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## Cochran Voted Most Handsome

## Shelley Wolverton Named ECJC's Most Beautiful

By PATRICIA THONTON

Miss Shelley Wolverton was crowned East Central Junior College's Most Beautiful for 1988 at the annual pageant held January 26 in Huff Auditorium.

The 1986 graduate of Philadelphia High School is a sophomore and is a member of the Modeling Squad, Tom Tom staff, Mu Alpha Theta, President's Council, Election Committee, and Flag Football Team. She also served as Homecoming Queen and Secretary of the Sophomore Class. Shelley is the 19-year-old daughter of Carolyn Moorman and Kenneth Wolverton.

Kevin Cochran of Isola was chosen Most Handsome by a vote of the student body. He is the son of Mr. Larry Cochran of Isola.

Four beauties and beaus were also selected at the pageant.

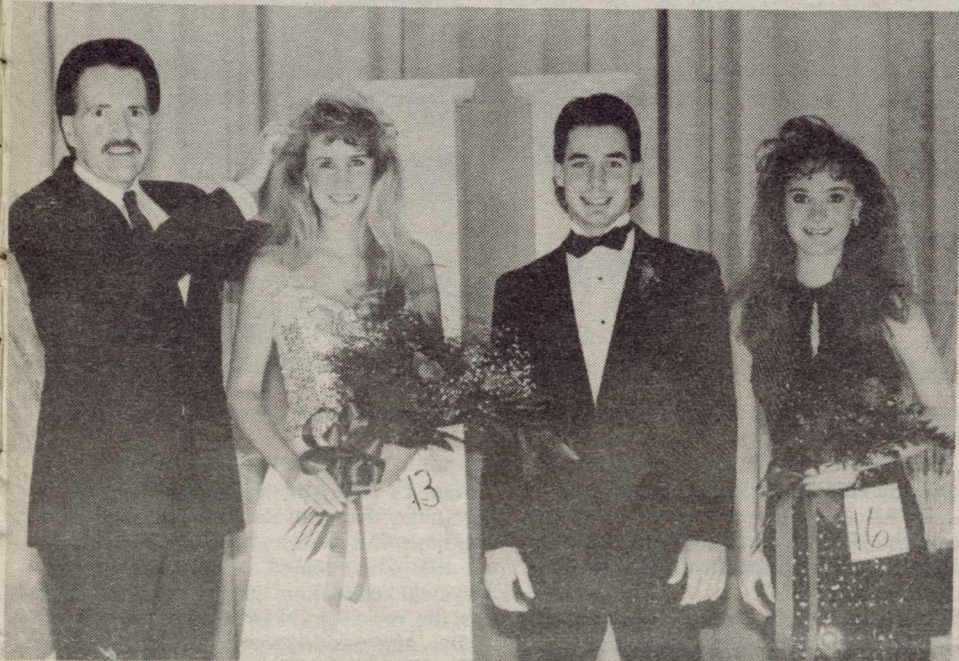
Beauties named were freshman Angela Dawn Morrow, the 18-year-old daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Morrow of Sebastopol; freshman Misty Watkins, the 18-year-old daughter of Eddie Watkins and Ann Bush of West Lauderdale; freshman Kerri Posey, the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Posey of Philadelphia; and sophomore Janet Lee Mowdy, the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mowdy of Philadelphia.

Beaus selected include sophomore Gregg Warren, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. "Skipper" Warren of Forest; freshman Jamie Whatley, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Whatley of Lawrence; Mecriidric Calloway, 19-year-old son of Mrs. Thelma Calloway of Philadelphia; and freshman John Mark Williams, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Williams of Newton.

Freshman Nancy Bagwell of Winston

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East Central Junior College President Dr. Eddie Smith is shown crowning Shelley Wolverton of Philadelphia, who was chosen Most Beautiful at the school's Beauty Pageant held January 26 in Huff Auditorium. Kevin Cochran of Isola was voted Most Handsome by the student body and Nancy Bagwell, Winston Academy, was selected Miss Congeniality by the pageant contestants.

## NAME CHANGE BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1988

## East Central Will Become 'Community' College

Because of the need to emphasize that it offers a more comprehensive curriculum and a variety of services and to follow a state and nationwide trend, the East Central Junior College Board of Trustees has voted to change the name of the school to East Central Community College.

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges recently approved the name change which becomes effective on July 1, 1988.

The Board made the unanimous decision at its regular monthly meeting held December 15.

The name change reflects a national and now statewide trend to change the two-year schools to "community colleges."

According to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECJC President, community colleges, since the 1970's, have become more comprehensive offering not only university parallel, vocational, and technical courses, but also community service, special interest, adult literacy, economic development, and a myriad of other programs.

Dr. Smith said most comprehensive two-year colleges, such as East Central, are called "community colleges."

East Central joins many other state junior colleges in making the name change.

Junior colleges in the state that have already changed their names include Itawamba Community College, Northeast

Community College, Meridian Community College, Hinds Community College, and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Other schools that have indicated they will change their names are Copiah-Lincoln, East Mississippi, Northwest, Pearl River, and Southwest.

The changing of the colleges' names became possible when the 1987 Mississippi Legislature authorized the 15 junior college districts to change their names to "community colleges" on a local option basis.

Prior to legislative action, Dr. Smith said Mississippi was the only state to statutorily require that its two-year colleges be called "junior colleges."

Dr. Smith said two-year colleges in the United States have experienced development through four rather distinct generations:

(1) 1900-1930 - Extension of High School Era

During this period of time a number of high schools across the nation added 13th and 14th years to provide lower division college coursework. As time progressed, many of these school systems split off the 13th and 14th years to form "junior colleges."

(2) 1930-1950 - Junior College Era

The two-year colleges in this era were actually "junior colleges" with instruction offered in freshman and sophomore universi-

ty parallel courses only.

(3) 1950-1970 - Community College Era

During this era, the two-year colleges began to offer instruction in vocational and technical areas. Many "junior colleges" changed their names to "community" colleges during this period of time.

(4) 1970-Present - Comprehensive Community College Era

By TAMMY SHIRLEY

Mr. Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research, announced a total student enrollment increase of approximately 13.7 percent for the spring 1988 semester at East Central Junior College.

McMullan noted that there is a record enrollment of 1087 students attending classes this semester. The number of full-time day students is 730; part-time day students, 73; and evening students, 284.

The break-down by county is as follows: Newton, 293; Neshoba, 236; Scott, 216; Winston, 158; and Leake, 119 for a total of 986 students from the five-county district. McMullan said 101 students attend ECJC from outside the district.

Concerning the enrollment increase, Mr.

As previously stated, since the 1970's community colleges have become more comprehensive in offering not only university parallel vocational and technical courses, but also community service, special interest, adult literacy, economic development, and a myriad of other programs.

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## EC Enrollment Breaks Record!

McMullan said that the faculty is very pleased with the increase in 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.

Dr. Eddie Smith, ECJC President, said he was obviously "very pleased" with the record enrollment.

"It is a tremendous compliment to the administration, faculty, and staff that more and more students are choosing East Central Junior College to further their education," Dr. Smith said.

Dr. Smith added, "We obviously hope more students will come and visit the campus and give us a chance to show them the many fields of study and opportunities available at East Central."



FORMAL DEDICATION SCHEDULED MAY 7

## Physical Education Building Named For Brackeen, Wood

The Physical Education Building at East Central Junior College in Decatur has been named in honor of two of its outstanding graduates who returned to their alma mater in various capacities.

One of the honorees became ECJC's first All American basketball player and the other is regarded as a pioneer in organizing women's basketball for junior and senior colleges and junior college tennis competition.

Now called the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building, the facility is named in honor of Denver Brackeen and Lucille Wood, announced Dr. Eddie Smith, ECJC President.

Tommy Thrash, ECJC Social Science instructor who serves as committee chairman for the dedication, said formal dedication of the facility will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

### DENVER BRACKEEN

Brackeen is a graduate of Hickory High School, East Central Junior College and the University of Mississippi with bachelor's and master's degrees. He completed 30 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the masters in guidance and student personnel services area.

He led Hickory to a 51-1 record his senior year and was twice named to the All-State squad.

Brackeen made the All-State Junior College Team as a freshman. He was called to active duty during his sophomore year.

While in the service, Brackeen made the All-Third Army Team and was selected most valuable player.

Brackeen returned to East Central and averaged 32 points a game in 1952-53. He led the Warriors to state and district championships and to a fourth place finish at the National Junior College Tournament.

While participating in the national tournament, Brackeen scored a record 53 points in one game. He was later selected as the nation's most valuable player and became ECJC's first All-American basketball player.

Recruited by over 100 colleges, Brackeen chose the University of Mississippi, where he was twice named to the All Southeastern Conference teams. He was also selected the SEC's most valuable player and was named All-American his senior year.

Brackeen, who averaged 28 points per game at Ole Miss, was named by Look magazine as the most valuable basketball player in District 5, which consisted of nine southern states.

He was drafted by the New York Knickerbockers and was on the team for three months before returning to East Central as coach.

Brackeen coached seven years at ECJC, where his teams posted 137 wins against 52 losses.

He was named the first Dean of Students in Mississippi Pulice Junior Colleges in 1962 and gave up coaching for full time student service work in 1963.

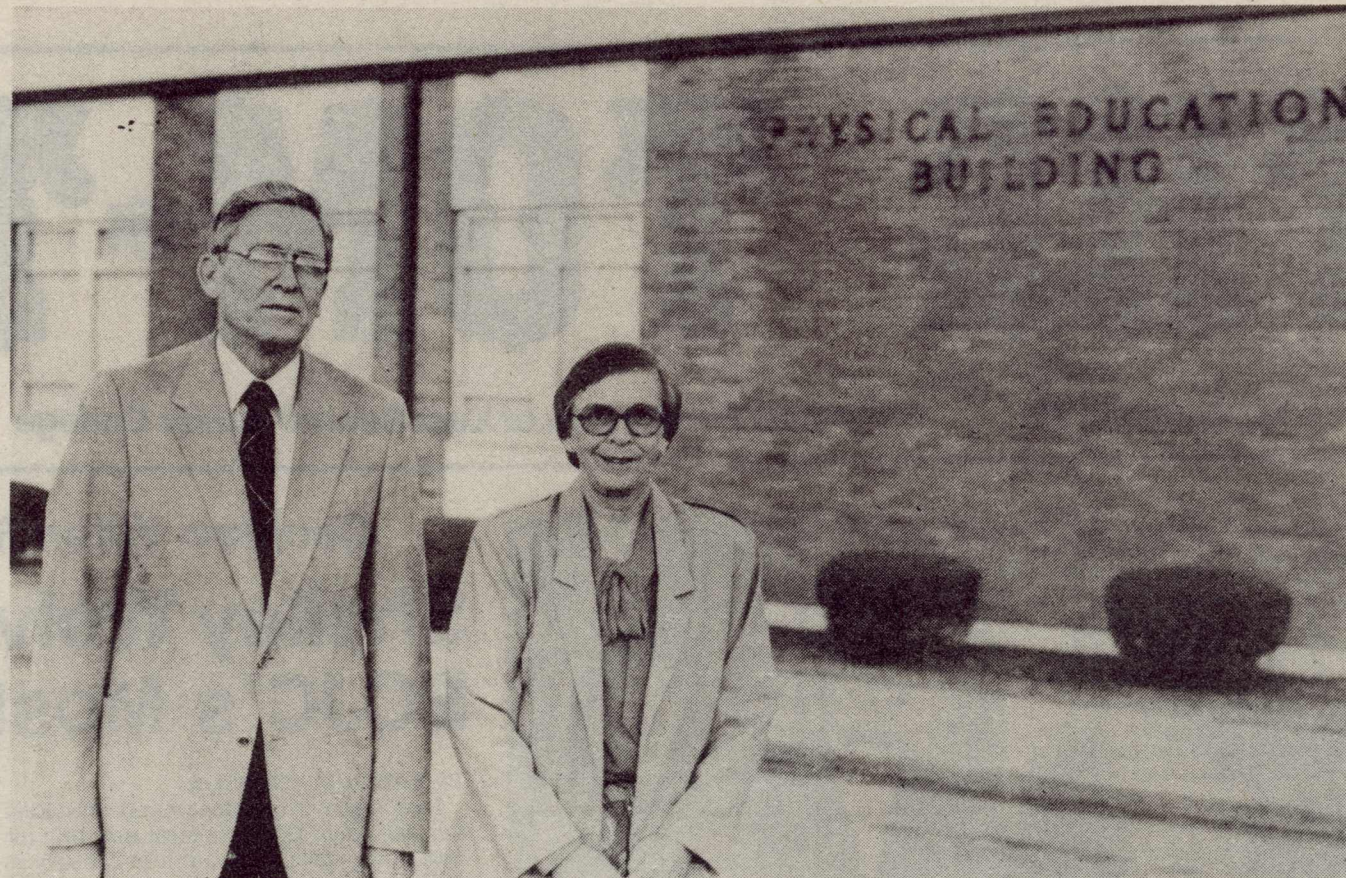
Brackeen completed 28 years on the ECJC staff serving one or more years as coach, guidance counselor, admissions director, dean of students and Academic Dean. Twenty-one of those years were devoted to Dean of Students administrative work.

Brackeen advanced through the ranks from a private in the national guard unit in 1949-50 to Brigadier General in 1983.

He accepted the Assistant Adjutant General's post on a part-time basis in 1983 and became full-time Assistant in 1984.

Brackeen has been elected as "Alumnus of the Year" by ECJC alumni and was an overwhelming choice to be the first inductee of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

"As the most publicized ECJC athlete of all time, the first All-American basketball player at the college, the only EC athlete ever named most valuable in the nation, a winning basketball coach with the second longest tenure in men's basketball at ECJC,



Denver Brackeen and Lucille Wood stand in front of the ECJC Physical Education Building, recently named in their honor. The complex is now called the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Brackeen is by far the best know EC athlete," said Dr. Smith.

### LUCILLE WOOD

Miss Wood is a graduate of Louisville High School, East Central Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received bachelor's and master's degrees.

She has completed 63 semester hours beyond the master's from USM, Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi.

At Louisville, Wood was a member of the basketball and track teams and was a letter-winner in basketball and tennis at East Central.

She could only participate in intramurals at USM, since no varsity sports were available at that time for women. Her intramural teams won championships in basketball, volleyball, co-ed volleyball, softball, tennis doubles and badminton.

Miss Wood's successful coaching career began at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in 1953. At Co-Lin, she coached women's and men's tennis and also directed high school girls' basketball and high school girls' and boys' tennis.

Her coaching career at East Central began in 1956 and successfully concluded 32 years later.

Miss Wood coached women's basketball from 1956 to 1985; men's and women's tennis, 1956-76; volleyball, 1966 to 1971; and served as Director of Women's Intramurals from 1956 to 1976.

In 1968, the first basketball tournament for college women since 1954 was held at East Central. Miss Wood's Warriorettes defeated MSCW for the championship.

The East Central women won state championships in 1970, 1973, 1976, and 1979. Miss Wood's squads won division titles in 1976, 1979 and 1980; and took teams to the Regions Tournament in 1973, 1977, 1978, 1980, and 1985.

Twenty-five of her players were named to the first All-State squads and 13 team members signed senior college scholarships.

Also, two players were chosen most valuable in the annual All-Star game, 12 were named to the All-Region First Team, three to the All Region Tournament teams,

two to the Kodak All Region Team, one to the NJCAA All-American second team and one to the NJCAA All-Star team, and nine women were named most valuable player in their division.

Her tennis teams won state titles in 1956 (men's doubles), 1965 (men's singles), 1968 (men's singles), and 1968 (women's singles).

Miss Wood, who is still a member of the ECJC teaching staff, has received many honors during her 35 years of coaching and teaching. She has been named as ECJC's "Alumnus of the Year" and was inducted into the ECJC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987. She was named National Junior College Coach of the Year top twenty and Mississippi Association of Coaches Coach of the Year in 1979. Her name is included in Who's Who in the Southwest and Who's Who of American Women.

She was recently named to the Mississippi Junior College Association Executive committee, which regulates athletics in the state's junior colleges. Miss Wood was also elected Regional Director for the National

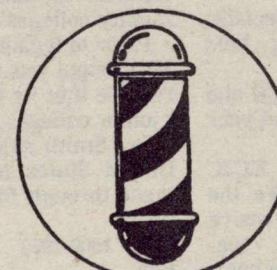
Junior College Athletic Association.

"In the history of East Central Junior College, no other woman has contributed more to the development of the athletic and physical education programs than Miss Lucille Wood," said Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith added there is "no question of Miss Wood's devotion and loyalty to East Central. She has been involved with many phases of campus life since those days when she entered the college as a freshman and as a member of the women's basketball team in 1949," he said.



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## Honor Roll Announced

The honor roll for the fall 1987 semester at East Central Junior College has been announced, according to Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research.

Students named to the President's List, those with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, include the following:

Wiley Rebhun Adams, Jr., Philadelphia; Jennifer P. April, Meridian; Melinda Barber, Chunky; Timothy Todd Bobo, Edinburg; Joseph Shane Bone, South Leake; Kenneth Lamar Bradley, Beulah Hubbard; Jackie Joann Burks, Hickory; Steven Patrick Deaton, Decatur; Steve A. Duncan, Neshoba Central;

Kenneth Paul Everett, Steven Glenn Federick, Linda Sue Geter, all of Lake; Tanya Jean Henry, Union; Douglas M. Jones, Philadelphia; Joe Edward Jones, Neshoba Central; Mitchell Jones, West Jones; Rosemary Jones, Decatur; Robert Edmond Kennedy, III, Hickory; Tammy Ann Kirkland, Neshoba Central; Rhonda Lynette Loper, Decatur; Toney Martinez, Union; Terry Lane Matula, Neshoba Central;

Karen Lewis Mayo, Forest; Cherie Brown McCall, Meridian; Gary McGee, Forest; Dianna Michelle Mitchell, Lake; Nina Florence Moseley, Newton Academy; William Destry Phillips, Leake Academy; Michael David Reed, Noxapater; Tamar Leigh Reid and Lesa Marie Roach, both of Meridian;

Phillip Wayne Roland, Leake Academy; Hamp Savell, Decatur; Tammy Renee Shirley, Morton; Reginald Scott Shumaker and Marsha L. Stovall, both of Neshoba Central; Phillip Craig Swain, Louisville; Carren Renee Thaggard, Philadelphia; Janis Lee Vance, Union; Quincy Walker, Newton; Jeffrey D. Wall, Newton Academy; and Roy Thomas Walters, Decatur.

Students making the Dean's List, those with at least a 3.5 grade point average, include the following:

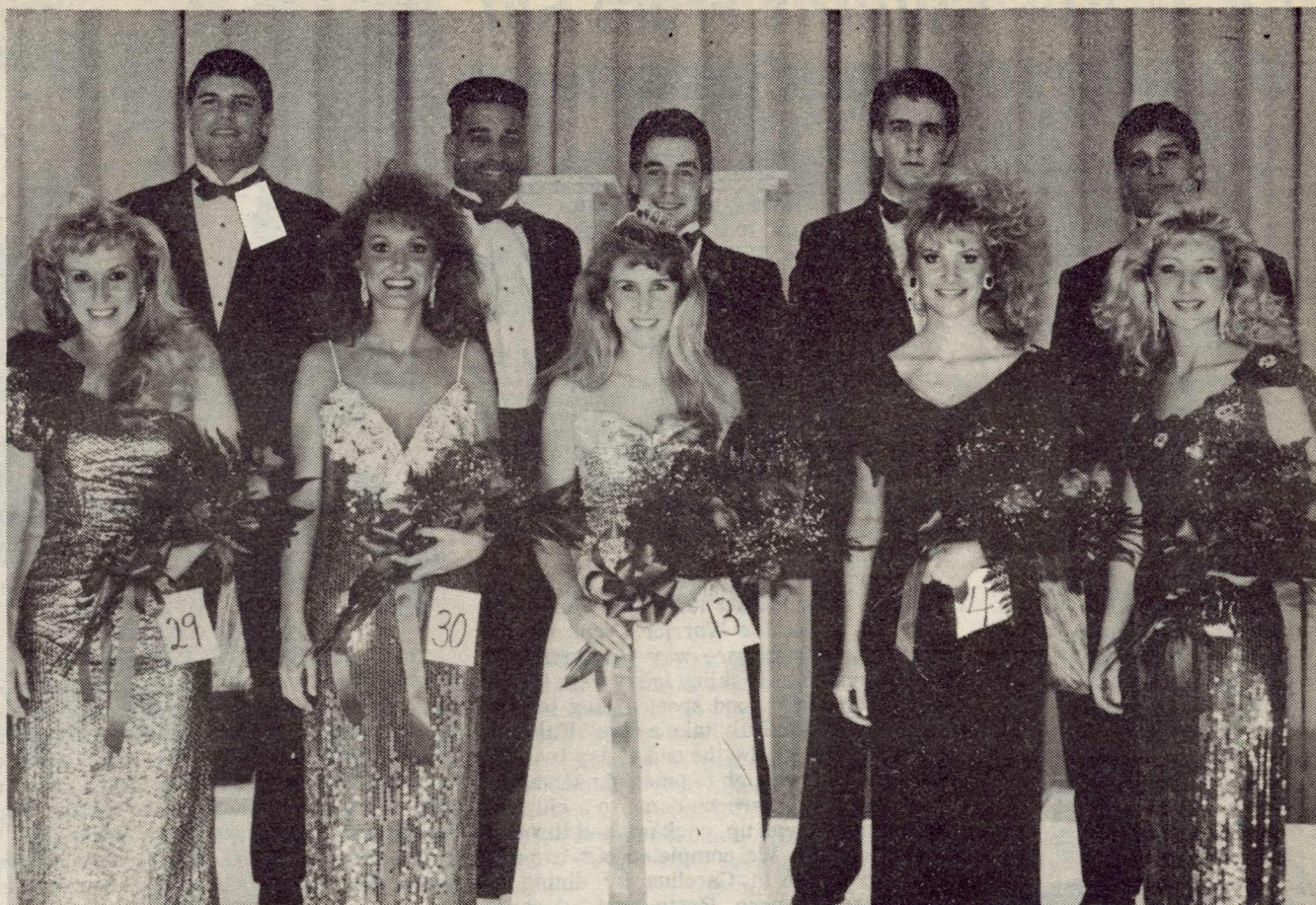
Vicki Lynn Arthur, Edinburg; Jennifer Leigh Beeland, Meridian; Marissa Leanne Brantley, Leake Academy; Shannon N. Burage, Clarkdale; Jeffrey Q. Cleveland, Newton; Amy Carol Cockroft, Carthage; Terry Lee Collins, Newton Academy; Glenda B. Comans, Decatur; Emmett Arnold Craddock, Plant City; Ruth Shope Cran, Bay Springs;

James Dale Cumberland and Rebecca H. Curry, both of Meridian; Brenda Gail Dearing, Neshoba Central; David Phillip Duncan, Leake Academy; Kenneth Ray Dunn, Neshoba Central; Barry Kent Edwards, Noxapater; Carol Ann Edwards, Neshoba Central; Danelle Lee Eversoll, Union; Sandra Kay Fairchild, Philadelphia; Cindy Renee Fulton, Neshoba Central; Rosemary Michelle Gaddis, Forest; Sheila Lavelle Goodwin, Carthage;

Kathy C. Graham, Union; Michelle Yvette Gray, Leake Academy; Sonya Michelle Horton, Edinburg; Sadera Lynette Irons, Neshoba Central; Sarah Louise Johnston, Lake; Rhonda Ann Jones, Hickory; Christopher David Joyner, Noxapater; John Clifton Kasper, Meridian; Suzanna Kennedy, Hickory; Marsha Grace Livingston, Morton;

Marsh Lynn Maxey, Neshoba Central; Anthony Dwayne Moore, Forest; Howard Bernard Morgan, Carthage; Lisa Carol Pearson, Beulah Hubbard; Miles Bailey Porter, Morton; Bill Mack Russell and Leigh Ann Russell, both of Union; Kandi S. Scarbrough, Meridian; Kenneth Wade Scott, Leake Academy; Kevin Scott Shepperd, Noxapater; James Douglas Smith, Sharkey Academy; Susan Renee Stephens, Collinsville; Teresa Nahwee Stroud, Kemper Academy;

Lloyd Eric Thompson, Neshoba Central; Amy Elizabeth Trest, Morton; Lesia Steele Triplett, Neshoba Central; Brenda Gail Trosper, Louisville; Mary Nell Van



## Pageant Winners

Beauties and beaus selected at East Central Junior College during the January 26 pageant included, first row, from left, beauties Misty Watkins, West Lauderdale; Kerri Posey, Neshoba Central; Most Beautiful Shelley Wolverton, Philadelphia; beauties Angie Morrow, Sebastopol; Janet Mowdy, Neshoba Central; back row, from left, beaus John Mark Williams, Newton; Mecridric Calloway, Neshoba Central; Most Handsome Kevin Cochran, Isola; beaus Jamie Whatley, Newton Academy; and Greg Warren, Forest. The beauties were selected by a panel of judges while beaus were voted on by the student body. Not pictured is Nancy Bagwell, Winston Academy, who was voted Miss Congeniality by the pageant contestants. Ovid Vickers, ECJC English instructor, served as master of ceremonies. The pageant was sponsored by the yearbook staff. Music instructor Miss Leesa Lee served as pageant chairman.

Devender, Winston Academy; Shelton Neal Vance, Newton Academy; Talmadge Ray Vardaman, Morton; Kimberly Jean Walker, Clarkdale; Heather Parker Watts, Union; Michael Stephen Wells, Philadelphia; Missy Whitmire, Louisville; Lynda Carol Williams, Eupora; Kendall Ray Willis, Lake; and Debora Lynn Wilson, Kemper Academy.

Students receiving Honorable Mention, those with at least a 3.0 grade point average, include the following:

Jamie D. Harrell, Forest; Debra Harris Herring, Morton; Tracy Ledale Houston, Philadelphia; Thomas Archimede Hudnall, Hickory; Margaret Rena Hudson, Louisville; Lonnie West Huff, Morton; Melanie Ann Huffman, Neshoba Central; Ryan Keith Hull, Hickory;

Lena V. Jackson, Carthage; Wilbert B. Jackson, Dekalb; Linda Meschelle Jacobs, Decatur; Harves Johnson, Newton; Patrick Lee Kelly, Morton; Mark R. Kent, Northeast; Stacy Madison Lashley, Neshoba Central; Patricia Suzanne Leonard, Sebastopol; Kristie Lanae Lindley, Hickory; Eleice Luckett, Carthage;

Josef Wayne Mainka, Carthage; Debra Gail Mangrum, Newton Academy; Kimberly Dawn Manning, Noxapater; Genia Rena Matthews, Bay Springs; Timothy Richard May, Leake Academy; Joel Wayne Mayes, Lake; Brian Ray McDonald, Leake Academy; Robbie Ann McPhail, Edinburg; Cynthia D. Mims, Neshoba Central;

Nikki Michelle Minard, Demopolis, AL; Brobby Anton Moore, Newton Academy; Shelly Louise Moore, Philadelphia; Janet Lee Mowdy, Neshoba Central; Jamie Reeves Nance, Decatur; Jeffrey Brent Neal, Carthage; Katherine Dawn Nelson, Neshoba Central; James L. Ocain, Morton; Maggie Owen, Meridian; Sherry Jean Parkes, Lake; Tammy Renee Perritt, Morton; Thomas Lee Phillips, Neshoba Central;

Jessica Dawn Pigg, Leake Academy; William Henry Pope, West Jones; Stacy Lannette Porter, Morton; James Pierce Raines, Beulah Hubbard; Bennie Joe Rhodes, Union Christian; Doreen Ryals,

Neshoba Central; Jessie Dale Scott, Leake Academy;

Mari Andrea Sessums, Leake Academy; James Woods Shelley, II, Sebastopol; Tammy Gail Shepperd and Timothy Dale Shepperd both of Noxapater; Kenneth L. Sherrod, Louisville; Richard Alan Smith, Decatur; David Arnold Spears, Edinburg; Susan Stanford, Newton; Tina Kay Stokes, Neshoba Central; William Michael Stubbs, Leake Academy; John Brian Talbot, Louisville; Vivian Darnell Taylor, Newton; Melissa Faye Thompson, Louisville; Stephanie Ann Thornton, Leake Academy; Melissa Leigh Thrash, Decatur;

Mickey Duane Thrash, Sebastopol; Pamela Renee Thweatt, Newton; Tammie Dianne Todd, Noxapater; Vickie Suzanne Wade, Morton; Carl M. Wash, Newton; Marshall Ernest Watkins, Carthage; William Terry Wade, Walnut Grove; Sheila Renee Wesley and John David West, both of Newton; James Clinton Whatley, Newton

Academy;

Teresa Renee Wilcher, Leake Academy; John Dean Williams, Hickory; Sandra Vance Williams, Union; Shelley Renee Wolverton, Philadelphia; Tammy L. Woods, Lake; Rubye Joy Wright, Meridian; Alvin Cecil York, Jr., Choctaw Central, and Willie Lee Young, Neshoba Central.



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## Warrior Corps Returns From Ski Trip With No Injuries Reported!

By MATT ALFORD

Daybreak, a white powdery mist can be seen blowing off the top of Sugar Mountain, North Carolina. It is at this time, during the week of Christmas, that Warrior Corps members, a counselor, a computer operator, three teachers, and a public information director hit the icy slopes: literally! Screams, moans, and the sounds of ripping flesh could be heard for miles around as the Warrior Corps took to the ski slopes. All in all, the trip was a major success, since no one had to be air lifted to safety.

The trip began Sunday morning at 7 a.m., December 20, at Newton Hall. Members of

the corps, sponsor Gregg Jefcoat, Bubby Johnston, Lucille Wood, Anne Burkes, Carol Vickers, and Hal Fulton departed for Boone, North Carolina to face the elements of Mother Nature. With only a few stops on the way, the most important for myself being at the Tuscaloosa McDonalds, the ECJC minivan arrived in Boone 12 hours later.

Since corps members raised a lot of the trip funds through cookie sales, the cost was at a minimum. Also at a minimum of luxury were the accommodations; the famed Cardinal Inn of Boone. But the motel didn't really seem to bother any of us, since we were all so exhausted both nights we stayed, that we all went straight to bed as soon as we got to the motel.

As for the skiing, we were all in our primes. After a brief lesson on what to do and not to do, the Warrior Corps hit the slopes in a hard-core way. All members seem to catch on to skiing fairly well. On the other hand, our good sport award for the first day goes to Hal "take a dive" Fulton. I must say though, by the end of day two, Ol' Hal was good enough to teach ski school.

As Tuesday afternoon came to a close, it was time to clean up, pack up, and throw, I mean load up. We completed our two-day ski trip in North Carolina by dining at Makotos Japanese Restaurant. Awards were given for Best Skier, Best Fall, and Best Exit from the Ski Lift. Chosen Best Skier was Bill "Kamikazie" Freeman, the Best Fall award was awarded to Hal "snap a bone" Fulton. The Best Exit from the Ski Lift award was given to Mark "face first" Amis.

After the Japanese feast came the 12-hour ride back to Decatur. A special thanks goes to Heather Watts for keeping Bubby Johnston awake as he drove part of the way home. A very special thanks goes to Gregg Jefcoat to planning everything about the trip to a "tee".

Next holidays we all hope to take another winter vacation. As well as the Warrior Corps did on this trip, I feel next year that we'll get ready for anything, including the Jewish occupied Gaza strip.

And now, my official awards.



### Weidler Joins ECJC Staff

Mrs. Burma Weidler has been named Assistant Financial Aid Director at East Central Junior College, it was announced by Dr. Eddie Smith, ECJC President.

Mrs. Weidler, who began her duties January 8, assists Financial Aid Director Mrs. Brenda Carson.

Mrs. Weidler was previously employed in the Newton County Chancery Clerk's office. She is a graduate of Decatur High School and East Central Junior College.

She is married to Bob Weidler and they have two children, Heather, 17, and Jason, 16, both students at Decatur High School.

The Weidlers have lived in Decatur for about four years. Mr. Weidler is retired from military after having served 20 years.



These members of the East Central Junior College Warrior Corps, students who serve as host and hostesses of the college for special events and who also assist in recruiting, spent several days during the Christmas break snow skiing at Sugar Mountain, located in Boone, North Carolina. Students, with one of the slopes in the background, who went on the trip included, first row, left to right, Mike Cooper and Mark Amis, both of Decatur; Daryl Brown, Newton; Bill Freeman, Lake; Allen Lovett and Matt Alford, both of Forest; standing, from left, Debra Mangrum, Decatur; Heather Watts, Union; Tonya Trapp, Decatur; Pam Green, Sebastopol; Yolanda Carter, Noxapater; Sonya Crowther, Newton; and Gina Buntyn, Union. Faculty members who went on the trip included sponsor Gregg Jefcoat, Lucille Wood, Mrs. Carol Vickers, Mrs. Ann Burkes, Hal Fulton, and Bubby Johnston.

Worst Headache Award - Bill Freeman.

Overdressed Award - Mike Cooper, Mark Amis, and Bill Freeman. (These three young men thought they'd get an early start on the morning of day number two by snoozing in their clothes the night before.)

Loudest snore award - Pam Green. (Pam slept on the bus and started an unknown, loud cattle call that we'll just call a snore.)

Biggest Flirt award - Let's use no names

here, but he works for the Public information department.

The never say die award - Hal Fulton. (Hal gave us a new move called the Artic backstroke, but I've got to hand it to him, he never quit until he got the hang of it!)

Longest bath award - Gregg Jefcoat. (Obviously, somewhat dazed because of exhaustion, Mr. Jefcoat, thought his bathroom was an extra bedroom!)



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## PTK Announces New Initiates

By MELISSA THRASH

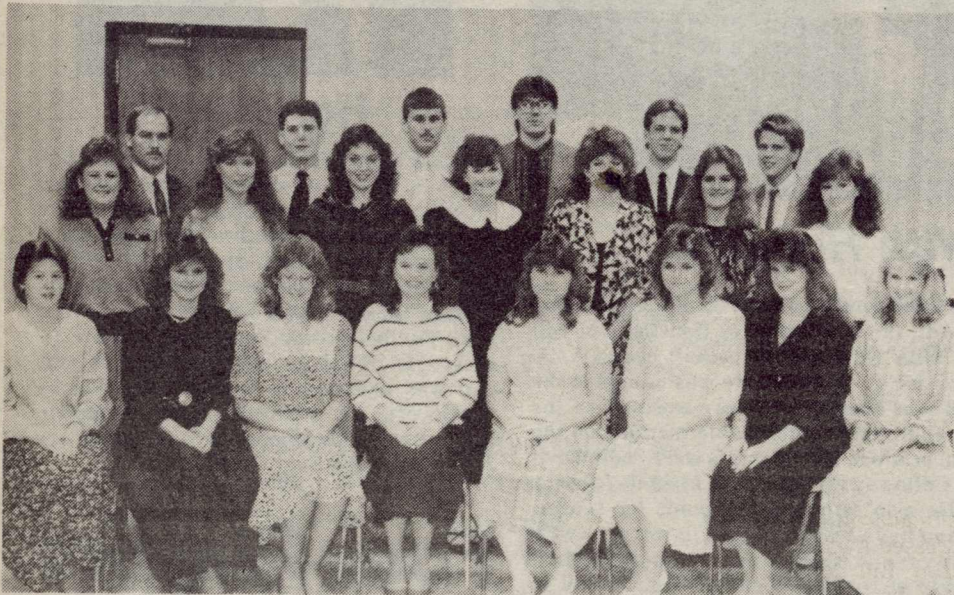
On January 19, Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa initiated 27 new members. The ceremony was held in the Gordon Room in Mabry Cafeteria, where the group enjoyed a meal before the initiation ceremony.

Those students who met eligibility requirements and were initiated are: Leanne Brantley, Terry Collins, Mike Cooper, Ruth Cran, Steve Deaton, Phil Duncan, Eles Daugherty, Sondra Fairchild, Sue Geter, Michelle Gibbs, Tanya Henry, Sedera Irons,

Tammy Kirkland, Marsha Livingston, Karen Mayo, Nikki Minard, Nina Mosley, Miles Porter, Stacy Porter, Leigh Ann Russell, Doreen Ryals, Wade Scott, Reggie Shoemaker, Brenda Trooper, Heather Watts, Jamie Whatley, and Tammy Woods.

Phi Theta Kappa is an organization which exists to recognize and encourage scholarship, leadership, and service among the students in the two-year colleges in America.

The organization's first meeting of the new year was held January 26. Mr. Don Gann, BSU Director, spoke on Phi Theta Kappa's Honors Topic Theme, "The U. S. Constitution: Assuring Continuity Through Controversy." The group is sponsored by Mrs. Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris.



New initiates of Theta Xi Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa, include first row, left to right, Brenda Trooper, Tammy Woods, Sedera Irons, Heather Watts, Michelle Gibbs, Stacy Porter, Marsha Livingston, Tammy Kirkland; second row, from left, Leanne Brantley, Nina Mosley, Tanya Henry, Leigh Ann Russell, Doreen Ryals, Eles Daugherty, Nikki Minard; third row, from left, Phil Duncan, Miles Porter, Wade Scott, Reggie Shoemaker, Mike Cooper, and Steve Deaton.

## East Central Undergoing Facelift

By JANET MOWDY

A project to refurbish Huff Auditorium is well under way, according to Dr. Eddie M. Smith.

Huff Auditorium, the most prominent building on the campus, has received no major renovations since its construction in 1953.

Because of revenue limits, the college has set a goal of raising the needed funds for this project. Contributions are received from alumni, faculty, friends, and supporters of East Central Junior College.

The project, which has five phases with a total estimated cost of \$200,000, is divided as follows:

Phase one - Replacement of stage curtains and window drapes. Estimated cost - \$10,000.

Phase two - Installment of Air Conditioning. Estimated cost - \$70,000.

Phase three - Replacement of stage lighting and sound system. Estimated cost - \$32,000.

Phase four - Replacement of floor covering. Estimated cost - \$8,000.

Phase five - Replacement of seating. Estimated cost - \$80,000.

According to Dr. Smith, there is already \$9,500 in the fund which was generated through contributions since Homecoming. Hopefully by the end of February, the school should have the \$10,000 needed to complete phase one.

Dr. Smith also reported a theater company had already visited the campus and given advice on selecting new curtains.

The grand drape across the stage will be made of gold velour as will the window curtains. There will be a concert curtain which will be silver-grey and the side curtains, which will be black, will be on pivotal tracks.

Advertisements for bids will be made next week.

The new curtains should be installed by

the end of the spring semester. Dr. Smith commented that he was "extremely pleased" with the way the funds are coming along.

Along with Huff Auditorium, four other buildings will also be seeing some very needed changes in the near future.

East Central has been approved to receive a loan for the purpose of renovating four campus dormitories.

The dormitories included in the project are Newsome Hall, Jackson Hall, Todd Hall, and Winston Hall.

The renovations will include the reroofing of all four buildings, modifying or replacing the mechanical and electrical systems, replacing windows with ones that are insulated, making required modifications to meet fire and safety codes, installing new doors and hardware, and replacing all interior walls, floors, and ceilings as required.

The proposed renovations will replace or repair all damaged or obsolete equipment, therefore providing a better environment and maximum safety for students.

Dr. Smith reported the dormitory project is now in the final stages of planning.

Advertising for bids will take place in the latter part of April.

The construction company will be announced at the May meeting of the Board of Trustees. Work should begin after May 10.

FEBRUARY IS  
**BLACK  
HISTORY  
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## Named To Who's Who

The 1988 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES includes the names of 22 students from East Central Junior College, who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. Students are chosen based on their academic achievement, service to community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. The East Central students join an elite group of young people selected from more than 1400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations. Students selected from ECJC include, first row, left to right, Suzanna Kennedy, Hickory; Tammie Todd, Noxapater; Brenda Dearing, Neshoba Central; Meschelle Jacobs, Decatur; Melanie Huffman, Neshoba Central; Vicki Arthur, Edinburg; Missy Whitmire, Louisville; second row, from left, Jeff Wall, Newton Academy; Mellissa Jimmerson, Louisville; Sheila Goodwin, Carthage; Marsha Stovall, Neshoba Central; Renee Thaggard, Philadelphia; Julie Adams, Edinburg; Melissa Thrash, Decatur; Shea Hailey, Union; third row, from left, Kenneth Spiva, Noxapater; Marshall Watkins, Carthage; Shelton Vance, Newton Academy; Wiley Adams, Philadelphia; and Terry Matula, Neshoba Central.

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## ECJC Splits With Jones

It was not a very good week for East Central Junior College basketball as the Warriorettes won one of three division contests and the Warriors dropped all three, losing one game in overtime.

The East Central women, 9-11 overall and 3-9 in South Division competition for Coach Sammy Pace, fell to visiting Southwest 84-55 on February 6; defeated visiting Jones 81-65 February 4, and lost 96-81 at Utica on February 1.

The Warriors, 4-16 overall and 2-10 in division action under Coach Larry Gressett, dropped a heart-breaking 82-80 overtime decision to Southwest and were outscored 83-69 by Jones and 108-67 at Utica.

East Central will end regular season action this week with division games at Gulf Coast February 8 and the finale at home with Hinds on February 11.

ECJC will serve as host for the South Division (women and men) Tournament scheduled February 15-18 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

In the game with South, Tracy Stuart was leading scorer with 11 points.

Also scoring for the Warriorettes were Donna Killen, 10; Melissa Jimmerson and Victoria Banks, nine each; Deborah Blaylock and Pam Lay, five each; and Sonya Crowther, Karen Huffman, and Rebecca Higgins, two each.

Southwest led 43-24 at halftime.

In the men's game, Darrin Gray made one of two free throws with just seconds remaining which deadlocked the score at 70-70 and sent the division contest into overtime. However the Warriors could not take control in the extra period and fell by two points.

The Warriors were led Daryl Brown, 14; Gray and Randy Fullington, 11 each; Illya Wells, seven; Phillip Donald, four; Darnell Clark, three; and Patrick Luttrell, two.

Southwest led 40-35 at halftime.

Five East Central women scored in double figures in the Warriorettes win over Jones with Lay leading the attack with 18.

Also scoring were Banks, 15; Pam Green, 14; Penny Graham and Jimmerson, 12 each; Killen, six; Stuart and Blaylock, two each.

East Central led 41-21 at halftime.

In the men's game, Stribling was again the top scorer with 26.

Other pointmakers were Joe Jones, 10; Fullington, six; Clark and Jeffery Johnson, five each; Donald, four; Gray, Brown, and Stanley McDill, three each; and David Lott and John Harrison, two each.

Jones led 40-32 at halftime.

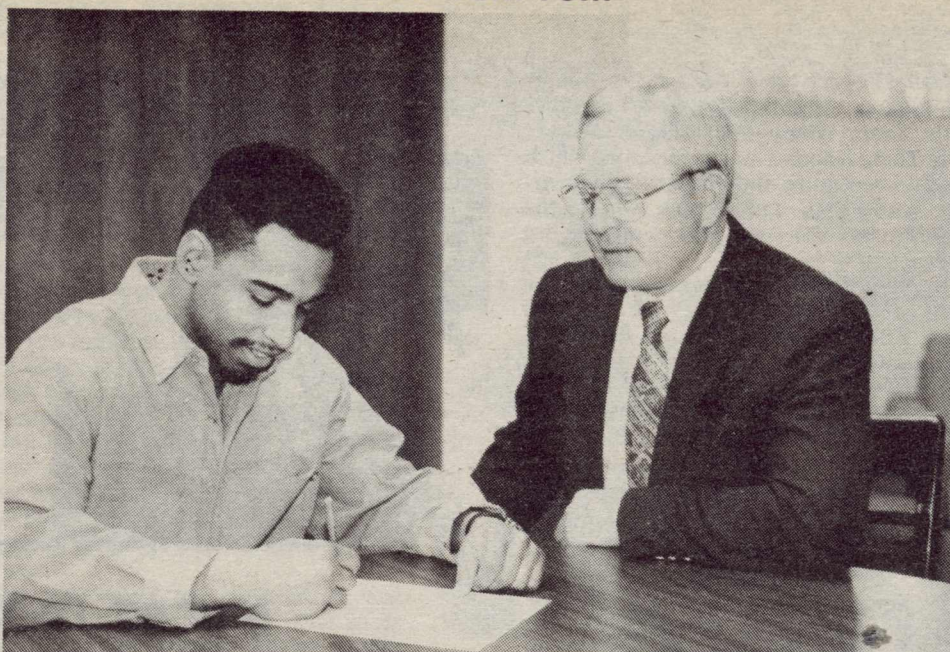
In the game at Utica, Jimmerson blistered the backboards with 36 points.

Also scoring were Stuart, 12; Blaylock, 10; Killen and Lay, six each; Banks, five; Graham, Green, and Huffman, two each.

Utica led 37-25 at halftime.

