.

Officers from East Central who attended the conference were Melissa Thrash, President; Marsha Stovall, Vice President; Meschelle Jacobs, Secretary; Terry

master's degree in School Administration. He also took additional courses at USM and at Mississippi State University.

Baucum's widow, Linda, will attend the Alumni Luncheon and accept the Athletic Hall of Fame award in his honor. The Baucums had two children, Billy Wayne, Jr., and Cheryl (Mrs. George) Amis, who both live in Decatur. A recent addition to the Amis family is three-month-old Colby Wayne Amis. Billy Wayne and Cheryl also attended East Central Junior College.

Matula, Treasurer; Jeff Wall, Reporter; and Melanie Huffman and Suzanna Kennedy, Co-Historians.

Phi Theta Kappa is an organization that promotes scholarship, develops character, and increases fellowship among the academically superior students on campus.

Membership in the organization is by invitation only; freshman students must have 3.4 grade point average and sophomores must have a 3.3 grade point average.

Phi Theta Kappa is sponsored by two faculty members who are both former Theta Xi officers, Mrs. Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris.

## Enrollment Tops 1,000

By TAMMY SHIRLEY

Mr. Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research, announced a total student enrollment increase of approximately ten percent for the fall 1987 semester at East Central Junior College.

McMullan compared the 1037 students enrolled in the fall 1987 semester to the 946 students who were enrolled in the fall 1986 semester. The totals showed an increase of 91 students, or about ten percent.

The academic full-time students increased from 438 to 486; academic part-time students increased from 14 to 29; Technical full-time students decreased from 175 to 167; Technical part-time students increased from eight to nine; Vocational students increased from 156 to 177; and Evening Class students increased from 155 to 171. From these ratios, there are 37 out-of-state students attending East Central.

Concerning the enrollment increase, Mr. McMullan said, "We at East Central are extremely pleased with this increase in the enrollment." Although he was pleased with the number of students, he pointed out his concern to continue offering the best educational programs possible at East Central.

## Phi Beta Lambda Seeks New Members

Recruiting is still underway for students interested in Business Administration, Computer Technology, and Business Technology who would like to join Phi Beta Lambda, Theta Chi Chapter, at East Central Junior College.

As of October 2, 24 students had joined the nationally recognized organization. A tea was held September 22, to recruit new members.

The organization's goals include the following:

- develop competent, aggressive business leadership,
- strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and in their work,
- create more interest in and understanding of American business enterprise,
- encourage members in the development of individual projects which contribute to the improvement of home, business and community,
- encourage and practice efficient money management,
- encourage scholarship and promote school loyalty,
- assist students in the establishment of occupational goals, and
- facilitate the transition from school to work.



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Warrior running back Johnny Triplett (30) looks for daylight behind the blocking of guard William Constant (63) during East Central's 14-7 loss at Hinds Saturday night. At left is quarterback Richard Basil (15). ECJC will host Pearl River College at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the annual Homecoming battle. (ECJC photo).

# ECJC Will Battle Pearl River Saturday

Once again an East Central Junior College football game was decided in the final seconds but this time the Warrior opponent came away with the victory as homestanding Hinds Community College tallied late to win the South division contest 14-7 Saturday night.

With the loss, East Central dropped to 3-2 overall and 1-2 in division action. Hinds improved to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in division play. ECJC will host South division opponent Pearl River Junior College at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the annual Homecoming battle.

Pearl River, 2-3 overall and 0-2 in the division, fell 31-27 at Northwest Thursday night.

East Central defeated Northwest 17-16 in the season opener. ECJC has other wins over East Mississippi (27-19) and Co-Lin (24-23). Besides Hinds, the Warriors' other loss was a 7-0 decision at Gulf Coast.

Deadlocked at 7-7 with 13 seconds left, Hinds quarterback Mike Burch lofted a one-yard strike to all-purpose tailback Kevin Woodson for the winning score. Jason Smith added the PAT.

Burch nearly stumbled as he made the winning toss to Woodson, who was responsible for gaining 243 of the 402 yards accumulated by the Eagles. Woodson rushed 24 times for 124 yards and grabbed seven passes for 119 yards.

The 71-yard Hinds scoring drive was set up by a questionable late hit assessed against the Warriors followed by a 31-yard pass play from Burch to Woodson which gave the Eagles possession on the Warrior 23 with just under two minutes remaining. The Eagles later scored on the pass to Woodson.

After Warrior Brad Breland's 47-yard field goal attempt fell short in the first period, Hinds marched 70 yards in ten plays

with Woodson scoring from the four. Smith added the PAT and Hinds led 7-0 after the first period.

Twice Hinds had excellent scoring opportunities in the second period but Warrior fumble recoveries stopped both drives.

East Central linebacker Andre Griffin recovered the first loose pigskin on the three and linebacker Angelo Smith pounced on the other miscue on the one-yard line.

The half ended with Hinds leading 7-0.

East Central quickly found paydirt early in the third period when quarterback Richard Basil heaved a perfect spiral to a fleeting wide receiver Frankie Hodge who galloped 90 yards in front of the Warrior bench for the touchdown. Verandel Irons added the PAT and with 13:20 left in the third the score was tied 7-7.

The Warrior defense again stopped a possible Hinds touchdown when tackle Scottie Love recovered an Eagle fumble on the two-yard line and the score remained deadlocked through three periods.

In the fourth quarter Hinds once again knocked on the door and again the Warrior defense caused the turnover as Donnie Elliott recovered the loose pigskin.

East Central was unable to muster a sustaining drive and Hinds took over in good field position.

The Eagles marched to the Warrior 17 and it looked as if Hinds would score but on third down defender Elliott batted away a scoring pass attempt in the endzone. Hinds settled for a field goal try but Smith's 44-yard attempt failed with 4:32 left in the game.

East Central took possession but was unable to mount a drive and was forced to punt.

Hinds took possession on its own 29 and drove for the winning score.



## Gray Beards In Action!

The Gray Beards, the faculty intramural flag football team, in recent action. (Photo by Jeff Winstead)

## Flag Football In Full Swing

There's a lot of participation in intramural flag football this fall with nine men and four women teams fielding 110 and 52 players, respectively, according to Mike Anderson, Director of Student Activities.

The standings, as of September 29, are as follows:

Men	W	L
Top Gun	2	0
Untouchables	1	0
Naked Dogs	1	1
Ludwig	1	1
Oreo's	0	1
Zoo Crew	0	1
Hang Time	0	2
PKF	0	2
Gray Beards (Faculty)	3	0
Women	W	L
B.J.'s Babes	1	0
Shout-Bama-Lamb	1	0
B'B's Cutdes	0	1
Cully's	0	1



## Football Cheerleaders

East Central Junior College football team cheerleaders for the 1987 season are, first row, left to right, Lisa Lott, Forest; Sonya Federick, Lake; Dale Brooks, Lena; Cindy Crimm, Forest; Cindy Fulton, Philadelphia; standing, from left, Shelley Wolverton, Philadelphia; Rhonda Jones, Hickory; Warrior Chief Paul Pryor, Forest; Tonya Trapp, and Melissa Thrash, both of Decatur. The sponsor is Leesa Lee.

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First-time band member Marshall Watkins of Carthage, after a long day of practice.

## New Band Member Finding The Beat!

By MARSHALL WATKINS

When Mr. Tom Carson asked me to play the bass drum in the band I was skeptical.

For one thing, I had never been in a marching band before. For another, I had had next to no musical training at all. But, Mr. Carson told me that if I could keep a beat, I could play a bass drum, so I decided to give it a try.

First there was band camp. It wasn't all that bad. We spent long hours working on our music for the halftime shows and even longer hours learning to march on the field.

The scariest part of band camp was probably "Show and Tell." This is where each section has to perform what they have been working on in front of the rest of the band.

The next two weeks were pretty hectic. It was the first two weeks of school and everyone was trying to get adjusted and meet band practice everyday. Plus, we had our first game coming up. The halftime show went pretty good. We performed "Corona," "What You Get Is What You See," and "Pour On The Power".

Things kind of slowed down then because we had two weeks until the next game.

We band members started wondering about Mr. Carson's sanity when we started to work "The Flintstones" into the show. We had good reason with the band running around the field in what seemed to be mass confusion and the guard twirling big white bones.

But, it turned out to be a really exciting and creative routine that everyone enjoyed.

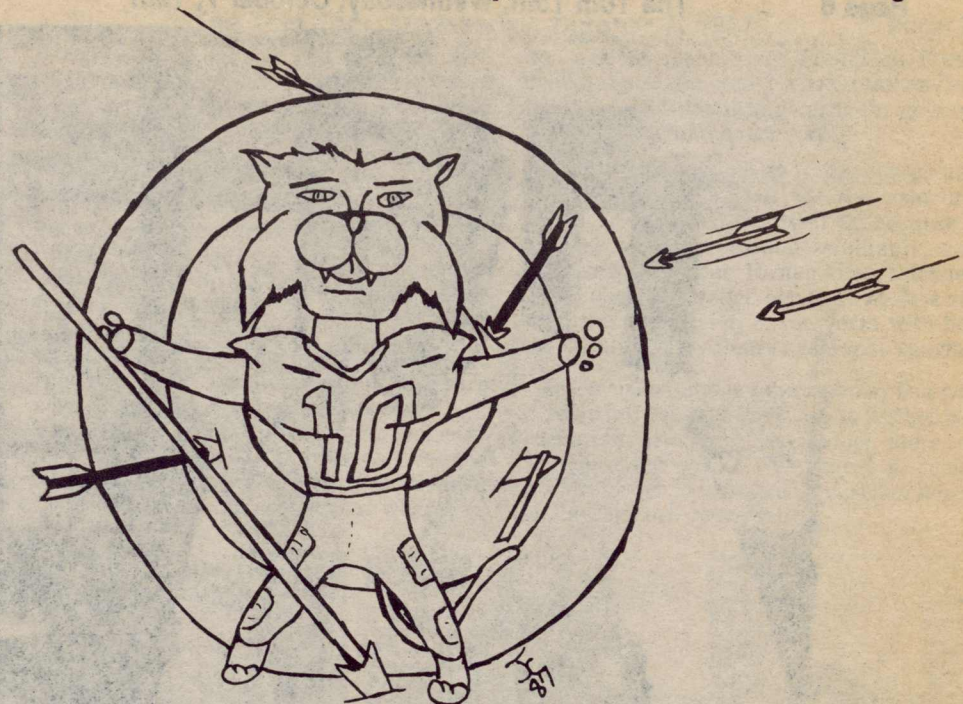
The next week was very tense.

We had just a few days in which to work on our closer, "Love In Any Language." Not only that, but the upcoming game against Co-Lin would be the first time we had to march against another band, and this band has a reputation of being one of the best in the state.

But all of our hard work paid off as we marched onto the field and showed that the ECJC Marching Band can hold their own and then some.

There have been many times I have felt like turning in my drumsticks and saying, "Forget it!" But when I think of all the

friends I have made through the band and remember the look on Mr. Carson's face as we came off the field at the Co-Lin game, I realized it's all been worth it, and I wouldn't give it up for anything in the world!



Let's Ambush Those Wildcats!!

## Class Officers Are Announced

By REGINA MCKINNEY

Congratulations to the newly elected 1987-88 S.B.A. Class officers!

Freshman officers are: President-Arly Reed-Louisville; Vice-President-Angie Morrow-Union; Secretary-Mona Moore-Philadelphia; Treasurer-Penny Crawford-Philadelphia; Representatives-John Miller-

Philadelphia and Tonya Trapp-Decatur.

Sophomore officers are: President-B.J. Johnson-Philadelphia; Vice-President-Marsha Maxey-Philadelphia; Secretary-Shelley Wolverson-Philadelphia; Treasurer-Melissa Thrash-Decatur; Representatives-Vicki Arthur-Carthage and Brad Fisher-Allen, TX.

# BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1987-88

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Fri & Saturday	November 6, 7	Tournament	Scooba (EMJC)
Friday	November 13	East Mississippi	Decatur
Saturday	November 14	Holmes	Decatur
Monday	November 16	*Gulfcoast	Decatur
Saturday	November 21	East Mississippi	Scooba
Tuesday	December 1	*Pearl River	Poplarville
Friday	December 4	Clarke	Newton
Thursday	December 10	*Jones	Ellisville
Saturday	December 12	*Southwest	Summit
Monday	January 11	*Co-Lin	Decatur
Thursday	January 14	Holmes	Goodman
Monday	January 18	*Hinds	Raymond
Thursday	January 21	*Utica	Decatur
Monday	January 25	*Co-Lin	Wesson
Thursday	January 28	*Pearl River	Decatur
Friday	January 29	Clarke	Decatur
Monday	February 1	*Utica	Utica
Thursday	February 4	*Jones	Decatur
Saturday	February 6	*Southwest	Decatur
Monday	February 8	*Gulf Coast	Perkinston
Thursday	February 11	*Hinds	Decatur
	February 15-18	Division Tournament	Decatur
	February 22-23	State Tournament	

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\*Conference Games





## Participates In African Study

Dr. Shelby L. Harris, Chairman of the Mathematics and Science Division, spent six weeks in Kenya East Africa as a 1987 Fullbright-Hayes participant through Jackson State University and the University of Nairobi. A group of 12 Mississippi junior college instructors, and two project directors from Jackson State University studied in Kenya. The purpose of the trip was to study the Human Services Delivery System in Kenya. Dr. Harris did research in the Health Care System and presented a paper on "Traditional and Modern Medicine in Kenya" at a forum held in Jackson on October 2. Other topics discussed at the forum were: Services to families, the juvenile justice system, the education system and a slide presentation of pictures taken in Kenya. Dr. Harris is shown with some of the many items he brought back from his trip.

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## East Central Offers Peer Tutoring Service

By KIMALYNE and TIMALYNE HORTON

Peer Tutoring is a Student Support Services Program designed to reach out to students who are in need of additional help relating to their studies. The program is organized in a way so that the student who needs help can be assisted by an individual or a small group oriented tutoring session. The Peer Tutoring Program can strengthen the student in their weak areas and also encourage the student to study more providing academic motivation.

Peer Tutoring provides individualized instruction for students who are having difficulty in a particular course subject, and provide reinforcement of learning that oc-

curs in the classroom. It also assists the student in overcoming disabilities before they become severe.

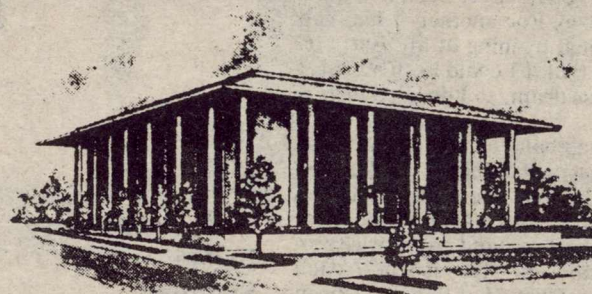
Peer Tutoring encourages good student and teacher rapport and builds the students interest in reading which gives an appreciation for notable educational opportunities.

The Peer Tutoring Program can be academically rewarding for the tutor, tutoree, and East Central Junior College, therefore, it is a means whereby both the students and college attempt to insure their respective investments in one another.

The Student Support Program is located above the Student Center net to the nurse's office.

For further information contact Mrs. Lawrence Tingle, Director of Special Services.

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# Former Choctaw Princess Enrolled At East Central

By JANET MOWDY

ECJC, as most agree, is a truly unique place of course it contains some of the most unique people in the world. A good example of a unique EC student is Iris Wesley, the 1986 Choctaw Indian Princess from Neshoba County. Iris is the 18-year-old daughter of

the Reverend Rufus Wesley. She has three older brothers and two older sisters.

Being a pageant freak, I was there the night Iris was crowned. Iris had only hoped to place, and therefore was ecstatic to win. Iris' dress was made by Nancy Joe of the Bogue Chitto community and the beadwork,



Iris Wesley, former Choctaw Princess, who is a student at East Central Junior College. (Photo by Nikki Minard)

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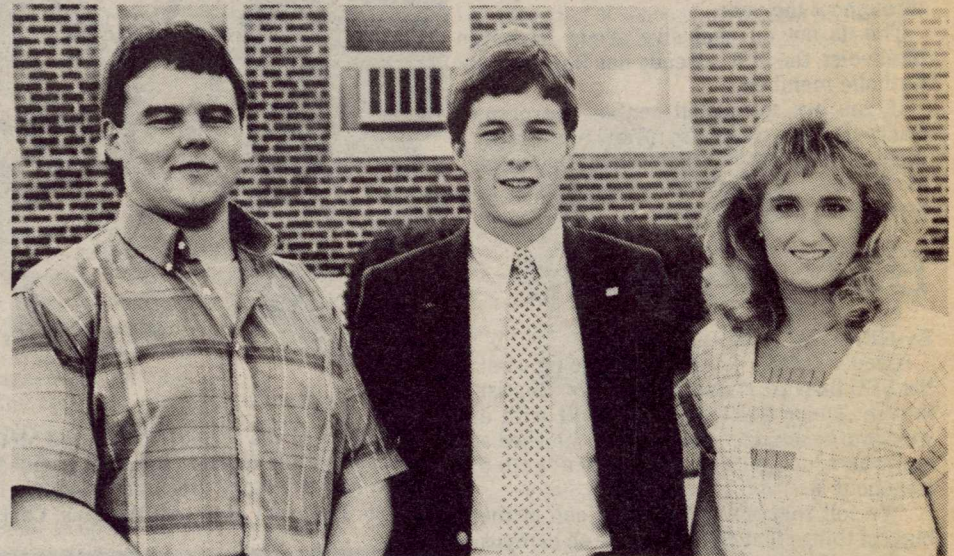
which took two and one half weeks to complete was done by her brother Hester Allen. I noticed there were also shapes of diamonds and x's and o's sewn on the dress. Iris explained that the diamonds stood for the rattlesnake and the x's and o's represented stickball which, everyone knows, is the game the Choctaw Indians are famous for.

Iris attended Neshoba Central here freshman year where she was involved in the band for three years and a cheerleader for one year. She then attended Carthage High School her sophomore and junior years where she served as junior class secretary, DECA reporter, and a two year member of the FHA. Also at Carthage she received the DECA award her junior year. Iris attended Choctaw Central her senior year where she

was elected senior class President, President of the music club, National Indian Day Princess, and received awards for government, chorus, and honor roll.

At EC, Iris is involved in the chorus and currently is trying out for the modeling squad. Iris decided to attend EC because it is close to home, (sound familiar?), and because her brother, Hester Allen, attended ECJC and encouraged her to do so. Iris admits she likes living in the dorm with her roommates Cathy Henry and Janet Vaughn.

When asked about future plans, Iris will quickly tell you that she plans to further her education at either Mississippi State or Southern and pursue her degree in social work in order to work with abused children on the Choctaw Reservation.



## Warrior Corps Officers

Warrior Corps officers recently elected are, from left, Shea Hailey, president, Union; Shelton Vance, vice president, Newton; and Melissa Thrash, secretary-treasurer, Decatur.

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## Methodist Student Union Is Organized

By PATSY MIMS

On Tuesday night, September 1, the Methodist Student Union met for the first time in four years.

The Methodist Student Union is the Methodist Students on campus that meets once a week to have a great fellowship hour.

Reverend Barry Dickerson, pastor of Decatur's First United Methodist Church, is the director for the group and said, "I am really pleased to find students interested in the organization." This will be his first year to be director of MSU at East Central.

Activities are planned and many interesting people are on the agenda to speak throughout the year.

This is not an exclusive group for only Methodist, the MSU already has Baptist and Catholic members.

If you are interested contact Reverend Barry Dickerson, Patsy Mims, or simply meet at the First United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. on Wednesday night and be prepared for a great time.

## BSU Involved

By GENE CLIBURN

If you've seen a lot of activity going on at the BSU this fall, it's no wonder. The Baptist Student Union started the year off with a welcome back party and recently finished a campus-wide witnessing effort called Reachout '87.

"We felt that 'Reachout' was one of the biggest things that BSU has done on campus in years. Sharing our Christian faith is what we're all about anyway," said Marsha Stovall, BSU president.

During a three-day evangelical effort, messages were brought by Scott Werner from Nashville, TN, and music was provided by various musical groups including Priority and Fire Escape. The services were held nightly in the Fine Arts auditorium.

"Reachout was a success because the students worked together to make it a success. I hope it's efforts will be felt for a long time to come," said Don Gann, BSU director.

Also in the works is a Halloween Spooktacular. Tentative plans have been made for a hayride and horror flick on October 29.

"I have been really pleased with the way students have taken charge this year," said Mr. Gann. "BSU should be a student led organization, and these students should be leaders on campus, as well," he said.

The Baptist Student Union holds meetings each weeknight at 6:00 except Monday and Friday. A meal and devotional called 'Noon-day' is held each Monday at 11:30, at a cost of \$2.00.