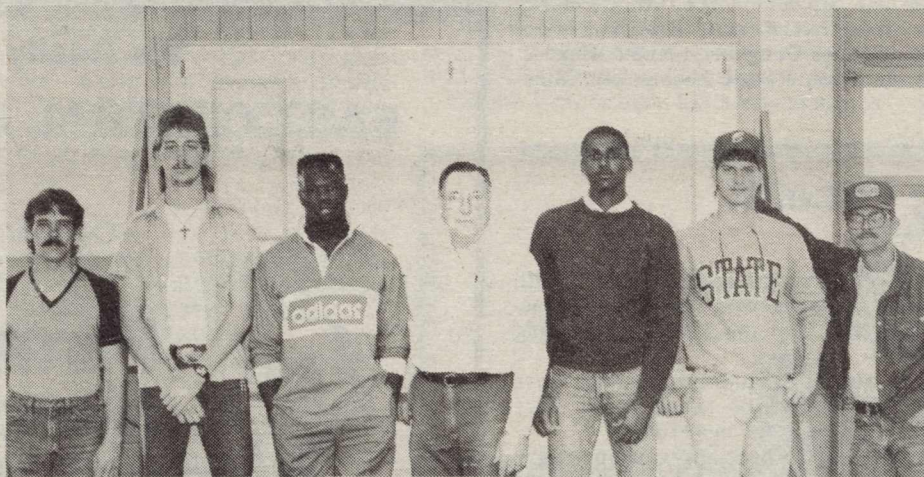
In the men's contest, Jones led scorers with 19.

Other pointmakers were Stribling, 15; Clark, 11; Wells, five; Fullington, Luttrell,



## Calloway Signs With Houston

Mecridric Calloway, a 5'10" 180-pound defensive back-return specialist for East Central Junior College has signed a football scholarship with the University of Houston and will report to the Cougars in May. Calloway, shown with ECJC head football coach A. J. Kilpatrick, received many honors following the Warrior's 7-4 season. He was named to the All Region 23 team and received All-State and All-Star honors. Calloway was named the South Division's most outstanding defensive back and received honorable mention on the NJCAA All-American team. During the 1987 season, in which the Warriors were South Division runners-up and advanced to the state playoffs, Calloway returned four kickoffs for over 80 yards including two returns for touchdowns. He also returned two punts for scores. Calloway led the state in interceptions with seven and had 12 interceptions in two year with the Warriors. Following his freshman year, Calloway received the Warrior's most outstanding special teams player award. He is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School in Philadelphia.



## Class Features Out of Staters

It's not often that almost half the members of a particular class are from out of state, but such is the case for Larry Blackburn's Carpentry and Cabinetmaking class. Out of state students include, from left, Brad Blackburn, Guymon, Oklahoma; Ryan Pierce, Twin Falls, Idaho; Jerry Smith, LaGrange, Georgia; Welton Madden, Austin, Texas; Michael Oliver, Stockton, California; Patrick Ervin, Memphis; and Tom Walters, is retired from the military and now lives in Decatur. Blackburn has a total of 20 students in the class.

and Brown, four each; Harrison, three; and Johnson, two.

Utica led 53-32 at halftime.



## Honored

East Central Junior College head football coach A. J. Kilpatrick has been named one of the state's best junior college football coaches, as voted by the Clarion Ledger Jackson Daily News sport staff. Coach Kilpatrick's 1987 Warriors finished the 1987 regular season with a 7-3 overall mark and were South Division runners-up with a 4-2 record. ECJC advanced to the state playoffs and was defeated in semi-final action by Northwest, the eventual state champion. Serving as Coach Kilpatrick's assistants are J. C. Arban and Tony Triplett.

## Four Players

Four players on the 1987 East Central Junior College football squad have signed senior college scholarships, announced A. J. Kilpatrick, Warrior head coach.

Mecridric Calloway, a 5'10", 180-pound cornerback-return specialist has signed with the University of Houston and will report to the Cougars in May. Calloway is a graduate of Neshoba Central.

Three other players who have signed scholarships reported to their respective schools for the spring semester.

The signees include Michael Killen, a 6'2", 175-pound punter who has joined the Arkansas State team and is a graduate of Neshoba Central; Tim Sattinger, a 6'3", 255-pound center from Clearwater, Florida who has signed with the University of Southern Illinois, and Cedric Nichols, a 5'11", 185-pound cornerback from Morton who has signed with Emporium State University in Emporium, Kansas.

East Central had one of its best seasons in recent years and ended the regular season with a 7-3 mark. The Warriors, South Division runners-up with a 4-2 record, advanced to the state playoffs, but were defeated in semi-final action by Northwest, the eventual state champion.



## Wilson Scholarship Announced

Discussing guidelines for a scholarship to be named in honor of the late General William Patrick Wilson, former East Central Junior College coach, dormitory supervisor, teacher, and National Guard officer, are committee members, from left, Dr. Brad Tucker, ECJC Dean of Instruction; Decatur attorney W. H. Johnson, former ECJC President Arno Vincent of Meridian, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECJC President; and Raymond McMullan, ECJC Director of Admissions, Records, and Research.

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# EC Baseball Season

With spring just around the corner, that means baseball season is near.

And if fall workouts are any indication, East Central will field an exciting, although young, squad in which to watch, according to first-year coach Jamie Clark.

Coach Clark said 30 players are on roster, including 22 freshmen.

"We had a real good fall," Coach Clark said, "and lots of players showed rapid improvement."

Coach Clark made no predictions about the upcoming season, simply because he is uncertain on how the young players will perform.

"But if we get consistent pitching, and if the infield defense improves, East Central could be a big surprise in the division," Coach Clark said.

Coach Clark said team workouts have been hampered because of the weather, but the team has been able to workout indoors at the National Guard Armory, where a cage has been set up inside the building.

As far as probable lineups, Coach Clark said pitching chores will mostly be handled

by sophomore Tommy Wallace and freshmen Corey Tayloy, Sean Curry, John Mark Williams, and James Triplett.

Clark said Miles Porter will probably start as catcher but will share duties with Partick Ervin.

The lineup for the infield will be Leon Glenn, first base; Gregg Warren or Kevin Cochran, second base; Doug Jones or Keith McGee, short stop; Wallace or McGee at third base.

Starting outfielders will be Patrick Kelly, Alfred Triplett, and Donnie Shimmfessel.

The designated hitter will be Will Sumrall or Scott Hill.

Named as co-captains for the team are Patrick Kelly and Doug Jones.

East Central will begin the season with a three-game series at Mississippi Delta February 19.

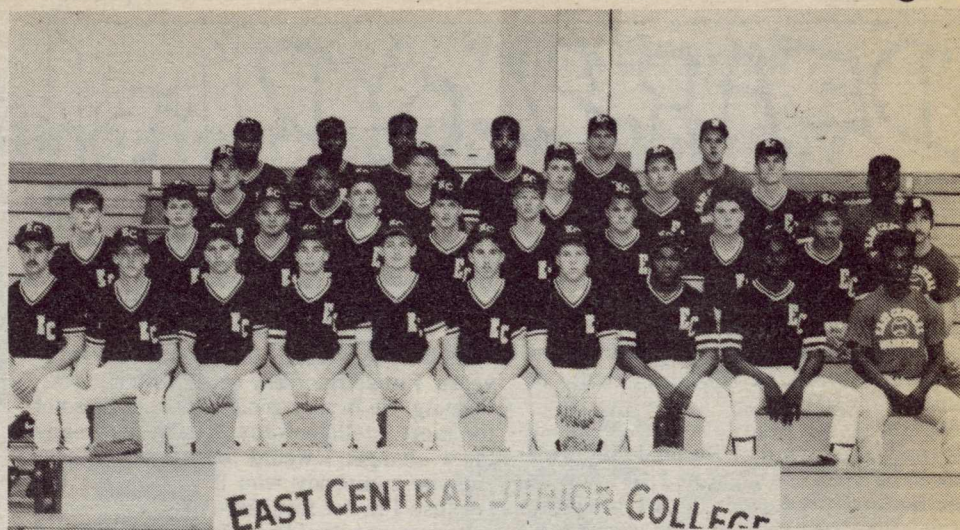
The first home game for the Warriors will be against Clarke College at 1 p.m. Monday, February 22.

The complete baseball schedule is as follows:

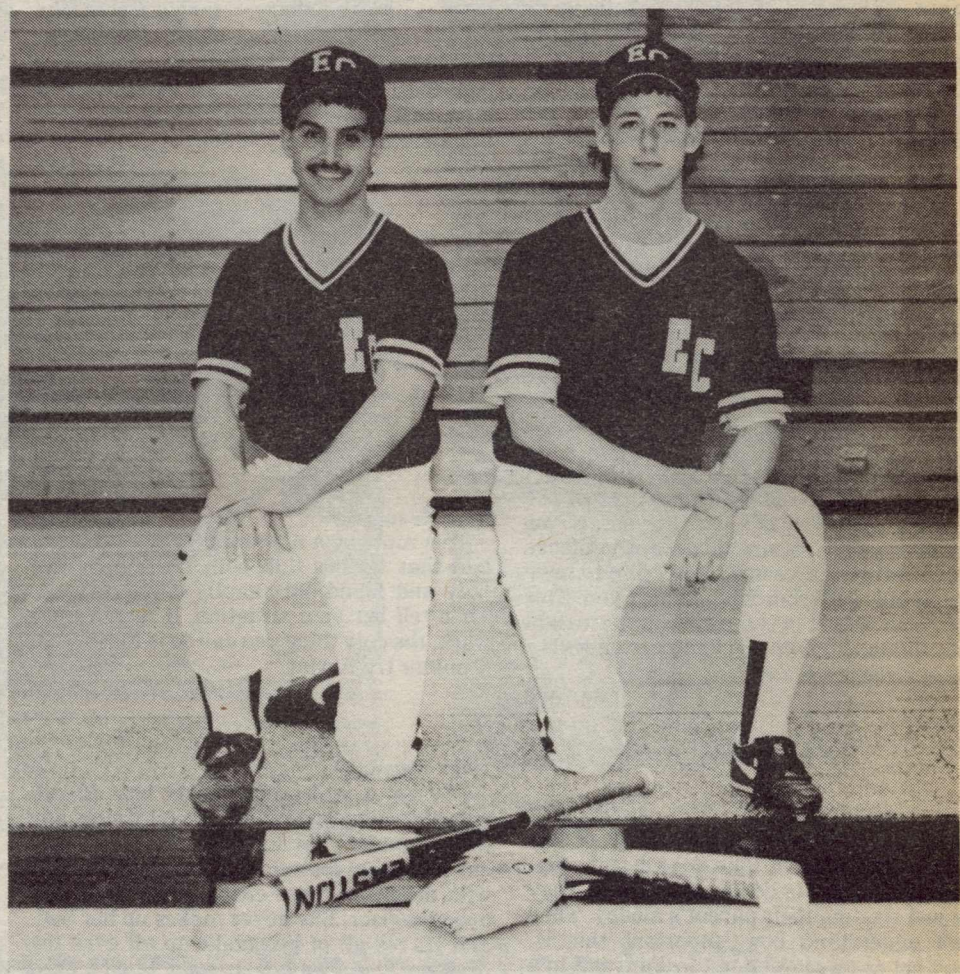
Friday	Feb. 19	Mississippi Delta	Away	1:00
Saturday	Feb. 20	Mississippi Delta	Away	1:30
Monday	Feb. 22	Clarke	Home	1:00
Tuesday	March 1	Pearl River	Away	1:00 *
Saturday	March 5	Co-Lin	Home	1:00 *
Tuesday	March 8	Southwest	Away	1:00 *
Saturday	March 12	Utica	Home	1:00 *
Sunday	March 13	Three Rivers	Home	1:30
Saturday	March 19	Northwest	Home	1:00
Sunday	March 20	Itawamba	Tupelo	1:30
Tuesday	March 22	Hinds	Away	1:00 *
Saturday	March 26	Jones	Home	1:00 *
Tuesday	March 29	Gulf Coast	Away	1:00 *
Thursday	March 31	Pearl River	Home	1:00 *
Tuesday	April 5	Co-Lin	Away	1:00 *
Friday	April 8	Clarke	Away	1:00
Saturday	April 9	Southwest	Home	1:00 *
Tuesday	April 12	Utica	Away	1:00 *
Saturday	April 16	Hinds	Home	1:00 *
Sunday	April 17	Itawamba	Louisville	1:00
Tuesday	April 19	Jones	Away	1:00 *
Friday	April 22	Mary Holmes	Away	4:00
Saturday	April 23	Gulf Coast	Home	1:00 *

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\* CONFERENCE GAMES



Members of the ECJC 1988 baseball squad, are, first row, left to right, Patrick Kelly, Tommy Wallace, Gregg Warren, Kevin Cochran, Doug Jones, John Miller, Sean Curry, Terry Moore, Lee Earl Patrick, manager Bob Davis; second row, from left, Scott Skinner, Will Sumrall, Hugh VanLandingham, Ben Kitchens, Patrick Ervin, Keith McGee, Scott Hill, Miles Porter, Keith Blalock, manager Jeff Boykin; third row, left to right, Jamie Rainer, Alfred Triplett, Corey Taylor, Sheritt Henry, John Luke, Donnie Shemfessel, manager Jeff Coleman; fourth row, left to right, Anthony Triplett, James Triplett, Leon Glenn, Ron Williams, John Mark Williams, and student trainer Todd Allen. The team is coached by Jamie Clark.



Co-captains for the Warrior baseball team this season are, from left, outfield Patrick Kelly of Morton and shortstop Doug Jones of Philadelphia.



## Ag-Diesel Graduates

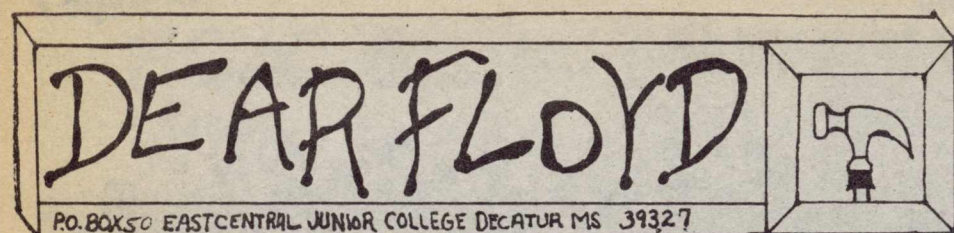
The first group of graduates in the JTPA-funded Ag-Diesel Program at East Central Junior College are shown receiving certificates of completion from Dr. Eddie Smith, ECJC President. Certificates were presented Vo-Tech graduation ceremonies held prior to the Christmas holidays. From left to right are Robert Wheaton, Newton; Gary Cary, Carthage; Stacy Posey, Lake; and Tryone Hardy, Lawrence. Not pictured are James Burkes, Quitman, and instructor Buddy Gardner. The course is taught in Newton.

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Dear Floyd,

I've been dating two guys here at East Central. One guy just adores me and follows me around like a puppy. He also buys me everything I want. He is really boring - no challenge for me!

The other guy is really a rough person, but this really attracts me! He made me walk back to campus one night at 1:30 when we were fighting. My friends think I'm clumsy because I'm constantly making excuses for my bruises. Which guy do you suggest?

Am I crazy for liking this ex-con?

Signed,  
Battered But Still In Love

Dear Battered,

They say love is blind, but there is no reason why you should be. If a challenge is all you want, sign up for all the classes Dr. Fisher teaches. Act like an adult is all I'm saying. It sounds to me as though you're going from one extreme to the next; I say dump them both and date everybody.

Signed,  
Floyd

Dear Floyd,

I have this friend who is making a complete jerk out of herself by chasing this guy around. The guy doesn't even like her, he likes me. He even told me. How should I get her off his back and make her see the light?

Signed,  
What-To-Do

Dear What-To-Do,

Honey, you are totally in control of the situation whether you know it or not. If this guy likes you, I'm sure he'd want to please you. So all you have to do is get him to have a good talk with your friend about you. This way, your friend gets the bad news straight from the source, and you don't even get your hands dirty.

Floyd

Dear Floyd,

I'm really worried about a few of my friends. They do not take school seriously. They never study or do any homework. They are just wasting their parent's money. They don't understand how important this is. Don't get me wrong I don't lock myself in a room and study two hours for every hour I'm in class, but I do make an effort.

Signed,  
Worried

Dear Worried,

All you can do is try to help them make an effort. If they don't want to make an effort, don't worry about it. Always remember Floyd's Golden Rule: "Take care of number one!" Do your work and try your best! As for your friends, just don't go into the hole with them.

Floyd

Dear Floyd,

I am a Freshman girl here at EC. I am not from the five county district. My boyfriend and I have seen each other for the past three years. I'm getting very bored with our relationship. He is very good to me, but he's not the most intelligent guy. I think I'm ready for a change. I would like to date others (maybe somebody who is intelligent) but because I'm not from nearby, I don't know too many people. I know I can stay with my boyfriend until I find others to date, but that would be using him. What do I do?

Ready to make a move!

Dear Ready,

I believe it's time you had a talk with your boyfriend, as well as several possible dates on campus. If you want to date others, you've got to get your point across. If guys think you're "tied down" they'll forget you. This is college, we've waited all our lives for it. These are the last care-free days we'll probably ever spend, so let's make the best of it. My suggestion is have a great time, socialize, and just try to meet everybody.

Floyd

Dear Floyd,

I'm a freshman here with a problem and a half. I've got this girl chasing me, telling everybody she loves me, and just plain bothering me. We have dated on a few occasions, but I have never led her on or had any kind of serious talk with her. Truthfully, Floyd, I don't even say "love". I call it the "L" word. How can I get rid of this lady?

Wanted Man

Dear Wanted,

This must be a nightmare!! It's time you had that serious talk with this aggressive lady and found out exactly how she feels. Then tell her your situation. If that doesn't work, the only thing you can do is the ol' cold shoulder treatment.

Floyd

Dear Floyd,

I've got a real problem. My best friend, who also is my roommate is a total slob. She throws underwear all over the room, and our bathroom looks like a Holiday Inn room with dozens of those cheap white towels all over the floor. She never makes up her bed, and leaves all of her make-up all over the dresser. She always gets mad when I even look like I'm about to mention her sloppiness. What can I do?

Deep in the Zoo

Dear Zoo,

I believe it's about time you got the gal mad at you. Be nice, of course, but tell her you're tired of your room looking like a J. C. Penney underwear department. As friends you both should be able to take the good and bad. So she should get over you telling her in no time. If she doesn't, tell her to write me next month!

Floyd



## Scholars Bowl Team

These East Central Junior College students have been chosen to represent the school at the fourth annual Scholars Bowl competition scheduled February 26-27 at the University of Mississippi. Teams representing the state's junior colleges will be competing for over \$140,000 in departmental scholarships. Students will be questioned in the basic areas of science, mathematics, humanities, fine arts, and social sciences. Final round champions will also be awarded the Scholars Bowl trophy, which is retained one year for display at the home institution. For the past two years East Central has won the academic competition. This year's team members are, from left, Terry Matula, Neshoba Central; Suzanna Kennedy, Hickory; Marshall Watkins, Carthage; Sherri Copeland, Neshoba Central; and alternates Teto Harrell, Lake; and Gene Cliburn, Union. Dr. Shelby Harris serves as adviser.



## New Fashion Squad Members

Recently selected to the East Central Junior College Fashion Squad include, first row, left to right, Tracy Stewart and Mona Moore, both of Philadelphia; Vickie Thames, Decatur; Marie Isham, Demopolis, Alabama; Constance Body and Kathy Spencer, both of Forest; Nina Moseley, Lake; Becky Harris, Decatur; standing, from left, Julie Adams, Edinburg; Kerri Posey, Philadelphia; Angie Morrow, Sebastopol; Shelley Wolverton, Philadelphia; Debra Mangrum and Tonya Trapp, both of Decatur; Maggie Owen and Kandi Scarbrough, both of Meridian. The sponsor is Mrs. Alice Pouncey.

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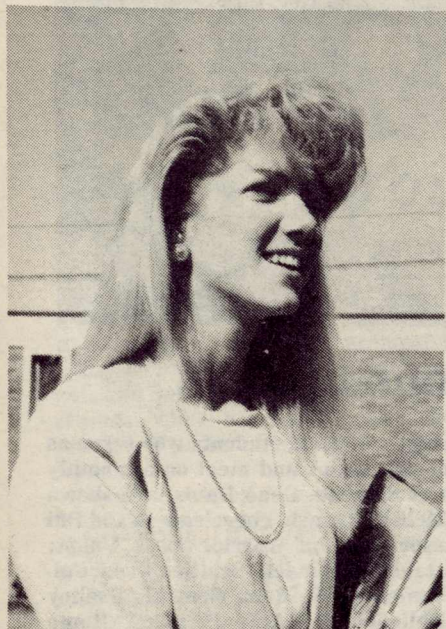
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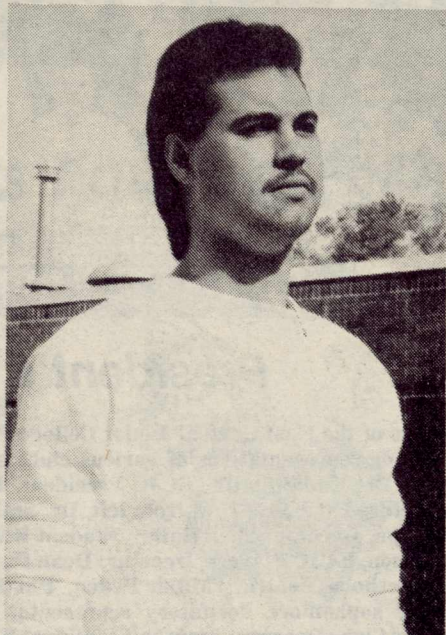
## Student Poll / By Matt Alford

Photos by Nancy Bagwell

## How Do You Feel Concerning Visiting Hours In Dorm Rooms?



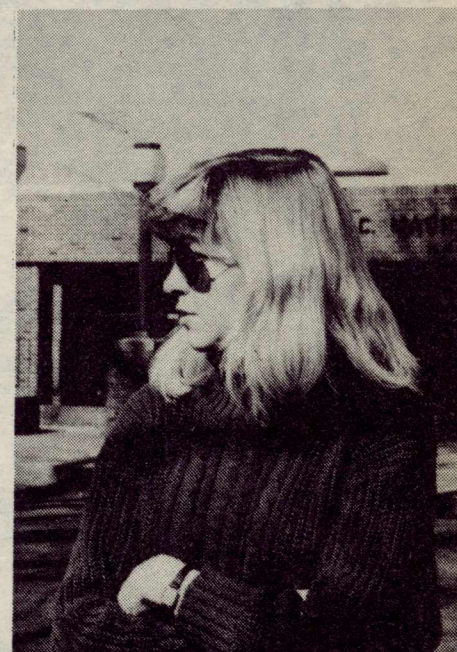
Janet Mowdy, age 19, Sophomore, Neshoba Central, "I think we need visiting hours in the dorm because all the other colleges have it."



Chris Hemphill, age 18, Freshman, Nanih Waiya, "I think it should be allowed with proper supervision and regulations."



Lefarn McDonald, age 18, Freshman, Scott Central, "I think it would be a good idea."



Tonya Trapp, age 18, Freshman, Neshoba Central, "I don't like the idea."



Julie Adams, age 19, Sophomore, Edinburg, "Since all other colleges have it set up successfully, I think it would be a good idea."



Kim Grady, age 18, Freshman, Louisville, "I think it would be a good idea."



Allen Lovett, age 18, Freshman, Forest, "I think visiting hours would be great!"



Constance Body, age 18, Freshman, Forest, "I like it."



## Tom-Tom Staff

Members of the Tom-Tom staff for the spring semester include, first row, left to right, Nancy Bagwell, Jeff Estes, Barry Mason, Tammy Shirley, Patricia Thornton, Chris Coker; standing, from left, Shelley Wolverton, Cindy Fulton, Melissa Thrash, Janet Mowdy, Julie Frazier, Terri Rasco, Matt Alford, Gina Buntyn, Bill Freeman, Clinton Doss, Bill Richardson, Jerry Goss, Mike Cooper, and Sandra George. Not pictured are Nikki Minard, Regina McKinney, Allen Lovett, Gene Cliburn and Rhonda Smith.

## Happy Valentine's Day

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### Services Commemorate King's Birthday

Special services were held Monday, January 18 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium commemorating the 59th birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King. Program participants were Dr. Eddie Smith, welcome; Billy Shields, invocation; ECJC Gospel Choir, special music; Delores Mullins, solo; guest speakers Walter Gardner of Decatur, owner, Gardner Insurance Companies, past president of the Newton County Chapter of the NAACP and president, Newton County Political Action League Committee; Diane Chapman of Newton, vice chairperson, Newton County Concerned Parents Committee; and B. L. Crowther of Newton, president, Newton County chapter, NAACP and former principal, Newton High School; Mrs. Lawrence Tingle, closing remarks, and Willie Young, benediction. In top photo Delores Mullins is shown singing and in the bottom photo students join hands in the singing of "We Shall Overcome".



### Elected

Dr. Shelby Harris, Chairman of the Division of A Science and Mathematics, and mathematics instructor Mrs. Lois McMullan were recently named to top posts of the Mississippi Junior/Community College Faculty Association. For the second time, Dr. Harris has been chosen association president and Mrs. McMullan was selected secretary-treasurer. Dr. Harris has been an instructor at ECJC for 25 years and Mrs. McMullan has taught at East Central for 18 years.



### President's Council

Members of the East Central Junior College President's Council, students who serve as presidents or representatives of various clubs and organizations and meet on a monthly basis with Dr. Eddie Smith, ECJC President, Dean of Students Gene Davis, are shown above. Pictured are, first row, from left, Dr. Smith; Melissa Thrash, cheerleaders and Phi Theta Kappa, Decatur; Shea Hailey, Student Body Association and Warrior Corps, Union; Chuck Hinson, ECJC Players, Decatur; Dean Davis; standing from left, Scottie Chunn, Collegians, Neshoba Central; Mitch Peden, Phi Beta Lambda, Neshoba Central; Shelley Wolverton, sophomore dormitory representative, Philadelphia; Amy Pouncey, Home Economics Club, Decatur; Marshall Watkins, Wo-He-Lo, Carthage; Marsha Stovall, Baptist Student Union, Neshoba Central; Matt Alford, Tom-Tom, East Rankin Academy; B. J. Johnson, sophomore class representative, Neshoba Central; Eddie deVroede, Concert Choir, Louisville; Ardy Reed, freshman class representative, Louisville; Suzanna Kennedy, Mu Alpha Theta, Hickory; Billy Shields, Gospel Choir, Louisville; Sheila Goodwin, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Carthage; Debbie Love, freshman dormitory representative, Louisville; Renee Thaggard, Marching Band, Philadelphia; Terry Mutula, Alpha Alpha Epsilon, Neshoba Central; Patsy Mims, Methodist Student Union, Neshoba Central; and Amy Parker, Student Education Association, Philadelphia. Not pictured are Jennifer Humphries, Fashion Squad, Louisville; and Tammie Todd, Wo-He-Lo, Noxapater.

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# VALENTINE'S DAY

## Girls Are Yours For The Taking!

By EUGENE CLIBURN

All herald the arrival of Valentine's Day! The season of love undoubtedly brings to mind some of the world's greatest lovers: Sampson and Delilah, Luke and Laura, Archie and Betty and Veronica. The latter constitutes what we call a love triangle, possibly the most successful love triangle in history.

By some twist of fate, Archie has managed to keep two girls satisfied for 20 years. Many of you are saying right now, "But Gene, how is this possible in our monogonous society?" Let's examine how he did it, shall we?

It's simple, really. I should have sold this for the big bucks. Archie's secret: Betty and Veronica knew their place and realized that they were lucky to be able to spend any time at all with a red-headed freckled guy who drove a jalopy. He also had them on heavy drugs.

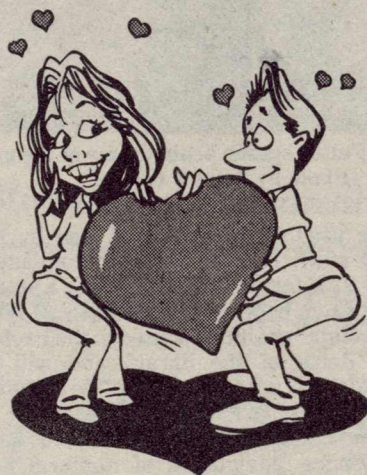
Obviously, Archie's plan cannot work for all of us not under the influence of a comic artist. That's why I've devised a fool-proof plan so that you, too, may...

### HAVE YOUR OWN GIRL!

1. Realize the importance of the "James Taylor Factor." James is one dude who knows how to work on a woman's emotions. Dan Fogelberg may be substituted in this category. A certain country duet (who shall remain nameless, but she sells butter-flavored Crisco) may not.

2. Understand that pheromones only work for moths. Your natural body odor will not facilitate the courting process.

If you feel like your Rapunzel gave herself a home perm before you got to the castle, let me introduce you to the "Dobie Gillis Concept". It's called persistence, and it pays off. No girl's barricade can resist the wit,



the ready smile, the warmth and compassion that is embodied in the male species.

### More Fertilizer

Eventually you will achieve the ultimate goal of your own woman. With this accomplishment comes the responsibility of eating dinner at her house.

Always compliment her appearance, ignore the siblings throwing up on your shoes, and otherwise pretend to enjoy yourself.

Usually, I end up at the house one exotic night, and her mother has prepared pork brains in milk gravy and rutabaga pie for dessert.

Try not to let the conversation lag, "So, Gene," the mother says, "Rapunzel tells me that you write chauvinistic articles for your school paper."

"Could I please have another piece of the delicious rutabaga pie, Mrs. Crebbs?", I say as I flash that ready smile.

### GINA OFFERS EXCUSES!

## Girls, Instead of Saying 'No'...

By GINA BUNTYN

As Valentine's Day approaches, single young men will begin to get the blues.

They'll see all the Valentine's commercials on T. V.

Their roommates will be getting balloons and presents from their girlfriends.

They'll begin to hunt frantically for their little black book only to remember they've never had one!

Then these boys will get really desperate and get out their senior yearbooks.

If it's your picture that catches their eye and if it's your lucky phone number they dial, how are you going to tell these boys you're really not interested in going out with them?

Most of us girls can't come right out and say, "No and I never plan on going out with you."

We give excuses such as these listed here. Some of these have actually worked and others just sound good.

1. My dog is having her puppies and I can't leave her side.

2. We're going to Grandma's for the weekend.

3. There is a National Geographic special coming on ETV tonight I don't want to miss.

4. My daddy won't let me date til I'm 35.

5. Gee, it's 1:00 now. I don't think I can be



ready by 7 o'clock.

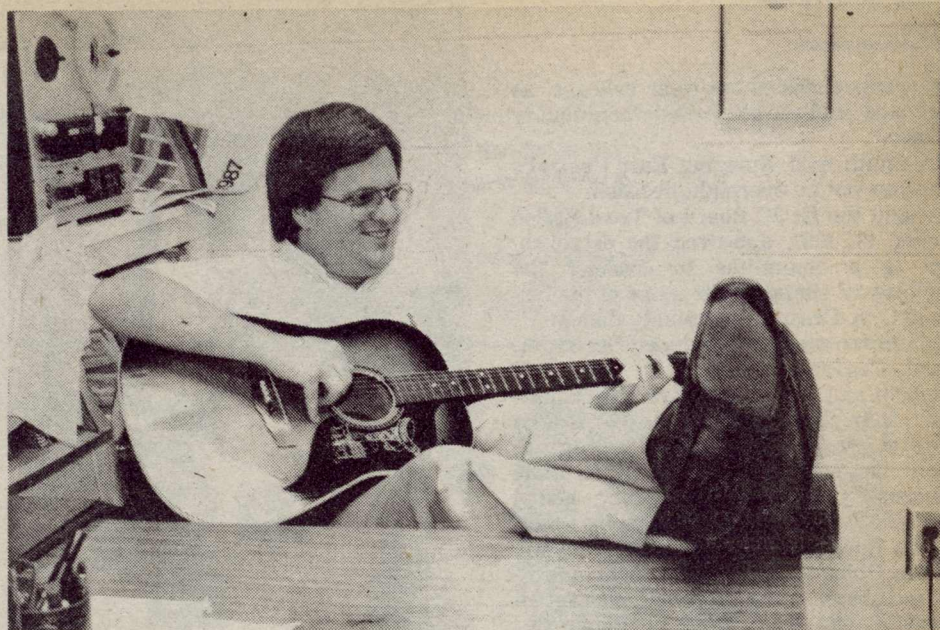
6. I've got laryngitis.

7. I have to get up early in the morning. We're having our annual hogkilling tomorrow.

8. Call back later. "Days of Our Lives" is on.

9. I think I'm going to curl up and read a good book like "101 Ways to Say 'No, I do not want to go out with you'."

10. We're just too good of friends.



## Faculty Profile: Mr. Carson

By BARRY MASON

Tom Carson has been East Central's band director for six years, hopefully this is just the beginning. Tom Carson is the son of an American Diplomat. Carson was born an American citizen in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Carson lived in five countries including the United States during his school years. The foreign countries he has lived in include Brazil, Mexico, Spain and Italy.

Shortly after he graduated from high school in Italy, Carson's father retired from diplomatic service and returned to his home in Conehatta. Once his family arrived in Mississippi Carson's father enrolled him in East Central.

When asked what he planned to major in, Carson chose his only interest, music. A new world opened up for Mr. Carson when he made this decision. In all of his travels he had never been involved in band. As Carson put it "There wasn't any football, so there was no need for marching band or stage

band and so on".

After East Central, Carson attended Delta State where he acquired bachelor's and master's degrees in music. From Delta State, Carson went to Parklane Academy in McComb, where he taught high school band for four years before returning to East Central.

Carson said he enjoys East Central and has many reasons for wanting to stay.

His wife, Brenda, also works here at East Central as the Financial Aid Director.

The Carsons met at East Central when they were students.

Both of their parents live near East Central (his live in Conehatta and hers live in Philadelphia).

Most of all, he said he enjoys his job and the people he works with.

Mr. Carson wants to be the best band director he can be, and has plans to improve a growing East Central Band.

After so many years of searching Mr. Carson has finally found his home!

## Junior College Month Declared

Governor Ray Mabus has signed a resolution proclaiming February 1988 as "Community and Junior College Month" in Mississippi.

The proclamation highlighted the history of quality education provided by the state's 15 community and junior college districts and the institutions' success in offering post-secondary academic, technical, vocational and continuing education programs of study to over 60,000 students.

In signing the resolution, Governor Mabus encouraged all citizens to "recognize the value and opportunities available in our community and junior colleges, which fulfill a vital function within the state's higher education system."

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Most comprehensive two-year colleges, as mentioned earlier, are called "community colleges."

Dr. Smith said changing East Central's name was not an overnight decision.

He said the ECJC Board of Trustees, on October 13, 1987, approved the establishment of a committee to consider the possibility of changing the name of the college to East Central Community College.

Committee members included Dr. Smith, Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville; Board Vice Chairman John Rushing, Forest; Board Secretary-Treasurer Don Howington, Union; Committee Chairman Evans Lane Williams, Carthage, and other board members Ralph Henry, Philadelphia; Sam Bounds, Lawrence; Mattye Evans, Forest; and Roy Roberts, Louisville. Other committee members were Alumni Association President Dr. Pam Kirk of Louisville; Faculty Association President Mrs. Lois McMullan, and Student Body President Shea Hailey, Union.

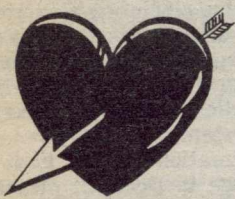
Dr. Smith provided the committee with information concerning the name change to "community college."

One of the information sources used was Dr. Dale Parnell, Executive Director of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, who expressed his opinion regarding the nomenclature of two-year colleges in the United States.

Dr. Smith said Dr. Parnell indicated that: (1) two-year institutions that stress liberal arts over any technical or vocational programs (usually to the exclusion of vocational or technical programs) are generally referred to as junior college; (2) two-year institutions that offer a blend of liberal arts course work (university parallel courses) technical instruction, vocational instruction, community service programs, economic development programs, etc. are generally referred to as community colleges; and (3) two-year institutions that offer technical and/or vocational instruction only are generally referred to as technical colleges.

Dr. Smith said there are 130 "junior colleges" out of a total 1,225 two-year institutions in the United States.

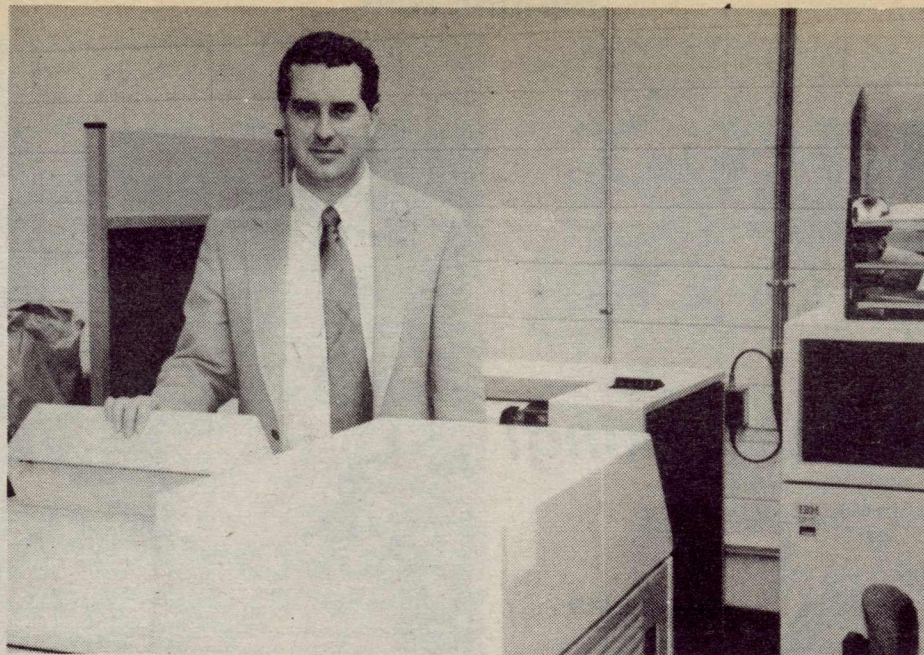
Dr. Parnell said "by far" most two-year comprehensive institutions are named "community colleges."



**Just Having Fun!**

Lori Clark, left, and Jennifer Humphries demonstrated they are still "kids at heart" as they took a break from the normal college routine and simply had a lot of fun on a recent rainy day!

## The Tom Tom



Computer analyst, programmer, and instructor Hal Fulton stands behind some of the new computer equipment being installed at East Central. (Photo by Sandra George).

## New Computers Being Installed

By CHRIS COKER

The school has recently acquired several new pieces of computing equipment, most of which centers around the new IBM System/36. The System/36 is due to replace the old System/34 in mid-February and will serve all the administrative computing needs of the school in addition to being used for technical instruction.

The S/36 is an improvement over the S/34 in many ways. The new machine has more than three times as much space for the permanent storage of information; it has several times more memory for temporary storage; it is expected to operate somewhat faster than the old system; and it also allows more devices to be attached to it than the old system.

In addition to the computer itself, several new peripheral devices have been added. A new system printer has been added which can print in several modes, including a high-speed low-quality mode and a high-quality mode which looks almost typewritten. Several new "workstations," or terminals, have been added, some of which have small printers attached to them. These will be used mostly for word processing in various places on campus, including the public relations department, financial aid, the central duplicating office, and the library.

Three microcomputers are included in the new equipment; each one is an IBM Personal System/2 Model 30 with a color monitor and hard disk drive. Two of these

will be used by financial aid and by the library staff, both as personal computers and as S/36 terminals; the third is a stand-alone system not connected to the S/36. This microcomputer will be housed in the Professional Room of the library and will be available for general use by the faculty; possible uses include the preparation of tests and handouts, keeping of records such as absences, calculation of midterm and final grades, and so on.

The new equipment is expected to ease some of the tasks involved in the day-to-day running of the school and make many of the offices even more productive than before. After the initial period of adjustment is over, it is certain that many people will feel the benefits of the new computing equipment.

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## Wolverton...

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County was selected by the other contestants as Miss Congeniality. She is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. Corley Bagwell of Louisville.

Other beauties named to the "Top 12" were Shelia Clearman, Beulah Hubbard; Cindy Fulton, Philadelphia; Lanette Allgood, Decatur; Vickie Thames, Beulah Hubbard; Emily Tingle, Decatur; Tanya Henry, Union; and Amy Pouncey, Decatur.

Judges for the pageant were Robbie Hales, Cynthia Stringfellow and John W. Woling all of Meridian. Ovid Vickers, English instructor at East Central, served as Master of Ceremonies.

East Central students Brian Waddell, Kimberly Martin, Jerry Duke and Steve Deaton provided entertainment.

ECJC music instructor Miss Leesa Lee served as pageant chairman.

## 'South Pacific' To Be Presented

By Julie Frazier

Mr. Bruce Peterson, sponsor of the ECJC Drama Club, has announced plans for the annual Spring Musical.

According to Mr. Peterson, the musical, "South Pacific" will be presented April 13-16 in the Fine Arts Center. The production will be held for four nights and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The production, "South Pacific," is one of the most famous and most popular musicals in history.

Because of the popularity it created, a major motion picture was made based on the production.

"South Pacific," a Rodgers and Hammerstein production, received several awards, including a Pulitzer Prize, eight Tony Awards, and nine Donaldson Awards.

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## SIX INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

### Awards Day Recipients Announced

By MELISSA THRASH

The annual Awards Day program was held in Huff Auditorium Thursday, April 21, 1988. Shea Hailey, SBA President, gave the invocation before Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President, welcomed the students, parents, and guests to the campus.

Students who received Vocational Awards included Kenneth Sherrod of Louisville, Auto Mechanics; Tom Walters of Decatur, Cabinetmaking; Jamie Rainer of Decatur, Carpentry; Kenneth Lamar Bradley of Beulah Hubbard, Electricity; Craig Swain of Louisville, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning; and Kenneth Bradley of Beulah Hubbard received an award for Vocational Student of the Year.

Shea Hailey, Union, and Melissa Thrash, Decatur, received the Citizenship Award. Amy Pouncey, Decatur, received the ECJC Player Award and the ECJC Singer Award was presented to Meschelle Jacobs also of Decatur. The recipient of the Freshman Chemistry Award was Reggie Shumaker, a graduate of Neshoba Central. Tammy Kirkland also of Neshoba Central received the Mathematics Award. The S. Labrum Hutchinson Award was presented to Terry Matula of Neshoba Central.

Eles Daughtery of Carthage received the Secondary Education Award and Ken Dunn of Neshoba Central was presented the Spanish Award.

Marsha Stoval of Neshoba Central was presented the USM Eddie M. Smith Scholarship for her academic achievement. Marshall Watkins, Carthage, and Tammy Todd, Noxapater, were recognized for their work on the WO-HE-LO.

The coaches recognized outstanding athletes in football and men's and women's basketball.

Alumni Memorial Awards were also presented. The Alatha Chaney Award for English was given to Sherry Copeland, Neshoba Central, and the Andrew F. Webb Award for Football was awarded to Union graduate Brad Breland. Billy Wayne Baucum Award for Secondary Education was presented to Miles Porter of Morton. Suzanna Kennedy, Hickory, was awarded the Danny R. Killens Award for Engineering and Missy Whitmire of Louisville received the Dr. Edwin Miller Award for Medical Services.

The Earline Wood Women's Basketball Award was presented to Melissa Jimmerson of Louisville. Randy Fulington from Milby High School in Texas received the Howard Sessums Men's Basketball Award.

The Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa Award was presented to Melissa Thrash of Decatur, Louisville graduate, Brenda

Trosper received the Opal McMullan Dickinson Award for Elementary Education. Marshall Watkins of Carthage received the Sue Yarbrough Speech Award.

The W. A. Coursey, Jr. Award for Engineering was presented to Randall Copeland of Neshoba Central. Randy Kelly, Leake Academy, was awarded the William S. Griffin Award for Men's Intramurals.

The Frank E. Leatherwood Award for Biological Sciences was presented to Heather Watts of Union. Reggie Shumaker of Neshoba Central was the recipient of the J. Andy Miller Award for Excellence in Freshman Engineering. Patsy Mims of Neshoba Central received the Ruth Hull Award for Home Economics and Lee Adams of Philadelphia received the Wallace C. Bedwell Award for Business.

The following Student Body Association Officers were recognized: Shea Hailey of Union, President; Chuck Hinson of Decatur, Vice-President; Amy Pouncey of Decatur, Secretary; and Julie Adams of Edinburg,

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Inductees into the ECJC Hall of Fame included, from left, Terry Matula, Shea Hailey, Suzanna Kennedy, Melissa Thrash, Marshall Watkins, and Lee Adams.

## Graduation Scheduled May 13

Spring commencement exercises will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, May 13 on the Warrior football field with 220 candidates for graduation expected to receive degrees or certificates of completion, according to Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction.

Academic degree candidates include the following: Christina Renee Adams, Julie Leigh Adams, Wiley R. Adams, Jr., Laura Leslie Alford, Cheryl Baucum Amis, Chester Barnes, Richard W. Boswell, Bradford Scott Breland, Denisa Dianne Breland, Larriette Lasonja Brooks, Mecridric M. Calloway, Ruby Dean Carter, Edwin Lee Chaney, Jr., Qantara Melissa Cistrunk;

Edsel Eugene Cliburn, Terry L. Collins, Eles De Sha Daughtery, Steven Ray Dean, Brenda Gail Dearing, Ken Dunn, Deon Day Evans, Danelle Lee Eversoll, Bradley G. Fisher, Susan Langston Fox, Cindy Renee Fulton, Cynthia Gail Ganann, Michelle Yvette Gray;

Rochelle Haynes, John Brandon Herd, Charles William Hinson, Jr., Seleta Faye Howard, Jennifer Lynn Humphries, Melissa Wynette Jimmerson, B. J. Johnson, Patrick Lee Kelly, Marsha Grace Livingston, David Earl Massey;

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Jeffrey Brent Neal, Marion Martreace Nichols, Hilda Faye Stephens Nickey, Amy Lynn Parker, Mark Nathaniel Perritt, Miles Bailey Porter, Amy Dawn Pouncey, Vicki Pugh, James Thomas Sanders, Jr.;

Tammy Gale Shepperd, Cindy L. Sloan, James Douglas Smith, Kenneth Cattrelle Spiva, Tina Kay Stokes, Marsha Leria Stovall, Tracy Ann Stuart, William Michael Stubbs, Carron Renee Thaggard, John C. Thomas, Stephanie Anne Thornton, Tammy Diane Todd, Brenda Gail Trosper;

Shelton N. Vance, Talmadge Ray Vardaman, Billy R. Walker, Tina Suzanne Walker, Jeffrey Donald Wall, Bobbie Ann Warnsley, Gregory John Warren, Marshall E. Watkins;

Allen Benard Williams, John Dean Williams, Vicki Lynn Arthur, Christopher Matthew Bunt, Henry Randall Copeland, William David Emmons, Cynthia Lynette Franklin, Randall James Fullington, Sheila Lavelle Goodwin, Larry Shea Hailey, Thurman Harrell, Jr., Sonya Michelle Horton, Lonnie West Huff, Melanie Ann Huffman, Ryan Keith Hull;

Meschelle Jacobs, Robert Edmond Kennedy, III, Suzanna Kennedy, Stacy Madison Lashley, Denise Luckett, Eleice Luckett, Terry Lane Matula, Marsha Lynn Maxey,

Michael L. Miller, Phillip Winstead Nelson, John Glen Spears, Melissa Leigh Thrash,

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### Brackeen-Wood Dedication Set

On Saturday, May 7, 1988, the physical education building at East Central Junior College will officially be named the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building in a ceremony at 2 p.m.

Brackeen is a former outstanding student athlete, coach, and Dean of Students at the college; and Wood, who still teaches at East Central, was an outstanding women's basketball coach at the college, having been instrumental in pioneering the development of women's athletics in Mississippi junior colleges.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony and the reception immediately following in honor of Brackeen and Wood. All Activities will take place in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building which is located adjacent to the football field.

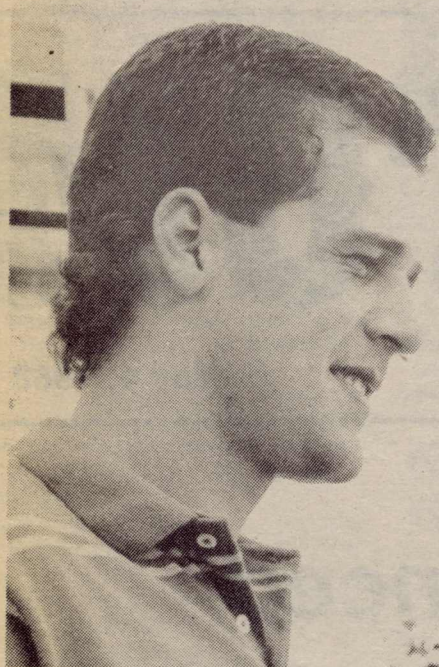


STUDENT OPINION POLL

By Matt Alford

Photos by Nancy Bagwell

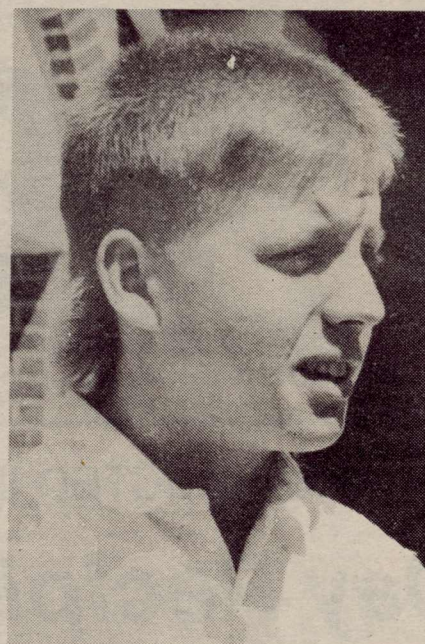
# What Are Your Plans For Summer Vacation?



Mark Fulton, 20 sophomore, Philadelphia, "Florida!"



Tina Walker, 19, sophomore, Philadelphia, "Move to Hattiesburg and get an early start on college."



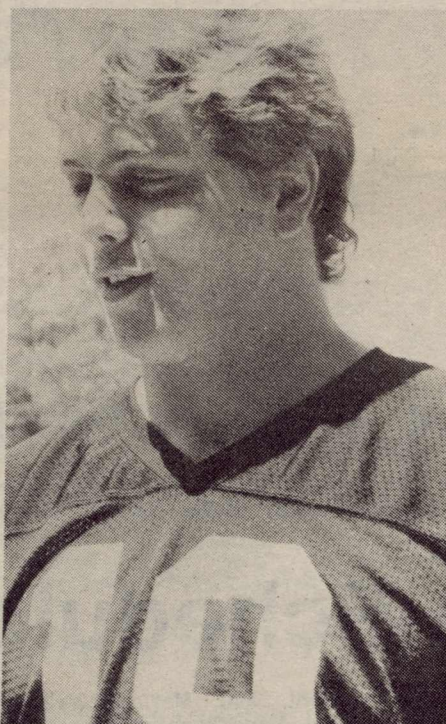
Mike Clark, 19, freshman, Noxapater, "Working and going to summer school."



Carolyn Hoskins, freshman, Philadelphia, "Make lots of money."



Janice McDonald, 19, sophomore, Carthage, "Get a job!"



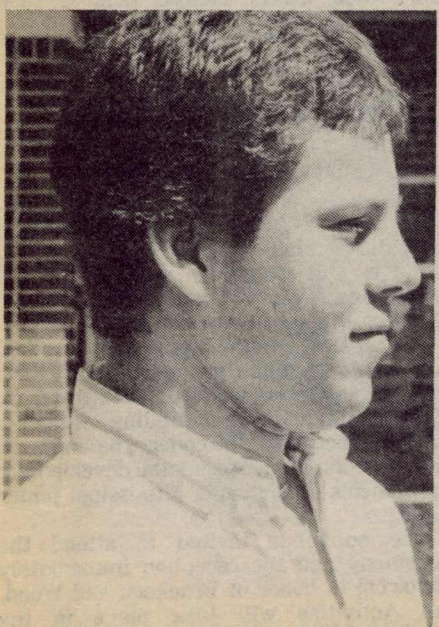
Chris Cooper, 18, freshman, Anniston, Alabama, "Relaxing . . . country style!"



Susan Clay, 18, freshman, Nanih Waiya, "To go to Florida."



Lee Ray Keys, 18, freshman, Philadelphia, "Have fun!"



Sean Curry, 19, freshman, Louisville, "To lift weights 12 ounces at a time!"



Patricia Burnside, 19, freshman, Philadelphia, "To go to New York City!"

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Sherry Copeland and Terry Matula both of Neshoba Central, Marshall Watkins of Carthage, and Suzanna Kennedy of Hickory were honored for the performance at the Scholar's Bowl Competition.

The Tom Tom  
The six student's who were inducted into the Hall of Fame include Lee Adams of Philadelphia, Shea Hailey of Union, Suzanna Kennedy of Hickory, Terry Matula of Philadelphia, Melissa Thrash of Decatur, and Marshall Watkins of Carthage.

The awards presentation was followed by a picnic luncheon on the mall with entertainment provided by the Jazz Band.



Special Award Winners

Special award recipients included, first row, from left, Shea Hailey and Melissa Thrash, Citizenship; Amy Pouncey, ECJC Players; Kinsey Goldman and Meschelle Jacobs, ECJC Singers; Reginald Shumaker, Freshman Chemistry; Janis Vance, Kappa Kappa Iota; standing, from left, Tammy Kirkland, Mathematics; Terry Matula, S. Lebrun Hutchison; Eles Daughtery, Secondary Education; Kenneth Ray Dunn, Spanish; Tammie Todd and Marshall Waktins, Wo-He-Lo; and Marsha Stovall, USM Eddie M. Smith Scholarship.



Vocational-Technical Award Winners

Vocational awards were presented to, first row, from left, Kenneth Sherrod, Auto Mechanics; Tom Walters, Cabinetmaking; Jamey Rainer, Carpentry; Kenneth Bradley, Electricity and Vocational Student of the Year; standing, from left, Craig Swain, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning and Vocational award winners Richard Smith, Computer Technology; and Michael Stephen Wells, Electronic Technology and Technical Student of the Year.

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Receive Faculty Memorial Awards

Faculty memorial awards were presented to, from left, Reginald Shumaker, J. Andy Miller (freshman engineering); Patsy Mims, Ruth Hull (home economics); Heather Watts, Frank Edwin Leatherwood Scholarship (biological sciences); and Lee Adams, Wallace C. Bedwell (business).



Alumni Memorial Award Recipients

Alumni Memorial awards were presented to, first row, left to right, Sherri Copeland, Alatha Chaney (English); Brad Breland, Andrew F. Webb (football); Miles Porter, Billy Wayne Baucum (secondary education); Suzanna Kennedy, Danny R. Killens (engineering); Melissa Whitmire, Dr. Edwin Miller (medical services); Mellissa Jimmer-son, Earline Wood (women's basketball); second row, from left, Randy Fullington, Howard Sessums (men's basketball); Melissa Thrash, Jack B. Mayo (Phi Theta Kappa); Brenda Trooper, Opal McMullan Dickinson (elementary education); Marshall Watkins, Sue Yarbrough Fulgham (speech); Randall Copeland, W. A. Coursey, Jr. (engineering); and Randy Kelly, William S. Griffin (men's intramurals).

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# Vickers, Thrash Are Selected 'Outstanding'

English instructor Ovid Vickers and sophomore Melissa Thrash were selected East Central's most outstanding faculty member and student, respectively, and represented the college at Higher Education Day, April 19, sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature.

Outstanding faculty members and students representing the state's universities and community/junior colleges were honored by both houses and were recognized during a noon-day luncheon.

Mr. Vickers

Ovid Vickers was born in Alabama, educated in Georgia and Tennessee, and served in the military during the Korean Conflict. In 1955, he began teaching English at East Central Community College in

Decatur, where he is Chairman of the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Although he has taught English at East Central for the past 33 years, Vickers' interests and literary activities have ranged far beyond the classroom. A folklorist, poet, and freelance writer, as well as a teacher, he has maintained a rich involvement in both teaching and writing.

In 1980 he was presented an award of merit by the Mississippi Historical Society for his contributions to the study of Folklore in Mississippi. He has published over thirty articles relative to the folk traditions of Mississippi.

In recent years Vickers' poetry has appeared in a number of journals, and examples of his work will appear in the third volume of "Mississippi Writers: Reflections of Childhood and Youth," which will be published in June by the University Press of Mississippi. His short stories and essays have appeared in such publications as "Southern Living," "The Texas Review," and "Delta Scene".

In addition to his creative and scholarly work, Vickers' career is distinguished by a record of outstanding teaching and service as an educator. For many years he has served as an officer and member of the executive council of the Southeastern Conference on English in the Two-Year College, and he has twice been elected president of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English.

Vickers is in demand as a speaker by civic groups and speaks frequently at seminars and conferences on "Folklore in Mississippi" and "The Use of Folklore in the Teaching of College Composition."

In recognition of his achievement and his dedication to his students, the East Central Junior College Alumni Association named him Distinguished Professor in 1967 and again in 1982.

Vickers is married to the former Carol Farish of Philadelphia and is the father of an English teacher, an advertising copy writer and a high school senior.

Miss Thrash

Melissa Thrash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thrash of Decatur, is a 1986 honors graduate of Decatur High School.

At East Central Junior College, Melissa is active in all aspects of campus life. She serves as Phi Theta Kappa President, and at Regional Phi Theta Kappa Convention received the Golden Key Leadership Award. She is a second year member and secretary of the Warrior Corps, a group that serves the college by recruiting and acting as hosts for campus activities.

A member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and the Curriculum Committee, Thrash has also



English instructor Ovid Vickers, third from left, and sophomore Melissa Thrash of Decatur were named outstanding faculty member and student, respectively, and represented ECJC at Higher Education Appreciation Day held April 19 and sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature. Pictured with the honorees are Board of Trustees Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth, left, of Louisville and Dr. Eddie M. Smith.

worked on the campus newspaper, The Tom-Tom, for two years.

She serves her sophomore class as treasurer and is a two-year member on both the Dorm Council and the Student Election Committee. As a freshman, she was a sectional editor and was involved in annual staff work for the Wo-He-Lo.

Mu Alpha Theta and the Methodist Student Union are two organizations in which she is also involved. She serves as secretary of the President's Council and was selected to be a member of the Homecoming Court. Chosen as varsity cheerleader for both football and basketball, she was captain of the football squad her sophomore year.

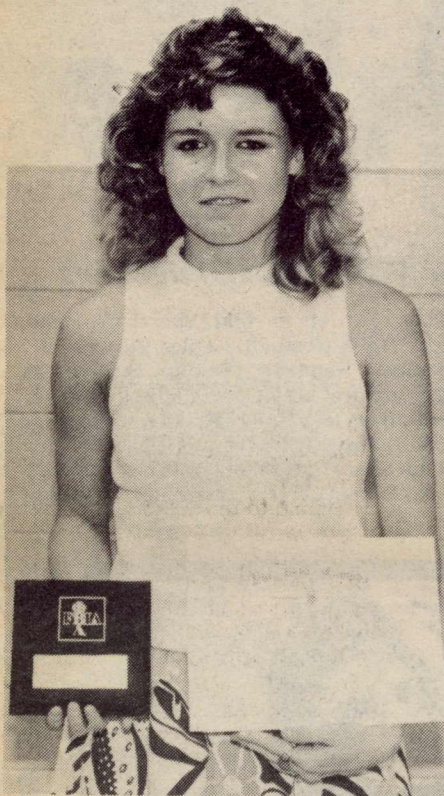
She is included in Who's Who Among American Junior College Students and is also a Scholastic All-American, as well as a

Dean's List Scholar. She participates in the honors classes at East Central and enjoys helping fellow students in various subjects as part of the college's tutorial program.

Besides organizational involvement on campus, Melissa also enjoys participating in intramural sports, especially flag-football.

She recently was inducted into the ECJC Hall of Fame and is serving her hometown of Decatur as Miss Hospitality. She is a member of Decatur United Methodist Church.

Upon graduation from East Central in May 1988, she will enter the University of Mississippi as an English and political science major.



## First Place Winner

Stacy Porter of Lena won first place honors in Computer Applications for Business at the Phi Beta Lambda State Convention held in Jackson April 14-15. Stacy competed against students from other junior colleges and state universities. She is enrolled in the Computer Technology program and will graduate in May. Stacy will also participate in the national competition scheduled in Cincinnati, Ohio in June.



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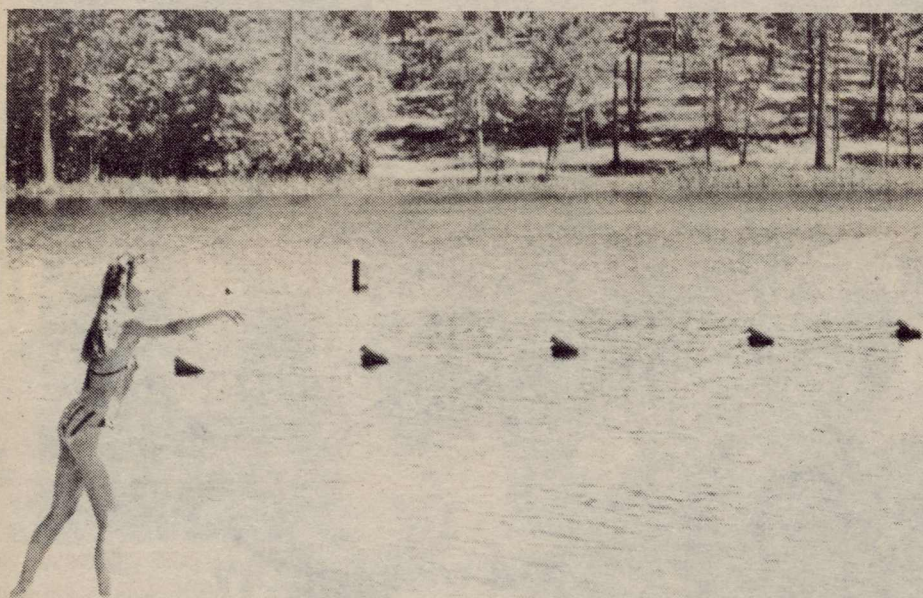


# Who Needs Fort Lauderdale; We've Got Turkey Creek!

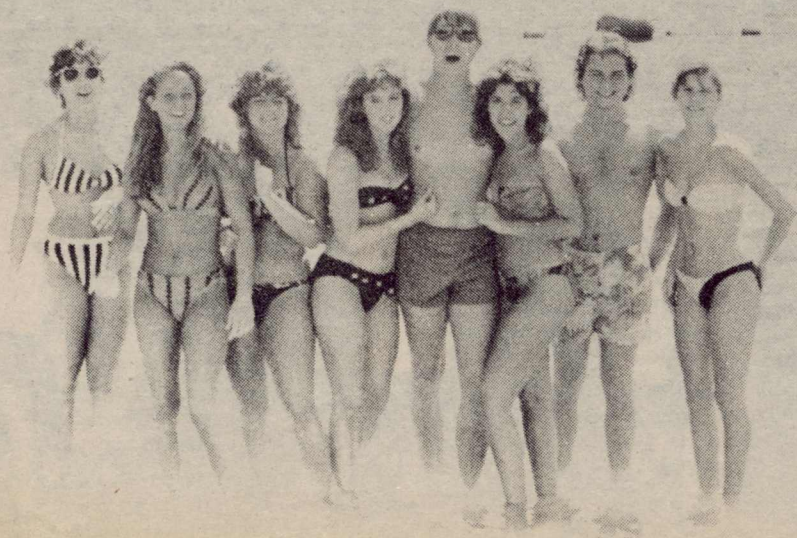
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Just some of the East Central ladies obviously enjoying catching some rays.



Penny takes a break to throw a frisbee.



How did Matt and Allen get so lucky?

By GENE CLIBURN

Imagine, if you will, Decatur as the Spring Break Mecca of the Western World!

Each year during March, thousands of high school and college students drive hundreds of miles to peaceful Decatur, Mississippi, a. k. a. "Party Capitol of the South." Bumper stickers read "Decatur or Bust."

Turkey Creek is obviously the focal point of activity, and "Beach Bums" are replaced by "Creek Geeks." The beach is a solid mass of oiled flesh, and as the boats speed by, someone might say "Wow, did you see the size of that wake, man?"

Florida's wild wet T-shirt contests have been replaced by the wet mule pull and antique motor show.

"Every year, these wet mules get bigger, (the contest) is one of the hottest things I've ever seen," says Scott Ranier of Raleigh, NC. "But what I really drive down here for are the antique engines!"

The antique engines are always popular, pumping and grinding at a furious pace, much to the enjoyment of thousands of young people. At a particularly loud bang, the kids laugh uproariously and pour whole mugs of iced tea on each other.

"I've never seen anything so disgraceful in mah life," mutters 87 year old Jasper Casper. "When I was that age I never would have thought of looking at a wet mule or naked engine."

One of the most popular events was banned from the roster this year. During the last week in February, the town decided to do away with the annual goat milking contest. The contest was described by the city council as "a situation that's highly explosive."

Dana James, a senior English major from Birmingham, AL, has definite views on the subject.

"Like, what's the big deal, like, it's, like,

just a bunch of gnarly goats. Like, we just want to have, like, a little fun, like, O. K.?"

"If you ask me, the whole thing is a bunch of udder nonsense," said an unnamed B. S. U. director.

Switching to the subject of night spots, a favorite is BB's, Decatur's version of the New Orleans bar, Pat O'Briens.

"It's like, so totally wild! It's my second year to come and I promised to bring my sister back a T-shirt!" yells Alicia Graham over the pulsating music.

Alicia drove with five other girls from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "I think the police (at Fort Lauderdale) are really glad we're gone," she said, "plus Decatur is so much more exciting."

Decatur's police, however, are grim on the subject of spring break.

"Every year, they drive in here, a whoopin' and a hollerin'," says one officer who wishes to remain anonymous. "They stay up all hours of the night wheres decent folk can't get no sleep. And they drink (iced tea) till they can't walk straight."

An extremely controversial subject is Row Hopping. Young people go to each store in succession, staggering out the door with all the iced tea they can carry. "I survived Quick Stop Row," reads a popular T-shirt.

The week ends, the students pack, and the trailride home slowly begins. As the caravan moves out of town, hearts are filled with glee, and eyes become misty as the townspeople realize that once again that their streets can be reclaimed, their stores are once again their own, and the curse will not descend upon them for another year.

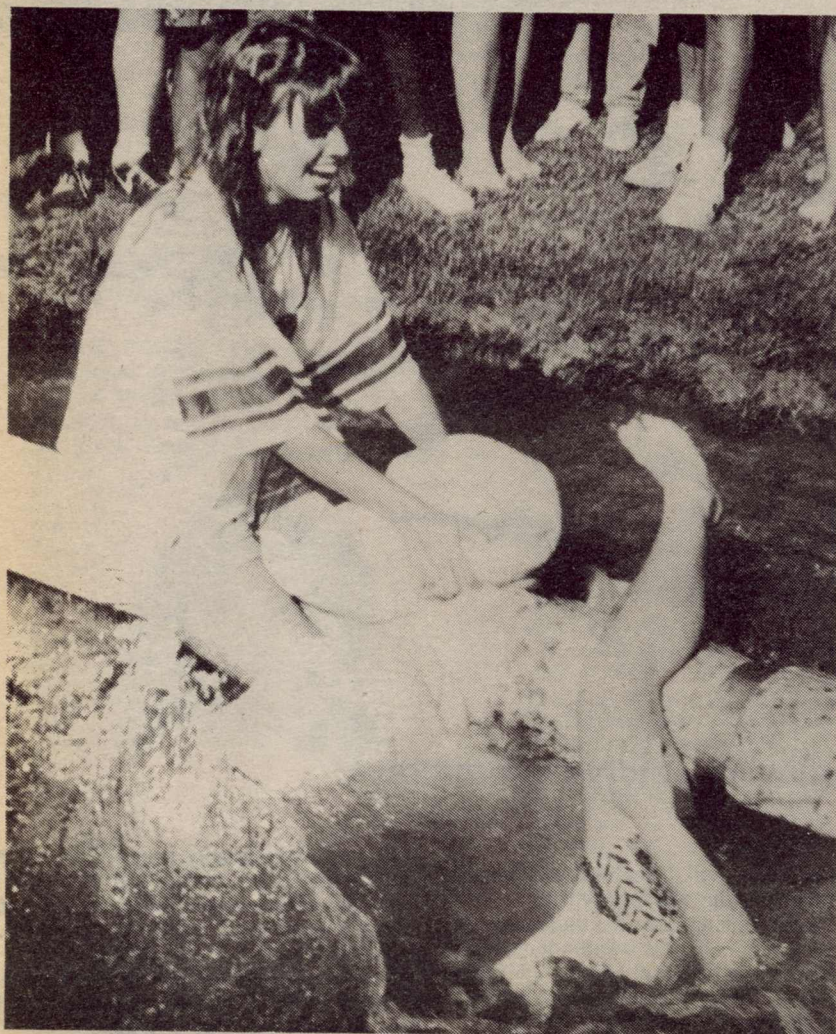
As for the students, their opinion may be expressed in the immortal words of columnist Irene P. Ledbetter, "A good time was had by all."



Student at left obviously cut class!



# Scenes from Spring Spree



*Jennifer throws a knock- out punch.*



*The champions!*



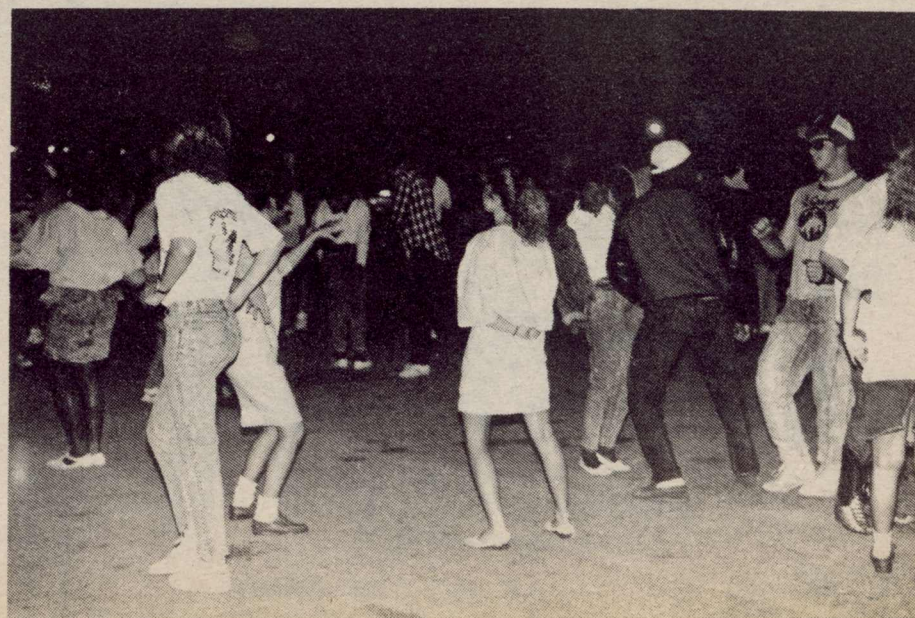
*Melissa delivers a blow.*



*Bill receives some strong encouragement.*



*A wet Sheila gets a helping hand.*



*A dance highlighted the day's activities*





### VICA Team Wins Honor

The VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Club Business Procedure team won second place honors at state contest held recently at Gulf Coast Junior College, Jackson County campus. Team members include, first row, from left to right, Melissa Thompson, Greenville; Cherie McCall and Rebecca Curry, both of Meridian; Shelia Wesley, Newton; back row, from left, Mildred Breland, Union; Tracy Houston, Philadelphia; Ryan Pierce and Brad Blackburn, both of Decatur. Lester Miles and Ricky Harrison serve as sponsors.



### VICA Award Winners

VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) team members who won honors at state contest held at Gulf Coast Junior College, Jackson County Campus, included, first row, left to right, instructor Mrs. Sarah Griffin, model; Tamar Reid, Meridian, second place, Cosmetology; Tom Walters, Decatur, third, Cabinetmaking; back row, from left, Gary McGee, Forest, second, Major Appliance Repair; Jamey Rainer, Beulah Hubbard, second, Carpentry; Mike Reed, Noxapater, who was elected state president; and Welton Madden, Carthage, first, Job Demonstration. Club sponsors are Lester Miles and Ricky Harrison.

## Students Publish State Newsletter

By TAMMY SHIRLEY

The Mississippi Business Education Association Spring 1988 Newsletter was published by Mrs. Brenda Bynum's Word Processing II Class and Mrs. Jessie Everett's Office Procedures Class.

The joint project was coordinated by high school, junior college, and senior college groups.

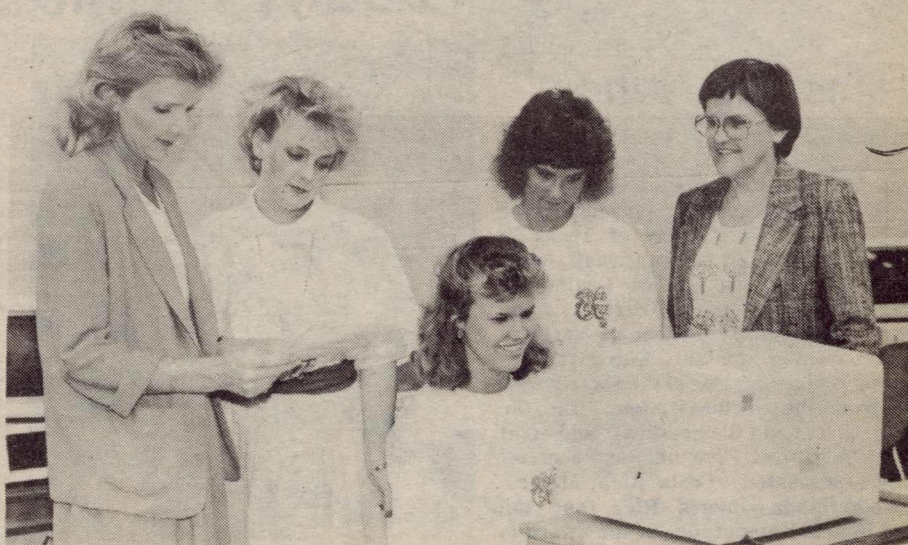
The procedures involved in coordinating the newsletter included editing, designing the cover and setting it on the computer, securing copies, colating, folding, placing address labels, and getting the newsletter in

the mail before the spring conference.

Thirty-one students participated in publishing the 15-page newsletter.

Students in Word Processing I involved in the project were Kim Brown, Carla Clarke, Sheila Clearman, Terry Cowan, Donna Eichelberger, Kimberly Manning, Betty Moore, Bobby Moore, Peggy Patrick, Kemberly Peebles, and Lori Wilson.

Office Procedures students participating included Sharon Brooks, Charlene Butler, Sheila Clearman, Tammie Covington, Terry Cowan, Cindy Crimm, Tamara Gibson, Judy Gunn, Glenda Kincaid, Debretta Lewis, Sharon Logan, Lisa Pearson, Carman Weaver, Irene Bender, Kim Brown, Susan Clay, April Haralson, Albert Holloway, Neshawn Hudson, and Lori Wilson.



Some of the students and instructors in Word Processing II and Office Procedures Class who participated in publishing the Mississippi Business Education Association Spring 1988 Newsletter included, from left, instructor Mrs. Brenda Bynum, students Terry Cowan, Philadelphia; Sheila Clearman, Little Rock; Carman Weaver, Morton; and instructor Mrs. Jessie Everett.

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### Receives Honor

Business Technology instructor Mrs. Jessie Everett has been chosen to participate in the Delta Kappa Gamma Leadership/Management Seminar scheduled June 25-July 8 at the University of Texas in Austin. Only 30 people internationally were selected for this honor. The Center for Management Development Programs of the university's Graduate School of Business will conduct the seminar. The awardees represent all four regions of the Society with seven from the Northeast, four from the Northwest, 11 from the Southeast and eight from the Southwest. Five member countries will be represented - Costa Rica, Mexico, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico, and the United States. The purpose of the award is to send representatives to participate in significant international meetings where the philosophy of the Society may be an influential force toward mutual understanding.

### SBA Officers Are Selected

By GINA BUNTYN

As one year of college ends, plans for next year have already begun.

On Tuesday, April 19, student body elections were held.

The ballot saw Heather Watts, Mike Cooper, and Matt Alford as contenders for president.

Bill Freeman and Mark Amis were nominees for vice-president.

Two girls, Debra Mangrum and Mona Moore, ran for the office of secretary.

Tanya Henry was the only candidate for treasurer.

Results of the SBA election are: Matt Alford, president; Bill Freeman, vice-president; Debra Mangrum, secretary; and Tanya Henry, treasurer.

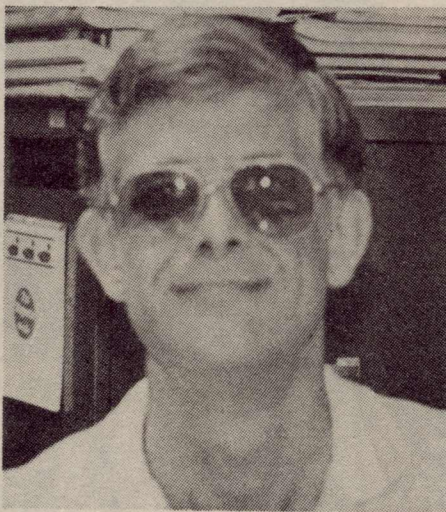
### PTK Students Attend Convention

By MELISSA THRASH

Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes, Phi Theta Kappa sponsors, recently accompanied seventeen PTK members to national convention that was held in Washington, DC. The convention was held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. The group toured Monticello, the home of President Thomas Jefferson, before arriving in Washington.

Friday night the group heard Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U. S. Representative to the United Nations, speak. While attending the convention, the group saw many historical sites and monuments.

### Faculty Profile



Speech-drama instructor Bruce Peterson.  
(Photo by Nancy Bagwell)

By BARRY MASON

Bruce Peterson teaches speech and theatre in East Central's English department. Mr. Peterson has taught at East Central since 1967. Mr. Peterson was born and raised in Waukegan, Illinois.

Mr. Peterson got his bachelors degree at Mississippi State and his Masters degree at Ole Miss.

During his college years, Mr. Peterson was involved in 15 plays.

Mr. Peterson has worked with a number of famous actors and actresses including John Carradine, John Vivian, Virginia Wang, Mercedes McCambridge, Don Hood, and Anthony Herrera.

Since Mr. Peterson has been at East Central, he has directed 42 performances including musicals and dinner theatres. Of these, Mr. Peterson chose "Camelot," "Mame," "Carousel," and "Oklahoma" as his favorites.

Mr. Peterson's wife, Peggy, is the president of the Mississippi Association of Educators. Mr. Peterson met his wife in, ironically, his speech class at Mississippi State.

The Washington Monument, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, and the Vietnam War Memorial were among the sites the group saw.

The group also traveled to Philadelphia, PA and saw the Liberty Bell, Constitution Hall, the U. S. Mint, and the Betsy Ross House.

Other sites of interest in Washington included the Constitution at the National Archives, the panda bears at the National Zoo, and the Smithsonian buildings. Some of the group enjoyed going to Georgetown, while others enjoyed the tour of Arlington National Cemetery. At the cemetery, the students saw Custer House, and Eternal Flame, and the changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The March PTK was held at Turkey Creek with Alpha Alpha Epsilon. The two organizations enjoyed steaks before the induction of the 1988-89 PTK officers.

The officers that have been elected are President, Phil Duncan; vice-president, Tammy Kirkland; secretary, Heather Watts; Treasurer, Mike Cooper; reporter, Reggie Shumaker, and co-historians, Tanya Henry and Wade Scott.



### Pageant Finalist

Sophomore Susan Fox was recently selected fourth alternate in the Mrs. Mississippi Pageant held in Jackson. Mrs. Fox was judged in swimsuit, personal interview, and evening gown competition. The 30-year-old ECJC beauty, who is a candidate for graduation May 13, plans to attend Mississippi State University and major in physical education / sports medicine. She and husband, Bernard, live in Edinburg. Mrs. Fox is a graduate of Leake Academy. Besides being an adult student and pageant finalist, she is also known for her pet turkey, "Tom Dooley", which has attracted national attention. Mrs. Fox and "Tom" will appear on the Johnny Carson Show during Thanksgiving this year.

## HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

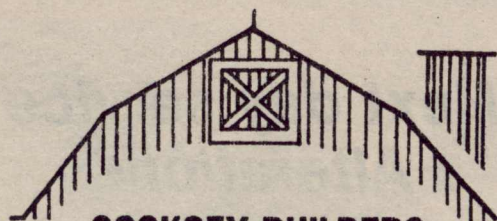
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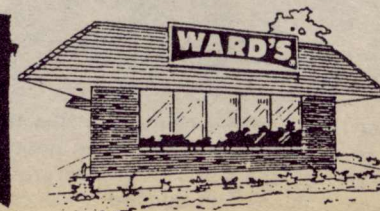
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## New Warriors Are Announced

Head football coach A. J. Kilpatrick has announced district and out-of-state signees for the 1988 season.

Signees from the five-county district include David Overcash, 6'1" 240-pound defensive tackle, Greg Fulton, 6'1" 180-pound quarterback, Randall Moore, 5'11" 175-pound wide receiver-cornerback, Charles Hunt, 6'0" 210-pound linebacker, Issac Lyons, 5'11" 185-pound linebacker, and Charles Harris, 5'11" 180-pound defensive end, all from Neshoba Central;

Joel Hughes, 5'10" 195-pound tailback-cornerback, Ricky Purvis, 6'1" 200-pound defensive end, and Danny Parker, 5'11" 235-pound center, all from Morton; Darnell Brown, 5'7" 165-pound tailback, Decatur;

John Lockett, 6'1" 190-pound quarterback-kicker, Mark Spence, 5'11" 220-pound offensive guard, and Ronald Roberts, 5'9" 190-pound fullback-linebacker, all of Newton; David Stribling, 6'3" 200-pound tight end-kicker, Edinburg;

Darrell Burnside, 6'3" 185-pound quarterback-safety, Chris Moore, 6'2" 240-pound offensive tackle, and Tim Wragg, 5'11" 180-pound fullback-cornerback, all of Noxapater; Bruce Mainka, 6'3" 200-pound fullback-linebacker, and Kevin Carpenter, 6'1" 210-pound defensive tackle, both of Leake Academy.

Out-of-state signees include Jerry Smith, 6'0" 195-pound linebacker, LaGrange, Georgia; Tony Dennis, 5'9" 250-pound noseguard-offensive guard, Scottie McLaren, 6'1" 195-pound quarterback-punter, and Matt Rhodes, 6'3" 280-pound offensive tackle, all of Griffin, Georgia;

Greg Lankford, 6'0" 225-pound offensive guard-defensive end-punter, Chatham, Alabama; Tim Davis, 5'11" 180-pound cornerback, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Scott Engle, 6'0" 225-pound fullback-kicker, Oneta, Alabama; Rowan Bussey, 6'3" 280-pound offensive tackle, Oxford, Alabama; John Tucker, 6'3" 250-pound offensive tackle, Bibb County, Alabama;

Steven Cross, 6'3" 210-pound cornerback-linebacker, Brookwood, Alabama; Harold Richard, 5'11" 235-pound offensive guard-defensive tackle, Decatur, Alabama; Lee Burrill, 6'2" 255-pound offensive lineman, Foxboro, Massachusetts, and Patrick Bradford, 6'1" 195-pound linebacker, Pell City, Alabama.

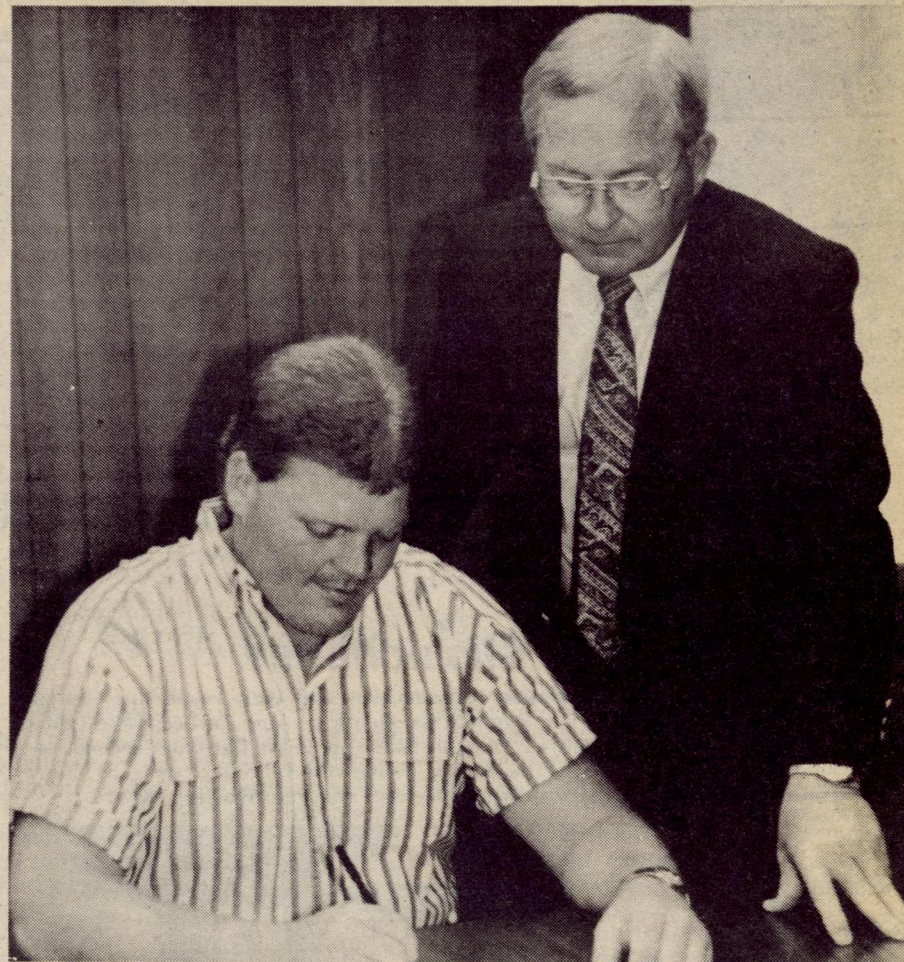
Coach Kilpatrick said additional scholarships will be offered and those signees will be announced at a later date.

East Central finished the 1987 regular season with a 7-3 over-all record and was the South Division runners-up with a 4-2 mark. The Warriors advanced to the state playoffs, but were defeated in semi-final action by Northwest Junior College, the eventual state champion.

Assisting Coach Kilpatrick are J. C. Arban and Tony Triplett.

## The Tom Tom

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## Breland Signs Scholarship

Sophomore offensive tackle-kicker Brad Breland of Union has signed a scholarship to play football at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Breland, 6'3", 285 pounds, will report to the university following graduation. Pictured with Breland is ECJC head coach A. J. Kilpatrick.

## Baseball Team Records Best Season With 17 Wins

Although the Warrior baseball team ended the season on a disappointing note, head coach Jamie Clark expressed much satisfaction after completing his first season at the helm.

East Central finished the season with a double-header loss to visiting Gulf Coast (6-2, 5-3) but still won the most games of any previous Warrior squad. The Warriors ended the campaign with a 17-25 overall mark and were 12-16 in the South Division, Gulf Coast finished with a 26-22 overall record and was 20-8 in division play.

According to team statistics recently released, Patrick Kelly of Morton led the team in hitting with a .391 average. Kelly also had one home run.

Other top sluggers included Jamie Rainer, Beulah Hubbard, .376; Doug Jones, Philadelphia, .357, six home runs; Patrick Ervin, Memphis, .337, three home runs; Leon Glenn, Louisville, .326, eight home runs; Al Triplett, Louisville, .325, five home runs; Donnie Shimmfessel, Newton, .320, two home runs; Greg Warren, Forest, .306; Kevin Cochran, San Antonio, .271; Keith

McGee, Morton, .250; Tommy Wallace, Louisville, .233; and Scott Hill, Forest, .208.

Corey Taylor of Philadelphia led the team in pitching with a 3.14 ERA followed by Ben Kitchens of Morton with 3.17.

## Congratulations

On behalf of the director, secretary, counselor and office assistants of Student Support Services, we would like to congratulate all of the graduating sophomores. The semester has been a long and tiresome one, but it was worth the accomplishments and rewards. After many hours of studying and attending classes, graduation is almost here. We hope the education that you have gained at East Central Junior College will remain with you wherever you go.

We would also like to congratulate the peer tutors and tutorees who have worked so diligently in the Student Support Services. The tutors have done a superb tutoring job this semester and the tutorees have learned from their labor.

To  
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### Summer Missionaries

BSU members commissioned as summer missionaries and their respective 10-week assignments include, first row, from left, Danny Ellis, Montana; Amy Parker, Lake Tahoe, California; Michelle Gray, Camp Garayua; Melanie Huffman, Camp Carayua; second row, from left, Robin Risher, Central Hills; Tina Stokes, Northwest Territory (Oregon); Mary Nell Van Devander, Arkansas; Sandra George, Virginia; and Paul Woolery, Korea.



### Participate In Mock Interview

Mrs. Bettye Herrington, Employability Skills / Basic Related Education instructor and two of her students from the Child Care program visited Union Separate Schools on April 22. Ken Searcy, Superintendent of Union Schools, conducted a mock interview with the students to help prepare them for their job search future. These students have been learning to write applications, resumes, cover and follow-up procedures for good interviewing and job search techniques. These students graduated with a certificate which qualifies them for child care attendants in child care centers. Katherine George is director of the child care center on the ECJC campus and Mrs. Herrington works with this program and the Ag Diesel program in preparing the students for employment. The students, Tonya Stribling, left, of Carthage and Kgeislylar Harris of Newton are shown with Mr. Searcy. The students graduated from the Child Care Attendant Program on April 23. Mrs. Herrington and the students also visited the Union School Day Care / Kindergarten Center and the Wee Day Care Center in Union.