**MSU Members**

Members of the recently organized Methodist Student Union at East Central Junior College are, first row, left to right, Patsy Mims, President, Philadelphia; Suzanna Kennedy, Hickory; Shelley Moore, Philadelphia; Cynthia Mims, Philadelphia; Margo Freeny, Carthage; Amy Pouncey, Decatur; standing, from left, the Rev. Barry Dickerson, pastor, First United Methodist Church of Decatur; Melissa Thrash, Decatur; Marshall Watkins, Carthage; Mike Cooper, Decatur; and Meschelle Jacobs, Decatur.



**Perform At 'ReachOut' Program**

"Priority", a contemporary Christian music group from Mississippi College, was one of the featured performers during the recent "ReachOut '87", sponsored by the Baptist Student Union.



**BSU Officers**

Baptist Student Officers at East Central Junior College for the 1987-88 school term are, first row, left to right, Tina Stokes, Outreach Chairman, Philadelphia; Cynthia Ganaan, Publicity, Carthage; Brenda Trospen, Social Chairman, Louisville; Melanie Huffman, Worship Chairman, Philadelphia; second row, left to right, Jeff Wall, Commuter Chairman, Decatur; Marsha Stovall, President, Philadelphia; Sheila Goodwin, Music Chairman, Carthage; Amy Parker, Missions Chairman, Philadelphia; and Don Gann, Director.

## VICA NEWS

By CHRIS JOYNER

On September 15, primaries for ECJC's VICA leadership staff were held.

The candidates were:

For President: Kenny Bradley-Electricity; Mike Reed-Welding.

For Vice-President: Jerry Woodson-Electricity; Kandi Scarbrough-

Cosmotology; Leon Glenn Jr.-Carpentry.

For Secretary: Jennifer Beeland-Cosmotology; James Shelley-AC/Refrigeration.

For Reporter: Jamey Rainer-Carpentry; Shannon Burrage-Cosmotology.

For Parliamentarian: Lee Earl Patrick-Carpentry; Scotty Scott-AC/Refrigeration.

For Chaplin: Rebecca Curry-Cosmotology; Harves Johnson-Masonry.

The winners of the 1987-88 chapter of VICA at ECJC are the following:

President: Mike Reed-Noxapater

Vice-President: Kandi Scarbrough-Meridian

Secretary: Jennifer Beeland-Meridian

Reporter: Shannon Burrage-Meridian

Parliamentarian: Scotty Scott-Forest

Chaplin: Rebecca Curry-Meridian

Treasurer: Jennifer Graham-Meridian

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## BSU Plans Reception

Baptist Student Union Alumni of East Central Junior College are invited to a reception from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, October 10, as part of the school's Homecoming activities.

BSU Directors Don Gann said the special guest will be Gladys Bryant of Decatur, former BSU Director.

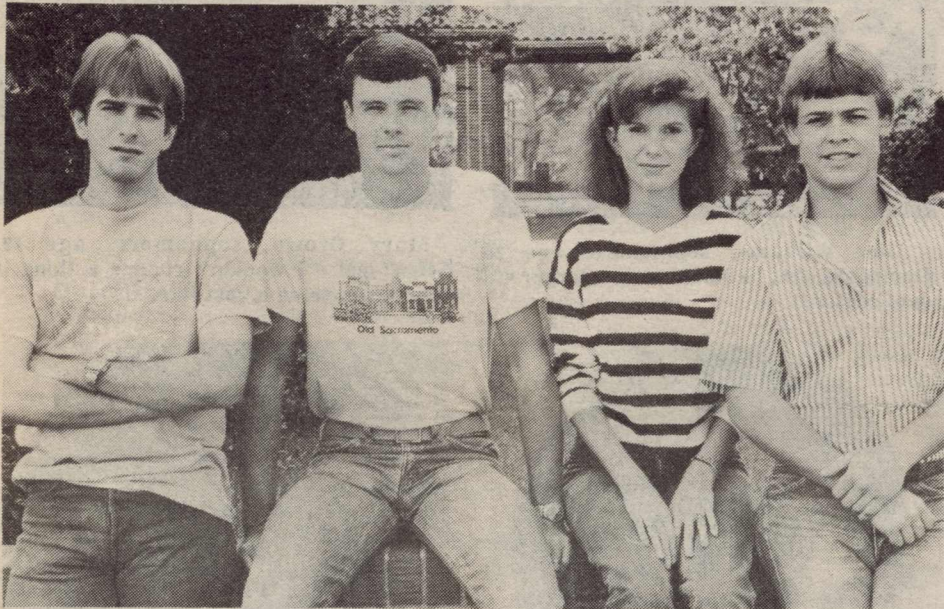
The Alumni of VICA would like to thank all nominees participating in the post-secondary sect of VICA's leadership program for a job well done in trying to see that VICA 1987-88 is the best year ever at ECJC.





### Don't Cry, Matt!

Student Matt Alford of Forest rather reluctantly receives a "shot of health" from the student nurse, Mrs. Massengale.



### Alpha Alpha Epsilon Officers

Officers of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, the engineer club at ECJC, are, from left, Terry Matula, Philadelphia, President; Stacy Lashley, Vice President, Philadelphia; Vicki Arthur, Secretary, Carthage; and Randall Copeland, Social Chairman, Preson. Alpha Alpha Epsilon was the fourth chapter chartered by the National Society of Professional Engineers, November 11, 1963, for junior colleges. The club was founded as a forum for dealing with the social, ethical, economic and professional dimensions of engineering. It gives the student engineer access to professional programs and information that reflect local, state and national engineering concerns and interests. An important part of its missions is to provide for the professional development of the student engineer. As future engineers, it is essential that students recognize the meaning of "professional engineering". Membership in AAE this year numbers 25.

### Student Nurse Will 'Fix What Ails You'

By MELISSA THRASH

If you wake up one morning with a fever or if you twist your ankle while playing intramural sports, what should you do?

Each year all students enrolled at East Central are offered a medical service that is rarely used.

Mrs. Mary Massengale, a registered nurse, is employed full-time at EC and sees students with minor medical problems.

Mrs. Massengale is a graduate of ECJC and Meridian Junior College and has been on the staff at EC since 1969.

The clinic is located above the Student Center near the Peer Tutoring Lab. Mrs. Massengale can be found in her office weekdays between 7:30 and 4:00.

The nurse's service is provided by the school, so the cost to students is absolutely

nothing.

Mrs. Massengale may give allergy shots or other medications that have been prescribed by a doctor. She is also able to dress injuries, take vital signs, or issue medication that can be bought over the counter.

Mrs. Massengale usually averages eighteen patients daily. The clinic is also used by other classes, such as the First Aid and Health classes for demonstrations.

Mrs. Massengale also teaches an Emergency Medical Training course second semester if there is student interest in the course.

So, if you, like many other students during the changing of seasons, develop a headache or a cold, the school nurse will be able to help you!

### Gardner Selected ECJC Instructor

Ronald "Buddy" Gardner of Union has been selected Agriculture Diesel Mechanics instructor at East Central Junior College in Decatur, it was announced by Dr. Eddie Smith, President.

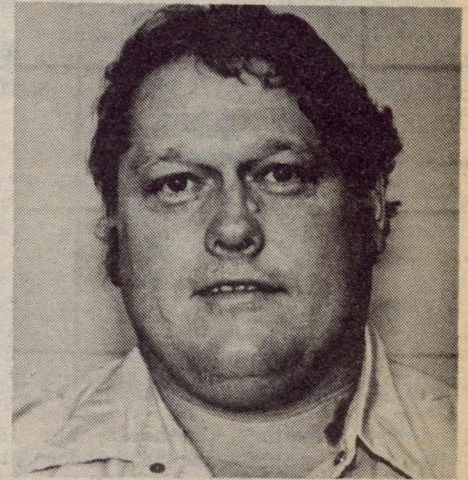
Gardner replaces Don Gressett who resigned the position.

The course is taught as part of the JTPA Program which is offered at Newton.

Gardner is owner-operator of Gardner's Auto Repair in Union, a business he began in August, 1979.

Prior to operating his own business, Gardner served as diesel mechanic at Winstead Auto in Union, mechanic for Gray Ford, also in Union, and as maintenance and driver instructor for the United States Marine Corps.

Gardner, a 1971 graduate of Union High School, is married to the former Charlotte Robinson of the House Community, located



**Buddy Gardner**

in Neshoba County.

The Gardners have three children, Steven, eight; Karen, six; and David, four.

Good Luck Warriors!

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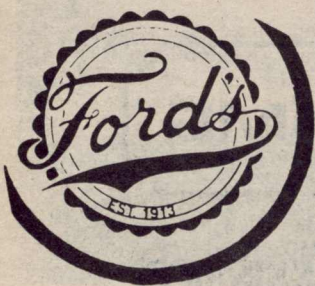
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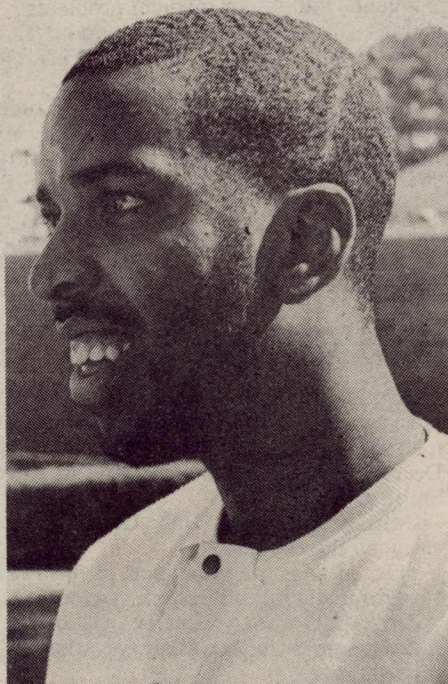


**STUDENT OPIONION POLL / By Matt Alford**

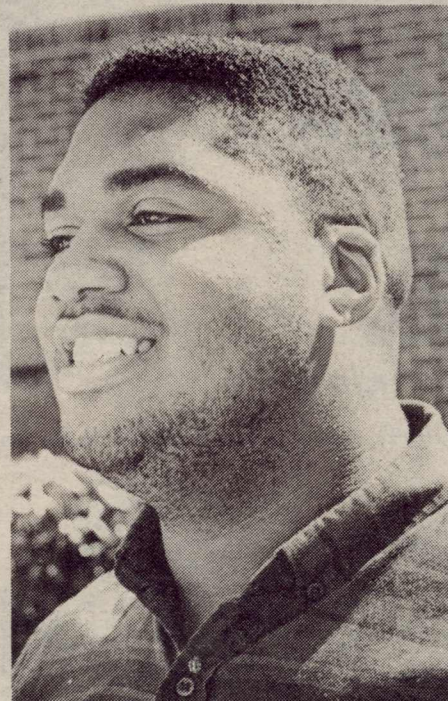
# What Would You Change About ECJC To Make It An Even Better Place To Attend?



Sonya Crowther, freshman, age 18, Newton. "I would like for the girls dorms to be suite-style like the boys have."



Billy Shields, sophomore, age 19, Louisville. "I would like to see more campus activities at night."



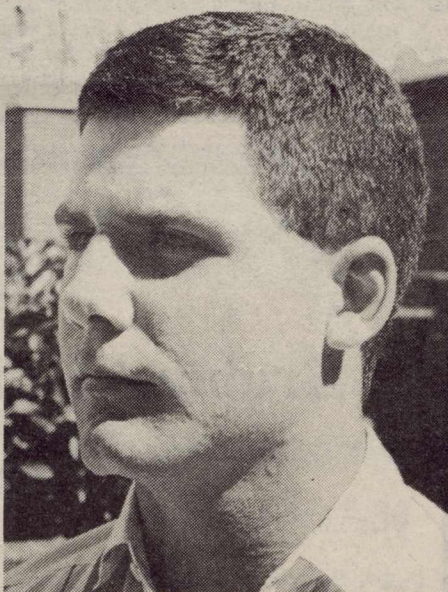
Allen Williams, sophomore, age 20, Demopolis, AL. "I would want a larger student center."



Mary Brown, sophomore, age 19, Sebastopol. "I wouldn't change a thing. I think everything is just fine."



Stacy Phillips, freshman, age 17, Philadelphia. "I think it would be nice to have visiting hours for guys in the girls' rooms and for girls in the guys' rooms."



Miles Porter, sophomore, age 19, Morton. "I really like the way things are set up here and I wouldn't change a thing."



Eric Thompson, sophomore, age 19, Philadelphia. "I would like to have the dorm rooms painted a different color."



Amy Pouncey, sophomore, age 19, Decatur. "I would like a better selection of food to chose from in the cafeteria."

## McNair Hired As Instructor

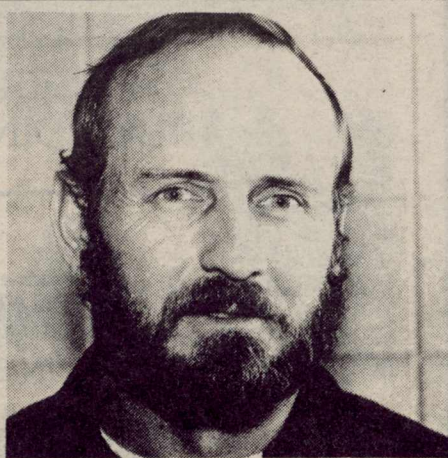
James D. McNair of Little Rock has been named Automotive Mechanics instructor at East Central Junior College in Decatur, it was announced by Dr. Eddie Smith, President.

McNair replaces Wayne Hill who resigned the position.

McNair is owner-operator of McNair's Garage in Decatur, a business he began in July, 1984.

He has also served as owner-operator of Lake Helen Amoco in Lake Helen, FL; Space Suit Technician (Lead Technician for four years) for ILC Industries located at Kennedy Space Center, FL; Cryogenic Technician for the Bendix Corporation, also located at Kennedy Space Center; and Survival Equipment (oxygen) Technician for the U.S. Navy.

McNair is a 1962 graduate of Decatur High



**James McNair**

School and is currently enrolled at East Central as a part-time student.

He is ASE (Automotive Service) certified in seven areas.

# BONHOMME

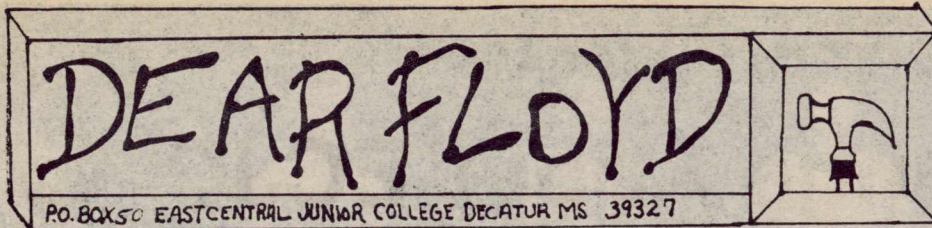
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Dear Floyd: I'm a 19 yr. old guy in Scott Hall and I've got a real problem. I went with this girl two times and all of a sudden she's ready to tie the knot. I'm new at ECJC and I'd like to make myself available to many to all the young ladies. I don't have a thing at all against the pushy girl, but that's just it....She's too pushy!!! I like her alright but she's just one of the few. How can I dump her without her wanting to kill me and call me trash?

Signed,  
The Playboy!

Dear Mr. Hefner: This girl isn't really that crazy about you. I think it's just the idea of having a man! I mean-c'mon two dates-don't be fooled! Be nice to her but just be sure you don't get into a position to have to ask her out again. Trust me, Floyd knows. Her ideas about you will eventually burn off.

Floyd

Dear Floyd: I'm a freshman girl and I think ECJC is really fun. In fact, it might be too much fun! My boyfriend of three years goes to a senior college. I really like to have a good time and I mean I'm faithful and everything like that but it is getting harder by the day. Now, my boyfriend and I see each other on the weekends only. Floyd, what's it gonna be like?

Signed,  
When The Cat's Away!

Dear Mice Will Play: Look, if you've got the urge to cheat, you might as well call it quits with your boyfriend. I mean if you were really dedicated, you probably wouldn't be thinking of other guys all the time. If I can be honest with you, you sound a lot like you're just looking for an excuse to dump your boyfriend and party anyway. Have a good time but just do what you think is right. Never cheat!

Floyd

Dear Floyd: I'm a freshman in Jackson Hall. I've been keeping a diary for as long as I can remember. My problem is that my roommate, who also happens to be my best

friend, has been reading my diary just as often as I write in it. She doesn't know that I know she reads it. How can I tell her to mind her own biz without losing my best friend?

Signed

Secretive from Sebastopol  
Dear Secretive: Didn't you see this same situation on the Brady Bunch? Look, if your roommate wants "Days of Our Lives", give it to her. Start writing a lot of junk that will make your buddy furious! You know, something to the extent of how you're in love with her boyfriend or better yet, her dad! Or maybe you're sick with a contagious disease and how you sure hope your roommate doesn't catch it. In other words, give her news that she'll have to confront you about. Thus, she'll have to admit she's been reading your diary. Then, you can tell her that you made all that junk up and that it was all just a practical joke. You'll both laugh and she'll leave your diary along. Wouldn't it be great if life was this simple?

Floyd

Dear Floyd: Boy do I have a big problem!!! I live in Newsome Hall and I am simply nuts for a guy who thinks I'm his best friend. I hint around to him that I like him, but since we always joke around, I don't think he gets the picture. Floyd, what should I do?

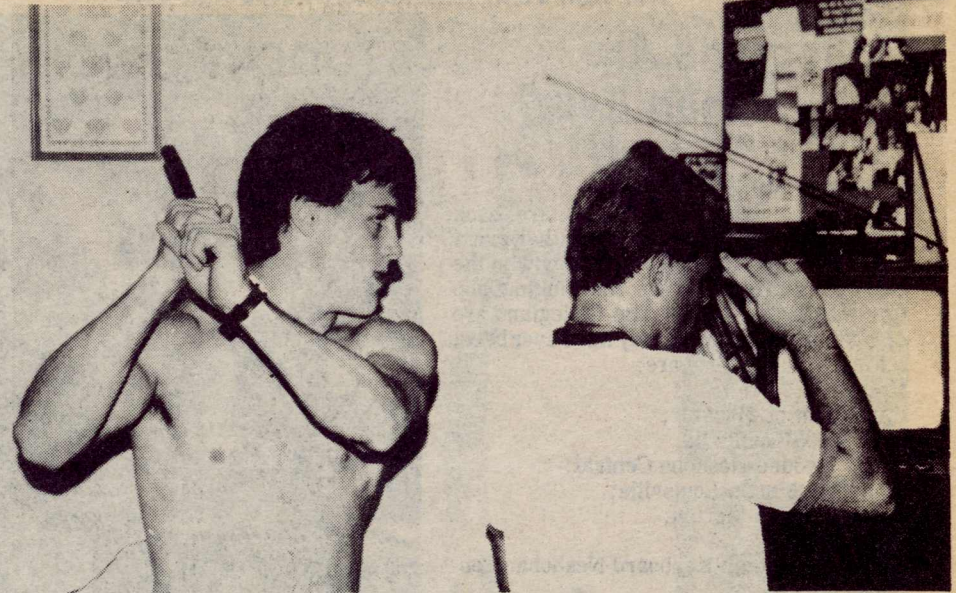
Signed,

Very Friendly from Forest

Dear Friendly: If you two are best friends, then you should be able to present almost any problem to him and he should try to understand it. If you're brave enough to admit that you're crazy about your best friend, then you should be brave enough to make a slight move on him or propose a date to him. DO NOT BE AFRAID!!! The most you have to lose is a few minutes of time if you tell him exactly how you feel. Never Forget, A Friend is a Friend for life!!!

Floyd

(Remember, Floyd loves to hear from you!!! If you've got a problem or question, write DEAR FLOYD c/o the Tom Tom, P.O. Box 50, ECJC, Decatur, MS 39327.)



Just two typical "alien roommates", Ardy Reed, left, of Louisville, and Scott Jackson, Union. (Photo by Jeff Winstead)

## Alien Roommates Invade Dorm!

By GENE CLIBURN

(O.K. I lied. That's just a trick to get you to read this story.)

To live in the dorm, or not to live in the dorm, that is the real question.

I'm sure that this was the question many of you asked yourself as you planned to come to East Central this fall. Perhaps you had heard some of the official reasons why you should live on campus such as "dorm students have higher GPA's" or "the rooms are within walking distance."

As you were deciding whether to live on campus or not, all you were really worried about was, can I stand the smell, can I stand my roommate, can I stand the smell of my roommate.

Roommates (Rumatia Corpsus Botherus) are the last examples of Neanderthal man left on Earth. Your roommate may pretend to actually have manners. Do not be fooled,

this is a trick. Familiarity tends to breed extreme familiarity.

Be on the alert for the three B's; Belching, Burping, and Borrowing. Rest assured that your roommate feels comfortable around you when he begins belching like an impacted cow. Girls are the worst about this. Some girls can even belch the entire alphabet.

Borrowing starts out innocently enough, with toothpaste or curlers. Before you realize it, your roommate is borrowing your car or your grandmother's ring. Please, I repeat, please don't lend your sister to your roommate!

As a whole, though, roommates are worth the trouble. That's what I'm really trying to say, forget everything else, I was just grasping at straws. Roommates are a patch in the quilt of life. They're just a little frayed around the edge.