### Gann Leaving East Central

By GENE CLIBURN

It's late afternoon, and there's a volleyball game in play behind the Baptist Student Union. Not many of the kids can play, but everyone is obviously having a great time. Meschelle Jacobs just hit the ball with her head, and on the next serve, Melissa Thrash and Marshall Watkins collide in mid-air and fall to the ground, laughing.

Right in the middle of the action is a young guy with black hair and a quick smile. His name is Don Gann, and he's been East Central's BSU Director for the past two years.

"One of the first things you notice about Don is how involved he gets with the students," said Steve Deaton. "He has the ability to draw you into whatever's going on, and make you feel comfortable."

The genuine concern that Don has for the kids is one of the most vital aspects of his job.

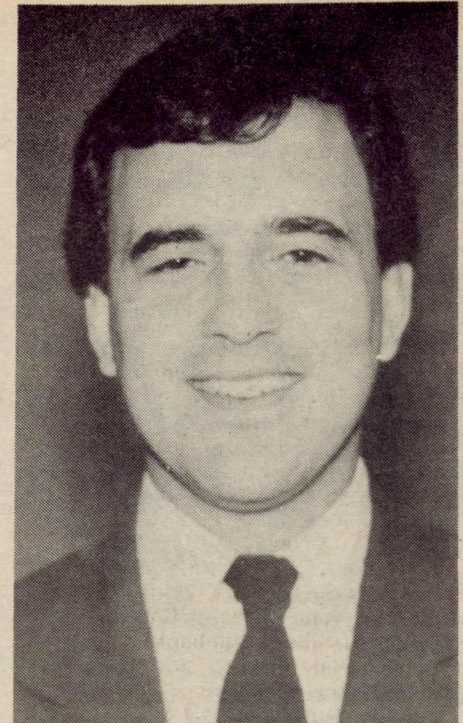
"For some kids, the only Christ they'll ever see will be through the ministry of the BSU," he said. Caring isn't something you can fake. College is a tough time, and the students don't have to take it on alone, that's what we're here for."

Recently Don accepted the position of BSU director at Mississippi College in Clinton.

"It was a tough decision," he admitted. "It took a lot of prayer and thought, but I feel like this is a good opportunity for my ministry and my family."

Don says that he has a lot of good memories of his two years at East Central. "When I first got here, I was really surprised at how much the faculty members cared about the students. I've never been in a college atmosphere quite like E. C.'s."

Probably the best memory Don will have of Decatur is the arrival of his daughter,



Baptist Student Union director Donn Gann who is leaving East Central for a similar position at Mississippi College.

(Photo by Sandra George)

Kelli.

"This will always be Kelli's first home, we just feel like the whole town has adopted us. We've formed some really special friendships," said Don's wife, Melinda.

The kids most concerned over the resignation would be those serving on Executive Council next year. Don says not to worry.

"The BSU Advisory Committee has already interviewed next year's director, and although I can't say who he is, I can say that he's a great Christian, and experienced youth leader, and I'm sure that BSU will have a great year next year."



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## Collegians Concert Held

The Collegians presented their spring semester concert at 8 p.m. Monday, April 25 in Huff Auditorium and performed hits by such artists as The Jets, Tiffany, Hank Williams, Jr., and many others. The group also entertained Friday, April 22 at the Jackson Metro Center. Group members include, from left, Brian Waddell, vocals, Neshoba Central; Jeff Neal, trombone, Carthage; Ardy Reed, vocals, Louisville; Chris Cheatham, technician, Philadelphia; Jeannie Walsh, vocals, Morton; Thomas Edwards, technician, Philadelphia; Dwayne Moore, drums, Forest; Kimberly Martin, vocals, Lake; Patsy Mims, sax, Neshoba Central, Tom Carson, director-guitarist, Decatur; Kinsey Goldman, keyboard, Neshoba Central; Gem Harrison, horn, Carthage; Bud Johnson, head technician, Philadelphia; Chuck Hinson, vocals, Decatur; and Scottie Chunn, bass guitar, Neshoba Central. Not pictured are Scott Jackson, trumpet, Union; and Donnie Montgomery, technician-guitarist, Neshoba Central.

## Intramurals Winding Down

By MIKE COOPER

As the school year is coming to a close so is East Central's intramural sports program. Just in case some of you have not been keeping up with all the action, here is a wrap up of all the events.

Flag football action started in the fall of the year, and like many of the sports, it featured women and men divisions. The men's division crown was captured by "The Untouchables" while "B. J.'s Babes" went on to win it all in the women's division. There were no intramural football games with other junior colleges this year for lack of competition.

Three-on-three basketball was the next intramural competition to come along. There was only a men's division, which featured with "Another World" capturing the title. "Another World" went on to compete in a Super Hoop tournament at Ole Miss, which featured both senior and junior colleges going head-to-head. The EC team finished fifth out of the 41 teams entered and was also the only junior college teams participating to finish in the top 20.

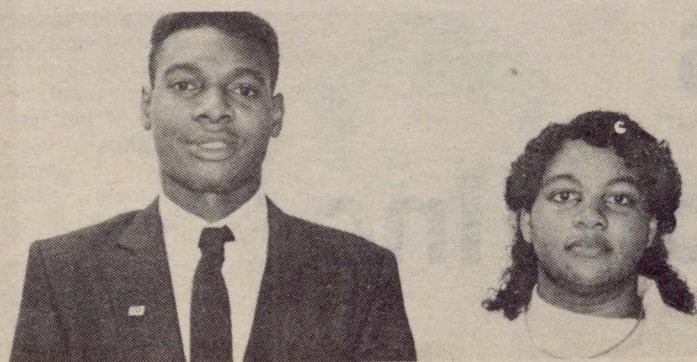
Five-on-five basketball showcased in men's and women's league with the men's league broken up into three divisions. "Fly Slamma Jamma" was victorious in the women's action while the men's winners were as follows. "Longshots" - Division III winners, "Goaltenders" - Division II winners; and "Air Nike II" - the Division I and overall winners. Both "Air Nike II" and "Fly Slamma Jamma" competed in the Tri-County Extramural Tournament. The men won third overall, while the women captured the overall title.

Volleyball action is still going on with the teams in semi-final action of the playoff tournaments. Featured are the "Fantastics" and "Total Package" going head-to-head in men's action and "New Edition" and "Cover Girls" are battling in women's action.

Intramural softball is in the playoff tournament stage also. The women's teams competing are "B. J.'s Babes," "Sugar Babies," and "A and M". The men's division is six-deep with "Jam Daddy O's," "Express," "Midnight Express," "Tomahawks," "U. S. A. Troops," and "Bomb Squad" facing off in the tournament. The "Jam Daddy O's" by virtue of their season record, represented E. C. in Tri-County Intramural tournament action. EC defeated Scuba 2-1 to win the title.

One-on-one championship basketball is in the registering stage at the time of this article. This action will feature both varsity and intramural leagues. The varsity league will consist of an under 6'3" division and an over 6'3" division. The intramural league will consist of an under 5'9" division, a 5'9" to 6'1" division, and an over 6'1" division.

So as you can see, East Central has had a very busy year in the intramural sports department. I would like to thank Mike Anderson for his job of keeping all of the activities going during the school year and keeping his sanity in the process. I think the intramural program has been a big success and would like to encourage next year's sophomores and freshman to sign up. It is a great way to meet more friends, stay in shape during the winter months, and keep your sanity when school gets hectic!



## All-Staters

Basketball players Joe Jones and Mellissa Jimmerson participated in the Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association All-Star game held April 7 at Holmes Junior College. Jones is a 6'3" forward from Neshoba Central and Jimmerson, a 5'11" center from Louisville.



A scene from the spring musical, "South Pacific". The East Central students performed before a sell-out crowd for each of the four performances.

## 'South Pacific' Gets High Marks

By CLINTON DOSS

This year's spring musical "South Pacific" was, in this reviewer's opinion, a hit. Perhaps, some of the readers out there are saying, "Right, and you probably like Lawrence Welk too." Well, they are wrong. I like, Rush and Randy Travis as much as the next person. Back to business however, a review.

"Ngana" and "Jerime," who else could have started and ended this musical.

"Nellie," played by Amy Pouncey, and "Emile," played by Chuck Hinson, CONGRATULATIONS, your singing and performing were wonderful.

The sailors, aye a hardy lot you were. I salute you. "Luther Billis," played by Ardy Reed, was obviously a crowd favorite.

"Bloody Mary," played by Doreen Ryals, typified, a true business woman and

demonstrated what every island needs. Doreen was simply great!

Concerning "Captain Brackett," played by Marshall Watkins, and "Harbison," played by Chris Chapman, all I could think of was Colonel Klink and Sergeant Shultz! You guys really were a hit.

"Cable," played by alumnus, Louis Crenshaw, did a great job.

And the nurses. I have never seen a better looking group anywhere!

To director, Bruce Peterson, CONGRATULATIONS! I enjoyed the production very much.

The orchestra, conducted by Tom Carson, did a super job.

In closing, I would like to add that I was not the only person present who enjoyed this musical. My friends and the audience around us, applauded heartily.

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Douglas M. Jones, Kimberly Manning, Anthony Dwayne Moore, Betty Melinda Moore, Bobby Calvin Moore, Peggy Ann Patrick, Mitch Peden, Kemberly K. Peebles, Lee Phillips, William Destry Phillips, Stacy Lanette Porter, Jeffrey Eldon Register, Tambra Kaye Rushing;

Richard Alan Smith, Teresa N. Stroud,

John Brian Talbot, Vivian Darnell Taylor, L. Eric Thompson, Michael Stephen Wells, and Lori Ann Wilson.

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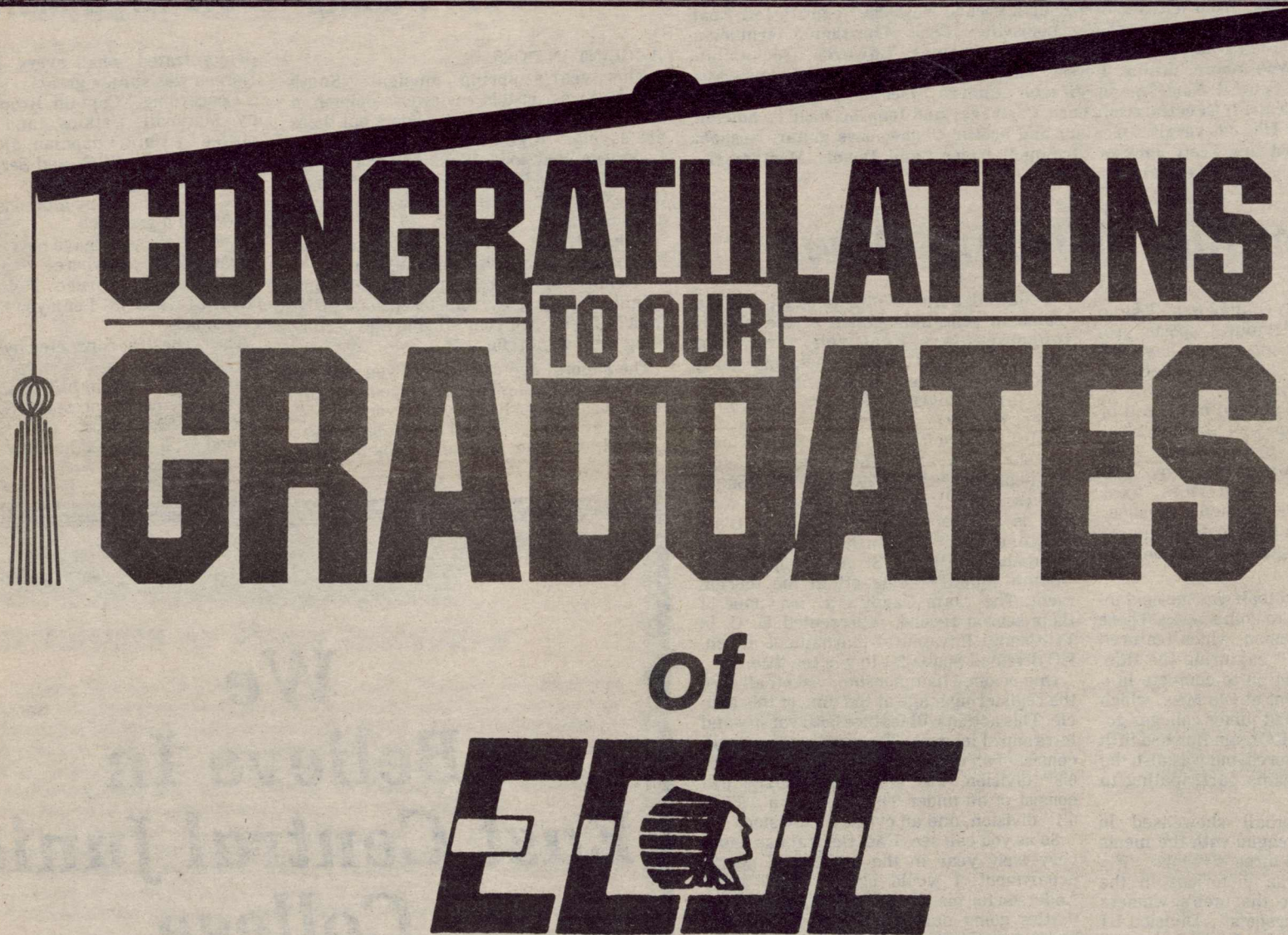
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**Summer Schedule**

East Central Junior College has announced the 1988 summer term schedule, with classes being offered in Decatur, Carthage, Forest, Louisville, and Philadelphia.

The first class schedule is an intersession (three-week) class with American Literature being offered. Registration for the class will be held at 8 a.m. Monday, May 16, in Newton Hall.

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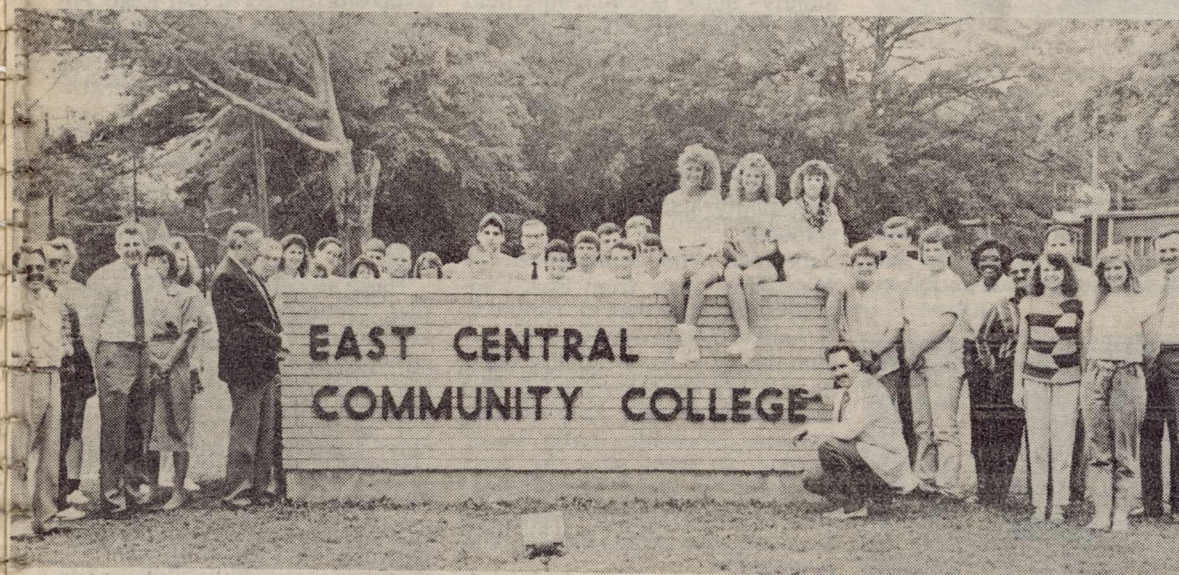


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## BECOMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

East Central Junior, make that, Community College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith places the final letter on the school sign which signifies the college's name change which became effective July 1. The college joins a national and statewide trend in changing to a "community" college which emphasizes the school offers more than just "junior" level courses for students attending senior institutions. Other administrators, faculty members, and students are shown joining Dr. Smith in signifying the historic occasion.

## Dr. Sutphin Named East Central Dean of Students

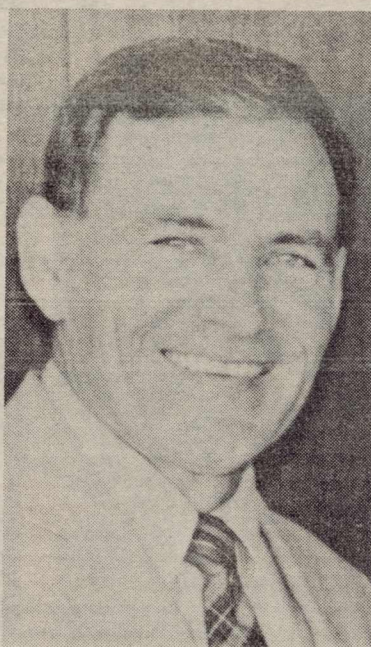
Dr. Phil A. Sutphin has been named Dean of Students at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Dr. Sutphin succeeds Gene Davis who has been selected Director of Adult and Continuing Education for the college. Davis has served as Dean of Students since August, 1985.

The administrative changes become effective on Sept. 1.

"We are delighted to have Dr. Sutphin join our East Central Community College family. He is very well-qualified for the position and we look forward to having someone of his qualifications and expertise in the Dean of Students position. I cer-

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DR. PHIL SUTPHIN

## HUDSPETH HONORED

East Central Community College Board of Trustees Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville recently received a plaque of appreciation for his over 19 years service to the college. Hudspeth, who was appointed to the Board of Trustees in October, 1968, was presented the plaque during the 14th annual meeting-workshop of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Trustees Association. Hudspeth has served as board chairman since July, 1983.

## Davis Will Direct Adult, Continuing Education Program

Gene Davis, Dean of Students At East Central Community College for the past three years, has been named Director of Adult and Continuing Education at the college, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Davis began his new duties on September 1, 1988.

Succeeding Davis is Dr. Phil Sutphin, a native of Mathiston, who previously served as Assistant Director of student Affairs and Director of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs at Concord, located in Athens, West Virginia.

Dr. Smith praised Davis for his many contributions as Dean of Students and said he looks forward to his work in his new position as Director of Adult and Continuing Education.

Davis is past president of the Mississippi Student Personnel Administrators Association and past president of the Mississippi Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and currently serves as director-at-large. He received the Presidents Award from the National Wildlife Federation in 1986.

He has been named an Outstanding Young Man of America, is a member of numerous professional organizations and societies, and is a



GENE DAVIS

civic club speaker.

Davis is a graduate of Louisville High School and attended East Central Junior College. He received a B. S. degree from Mississippi State University in 1975 and later earned master's and education specialist degrees, also from MSU. He has completed additional studies at William Carey College and at the University of Georgia.

He is the son of Mrs. Walter Davis of Louisville and the late Mr. Davis.

## Welcome!

Welcome to East Central Community College as we begin our 61st year of service as a two-year college!

Indeed, this is a very special year as we celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the college and as we begin operating under our new name, East Central Community College.

But most of all, this is a special year because YOU, the students, faculty, administration, and staff, are here to comprise our East Central family.

You can feel the excitement in the air as all of our students, faculty, administration, and staff begin anew with a fresh spirit of

enthusiasm. Let's 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 campus organizations and activities.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and productive 1988-89 session at East Central Community College.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

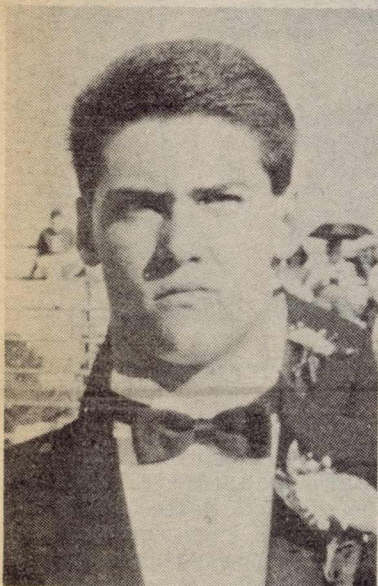
Eddie M. Smith  
President





## NEW COLLEGE PERSONNEL

New personnel hired for the 1988-89 school term at East Central Community College include, first row, left to right, Miriam Russell, Bookstore manager; Brenda Johnson and Jerry Boyle, Child Care attendants; Michele Ergle, Business Technology instructor; Melvie Culberson, Industrial Sewing instructor at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center; standing, from left, John Russell, assistant football coach-mathematics instructor; Richard Clark, Machine Shop instructor; Don Priest, Video Production Technology instructor at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center; and Tim Glaze, Baptist Student Union director. Not pictured is Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Students. A reception was held for the new personnel during the three-day faculty-staff workshop.



CHRIS GAY

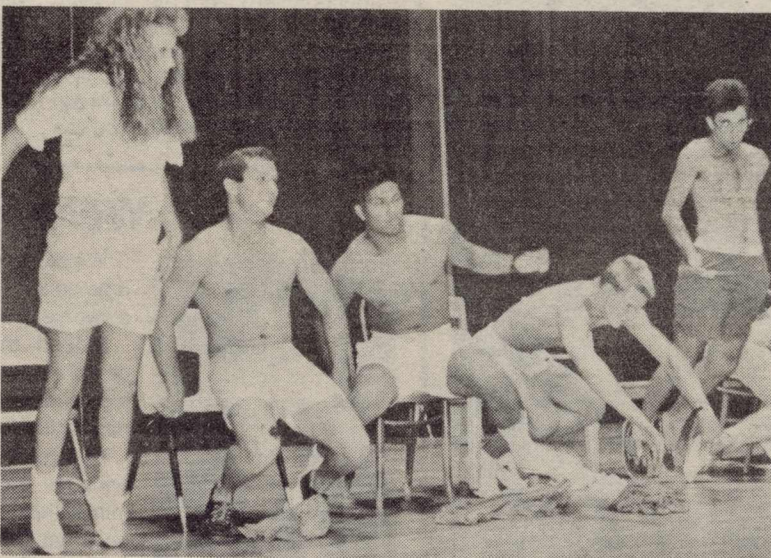
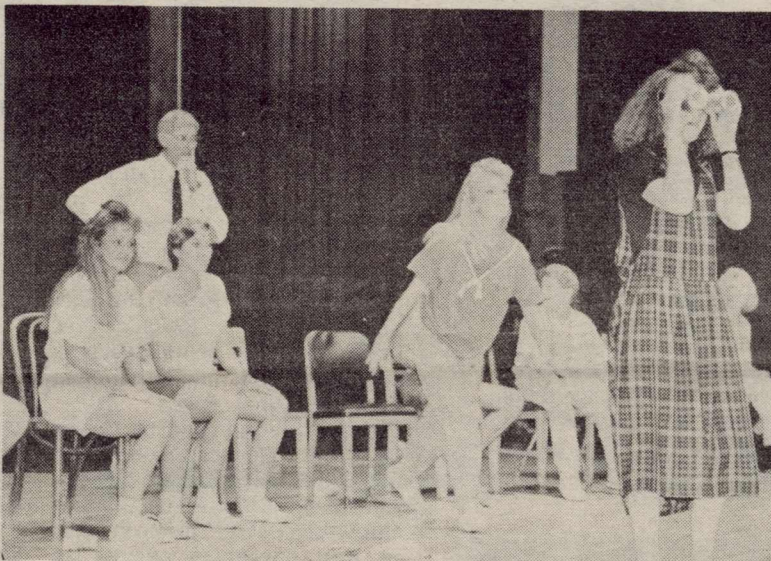
## East Central Receives Memorial Gift for Stadium

East Central Community College in Decatur recently received a memorial gift to complete the development of its baseball field. The gift will be used to fund the installation of lights at the baseball stadium and to construct a pressbox and concession stand at the field.

The contribution was made by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Gay, III, and their son, Lance, of Meridian in memory of their son and brother, Chris Gay, IV, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident on Oct. 21, while a student at the college. Chris was a member of the East Central baseball team.

In recognition of the memorial gift by the family, the East Central Community College Board of Trustees voted unanimously to designate the baseball field the Chris Gay, IV Memorial Field.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president, said a dedication program will be held at the first night baseball game played at the college next spring. At the dedication, the field will be officially designated the Chris Gay, IV Memorial Field.



## HYPNOTIST 'CASTS SPELL' ONCE AGAIN!

Reknowned hypnotist Colonel Ed Wallington made his 17th straight appearance on the East Central campus and once again demonstrated how the mind can be controlled while under a hypnotic spell! In top photo, sophomore Heather Watts of Union obviously appears to be looking through a couple of soft drink cans, although she was made to believe those "cans" were actually specially designed binoculars which enabled the viewer to see through clothing! Karen Valentine of Newton obviously does not like waiting for her turn as she dashes toward Heather in hopes of looking at the view for herself. In bottom photo, students show their reaction when Colonel Wallington convinced the group their chairs were suddenly 1000 degrees and too hot to sit on!

## Former ECCC Students Score High Marks at MSU

By DR. EDDIE M. SMITH  
East Central Community  
College President

How well do East Central Community College students perform academically at senior institutions? Very well, thank you!

According to comparison data recently released concerning state community/junior college transfer students and other students attending Mississippi State University during the 1987 fall semester, students from East Central Community College scored higher than other transfer students and all other students in several categories.

In the area of quality point averages for hours transferred, East Central students reported a mean quality point average of 2.80, slightly higher than the 2.78 average of all community/junior college transfer students.

Juniors who transferred to Mississippi State from East Central scored better than all community/junior college students by accumulating a mean quality point average of 2.56 compared to 2.31. The only semester that East Central transfer students made lower grades at MSU was the first semester of their junior year. However, this is usually reversed by the senior year as the available data indicates.

Former East Central students who were seniors at the time of the report received the highest marks.

Seniors who transferred from East Central Community College had a mean quality point average of 2.90, compared to 2.75 for all other seniors and 2.63 for all community/junior college students.

The report also revealed MSU seniors who attended East Central had higher cumulative quality point averages than all community/junior college students and all other students.

The East Central group had a 2.85

mean quality point average, compared to 2.74 for all community/junior college students and 2.77 for all other students.

Students from East Central even completed more semester hours as compared to the other groups of students. The East Central transfers took a mean course load of 15.44 semester hours, compared to 14.52 semester hours for all community/junior college students and 14.75 for all other students.

The ACT (American College Test) composite score of former East Central students was higher compared to all community/junior college students but lower in comparison to all other students.

East Central transfers had an ACT composite score of 18.96, compared to 18.38 for all community/junior college students. All other students had a composite score of 21.57.

Those associated with East Central Community College have always been of the opinion that instruction of the highest quality has been offered here, since the college opened its doors in 1928, and the report from Mississippi State University clearly indicates that fact.

Everyone in our five-county support district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston counties, should take special pride in knowing that students who transfer to higher institutions of learning are well prepared to tackle upper level curriculums. Our students thus are prepared to also tackle life in the "real" world as well.

The public is always welcomed to visit East Central's campus and to learn more about the college's programs of study.

When visiting our campus, you'll quickly discover that our motto, "With You In Mind" definitely has real meaning.



## COLLEGIANS PERFORM AT FAIR

The 1987-88 version of the East Central Community College Collegians gave their final performance as one of the featured entertainers at the Neshoba County Fair. Pictured are, from left, Brian Waddell, Neshoba Central; Scottie Chunn, Neshoba Central; Ardy Reed, Louisville; Chuck Hinson, Decatur; Kimberly Martin, Lake; and Jeannie Walsh, Morton. Other members included Jeff Neal, trombone, Carthage; Chris Cheatham, technician, Philadelphia; Thomas Edwards, technician, Philadelphia; Dwyane Moore, drums, Forest; Patsy Mims, sax, Neshoba Central; Kinsey Goldman, keyboard, Neshoba Central; Gem Harrison, horn, Carthage; Bud Johnson, head technician, Philadelphia; Scott Jackson, trumpet, Union; Donnie Montgomery, technician-guitarist, Neshoba Central; and Tom Carson, director-guitarist.



# SPORTS

## East Central Squad will be Young, Inexperienced

With the loss of 14 players who received post-season honors, and 10 of those athletes signing senior college scholarships, a young and somewhat inexperienced East Central Community College squad still has high hopes of another successful season.

At least that's the feeling and expectation of head coach A. J. Kilpatrick, whose 1987 Warriors had one of its best seasons in recent years.

East Central finished last year's campaign with a 7-3 mark and was the South Division runners-up with a 4-2 slate. The Warriors advanced to the state playoffs but were defeated in a semi-final action by Northwest Junior College, the eventual state champion.

This year's Warrior squad has yet to earn league respect as East Central was picked to finish the 1988 campaign tied for fourth with Covich-Lincoln in the coaches' preseason poll. Pearl River and Hinds are expected to challenge for the top spot in the South and Northwest and Holmes are the teams to beat in the North.

Players who received honors following the 1987 season and who have completed eligibility or did not return to the squad include:

Mecridric Calloway, defensive back-return specialist from Neshoba Central who was named to the All Region 23 and All State first teams, selected the South Division's most outstanding defensive back and chosen an All Star;

Marvin Peaarson, fullback from Pike County, Ala. who was named first team All State and All Star;

Tim Sattinger, center from Clearwater, Fla. who was named second team All American, first team All State, and All Star;

Paul Heard, noseguard-offensive guard from Heflin, Ala. who was named first team All State and All Star;

Richard Basil, quarterback from Demopolis, Ala. who was named second team All Star and All Star;

William Constant, offensive guard-linebacker from Tuscaloosa Central (Alabama) named second team All State;

Henry Coleman, safety from Louisville named second team All State;

Cedric Nichols, cornerback from Morton named second team All State; and

Angelo Smith, linebacker from Heflin, Ala. named second team All State.

Receiving honorable mention All State recognition were Allen Williams, offensive guard from Demopolis, Ala.; Michael Sewell, wide receiver from Tuscaloosa Central; Brad Breland, offensive tackle-kicker from Union; Michael Killen, punter from Neshoba Central; and Johnny Triplett, tailback from Louisville who had another year of eligibility but did not return to the squad.

Calloway, Sattinger, Heard, Basil,

Constant, Nichols, Smith, Williams, Breland, Killen, and place-kicker Verandel Irons of Neshoba Central signed senior college scholarships.

The only returnee to the 1988 squad who received post-season honors is Mickey McMillan, a 6'7" 298-pound defensive tackle from Lake who was named to the All State honorable mention team.

Other returnees who saw action last season include wide receivers Michael Oliver of Newton and Frankie Hodge of Decatur; monster man Dun Moore of Philadelphia; fullback-linebacker Andre Griffin of

Newnan, Ga.; center Allen Kron of Philadelphia, noseguard-linebacker Chris White of Morton; offensive tackle Alvin Mullins of Tuscaloosa Central; defensive end Steven Parker of Noxapater; and split end Phillip Donald of Newton.

Although the Warriors feature just 10 returnees on the 52-man roster, Coach Kilpatrick said he remains "cautiously optimistic."

"I really feel good about the squad even though we are somewhat young and inexperienced. However, I do see a lot of potential and we could become a very good football team,"

Coach Kilpatrick said.

The Warrior head coach said the freshmen, as well as the returnees, have looked good in practice and "will get a lot better as they mature with the program."

On offensive Kilpatrick said the

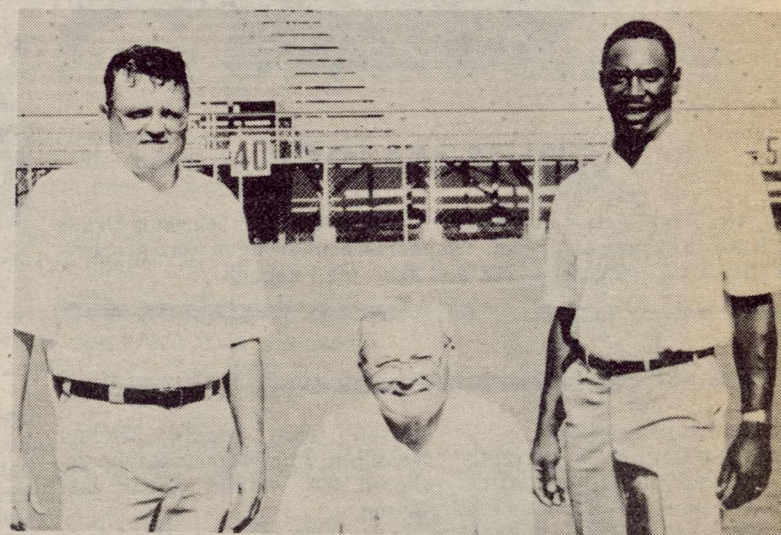
"battle is on" to replace quarterback Richard Basil who guided the Warriors last season.

He said Greg Fulton, a 6'1" 185-pounder from Neshoba Central and Scottie McLaren, 6'1" 190

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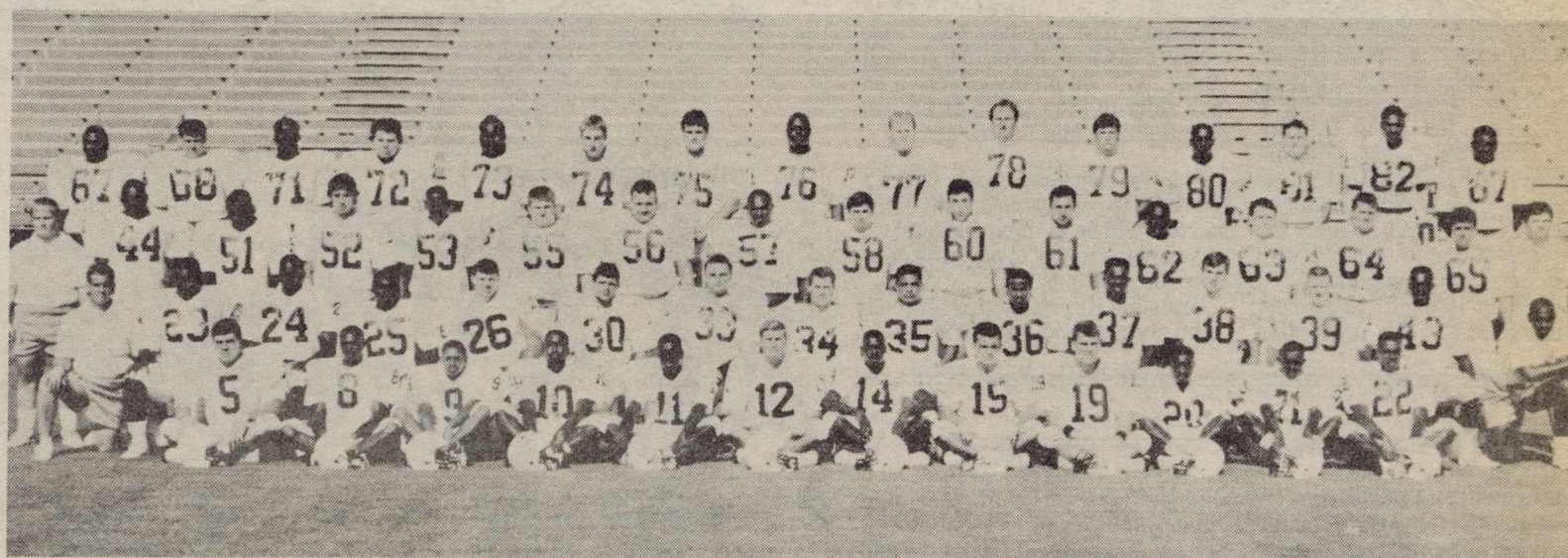
1988 Football Schedule					
Month	Date	Day of Week	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept.	10	Sat.	Holmes	Decatur	7:30
Sept.	17	Sat.	Co-Lin	Wesson	7:30
Sept.	24	Sat.	Gulf Coast	Decatur	7:30
Oct.	1	Sat.	East Miss.	Decatur	7:30
Oct.	6	Thurs.	Hinds	Raymond	7:00
Oct.	15	Sat.	Pearl River	Poplarville	7:00
Oct.	22	Sat.	*Jones	Decatur	2:30
Oct.	29	Sat.	Southwest	Decatur	7:30
Nov.	3	Thurs.	Delta	Moorhead	7:30

\*Homecoming



### FOOTBALL COACHES

East Central Community College football coaches for the 1988 season include, from left, assistant John Russell, head coach A. J. Kilpatrick, and assistant Tony Triplett.

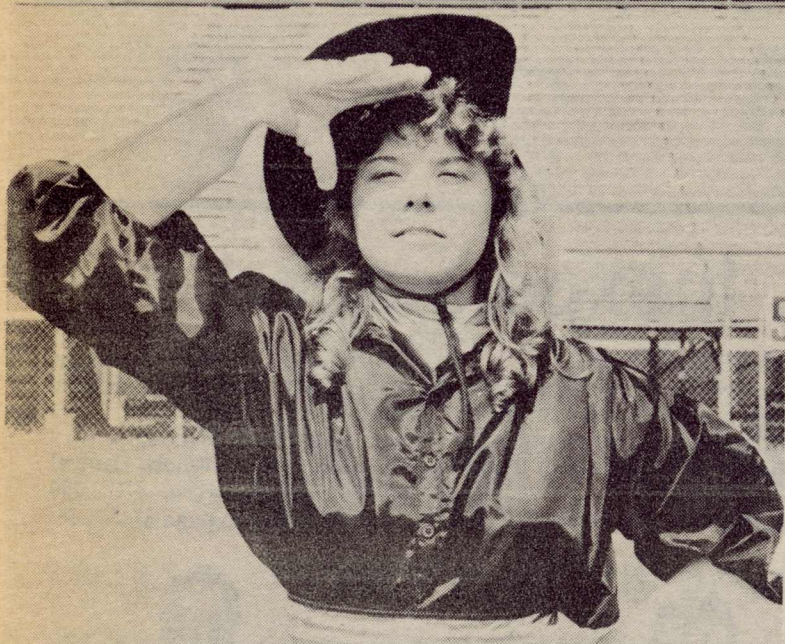


### EAST CENTRAL FOOTBALL TEAM

Members of the 1988 East Central Community College Warrior football team include, first row, left to right, quarterback Ronnie Williamson, Nanih Waiya; wide receiver Frankie Hodge, Decatur; wide receiver Randall Moore, Neshoba Central; safety-cornerback Willie Thames, Louisville; quarterback Greg Fulton, Neshoba Central; quarterback John Lockett, Newton; defensive back Darrell Burnside, Noxapater; quarterback Scottie McLaren, Griffin, Ga.; tight end Jimmy Nowell, Winston Academy; running back Timothy Wragg, Noxapater; cornerback Tim Davis, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; second row, left to right, manager Artie Foreman, Beulah Hubbard; monster man Dun Moore, Philadelphia; defensive back Anthony Houston, Neshoba Central; running back Darnell Brown, Decatur; free safety Robin Risher, Forest; free safety Cliff Luke, Nanih Waiya; fullback Scott Engle, Appalachian High School (Alabama); wide receiver Greg Martin, Leake Academy; fullback Ronald Roberts, Newton; running back Carl Brantley, Forest; fullback Bruce Mainka, Leake Academy; strong safety Chad Harris, Neshoba Central; linebacker Jerry Smith, LeGrange, Ga.; manager Wert Spiva, Noxapater; third row, left to right, manager Wade Kennedy, Noxapater; fullback-linebacker Andre Griffin, Newnan, Ga.; linebacker Issac Lyons, Neshoba Central; center-linebacker Stephen Cross,

Brookwood, Ala.; linebacker Patrick Bedford, Pell City, Ala.; guard-defensive tackle Steve Allen, Neshoba Central; defensive tackle Larry McCoy, Morton; center Allen Kron, Philadelphia; offensive guard Jeff Smith, Sebastopol; defensive end Kevin Carpenter, Leake Academy; noseguard Chris White, Morton; offensive guard Mark Spence, Newton; guard Mike Couch, Clearwater, Fla.; offensive guard Pat Robbins, Nanih Waiya; manager Tim Clayton, Newnan, Ga.; fourth row, left to right, offensive guard-noseguard Tony Dennis, Griffin, Ga.; offensive guard Jamie Shepard, Carthage; offensive tackle Stacey Lampley, Noxapater; defensive tackle David Overcash, Neshoba Central; center-defensive tackle Eugene Rhodes, Demopolis, Ala.; defensive tackle Kevin Gilmer, Union; offensive guard John Tucker, Bibb County, Ala.; offensive tackle Alvin Mullins, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; offensive tackle Matt Rhodes, Griffin, Ga.; defensive tackle Mickey McMillan, Lake; offensive tackle Rowan Bussey, Oxford, Ala.; wide receiver Bruce Jordan, Noxapater; defensive end Steven Parker, Noxapater; wide receiver Phillip Donald, Newton; and tight end Anthony Clark, Louisville. Not pictured is offensive guard-defensive tackle Harold Richard.





## DRUM MAJOR

Leading the East Central Community College Band this season is Drum Major Kathy Fitzhugh of Morton. A sophomore majoring in word processing, Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fitzhugh.

## ★ Squad

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pounds from Griffin, Ga. currently "have the edge" in earning the field general's position with Delta State University transfer Ronnie Williamson, a 6'4" 208-pounder from Newton. Williamson also "shows promise" in other positions, especially at defensive end, Kilpatrick said.

Other players to watch on the offensive side include Alvin Mullins, 6'3" 260-pound tackle from Tuscaloosa, Ala.; wide receivers Michael Oliver, 6'2" 170 pounds from Newton, Frankie Hodge, 5'9" 170 pounds from Decatur, and Phillip Donald, 6'5" 195 pounds from Newton; and tight ends Jimmie Nowell, another Delta State University transfer from Winston Academy who stands 6'3" and weighs 220 pounds and Anthony Clark, a 6'1" 255-pounder from Louisville.

Defensively, Coach Kilpatrick said he expects another productive

season from tackle Mickey McMillan, 6'7" 298 pounds who anchored the Warrior attack last season.

Other players to watch include linebackers Patrick Bedford, 6'1" 198 pounds from Pell City, Ala. and Jerry Smith, 6' 195 pounds from LaGrange, Ga.; noseguard Chris Whie, 5'9" 225 pounds from Morton; and defensive end Steven Parker, 6'1" 215 pounds from Noxapater.

Kilpatrick said Andre Griffin, 6'1" 215 pounds from Newnan, Ga. is also a player to watch as he, like several others, will see plenty of action on both sides of the pigskin as he will play fullback and linebacker.

The Warrior head coach said it's too early to really know who all the starters will be as many players will get an opportunity to play and compete for positions.

Assisting Kilpatrick this season is John Russell and Tony Triplett.

## ★ Sutphin

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tainly commend Gene Davis on the excellent job he has done as Dean of Students and look forward to his work in his new position as Director of Adult and Continuing Education," said Dr. Smith.

Dr. Sutphin, a native of Mathiston, served in various administrative capacities at Concord College in Athens, W. Va., before coming to East Central.

He most recently served as Assistant Director of Student Affairs and Director of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs at Concord College.

Dr. Sutphin also served as Director of Financial Aid/Veterans Affairs, Assistant to the President, and Adjunct Instructor.

Prior to his employment at Concord College, Dr. Sutphin served as Assistant to EDAS Department Chairman and Graduate Assistant at Memphis State University.

He was also a part-time political

science instructor at Meridian Junior College and served as Social Science Department Chairman and instructor at Meridian High School.

Dr. Sutphin received a doctorate in Educational Administration and Supervision from Memphis State University in 1987 and earned a M.A.T. in Political Science, a B.S. degree in Secondary Education/Social Science, and a B.A. degree in Political Science/History, all from Mississippi State University.

He is also a graduate of Wood Junior College in Mathiston where he received an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts.

Dr. Sutphin is married to the former Peggy Boyd of Grenada and they have two children, Brad, 7, and Brent, 6. Both will be first grade students at Boler Elementary School in Decatur this fall.



## CHEERLEADERS WIN SUPERIOR MARKS

The East Central Community College cheerleaders recently participated in the Elite Cheerleading Athletics, Inc. summer camp held at the University of South Alabama in Mobile and received superior ratings in the three categories of competition. The group was also presented the camp's spirit stick award. Cheerleaders include, first row, left to right, Mechelle Gregory, Decatur; Alisia Amis, Lake; Tonya Anthony, Sebastopol; Mona Moore, Philadelphia; Libby Hamil, Decatur; Nancy Bagwell (basketball cheerleader captain), Winston Academy; Michelle Evans, Lake; Kimberly Hobby, Winston Academy; standing, from left, Penny Crawford, Philadelphia; Sonya Crowther, Newton; Melissa Morgan, Beulah Hubbard; Tonya Trapp (football cheerleader captain), Neshoba Central; Kerri Posey, Philadelphia; and sponsor Leesa Lee.