## Receive Scholarships

These Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration students recently received scholarships in the amount of \$375 each from Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Wholesalers Association of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. ECJC Instructor Lester Miles, is shown making the scholarship presentations to James Barton, center, of Walnut Grove, and Craig Swain of Louisville. Miles said the students were chosen for their outstanding accomplishments in the field of air-conditioning and refrigeration.

## Vo-Tech News

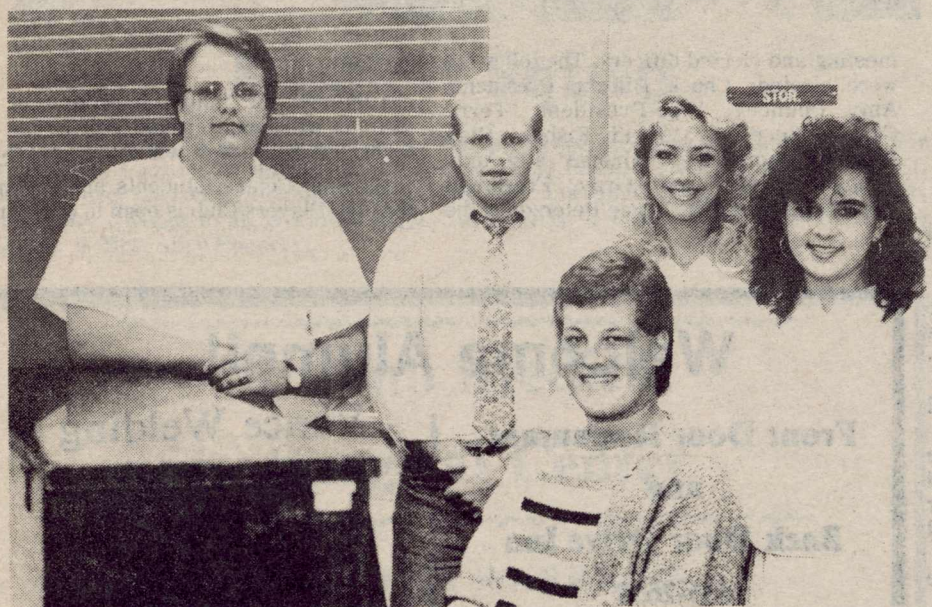
By CHRIS JOYNER

What would you think about a machine that can change its own tools, check essential components for malfunction and stop from damaging itself or the part it is making because of programmer error?

Well, this is only a few functions of the \$31,000 Dynamite 4400 computerized CNC Milling, Drilling, boring and tapping

machine. The machine is fully automated and can ask questions or even reproduce all metal parts of itself other than the lathing process.

This is just one of the many advanced machines that have been added to ECJC's arsenal of equipment to help keep you the student up-to-date with new advances in the world of work.



## Concert Choir Officers

Recently elected Concert Choir officers at East Central Junior College for 1987-88 are, from left, Kinsey Goldman, Philadelphia, librarian; Scott Jackson, Union, secretary; Eddie deVroede, Louisville, president; Janet Mowdy, Philadelphia, social chairman; and Meschelle Jacobs, Decatur, vice president. The choir is directed by Charles Hinson and Leesa Lee serves as accompanist. The five officers have the responsibility of working with the director to help maintain a smooth-functioning choral program. The 28-member singing group is now rehearsing for its annual Christmas concert which is scheduled at 7 p.m. December 10, 1987, in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free to the public. (ECJC Photo)



## Collegians Are Better Than Ever!

By PATSY MIMS

The East Central Collegians are back together and plan on being better than ever!

For a person who does not know who the Collegians are, they are the singing pop group at East Central. The Collegians are going to be the greatest they have ever been.

Members this year are:

### Vocalists

Chuck Hinson-Decatur;  
Ardy Reed-Louisville;  
Brian Waddell-Neshoba Central;  
Kimberly Martin-Louisville;  
Jeannie Walsh-Morton;

### Rhythm

Kinsey Goldman-Keyboards-Neshoba Central;  
Scott Jackson-Trumpet-Union;  
Patsy Mims-Tenor Saxophone-Neshoba Central;  
Gem Harrison-Horn-Carthage;  
Jeff Neal-Trombone-Carthage; and

### Technicians

Bud Johnson-Head Technician-Philadelphia;  
Paul Busby-Newton Academy;  
Steve Hardy-Philadelphia;  
Donnie Montgomery-Neshoba Central;  
Kerry Gilmer-Union; and  
Jeffrey Winstead-Neshoba Central.

Being a Collegian member really takes a lot of time and commitment.

Vocalists practice an hour with Mr. Carson and then they take an hour break while the winds work together on music.

Everyone then has an hour practice together.

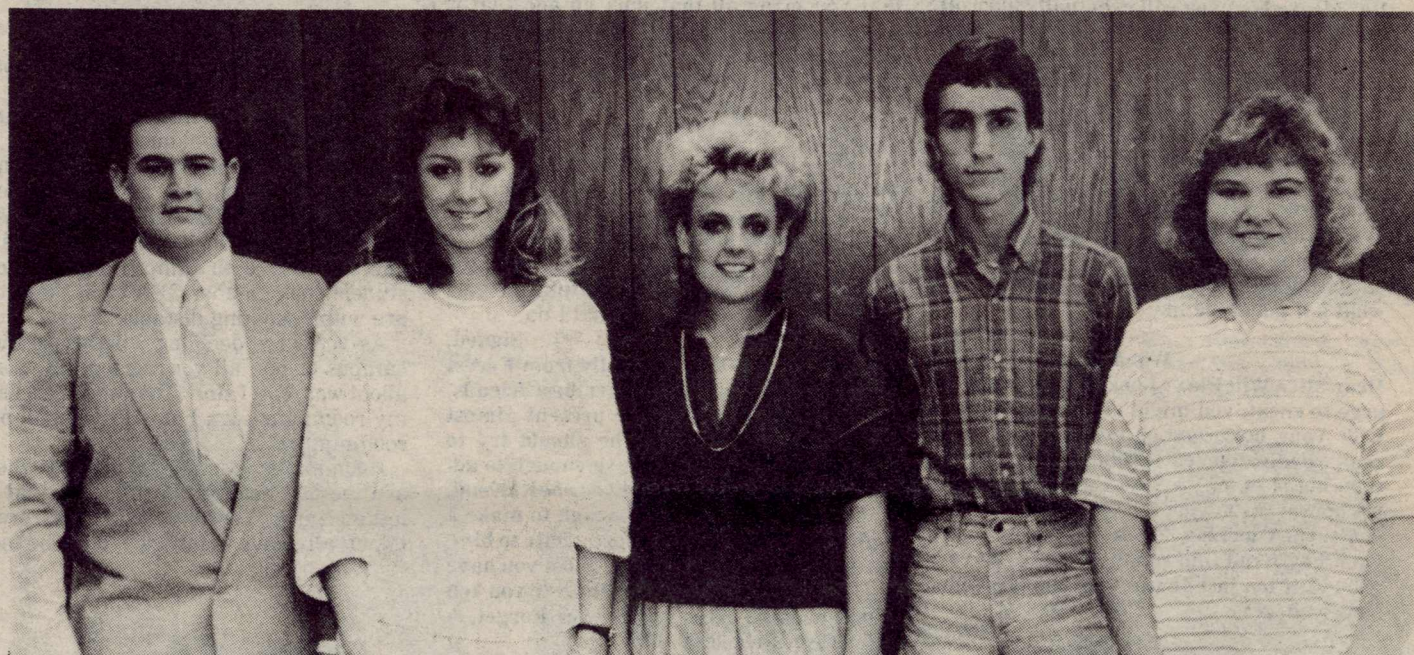
The song might sound as though it is ready to be cut as a single, then again, it may sound like it should be cut!

It takes much patience for a song to come together and sometimes the members have many disagreements.

But come to the Fall Concert and see if it has been worth it-and if I am not mistaken, it has!



The Collegians, during a recent practice. (Photo by Nancy Bagwell.)



## Drama Club Officers

Drama Club officers are from left, Chuck Hinson, President; Amy Pouncey, Vice President; Terry Cowan, Secretary; Brad Fisher, Play Committee, Chairman; and Regell Gray, Freshman Representative. Not pictured is Andy Thaggard, who also serves as Freshman Representative.

## Drama Club Plans Fall Productions

By JULIE FRAZIER

Another year unfolds as the East Central Junior College Drama Club begins organization for the year's activities.

Throughout East Central Mississippi, the ECJC Drama Club is well known for its talented players and their fine performances. Upon the 1987-88 year, approximately 75 to 100 East Central students will participate in the upcoming productions.

The ECJC Drama Club is the prime mover of the two of the largest cultural events of the year at the college: November Dinner Theatre productions and the annual Spring Musical.

Starting off the two productions will be the Dinner Theatre, which opens in November. According to Mr. Bruce Peterson, director of the Drama Club, the production will probably be a light comedy drama. The Dinner Theatre will be held for three nights in the Mabry Cafeteria, and guests are to be entertained by the ECJC Fashion Squad and the Collegians.

For the annual Spring Musical, it will be held in April. The Drama Club will perform the Musical for four nights at the Fine Arts Center on Campus.

Recently, the ECJC players held a

meeting and elected officers. The following were elected: Chuck Hinson, President; Amy Pouncey, Vice-President; Terry Cowan, Secretary; Brad Fisher, Play Reading, Committee Chairman; and Andy Thaggard and Regell Gray, Freshman Representatives. Mr. Bruce Peterson is the

Sponsor.

Auditions for main characters of the dramas will begin around the first of October, and rehearsals will follow shortly.

All East Central students are reminded that the Players Club is open to everyone.

## FACULTY PROFILE Hal Fulton

By SHELLEY L. MOORE

East Central owns a modern System 34 IBM Computer. Without this complex bulk of machinery it would be terribly difficult to function as a junior college. A young man by the name of Hal Fulton is the sole analyst and programmer for the computer.

Mr. Fulton attended Leake Academy for several years, but moved between his junior and senior year. He then graduated from Heritage Academy in Columbus, during 1979.

Upon entering the University of MS his freshman year, he received the Robert M. Carrier scholarship. This scholarship is presented to those students achieving high academic scores in high school. Although his first interest was in physics, he changed his mind and finished Ole Miss with a master's degree in computer science.

Mr. Fulton's interests at home are centered around his AT&T personal computer, who he affectionately named Amanda. He also enjoys running and plans on attending the Turkey Creek Fun Run October 3.

His hobbies include listening to classical music and "jamming" with Billy Joel. He also writes poetry and doodles in sonnet construction. Reading can be included on this list because he enjoys science fiction and the famous oldie but goldie cartoon character, Snoopy.

Mr. Fulton teaches Introduction to Computer Concepts, Programming I and II, the latter being strictly for computer science majors. These courses are university

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## Faculty Profile

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parallel and are taught on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. His Tuesdays

and Thursdays are spent programming the school's computer.

Personally, I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Fulton for doing a great job and for his dedication to East Central Junior College.



Computer analyst, programmer, and instructor Hal Fulton shares his knowledge with student Shelley Moore of Philadelphia.



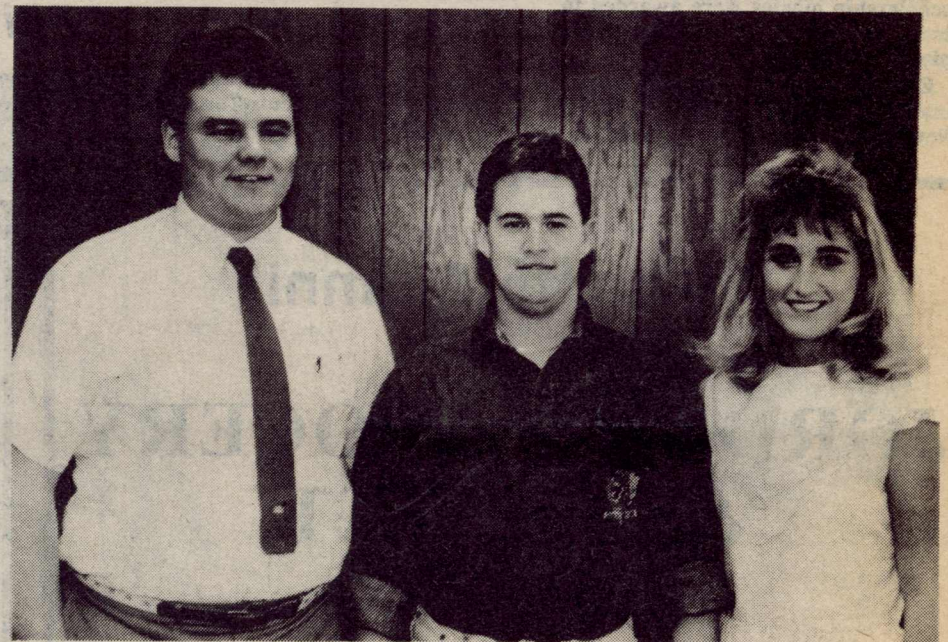
## Fashion Squad

Members of the ECJC fall semester Fashion Squad are, first row, left to right, Jennifer Humphries, Louisville; Amy Pouncey, Decatur; Lori Clark, Union; standing, from left, Debbie Love, Louisville; Bobbie Warnsley, Decatur; and Mandy Chamblee, Carla Parker, and Renee Thaggard, all of Philadelphia. Not pictured is Emily Tingle of Decatur. The sponsor is Mrs. Alice Pouncey.



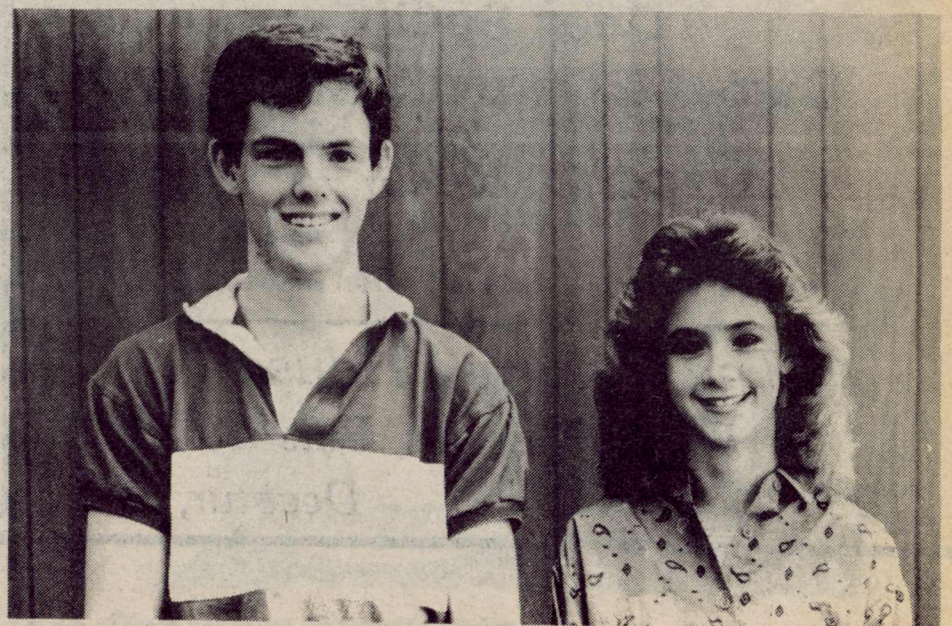
## SBA Officers

ECJC Student Body Association officers for 1987-88 are, from left, Shea Hailey, President; Chuck Hinson, Vice President; Amy Pouncey, Secretary; and Julie Adams, Treasurer.



## President's Council Officers

Officers of the ECJC President's Council, which is composed of presidents of all campus student organizations are, from left, Shea Hailey, Chairman; Chuck Hinson, Vice Chairman; and Melissa Thrash, Secretary. The organization serves as a communicative link among all the campus student organizations. Sponsors of the group are Dr. Eddie Smith, ECJC President, and Gene Davis, Dean of Students.



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**Phi Theta Kappa Officers**

Officers of Phi Theta Kappa, Theta Xi Chapter at East Central Junior College are, from left, Suzanna Kennedy, Historian; Marshall Stovall, Vice President; Terry Matula, Treasurer; Melissa Thrash, President; Jeff Wall, Reporter; Meschelle Jacobs, Secretary; and Melanie Huffman, Historian.

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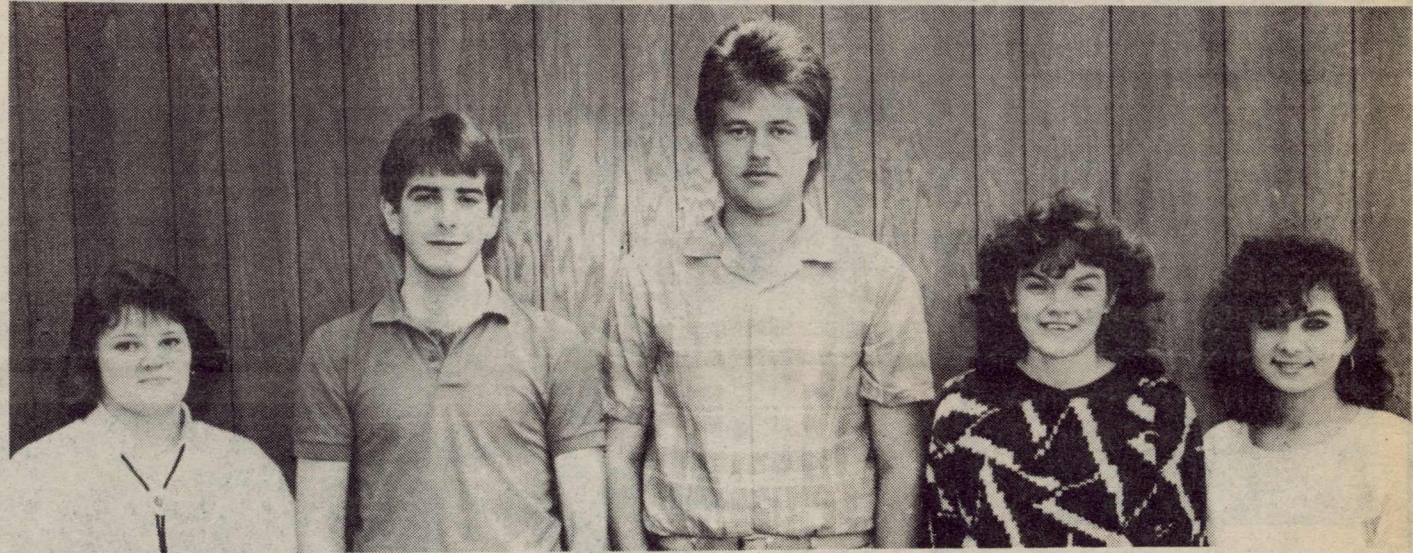
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## VICA Officers

VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) officers elected for the 1987-88 school year are, from left to right, Mike Reed, Noxapater, president; Kandi Scarbrough, vice president, Meridian; Shannon Burrage, reporter, Meridian; Scotty Scott, parliamentarian, Forest; Rebecca Curry, chaplin, Meridian; Jennifer Graham, treasurer, Meridian; and Jennifer Beeland, secretary, also of Meridian.



## Mu Alpha Theta Officers

Officers of Mu Alpha Theta, mathematics organization at East Central Junior College, are from left, Suzanna Kennedy, President, Newton; Terry Matula, Vice President, Philadelphia; Teto Harrell, Secretary, Lake; Brenda Dearing, Treasurer, Philadelphia; and Meschelle Jacobs, Social Chairman, Decatur.



## Child Care Program Graduates

The two recent graduates of the ECJC Child Care Attendant Program are shown with class instructors following their graduation ceremony. From left are Mary Lyles, assistant director; graduates Annette Brazzle of Philadelphia and Lavetta Wheaton of Newton; and Katherine George, director. The six-month program is designed to train students to work as pre-school teacher-aides.

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East Central strives to provide quality education for its students with over 36 programs of study. This curriculum includes university parallel programs and vocational-technical programs.

Burton Library contains over 40,000 volumes and is the learning resource center for the campus. Private study rooms are available and the video cable network for the campus originates in this building.

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## WARRIORS BEAT PEARL RIVER

### Large Crowd Attends Homecoming

Over 3,000 alumni and fans visited the East Central Junior College campus during Homecoming activities held Saturday, October 10.

More than 300 alumni registered and over 260 attended the Alumni luncheon held in Mabry Cafeteria.

Program participants during the luncheon included former ECJC President Arno Vincent, Class of 1937, invocation; The Collegians, directed by Band Director Tom Carson, entertainment; Dr. Eddie M.