## WARRIOR CORPS MEMBERS

Members of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, students who assist in recruiting and serve as official hosts and hostesses for college events and activities have been selected for the 1988-89 school year and are shown above. The group includes, first row, left to right, Kathy Smith, Forest; Heather Watts, Union; Debra Mangrum, Decatur; Kimberly Hobby, Winston Academy; Stephanie Gainey, Union; Bodie Copeland, Newton; second row, from left, Connie Myers and Diana Davidson, both of Sebastopol; Katherine Browne, Newton; Heather Weidler, Decatur; Stephanie Patrick, East Rankin Academy; third row, from left, Daryl Brown and Sonya Crowther, both of Newton; Tonya Trapp, Neshoba Central; Karen Valentine, Newton; Jason Hisaw, Louisville; fourth row, left to right, Pam Green, Sebastopol; Andy Thaggard, Leake Academy; Allen Lovett, Forest; Scott Jackson, Union; Mike Cooper, Decatur; back row, from left, Mark Amis, Decatur; Gina Buntyn, Union; Matt Alford, East Rankin Academy; and Bill Freeman, Lake. Not pictured is Cully Hudspeth, Winston Academy. The sponsor is Gregg Jefcoat, academic counselor.

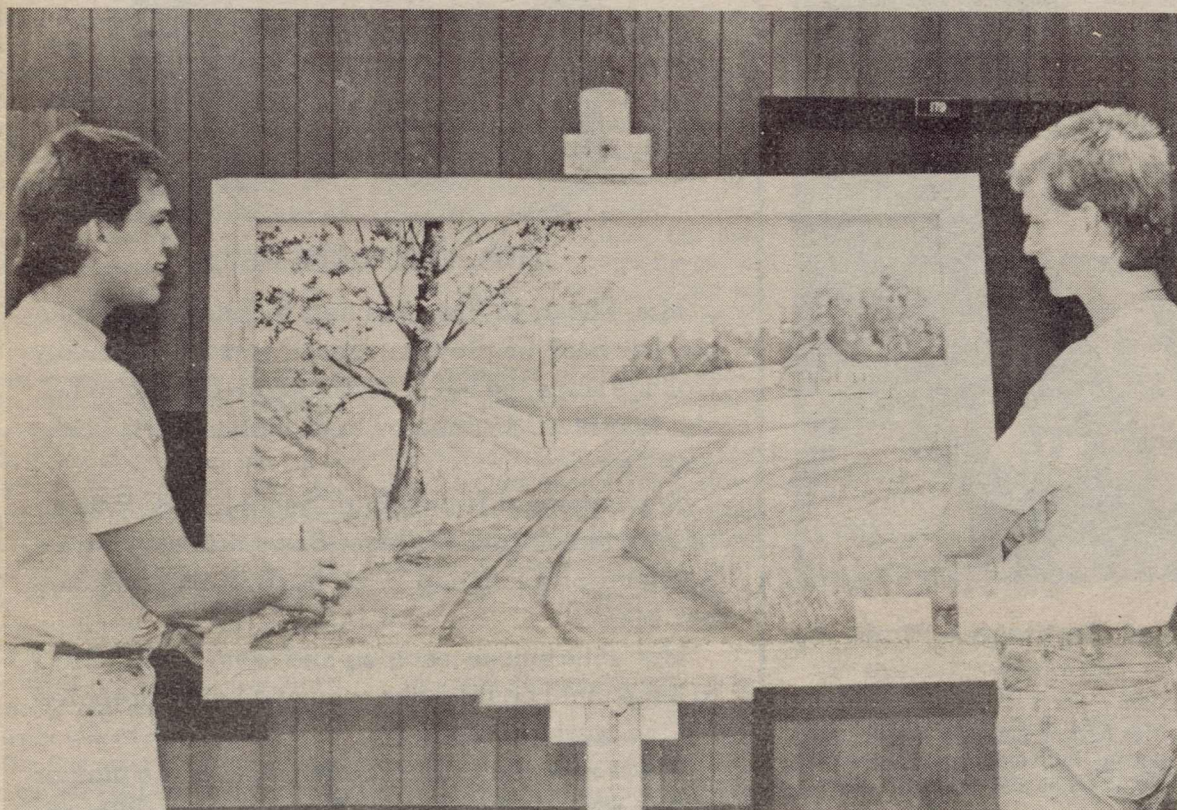


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## PAINTING DONATED FOR HUFF PROJECT

Sophomores Mike Cooper, left, and Mark Amis, both of Decatur, are shown admiring an original oil painting by art instructor Bruce Guraedy who has donated his artwork to be used in raising funds for the Huff Auditorium refurbishing project. Dean of Students Dr. Phil Sutphin said the student body association has begun seeking donations to purchase the painting, entitled 'East Central Mississippi Country Road'. The winner of the painting will be announced during the Homecoming luncheon scheduled Oct. 22. For further information please contact the Dean of Students office.

## ECCC Reports Record Enrollment of 1185 Students

By SANDY GRIFFITHS

Not only is this a new year under the college's "new" name, another milestone was reached this semester as a record enrollment of 1185 students has been reported.

According to Mr. Raymond McMullan, director of Admissions, Records, and Research, the 1185 total is the largest in school history, with the largest increase reported in evening class students.

"This enrollment record obviously means that more and more people are becoming increasingly aware of what East Central Community College has to offer," Mr. McMullan said.

Mr. McMullan said students are taking advantage of the different times classes are available as can

be seen below:

Academic full-time	503
Academic part-time	27
Technical full-time day	172
Technical part-time day	13
Vocational day	171
Evening full-time	4
Evening part-time	295
<b>Total</b>	<b>1185</b>

Mr. McMullan said the new total surpasses the previous record of 1085 students which was reported for the spring, 1988 semester. He said the 1185 total is an increase of 148 students as compared to the fall, 1987 semester.

Mr. Gregg Jefcoat, academic counselor, said, "we are very excited about our increase, and think it reflects our student-centered philosophy. We certainly encourage

students who need assistance to feel free to come by our office at anytime."

## European Tour Plans Announced

A ten day study tour of Europe is being planned for area students for the summer of 1989.

Led by Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Carol Vickers, instructors at East Central Community College, the study tour will leave on June 6, 1989 with stops in London, Paris, Lucerne, Innsbruck and Munich.

Three college credit hours are available for students who are interested. Further information may be obtained from Dr. Harris at 635-2768, or Mrs. Vickers at 635-2949.

## Bryne Drummond Praised During Memorial Service

Remembered as a "classmate, teammate, student, and pal," Bryne Christopher Drummond was eulogized during a memorial service held Sept. 20 in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

Drummond, a sophomore member of the Warrior basketball team, was killed in an automobile accident Sept. 17 in Jackson.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president, said Drummond was a "fine young man" and expressed sorrow and grief in mourning his untimely death.

"We all wonder why when a tragedy like this occurs but we should look to the scriptures in order to seek peace and comfort," Dr. Smith said.

Teammate Daryl Brown offered a prayer and said Drummond gave his many friends "love and happiness...through which everyone must find strength."

Brown expressed his love for Drummond and considered him as close "as a brother".

Following special music provided by Delores Mullin, coach Larry Gressett told the large crowd in attendance that he had earlier talked with Drummond's mother and she expressed her thanks and appreciation to the administration faculty, and students for their prayers and feelings toward her son.

Coach Gressett said he planned to attend Drummond's funeral, scheduled Sept. 24 in California, and will deliver Drummond's #12 jersey to his mother.

Gressett recalled it was two years ago when he recruited Drummond out of Milby High School, located in Houston, Texas.

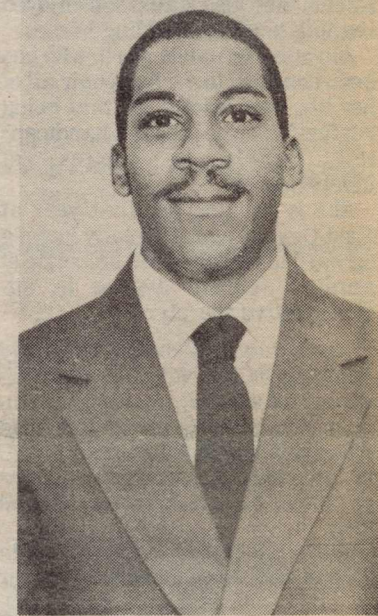
He described the student-athlete "as a very serious young man...he knew what he wanted in life and he was serious about athletics."

Gressett said Drummond was "proud to be an athlete and knew the sacrifices and dedication it took to be the very best."

The Warrior basketball coach said Drummond sacrificed in the weight room as well as on the gym floor during practice. He said he took his responsibility seriously and was "definitely a leader-not a follower."

Gressett said Drummond was also serious about college as indicated last year when he decided to sit out the 1987-88 season in order to concentrate on his studies, although he was eligible to play on the Warrior squad.

"Bryne sat out last year not because of bad grades, but because



BRYNE DRUMMOND

of good grades. He was also looking forward to a successful season this year," Gressett said.

Gressett said Drummond was also serious about life, and showed tremendous respect for his fellow players. He said he could not recall Bryne ever being angry at any of his teammates, only at himself.

"It's people like Bryne Drummond whose attitude and dedication make coaching and teaching a rewarding experience. Bryne was the kind of person I like to be around," Gressett said.

Gressett added, "I will miss Bryne, and if he could speak right now, I know he would want us to keep our chins up and keep on pushing for success. The world needs a lot more people like Bryne Drummond."

A special message was also delivered by Elder Clifton Jones who offered words of comfort through prayer, scripture and a brief sermon. Jones is pastor of Jerusalem Temple Church.

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## A LIVING MIRACLE

### But April Lawrence Considers Herself Just Another EC Student

By ROCHELLE GUNN

The doctors did not expect her to live to be six months old. At the age of 18, she seeks a college diploma!

East Central Community College student, April Lynn Lawrence, was born with a malformation of the spine called "spina bifida" or "open spine." Even though she has undergone numerous operations since birth, she can "only remember 17."

April, a 1987 graduate of Carthage High School, considers her childhood as "normal." She said she was "shy and often kept to herself." She spent most of her time playing with her two sisters, Amy and Rachel. She also stated she enjoyed reading books and riding horses.

Anyone who meets April, who has been confined to a wheelchair all of her life, can readily tell that being confined is by no means a handicap; it's simply a means of independency.

She is starting her first year at East Central and is already looking forward to receiving her associate of applied science degree in administrative secretary.

April, who said she is thoroughly enjoying ECCC, said she feels accepted for what she is: another student just trying to obtain a college education. She said attending ECCC is not only an educational experience, but an enjoyable one as well.

When she leaves East Central in May of 1990, April plans to begin her



Freshman April Lawrence of Carthage.—Photo by Johnny Beaver

career in "the working world."

And that's an appropriate goal in life for April Lynn Lawrence, who

sees herself not as a handicapped person, but someone who achieves her goals so she can help others.



### VICA CLUB OFFICERS

VICA (Vocational Technical Clubs of America) officers elected for the 1988-89 school year include, first row, left to right, Mike Reed, president, Noxapater; Kim Massey, vice president, Meridian; Tina Cooley, secretary, Clarkdale; Barry Edwards, treasurer, Flint, Mich.; second row, from left, Mike Clark, parliamentarian, Noxapater; Staci Chisolm, reporter, West Lauderdale; and Jason Hisaw, chaplain, Louisville.

## Teacher Spotlight

By GINA BUNTYN



MRS. ELIZABETH PITTS

Mrs. Elizabeth Pitts, business technology instructor, has been employed at East Central Community College since the fall of 1975. Before coming to EC, she taught at Southeast Lauderdale, South Leake and Newton.

A graduate of Union High School, Mrs. Pitts attended Mississippi College. She graduated with a bachelor of science in 1962. In 1975, she obtained her MED.

Mrs. Pitts enjoys teaching and says, "I would like to hope that I could make someone better prepared for the world of work."

She is married to Horace Pitts and is the mother of two sons, Jeff and Brad Breland. Mrs. Pitts enjoys going to football games. Jeff is a coach for the Lake Hornets and she goes to Lake's games on Friday nights. On Saturdays she follows Brad's team, the University of Arkansas-Monticello Boll Weevils.

As she begins her fourteenth year at East Central, Mrs. Pitts says, "I like to teach because I like students. It keeps me young at heart."

## Scott County Mud Bogg

October 22, 1988

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# Baptist Student Union Plans Active Year

By MICHELLE MCNEIL

The Baptist Student Union (BSU) is under a new director "and is more exciting than ever," said Tina Hollingsworth. We want to encourage you to become a member. Students of the Southern Baptist faith are not the only members the BSU has. For instance there are different religions as Methodist, Catholic, and Missionary Baptist. Even if you are not a member of a church, you may still attend. We would like to encourage all races to attend, too. BSU members are encouraged to invite other people to attend the meetings, also.

The BSU symbol represents the inward and outward journey of a Christian. The symbols are arrows pointing in and out.

The five arrows pointing inward represent the inward journey to a Christian life. The first arrow is worshipping the Lord. You can do this by going to church or even coming to BSU. The second arrow stands for having bible studies. These can be held in your dorm, your home, or on your own in a special place. The third arrow is having discipleship and the fourth arrow is fellowshiping. These mean applying the Lordship of Christ to all the people you meet anywhere. The last arrow is churchmanship. This means the involvement in church. These are some of the ways of the inward journey to a Christian life.

The five outer arrows represent the outward journey to a Christian life. The outward journey means to reach out to people. The first is evangelism. This is mainly for people who are evangelists. The second is missions. This could be done on foreign missions or state missions. The third is ministry/social action. The fourth is international student ministries. The fifth is enlistment/newwork.

We have an executive council which arranges the events the BSU will present on the following days.

Monday - Noonday, fifth period, eat a free meal and hear a good message.

Tuesday - B.A.S.I.C. Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Have fun and fellowship at 6 p. m.

Wednesday - Go to the Conva Rest Home. Johnny Beaver is in charge of that. If interested, contact him.

Thursday - T.N.T. Thursday Night Thing, Bible study at 7:15 p. m.

Members of the Executive Council are:

Kinsey Goldman, president; Andy Thaggard, evangelism; Kay Cherry, social chairman; Robin Risher, specialties; Sandra George, missions; Johnny Beaver, enlistment; Kathy Fitzhugh, heart sound president, and Amie Cliburn, worship chairman.

The BSU is supported by the Southern Baptists Churches and is led by the students.

Our new director is Tim Glaze. Tim was born in Greenwood, S. C. He is 28 years old. For 16 years of his childhood he lived in Argentina

where his parents were southern missionaries. Tim came back to the states so he could go to Mississippi College. He got a degree in political science, which is a bachelor of art, and a minor in Spanish. He also went to seminary and graduated with a master of divinity. Then graduated in 1987 with a masters of religious education. He is currently working on a doctoral of education program.

He appreciates getting to know the students. "The first thing I was introduced to was the administration. I got here in July and there wasn't anybody around. It was the matter of being introduced to the administration. I would like to say that Dr. Smith and Dr. Tucker did an outstanding job helping me feel comfortable and inviting me to different school functions, either to share a devotional or give a speech.

"The first interest is to get as many people involved in BSU. BSU takes on different characters based on the members that it has. Sometimes we assume things or feel like there are stereotypes that we have to fit into. The BSU doesn't have to have any stereotypes. I'd like to see a more variety of students involved. We are trying to cater to that."

We asked a few people who are in BSU what they thought of Tim. These are the responses that we received: "Tim is great!!! There is no other word for him! He fits right in, yet stands out enough to be noticed. He is doing a wonderful job," commented by Kinsey Goldman. "He has many things planned for the BSU of ECCC," says Robin Risher. "He always has something positive to say," said Michael Chandler.

## COMMENTS ON BSU

Andy Thaggard - "It really gives me a chance to really be myself. I can show others Christ in my life."

Kinsey Goldman - "I like the family atmosphere. BSU is the place to go when you want to get away. If you have had a bad day or just think you can't handle the hustle and bustle of campus, just come by and relax."

Robin Risher - "I like the people you meet there. It's a place to go that has a moral atmosphere."

Michael Chandler - "The feeling of acceptance and everybody being nice is what I like most about BSU. It is fun, educational and has a great sense of spiritual growth."

Thomas Edwards - "The fellowship is what I like most about BSU. I've also met alot of students."

It doesn't matter if you cannot come to all of the meetings. You are not required to as a member. Feel free to drop by anytime you want. There should always be someone here except before 10 a.m.

Alice Fairley serves as hostess and Sandi Commins is the secretary.



## BSU PLANS

BSU Executive Council members are planning many activities for the 1988-89 school year. Officers include, from left, Robin Risher, specialties; Kinsey Goldman, president; Amie Cliburn, worship chairman; Andy Thaggard, evangelism; Sandra George, missions; Johnny Beaver, enlistment, and Tim Glaze, director.

## Alpha Alpha Epsilon Names New Officers

By REGGIE SHUMAKER

Alpha Alpha Epsilon, the engineering club at East Central, recently had its first meeting to kickoff activities for the 1988-89 school year.

President Reggie Shumaker called the meeting to order and introduced the other club officers who are as follows: Mike Cooper, vice president; Leigh Ann Russell, secretary; Allen Kron, treasurer; Wade Scott, social chairman; and Maggie Jennings, reporter.

Engineering enrollment is on the increase as compared to years past, with 39 students eligible to become members.

AAE was chartered as the fourth community college chapter affiliated with the National Society of Professional Engineers on Nov. 11, 1963.

Its purpose is to promote professional development and instill professionalism in engineering students. Most important is the developing of understanding on the part of the student that professional engineering embodies technical ability, integrity, responsibility, conduct, purpose, spirit, indebtedness to the past, and a desire to contribute to the continued strengthening of the profession.

Any student desiring to be an engineer is eligible to become a club member. Membership dues are \$15 and are payable before Oct. 1. The dues cover local, state and national affiliation.

Dr. Shelby Harris, club advisor, was recently presented a plaque of appreciation for his 25 years service by the Mississippi Engineering Society President Maury Gunter during the state meeting.

The club meets regularly as scheduled in the student handbook for curriculum activities.



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## Can You Describe the Typical Student?

By KIM PIERCE

If you were asked to describe the typical East Central student, what would you say?

Besides having very different appearance, every individual has his own personality and own idea about how life should be. With the help of a statistical report from Mr. Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research, describing the students who attend ECCC is much easier.

According to Mr. McMullan, there are 745 academic, 269 technical, and 171 vocational students for a total of 1185 students enrolled for the 1988 fall semester.

Dividing the students by grade standings, there are 864 freshmen and 321 sophomores.

For dating possibilities, there are 626 females and 550 males from which to choose. There are 310 married students attending East Central, 822 single students, 43 divorcees, and seven widows.

As far as a breakdown by county, 310 students are from Newton County, 270 from Neshoba County, 256 from Scott County, 170 from Leake County, and 101 from Winston County. There are 45 student attending out of state and 118 from out of district.

Concerning the ACT entrance exam, the largest group of students (155) scored between 18-22. There were two student who scored between, 30-36, the highest level of scoring.

With the many ways of classifying students at East Central, there should be a wide variety of people to get to know.

Remember to be yourself at whatever you do and encourage others to do the same. The variety of people is what makes East Central such a special place!



## CHECKING THE FILES

Dr. Tucker checks a student's file on the computer located in his office.—Photo by Linda Floyd.

# Dr. Tucker has Served East Central for 38 Years!

By HEATHER WATTS

The longest tenure served by a faculty member at East Central is 38 years and this tenure has been

served by Dr. Brad Tucker.

Dr. Tucker is Dean of Instruction and has been so for 28 years, which is the longest term served in that office. He came to East Central as a Vocational-Agricultural teacher in 1951 and then assumed his current position in 1961.

The college is in its sixty-first year and Dr. Tucker has been involved with East Central for 41 of those 61 years.

Along with his usual responsibilities, Dr. Tucker works with the Alumni Association and helps to coordinate the annual Homecoming activities on campus. He is also the senior member of the Mississippi Public Junior College Dean's Association and is the only charter member still serving as Dean.

Dr. Tucker attended East Central for the first time in the summer of 1943 for the purpose of graduating from the Agricultural High School that was once located here. He attended school during the time preceding his involvement in World War II. During the second semester of summer school, he was one of five young men and 105 young ladies attending classes. This was one of the only advantages of the war for him.

In September of 1946, Dr. Tucker enrolled at East Central Junior College as a veteran of World War II and majored in Agriculture. He was a resident of Winston Hall in 1946, the year the dorm opened. He graduates with honors from ECJC in 1948. When asked if he ever thought he would return to ECJC

after graduation, he replied, "No, I had no idea that I would ever return even though I enjoyed East Central so much."

Dr. Tucker said he definitely sees some changes over the years that he has been here. "Students have access and own more cars than when I was a student, and there is a lot more traffic to Meridian," he stated. He also said there are more computers, crowding and programs of study now. "Extracurricular activities were offered more then because back then we had Saturday classes," he explained.

Dr. Tucker has served under five of the six presidents of East Central and said that he knew the other one. He also said he has no plans of leaving and stated that he had signed 38 one-year contracts and hoped to sign another.

He enjoys fishing and hunting, especially duck hunting; although, he does not get the chance to go that often any more. Perhaps his biggest pleasure comes from his farm where he raises beef cattle as a hobby to keep him close to his chosen field of agriculture.

Dr. Tucker is a native of Leake County and is married to the former Mary Vaughn of Yazoo County. He has a daughter, Beth Tartt, of Meridian who is married to Dr. Stephen Tartt. They have two children: Sarah, who is six years old and in the first grade, and Michael who is four years old and in playschool. Dr. Tucker stated, "Of course, these two take up the rest of my time."



## SOPHOMORE FASHION SQUAD MEMBERS

Sophomore members of the Fashion Squad include, first row, left to right, Suzette Hall, Decatur; Mona Moore, Neshoba Central; Kathy Spencer, Forest; Vicki Thames, Beulah Hubbard; Tracy Stewart, Philadelphia; standing, from left, Nina Moseley, Newton Academy; Kerri Posey, Neshoba Central; Tonya Trapp, Neshoba Central; Constance Body, Forest; and Debra Mangrum, Newton Academy. Mrs. Alice Pouncey serves as sponsor.—Photo by Johnny Beaver.



# Student Opinion Poll

By MATT ALFORD — Photos By NANCY BAGWELL

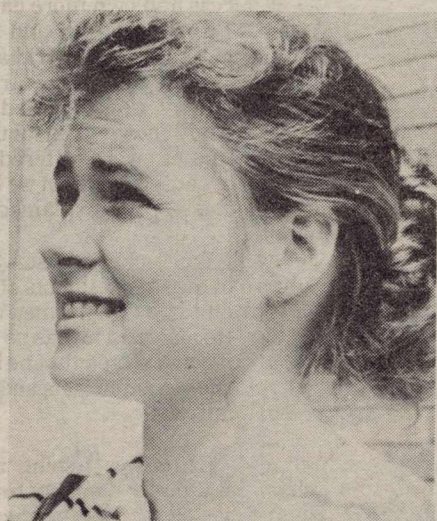
## Why Did You Choose East Central?



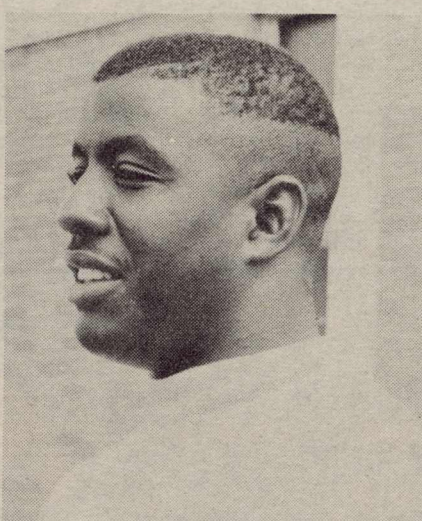
Eddie Woitt, 18, freshman from Carthage: "Because it's close to home."



Sunay Patel, 18, freshman from Forest: "It's a nice school."



Robbie Brown, 18, freshman from Hickory: "Because of its size and it's close to home."



Patrick Bedford, 18, freshman from Pell City, Ala.: "To participate in athletics."



Karen Davis, 18, freshman from East Rankin Academy: "Because my dad came here."



# SPORTS

## Baseball Team Begins Season with 12-1 Win

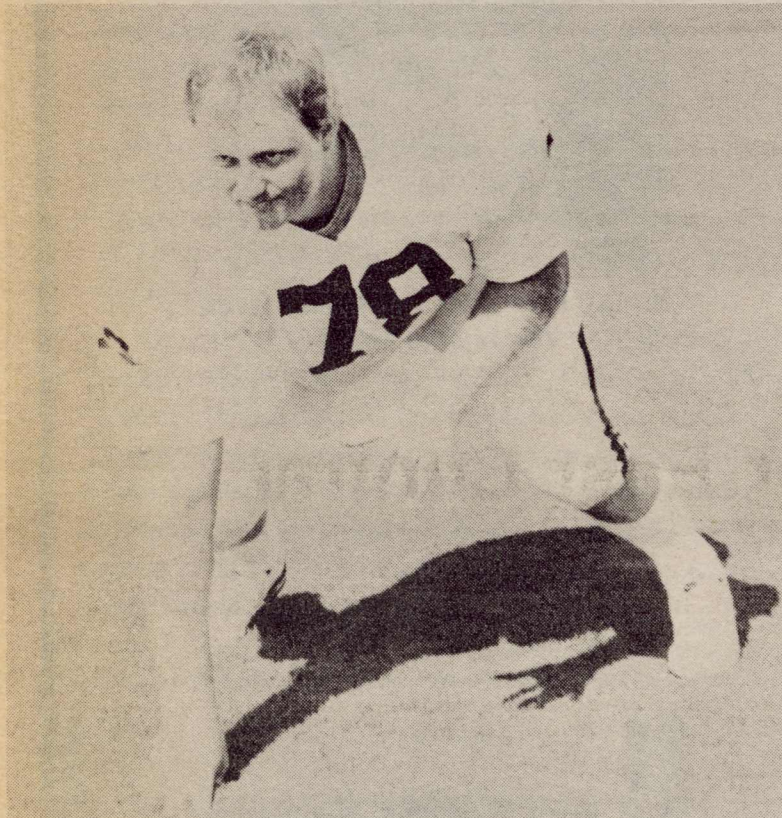
By TAMMY PERRITT

East Central's Warrior baseball team began the fall season with a great start, as they took a 12-1 victory over Clarke College on Sept. 14.

The fall baseball program plays an important part in building the team's spirit, and it also gives the coaches the opportunity to see how each player performs and who is the best at each position.

This year's team has many new members, and hopefully, along with these fresh faces and a good attitude, the Warriors will have an outstanding team.

Leading the team this fall are head coach Jamie Clark and assistant, Donnie Shimfessel. Coach Clark said the emphasis this fall is on improvement in fundamentals and switching from a power team, which they were last year, to a more aggressive, baserunning team this



Defensive tackle Mickey McMillan from Lake

### McMillan Anchors Warrior Defense

By KIMBERLY HOBBY

Mickey McMillan is the featured athlete for this issue of the *Tom-Tom*. Mickey is a 6;6" 298-pound defensive tackle on the football team.

Mickey said he started his football career at Lake High School when he was in the seventh grade.

He played six years at Lake and received many honors such as All Conference, three years; All District, two years; Most Valuable District Lineman, two years; All State, his senior year; and he played in the Mississippi High School All-Star game.

While Mickey was in high school, the Hornets won three district championships and had a 9-2 record his senior season.

Many colleges were interested in recruiting Mickey, including Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi, University of Southern Mississippi, University of Tennessee, University of Alabama, Delta State University, Livingston University, and Mississippi College. Mickey signed a scholarship with Mississippi College but did not report to the Choctaws, and instead close to come to East Central, "because it was convenient for me," he said.

This is Mickey's second year at ECCC. He led the team in tackles last season and the Warriors ended the year with a 7-4 mark. Following the 1987 campaign, Mickey was named to the All-State Honorable Mention team.

Mickey said he hopes to attend Mississippi State University and major in physical education following graduation at East Central. Mickey also plans to become a member of the Bulldog squad.

Concerning the team's progress this season, Mickey said the Warriors "are going to have to get better if we are going to have a good season." He said the team will have to improve in order to beat East Mississippi this Saturday.



### SAFE!

Second baseman Kevin Cochran may have missed the tag but the Warriors were easy winners over visiting Clarke College in the season opener. East Central won the game 12-1.—Photo by Johnny Beaver.

year. His goals are also to find the top ten pitchers and a suitable replacement for Pat Erving, who was the team's catcher last year.

The top three returning pitchers from last year are Ben Kitchings of Morton, Corey Taylor of Philly, and John Mark Williams of Newton.

Returning starters this year are Keith McGee of Morton, Kevin Cochran of San Antonio, Texas, and Alfred Triplett of Louisville. McGee hit .250 and missed the last 22 games due to a hamstring injury. Cochran, who hit .276 last year as a switch-hitter, will only bat right-handed this year. Triplett, who hit .326 last spring with five home runs, was named honorable mention All-State.

This year's roster contains the 39 names of the young men who will strive to make the Warrior baseball team all it can be.

**Pitchers**  
Corey Taylor, Philly

John Mark Williams, Newton  
Ben Kitchings, Morton  
Hugh Vanlandingham, Noxapater  
Sterrit Henry, Beulah Hubbard  
Stanley McDill, Forest  
Brian Senn, Demopolis, Ala.  
Chris Clark, Edinburg  
Donald Culberson, Neshoba Central  
Jeff Crocker, Marengo, Ala.  
David Strickland, Marengo, Ala.  
David Hubbard, Baton Rouge, La.  
Shawn Luke, Nanih Waiya  
Greg Smith, Memphis  
Ken Williams, Duffee

**Catchers**  
Dale Radley, Walker, La.  
Kernan Comby, Choctaw Central  
Randy Bishop, Hickory  
Scott Allen, Livonia, La.

**First Basemen**  
Scott Hill, Forest  
Eric Davis, Chatham, New York  
Keith Joyner, Beulah Hubbard

**Second Basemen**  
Johny Luke, Nanih Waiya  
Kevin Cochran, San Antonio, Texas  
Scott Fulcher, Louisville

**Short Stops**  
Keith McGee, Morton  
Walter Soloman, South Leake  
Keith Sheaxnayder, Baton Rouge, La.

**Third Basemen**  
Jimbo Patterson, Demopolis, Ala.  
Stuart Kincaid, Winston Academy  
Gary Womack, Baton Rouge, La.

**Outfielders**  
Jamie Rainer, Beulah Hubbard  
Alfred Triplett, Louisville  
Jo Thomas, Arbyrd, Mo.  
Joey Boykin, Winston Academy  
Jeff Thomas, Forest  
Larod Odom, Scott Central  
Willie Burkes, South Leake  
Mark Hollifield, Forest

### Fall Baseball Schedule

Sept. 24	Saturday	Southwest	Home	11:00
Sept. 27	Tuesday	George Wallace	Selma, AL	3:00
Sept. 29	Thursday	Clarke	Home	2:00
Oct. 3	Monday	Clarke	Home	2:00
Oct. 5	Wednesday	Livingston	There	5:00
Oct. 11	Tuesday	East Miss.	There	7:00
Oct. 13	Thursday	East Miss.	Home	7:00
Oct. 17-21		Southern Miss. Tournament		TBA
Oct. 25	Tuesday	Miss. College	There	6:00



## Sunay Patel Selected To Junior Davis Cup Team

By MIKE COOPER and  
MARK AMIS

As I walked into the East Central television room located in the old gym, the subject of my interview was easily identified.

He sat in blue jeans, T-shirt, and unlaced high tops while watching his favorite daytime soap, General Hospital.

Even though I have known him for only a short time, he has already become easily recognizable by his quick smile, good nature, and an almost innocent outlook on life. Those are the qualities that make him instantly likeable to those who meet him.

Oh, yeah, he can also play a mean game of tennis. Who am I talking about? Why Sunay Patel, of course!

Sunay was born in Surat, Gurato in the country of India. He lived there until he moved to Forest in 1984. When he was a freshman at Forest, his father guided him into the game of tennis. Sunay had never played tennis, he worked and became a fast learner.

Sunay was ranked 43rd in the state his freshman year, 16th his sophomore year, 7th his junior year, and 3rd his senior season. He was the class 3A runnerup at the state finals his junior year, and became champion his senior year.

Sunay is presently attending East Central as a freshman and says he enjoys college "very much".

He has recently been chosen as one of two tennis players to represent Mississippi on the Junior Davis Cup Team. The team will compete in the South Regional Junior Davis Cup Tournament scheduled Sept. 30-Oct. 2 in Louisville, Ky.

Until he leaves to compete in the tournament, Sunay said he plans



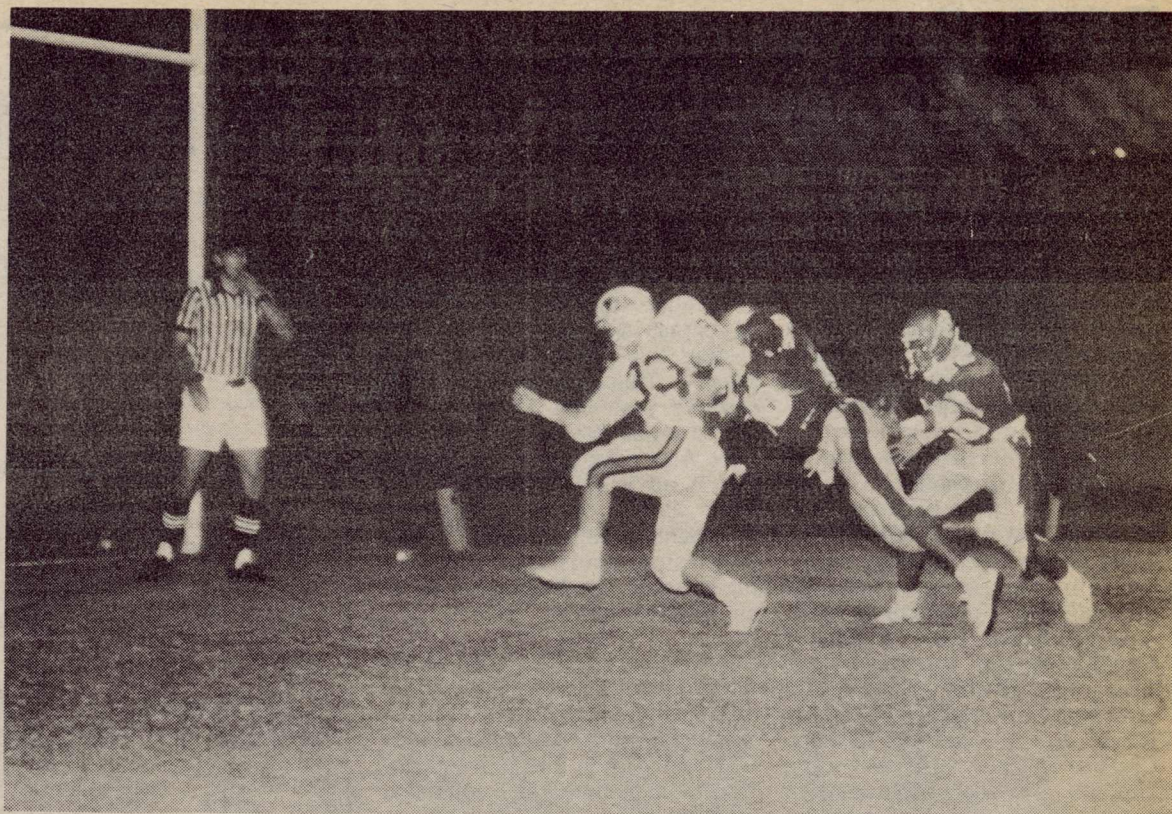
SUNAY PATEL

staying busy studying, playing flag football, watching the Dallas Cowboys (his favorite football team), and, of course, playing tennis.

After East Central, Sunay plans to attend Ole Miss as a pre-med major and hopefully be able to later enroll at the University Medical Center.

When asked if he plans to turn professional someday, Sunay replied, "I would love to play tennis, but it is really not that probable; so I am just planning to take it one day at a time."

With that I wished him luck in the upcoming and left him to finish watching his soap opera!



### ENGLE SCORES

Fullback Scott Engle (33) drags a Copiah-Lincoln defender past the goal line and scores the Warriors' only touchdown in a 14-7 loss to the Wolves in Wesson. Engle is a 6' 215-pound freshman from Appalachian High School in Oneonta, Ala.

## Fourth-Quarter Score Lifts Co-Lin Over East Central

Copiah-Lincoln Community College took advantage of East Central miscues while the Warriors were unable to cash in scoring opportunities as the Wolves defeated the East Central squad 14-7 in a South

Division contest played Saturday night in Wesson.

East Central, now 1-2 overall and 0-1 in division action, will host Gulf Coast Community College in another key division matchup scheduled Saturday, Sept. 14. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p. m. on the

Warrior field in Decatur.

Co-Lin, now 3-0, capitalized on the Warriors' sixth turnover of the night and broke a 7-7 deadlock when quarterback Doug Coleman fired a 32-yard strike to wide receiver Dejuan Singleton with 9:49 remaining for the winning margin.



### AIRBORNE!

Wide receiver Phillip Donald (82) outjumps two Copiah-Lincoln defenders and makes a spectacular catch during East Central's 14-7 loss to the homestanding Wolves in Wesson. Donald is a 6'5" 195-pound sophomore from Newton.

### Flag Football Schedule

For Sept. 26-Oct. 6

Game times: 3:45 and 5:30

MONDAY Sept. 26	Dirty Dogs vs. Team Nukey Under-Achievers vs. Holy Rollers
TUESDAY Sept. 27	Tenderonies vs. Cully's Kittens Young Guns vs. Under-Achievers
WEDNESDAY Sept. 28	Philly Express vs. Tuff Enuff Generics vs. Dirty Dogs
THURSDAY Sept. 29	Over-Achievers vs. Cully's Kittens Oreos vs. Under-Achievers
MONDAY Oct. 3	Tenderonies vs. Tuff Enuff
TUESDAY Oct. 4	Dirty Dogs vs. Tator's Terrapins Over-Achievers vs. Philly Express
WEDNESDAY Oct. 5	Young Guns vs. "D" Brothers Cully's Kittens vs. Tuff Enuff
THURSDAY Oct. 6	"D" Brothers vs. Dirty Dogs Oreos vs. Generics

\*Note: 3-on-3 Basketball begins Oct. 3



## PTK Conference Hosted by ECCC

By REGGIE SHUMAKER

Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national scholastic honor fraternity here at East Central, was host of the Mississippi-Louisiana-Tennessee Regional Leadership Conference held recently at Lake Tiak O'Khata in Louisville. Eighty-five officers and advisors were present at the conference. Also present were several executives from the national office. These included: Rod Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa; Tom Mundell, director of alumni affairs; and Bill Wilson, chapter program director.

All officers of Theta Xi chapter were present at the conference. These officers are: Phil Duncan, president, Leake Academy; Tammy Kirkland, vice-president, Neshoba Central; Heather Watts, secretary, Union; Mike Cooper, treasurer, Decatur; Reggie Shumaker,

reporter, Neshoba Central; Tanya Henry, Union, and Wade Scott, Leake Academy, co-historians.

A plaque was presented to Theta Xi chapter in appreciation for their hosting this year's regional conference. This was the fifth consecutive year that Theta Xi has served as host. Receiving the plaque were Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris, advisors of Theta Xi.

Dr. Eddie Smith serves as Presidential Ambassador to the Mississippi-Louisiana-Tennessee region. Mrs. Ann Burkes serves as an executive officer.

New members were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa on Sept. 27. Invitation into the fraternity requires that these students maintain a 3.3 GPA since they are sophomores. Freshman members are required to maintain a 3.4 GPA.

## High School, Community College Day Set Oct. 15

High school, community and junior college students from throughout Mississippi and the region are invited to attend the University of Mississippi's annual High School and Community College Day on Sat., Oct. 15.

Ole Miss Chancellor Gerald Turner will give the official welcome at 10 a. m. in Fulton Chapel. At that time, students will be given information on how to obtain special \$3 tickets to the 1:30 p. m. Ole Miss-Arkansas State football game at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. Advance tickets will not be available at this reduced price.

An "Information Fair" with displays will be open from 8:30 a. m. until noon in the Ole Miss Union Lobby. Students can get a preview of

student life at the University and the many academic and career opportunities available. Admissions and academic counselors, administrators and student leaders will also be available to visit with students. Tours of the campus will be conducted, and may academic and administrative buildings will be open.

Colonel Rebel and the Ole Miss cheerleaders will entertain and visit with students. Other entertainment, which will precede the Chancellor's welcome, will include large-screen video highlights of Ole Miss football from 9:30-10 a. m. in Fulton Chapel.

For information, contact the Office of Pre-Admissions, University, MS 38677, telephone (601) 232-7378 or toll-free in Mississippi, 1-800-222-5102.

## Shocking Facts About World Hunger

By TIM GLAZE

—One of every five deaths in the world is from hunger

—In adults and children alike, undernourishment brings listlessness, muscle wastage and a reduced capacity for learning

—Malnutrition is the underlying or associated cause in one-third of all deaths of the worldwide population under five years of age

—Every minute, 28 human beings die of starvation

—United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) says that 17 million children around the world who died of hunger and disease in 1981 could have been saved at the cost of under \$100 for each child.

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## EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE "SIXTY YEARS" A GOLDEN PAST - A DIAMOND FUTURE

### Homecoming Schedule of Events October 22, 1988

- 8:30 A.M. Golf Tournament
- 9:00 A.M. Registration of Guests—Sullivan Center
- 10:00 A.M. Class Reunions and Groups  
Class of 1938-Fine Arts Center Auditorium  
Class of 1948-Newton Hall, Room 60  
Class of 1958-Burton Library, Conference Room  
Class of 1968-Burton Library, Faculty Room  
Class of 1978-Newton Hall, Room 92  
Class of 1988-Newton Hall, Room 90  
Last Agricultural High School Class (1958)-  
Cross Hall, Room 11  
Men's Basketball Team of 1968-Brackeen-Wood Gym

11:00 A.M. All Former Athletes-EG Club-Brackeen-Wood Gym

11:00 A.M. Baptist Student Union Open House

11:30 A.M. Luncheon for Head Table, Alumni of Year, Faculty of Year, Athletic Hall of Fame and their families

12:00 Noon Alumni Luncheon-Mabry Cafeteria

Invocation  
Welcome and Introductions  
Recognition of Homecoming Queen and her court  
Election of Alumni Officers  
Presentation of Faculty of the Year  
Presentation of Hall of Fame Inductee  
Presentation of Alumna of the Year  
Presentation of Alumnus of the Year  
Recognition of Special Alumni  
Oldest, Traveled Farthest Distance, Largest Reunion Group Present, Largest Alumni Family Present, Winners in Golf and Tennis Tournaments

2:30 P.M. Football Game-Warrior Stadium-ECCC Warriors vs. Jones' Bobcats-Halftime Presentation of Homecoming Court

After Game Reception-Mabry Cafeteria-Alumni, faculty, students and friends are invited to the reception

Mon.-Fri. Homecoming Tennis Tournament  
Evenings  
Oct. 17-21



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## ACTIVITIES SET SATURDAY

### Bagwell Selected EC's Homecoming Queen

By HEATHER WATTS

Homecoming festivities will begin this week, and the climax will be the crowning of the Homecoming queen during halftime of the football game. The court consists of a queen, a maid of honor, three sophomore maids, and three freshman maids. Each maid will have an escort.

Nancy Ann Bagwell, Homecoming Queen, is the daughter of Coley Bagwell of Louisville. Nancy graduated from Winston Academy and is majoring in elementary education. She is a member of the Election Committee and the Student Education Association. Nancy is also a football cheerleader, head basketball cheerleader and religious chairperson of Newsome Hall. Miss Bagwell's escort is Ardy Reed, a graduate of Louisville High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Reed. Ardy is a sophomore majoring in liberal arts.

Maid of honor, Penny Lynne Crawford, is the daughter of Don and Lynda Crawford of Philadelphia. Penny attended Neshoba Central High School and is now working toward a degree in elementary education. Penny serves as sophomore class secretary, basketball cheerleader and Centralette captain. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Election Committee. John Mark Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Williams, will escort Miss Crawford. John Mark is a business administration major from Newton.

Sophomore maid, Sonya Crowther, is the daughter of Teresa Bradly and Milton Crowther of Newton. Sonya, a liberal arts major, graduated from Newton High School where she was Most Beautiful and Homecoming Queen. She is a member of the Election Committee, a football and basketball cheerleader, and Miss Sesquicentennial of Newton County. Sonya's escort will be Daryle Brown, son of Mary Frances Brown of Newton. Daryle, a graduate of Newton High School, is a sophomore majoring in engineering.

Mona Moore, sophomore maid, is

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Moore of Philadelphia. She attended Neshoba Central High School and is majoring in psychology. Mona is a member of the Election Committee and the Fashion Squad. She is a basketball cheerleader, a Centralette, and sophomore class vice-president. Jimbo Patterson, a freshman from Demopolis, Ala., will escort Miss Moore. Jimbo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Patterson, Jr. and is a graduate of Demopolis Academy majoring in liberal arts.