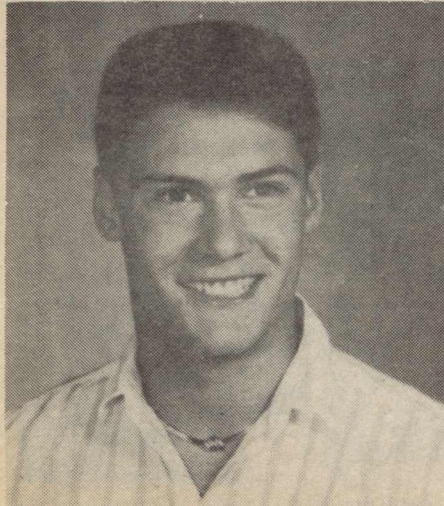
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## In Memory



**Amanda Renee Chamblee**

December 7, 1968 - October 21, 1987



**John Christopher Gay, IV**

July 24, 1969 - October 21, 1987



East Central Junior College Homecoming Queen Shelley Wolverton of Philadelphia is shown being crowned by Dr. Eddie Smith, ECJC President, during halftime ceremonies of the East Central-Pearl River football game Saturday, October 10. At left is Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, who is Chairman of the ECJC Board of Trustees. Mr. Hudspeth presented the queen with a bouquet of roses. At right is Miss Wolverton's escort, Chris Gay IV of Meridian. East Central won the football game 21-0.



## Honored By ECJC Alumni

Receiving awards and special recognition at the East Central Junior College Alumni luncheon held Saturday, October 10 as part of the annual Homecoming celebration included, from left, Tommy Thrash, ECJC "Academic Instructor of the Year"; Dr. Addie Rhodes Lee of Midfield, Alabama, "Alumna of the Year"; Chester Clark, ECJC "Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year"; Mrs. Linda Baucum, whose late husband Billy Wayne Baucum was posthumously inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame; and Dr. Brad Tucker, "Alumnus of the Year".



## ★ Homecoming...

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Smith, ECJC President, welcome and introductions; Mr. Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, remarks and nominating committee report.

Dr. Smith, recognition of Homecoming Court; Coach Jamie Clark, recognition of football teams of 1948, 1949, and 1950; Mrs. Brenda Carson, Financial Aid Director, recognition of former Collegians; Miss Lucille Wood, Education and Physical Education instructor, recognition of former May Queens; Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction, recognition of Classes of 1987, 1977, 1967, 1957, 1947, and 1937 and the awarding of Golden Anniversary Diplomas.

Mr. Gene Davis, Dean of Students, recognition of special alumni; (The Baucum family was recognized for being the largest family in attendance whose members are ECJC graduates. Mr. Leon Eubanks, Class of 1925, was recognized as the oldest alumnus attending, and Eveyln Atkinson Patrick, Class of 1937, and Corrine Cross McJilton, Class of 1958, recognized for traveling the furthest distance. Mrs. Patrick is from San Carlos, California and Mrs. McJilton is from Huntington Beach, California).

Coach Joe Clark, recognition of golf tournament winner (who was Bobby Addy, with a score of 37); Larry Blackburn, recognition of tennis tournament winner (student singles division was won by Mark Amis and student doubles competition was won by Amis and Scott Hill; overall doubles champions were Raymond McMullan and Kerry Winstead).

Dr. Tucker, presentation of Faculty of the Year Awards (winner were Mr. Tommy Thrash, Academic instructor; and Mr. Chester Clark, Vocational-Technical instructor); Mr. Rodney Bounds, Newton County Circuit Clerk, presentation of Athletic Hall of Fame Award (winner was the late Billy Wayne Baucum); Dr. Pam Kirk, Alumni Association Vice President, presentation of Alumna of the Year Award, (won by Dr. Addie Rhodes Lee); and Dr. Smith, presentation of Alumnus of the Year Award, (won by Dr. Brad Tucker).

FUND RAISING  
PROJECTS TOLD

During the luncheon, it was announced that several fund raising projects were underway.

First, a drive to refurbish Huff Auditorium with needed improvements was announced, and the Class of 1937 decided to start a scholarship fund in the memory of General Pat Wilson.

Proceeds to the fund raising drives are tax deductible.

Donations can be sent to the East Central Junior College Development Foundation, Inc., Office of the President, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

WARRIORS WIN  
HOMECOMING GAME

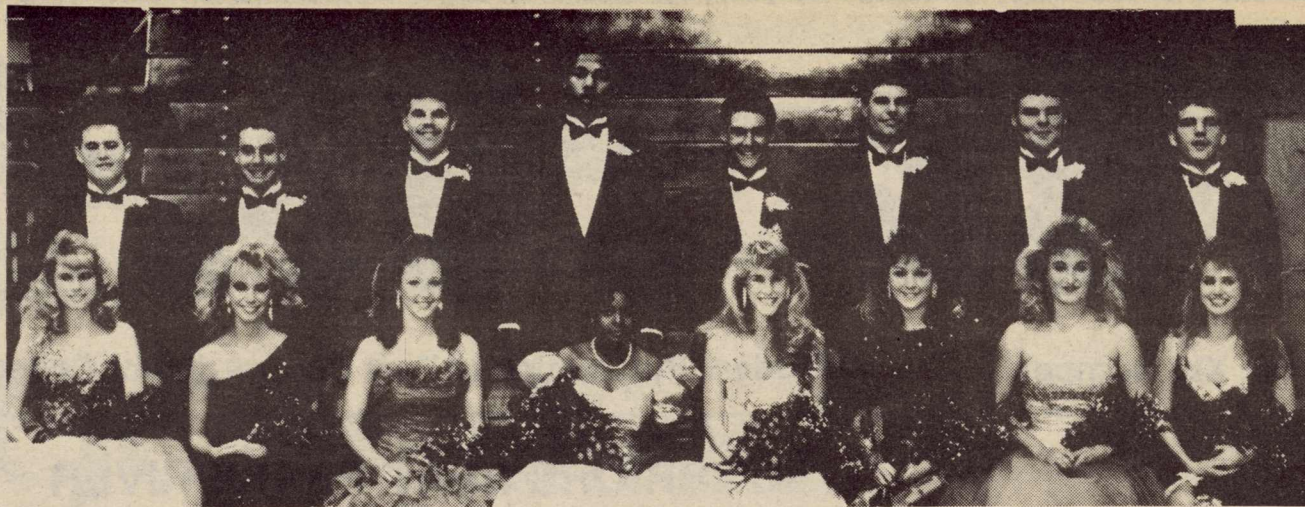
Following the luncheon, the ECJC Warriors hosted the Pearl River Wildcats and defeated the visitors 21-0 before a crowd of over 3,000 fans and spectators.

With the win, East Central improved to 4-2 overall and 2-2 in the South Division.

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## Homecoming Court, Escorts

The 1987 East Central Junior College Homecoming Court, presented during halftime of the ECJC-Pearl River Junior college football game, included, first row, from left, freshman maids Penny Overstreet, Decatur; Angie Morrow, Sebastopol; Penny Crawford, Philadelphia; Maid of Honor Lori Wilson, Philadelphia; Queen Shelley Wolverton, Philadelphia; sophomore maids Amy Pouncey and Melissa Thrash, both of Decatur; and Missy Whitmire, Louisville; standing, from left, escorts Chuck Hinson, Decatur; Kevin Cochran, Isola; B. J. Johnson, Philadelphia; Greg Wells, Edinburg; Chris Gay IV, Meridian; John Mark Williams, Newton; Shea Hailey, Union; and Cully Hudspeth, Louisville.

## Fund Raising Project Set To Refurnish Huff Auditorium

Plans to refurbish Huff Auditorium at East Central Junior College were announced by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECJC President, at the Alumni luncheon held during Homecoming activities Saturday, October 10.

Dr. Smith said the fund-raising project is divided into five phases with a total estimated cost to be approximately \$200,000. He said phases will be completed as funds become available.

Several thousand dollars were raised during the luncheon as many alumni and supporters made contributions.

Located in the center of the front campus, Huff Auditorium is the most prominent building at ECJC.

Since its construction in 1953, it has served as the site of many commencement exercises, assembly programs, musicals, dramas, concerts, the college's first Presidential inauguration, and numerous other special events and memorable occasions.

The auditorium is named for J. Knox Huff, an attorney from Forest who served as a member of the East Central Junior College Board of Trustees for 23 years. He served as Chairman of the Board from 1948 through 1952.

Dr. Smith said there have been no major renovations of the auditorium since it was constructed. He added improvements are needed to make the auditorium more attractive and more comfortable.

Because of limited revenues, Dr. Smith said the college has not been able to fund the improvements needed in Huff Auditorium.

"It is, therefore, the goal of this project to raise the needed funds for refurbishing the auditorium from contribution from alumni, faculty, friends and other supporters of East Central Junior College," Dr. Smith said.

The project phases include the following: Replace stage curtains and window drapes; cost, \$10,000. The stage curtains are deteriorating and disintegrating due to age. The window drapes have already been removed due to disintegration. These curtains and drapes were the original ones installed in 1953. It is proposed that stage curtains and window drapes be replaced with material similar to the original ones.

Install air conditioning; cost \$70,000. It is proposed that a 50 ton air conditioning system be installed to function in combination with the existing hot water heating system. Ten inches of insulation will be installed in the ceiling to permit comfortable year-round use of auditorium.

Replace stage lighting and sound systems; cost, 32,000. The stage lighting needs to be replaced to provide lighting that is both safe for use and that is more ap-



Huff Auditorium

propriate for stage presentations. A new sound system is needed to replace the system that was installed when the building was constructed.

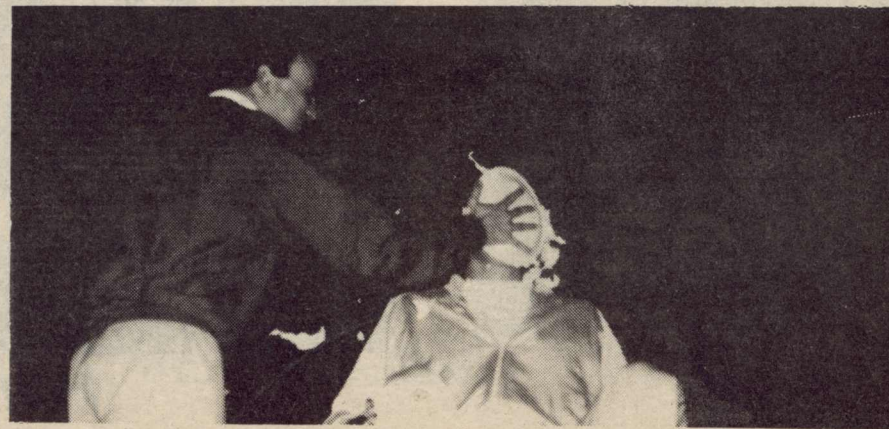
Replace floor covering; cost, \$8,000. The original floor tile has become extremely worn and needs removing and replacing with new commercial grade tile to improve the appearance and use of the facility.

Replace seating; cost, \$80,000. This phase will involve the replacement of the original

seating with upholstered theatre seats to provide more comfort for events held in the auditorium.

All contributions to the project are tax deductible. Dr. Smith said a plaque bearing the names of all contributors will be displayed in the auditorium.

Contributions should be directed to: East Central Junior College Development Foundation, Inc., Office of the President, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.



## A Pie For The Counselor!

As the cheers got louder, the closer Dean of Students, Gene Davis came to applying the pie-in-the-face to Academic Counselor, Gregg Jefcoat during the Homecoming pep rally. And as one can see, the cheers got loud enough!



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## Class of '37 Has Reunion

Members of the East Central Junior College Class of 1937 held their 50th reunion Saturday, October 10 as part of the college's Homecoming activities. Class members attending included, first row, left to right, Elizabeth Ward Winter, Jackson; Edna Ruth Adams Hufford, Arlington, Virginia; Arno Vincent, Meridian; Ruth Carr Vincent, Meridian; Maurine Dallas Sims, Meridian; Elaine Finley Thomas, Philadelphia; Ida Louise Young Monroe, Clinton; H. C. Finley, Kosciusko; second row, left to right, Lavelle Knight, Louisville; Hafry R. Linch, Louisville; Robert E. Porter, Richmond, Virginia; Charles Roberts, Hattiesburg; Charles Ray, Memphis; Loraine Wade Hurt, Houston, MS; Christine Burrage Anderson, Starkville; W. H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur; third row, left to right, Jones McGraw, Vicksburg; Raymond Mapp, Forest; Robert Joyner, Hudson, Florida; Albert Smith, Groveland, Florida; J. C. White, Birmingham; Melburn Anderson, Decatur; Buford Bailey, Ft. Worth, Texas; Curtis Duncan, Morton; fourth row, left to right, H. J. Nowell, Natchez; Lurleen Butts Ledlow, Decatur; Georgia Graham Kohlhausen, Panama City, Florida; E. V. (Vick) Curry, Pascagoula; O'Leta Atkinson Calhoun, Decatur; Ben Nicholson, Meridian; Mildred Watkins Wilson, Louisville; Kenneth Cooper, Lipscomb, Alabama; fifth row, left to right, James O. Mosley, Decatur; Eloise Monroe Keith, Gulfport; Jim Hendrick, Jackson; Berene Thompson Barnette, Memphis; Lenora Buntyn Hunter, Brookhaven; Bill Rowzee, Decatur; James Clark Monroe, Gilbert, Louisiana; Willard Faye Nester, Decatur; sixth row, left to right, Mary Ruth Horn Richardson, Pascagoula; Carl Fountain, Forest; Thelma Land, Union; Dot Marie Rushing Moore, Hattiesburg; Rosalie Ellis Dorrill, Carthage; Esco Brewer Fulton, Philadelphia; Pauline Johnston, Chunky; and Leon Feldman, Newton.



## 1948, '49, '50 Football Teams

Members of the 1948, 1949, and 1950 football teams at East Central Junior College were honored during Homecoming festivities Saturday, October 10. The 1950 team, under Coach Hillery Horne, won eight games and has the distinction of not only winning more games in one year than any team since, but the squad also played in two bowl games in one season! Team members who were able to attend (including their positions) the Homecoming activities include, first row, left to right, Tip Canady, fullback, Gulf Breeze, Florida; James Wood, trainer, Louisville; Chester Henington, fullback, Louisville; Sam Fulton, guard, Louisville; M. E. (Scatter) Hughes, tailback, Pelahatchie; second row, left to right, Tom McDonald, blocking back, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; John Blackstone, blocking back, Huntsville, Alabama; Carlton McMillian, tackle, Carthage; C. G. Rives, tackle, Sardis, Alabama; Billy Barnes, wingback, Alexandria, Louisiana; third row, left to right, Hopper Thomas, fullback, Meridian; Malcolm Phillips, end, Conehatta; W. M. Burkett, tackle, Jefferson County, Alabama; Coach Hillery Horne; and Coach Arno Vincent, Meridian.

## Let's Beat Southwest!



## Former May Queens

Former East Central Junior College May Queens who attended Homecoming activities Saturday, October 10 included, from left, Lorraine Jackson Reed, 1946 Queen, formerly of Decatur and now Barnsville, Georgia; Gwyn Hardin Copper, 1971 Queen, formerly of Sebastopol and now Forest; Norma "Dee" Nicholson Payne, 1964 Queen, Jackson; Pat Sessions Ross, 1963 Queen, formerly of Union and now Pelahatchie; Dottie Horn Tillman, 1970 Queen, Forest; and Jamie Etheridge Harrell, 1949 Queen, formerly of Louisville and now Rayville, Louisiana. Also attending but unavailable for photo were Gay Nell Rea White and Marijo James Denson, 1947 Queen, of Decatur.



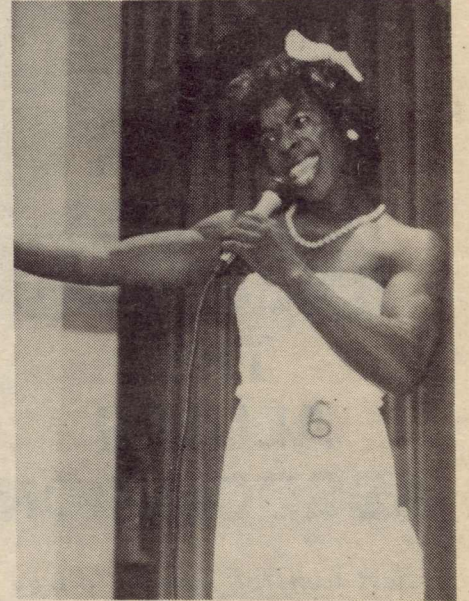
## Winning Strategy

ECJC coaches A. J. Kilpatrick, left, and J. C. Arban discuss strategy with members of the offensive unit during the Warriors' Homecoming game with Pearl River Junior College. The coaches' plans obviously worked as East Central blanked the Wildcats 21-0.



CAN YOU RECOGNIZE THE CONTESTANTS?

# Scenes From 'Mess' Pearl River Pageant



"Mess" Pearl River Junior College Pageant winner, B. J. Johnson of Philadelphia, waves to a crowd of supporters following crowning ceremonies of the beauty (?) pageant held October 7 as part of Homecoming week activities at East Central Junior College. From left are alternates Mike Stubbs of Forest and Ardy Reed of Louisville.





# MERRY CHRISTMAS

# THE TOM-TOM

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## True Spirit of Christmas!

Students in the Phi Beta Lambda club have been busy collecting food and other items for area needy families. Above, officers Dale Brooks, Dori Butler, Tina Denson, Darlene McClendon, and Mitch Peden are shown filling several boxes with needed supplies.

(Photo by Mrs. Carol Vickers)

## Cliburn Offers Studying Tips

By GENE CLIBURN

Psyche! With the end of the semester rapidly approaching, many of you are wondering what you can do to pass your classes and not be miserable failures for the rest of your life.

This is why many of you have resorted to studying, or maybe you are planning to study, for final exams.

Many, many of you have come to me and said, "Hey Gene, do you have any tips for studying for semester finals?"

"Yes, dear friends," I replied patiently. "And this is the year that I shall reveal my secrets."

### GENE'S TIPS FOR STUDYING

1. Always have plenty of food on hand. This is very important. A full stomach will prompt the brain to follow suit, and the brain will want to fill itself on useful historical dates and valuable algebraic equations.

2. Try to see if you can apply it to modern life. Get in a good government lesson by watching an episode of People's Court. Is Freud right about Miss Ellie being responsible for J. R.'s nastiness?

3. Go to the Truck Stop. Some subjects simply cannot be comprehended anywhere else. Order French fries and gravy, which will send nourishment directly to your brain.

4. Start studying 5 minutes before the hour, and quit 5 minutes after any hour. This adds 2 hours to your study time.

Midge: "I started studying at 3 something, and didn't quit until 4 something."

Barbie: "Goodness! That's 2 hours of studying for this little ole test!"

You and I know that Midge actually studied only 10 minutes for the test, but her friend thinks that she is so smart!

Now, in the event that you hear the call of the wild, and you are unable to study for a test, you'll want to use one of my excuses:

### GENE'S TOP 5 EXCUSES

Tell the professor that:

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## Warrior Corps Plans Ski Trip

By MELISSA THRASH

Warrior Corps members have worked especially hard this semester in representing East Central and because of their extra effort, they will be rewarded during the Christmas holidays.

Greg Jefcoat, Warrior Corps sponsor, has planned an exciting 4-day ski trip to Sugar Mountain near Boone, North Carolina for Warrior Corps members and faculty. Mr. Jefcoat is excited with the number of students planning to go, and hopes to make the trip an annual event.

Warrior Corps members planning to attend are Matt Alford, Mark Amis, Daryl Brown, Gina Buntyn, Yolanda Carter, Mike Cooper, Sonya Crowther, Bill Freeman, Pam Green;

Shea Hailey, Scott Jackson, Allen Lovett, Debra Mangrum, Dan Parkes, Andy Thaggard, Tonya Trapp, Shelton Vance, and Heather Watts.

Faculty and administrators, who are planning to make the trip, are Mr. and Mrs. Greg Jefcoat, Dean Davis, Mrs. Carol Vickers, Mrs. Ann Burkes, Mr. Bubby Johnston, and Mr. Hal Fulton.

The group will be leaving after final exams on December 20, and will return Wednesday, December 23. Although there was a considerable cost involved for each student, the Warrior Corps sponsored a

cookie sale to keep the cost to each individual at a minimum.

Most of the students are visibly excited when asked about their future trip.

Shelton Vance, who always has a way with words, stated, "I am ecstatic at the impending experience."

Fellow Warrior Corps members Gina Buntyn and Debra Mangrum admitted that neither had ever been skiing before.

Gina confidently said she hopes to try some of the more difficult slopes since the trip was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Although Debra is excited, she said she was a "bit" nervous and hopes that the instructors are good.

Shea Hailey has skied previously in Santa Fe, New Mexico, but he said that experience did not necessarily help his skiing abilities. He and Matt Alford both said they were looking forward to having a great time after finals.

Matt continued, "I am looking forward with great anticipation to getting to know North Carolina's snow bunnies. I will probably spend the entire time in the lodge."

The group will take to the slopes at Sugar Mountain near Boone, North Carolina, which houses 18 slopes, 3 surface lifts, 5 chair lifts, and an elevation of 5300 feet. The

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Glancing at the Sugar Mountain ski resort literature are Warrior Corps members Heather Watts and Shelton Vance.