Sophomore maid, Nina Moseley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Moseley of Lake. She is a graduate of Newton Academy and is majoring in accounting. Nina is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Drama Production Club. She is also a Centralette and captain of the Fashion Squad. Nina's escort is Jamie Whately, son of James and Brenda Whately. Jamie, a sophomore from Newton Academy, is working toward a degree in business administration.

Bodie Copeland, freshman maid, is the daughter of Max and Hanni Copeland of Newton. Bodie, an accounting major, graduated from Newton High School where she was

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### East Central AAE Club Named Outstanding

By MAGGIE JENNINGS

Alpha Alpha Epsilon, engineering club at East Central community college, has been designated as having one of the most outstanding programs for 1987-88, as announced by the National Society of Professional Engineers.

The East Central AAE Club was one of only five community/junior college organizations recognized in the United States for this honor. Twenty-six chapters representing universities throughout the nation were also recognized.

The other two-year engineering programs cited for excellence include Miami Dade Community College, Pensacola Junior College, Maplewoods Community College of Kansas City, Missouri, and Dutchess Community College of Hyde Park, New York.

Dr. Shelby Harris, club sponsor,



### EAST CENTRAL HOMECOMING COURT

Nancy Bagwell, seated, from left, has been elected East Central Community College Homecoming Queen and will be crowned during halftime ceremonies of the Jones-EC football game scheduled Saturday, Oct. 22. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m., following the annual Alumni luncheon. Miss Bagwell is a graduate of Winston Academy. Other members of the Homecoming royalty include, seated, maid of honor Penny Crawford, Neshoba Central; and standing, from left, freshman class maids Kimberly Hobby, Winston Academy; Bodie Copeland and Karen Valentine, both of Newton; and sophomore maids Mona Moore, Neshoba Central; Nina Moseley, Newton Academy; and Sonya Crowther, Newton.

### Student Activities During Homecoming Week

#### Thursday, October 20

- \*Pep Rally-Bonfire ..... 6:30 p. m.  
(Band Practice Field)
- \*Homecoming Dance ..... 8 to 12 midnight  
(Old Gym)
- \*Introduction of Homecoming Court ..... 10:00 p. m.  
(During Dance)

#### Saturday, October 22

- \*Football Game ..... 2:30 p. m.  
(Jones vs. East Central)

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### EC PHI BETA LAMBDA OFFICERS

Phi Beta Lambda officers elected at East Central Community College for the 1988-89 school term are, seated, from left, Jeff Estes, president, Decatur; Joe Harkins, vice president, Thomastown; standing, from left, Lori Heumier, secretary, Scott Central; Michelle Upton, secretary, Forest; Rochelle Gunn, reporter, Scott Central; and Sondra Fairchild, parliamentarian, Philadelphia. Not pictured is Anita Wolfe, historian, Lake. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization of business majors. Brenda Johnson serves as club sponsor. (Photo by Linda Beason)

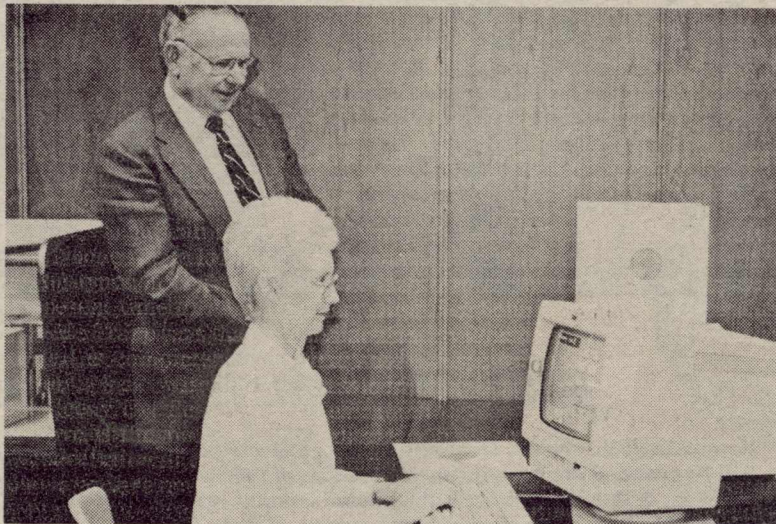
### ★ Queen

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Miss Newton High School. She is a member of the Warrior Corps, the Election Committee, the Drama Production Club, and the Centralette squad. Miss Copeland's escort, Keith Schexnayder, Jr., is the son of Keith Schexnayder, Sr. and is a graduate of Lee High School in Baton Rouge, La. Keith is a freshman industrial technology major.

Freshman maid, Kimberly Hobby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. "Bo" Hobby of Louisville. Kimberly attended Winston Academy and is now working toward an elementary education degree. She is a member of the Warrior Corps, the Election Committee, and the Tom-Tom staff. Kimberly is also a football cheerleader and freshman class vice president. Kimberly's escort is Jo Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Thomas of Arbyrd, Missouri. Joe, a freshman liberal arts major, attended Southland High School.

Karen Valentine, freshman maid, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Valentine of Newton. Karen, a nursing major, attended Newton High School where she was a varsity cheerleader four years and won the Balfour Award. She is a member of the Warrior Corps, the Election Committee, and the Centralette squad. David Hubbard, Miss Valentine's escort, is the son of Jerry Hubbard and Mrs. Jane Mathews. David, a freshman business administration student, graduated from Woodlawn High School in Baton Rouge, La.



### EC OFFERS COMPUTER COURSE FOR ADULT LEARNER

English instructor Mrs. Carol Vickers and Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction, inspect the new computer equipment which will be utilized in Adult Basic Education classes currently underway.

### ECCC Offers Computer Course for Adult Learner

Adult Basic Education classes are being offered at East Central Community College featuring the PALS Laboratory, the latest computerized learning system designed by the IBM Corporation.

Class registration was held Tuesday, Oct. 11 in the Learning Resource Lab of Burton Library, but since the program is an open-entry course, students can enroll in the class following the date of registration.

Gene Davis, director of Adult and Continuing Education, said the course of study is an excellent opportunity for adult students to im-

prove their reading and writing skills while using the computer.

Davis said the program is designed for non-readers with students typically able to advance several grade levels in just one year. He said there are only three such learning labs in the state.

English teacher Mrs. Carol Vickers will serve as program instructor.

For additional information, please contact the office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi 39327, phone 635-2111, extension 279.

## Phi Beta Lambda Installs New Officers

By ROCHELLE GUNN

Theta Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, the business club at East Central, held its first meeting on Oct. 11.

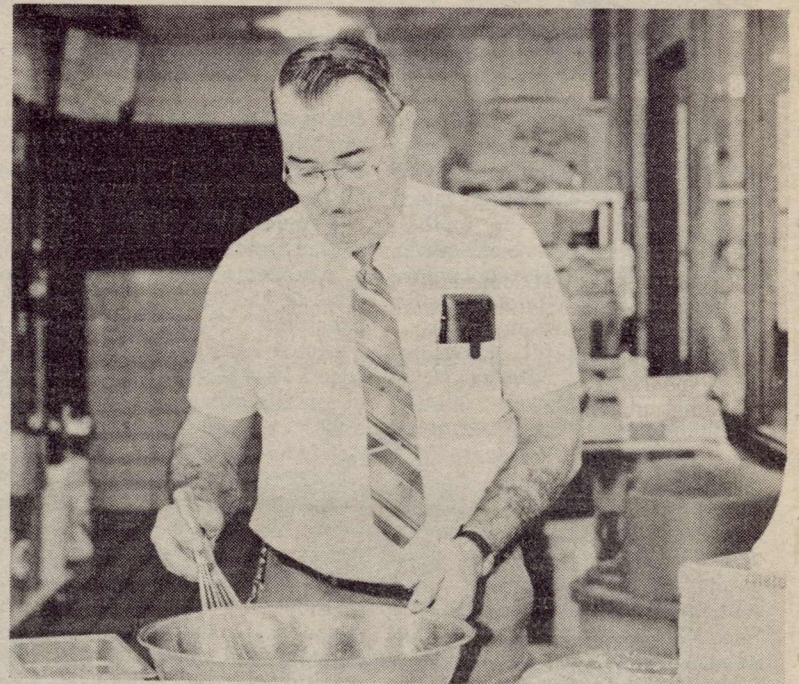
Mrs. Brenda Johnson, one of the sponsors, called the meeting to order and installed the 1988-89 PBL officers who are as follows: Jeffery Estes, president; Joe Harkins, vice president; Lori Heumier, secretary; Michelle Upton, treasurer; Rochelle Gunn, reporter; Anita Wolfe, historian; and Sondra Fairchild, parliamentarian.

Phi Beta Lambda is a national organization with more than 210,000

active members throughout the 50 states. Its purpose is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship.

Any student who is enrolled in the business technology, computer technology, or business administration curriculum is eligible to become a club member. Membership dues are \$15 and are payable before the November meeting. The dues are divided among local, state, and national organizations.

The local chapter of East Central will participate in the state PBL convention which will be held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in April.



### 'MR LEE' RETIRES

After almost 24 years of service, Leonard Lee has retired as Food Service Manager for ARA Services which provides meals for the East Central campus. To honor his years of service to the college, a special dinner will be held in his honor on Nov. 1. (Photo by Nikki Minard)

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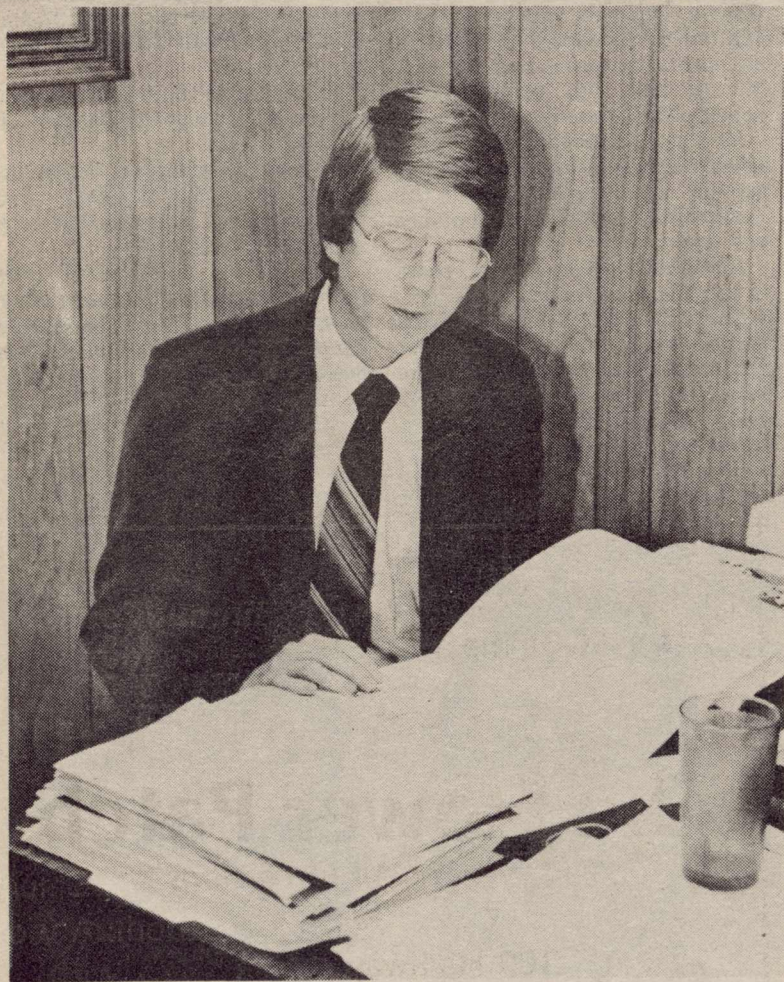
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## EC YEARBOOK WINS AWARDS

The 1988 East Central Community College Yearbook received several awards at the Mississippi Community/Junior College Press Association fall workshop held in Tupelo. The Wo-He-Lo received first place awards for best theme and copy, and received second place honors in the overall general excellence category. Pictured above are, from left, 1989 co-editor, Heather Weidler of Decatur and English instructor Mrs. Carol Vickers who serves as yearbook sponsor. Tammi Todd of Noxapater and Marshall Watkins of Carthage served as co-editors for the prize-winning publication.



## STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE ORGANIZED

Economic and Business Administration instructor Jim Stroo, who serves as sponsor for the newly organized Students in Free Enterprise, Inc. (Photo by Regina McKinney)

## Students in Free Enterprise Organized

By TAMMY PERRITT

Students in Free Enterprise, Inc. (SIFE) has joined the many group activities already in progress across East Central's campus. SIFE is a non-profit national organization originated by Wal-Mart. Its purpose is to establish and direct student-generated free market economic education programs on college and university campuses.

This year, SIFE established 15 new branches, and East Central was privileged enough to become one of the new editions. Jim Stroo, the organization's sponsor, says that the main objective of the SIFE team is to learn about and then educate others about free enterprise and current economic affairs.

Some of the SIFE team's outreach projects include in-person presentations such as speeches and the creation and/or distribution of printed material such as leaflets and pamphlets. SIFE is also able to participate in certain seminars such as the YES (Young Entrepreneur Seminar) which is held in over 100 states nationwide. This seminar includes lectures, workshops, and question and answer periods.

SIFE's members include Doris McCune of Newton, Phil Duncan of Carthage, Cully Hudspeth of Louisville, Randy Stroud and Jerry Dukes of Forest, and Patricia Thornton, Chris Coker, Sandra George, Tammy Shirley, and Tammy Perritt, all of Morton.

SIFE is new to East Central, and hopefully along with the fine leadership of Mr. Stroo, it will prove to be very beneficial to students on campus and to the general public.

## East Central Plans Homecoming Oct. 22

With the theme, "Sixty Years: A Golden Past-A Diamond Future," alumni and friends of East Central Community College are invited to visit the Decatur campus and attend homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 22.

The celebration actually begins Oct. 17 when the annual tennis tournament, open to all current and former students, will get underway with evening matches scheduled. The tournament concludes Thursday, Oct. 20, with winners being announced at the noon luncheon planned homecoming day.

Competition includes men's and women's singles and doubles divisions for the under and over 35 age groups. Participants are allowed to compete in only one division. Entry fee is \$5 per person.

For further information, please contact Mike Anderson, Sammy Pace, Larry Blackburn or provide name and number at the college's Communications office, Phone 635-2111.

The annual gold tournament will be held homecoming day beginning at 8:30 a. m. on the Decatur golf course.

The golf tourney, also open to students and alumni, will be a nine-hole event so participants will be able to attend other functions scheduled during the day. Entry fee is \$5 per person and participants are urged to contact Coach Joe Clark, Tommy Thrash, or Rickie Vaughn at the college for further information.

Alumni registration will begin at 9 a. m. in front of the Sullivan Student Center.

Class reunions and groups will meet at 10 a. m. according to the following schedule:

Class of 1938, Fine Arts Center Auditorium; class of 1948, room 60, Newton Hall; class of 1958, conference room, Burton Library; class of 1968, faculty room, Burton Library; class of 1978, room 92, Newton Hall; and class of 1988, room 60, Newton Hall.

Last agricultural high school class (1958), Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building and Men's

basketball team of 1968, Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Also scheduled at 11 a. m. is open house at the Baptist Student Union.

A luncheon for the head table and honorees and their families will begin at 11:30 a. m.

The alumni luncheon will begin at 12 noon in Mabry Cafeteria. Four serving lines will be utilized so those in attendance can be served and seated as quickly as possible.

During the luncheon, the homecoming queen and her court will be presented and the election of Alumni Association officers will be held.

Also during the luncheon, the Academic and Vocational-Technical Instructors of the Year, Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, Alumna of the Year, and Alumnus of the Year will be presented.

Recognitions will also be made to "special alumni," including oldest alumnus present, alumnus who traveled the farthest distance, largest reunion group present, and largest alumni family in attendance.

Awards will be given to winners of the tennis and golf tournaments.

Following the luncheon, the Warriors will battle the Jones Junior College Bobcats at 2:30 p. m. The homecoming court will be presented during halftime ceremonies.

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



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# East Central Announces Honorees

The East Central Community college Alumni Association has announced recipients of the Association's Homecoming awards to be presented during the Alumni luncheon Sat., Oct. 22.

Dr. Pam Kirk, of Louisville, who serves as association president, said honorees include Dr. Richard Ethridge, "Academic Instructor of the Year"; John Adcock, "Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year"; Dr. Verbie Lovorn Prevost, "Alumna of the Year"; Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth, "Alumnus of the Year"; and Howard Sessums, who will posthumously be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Activities for the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the annual golf tournament, which is open to all current and former students. A tennis tournament began earlier in the week.

Registration of guests will be held at 9 a.m. in front of the Sullivan Student Center.

Class reunion groups will assemble at 10 a.m. at the designated locations. All former athletes are scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The Alumni luncheon begins at 12 noon and will be followed by the East Central-Jones football game at 2:30 p.m. A reception will be held in Mabry Cafeteria following the game.

Information concerning each honoree is as follows:

## DR. RICHARD C. ETHRIDGE

Dr. Ethridge, Chairman of the Division of Social Studies, Business Administration, and Education, will receive the "Academic Instructor of the Year" award. Dr. Ethridge earlier received "Teacher of the Year" honors by a vote of the student body in the early 1960's.

A native of Lauderdale County, Dr. Ethridge is a graduate of Clarke Memorial College and Mississippi College, where he received a bachelor of arts degree. He continued his education at Mississippi State University where he received M. A. and Ph.D. degrees. He also attended the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Ethridge began his career at East Central in 1961, teaching Western Civilization, American

History, American Government, and German.

In addition to his regular classes, Dr. Ethridge teaches the Honors American History Course which is designed to challenge superior students.

Dr. Ethridge assists with the Scholars Bowl Team preparation and is campus chairman of the ECCC Constitutional Bicentennial Committee.

He is a member of the ECCC Faculty Club, Junior College Faculty Association, Newton County Historical Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society, and the Mississippi Historical Society, where he has served as a member of the Board of Directors, Subject Chairman, and presenter at the annual convention. He is also a member of Eta Sigma Phi, National Classical Language Society; Phi Gamma Mu, National Social Science Society; and Phi Alpha Theta, National Historical Society.

Dr. Ethridge has had scholarly articles published by the University Press of Mississippi, the LSU Press, and the Journal of Mississippi History.

He has also served as part-time instructor in Graduate History courses for the MSU Branch in Meridian, and has also taught history and political science courses for the University of Southern Mississippi.

He is a member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church and serves as Sunday School and Training Union teacher.

Dr. Ethridge and his wife, Virginia, have three daughters, Mrs. Joseph Kevin Curry, Janet L. Ethridge, and Mrs. Guy Winston Rawson, III. They also have five grandchildren.

## JOHN ADCOCK

John Adcock, selected "Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year" serves as counselor for the Vocational-Technical Division.

Adcock, who began his service at East Central in 1974, was chosen Counselor of the Year in 1983 by the Mississippi Personnel and Guidance Association.

He is a graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, East Central Junior College, and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he

received a B.S. degree. He later received his master of education degree from Delta State University and education specialist degree from Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Rosemary Seay and they have one child, Vicki, 12.

## DR. VERBIE LOVORN PREVOST

Dr. Verbie Lovorn Prevost, voted "Alumna of the Year", serves as coordinator of English Developmental Studies and Acting Director of English Composition at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Dr. Prevost is a graduate of Thomastown High School where she was class valedictorian.

She continued her education at East Central Junior College and was named salutatorian. She received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Mississippi College and she earned the Ph.D. in American Literature from the University of Mississippi. Dr. Prevost has also studied at the Yeats International School in Sligo, Ireland.

While at East Central, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Tau Sigma, Baptist Student Union, concert choir, Tom-Tom staff, and the college speech team. She represented East Central at the State Junior College Speech Festival and was later named to the East Central Hall of Fame.

Following her graduation from Mississippi College, Dr. Prevost returned to East Central and taught English for one year. She then accepted a position at Mississippi College. She then was employed by the University of Alabama until being named to her current position at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Currently, Dr. Prevost is a member of the Educational Advisory Board for the Collegiate Press and the National Council of the Teachers of English Committee on Contemporary Issues.

She has presented scholarly papers to the South Central Modern Language Association, the National Association of Developmental Studies, and the Popular Culture Association. She has also written widely on the subject of remedial and developmental studies.

Recently, Dr. Prevost received a grant to attend the Pennsylvania

State Conference on Rhetoric and Composition.

Along with her East Central honor, Dr. Prevost has also been named Outstanding Teacher in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

She is a member of the Baptist Church, Friends of the Library, serves as Commissioner for the Middle Valley Soccer League, and does volunteer work at the Big Ridge Elementary School and the school for the Arts and Sciences in Chattanooga.

She is married to Hubert L. Prevost, Jr., who serves as Director of Cooperative Education at UTC. They have two children, Blair Alexander, 11, and Alison Leigh, 10, who attend Chattanooga School of the Arts and Sciences.

## HENRY B. "BUBBA" HUDSPETH

Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth, Chairman of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees, has been chosen "Alumnus of the Year."

Hudspeth, a Louisville native, is President of Ballard and Hudspeth Construction-Real Estate and also Nu-Food System, Inc. He is an Associate Director of Sunburst Bank of Louisville.

Hudspeth, an alumnus of East Central Junior College, has served as Board chairman since July, 1983. He gained his service as Board Member in 1968.

He is a member of First Baptist Church, where he has served and chaired on numerous committees and currently serves as director of the 9th and 10th grade Sunday School Department.

He also holds membership in the Louisville Rotary Club, where he has served as director, and the Louisville-Winston County Chamber of Commerce.

Hudspeth has also served 11 years in the Mississippi National Guard.

He is also active in political affairs and serves as County Coordinator for Trent Lott and has served in the same capacity for Buddy Bond and George Dale. He was a member of Governor Bill Waller's staff.

He is married to the former Faye McGully of Louisville, and they have two children, Allyson, who is married to James Kinard of Louisville,

and Cully, a sophomore at East Central Community College.

## HOWARD SESSUMS

The late Howard J. Sessums will become the fourth inductee into the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Prior to his being killed in a tragic automobile accident, Sessums was an outstanding basketball player at the old Harpersville High School, East Central Junior College, and Mississippi College.

He was also a member of the Army basketball team.

As a freshman at East Central, Sessums was named to the second team All-State squad and later played Army basketball, where he made the All-Post team in Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and the All-Third army team.

Sessums returned to East Central for the 1952-53 season and helped lead the Warriors to the State Championship and an overall fourth place finish at the Nationals in Hutchinson, Kansas. Following his outstanding season, Sessums was named to the All-American and All-State teams.

During the 1953-54 season at Mississippi College, Sessums set the single season record and broke his own record the following year.

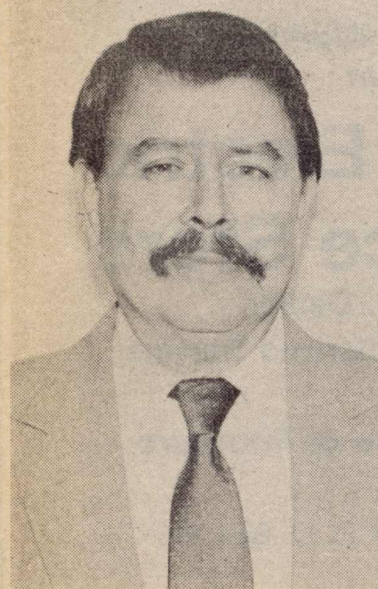
His single season record of 774 points (25 games), scored in the 1954-55 campaign still stands as well as his two-season scoring mark of 1,420 points, his 31-points per game average for a season, most free-throws made in a season (240), most free-throws made in a game (27), and most free-throws attempted in a game (29).

His single game individual scoring record of 54 points was broken in 1971.

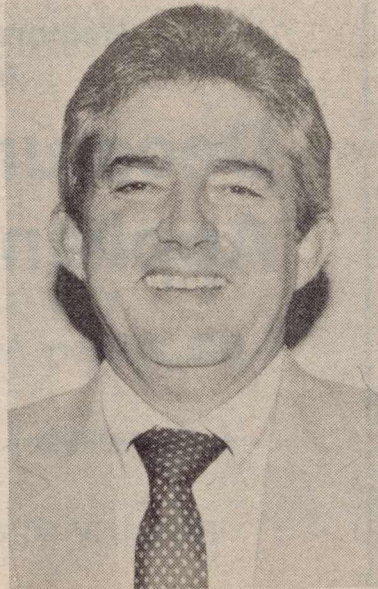
Sessums was ranked fourth nationally in scoring his senior year. He later signed with the New York Knickerbockers.

"Ses," as he was called, holds more records at MC than any other basketball player. The college began its Athletic Hall of Fame in 1974 and Sessums was one of four athletes named for induction in 1977.

His wife, the former Nan Britt of Forest, later succumbed to cancer. The Sessums' three children are, Kevin, an actor in New York, Kim, a medical doctor in Brookhaven, and Karole, a nurse in Nashville.



DR. RICHARD C. ETHRIDGE



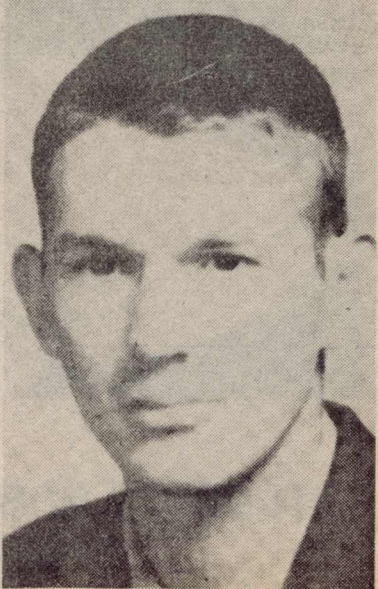
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HOWARD SESSUMS





### CENTRALETTES

Members of the Centralettes, the dance group of the Warrior Marching Band, include, first row, from left, Nicole Gibbs and Bodie Copeland, both of Newton; Jeannie Walsh, Morton; Michelle Gregory, Decatur; Dawn Bounds, Newton; Mona Moore, Neshoba Central; second row, from left, Katherine Brown, Newton; Penny Crawford, Trish Rickles, and Lovie Kirkland, all of Neshoba Central; Constance Body, Forest; Nina Moseley, Newton Academy; third row, from left, Karen Valentine, Newton; Kerri Posey, Neshoba Central; Melissa Morgan, Beulah Hubbard; Heather Weidler, Decatur; Susan Clay, Nanih Waiya; and Debra Mangrum, Newton Academy.

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# SPORTS

## EC's Kilpatrick Among Nation's Winningest Coaches

East Central head football coach A. J. Kilpatrick, along with four other Mississippi community/junior college head mentors, is ranked among the nation's top 38 winningest active coaches, according to a California-based juco newsletter.

The report, published in a recent edition of the Meridian Star and written by Marty Stamper, stated Coach Kilpatrick, as of Sept. 30, 1988 is in 31st place with a 71-65-6 overall record.

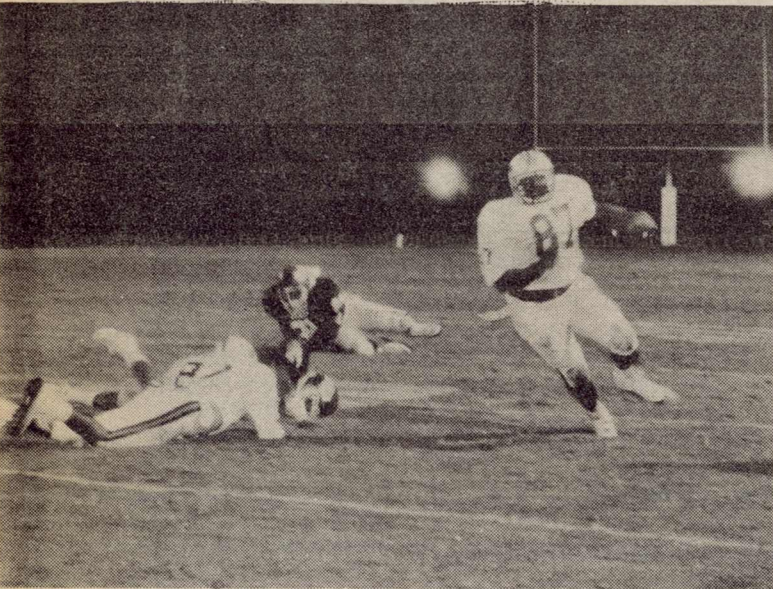
In the same article, Stamper gave

an update concerning accomplishments of former Warrior football players, which is as follows:

•Defensive back Mecridric Calloway starts at right cornerback for the Houston Cougars and had a 51-yard punt return which set up a Houston touchdown in the Cougars' 31-7 win over Missouri. Calloway, a Neshoba Central graduate, averaged 12.7 yards on six punt returns.

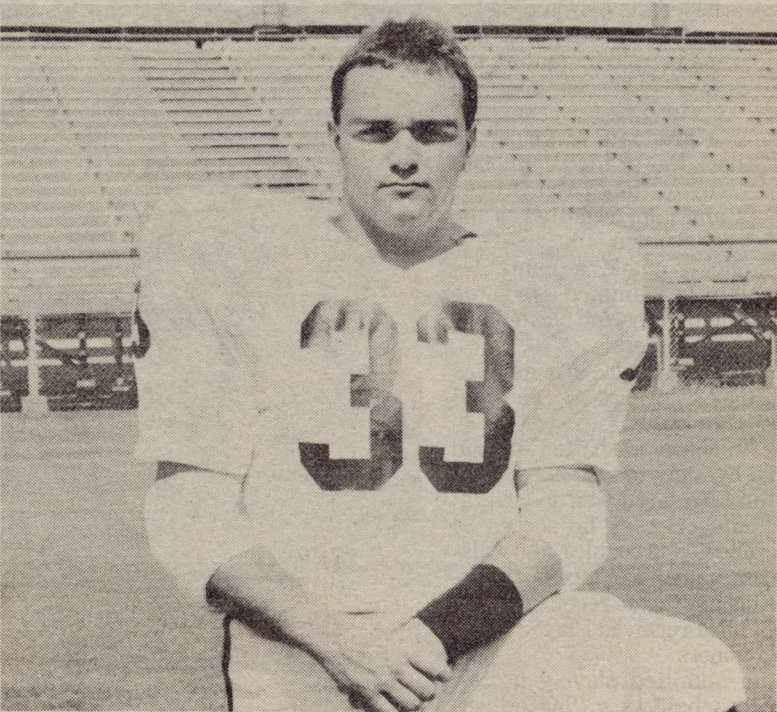
•Brad Breeland of Union set a school record at Arkansas-Monticello with a 49-yard field goal against Northeastern Oklahoma State. He also added a 42-yarder in the same game. Breeland also starts at right tackle for the Boll Weevils who are ranked 11th in the NAIA Division I poll.

•Former quarterback Richard Basil, as of Sept. 30, has completed 37 of 64 passes for 433 yards and four touchdowns for Savannah State College.



### CLARK BREAKS CLEAR

East Central tight end Anthony Clark (87) of Louisville gains yardage on this reverse play during the Warriors' South Division battle at Hinds Community College on Oct. 6. The Eagles won the game 19-2. Also pictured is wide receiver Phillip Donald (82) of Newton whose block helped Clark turn the corner.



Scott Engle

### Scott Engle Enjoys Role as Fullback

By KIMBERLY HUBBY

Scott Engle, a 6', 220-pound fullback, is our featured athlete. Scott is from Oneonta, Ala., where he graduated from Appalachian High School.

Besides being valedictorian of his senior class, Scott also received several football honors in high school such as All-State linebacker, All-County tight-end (3 years), and the U. S. Marines Distinguished Scholar Athlete Award.

Scott received recruiting letters from several colleges such as Samford University, Troy State University, and the University of North Alabama, but he decided to come to

East Central because of the coaching staff, and because it reminded him of home.

This is Scott's second year at East Central, but his first year to play football. The fullback said he will always remember the game this year against Co-Lin, who is presently ranked number two in the nation, because he made the first and only touchdown of the game and also kicked the extra point.

Scott commented on this week's Homecoming game with Jones saying, "If the offense will put more points on the board, and will play with more emotion, then the team will be successful."

Homecoming  
Game  
Saturday  
at 2:30 p.m.

#### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1988-89

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Fri-Sat.	Nov. 4-5	Pre-Season Tournament	Scooba
Monday	Nov. 7	East Mississippi	Decatur
Thursday	Nov. 10	Holmes	Goodman
Tuesday	Nov. 15	Mary Holmes	West Point
Thursday	Nov. 17	Holmes	Decatur
Monday	Nov. 21	East Mississippi	Scooba
Tuesday	Nov. 22	Brewer State - Men Only	Decatur 7:00 pm
Tuesday	Nov. 29	*Pearl River	Decatur
Thursday	Dec. 1	*Co-Lin	Wesson
Monday	Dec. 5	*Jones	Ellisville
Thursday	Dec. 8	*Hinds	Decatur
Friday	Dec. 9	Brewer State - Men Only	Fayette, AL
Thursday	Jan. 12	*Southwest	Summit
Monday	Jan. 16	*Gulf Coast	Decatur
Thursday	Jan. 19	*Pearl River	Poplarville
Monday	Jan. 23	*Co-Lin	Decatur
Thursday	Jan. 26	*Jones	Decatur
Monday	Jan. 30	*Hinds	Utica
Tuesday	Jan. 31	Mary Holmes	Decatur
Monday	Feb. 6	*Southwest	Decatur
Thursday	Feb. 9	*Gulfcoast	Perkinston
	Feb. 13-16	South Division Tournament	
	Feb. 20-23	State Tournament	

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## Glenn Leads Brewers to Championship

In his first summer as a professional baseball player, East Central Community College sophomore Leon Glenn made his presence known as he led the Arizona Rookie League in several categories and played a major role in guiding the Peoria Brewers to the championship title.

Glenn, a graduate of Louisville High School, was drafted in the 13th round by the Milwaukee Brewers and later reported to the Peoria organization.

He quickly made a name for himself as he slammed five game winning home runs and blasted two grand slam homers!

Glenn led the league in home runs (8), RBI's (53), triples (10), and total bases (129).

The first baseman batted .340 and led the Brewers to a 40-19 record.

Glenn also fared well in several other categories as he scored 54 runs, collected 13 doubles, and walked 23 times. He had a total of 72 hits.

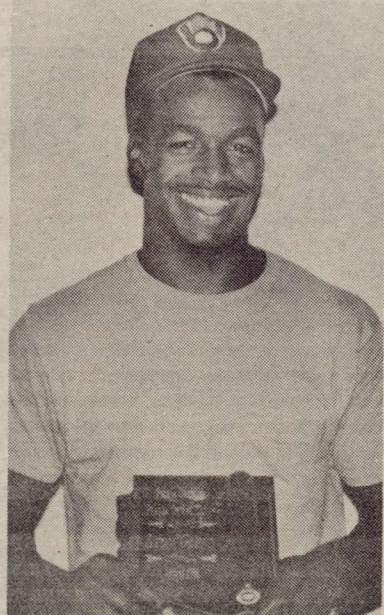
For his efforts, he received a plaque and has received Player of the Month honors.

Glenn admitted playing professional baseball was a "big adjustment" to life as he knew it in Mississippi but he quickly adapted to being in the "big leagues."

In his first game, against the Boston club, he went two-for-three and had two RBI's. Peoria won that game and went on to win the next 19 straight.

Glenn played in all but two of the 59 games and was a starter in each contest he played.

He said he looks forward to reporting for spring training but said his



**GLENN LEADS**

Slugger Leon Glenn led the Peoria Brewers to the league championship and captured individual honors in categories.

number one goal is to get his degree in carpentry and cabinet making from East Central Community College, which he planned to receive next year.

And, who knows, if his success at the bat continues, and it probably will, Glenn will soon be leading the Milwaukee Brewers to a World series championship!



**EC TALENT SHOW WINNERS**

Winners in the fall semester talent show at East Central Community College include, from left, vocalist Brian Waddell, first, Philadelphia; vocalist-guitarist Jerry Dukes, second, Forest; comedian Andy Childress, third, Louisville; and vocalist Gaye Bethany, fourth, Newton. A special award was presented to Jeff "Van Murray" Boykin of Harpersville for his "wild and unusual" performances the past five semesters.

## Pearl River Stops East Central Warriors 14-0

Pearl River Community College rallied in the first and final stanzas and whitewashed South Division opponent East Central Community College 14-0 Saturday night in Poplarville.

With the loss, East Central dropped to 1-6 overall and 0-4 in division action. Pearl River improved to 4-2-1 and 3-0-1.

The Warriors will try and snap their six-game losing streak this Saturday when division foe Jones Junior College comes to campus for a 2:30 p. m. homecoming battle.

Jones, 3-4 overall and 1-3 in division play, defeated Southwest Community College 34-12 Saturday night. Southwest fell to 0-6-1 and 0-4.

Pearl River quarterback Eric Brister capped an eight-play, 77-yard drive when he scrambled 25 yards to paydirt with 4:46 left in the first period. Malter Scobel added the PAT.

The Wildcat scoring drive came following Warrior Ronnie Williamson's missed 41-yard field goal.

East Central had taken possession on the Pearl River 23 following a high snap from center with the Wildcats in punt formation. However, the Warriors could not capitalize on the scoring opportunity, which forced the long field goal attempt.

Pearl River, on the ensuing kickoff, completely caught the Warriors by surprise and successfully converted the onside kick. But the East Central defense, led by noseguard Chris White who sacked Brister for a big loss, held the Wildcat offensive unit in-check and

forced a 45-yard field goal try which Scobel missed with 1:18 left in the quarter.

Late in the first half, the Warriors, led by quarterback Scottie McLaren, seemed destined for a possible tying touchdown, but the threat was nixed when Wildcat Charles Kindred intercepted

McLaren's pass in the end zone with 11 seconds left before intermission.

Pearl River padded its lead in the fourth period when running back Anthony Jurich scored on a one-yard plunge with 12:52 remaining. Scobel again added the PAT. The drive covered 70 yards and took seven plays.

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### EC FRESHMAN OFFICERS

Freshman class officers elected at East Central Community College for 1988-89 include, seated, Jason Hisaw, president, Louisville; standing, from left, Kimberly Hobby, vice president, Winston Academy; Tonya Moore, treasurer, Neshoba Central; and Missy Smith, secretary, Neshoba Central. (Photo by Johnny Beaver)



### EC ALPHA ALPHA EPSILON OFFICERS

Officers of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers", at East Central Community College for 1988-89 are, seated, from left, Leigh Ann Russell, secretary, Union; Reggie Shumaker, president, Neshoba Central; Mike Cooper, vice president, Decatur; standing, from left, Allen Kron, treasurer, Philadelphia; Maggie Jennings, reporter, Scott Central; and Wade Scott, social chairman, Leake Academy. AAE was recently cited by the National Society of Professional Engineers as one of the top five community/junior college engineering clubs in the nation. Dr. Shelby Harris serves as club sponsor.

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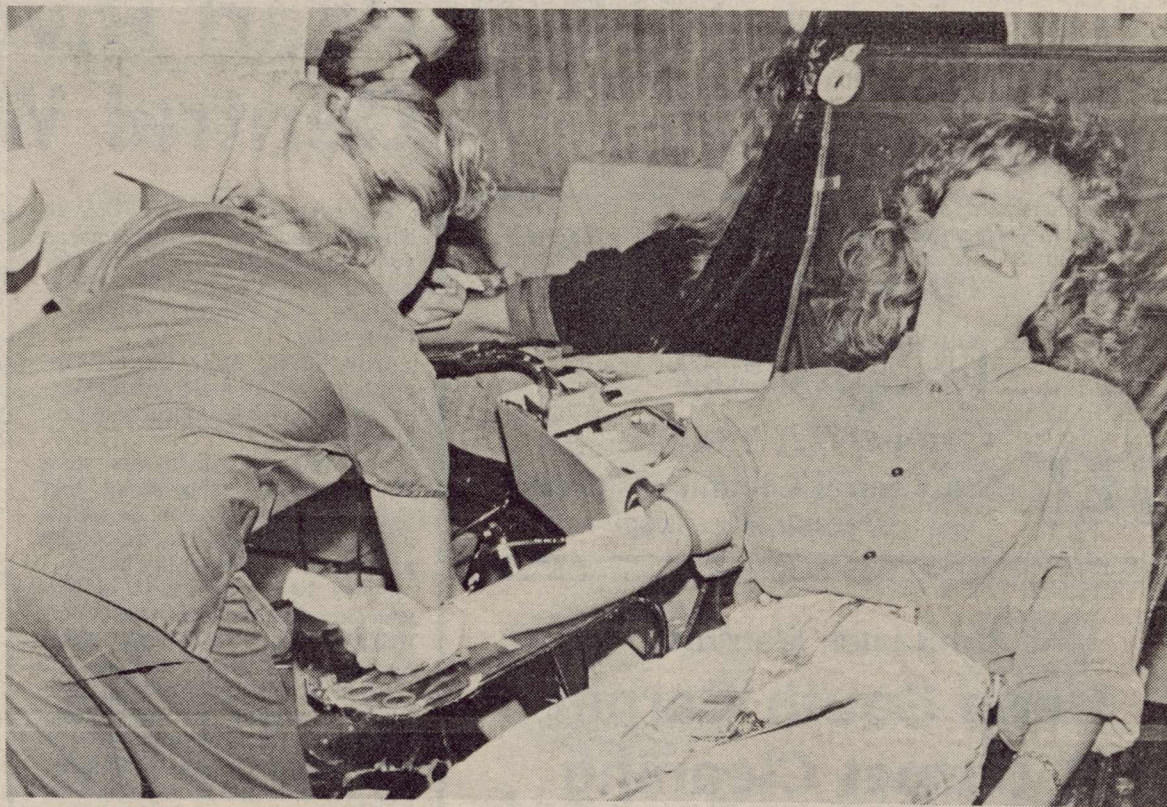
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### EC STUDENTS DONATE BLOOD

Ann Cox, above, a freshman from Lake, was one of 86 East Central students who donated blood during the VICA-sponsored drive held Oct. 4 on campus. John Adcock, project sponsor, said, "Although the VICA Club coordinates the project, it is the entire student body that makes the blood drive successful." Adcock said the community project is held twice each year, once in the fall and spring. The blood drive is conducted by United Blood Services of Meridian. (Photo by Johnny Beaver, story by Greta Brashier)







## COLLEGIANS CONCERT PLANNED

The Collegians have been busy practicing for their Fall campus Concert scheduled from 8 p. m., Monday, Nov. 21 in Huff Auditorium. (Photo by Scott Rousell)

## Collegians Concert Being Planned for November 21

By GRETA BRASHIER

Rock and Roll—Est Central Community College style—will be presented at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21 when the Collegians appear in concert in Huff Auditorium.

According to Tom Carson, director-guitarist, the popular EC musicians will perform selections ranging from Ronnie Milsap to Poison.

Carson said the sound quality will be much improved over last year as new microphones and drums have been added to this year's performances. He said the group will also feature a new look, as members will be dressed in black acid wash jeans and red, white, or blue shirts.

The Collegians were originally organized in 1974 by Bob Heritage with Carson serving as guitarist during his student days at East Central. The group was once called The Sound Company and played mostly

50's music.

Carson, who has served as Collegians director for seven years said, "The Collegians, to me, rather than being part of my work is a way to wind down and have fun."

Group members include vocalists Jeannie Walsh, Tracy Wilkinson, Tammytha Worley, Ardy Reed, Brian Waddell, and Kevin Weeks; rhythm section members Donnie Montgomery, guitar; Duane Richardson, bass guitar; Tara Van Devender, keyboard; and John Holland, drums; winds section members Jason Hisaw and Brent Warren, trumpets; Charla McFarland, horn; and Ted Valentine, trombone; and technicians Bud Johnson, Jimmy McElhenney, Donnie Register, Robert Ferguson, and Donnie Montgomery.

Carson cordially invites everyone to the Collegians' Fall Campus Concert. Admission is free.



JAQUITA JACKSON

## Jackson Named Counselor at ECCC

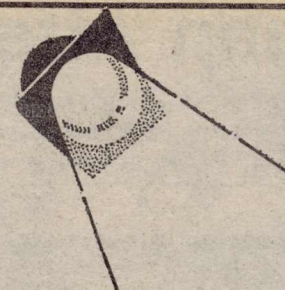
Jaquita Jackson has been named counselor for student support services at East Central Community College, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Miss Jackson began her duties on Oct. 3.

A native of Cleveland, Miss Jackson is a graduate of Mississippi Delta Junior College and Delta State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in business administration and master's degree in guidance and counseling.