## Career Exploration Class Is Announced

By REGINA MCKINNEY

At the beginning of the fall semester this year, a new class, instructed by Mr. Gregg Jefcoat, began.

Career Exploration is designed to help students who are undecided about a career choice.

The class focuses on specific job opportunities.

Students recommended to take this course are liberal arts majors or anyone interested in exploring career opportunities.

The benefit if this class, according to Mr. Jefcoat, is that once the student makes a playful career choice, it would be more likely to succeed knowing where they are committed.

If any student is interested in taking the course, it will be offered again during the spring semester.



Academic counselor Gregg Jefcoat, who also teaches a course called Career Exploration. (Photo by Nikki Minard)



**Mrs. Mayes**

### Polly Mayes Join EC Staff

Mrs. Polly Mayes of Newton has been selected Drafting and Design instructor at the East Central Junior College Vocational-Technical Center, it was announced by Dr. Eddie Smith, ECJC President.

Mrs. Mayes, who began her duties September 29, joins Ricky Harrison in the Drafting and Design program.

Before coming to East Central, Mrs. Mayes served as Engineering Aid II for the Mississippi State Highway Department in Newton.

She has also served as Draftsman Purchasing Agent for Rush / berivon, Inc. of Meridian; draftsman for Magnolia Steel Company, Inc. in Meridian, and Secretary / Draftsman for Archer and Archer, AIA also in Meridian.

Mrs. Mayes is a honor graduate of Newton High School and East Central Junior College, where she received an A.A.S. certificate in Drafting in 1980. At East Central, she won first place in state competition for Architectural drafting at the VICA Skill Olympics. She was a member of VICA and Phi Theta Kappa.

She is married to Kent Mayes.



### Receives Certificate

Sulane Jim of Walnut Grove, center, recently completed the six-month Child Care Attendant course and is shown receiving a certificate from Dr. Eddie Smith, ECJC President. At left is Katherine George, class instructor, and in back is O. T. Newell, Vo-Tech director.



### A Pretty Tree!

Putting the final decorations on the Christmas tree in Student Services are, from left, Leanne Brantley, a freshman from Carthage and Mary Nell Vandevender, a sophomore from Preston.

(Photo by Nikki Minard)



**Mrs. Herrington**

### Herrington Is New Teacher

Mrs. Bettye Ann Herrington of Union has been named Employment Preparation Instructor (JTPA) at East Central Junior College in Decatur, it was announced by Dr. Eddie Smith, ECJC President.

Mrs. Herrington began her duties on September 29, 1987.

She is currently in the process of opening a new JTPA training program in the vocational-technical schools on the East Central campus, which will serve Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston counties.

Mrs. Herrington said the program will serve illegible participants 16 years old and up, the underemployed, dislocated, and displaced homemakers or those without skills to unsubsidized employment.

She said those who meet the competencies and goals of the course will then be able to select one of the voc-tech-skilled training programs on the East Central campus.

The program is funded through the JTPA (Jobs Training Participants Act) through the Governor's office of Federal / State programs. Participants are determined illegible by the Employment Service in the five-county area.

Mrs. Herrington said the main goal of the JTPA program is to decrease unemployment and upgrade education in Mississippi.

Mrs. Herrington is a graduate of Union High School and East Central Junior College, and she has a B.S. degree in Business Education from Mississippi College.

She has a degree in Executive Secretarial Training and an Adult Education Certificate in Vocational - Technical Training.

Mrs. Herrington has 17 years teaching experience in the Jackson Public School system, Phillips College, Coastal Training Institute, Canton Academy, Holly Bluff Consolidated School system, and Meridian Community College / San Diego Community College contracted with the U. S. Navy.

She has taken additional courses from the University of Southern Mississippi, MS State University, and Jackson State University.

She is continuing her graduate course work and plans to receive a Master of Arts degree.

Mrs. Herrington is the former Bettye Ezell of Union. She and her husband, Wayne, have two children, Heather and Dana.

For further information about the Employment Preparation program, please contact Mrs. Herrington at the Vocational Annex Building, Suite 451, or call 635-2121.

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The East Central Junior College Concert Choir, during a recent performance. The choir's annual Christmas Concert will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, December 10 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium. The choir is directed by Charles Hinson.

## Choir Plans Christmas Program

By JANET MOWDY

The ECJC Concert Choir will hold its Christmas Concert on December 10 in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

The choir will perform sacred songs such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and "Go Tell It on the Mountain" as well as many secular songs such as "Why Can't It Be

Christmas All Year Long" and "Let's Go Caroling".

The choir will end the concert by inviting the audience to join them in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus".

Choir members are as follows:  
Todd Allen, Jackson; Nancy Bagwell,

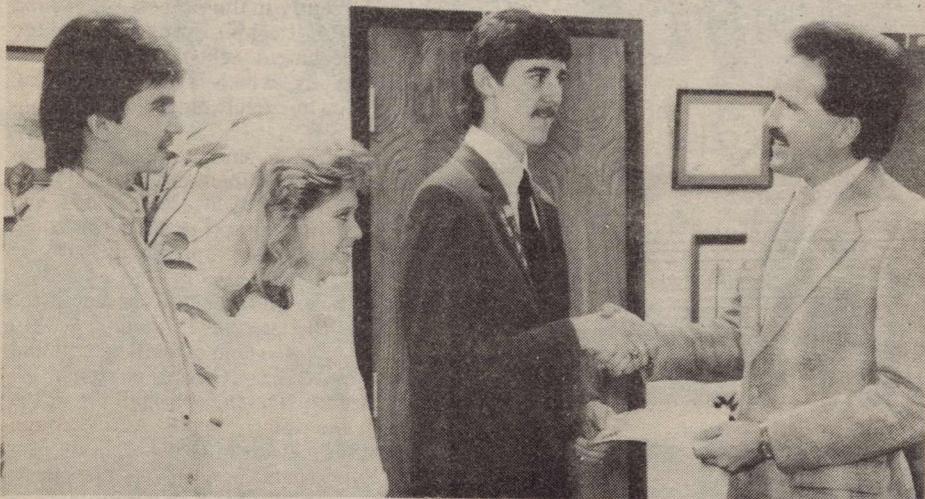
Louisville; Kathy Carr, Forest; Susan Clay, Nanih Waiya; Edward deVroede, Louisville; Jo Estes, Little Rock;

Janet Estes, Little Rock; Kinsey Goldman, Philadelphia; Jennifer Goldsby, Morton; John Hardin, Forest; Gem Harrison, Carthage; Lisa Harrison, Little Rock; Chuck Hinson, Decatur;

Deon Horne, Philadelphia; Neshawn Hudson, Noxapater; Scott Jackson, Union; Meschelle Jacobs, Lawrence; Timothy Johnson, Philadelphia; Debbie Love, Louisville; Janet Mowdy, Philadelphia; Tina Nunn, Louisville;

Amy Pouncey, Decatur; Doreen Ryals, Philadelphia; Andy Thaggard, Carthage; and Iris Wesley, Philadelphia.

Director of the concert choir is Charles Hinson and the piano accompanist is Lees Lee.



## Raise Funds For Huff Project

These Vo-Tech students representing Phi Beta Lambda and VICA Clubs are shown presenting a check for \$500 to Dr. Eddie Smith, ECJC president, who will use the funds for the Huff Auditorium refurbishing project currently underway. The clubs raised the money from selling raffle tickets for a barbecue grill, which was built by students in welding class. From left are Mitch Peden of Philadelphia, Phi Beta Lambda president; Dale Brooks of Lena, Phi Beta Lambda secretary; Mike Reed of Noxapater, VICA president, and Dr. Smith. The two clubs have issued challenges to other clubs in raising money for the Huff Auditorium refurbishing project.



## Tom-Tom Typists

Typists for the Tom-Tom are, from left, Cindy Fulton and Rhonda Smith. Not pictured is Denisa Breland.

## Newton County Leads Enrollment

By MELISSA THRASH

Raymond McMullan, Dean of Admissions and Records, recently released statistics for the fall semester with total enrollment being 1,037.

Newton County has the largest number of students attending East Central with 282 students. Of those students, 225 are full-time students and 148 are enrolled in academic.

Newton County also has the oldest students with 91 people being 23 or older and 66 of those are married. Twenty-nine students from Newton County scored 25 or higher on the ACT.

Neshoba County contributes 269 students. Of those, 196 are academic students. One hundred ninety-one freshman and 78 sophomores chose to attend ECJC. Twenty-one students from Neshoba County scored 25 or higher on the ACT.

One hundred eighty-four students from Scott County attend East Central during the fall semester, and 88 of them chose to commute. Ninety-eight are male and the remaining 86 are female.

Scott County has 43 Technical students, and 21 Vocational students. Twelve students scored 25 or higher on the ACT who were from Scott County.

Winston County is fourth in students totals. One hundred sixteen Winston County students elected to attend ECJC, 111 of whom are full-time students. Twenty-five are commuters and 112 are single. Three students from Winston County scored 25 or higher on the ACT.

Ninety-seven students from Leake County attend East Central in the fall. Seventy-eight are freshman, 8 ride the bus, 51 are dorm students, and 26 are married students. Thirteen students from Leake County scored 25 or higher on the ACT.

Thirty-seven students attend ECJC from

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## Warriorettes Winning, Warriors Are Struggling

East Central's Warriorettes suffered their first loss of the season December 1 by falling to South Division foe Pearl River 90-70.

The Warriors once again came close to victory, but were outscored 103-98 overtime.

Following losses at Pearl River, the East Central women dropped to 6-1 overall and 1-1 in the division. The men fell to 0-7 overall and 0-2 in division play.

The Warriorettes, under Coach Sammy Pace, have beaten Columbus Air Force Base 87-43; Concordia, 90-37; East Mississippi, 70-62 and 84-62; Holmes, 64-59; and Gulf Coast (division game) 85-80.

The Warriors, under Coach Larry Gressett, have lost to Columbus Air Force Base, 46-44; Concordia, 86-85; East Mississippi, 88-75 and 73-61; Holmes, 102-81; and Gulf Coast (division game) 76-73.

Returning sophomores to the Warriorette squad include Mellissa Jimmerson, a 5'11" center from Louisville, who was the team's top point-getter; Tina Nunn, a 5'5" guard from Nanih Waiya; and Tracy Stuart, a 5'4" guard from Neshoba Central.

Freshmen squad members include Pam Green, 5'6" guard from Sebastopol; Tammy Evans, 5'6" guard from Choctaw Central; Pam Lay, 5'5" guard from Lake; Donna Killen, 6'1" center from Neshoba Central; Sonya Crowther, 5'6" forward from Newton; Windy Smith, 5'8" forward from Beulah Hubbard; Karen Huffman, 5'7" guard from East Rankin Academy; Rebecca Higgins, 5'9½" forward from Newton Academy; Penny Graham, 5'8" forward from Sebastopol; Lanea Lindley, 5'8" forward from Hickory; Deborah Blaylock, 5'6" forward from Sebastopol; and Victoria

Banks, 5'6½" guard from Morton.

Managers are Michelle Gray of Leake Academy and Dana Bates of Lake.

Warrior returnees include Patrick Luttrell, 6'4" forward, Bryne Drummond, 6'1" guard, and Randy Fullington, 6'6" center, all from Milby High School, Houston, Texas; Joe Jones, 6'3" forward from Neshoba Central.

Ken Edwards, 6'5" center from Neshoba Central; and David Lott, 6'1" guard from Lake.

Freshman include Jeffery Johnson, 6'1" guard, Darnell Clark, 5'11" guard, and Stanley McDill, 6'1" guard, all from Forest; Darrin Gray, 6'1" guard from Lake; Daryl Brown, 5'11" guard from Newton; John Harrison, 6'5" center, from Ponce de Leon, Florida; Calvin Russell, 5'8" guard from Union; and Patrick Stribling, 6'3" forward from Neshoba Central.

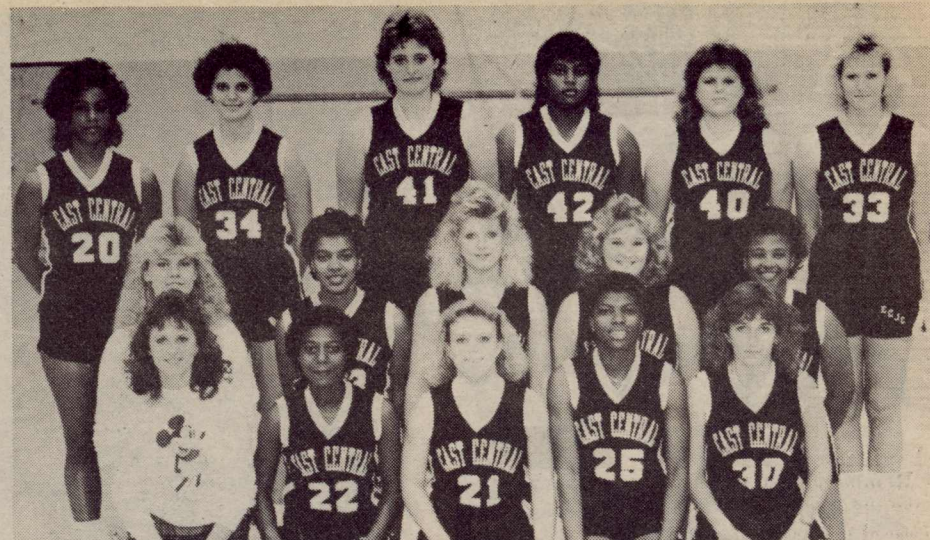
Managers of the team are Randy Smith of Shreveport, Louisiana and Patrick Ervin, Memphis, Tennessee.

Remaining games include December 4, Clarke, Newton; December 10, Jones, Ellisville; December 12, Southwest, Summit; January 11, Co-Lin, Decatur; January 14, Holmes, Goodman; January 18, Hinds, Raymond;

January 21, Utica, Decatur; January 25, Co-Lin, Wesson; January 28, Pearl River, Decatur; January 29, Clarke, Decatur; February 1, Utica, Utica;

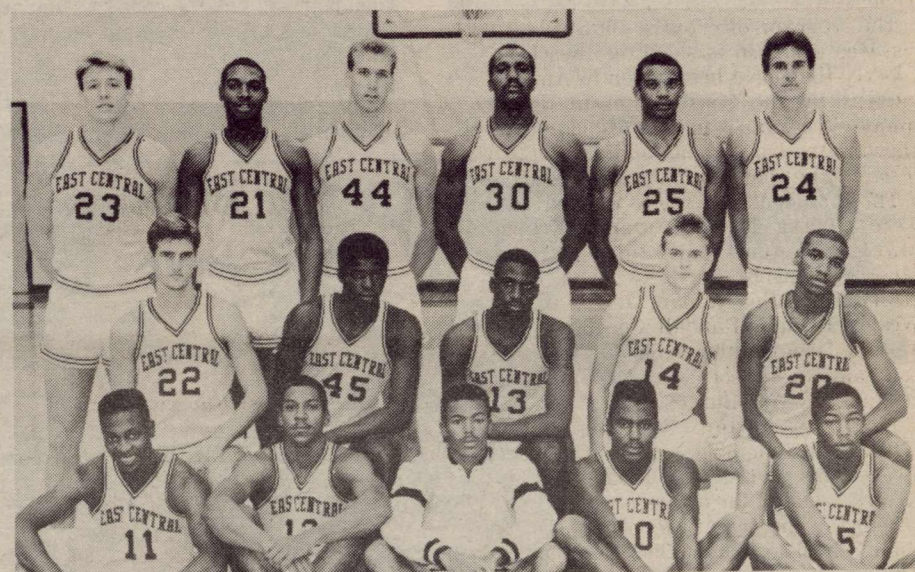
February 4, Jones, Decatur; February 6, Southwest, Decatur; February 8, Gulf Coast, Perkinston; February 11, Hinds, Decatur; February 15-18, Division Tournament, Decatur; and February 22-23, State Tournament.

All games are double-headers and all home games start at 6 p.m.



## Warriorette Basketball Team

Members of the East Central Junior College Warriorette basketball squad for 1987-88 are, first row, left to right, Dana Bates, manager, Lake; Deborah Blaylock, forward, Sebastopol; Tracy Stuart, guard, Neshoba Central; Tina Nunn, guard, Nanih Waiya; Pam Green, guard, Sebastopol; second row, left to right, Michelle Gray manager, Leake Academy; Pam Lay, guard, Lake; Lanea Lindley, forward, Hickory; Karen Huffman, guard, East Rankin Academy; Victoria Banks, guard, Morton; third row, left to right, Sonya Crowther, forward, Newton; Rebecca Higgins, forward, Newton Academy; Donna Killen, center, Neshoba Central; Mellissa Jimmerson, center, Louisville; Penny Graham, forward, Sebastopol; and Windy Smith, forward, Beulah Hubbard. The Warriorettes are coached by Sammy Pace.



## Warrior Basketball Team

Members of the East Central Junior College Warrior basketball team for 1987-88 are, first row, left to right, Daryl Brown, guard, Newton; Bryne Drummond, guard, Houston, Texas; Calvin Russell, guard, Union; Darnell Clark, guard, Forest; Rodney Murrell, guard, Lake; second row, left to right, David Lott, guard, Lake; Darrin Gray, guard, Lake; Lenzie Hillie, forward, Newton; Stanley McDill, guard, Forest; Jeffery Johnson, guard, Forest; standing, from left, Patrick Luttrell, forward, Houston, Texas; Joe Jones, forward, Neshoba Central; Randy Fullington, center, Houston, Texas; Ken Edwards, center, Neshoba Central; Patrick Stribling, forward, Neshoba Central; and John Harrison, center, Ponce de Leon, Florida. The Warriors are coached by Larry Gressett.



## Basketball Cheerleaders

Leading cheers for the East Central Junior College Warriorette and Warrior basketball teams for 1987-88 are, first row, left to right, Chris Cheatham, Philadelphia; Nancy Bagwell, Louisville; Jeannie Walsh, Morton; Vicki Arthur, Edinburg; Tonya Anthony, Sebastopol; Mona Moore, Philadelphia; Eddie deVroede, Louisville; second row, from left, Scott Jackson, Union; Constance Body, Forest; Marie Ishman, Demopolis, Alabama; Kerri Posey, Philadelphia; Julie Adams, Edinburg; and Ardy Reed, Louisville. Not pictured is Chris Chapman of Newton, who serves as the Warrior Chief mascot. The cheerleader sponsor is Leesa Lee.

## Newton County...

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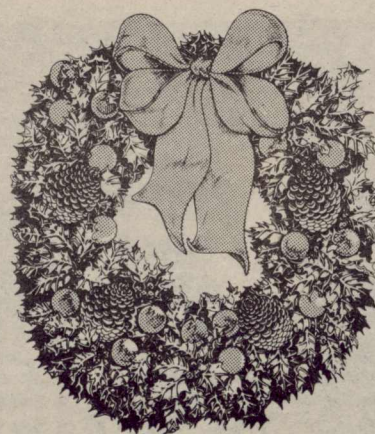
out of state and 52 from out of district. Of the 1,037 students enrolled, 62.6% are academic students, 20.3% are technical, and 17.1% are vocational students. Eight out of every 10 are taking more than 12 hours.

Also, 71.7% of students are freshman and 43.0% of students live on campus. Females make up 52.0% of the student body, while singles dominate with 78.2%. East Central has 26.5% of its students that are 23 or older. Of the 1,037 total, 26 are veterans and 21 are divorced.

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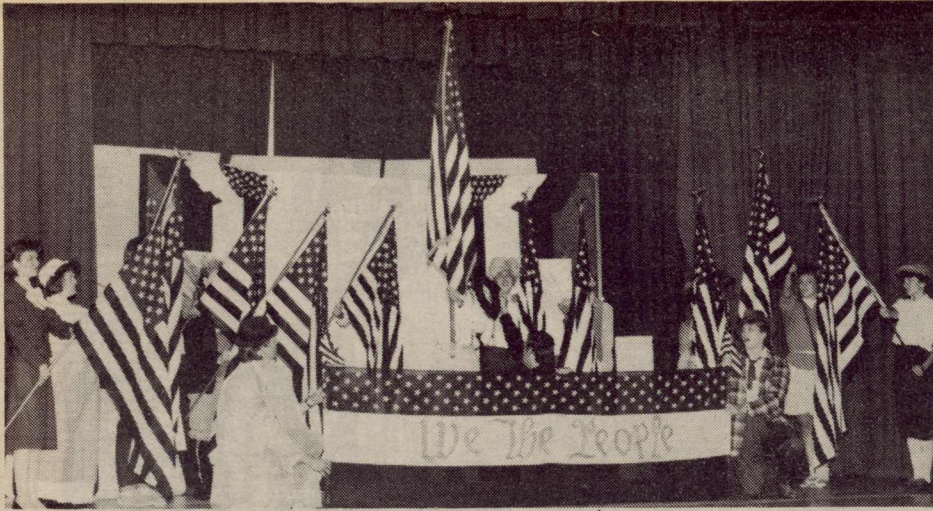
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Members of ECJC's Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa during a recent presentation of "We the People".  
(Photo by Mrs. Ann Burkes)

## Phi Theta Kappa Celebrates Liberty

By SHELTON VANCE

Fourteen ECJC students recently traveled to Copeiah-Lincoln Community College's Wesson campus to participate in the 1987 Phi Theta Kappa Regional Convention. The students, all members of ECJC's Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, presented a skit titled "We the People" to group members from Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee.