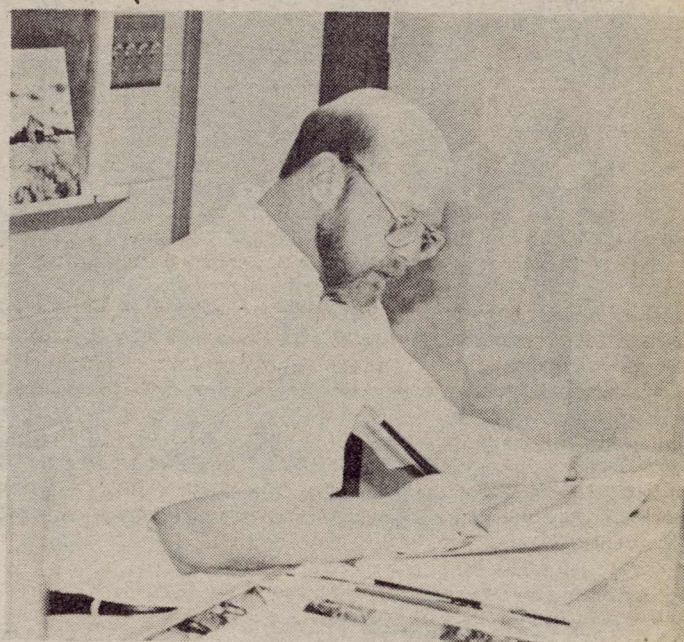
She previously served as a graduate assistant in the Instructional Resource Center at DSU and more recently served as substitute teacher in the Cleveland School District.

"We are very pleased to have Miss Jackson join our East Central Community College family and look forward to having someone of her knowledge and expertise serving as student support services counselor," Dr. Smith said.



## Teacher Spotlight

By GINA BUNTYN



Art Instructor Bruce Guaredy, this edition's "Teacher Spotlight". (Photo by Regina McKinney)

By SANDY GRIFFITHS

Maybe you do not know we have an artist of exceptional skill and talent here on our campus, so let me introduce you to him. Mr. Bruce Guaredy, born in Monroe, La., moved to Mississippi at the age of four. Once in Mississippi he attended Forest Hill High School and then went on to receive his B. A. and masters in education with emphasis in art at the University of Southern Mississippi. After Southern he entered his teaching profession at East Central in 1975.

Mr. Guaredy has received numerous honors and exhibited much of his work. His latest honor was being accepted to exhibit his work in the 1988 Louisiana Festival of Art at the Masur Museum of Art in Monroe, La. Four states, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas were represented there. Not only has his work been exhibited but it has also been published. Once he did the front cover for the "Whispering Wind" magazine in Louisiana. Another of his works is to be published in the "Mississippi Outdoors."

When asked what prompted him to pursue an art career, Mr. Guaredy replied that art has always been his first love, but in college he decided to major in business, that is until "one economics course changed his mind." After this, he decided to teach. This would give him the chance to pursue the use of his talent while helping others to develop theirs.

Classes he offers here on campus are Drawing I and II, Design I and II, Art Appreciation, Ceramics, Painting, Art for Teachers, and Beginning Painting. These classes are offered over the course of a year. He welcomes anyone who wishes to develop their artistic talent or anyone interested in art to sign up for these classes.

Mr. Guaredy has recently donated a painting to help raise money for the renovation of the Huff Auditorium. This painting may be seen in the display window of the Student Center. He has also put up a display of his and some of his student's work in the Fine Arts Building.

Mr. Guaredy, his wife Linda, who is an elementary teacher in Decatur, and his son, Jason, age six, now reside in Newton.

## Baptist Student Union Weekly Schedule

Monday-Aerobics "AEROBARYTHMS" 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday-B.A.S.I.C., fun and fellowship 6:00 p. m.  
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Wednesday-Aerobics 8:30 p. m.  
Noonday—"Free Lunch"-5th period

Thursday-T.N.T. "Bible Study" 7:15 following the Pep Rally

The B.S.U. is a student-led organization. Our building is open Monday-Thursday (10:00 a. m.-11:30 p. m.) Take a break and come over and visit the building.



## Suzette Chunn Attends ECCC to Fulfill Dream

When Suzette Richardson Chunn worked as a teacher's assistant a dream was instilled to her—to become an elementary teacher. After being out of high school for seven years, Suzette is now a sophomore at East Central Community College working toward that dream.



### STUDY TIME

East Central Community College adult student Suzette Chunn of Philadelphia spends many hours studying and plans to become an elementary school teacher.

Four years ago Suzette worked in the first grade classroom with Christine Jerrel at Philadelphia Elementary School. Mrs. Jerrel's contagious enthusiasm and love of teaching so inspired Suzette that last year she decided to go back to school to get her degree in elementary education.

Being married, keeping house, and studying makes things hectic at times in Suzette's life, but she seems to manage exceptionally well. Maintaining a 3.89 grade point average out of a perfect 4.0 (all A's) has qualified Suzette for membership in East Central's Phi Theta Kappa, the honorary scholastic society for junior colleges.

Fitting into the campus scene was not hard for Suzette, whose petite good looks belie her age. Last year in speech class, her classmates gasped in surprise when she announced that she was 25. But she is accepted as just another struggling student.

Suzette has found that the teachers enjoy having "older" students in class. According to Suzette, "Teachers appreciate the fact that you are paying your own money for the chance to learn. They realize that you wouldn't be in school unless you really wanted to be." And Suzette really wants to be! This

semester she is carrying a 21-hour load of physics, English literature, math for teachers, sociology, music for children, music appreciation, and government.

Her strong determination to achieve her goal and the strong support of her husband, Mike, who is a barge engineer, is what kept her studying day after day to keep up her high grades. In two more years she hopes to graduate and begin the career she's dreamed of.

When she considered going back to school full-time last year, East Central was the perfect choice. The 25 minute drive from Philadelphia to Decatur "is not much further than most people drive to work," she says.

"The cost of a junior college is so reasonable," Suzette contends, "that I knew that East Central was for me."

"East Central is glad to play a part in people's dreams. This semester the school's enrollment of non-traditional (students over 23) has risen to a record of 401. Suzette is obviously not the only adult student headed for a dream, but she is certainly going to be one of the most successful students who have attended East Central Community College," said Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

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## East Central Joins Battle to Combat Adult Illiteracy

By MELISSA MORGAN

In 1986 the Department of Education estimated that there were between 17 and 21 million adults in the United States who couldn't read. If you think about it, that's about one in eight people who cannot read.

Illiteracy is clearly a big problem in the U. S. and particularly difficult one to address, because it's hard to pinpoint who the illiterate are and thus hard to help them.

Literacy is tested in a variety of ways: by reading level, by skill, or by knowledge of basic historic, geographic, and scientific facts. So-called functional illiterates are those described as being technically literate but can't function successfully in society.

How can a person complete high school and still illiterate? Some schools have age-based promotion policies. Students may be passed from year to year on the basis of effort, relative improvements, or meeting minimum standards rather than comprehension. A student may be illiterate because he has eye problems, needs a hearing aid or he may even have dyslexia. Unfortunately for some, these problems were not detected early enough to rectify them and it effects their entire adulthood.

As parents they miss out on such pleasures as reading a bedtime story to their children and helping them with their homework. Tragedies may also result from illiteracy. Reports tell of an industrial worker killed because he could not read a warning sign. A sick child was given a pink detergent instead of stomach medicine by a mother who couldn't read the bottle labels, and another mother who endorsed what she thought was a routine permission slip for a school field trip only to learn that she had relegated her son to a home for the retarded.

Amid this gloomy picture there are some positive signs. Thirty-three states have formed literacy councils, and volunteer organizations, schools and colleges are also taking an active part in the fight against

illiteracy.

Leading the way in East Central Mississippi is East Central Community College with Director of Adult and Continuing Education, Gene Davis. Adult night classes are being held in Leake and Newton counties. Leake county classes are being held at Thomastown High School, Carthage High School, Edinburg High School, and Leake

Elementary, while Newton county classes are held at Newton High School and ECCC.

Over 50 students are now involved in the program, some are non-readers and others are working toward their GED. Emphasis is placed on basic skills and development, GED preparation, GED testing and one-to-one tutoring.

## Lyons Selected Carpentry Instructor at East Central

Fredrick Lyons has been selected carpentry and cabinet making instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Lyons, who began his duties on Oct. 3, is the second instructor in the carpentry and cabinet making program, joining Larry Blackburn.

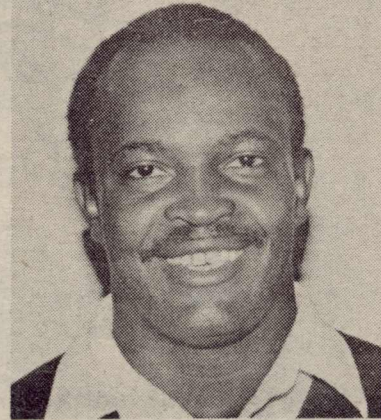
The new instructor is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and East Central Junior College, where he maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average in carpentry and cabinet making and captured first place honors in the state VICA competition his freshman year.

During the state contest, Lyons, using hand tools, built a divider panel from a blue print. He also competed his sophomore year and won third place honors.

Lyons, 28, was also a member of the Warrior football team, and served as VICA club vice president. He graduated in 1982.

Prior to his selection as East Central instructor, Lyons was employed as an edger and trimmer at Molpus Lumber Company, and later served as an apprentice carpenter for J. N. Lyons. For the past six year he served as assembler and shop supervisor at Deemer Wood Products in Philadelphia.

"We certainly welcome Mr. Lyons to the East Central Community Col-

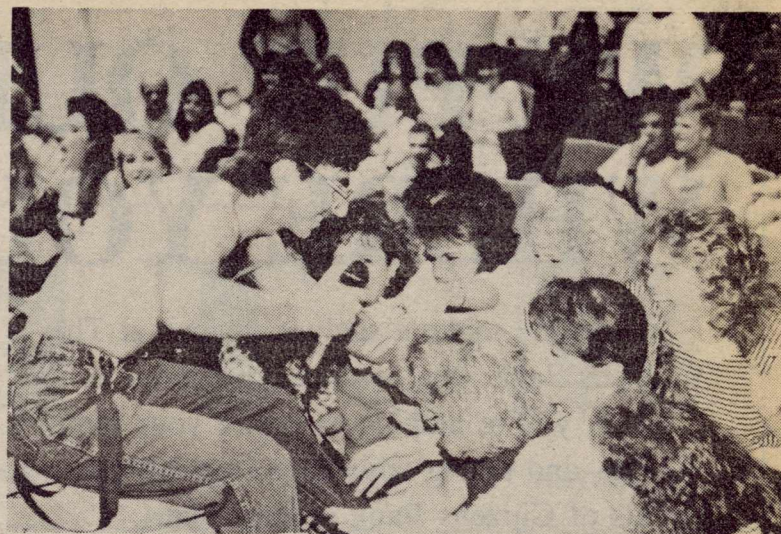


FREDRICK LYONS

lege family. He was an excellent student while at East Central and comes highly recommended from his former employers. He will be a tremendous addition to the carpentry and cabinet making program," said Dr. Eddie Smith, college president.

He is married to the former Lynda Clemons of Philadelphia and they have four children, Deshawn, 6; Constance, 5; Eric, 3; and Fredrick, Jr., 10 months.

They are members of the Jerusalem Temple Pentecostal Church in Philadelphia where Lyons serves as an altar worker. The church is pastored by Elder Clifton Jones.



## MURRAY-A SURE CROWD PLEASER!

Although he is certainly no Bruce Springsteen, Jeff "Van Murray" Boykin of Harpersville has plenty of fan support as evidenced by the above enthusiasm during his performance at the fall semester Talent Show. Boykin, who has "thrilled" audiences the past five semesters but has yet won top honors, was presented a certificate of appreciation for his "wild and crazy" vocal renditions from SBA President Matt Alford of Forest. (Photo by Johnny Beaver)

## Many Improvements Being Made on EC Campus

By KIM PIERCE

With the many activities and opportunities offered here at East Central Community College, maybe the renovation that is going on has been somewhat overlooked. Take a good look around campus.

No one has to look hard to see the construction work being done at the present time to Winston Hall.

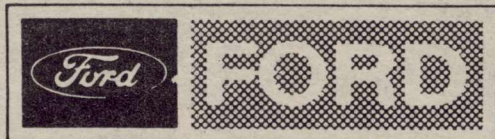
Mr. Trapp says that when Winston Hall is completed it will have the hotel look with a second floor balcony like Scott Hall. When this dorm is finished Jackson Hall and Todd Hall will be next.

If you are not staying in the newly renovated Newsome Hall maybe you are wondering what the renovation plans call for. Like in Newsome Hall there will be carpet placed on

the floors and a gable roof put on Jackson Hall. Smoke detectors will be placed in every room and fire exits will be on additional sides of the dorms for easy evacuation in case of emergencies. Rooms will be repainted and new furniture will be placed in each room. There will also be restrooms between every two rooms in the boys dorms.

Students may be moved around in the future to help these changes progress and for your own safety.

Mr. Trapp, also added that with everyone's cooperation the renovation project is expected to be completed in the summer of 1989. Until then look around the campus and notice these changes, after all they are being made just for you.



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## Fall Dinner Theater Dates Announced

The East Central Community College Players announce the fall Dinner Theater will be presented Nov. 9-11 with performances scheduled in Mabry Cafeteria.

Sponsor Bruce Peterson said a buffet-style dinner will be served beginning at 7 p.m. followed by three one-act plays.

This year the ECCC Players will present "He's Having A Baby", "Almost the Bride of Dracula", and "Swords and Roses", an original script written by English instructor Ovid Vickers.

Additional information concerning the Dinner Theater will be announced at a later date.

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## HOMECOMING QUEEN CROWNED

Nancy Bagwell was crowned East Central Community College Homecoming Queen by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president, during halftime ceremonies of the EC-Jones football game Saturday afternoon. At left is Board of Trustees Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville. Bagwell, a graduate of Winston Academy, was escorted by sophomore Ardy Reed of Louisville.



## EAST CENTRAL HONOREES

Receiving alumni association and faculty awards during the East Central Community College Homecoming luncheon held Saturday, Oct. 22, included, from left, Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, "Alumnus of the Year;" John Adcock, "Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year;" Leake County native D. Verbie Prevost of Chattanooga, Tennessee, "Alumna of the Year;" and Dr. Richard Ethridge, "Academic Instructor of the Year." The late Howard Sessums of Harperville was posthumously inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame and children Dr. Kim Sessums of Brookhaven and Karole Sessums of Nashville accepted the award on behalf of the family. Their brother Kevin lives in New York and was unable to attend the ceremonies.

## Large Crowd Attends Homecoming Activities

It was a banner day for East Central Community College Saturday, Oct. 22, as over 300 attended homecoming activities commemorating the school's 60th year of service.

Activities began earlier in the week with the annual tennis tournament, open to alumni and students. In the only category of competition held, Raymond McMullan, director of admissions, records, and research, teamed with freshmen Sunay Patel of Forest to capture the men's doubles division. The annual golf tourney was cancelled because of course conditions.

Registration began at 9 a. m. in front of the Sullivan Student Center followed by class reunions held at various campus locations.

Groups meeting included the classes of 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988, the last Agricultural High School Class of 1958, and the men's basketball team of 1968.

A new organization, called the Warrior Club, was formed for the purpose of raising funds for the East Central athletic program. Officers elected are president Earl Marshall of Clinton, president-elect Lucille Wood and secretary-treasurer Joe Clark, both of the East Central staff.

The homecoming luncheon began at noon in Mabry Cafeteria with Alumni Association President Dr. Pam Kirk of Louisville presiding.

Program participants included pianist Leesa Lee, entertainment; M. Foch Duncan, 1938 class president, invocation; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president, welcome and introductions, recognition of homecoming court, awarding of Golden Anniversary diplomas, and presentation of Alumnus of the Year award; Earl Marshall of Clinton, recognition of new Warrior Club organization; Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction, recognition of reunion classes and presentation of Faculty of the Year awards; Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Students, recognition of special alumni and presenta-

tion of painting (won by Gary Adkins of Philadelphia); Sammy Pace, recognition of tennis tournament winners; former East Central President and coach Dr. Arno Vincent of Meridian, presentation of Athletic Hall of Fame award; and Ovid Vickers, presentation of Alumna of the Year award.

Honorees selected for 1988 included Leake County native Dr. Verbie Prevost of Chattanooga, Tenn., Alumna of the Year; East Central Community College Board of Trustees Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, Alumnus of the Year; Dr. Richard Ethridge, Academic Instructor of the Year; John Adcock, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year; and the late Howard Sessums of Harperville, posthumously inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Two of Sessums' children, Dr. Kim Sessums of Brookhaven and Karole Sessums of Nashville, attended the luncheon and accepted the award on behalf of their late father. Another son, Kevin, lives in New York and was unable to attend the ceremonies.

Also during the meeting Alumni Association offices for 1988-89 were selected who are president Gloria McRae of Carthage; vice president Earl Marshall of Clinton; and secretary-treasurer Lois Cooper of Decatur.

Homecoming royalty, presented during the luncheon, included Queen Nancy Bagwell, Winston Academy, Maid of Honor Penny Crawford, Neshoba Central; sophomore maids Mona Moore, Neshoba Central; Nina Moseley, Newton Academy; Sonya Crowther, Newton; and freshman maids Bodie Copeland and Karen Valentine, both of Newton; and Kimberly Hobby, Winston Academy.

Following the football game, won by Jones Junior College 35-7, a reception was held in Mabry Cafeteria and a special 60th anniversary cake was served.





### OBSERVE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Members of the 1938 East Central graduating class who attended the group's 50-year reunion included, first row, from left, Foch Duncan, Pearl; Charles Phillips, Philadelphia; Homer Hunter, Decatur; Wilson Taylor, Decatur; Louise (Crawford) Simpson, Philadelphia; Roma (Walton) Marshall, Jackson; Alice (Fulton) Jarvis, Brandon; Dorothy (Harris) Wooley, Mobile; second row, from left, A. G. Shepard, Clinton; Rayford Williams, Madison; Charles "Frog" Pace, Woodworth, La.; Travis Hill, Louisville; Sarah (Jordan) Brown, York, Ala.; Lucille (Trippett) Starling, Biloxi; Annie Pearl Pendergrass, Noxapater; third row, from left, Billie Coleman, Hickory; Roland Loper, Hattiesburg; James Land, Union; Onita (Strebeck) Greene, Meridian; and Esther (Robinson) McArthur, Preston.



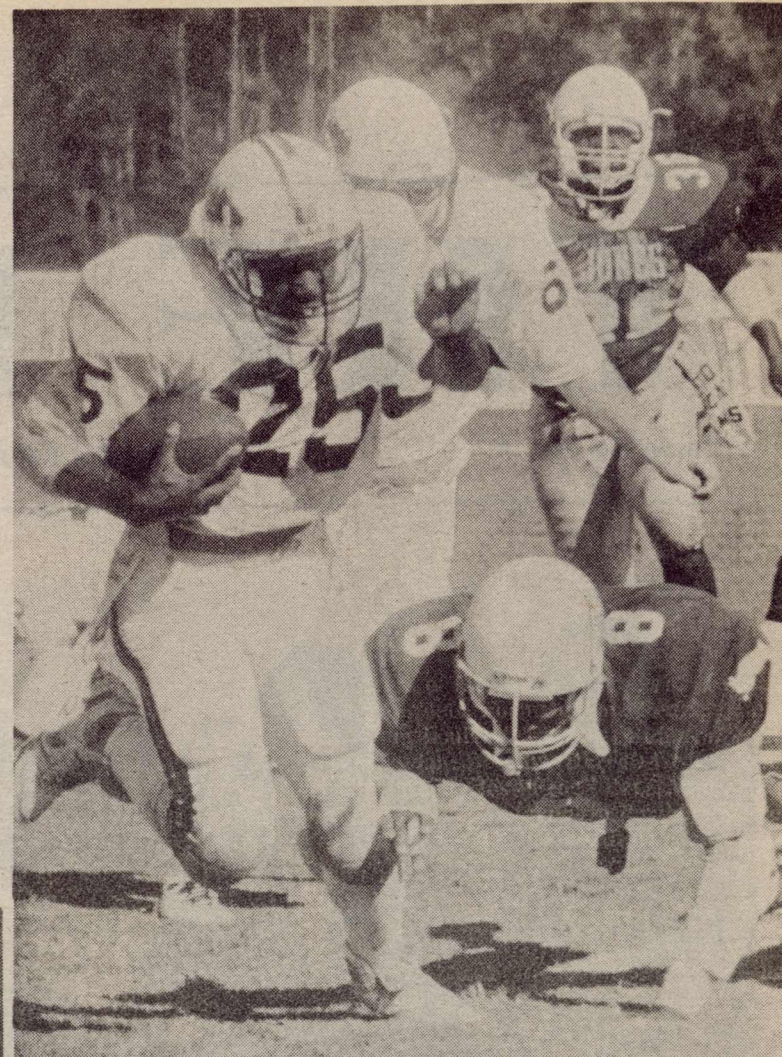
### 1958 CLASS HAS REUNION

Members of the 1958 East Central graduating class who attended the group's 30-year reunion included, seated, from left, Joann (Aycock) Thomas, New Albany; Carol (Farish) Vickers, Decatur; Addie Will (Rhodes) Lee, Birmingham; Jeanette (Beavers) Thrash and Tommy Thrash, Decatur; standing, from left, Chester Clark, Decatur; Billy Beavers, Morton; John Spence, Decatur; and James McKay, Noxapater.



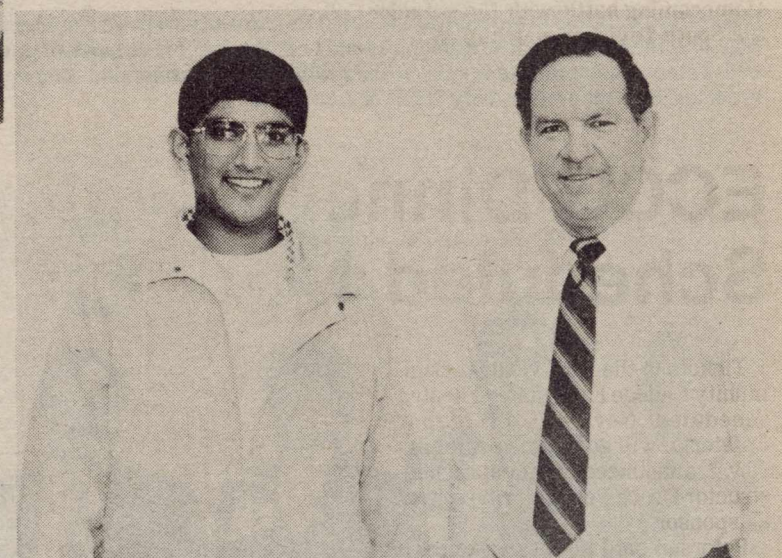
### ECCC HOMECOMING COURT

The 1988 East Central Community College Homecoming Court, presented during halftime ceremonies of the Warriors' football game with Jones Junior College, included, from left, sophomore maids, Mona Moore, Neshoba Central; Nina Moseley, Newton Academy; Sonya Crowther, Newton; Maid of Honor Penny Crawford, Neshoba Central; Queen Nancy Bagwell, Winston Academy; freshman maids Bodie Copeland, Newton; Kimberly Hobby, Winston Academy; and Karen Valentine, Newton; in back are escorts, from left, Jimbo Patterson, Demopolis, Ala.; Jamie Whatley, Newton Academy; Daryl Brown, Newton; John Mark Williams, Newton; Ardy Reed, Louisville; Keith Schexnayder, Jr., Baton Rouge, La.; Joe Thomas, Arbyrd, Mo.; and David Hubbard, Baton Rouge, La.



### BROWN ELUDES TACKLER

Warrior running back Darnell Brown (25) of Decatur slips past a would-be Jones Junior College tackler during East Central's Homecoming battle with the visiting Bobcats. Jones won the division clash 35-7.

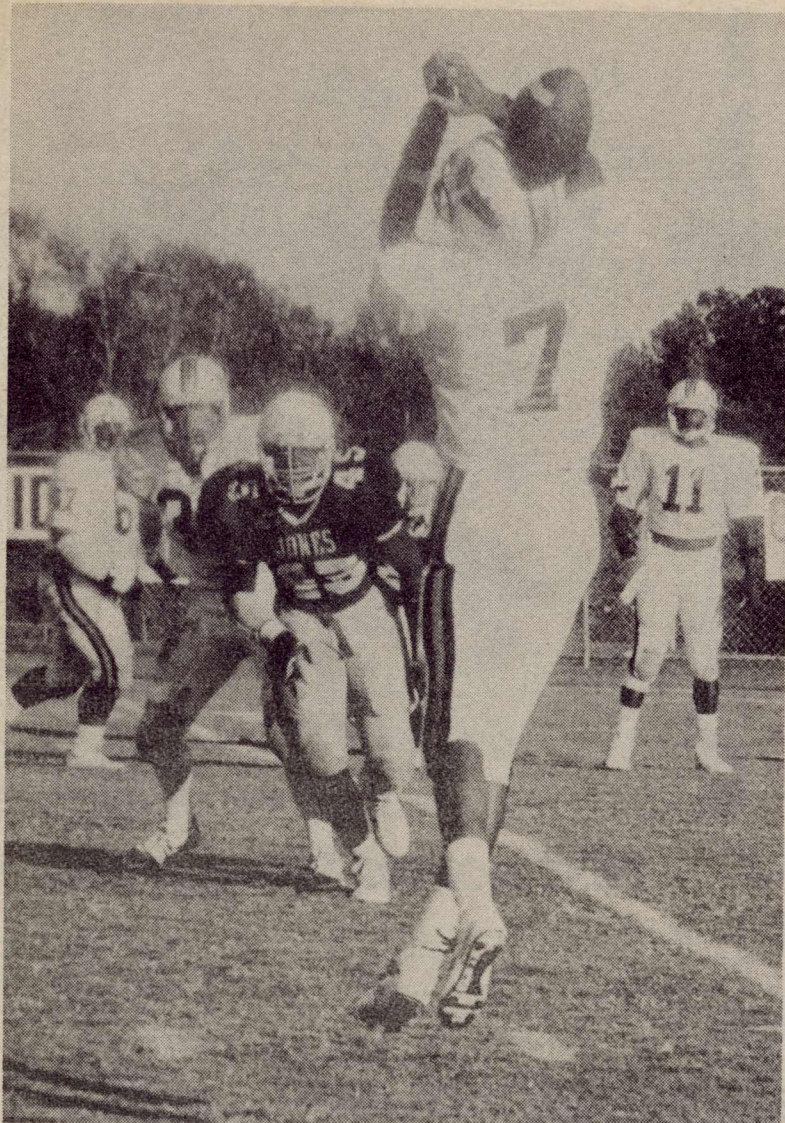


### TENNIS TOURNEY WINNERS

Freshman Sunny Patel, left, of Forest and Raymond McMillan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research teamed to capture the men's doubles championship in the annual college tennis tournament held as part of Homecoming activities.

**EC Dinner Theater Tickets  
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Tickets are \$10 each**





### ALMOST A CATCH

East Central wide receiver Michael Oliver (7) of Newton couldn't quite hang on to his pass from quarterback Greg Fulton (11) during the Warriors' Homecoming battle with Jones Junior College Saturday, Oct. 22. Jones won the South Division matchup 35-7.

## ECCC Dinner Theater Scheduled Nov. 9-11

Tickets to the East Central Community College Fall Dinner Theater, scheduled Nov. 9-11 in Mabry Cafeteria, will go on sale beginning Nov. 2, announced drama-speech instructor Bruce Peterson who serves as sponsor.

Peterson said admission to each night's performance, which begins at 7 p. m. is \$10 per person. For reservations, please call 635-2126.

Three one-act plays will be presented each night, including "Almost the Bride of Dracula," "He's Having a Baby," and "Swords and Roses," and original script by East Central Community College English instructor Ovid Vickers.

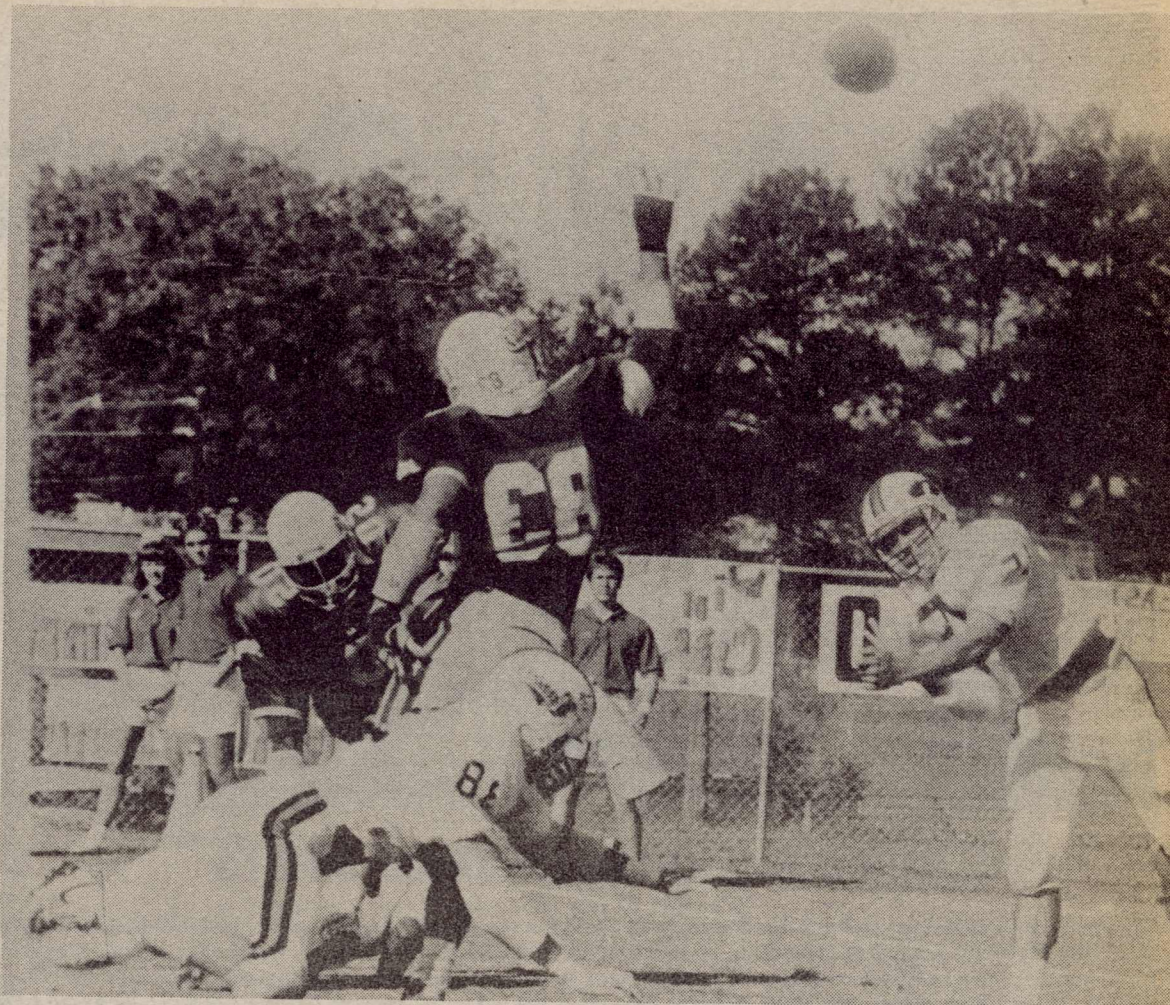
Cast members of "Almost the Bride of Dracula" include the following: Brian Roland, Morton, as Dracula; Greta Brashier, Newton, as Dracula's mother; Deanna McNair, Decatur, as Donna; Kelli McCrea, Meridian, as Lisa; Tanya Henry, Union, as Becky; Michelle McNeil, Decatur, as Becky's mother; and Kinsey Goldman, Philadelphia, as Becky's father.

"He's Having a Baby" cast

members include Stacy Radigan, Oxford, as Mrs. Murray; Sandy Griffiths, Morton, as Mrs. Groton; Amie Cliburn, Union, as Mrs. Foster; Gina Buntyn, Union, as Mrs. North; and Kathy Fitzhugh, Morton, as Nurse Williams.

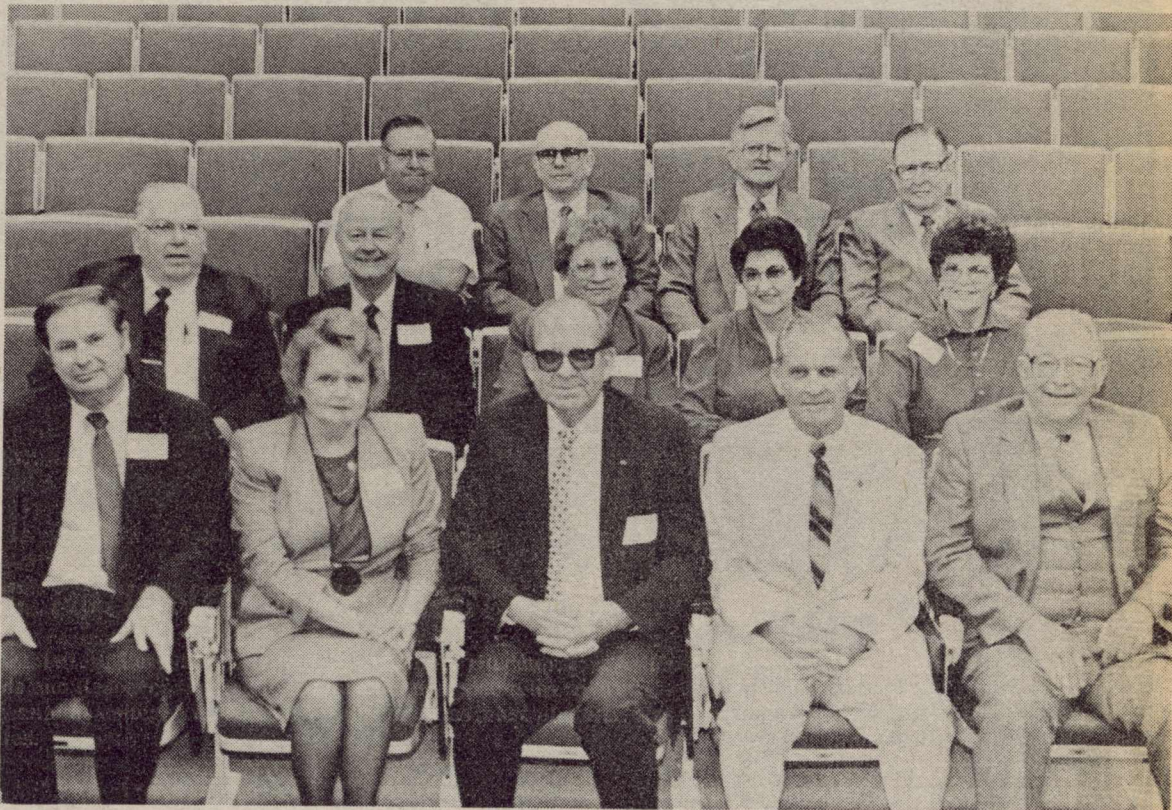
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The menu for each night's performance includes carved London broil, grilled Polynesian chicken breast, oriental shrimp and vegetable tempura, parsleyed new potatoes, broccoli spears au gratin, stuffed summer squash, sauteed mushrooms, fresh spinach salad, Arizona salad, seafood pasta salad, assorted rolls, cream puff swans, tea, and "fortune cookies."



### MCLAREN HEAVES PIGSKIN

East Central quarterback Scottie McLaren (15) of Griffin, Georgia throws the pigskin above an outstretched Jones defender during the Warriors' Homecoming game with the Bobcats Saturday, Oct. 22. Jones won the division battle 35-7.



### 1948 CLASS MEETS

Members of the 1948 East Central graduating class who attended the group's 40-year reunion included, first row, from left, Lee Hamill and Joy Jolly Hamill, Jackson; Trenon Jolly, Gulfport; Carl Fulton, Lena; Malcolm Spence, Carthage; second row, from left, Kenneth Richardson, Gulfport; James McCann, Jackson; Dorothy Crenshaw Young, Mildred Young Calvert, and Jean Estes Woodruff, all of Louisville; third row, from left, John "Leo" McWhorter, Conehatta; Johnnie Brand, Jasper, Texas; Paul Simmons, Louisville; and H. D. Mulholland, Jackson. Also a class member but not pictured is Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction.





### 1968 BASKETBALL TEAM MEETS

The 1968 East Central men's basketball team held a reunion meeting during Homecoming activities held Saturday, Oct. 22. Team members attending, included, from left, Dr. Jerry Kitchens, Carthage; Danny Musgrove, Philadelphia; Dwight Fletcher, Jackson; Jack Skinner, Brandon; Bill Griffis, Philadelphia; Sammy Pace, Coach Joe Clark, and Larry Gressett, all of Decatur. The team posted a 20-7 record. Gressett, who was named to the second team All State squad, led the Warriors in scoring his freshman and sophomore seasons. Not pictured is Sam Nowell of Philadelphia who was selected first team All State. (Photo by Johnny Beaver).



### WHAT A BEAUTIFUL LINEUP!

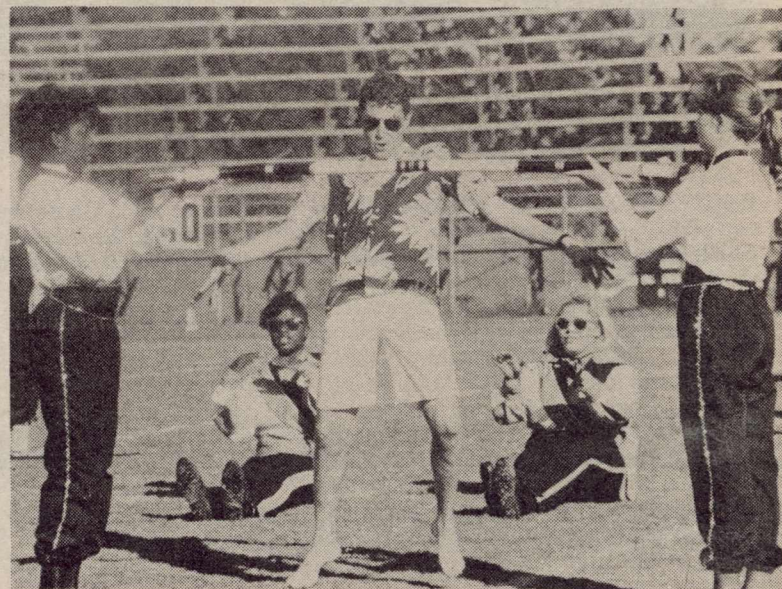
Constance Heat (Clint Faulkner of Forest,) left, was crowned the winner of the Mess Jones Pageant held in the Fine Arts Center auditorium as part of Homecoming Week activities. Rounding out the top three included first alternate Billy Jean Gator, center, (Bill Freeman of Lake); and second alternate Wanna B. Jones (Ronnie Jones of Jackson).

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### BEST HOMECOMING SIGN

Mu Alpha Theta won first place honors in the Homecoming sign contest with the above illustration and theme, "ECCC-The Best Is Yet To Be." The honorary mathematics society is sponsored by Mrs. Louis McMullan. Other prize winning signs included Newsome Hall, second; and Jackson Hall, third.



### HIWSAW 'LIMBOS' DURING HALFTIME

The Warrior Band, under the direction of Tom Carson, entertained the Homecoming crowd with another outstanding performance. In photo above freshman Jason Hisaw of Louisville rolls back the clock as he does the limbo as part of the band's halftime routine.



### TWO MORE FINE MESSSES

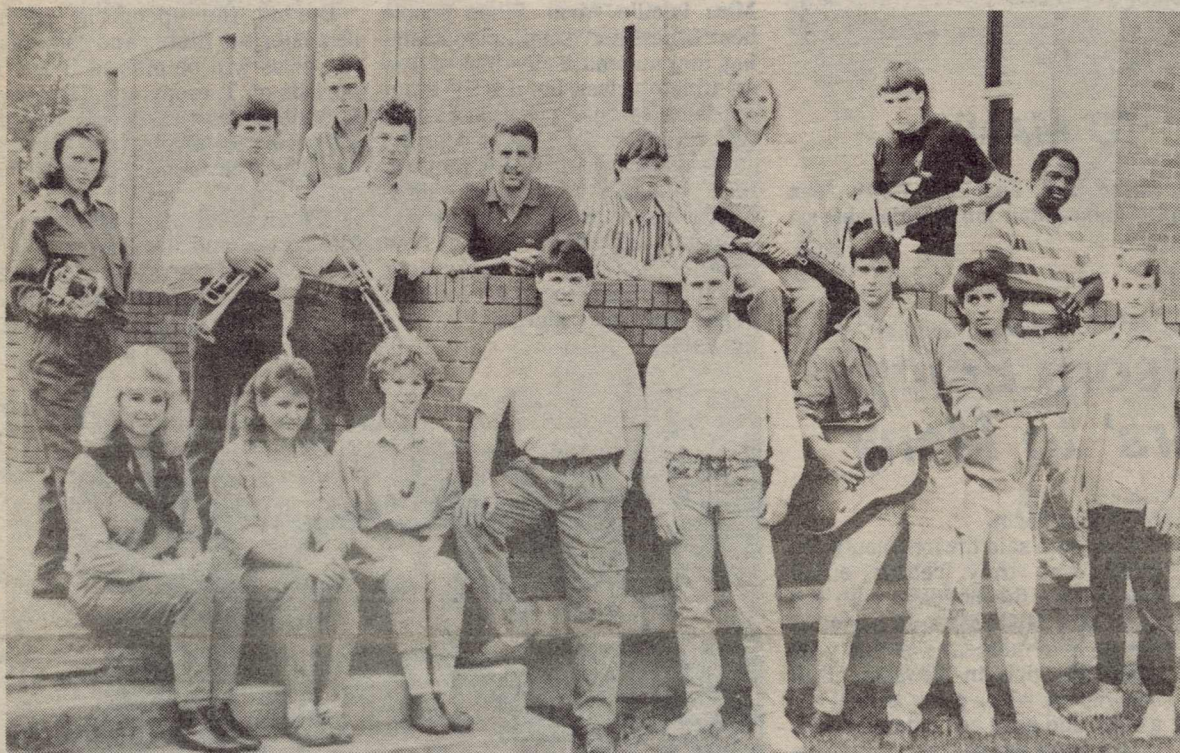


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## COLLEGIANS PLAN CONCERT

The East Central Community College Collegians will present their fall semester concert at 8 p. m. Mon., Nov. 21 in Huff Auditorium. The vocal-instrumental pop group will perform hits by such artists as UB-40, Hank Williams, Jr., Phill Collins, Poison, and many others. Members of the Collegians include, first row, from left, vocalists Jeannie Walsh, Morton; Tracy Wilkinson, Neshoba Central; Tammytha Worley, Union; Ardy Reed, Louisville; Kevin Weeks, Noxapater; Brian Waddell, Neshoba Central; technicians Robert Ferguson, Choctaw Central; Bud Johnson, Philadelphia; and Jimmy McElhenney, Decatur; second row, from left, Chara McFarland, horn, Neshoba Central; Brent Warren, trumpet, Morton; Jeffery Winstead, trombone, Neshoba Central; Jason Hisaw, trumpet, Louisville; John Holland, drums, Neshoba Central (University of Southern Mississippi transfer); Duane Richardson, bass, Philadelphia; Tara Vandevender, keyboard, Union; and Donnie Montgomery, guitar-technician, Neshoba Central. Not pictured are Tom Carson, director-guitarist; Ted Valentine, trombone, Newton; and technician Donnie Register, Morton.



## EC WARRIOR CORPS OFFICERS

Officers for the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, students who serve as host and hostesses for college events and assist in recruiting, include, from left, Mark Amis, president, Decatur; Matt Alford, vice president, Forest; and Tonya Trapp, secretary-treasurer, Decatur. The organization is sponsored by academic counselor Gregg Jefcoat.

## EC's Most Beautiful To be Picked Dec. 6

By MISSY SMITH

East Central's most beautiful women will be selected Dec. 6 as the school's annual beauty pageant will be held beginning at 7:30 p. m. in Huff Auditorium.

Leesa Lee, pageant chairman, said contestants will be judged in evening gown and interview competitions. Miss Lee said three judges will be selected to determine the college's "most beautiful" and

beauties.

An election will be held on Nov. 29 to determine most handsome and beaus. The winners will be presented during the beauty pageant, which is sponsored by the Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff.

For further information, please contact Miss Lee, whose office is located in the Fine Arts Building, or read the daily student bulletin.

## EC Cheerleaders Conduct Workshops in Meridian

East Central cheerleaders have recently been sharing their skills and ideas during recent workshops held at Meridian Community College.

Nancy Bagwell, head basketball cheerleader, and Sonya Crowther served as instructors at the MCC sponsored workshop and demonstrated several chants, cheers, and dance routines during the sessions which lasted three to four hours.

Music instructor Leesa Lee serves as cheerleader sponsor.

Final Semester  
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will be Dec. 15

Deadline for  
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## LEE HONORED FOR SERVICE

They came mostly to praise him, but there was also a little "roasting" going on as retired cafeteria food services manager Leonard Lee has called it quits after 23 years of service to East Central. Lee was presented many gifts and plaques of appreciation for his service to the college and is shown receiving one of the plaques from Sam Bounds, secretary for the ECCC Board of Trustees. Pictured are, from left, Dr. Richard Ethridge, banquet chairman; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president; Bounds, Lee, Mrs. Lee, and Val Smith of ARA Slater Food Services which provides meals for the college.