The program, directed by Dr. Shelby Harris, was designed to show the Blessings of Liberty that have been given to American citizens by the Constitution. In the ten-minute program, students displayed signs showing the basic rights and privileges offered by the constitution.

Those students attending the convention were Melissa Thrash, Suzanna Kennedy, Marsha Stovall, Melanie Huffman, Meschelle Jacobs, Sheila Goodwin, Brenda Dearing, Cynthia Ganan, Jeff Wall, John Wesley Hardin, Randall Copeland, Terry Matula, Doug Smith and Shelton Vance. Accompanying sponsors were Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes.

The convention also recognized distinguished members with its Golden Key award. This year Melissa Thrash was Theta Xi's recipient of the award.

Melissa, chapter president, is a Decatur High School graduate. She is majoring in English and plans to further her education



Melissa Thrash

at the University of Mississippi after completion of her degree at ECJC.

Melissa's selection to the Order of the Golden Key was based upon her scholastic and leadership achievements. She is a sophomore member of the honor fraternity.



## Students Display Art

These Beginning Painting students at East Central Junior College will display their works beginning November 18 and continuing through December 18 in lobby of the campus Fine Arts Center. Beginning Painting is an adult continuing education night course offered at ECJC for anyone interested in learning how to draw or paint, according to instructor Bruce Guraedy. Cost of the course is \$36, which does not include art supplies. The class meets one night each week during the 10-week semester from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. Students include, first row, left to right, Lee Havard and Nancy Havard of Lake; Carolyn Haralson, Forest; Sarah Greenwood, Newton; standing, from left, Bruce Guraedy, instructor; Betty Thames, and Ruth McMullan of Newton; and Jerry Dumajick, Little Rock. Not pictured are Jeanette Elkins of Hickory and Pauline Mihalic of Union.



## Talent Show Winners

Winners in the recent East Central Junior College Talent Show included, from left, Delores Mullins of Louisville, who won first place with her singing performance of Whitney Houston's "Saving All My Love For You"; and runner-up Brian Waddell of Philadelphia, who sang the Gary Morris hit, "The Love She Found In Me".



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## Football Players Receive Post-Season Honors

Fifteen players representing the East Central Junior College football squad have received post-season honors, it was announced by A. J. Kilpatrick, head coach.

The Warriors, who posted a 7-3 regular season record and were South division runners-up with a 4-2 mark, fell 21-17 to North division champ Northwest Junior College in semi-final action of the state junior college playoffs held November 14 in Senatobia.

Coach Kilpatrick said Mecridric Calloway, a 5'10" 180-pound sophomore defensive back-return specialist from Neshoba Central, led the team in honors received as he was named to the All Region 23 and All-State (first team) squads. He was also chosen the South Division most outstanding defensive back and was named to the All-Star squad.

Besides having an outstanding season as defensive back, Calloway had kickoff returns of 97 and 90 yards for touchdowns.

Other Warriors receiving honors include sophomores Tim Sattinger, 6'3", 255-pound center from Clearwater, Florida, All Region 23, All-State (first team), and All-Star; Marvin Pearson, 5'11" 225-pound fullback from Pike County, Alabama, All-State (first team) and All-Star; and Paul Heard, 6'1" 260-pound noseguard from Heflin, Alabama, All-State (first team) and All-Star.

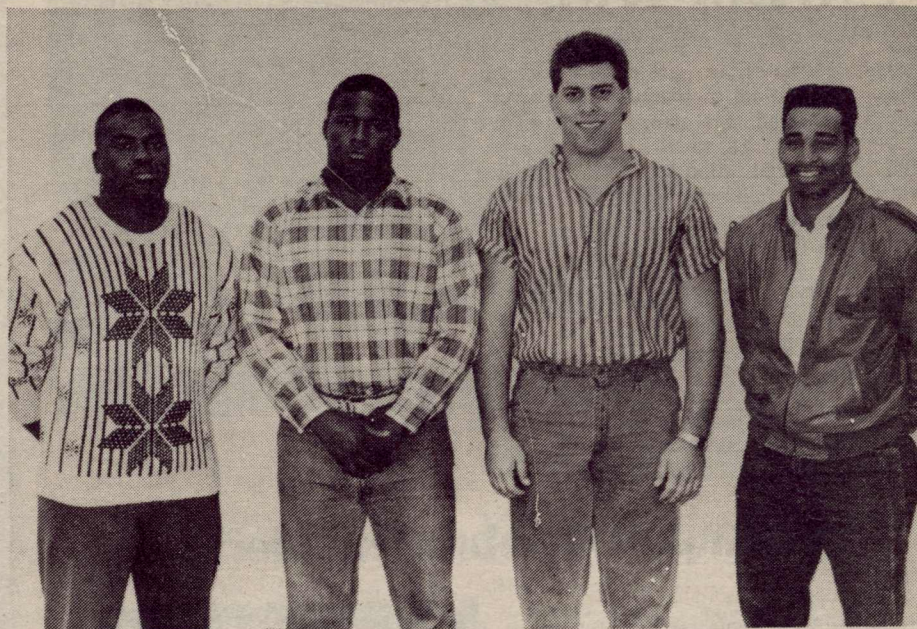
Named to the second team, All-State squad are sophomores William Constant, 5'11", 245-pound offensive guard from Tuscaloosa Central, Alabama; Henry Coleman, 6'2" 180-pound safety from Louisville; Richard Basil, 5'11" 195-pound quarterback from Demopolis, Alabama;

Cedric Nichols, 5'11" 185-pound cornerback from Morton; and Angelo Smith, 5'11" 210-pound linebacker from Heflin, Alabama.

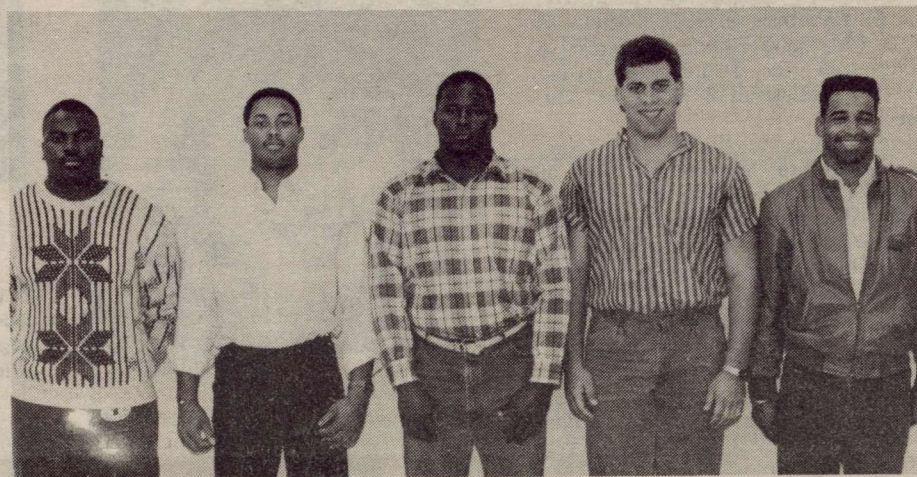
Selected honorable mention, All-State are freshman Mickey McMillan, 6'7" 290-pound defensive tackle from Lake; sophomore Brad Breland, 6'3" 285-pound offensive tackle-kicker from Union; sophomore Michael Killen, 6'2" 175-pound punter from Neshoba Central; freshman Johnny Triplett, 5'9" 165-pound tailback from Louisville; and sophomore Allen Williams, 6'3" 265-pound offensive guard from Demopolis, Alabama and Michael Sewell, 6'1" 180-pound wide receiver from Tuscaloosa Central.

Pearson, Basil, Heard, Sattinger, and Calloway were chosen to play on the South squad in the annual All-Star Classic scheduled December 5 at Northeast Mississippi Community College's Keenum Stadium.

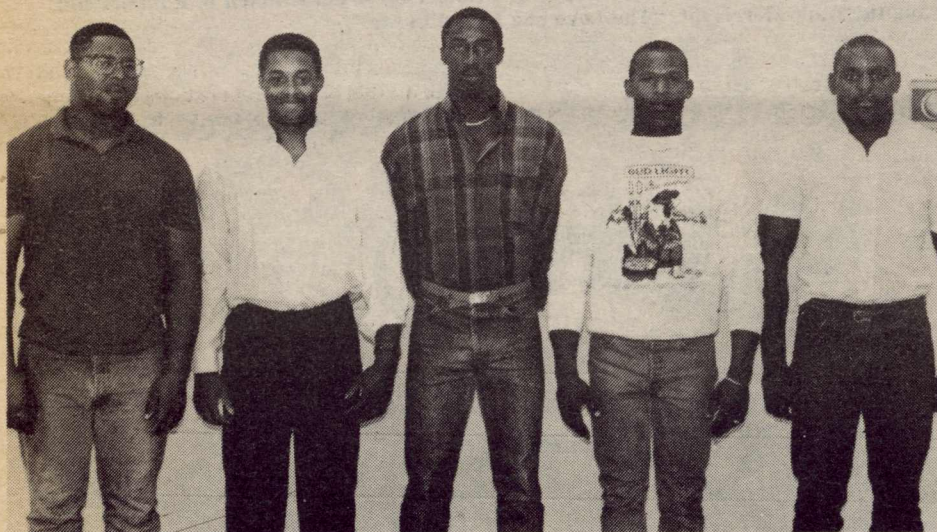
Mecridric Calloway, a 5'10" 180-pound sophomore defensive back-return specialist from Neshoba Central, was named to the All Region 23 and All-State (first team) squads following his outstanding season at East Central Junior College this fall. Calloway was also named the South Division's most outstanding defensive back and was chosen on the All-Star squad. Besides having an outstanding season as a defensive back, Calloway had kickoff returns of 97 and 90 yards for touchdowns.



Selected to the All-State first team are these East Central Junior College football players, from left, Marvin Pearson, Paul Heard, Tim Sattinger, and Mecridric Calloway.



These East Central Junior College football players participated in the annual All-Star Classic, which was played December 5 at Northeast Mississippi Community College's Keenum Stadium. Named to the South squad from East Central were from left, Marvin Pearson, Richard Basil, Paul Heard, Tim Sattinger, and Mecridric Calloway.



Named to the All-State second team are East Central Junior College football players, from left, William Constant, Richard Basil, Henry Coleman, Cedric Nichols, and Angelo Smith.



East Central Junior College football players who received All-State honorable mention honors include, from left, Allen Williams, Michael Sewell, Mickey McMillan, Johnny Triplett, Brad Breland, and Michael Killen.

## Winners Named In Flag Football

By MIKE COOPER

The battle of the gridiron is over and two teams have emerged triumphant from the aftermath.

In the men's division, four teams out of the nine participating in the regular season action earned the right to be in the playoffs.

The semifinals matched the Oreos vs. the Untouchables, and the Zoo Crew vs. Top Gun. Out of these four teams, Top Gun and the Untouchables advanced to the finals

with the Untouchables edging Top Gun 18-14.

This win makes the second straight year that the Untouchables have won the championship.

In the women's division, four teams participated in the regular season. Out of these four, two advanced to the finals. The two teams, B. J.'s Babes and Cully's Cuties, battled it out, with B. J.'s Babes emerging victorious.



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## Stovall Wins Essay Contest

(Editor's note: As part of the Constitutional celebration, instructor, Mr. Tommy Thrash, asked his Honors American Government Class to write an essay on "What the Constitution Means to Me". The winning essay, as selected by independent judges, was written by Marsha Stovall, a sophomore from Philadelphia. To be admitted to the Honors American Government Class, offered for the first time this semester, a student must have an ACT composite score of 25 and score of 20 in social studies. Mr. Thrash stated the class is not a traditional lecture class as it involves more discussion and research projects and is similar to a graduate seminar class. As previously announced, East Central Junior College has been designated as an official Bicentennial campus, the first junior or community college so designed. Miss Stovall's winning essay is published below.)



### WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MEANS TO ME

By MARSHA STOVALL

The United States Constitution was written in our country to protect the equal political rights, not only of the individual, but of all minorities, to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As a document, it is a sacred symbol; a living embodiment of the purposes of a great people.

Our form of government, under the Constitution, provides individual rights, rewards, opportunities, and responsibilities.

Under my Constitution, I have many rights and rewards. I have the freedom to think, speak, and write. I'm allowed to have my own political and religious views; to own and use property and produce and distribute goods and services. Because of the Constitution no area of government may enter my conscience unless invited. I have the right to be left alone. I as an individual citizen am free.

In America I have the opportunity, through hard work and determination, to turn my own dreams of happiness and success into reality. This is only possible under the Constitution.

Because of the constitution I also have responsibilities as a citizen. As I accept the rights and rewards of the Constitution, I realize that in order for other citizens to be able to enjoy their rights, I must do the things the Constitution holds me responsible for. I must uphold laws so that I don't infringe upon someone else's rights and rewards. I am responsible for paying taxes and the other duties held in the Constitution. I also have the responsibility not only to vote, but to stay well informed of the people I vote for and the political world around me.

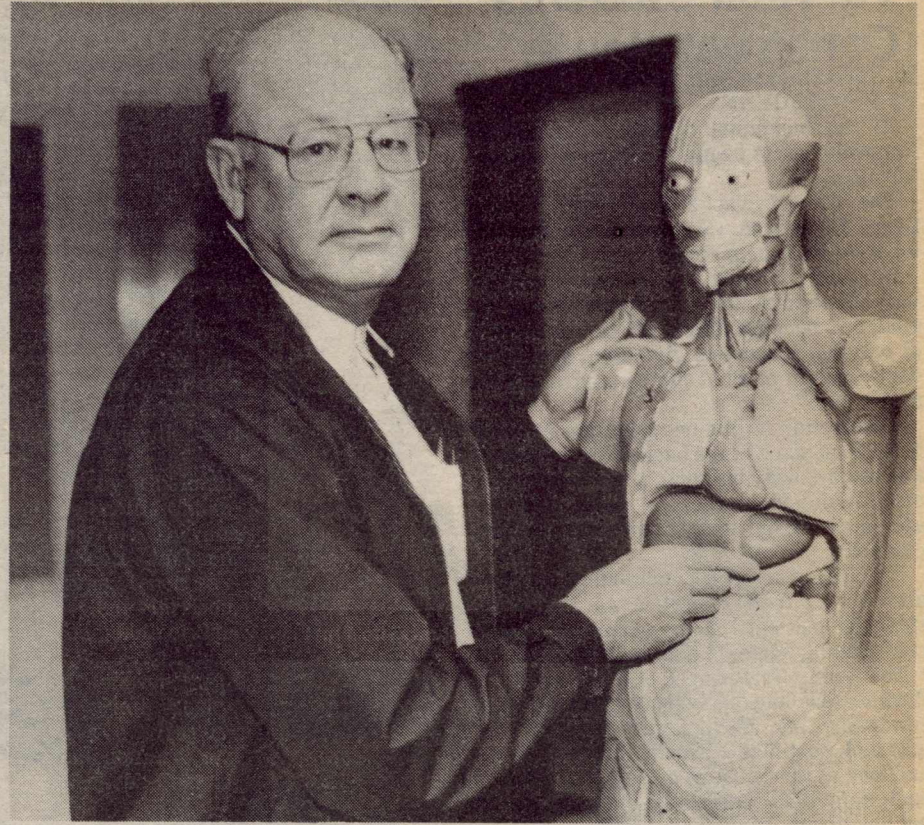
William Gladstone once described the American Constitution as "the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man". Because the Constitution has survived so many tests, it is evident that it is one of the greatest documents ever written. It has survived the trials of practical politics, the Civil War, and the immense social and economic change induced by the industrial revolution. But the most decisive of all tests that our Constitution has withstood is that of time. The Charter drafted in 1787 at Philadelphia is now the oldest written Constitution in the world.

To me the Constitution is more than just a written document of a government's laws. The Constitution spells out the rights, rewards, opportunities, and responsibilities I am entitled to as a free American citizen.



### B.J.'s Babes Win Title

B. J.'s Babes won the women's intramural flag football championship battle recently played at East Central Junior College. Team members include, first row, left to right, Lori Clark, Union; Vicki Arthur, Edinburg; Penny Crawford, Debora Wilson, and Janet Mowdy, all of Philadelphia; standing, from left, Julie Adams, Edinburg; Marsha Stovall, Tina Walker, Cindy Fulton, and Coach B. J. Johnson, all of Philadelphia.



Biology instructor, George Mason, . . . making a point with a "friend".  
(Photo by Andy Thaggard)

## Faculty Profile: Mr. Mason

By SHELLEY MOORE

Mr. George Mason, known campus-wide for his somewhat difficult biology lab tests, has been an instructor at East Central for 27 years. Before he came to East Central, he taught at Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College and at Picayune High School; both at which he instructed in biology.

Taking you back to the early years of Mr. Mason, he received a B.S. degree from Mississippi College and a Master's degree from Mississippi State University. He taught for several years and then became a partner in a successful construction company. Health problems caused him to reconsider his choice of occupation and he went back to his better calling, teaching.

Mr. Mason has lived in Newton for 19 years. He's been active in his church and community. He served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Director and many other positions. He also serves as a member of the Newton County Hospital Board.

The largest positive factor, his family, has been with him all the way. Lazelle is his beloved wife of 39 years, Marcia, his daughter, is 21 and is presently attending Mississippi College majoring in biology. She wants to be an instructor just like her father. Marcia is the third generation of Masons to attend Mississippi College. I asked Mr. Mason if there would be a fourth. He

commented that it was too early to tell, but he'd continue to support Mississippi College.

Mr. Mason enjoys numerous hobbies. He spends time in his garden, reads books, and enjoys wood-working. In fact, he designed and built the house in which he lives. He also reaches into his family tree and pulls out information of past generations of Masons. He learned of his English, Irish, German, and Swedish ancestors and that he is only a third generation American.

Mr. Mason's most unusual experience was while lecturing on the effects of intestinal parasites, a student politely fainted. (She must have gotten too excited.) While he tried to restore order to his class, the campus nurse rescued an ill student!

Classes such as Biology I and II, Zoology, and Microbiology are taught by Mr. Mason. He will expect your best because that is your service to him and you need that passing grade. His classes won't be easy (what classes are?) and on a note of sarcasm, "blood is red".

As a final thought, here is Mason's Law, "Unless you have God's guidance in every situation, it's easier to be wrong than to be right." He tries to live to reflect God's guidance.

Thank you Mr. Mason for an excellent job and your 27 years of dedication to East Central.

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## Vo-Tech Students Construct House

Vo-Tech Students with photo  
By CHRIS JOYNER

At the beginning of this semester, the Carpentry class began a project of building a house.

The project was a brainstorm of Mr. Larry Blackburn, Carpentry instructor for EC's Vo-Tech department.

He said, "I think this project would be very beneficial for all of our carpentry students, because they need the experience of building a house to give them a more in depth insight of what life as a carpenter is really like."

Construction of this one bedroom 24' x 28' home took place at the back of the carpentry and cosmetology building. It has been under construction since the first week of school and is estimated to be approximately 95% complete.

Electricity and Air Conditioning students also added their expertise as electricity students took care of the wiring while air-conditioning students plumbed the house.

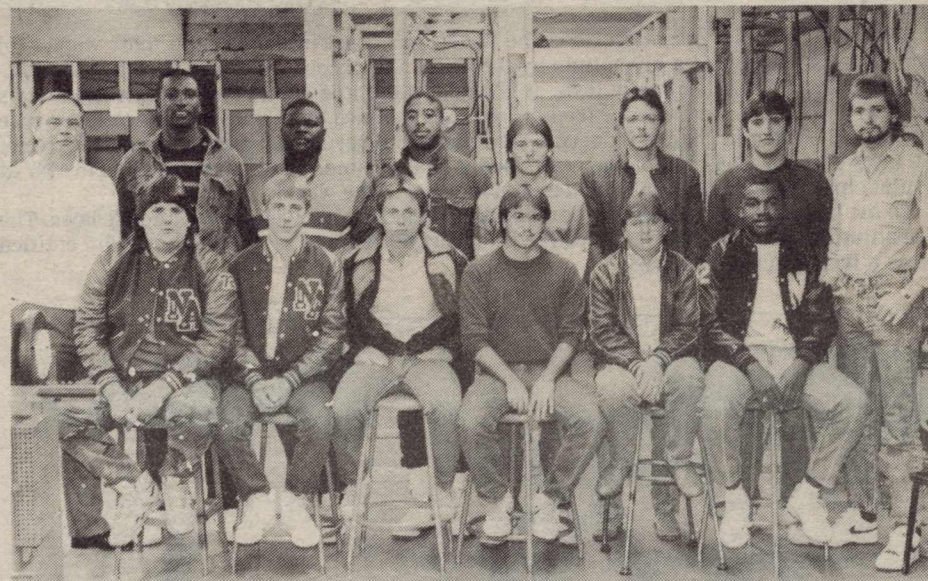
This joint effort proved to be a very worthwhile learning experience as well as a rewarding one because every individual who took part in this project can stand back and look at this house and know that without each individual shop's help, this task could not have been completed.



Students from the East Central Junior College Carpentry and Cabinetmaking Class are pictured in front of a 24'x 28' house the group built as a fall semester project. Larry Blackburn, class instructor, said the class intends to construct projects such as this each fall semester. He said the ECJC electrical class did the wiring and students in refrigeration and air conditioning did the plumbing. Pictured are, first row, left to right, students Cynthia Mims, Philadelphia; Alfred Triplett, Louisville; Tracy Houston, Philadelphia; Lena Jackson, Carthage; Toney Martinez, Stratton; second row, left to right, Christy Arrington, Newton; Shelia Wesley, Newton; Jamie Harrell, Forest; Janice McDonald, Carthage; Anthony Triplett, Louisville; third row, left to right, Jamey Rainer, Beulah Hubbard; Leon Glenn, Louisville; Lee Patrick, Forest; and instructor Larry Blackburn. Not pictured are Tom Walters, Decatur; Phillip Donald, Newton; and Patrick Ervin, Memphis.



Students in Air Conditioning/Refrigeration, who plumbed the house include, first row, from left, Gary McGee, Forest; Bill Russell, Union; Carl Walsh, Newton; Barry Edwards, Noxapater; back row, from left, Hamp Savell, Newton; James Shelly, Sebastopol; Quincy Walker, Newton; Rory Willis, Philadelphia; and instructor, Lester Miles.



Electricity students, who gave their assistance in the house-building project include, first row, left to right, Paul Busby and Kerry Raybon, both of Decatur; Randy Strebeck, Hickory; Scottie Fortenberry, Forest; Jerry Woodson and Terry Moore, both of Noxapater; standing, from left, instructor Rickie Vaughn, David Wells and Undray Young, both of Noxapater; Mark Brown, Philadelphia; and Kenny Bradley, Beulah Hubbard.

## Clark Eagerly Awaits Spring

Although baseball season does not officially start until February 19, one would not know it by talking to East Central Junior College baseball Coach Jamie Clark, who recently completed his first fall season directing the Warrior squad.

Coach Clark said he's ready "now" to start the 1988 season and added his Warriors are also eager to take to the diamond.

Clark said the Warriors were 5-8 during the fall campaign, with four of the losses coming at the hands of senior college squads.

Clark said a lot of participation and enthusiasm is evident on the non-scholarship

team, which consists of 21 freshmen on the 32-man squad.

He said the 21 freshmen are a definite bright spot for the Warrior baseball program.

Clark said other bright spots include having 10 pitchers on the staff and the return of the team's leading hitters.

Patrick Kelly and Will Summerall, both of Morton, had the team's best batting averages with .393 and .338, respectively. Philadelphia's Doug Jones batted .329 and Ryan Hull of Chunky led the team in home runs with four and batted .289.

Some of the other players Clark mention-

ed who will lead the Warriors this spring include catcher Patrick Ervin of Memphis; first baseman-outfielder Leon Glenn of Louisville; switch-hitting center fielder Alfred Triplett of Louisville; and junior college transfer Donnie Shimfessel of Newton, who will play right field.

Coach Clark said the outfield should be in "good shape" with Kelly, Triplett, and Shimfessel leading the attack.

Clark said the pitching staff will be led by lefty Cory Taylor of Philadelphia; right-handers Sean Curry of Louisville, John Mark Williams of Newton, and Ryan Hull of Chunky.

The new ECJC baseball coach said team members are currently involved in off season workouts and will begin spring practice January 19.



Coach Clark



## Masonry Class Builds Planters

By CHRIS JOYNER

In mid November, Dr. Eddie M. Smith suggested that two lighted flower planters should be added in front of Huff Auditorium. Construction began November 12 and was completed eight days later.

The vocational class assigned to this task was masonry, due to the fact that the planters were to be constructed of brick.

Masonry instructor, Mr. Paul McElhenney, seemed delighted to have an opportunity to show the school and the public that his

students possessed the "right stuff" for the job.

In my interview with "Mr. Mac", as his students fondly refer to him, he said, "I think this entire project is a good experience while adding beauty and light to the area surrounding Huff Auditorium."

On this note, the faculty and students of EC as well as the staff of the Tom-Tom would like to take this opportunity to show our deep appreciation for a job well-done.

Our hats are all off to you masonry!!

## ECJC Drama Department Presents Dinner Theater

The ECJC Drama Department presented its annual Dinner Theater production November 5 in Mabry Cafeteria, which consisted of three one-act plays.

Directed by Bruce Peterson, the one-act plays were "One of Us", "Yes Means No", and "All in An Afternoon".

The cast of "One of Us" included "Michael", Gem Harrison, Carthage; "Ingrid", Renee Thaggard, Philadelphia; "Agatha", Rhonda Yates, Louisville; "Lettie", Regell Gray, Philadelphia; "Vernon", Michael Miller, Newton; and "Freda", Seleta Howard, Noxapater.

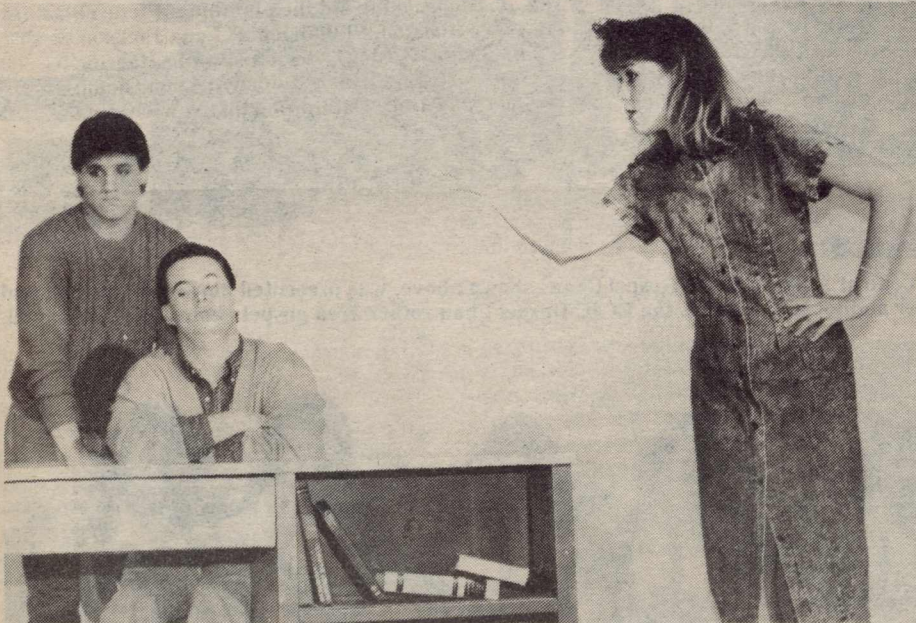
"Yes Means No" cast members included "Teddy", Kinsey Goldman, Philadelphia; "Edith", Terry Cowan, Philadelphia; "Mr.

Lawson", Marshall Watkins, Carthage; "Miss Collins", Camille Williamson, Philadelphia; and "T. J. Morgan", Jeff Neal, Carthage.

Cast members of "All in An Afternoon" included "Don", Ardy Reed, Louisville; "Jamie", Amy Pouncey, Decatur; "Bob", Joey Brady, Newton; "Todd", Chuck Hinson, Decatur; and "John", Andy Thaggard, Carthage.

"All in An Afternoon" is an original production written by ECJC English instructor, Ovid Vickers.

Special entertainment was provided by the Collegians and the Fashion Squad.



From left, Ardy Reed, Chuck Hinson, and Amy Pouncey is a scene from "All in an Afternoon".



Masonry students, who built the two lighted flower planters in front of Huff Auditorium, are pictured behind one of the projects. From left are Gurdy Farmer and Cedric Williams, both of Conehatta; Chris Mack, Louisville; Ollie Jones, Hickory; Mitch Jones, So So; Tony York, Philadelphia; Harves Johnson and Jeffery Moore, both of Newton, and instructor Paul McElhenney.

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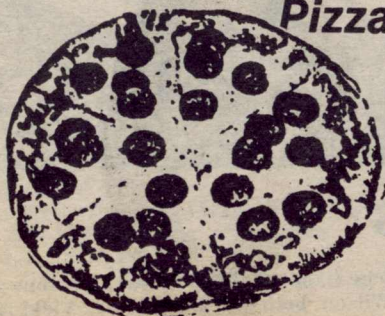
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## Collegians Hold Annual Concert

The Fall Collegians Campus Concert at East Central Junior College was held at 8 p.m., Monday, November 23, in Huff Auditorium before a packed house.

The musical group performed hits by such artists as Whitney Houston, WhiteSnake, Hank Williams, Jr., Whispers, and many others.

Group members include director / guitarist, Tom Carson, vocalists Chuck Hinson, Decatur; Ardy Reed, Louisville; Brian Waddell, Neshoba Central; Kimberly Martin, Lake; Delores Mullins, Louisville; and Jeannie Walsh, Morton.

Other members are Kinsey Goldman, keyboard, Neshoba Central; Scottie Chunn, bass guitar, Neshoba Central; Dwyane Moore, drums, Forest; Scott Jackson, trumpet, Union; Patsy Mims, tenor saxophone, Neshoba Central; Gem Harrison, horn, and Jeff Neal, trombone, both of Carthage.

Technicians include Bud Johnson, head technician, Philadelphia; Paul Busby, Newton Academy; Steve Hardy, Philadelphia; Gonnies Montgomery and Jeffery Winstead, both of Neshoba Central, and Kerry Gilmer, Union.

## Overflowing Crowd Hears East Central Gospel Choir

By JANET MOWDY

East Central's campus holds many people with many talents. If you were present at the third annual concert of the ECJC Gospel Choir, then you heard many of these talents come to life. The concert was held at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium on November 17.

Delores Mullins served as mistress of ceremony. Billy Shields read a scripture and prayer was given by the Reverend Harves Johnson. Neshawn Hudson welcomed the large crowd and then the processional of songs was performed.

The selections chosen were "I'm Not Ashamed", "Well Done", "We Don't Get In the Spirit", and "You Must Be Born Again".

The guest choirs performed two songs and then remarks were given by Mary Lyles. After the closing song was performed, Willie Young gave the benediction.

Ushers for the night were Sonya Crowther and Daryl Brown.

Officers of the choir include Billy Wade Shields, president; Victoria Banks, vice-president; Neshawn Hudson, secretary; sponsor, Mary Lyles, treasurer; Yolanda Young, directress; Sharon Goodman, pianist; and Debra Thompson, pianist.

Members of the choir, their position, and hometown are as follows:

Sopranos are Victoria Banks, Morton; Linda Floyd, Louisville; Abbie Harrison, Decatur; Dianne Johnson, Conahatta; Bobbie Love, Louisville; Melissa Thompson, Louisville; Audry Young, Philadelphia; and Yolanda Young, Philadelphia.

Altos are Daphne Jackson, Louisville; Kimberly Beamon, Philadelphia; Melissa Coleman, Louisville; Shirley Gladney, Louisville; Margaret Hudson, Louisville; Neshawn Hudson, Noxapater; Bobby Moore, Lake; Cathy Shields, Louisville; and Vickie Thames, Union.

Tenors include Dexter Ball, Louisville; Gerry Carter, Philadelphia; Bobby Ray Davis, Louisville; the Reverend Harves Johnson, Newton; Reggie Jones, Philadelphia; Debbie Love, Louisville; Billy Wade Shields, Louisville; and Willie Young, Philadelphia.



The Collegians . . . during their recent fall concert.



Before a standing-room-only crowd, the East Central Junior College Gospel Choir, shown above, was presented during its third annual concert held November 18 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium. Besides the ECJC Gospel Choir, other area gospel choirs also performed.



## ECJC Centralettes

Members of the Centralettes, the featured entertainers during the East Central Junior College Band's halftime show and other performances include, first row, left to right, Stacy Baucum, Newton; Mona Moore and Debora Wilson, both of Philadelphia; Vicki Arthur, Edinburg; Melissa Bailey, Decatur; second row, left to right, Debra Mangrum and Amy Pouncey, both of Decatur; Janet Mowdy, Philadelphia; Jennifer Humphries, Louisville; Penny Crawford, Philadelphia; Lisa Willis, Newton; third row, from left, Sherrell Rhodes and Misty Watkins, both of Philadelphia; Angie Morrow, Sebastopol; Julie Adams, Edinburg; Emily Tingle, Decatur; Tina Walker, Philadelphia; and Lori Clark, Union. The Warrior Band is directed by Tom Carson.

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# Dear Santa ....

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year, therefore, I am expecting lots of gifts.

I would like these in advance, before final exams if at all possible!

Material goods mean nothing to me. I want skills and abilities such as the ability to finish a test before the bell and the ability to make it through Biology.

I will leave you some milk and cookies in the student center.

Thanks,  
Jeff

Dear Santa,

I do not want much for Christmas except for maybe some new clothes.

But, I wish you would bring my room-mates the following things: Tina wants some Ray Bans and a "BC". Jenny wishes she could have a new hubcap for her car and a 4.0 - if that is not asking too much. You can bring Marsha a gift certificate to Bounds and Little Debbie would be thrilled if you brought her some snack cakes. Missy would probably be happy if you would bring her something to major in.

We would leave you some cookies and milk, but the bugs would probably carry them off, so how does a diet Coke and an apple sound?

Love,  
Janet

Dear Santa,

I have been a vary good boy this year. I have not been in vary much (?) trubel neither. Please com by my house an leave me bunches of toys.

I wont sum marbels, a slang shot, a bb gun, sum bb's (a lot), a cowboy hat, a foot-ball, a mister patater hed, a gocart, an sum candy an uther viddels.

Tell Mrs. Santa that I sed Hay.  
Ya'll be careful!

Yer Pal,  
Greg

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, I want a hug from all the good looking females before I leave ECJC.

Also, I want a space vehicle to be able to travel into the 21st century and beyond.

Your buddy,  
Shelton

Dear Santa,

Please give me a car; not a toy car with batteries not included, but a real car that runs on gasoline. (Possibly a Maxima.)

Also, please give my sister lots of snow for her mountain hide-a-way honeymoon.

Thank you Santa,  
Shelley

Dear Santa,

Will you bring me a farari (?), diamond ring, a Playboy centerfold, a dancer from Solid Gold, a new jet airplane, a gold-plated train, but more important than these toys please bring happiness and lots of joy.

Thanks,  
Jerry

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas this year I want 12 playboy bunnies that were in the 1987 issues of Playboy this past year.

If you can deliver this to me I will not ask for anything else.

Signed  
Hard to Please

Dear Santa,

Hey! What's up? Not much here. It's C-time again, and I decided that I might ought to drop you a line.

I have been real good this year. I have. My momma told me so. My momma don't lie. I have been real good, and I'm only asking for one thing. Since I'm asking for only one thing, and I've been so good, I should get it.

You know that thing Mr. Spock and Scottie used to use all of the time, the teleporter, that's what I want. Only one thing. This way, when I see something I want, I just go home and beam it up. Just one thing. I won't ask for nothing else. Ever....except bat-teries.

Well ole man, I'll let you get to work. I know the elves will like this one. So, I'll write again next year.

Thanks,  
Andy

Dear Santa,

Although I have been an extremely good girl this year, I will only ask for a few things this Christmas.

First of all, I would like to have all A's in my courses this semester.

Next, I would like to have all the jewelry you can spare!

Lastly, I would like to have all A's next semester.

Thank you for being generous.

Your friend,  
Tammy

Dear Santa,

This is the third time in five years I have been up for parole!

All that I am asking other than being able to hack up their inmates without getting up other inmates without getting caught, is for some freedom.

Sincerely,  
Allen

P.S. I have no personality, whatsoever. Maybe you could leave one in my stocking for me.

Dear Santa Claus,

I will be direct and to the point.

I have kidnapped Rudolph! I hope we can be pleasant about this so you will get him back unharmed and in time for Christmas.

All I want is \$100,000 in unmarked bills, and the Shogun Warrior you failed to give me when I was eight.

Do not call the authorities!!

If the following demands are met within 24 hours, Rudolph will be returned unharmed.

If they are not met, I will be forced to resort to physical violence on his neon nose!

You know where I live so bring the above demands to my house and you can get on with your plans for Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Mike

P. S. Merry Christmas!!

Dear Santa,

How are you and your wife? Things are great here at East Central, everyone is getting ready for Christmas vacation. Tell her and all the employes that everyone at East Central says "Hey". Now on to more SERIOUS business!

There are many things that I would like for Christmas, but I will only name just a few. One major thing I would like would be to make a "C" in American History class and an "A" in all the other classes.

I would also like for you to bless my "car" (If that is what you want to call it!) so hopefully it will last another year.

Anything else you would like to bring me will be fine. (Home Stereo System)

Thank you for all your help. Another little hint is don't come down the chimney because we have a wood heater, come through the front door. I'll leave it unlocked so you can get in the house.

If you bring me lots of nice things you can have the milk and cookies on the kitchen table.

Love always,  
Rhonda

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are things at the North Pole? I hope everything is going fine for you.

Well, Christmas is getting closer and I have thought of some things that I would like to have.

For quite some time now I have wanted another car, preferably a 1988 corvette, I'll settle for a brand-new 300-ZX!

The next thing on my list is another horse.

Now this can't be just any old horse, this one has to be a 3-year-old registered Arabian mare, complete with a new saddle.

A couple of "minor" things I'd like for Christmas are as follows: clothes, a new watch, compact disc, and a plane ticket to Rio de Janeiro.

Your friend,  
Julie

Dear Santa Man,

I'm not one to ask for stuff; I've got my basic needs.

So, this Christmas I want to give you something.

This year I'd like to send you the certified weight loss plan that has helped people like Liz Taylor, Fred Garvin, and Buck Buckley lose inches.

It is a simple seven day diet and goes as follows:

Day 1-7 Breakfast - 1 plate of snow and a drink of water. Lunch - Ice and snow delight with Reindeer water. Supper - Ice shaped like steak, Baked plain snow cone with hot, fresh water.

In one week you will really be able to tell the difference. And best of all, while you get no nutrition, no stomach aches, and NO CALORIES; you will think you are living like a king. Good luck Fatty-Red!!

Signed,  
"In shape" Matt

P. S. Tell Mrs. Claus about this great plan.

Dear Santa,

I'm not asking for much this Christmas.

All I want is a vacation in Tahiti and a "fine daddy" to take along with me.

Sincerely,  
Regina

Dear Santa,

I have been an extremely good girl this year. In return, I hope that you are very generous to me.

I am only asking for two important things. First, I would like to have an "A" in my Biology class. I would also like to have a pink VW convertible.

Both of these gifts would make my Christmas the best ever.

Yours truly,  
Nikki

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 19 years old and have been a good boy this year.

For Christmas this year, I would like to get a girlfriend. I have never had a girlfriend and have never been on a date. But now I think I am ready to jump into a relationship with a girl and see what it is all about.

If you give this to me, I will never ask for anything else for Christmas.

Thanks,  
Lonely

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I don't want anything for myself, but please bring my friends some presents. Here's my list: Please bring

Block - a 3.2 gpa so he can attend Georgia Tech.

Shelley - a car of her very own and a night-off.

Debra - some Little Debbie snacking cakes.

Marsha - a personalized parking space.

Jennifer - a jam box to play her new tape on.

Melissa - Doug.

Merry Christmas  
A Considerate Friend

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas!! How are things going there at the North Pole?

I hope everything is going fine, because you and the reindeer have to be in good condition for the "big night" which is not very far away.

I have been trying to be a really good girl this year, Santa, and I really do hope you will bring me what I'm wishing for!

For Christmas, I would love for you to bring me a gold coin ring. I would also love to have a red Victorian Secret robe, a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses, an "A" in Biology class, and a lot of candy.

Please do not forget my brothers and sister, and most of all my wonderful dad!

I'm gonna catch you this time!!

Love,  
Nancy



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# DEAR FLOYD

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Dear Floyd,

This is my first year at EC and it's great. Me and my long-time friend are now roommates. We both could stand to hit the books a little harder. We both party a lot, except she parties a lot more. In fact, she has begun to smoke pot. I am under a lot of peer pressure to smoke pot with her.

What can I do?

Signed,  
Confused

Dear Confused,

Peer pressure is the root of all young people's screw ups.

Don't give in!! If it bothers you that your friend will be a member of the F.D.A (Future Dopes of America), tell her! Always do what you want, not everyone else.

By the way, pot is illegal!

Your Pal,  
Floyd

Dear Floyd,

I have this phobia. It's not of heights or even of enclosed places. It's of . . . stairs.

They are so dangerous. They really ought to be outlawed. I live on a second floor, therefore when I go to my room I have someone throw me a rope and haul me up. I just can't deal with the rope burn.

Please HELP!!

Signed,  
Scared to Death  
Second Floor Scott  
Hall

Dear Chicken

Grow up!! You're a grown person! Anyway people on campus have been talking about you and your rope burns. My advice is to challenge your fears. Run up and down those steps as many times as you can.

I once knew a girl that was peanut butter phobic. She ate a whole jar of it and was no longer afraid of the smelly substance. She almost choked to death and now that's her phobia, but no more peanut butter phobia!!

But I'm sure you know what I'm saying.

Your Pal,  
Floyd

Dear Floyd,

I'm a freshman girl at EC. Since my junior year in high school I have dated one guy.

Now I'm here at EC and he's at a major university. We both agreed to date other people, but I just can't do it. He is up there dating everyone and he encourages me to do the same. Now we just see each other when it's convenient for him.

Floyd, what do I do?

Signed,  
Settled Down

Dear Down,

Honey - it's time to get into the real world!! Wake up and bite the bullet! It seems the only reason you two date anymore at all is because it seems he feels guilty.

I suggest you get a single friend of yours to fix you up with someone and you two can double date. You go out and force yourself to have a good time.

By the way, since you're a lady, the date should not cost a dime!

Your Pal,  
Floyd

Dear Floyd,

College has not turned out how I had expected.

In high school I didn't have to study hard and I still made mostly all A's and B's. I thought college would be the same. I could study some, go out and have a good time, while still having A's and B's.

To my disappointment, my grades dropped to C's and D's at midterm. I made a decision then to quit going out as much and start studying more. This hasn't seemed to help the situation much.

What's the deal?

Sincerely,  
Slowly Dropping

Dear Slowly Dropping,

You sound like someone who was never challenged by high school work . . . well great, but now it's time to brake down and not only learn your class work, but also learn to study.

I recommend that you spend time in the library everyday reviewing what you go over that day.

Learn as you go, do not wait until test day.

Your Studios Pal,  
Floyd

Dear Floyd,

I had great expectations of college life. East Central hasn't lived up to them, however. I'd dreamed of college as one big party that only slacked up for short, but hard study-sessions.

EC is dead from the time I wake-up in the morning until the time I go to bed at night. I believe part of the problem is that the town is dry (doesn't allow the sell of liquor).

I know it's not just me that feels this way about EC, but it could be helped by more school activities at night.

Sincerely,  
Bored to Death

Dear Bored,

We've had several dances and other campus-sponsored activities since this August. You can join on of our clubs (BSU, . . .) or just attend several of our home basketball games. Liquor has nothing to do with it. Not many students on campus are 21 anyway.

But I know like everyone how available it can be so remember to be careful and never drink and drive.

Your Pal,  
Floyd

(Floyd loves to hear from you, and I'll be back this spring. So keep those cards and letters coming to Dear Floyd! Merry Christmas!!!)

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## Cully's Cuties Place Second

Cully's Cuties placed second in the East Central Junior College women's intramural flag football championship. Team members include, first row, left to right, Mona Moore, Philadelphia; Sonya Horton, Edinburg; Jennifer Humphries, Louisville; Debra Mangrum, Decatur; standing, from left, Coach Cully Hudspeth, Louisville; Missy Whitmire, Louisville; Shelley Wolverton, Philadelphia; Melissa Thrash, Decatur; and Keri Posey, Philadelphia.

# Happy Holidays

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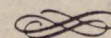


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# Besides Santa Claus, Who Would You Like To See Come Down Your Chimney?



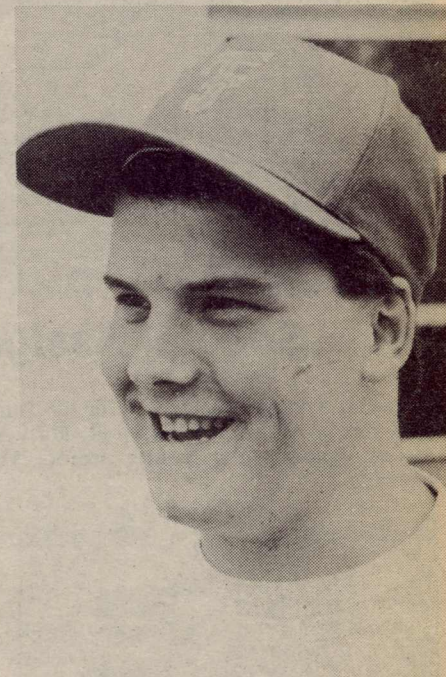
Pam Green, freshman, age 18, Sebastopol: "Matt Alford and Bill Freeman".



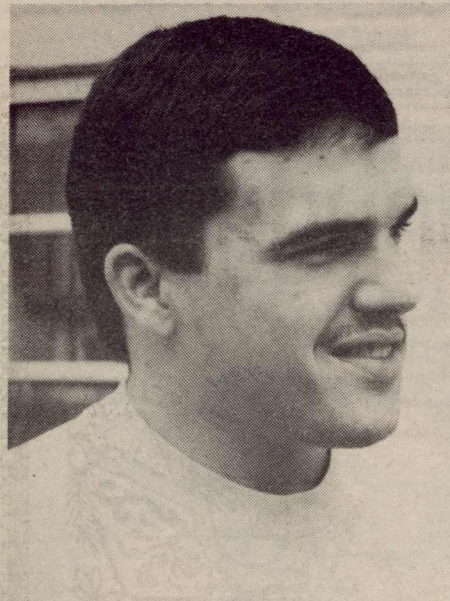
Doreen Ryals, sophomore, age 21, Philadelphia: "Don Johnson".



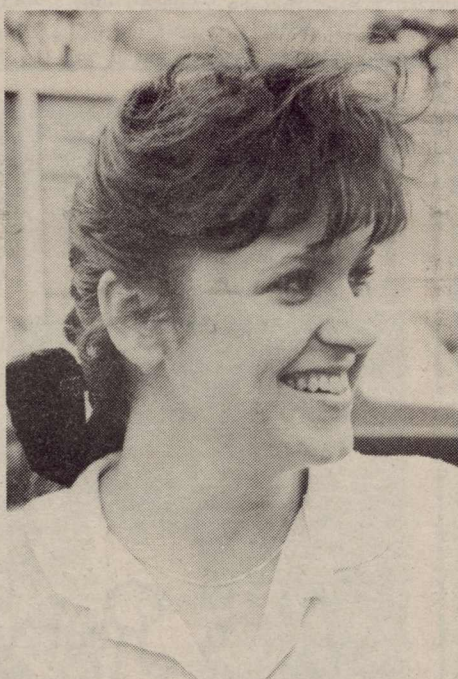
Vickie Thames, freshman, age 18, Beulah Hubbard: "Michael Jordan".



Scott Hill, freshman, age 18, Forest: "Roan Simmons".



Cully Hudspeth, freshman, age 18, Louisville: "Missy Whitmire".



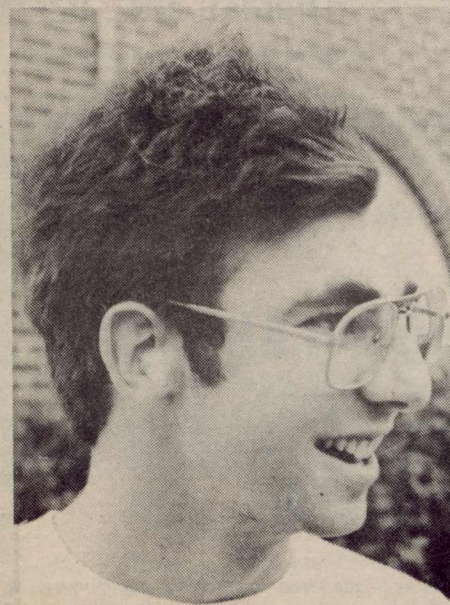
Dana Bates, freshman, age 18, Lake: "George Strait".



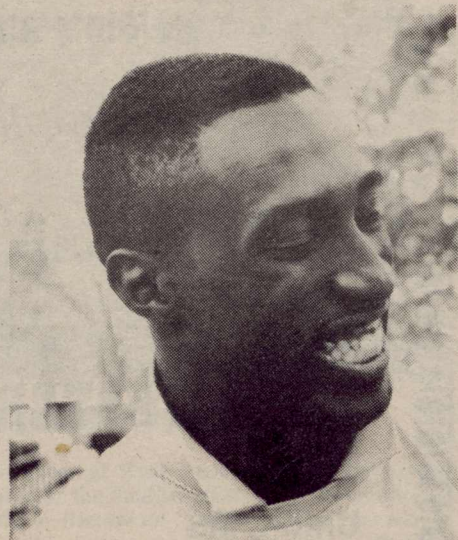
Paulette Davis, freshman, age 18, Nanih Waiya: "LL Cool J".



Marsha Livingston, sophomore, age 19, Morton: "Rob Lowe".



Jeff "Van Murray" Boykin, sophomore, age 20, Harperville: "Amy Pouncey".



Henry Coleman, sophomore, age 19, Louisville: "Patricia Brooks".



Shannon Quinn, freshman, age 18, Nanih Waiya: "Tom Cruise".



Linda Floyd, freshman, age 18, Louisville: "Prince".





### Special Assignment / Writers

Special Assignment Writers for the Tom-Tom are, from left, Joe Chesney, illustrations; Kim Grady, student opinion poll; Matt Alford, student opinion poll and column; Shelley Moore, features and faculty profile; Marshall Watkins, features; and Janet Mowdy, features.



### Tom-Tom Photographers

Photographers for the Tom-Tom are, from left, Robin Webb, Andy Thaggard, Nancy Bagwell, Scott Rousell, and Nikki Minard. Not pictured is Jeff Winstead.

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### 'Special Guest' Visits Class

Mrs. Alice Pouncey's Child Psychology class has been studying the various points on child development. In order to help students understand how a child develops and matures, Mrs. Pouncey arranged to have a special guest recently in class. Anita Anderson, formerly of Edinburg and now of Jackson, brought her daughter, Britany Nicole Anderson, to the class. Britany was born three months premature and weighed one pound, six ounces. She stayed in the hospital from August, 1986 to January, 1987. Britany's size obviously had nothing to do with her progress in the hospital those six months. She is now healthy and doing well. Class members seemed to enjoy her visit. Marsha Maxey and Deborah Wilson described the visit as a "learning experience" and a break from "having just plain class". Pictured are, from left, Anita Anderson, Britany Nicole Anderson, class members, Marsha Maxey and Eddie deVroede, and Greg Wells, Britany's uncle.

(Text by Janet Mowdy)

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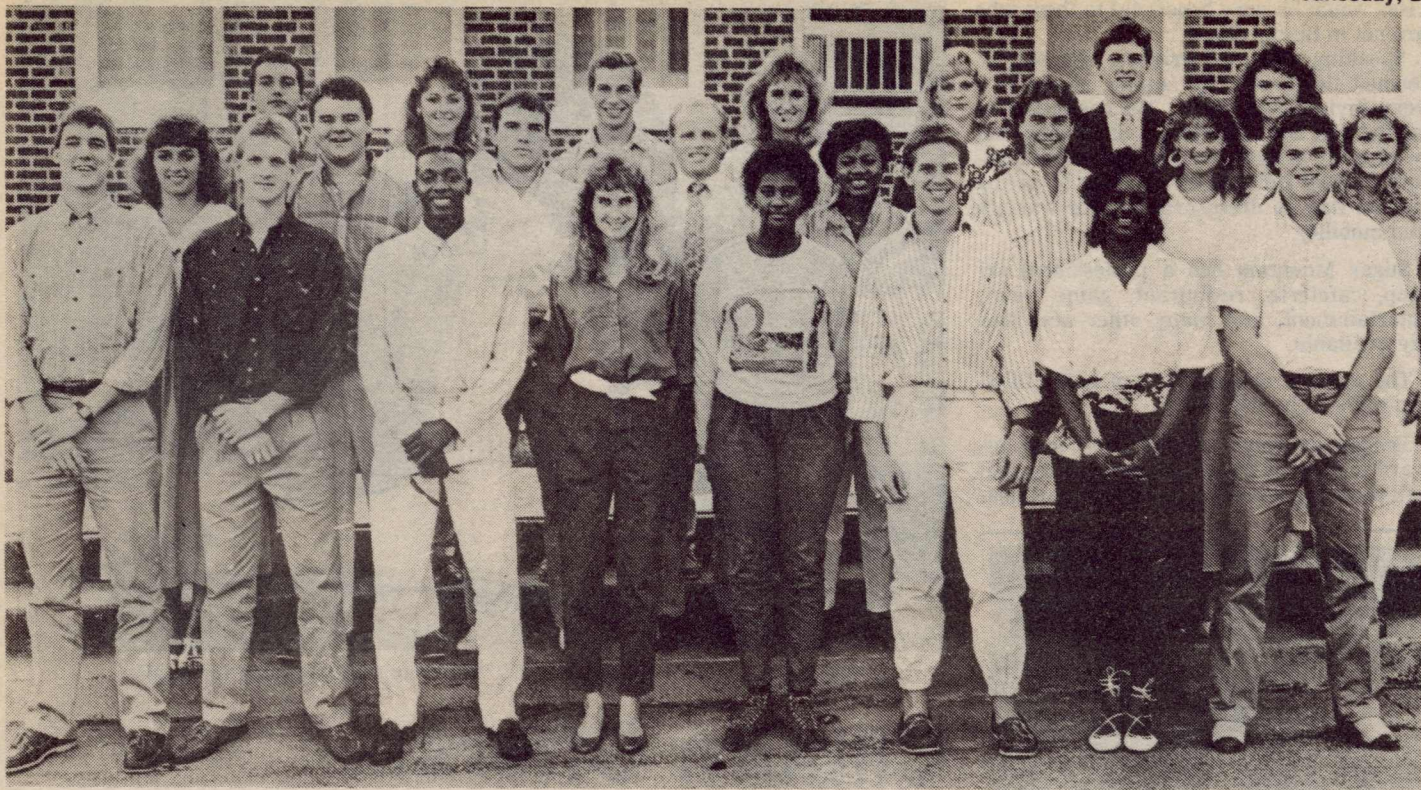
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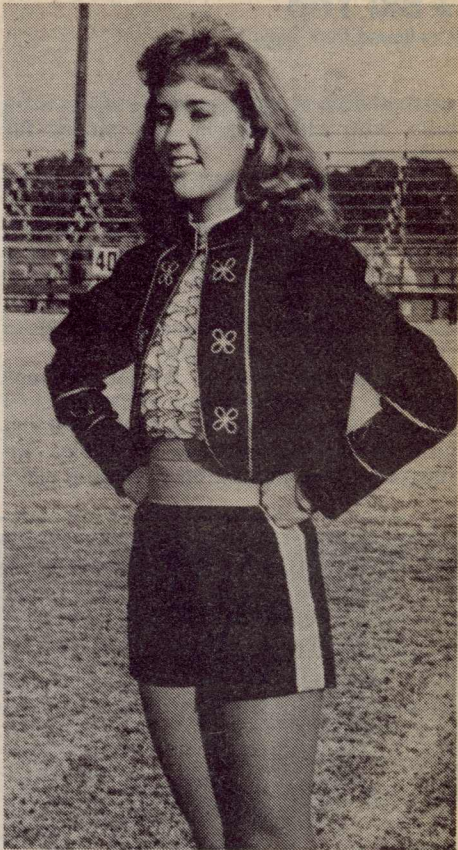
Jerry and Kerry Winstead





Warrior Corps Members

Recently selected members of the East Central Junior College Warrior Corps, students who serve as hosts and hostess of the college for special events and who assist with recruiting, include, first row, left to right, Matt Alford, Forest; Mark Amis, Decatur; Daryl Brown, Newton; Gina Buntyn, Union; Yolanda Carter, Noxapater; Mike Cooper, Decatur; Sonya Crowther, Newton; Bill Freeman, Lake; second row, left to right, Pam Greene, Sebastopol; Shea Hailey, Union; Cully Hudspeth, Louisville; Scott Jackson, Union; Maggie Jennings, Forest; Allen Lovett, Forest; Debra Mangrum, Decatur; Janet Mowdy, Philadelphia; third row, left to right, Dan Parks, Louisville; Amy Pouncey, Decatur; Andy Thaggard, Carthage; Melissa Thrash, Decatur; Tonya Trapp, Decatur; Shelton Vance, Newton; and Heather Watts, Union. Not pictured are Sheila Clearman, Little Rock and Lee Sugg, Morton. The sponsor is Gregg Jeffcoat, Academic Counselor.



Leads Band

Serving her second year as drum major of the East Central Junior College Warrior Band for 1987-88 is Renee Thaggard of Philadelphia. The Warrior Band is directed by Tom Carson.



Mrs. Everett Receives Honor

Mrs. Jessie Everett, Business Technology instructor at East Central Junior College, displays a plaque and silver bowl she was presented at the Southern Business Association Education's 63rd Annual Convention recently held in Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Everett, who serves as membership director for the state association, received the Huldra Erath Award, which is presented to the state association with the highest percentage membership. Under Mrs. Everett's leadership, the state association had a membership percentage of 115 percent the past year. The award marked the first time the state association has won the honor. The state group also received a check for \$150.00. She was also presented a silver bowl, which is given to state association which reach 100 percent membership goals.



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## ★ Ski Trip

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vertical drop of 1200 feet offers skiers a 1½ mile run with terrain and slopes for everyone.

Of the 2 expert slopes, 9 intermediate, and 7 novice, the latter will probably be used by most of the East Central group. Luckily, there are instructors employed who give beginning ski lessons. But Jefcoat, a returning skier, is optimistic that Warrior Corps members will be relaxed and comfortable to ski the more difficult slopes.

At a planning meeting, Jefcoat, who jogs regularly, warned students of the physical condition one needs to be in to enjoy skiing different terrain and snow conditions. He suggested that jogging or stretching exer-

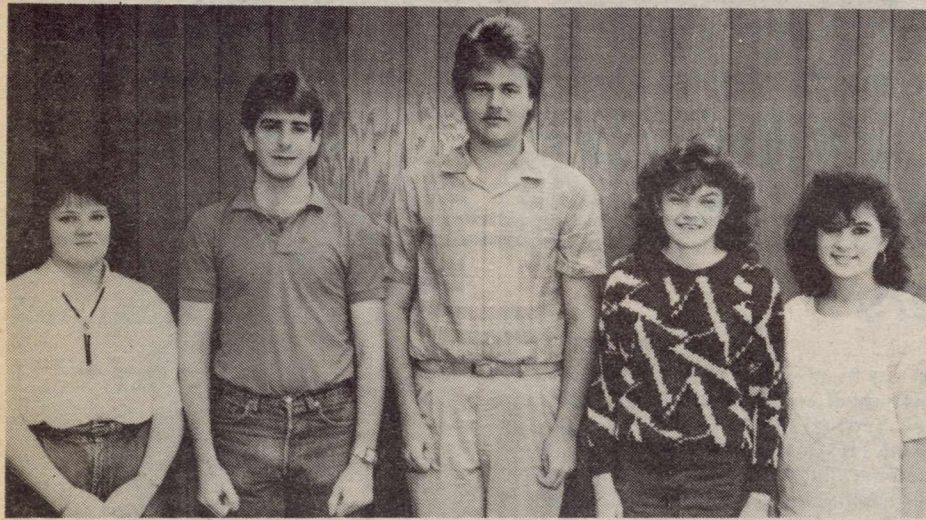
cises would be very beneficial to those who are not in tip-top shape.

Speaking from experience, Jefcoat informed the group that Alpine skiing is a very invigorating sport. He continued by saying that one's enjoyment of skiing would be directly affected by one's physical comfort. Jefcoat finished the meeting by giving tips on how to dress properly for warmth and mobility.

Sugar Mountain has a professional ski shop, cafeteria, restaurant, game room, entertainment, and many other activities are available.

The group's anticipations of a fun-filled trip will surely be fulfilled.

Second semester, students may look forward to hearing many amusing stories that will probably be repeated numerous times.



### Mu Alpha Theta Officers

Officers of Mu Alpha Theta, mathematics organization at East Central Junior College are, from left, Suzanna Kennedy, president, Hickory; Terry Matula, vice-president, Philadelphia; Teto Harrell, secretary, Lake; Brenda Dearing, treasurer, Philadelphia; and Meschelle Jacobs, social chairman, Decatur.



Gene Cliburn . . . checking to see if it's "time" to start studying for finals.

## Cliburn Offers...

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1. You stayed up all night listening to Public Radio.
2. You had to raise 1 million dollars or you would have been struck by lightning.
3. Your horoscope said it was a bad day to study.
4. You had to see the end to the Easter Seals Telethon.
5. Make up a disease. Call the professor and tell him that you have lung flukes.

Julio: "Hello (cough) professor? (cough, cough) I just wanted to tell you (cough, cough) that I have (cough, cough, cough) lung flukes, but don't worry. (cough, cough, cough) It's not contagious unless I (cough, cough, cough, cough, cough, cough) cough on the test."

If you should be forced into taking a test you are not prepared for, and you fail, use my backup plan to save your reputation.

Eleanor: "Oh yeah, sure I made a 57, but at least I made it on what I already know. Just think what I could have made!"

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