## Duncan Honored at Awards Luncheon

Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has been active with various projects and meetings.

For Homecoming, the chapter sold mums as a fund-raising project. Some of the profit was used for various chapter projects while another portion was used to complete a service project. The chapter also participated in the display contest for Homecoming.

In keeping with the Honors Topic, "The Character and Climate of Leadership: Old Frontiers and New Frontiers," the chapter had as guest speaker for the October meeting Wesley Crabtree.

Crabtree, a former employee of the CIA, told of the differences in leadership styles of the various U. S. presidents he had served under and how the style of leadership affected the work of the CIA.

Recently completed service projects for the chapter include a donation to the building fund of the National Phi Theta Kappa office in honor of Dr. Eddie M. Smith and a donation to the Huff Auditorium Renovation Fund.

On Nov. 13-14, Mike Cooper, Phil Duncan, Scott Wade, along with Mrs. Burkes and Dr. Harris attended the MS-LA-TN Regional Convention held in Pascagoula.

Activities there included talking with recruiters from universities, touring Ingalls Shipyard, and attending an awards luncheon where Phil Duncan, president of Theta Xi Chapter, was inducted into the Order of the Golden Key.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Nov. 21, 1988.



## 'MOTHERS' TO MANY

Dorm supervisors Mrs. Carolyn Haralson, left, and Mrs. Betty Jean Holbrook, whose "love for young people" makes their job an enjoyable experience. (Phot by Nancy Bagwell)

## Dorm Supervisors Enjoy Being 'Mothers' to Many

By KIMBERLY HOBBY

Could you imagine being the mother of 200 girls or more?

Mrs. Betty Jean Holbrook, dorm mother of Newsome Hall, and Mrs. Carolyn Haralson, dorm mother of Jackson Hall, seem to enjoy it very much, because of their love for young people.

Mrs. Holbrook has been working in the sophomore dorm at EC for six years, and Mrs. Haralson has been working at EC for seven years. She worked her first year in the sophomore dorm, and the last six years she has worked in the

freshman dorm.

They both said the long hours are hard, but they really enjoy celebrating the holidays with the girls. Mrs. Holbrook said her most memorable moment was this year when the girls in Newsome Hall honored her with a party, bought her a ring, and gave her a dozen roses.

Mrs. Haralson said she always enjoys it when past residents drop by to say hello.

These two ladies contribute a lot to the lives of all the girls who are residents here, and should be commended for this.

## Need to Get Into Shape? Then Take Miss Wood's Class!

By TAMMY PERRITT

Physical Education is one of the newest subjects in the modern educational program. It includes physical activities and sports of all kinds designed to improve physical development, general fitness and health. It can also be very enjoyable.

Here at East Central, students are privileged enough to have some physical education programs available. One of these programs is FITNESS AND CONDITIONING TRAINING, and it is instructed by Miss Lucille Wood. When people hear fitness and conditioning training, they automatically think of it as an athlete's class, but it is the exact opposite. This class was not designed for athletes only, but also for the students who would like to improve their physical fitness and have some fun during the process. The class involves stretching, lifting free weights, working on the weight machine, and a jogging program. Tennis and golf programs are also available.

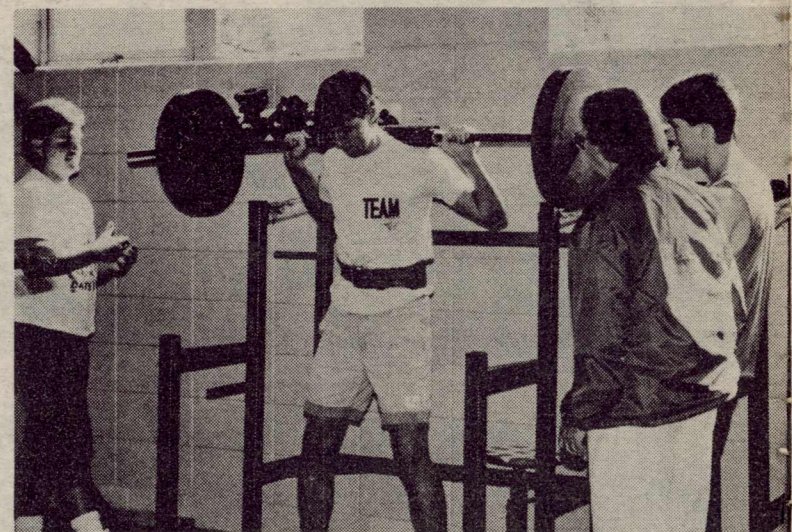
Miss Wood said the program will introduce students to the values in physical education and hopefully, they will continue to use these values throughout their lifetimes.

Students really enjoy the classes. Rhonda Smith, a student in the fitness and conditioning training class, said she loves the class, and that it is a good way to work off frustrations of everyday life.

Alan Powell, a student in the tennis class, said he really enjoys learning how to play tennis and that the class is very interesting.

During the upcoming spring semester the fitness and conditioning class will be offered B and D periods on Tuesday and Thursday, and the tennis class will be offered 7th period on Monday and Wednesday. These classes will be worth one hour's credit.

"Physically fit persons look better, feel better, and live longer. Begin your path on the road to physical fitness by signing up for one of these classes during the spring semester," said Mrs. Wood.



## EVERETT HONORED

Business Technology instructor Mrs. Jessie Everett recently received a plaque of appreciation for her dedicated service to the Southern Business Education Association which was presented during the group's annual convention-banquet held in Memphis. Mrs. Everett served as Mississippi representative to the 13-state member association for the 1987-88 school year. She is shown displaying the plaque to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.



## STUDENTS BECOMING PHYSICALLY FIT!

In top photo, Miss Wood carefully monitors weight-lifting exercises and in the lower photo, she offers tennis tips to members of her class. (Top photo by Regina McKinney, bottom photo by Nikki Minard)



## East Central Grad Discusses Fashions

Amy Peoples, Fashion Director for Gayfers located in the Biloxi Edgewater Mall, discussed the latest fashion trends and other topics of interest during a program held Nov. 8 in Room 60, Newton Hall.

Peoples, a native of Carthage, is responsible for developing and implementing all fashion and special events for the newly remodeled and expanded Edgewater Gayfers Department Store. She also serves as public relations director and community liaison for the department store.

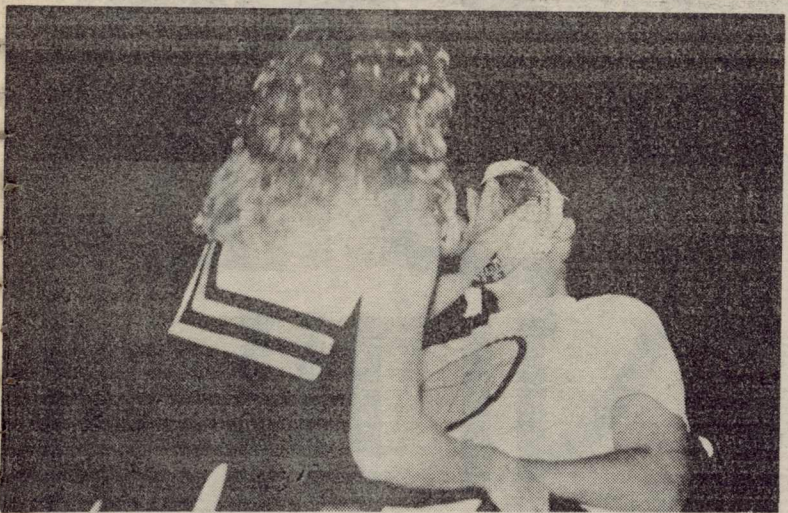
She serves as director of the 60-member SEVENTEEN Award winning Gayfer Girl Youth Board,

and under her leadership the "GG's" have received national recognition.

Along with her duties, Peoples teaches etiquette manners and coordinates SEVENTEEN Beauty Work classes.

She currently serves as president-elect of the Mississippi B&PW Club and is a participant of Leadership Mississippi, sponsored by the Mississippi Economic Council.

Peoples is a graduate of Carthage High School, East Central Junior College, and Mississippi University for Women, which she was graduated magna cum laude in fashion merchandising.



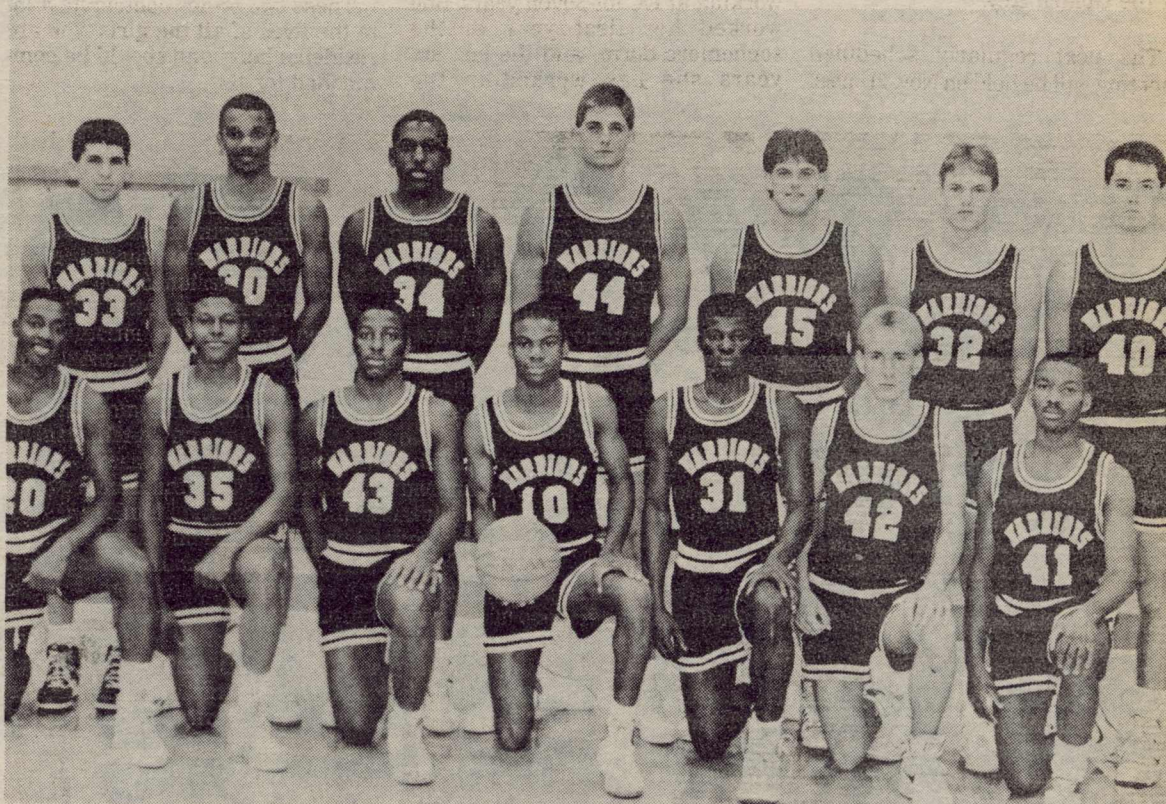
### MATT GETS THE PIE!

Head football cheerleader Tonya Trapp found a sure way to silence SBA President Matt Alford who "volunteered" to be this year's pie-in-the-face target during a bonfire-pep rally prior to the Warriors' season ending football game at Mississippi Delta. In top photo, Matt cheerfully prepares to receive the creamy treat, and in the next shots, well, words are obviously not needed!



### EC BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS

Leading cheers for the Lady Warrior and Warrior basketball teams for 1988-89 are, kneeling, from left, Penny Crawford, Neshoba Central; Melissa Morgan, Beulah Hubbard; Kerri Posey, Neshoba Central; Sonya Crowther, Newton; standing, from left, Nancy Bagwell (head), Winston Academy; Mona Moore, Neshoba Central; Libby Hamil and Mechelle Gregory, both of Decatur. Not pictured is "Warrior Chief", Dean Reed of Philadelphia. Music instructor Leesa Lee serves as sponsor.



### EAST CENTRAL WARRIORS

Members of the Warrior basketball team for 1988-89 include, kneeling, from left, Daryl Brown, Newton; Robert Bradford, Scott Central; Terry Gray, Lake; Kelvin Young, Philadelphia; Darrin Gray, Lake; Stephen Gainey, Union; Johnny Weathersby, Forest; standing, from left, Shannon LaFargue, Kinder, Louisiana; Patrick Stribling, Neshoba Central; Joe McGowan, Oxon Hill, Maryland; Johnny Rowland, Sibley, Louisiana; Ron Swart, Winston Academy; Stanley McDill, Forest; and B. J. Hailey, Louisville. The team is coached by Larry Gressett.



# Cafeteria Manager Plans Improvements, Changes

By SANDY GRIFFITHS

What's cooking at EC? Let Steve Cummings tell you. Who's that? He is our interim ARA manager. Steve has been here since October and will probably be here until Christmas. During his stay, many changes are being made. For instance, now at lunch time a deli line has been established. This line offers a variety of meats, cheese, and sandwiches everyday and is constantly being improved. Now we can get two of the selection offered instead of one.

Steve's official title is the area analyst for ARA services for campus dining. He works for the second vice president of ARA. There are only five vice presidents in the nation. Since his work carries him to numerous places, we are lucky to have him at EC.

Steve started in the food business in the Steak and Ale of America in 1969 and then joined ARA in 1974. He trained in campus dining at Clemson University in Florida for one and a half years. Next he went to Lee McCrae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina for five more years. Then he became the Director of Dining Services in Willimington, North Carolina where he is now stationed. Currently he travels the Southern states where he fills in for units that are without managers or assists the manager in planning and organizing.

Steve has done extensive traveling not only in our country but also in many other countries. His career has carried him to such places as

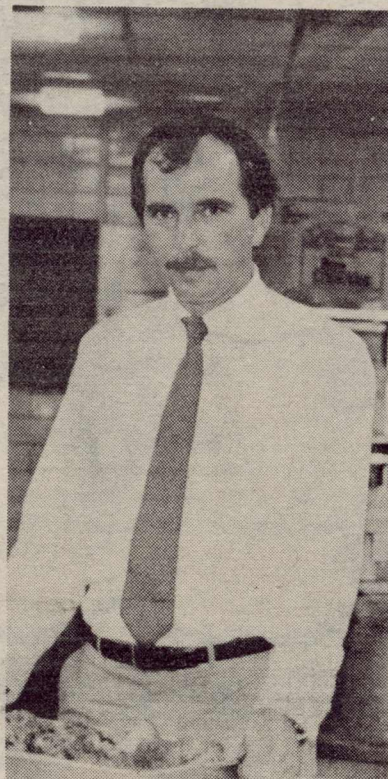
Bethal College, Clemson, North Greenville, University of Alabama, and Kentucky State to name a few. The relocations of his father who was in the air force resulted in his graduation from high school in the Philippines.

While here at East Central, he is in the middle of a major renovation of our cafeteria. We will soon acquire new beverage lines and salad bars. There will also be new wall coverings and a fresh paint job. Interestingly, all of this will start on a Thursday afternoon and finish that night. He also says that there will be a little inconvenience and he hopes that everyone will understand.

Another thing that Steve is doing while he is here is organizing a student-faculty staff dining service committee. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join. This committee will meet regularly with the food services director to discuss plans, changes, and any needs that arise. This will give the customer a more direct input into what is going on. Meantime, if anyone has any suggestions see Steve.

He enjoys his job and says that it is fun to work on a college campus. He gets to meet a lot of interesting people and says that he has probably learned more since he came here than someone would in five years of training.

Steve, his wife Paula, and two daughters, Brice, age fourteen, Ryan, age eleven, live in Wrightville Beach, North Carolina.



**CAFETERIA  
MANAGER**

Interim ARA food services manager, Steve Cummings, who has proposed and made several changes to improve the cafeteria menu. (Photo by Linda Floyd)



**LOOKS JUST LIKE HIM!**

Retired cafeteria food services manager Leonard Lee shares his "look-alike" pumpkinn designed by East Central instructor Dr. Shelby Harris and some of his engineering club students and displayed at a banquet held in Lee's honor. Lee, who was "roasted" but also praised for 23 years of service to East Central, received many gifts and plaques of appreciation during the program held Nov. 1 in Mabry Cafeteria. The pumpkin-design project was sponsored by the Student Body Association with cash awards presented to the top three "artists."



**EAST CENTRAL LADY WARRIORS**

Members of the Lady Warriors basketball team for the 1988-89 season include, first row, from left, Karen Huffman, East Rankin Academy; Vonsha Wash, Sebastopol; Stephanie Cassel, Shreveport, Louisiana; Faye McDonald, Carthage; Pam Green, Sebastopol; Toshia Boulton, Newton; standing, from left, Deborah Blaylock and Penny Graham, both of Sebastopol; Machel Walker, Newton; Umeki Edwards, Jonesboro, Louisiana; Donna Killen, Neshoba Central; Sadie Triplett, Louisville; Roshetta Jones, Cottonport, Louisiana; and Rebecca Higgins, Newton Academy. The Lady Warriors are coached by Sammy Pace.



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### 'ALMOST THE BRIDE OF DRACULA' CAST

Cast members of "Almost the Bride of Dracula," included, in front, Kelli McCrea, Meridian; seated, from left, Tanya Henry, Union, as Becky; Brian Roland, Morton, as Dracula; Deanna McNair, Decatur as Donna; standing, from left, Kinsey Goldman, Philadelphia, as Becky's father; Greta Brashier, Newton, as Dracula's mother; and Michelle McNeil, Decatur, as Becky's mother. The play was one of three one-act productions presented as part of the college's fall Dinner Theater held Nov. 9-11 in Mabry Cafeteria. Other plays presented were "He's Having a Baby," and "Swords and Roses," an original script by English instructor Ovid Vickers.



### 'HE'S HAVING A BABY' CAST

Cast members of "He's Having a Baby," included, seated, from left, Sandy Griffiths, Morton, as Mrs. Groton; Stacy Radigan, Oxford, as Mrs. Murray; standing, from left, Amie Cliburn, Union, as Mrs. Foster; Kathy Fitzhugh, Morton, as nurse Williams; and Gina Buntyn, Union, as Mrs. North. The play was one of three one-act productions presented as part of the college's fall Dinner Theater held Nov. 9-11 in Mabry Cafeteria. Other plays presented were "Almost the Bride of Dracula," and "Swords and Roses," an original script by English instructor Ovid Vickers.

## EC Players Present Fall Dinner Theater

Performing before capacity crowds each night, the East Central Players' Fall Dinner theater was held Nov. 9-11 in Mabry cafeteria.

This year's plays included "Almost the Bride of Dracula,"

"He's Having a Baby," and "Swords and Roses," an original script by English instructor Ovid Vickers. The annual production is directed by speech-drama instructor Bruce Peterson.

The 1988 production was dedicated to Leonard Lee, who has retired following 23 years of service as EC Director of Food Services for ARA Slater Food service. Since the dinner theater began, Lee has been responsible for menu planning and preparation. This year's buffet-style meal was prepared by Steve Cummings and other members of the ARA staff.

Cast members for each production included the following:

"Almost the Bride of Dracula:" Brian Roland, as Dracula; Greta Brashier, Dracula's mother; Deanna McNair, Donna; Kelli McCrea, Lisa; Tanya Henry, Becky; Michelle McNeill, Becky's mother; and Kinsey Goldman, Becky's father;

"He's Having a Baby:" Stacy Radigan, Mrs. Murray; Sandy Griffiths, Mrs. Groton; Amie Cliburn, Mrs. Foster; Gina Buntyn, Mrs. North; and Kathy Fitzhugh, Nurse Williams;

"Swords and Roses:" Michael Roland, Mark Reynolds; Doreen Ryals, Miriam Reynolds; Jason Hisaw, Shannon Reynolds; Heather Watts, Blanche Reynolds; Bodie Copeland, Pamela; Ardy Reed, Jim Putnam; Derek Rogers, Mark (as a young man); and Tara Vandevender, as Miriam (as a young lady).

The plays were produced through special arrangement through Baker's Plays in Boston.

EC Players officers include Doreen Ryals, president; Kinsey Goldman, vice president; Sandy Griffiths, secretary; Ardy Reed, play reading chairman; Bodie Copeland and Rhonda Moore, freshman representatives, and Jackie White and Andy Childress, production assistants. Childress also serves as program designer.

Others involved in the dinner theater production included Greta Brashier, Anita Wolfe, Heather Weidler, publicity; Leonard Nelson, Brian Waddell, Heather Weidler, lights and set; Christie Williams, Kim Beamon, Patricia Burnside, Tracy Stewart, Andy Thaggard, set-up; Yolanda Carter, Patricia Burnside, Elizabeth Tucker, Rachel Young, Tracy Stewart, Kim Beamon, tickets; Kim Beamon, Rachel Young, Elizabeth Tucker, props; and Michelle Gregory, Rhonda Moore, and Leigh Ann Goolsby, make-up.

The Fashion Squad, directed by Mrs. Alice Pouncey, presented the latest styles and special entertainment was provided by Brian Waddell, a member of the Collegians. Music was furnished by the band department, directed by Tom Carson.

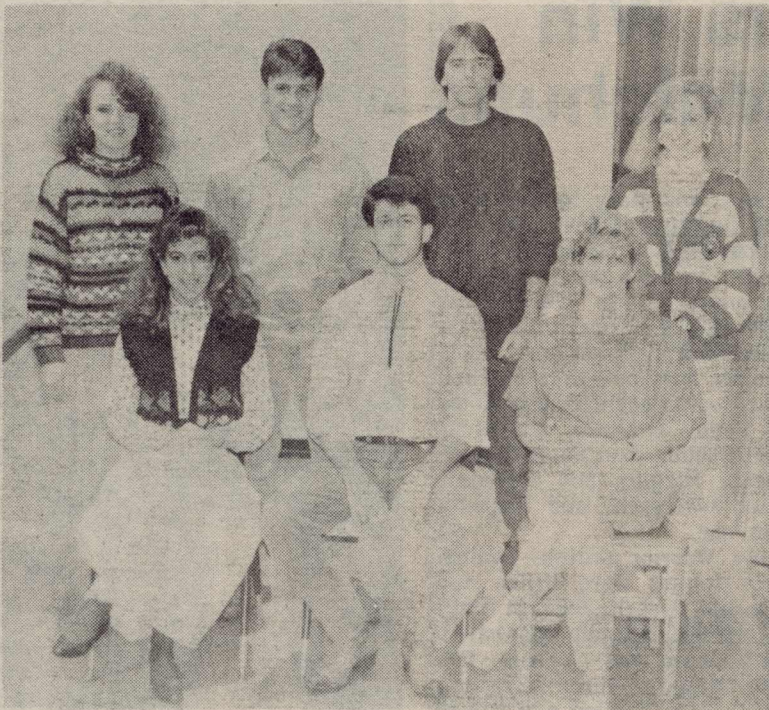
Warrior Corp members served as hosts and hostesses and modeling class students served as ushers.

Art displays were designed by instructor Bruce Guraedy and students.



### PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS

Andy Childress, left, and Jackie White, both of Louisville, served as production assistants for the fall Dinner Theater.



### 'SWORDS AND ROSES' CAST

Cast members of "Swords and Roses," included, seated, from left, Bodie Copeland, Newton, as Pamela; Michael Roland, Carthage, as Mark Reynolds; Doreen Ryals, Philadelphia, as Miriam Reynolds; standing, from left, Heather Watts, Union, as Blanche Reynolds; Ardy Reed, Louisville, as Jim Putnam; Derek Rogers, Morton, as Mark (as a young man); and Tara Vandevender, Union, as Miriam (as a young lady). Not pictured is Jason Hisaw, Louisville, as Shannon Reynolds. The play was one of three one-act productions presented as part of the college's fall Dinner Theater held Nov. 9-11 in Mabry Cafeteria. Other plays presented were "Almost the Bride of Dracula," and "He's Having a Baby." "Swords and Roses" is an original script by English instructor Ovid Vickers.



# SPORTS



## KILLEN GRABS REBOUND

Lady Warrior Donna Killen (32) grabs the rebound during East Central's 95-82 win over visiting East Mississippi Nov. 7. Also pictured is Lady Warrior Umeki Edwards (10). Killen tallied 15 points in the non-division victory while Edwards had eight.

## Lady Warriors Win First Three Matchups

The Lady Warriors jumped out to a 3-0 start while the Warriors chalked up a 1-2 mark as basketball season is now in full swing in the community/junior college ranks.

In the home opener for both squads on Nov. 7, Deborah Blaylock had 21 points and led the EC women in a 95-82 come-from-behind win over East Mississippi.

Other scorers were Pam Green, 19; Faye McDonald, 17; Donna Killen, 15; Umeki Edwards and Sadie Triplett, eight each; Penny Graham, four; and Karen Huffman, three.

The Lady Warriors trailed 44-36 at halftime.

In the men's contest, the visiting Lions outscored the Warriors 76-68.

East Central's pointmakers were Shannon LaFargue, 13; Daryle Brown and Patrick Stribling, 11 each; Ron Swart, 10; Johnny Rowland, eight; Kelvin Young, seven; Terry Gray, five; B. J. Hailey, two; and Darrin Gray, one.

East Mississippi led 39-33 at halftime.

East Central began the 1988 campaign by participating in a preseason tournament at East Mississippi Community College Nov. 3-4.

The Lady Warriors won both of their matchups, defeating Concor-

dia 84-48 and Mary Holmes 95-70 while the Warriors beat Concordia 75-71 but fell 87-77 to Faulkner State.

In the Concordia game, Lady Warrior pointmakers were Faye McDonald, 19; Karen Huffman, 11; Vonsha Wash, 10; Pam Green, eight; Deborah Blaylock and Machell Walker, seven each; Donna Killen and Penny Graham, six each; Toshia Boulton, four; Sadie Triplett, Rebecca Higgins, and Stephanie Cassel, two each; and Roshetta Jones, one.

Lady Warrior scorers against Mary Holmes were Killen and McDonald, 16 each; Wash, 12; Huffman, 11; Blaylock, nine; Edwards, eight; Green and Graham, five each; Higgins, three; Triplett, Cassel, Jones, Boulton, and Walker, two each.

In the men's game with Concordia, East Central pointmakers were Joe McGowan, 19; Daryle Brown, 15; Johnny Rowland, 12; Darrin Gray, 10; Ron Swart, nine; Patrick Stribling, six; and Shannon LaFargue, four.

Stribling led with the Warriors with 28 points against Faulkner State. Other scorers were LaFargue, 19; McGowan, seven; Brown and Rowland, six each; Swart, four; Stanley McDill, three; Darrin Gray and Kelvin Young, two each.

## 'Three-Point Pam' Leads Lady Warriors

By GINA BUNTYN

Pam Green, a sophomore liberal arts major, is a member of the East Central Lady Warriors. This is her second season with the team. Last year the 5'7½" guard averaged 12 points per game.

"I think we have a pretty good team this year. We have potential; it is whether we use it or not. I believe we will have a winning season if we play team ball like we did in the scrimmage games before the season. We have 15 women who will contribute a lot to each game" Pam said. "Unlike last year," she added, "we are going to continue trying after Christmas and never give up. And, hopefully go undefeated."

In September, the team started practicing every weekday except Friday from two to four. Now that the season has started the Lady Warriors practice every day Monday through Friday and sometimes on Sunday nights.

When asked what kind of example she tries to set for her fellow teammates, Pam said she always respects the coach and does what he says. She tries to show leadership



PAM GREEN

and responsibility and says she always tries to have good sportsmanship.

Pam said this year she plans, "to work harder and become a better basketball player and person in order to allow me to become an asset to the team."

She considers the Hinds game to be her best game last season. "I think I made seven three-pointers but it was all luck!" Nevertheless, the nickname "Three-Point Pam" has stuck.

"There are many assets in being a Lady Warrior. They are meeting new people, being able to play basketball two more years after high school, and just the fact of proudly being an EC Lady Warrior," Pam commented.

Pamela, a very popular face on the EC campus, stays busy all year. Besides basketball, Pam is a member of the Warrior Corps and the Election Committee. She also plays intramural softball and flag football.

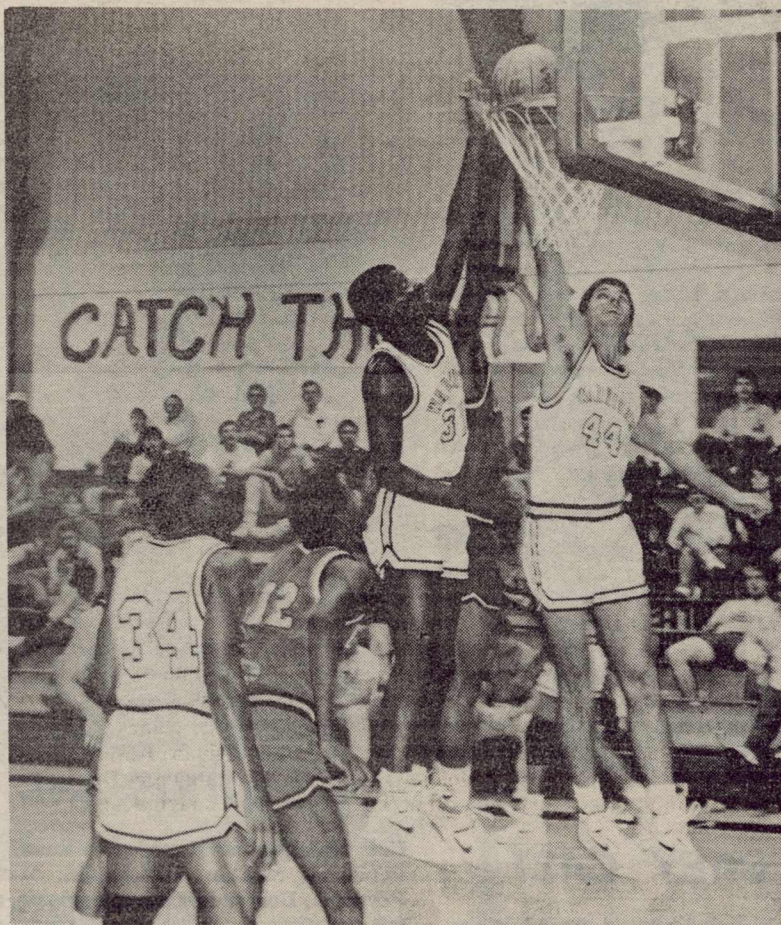
Always the kidder, Pam says her hobbies are "eating bacon, egg and cheese biscuits on weekdays. But on weekends, eating and sleeping!"

When asked if she planned to play ball at a senior university Pam replied, "If anybody wants me, sure I'll play!"

Pam said, "When I leave EC, I will miss Coach Pace and the EC Lady Warriors the most. They seem like part of my family and I'll miss each and everyone of them. I will take a lot of good memories with me, but the one that will stick with me the most is Dr. Ethridge always embarrassing me half to death in class!"

If she doesn't play basketball at a university, Pam plans on attending MSU in the fall of 1989.

Pam is a 1987 graduate of Sebastopol High School. She is the daughter of Barney and Mott Green and has two brothers, Anthony and Brad.



## WARRIORS FIGHT FOR REBOUND

Warriors Darrin Gray (31) and Johnny Rowland (44) fight for the rebound during East Central's home opener with East Mississippi Nov. 7. The visiting Lions won the non-division battle 76-68. Also pictured is Warrior Joe McGowan (34).





### ECCC FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPS

"Tenderonies" won the East Central Community College women's intramural flag football title by defeating "Cully's Kittens" in the championship battle. Team members include, kneeling, from left, Sonya Crowther, Newton; Linda Floyd, Louisville; Robin Moncrief and Katie Dennis, both of Newton; standing, from left, Coach Marlon Evans, Philadelphia; Annie Brown and Debra Blaylock, both of Forest; Faye McDonald, Carthage; Lori Johnson, Philadelphia; Sadie Triplett, Louisville; Machele Walker and Shelia Wesley, both of Newton; and Manager Barbara Haynes, Louisville. Not pictured is Constance Body, Forest.



### FLAG FOOTBALL RUNNERS-UP

"Cully's Kittens" captured second place honors in the East Central Community College women's intramural flag football league after falling to "Tenderonies" in the championship battle. Team members include, kneeling, from left, Lisa Williamson, and Susan Clay, both of Louisville; Bodie Copeland, Newton; Nancy Bagwell and Kimberly Hobby, both of Louisville; Katherine Browne, Newton; Penny Crawford, Philadelphia; Karen Valentine, Newton; standing, from left, Rebecca Higgins, Newton; Nina Moseley, Lake; Debra Mangrum, Decatur; Alisia Amis, Lake; Penny Graham, Pam Green, and Karen Sistrunk, all of Sebastopol; and Coach Sean Curry, Louisville.

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## Flag Football Ends; Basketball Play Begins

By MARK AMIS & MIKE COOPER

Once again it is time to update intramural action at ECCC. Flag football, concluded its regular season and began playoff action on Oct. 18.

After a single elimination first round, the eight teams field was cut to four. The first four teams put out were as follows: Underachievers, Team Nukey, Dirty Dogs, and Tater's Terapins.

The four teams that advanced to the double-elimination second round were as follows: Generres, Young Guns, Oreos, and the "D" Brothers. This round displayed a combination of both "big play" offensives and opportunistic defenses which kept the action tight and the scores close. The "D" Brothers and Generres emerged victorious and moved on to the finals. The "D" Brothers survived to emerge as flag football champions and earned the right to play

East Mississippi Community College Thurs., Nov. 10 in extramural play.

The girl's flag football season ended and their playoffs began on Oct. 17. The four teams in the single elimination tournament were as follows: Tuff Enuff, Tenderonies, Overachievers, and Cully's Kittens. The Tenderonies defeated Cully's Kittens in the finals to become EC champs!

Three-on-three basketball season concluded on Nov. 3 with a single elimination tournament. Out of a nine team field the Lakers defeated the Brewers in the finals to emerge as three-on-three champs. Five-on-five team rosters have already been turned in and regular season play began Nov. 8.

Once again we would like to congratulate all the winners and wish good luck to the "D" Brothers and the five-on-five basketball team.

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Officers of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers," at East Central Community College for 1988-89 are, seated, from left, Leigh Ann Russell, secretary, Union; Reggie Shumaker, president, Neshoba Central; Mike Cooper, vice president, Decatur; standing, from left, Allen Kron, treasurer, Philadelphia; Maggie Jennings, reporter, Scott Central; and Wade Scott, social chairman, Leake Academy. AAE was recently cited by the National Society of Professional Engineers as one of the top five community/junior college engineering clubs in the nation. Dr. Shelby Harris serves as club sponsor.

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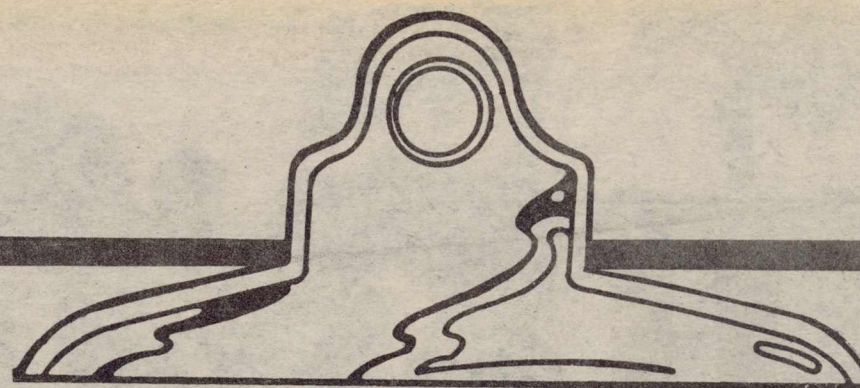
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### Student Opinion Poll

By MATT ALFORD

Photos By NANCY BAGWELL

#### 'What's In, What's Out' at East Central?



**Susan Clay, 19, sophomore,**  
Nanih Waiya: "Dating is in; going steady is out."



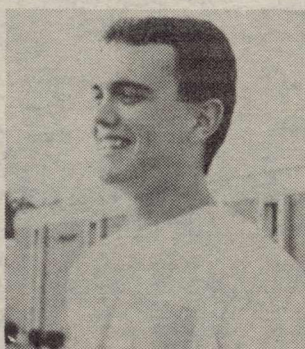
**Dianne Ingram, 18, freshman,**  
Philadelphia: "Guys are in; studying is out."



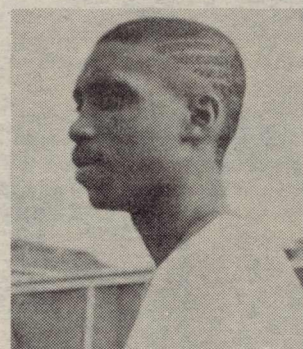
**Jamie Shepard, 19, freshman,**  
Carthage: "Crutches are in; curfews are out."



**Clint Faulkner, 19, freshman,**  
Forest: "Individualism is in; rednecks are out."



**Scottie McLaren, 18, freshman,**  
Georgia: "Road trips are in; road-side parks are out."



**Jeffery Johnson, 19, sophomore,**  
Forest: "Flag football is in; holes in jeans are out."



**Diana Davison, 18, freshman,**  
Sebastopol: "Cut-off sweats are in; Michael Jackson will always be out."



**Scott Vance, 17, freshman, Col-**  
linsville: "Parties are in; bad grades are out."



**Terri Rasco, 19, sophomore,**  
Forest: "Jeans with holes are in; dark jeans are out."



**Kim Beamon, 19, sophomore,**  
Neshoba Central: "Mrs. Holbrooks' food is in; cafeteria food is out."



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## MOST BEAUTIFUL SELECTED

Freshman Suzette Hall of Decatur was chosen East Central Community College's Most Beautiful coed and is shown being crowned by Dr. Eddie Smith, college president. At right is Scottie McLaren of Griffin, Georgia who was voted Most Handsome by the student body. The school's annual pageant was held Dec. 6 in Huff Auditorium.



## EC STUDENTS DONATE TO ORPHANAGE

These members of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students at East Central Community College, demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas as they are shown preparing gifts and goodies as part of their annual community service project. This season, the East Central students will deliver the holiday treats to an orphanage in Lake. Club members involved in the project include, from left, Jeff Estes, Decatur; Rochelle Gunn, Scott Central; Penny Caldwell, Carthage; Doris McCune, Newton; Sondra Fairchild, Laurel Hill community; and Kathy Spencer, Forest.

## Fifty Students to Receive Diplomas

Fifty East Central Community College students are candidates for certificates or degrees following the fall, 1988 semester, announced Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction.

Those completing programs of study include the following:

### ACADEMIC

Joseph Walter Barrett, A.A.  
Tammy W. Bell, A.A.  
Christa Ann Boykin, A.A.  
Lisa Maria Burnside, A.A.  
Suzette Richardson Chunn, A.A.  
Clinton Keith Doss, A.A.  
Jennifer G. Drury, A.A.  
Dale M. Germany, A.A.  
Henry McCully Hudspeth, A.A.  
Diane Johnson, A.A.  
Timothy Keith Johnson, A.A.  
Allen Lloyd Kron, A.A.  
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Deborah A. Mazingo, A.A.  
Marshall Charles McMillan, A.A.  
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Roy Dewayne McCallister  
DeAngelo Dundee Moore  
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Travis A. Stephens

## Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Seeks Recognition

By REGGIE SHUMAKER

East Central Community College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Theta Xi, has been busy recently. At homecoming this year, Theta Xi made and sold mums. From the money made during this fundraiser, Theta Xi donated \$100 to the renovation fund for Huff Auditorium on East Central's campus.

On Nov. 13-14, four members and two advisors from Theta Xi attended the regional convention. Those members attending were: Phil Duncan, president; Mike Cooper, treasurer; Wade Scott, historian; and John Wesley Hardin. Advisors attending were Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes. Phil Duncan, Theta Xi president, was inducted into the Order of the Golden Key.

At Theta Xi's last meeting on Nov. 22, chapter president Phil Duncan passed out petitions to each member of Theta Xi. These petitions call on the publishers of U.S. and World Report to recognize two-year colleges as a vital link in the American educational system. The petitions, along with those from each chapter in the country, will be sent to the editor of U.S. News. Also at this meeting, members viewed a video tape of Hugh Sidey's presentation at Honors Institute. Mr. Sidey's speech was quite informative and very entertaining.

On Dec. 6, Theta Xi and Alpha Alpha Epsilon, had a joint holiday "study break" during activity period.







## BEAUTIES, BEAUS SELECTED

East Central Community College Beauties and Beaus were selected Dec. 6 during the school's annual pageant held in Huff Auditorium. Beauties chosen include, from left, Kerri Posey, Neshoba Central; Sonya Crowther, Newton; Most Beautiful Suzette Hall, Decatur; Kimberly Hobby, Winston Academy; and Karen Valentine, Newton. Beaus, as voted by the student body, include, from left, Ardy Reed, Louisville; Joey Boykin, Winston Academy; Most Handsome Scottie McLaren, Griffin, Georgia; Kevin Cochran, San Antonio, Texas; and Daryl Brown, Newton.

## Suzette Hall Chosen ECCC's Most Beautiful

By HEATHER WATTS

Freshman Suzette Hall won the title of Most Beautiful during East Central Community College's annual pageant held Dec. 6 in Huff Auditorium.

Miss Hall, daughter of Don and Sue Hall of Decatur, was crowned by Dr. Eddie Smith, college president.

Scottie McLaren, also a freshman, was named Most Handsome as voted by the student body. McLaren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck McLaren of Griffin, Georgia.

Beauties selected include sophomores Kerri Posey, Neshoba Central; Sonya Crowther, Newton; and freshman Kimberly Hobby,

Winston Academy; and Karen Valentine, Newton.

Beaus chosen were sophomores Kevin Cochran, San Antonio, Texas; Ardy Reed, Louisville; Daryl Brown, Newton; and freshman Joey Bokin, Winston Academy.

Miss Hall is an elementary education major and is a member of the Fashion Squad, Student Education Association, and Election Committee.

Miss Posey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Posey of Philadelphia, is a member of the Fashion Squad, Centralettes, and basketball cheerleading squad. She is a Public

Relations major.

Miss Crowther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Bradley and Milton Crowther of Newton, is a member of the Warrior Corps, Gospel Choir, and football and basketball cheerleading squads. The liberal arts major has been named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. She also served as sophomore Homecoming maid.

An elementary education major, Miss Hobby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hobby of Louisville.

She is a member of the Warrior Corps, Student Education Association, Baptist Student Union, Fashion Squad, Tom Tom staff, Election Committee, and serves as freshman class vice president. Miss Hobby also served as freshman Homecoming maid.

Miss Valentine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Valentine of Newton, is a member of the Warrior Corps, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Election Committee, and Centralettes. She also served as freshman Homecoming maid. She plans to pursue a career in nursing.

Other top ten finalists include Gina Buntyn and Tanya Henry, both of Union; Tammy Sullivan and Missy Smith, both of Philadelphia; and Melissa Morgan, Beulah Hubbard.

Mr. Ovid Vickers serves as master of ceremonies for the pageant which was sponsored by the yearbook staff. Miss Leesa Lee served as pageant director.

Entertainment was provided by Tom Carson, Jerry Dukes, Angeli-que McClendon, Jana Fanning, and Ardy Reed.

Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith of Vicksburg, and Phyllis Qualls-Brooks of Jackson.

## East Central Tutors Recognized for Service

The East Central Community College Student Support Services recently honored peer tutors who achieved perfect attendance records during the fall, 1988 semester, announced Mrs. Lawrence Tingle, program director.

Those honored for the service include Nita Boyd, Karen Blackburn, Bodie Copeland, Dana Gressett, Carolyn Haralson, Dan Hamm, Maggie Jennings, Nina Mosley, Leigh Ann Russell, Rhonda Smith, Tammy Shirley, Pam Thweat, and Wert Spiva.

Mrs. Tingle said others who also assisted in helping other students include Matt Alford, John Blount, Gina Buntyn, Amie Cliburn, Danny Collins, Dan Cumberland, Sandra George, John Hardin, Suzanne Hansford, Clara Johnson, Mary Johnson, Rhonda Jones, Scottie McLaren, Connie Myers, Tammy Perritt, Phillip Roland, Terri Rasco, Stan Smith, Tammy Sullivan, Andy Thaggard, and Synthia Willis.

Mrs. Tingle said peer tutors are

trained professionals who know the curriculum, professors, and how to assist students with academic problems. The minimum requirements to become a peer tutor include a 2.0 grade point average and instructor referrals. Those chosen should also exhibit responsibility, good interpersonal and tutorial skills facilitated by orientation and training from the Student Support Services Counselor, Jacquita Jackson.

"After successfully completing 50 or more hours of tutoring, the peer tutor may qualify for certification with the National Association of Tutorial Services. This certification will allow the tutor to go to any senior college which has a Student Support Services program or other programs specializing in peer tutoring to participate as a professional peer tutor," Mrs. Tingle said.

Mrs. Tingle said she appreciates all the students involved in the peer tutoring program and looks forward to an even more successful spring semester.

## Teacher Spotlight



Accounting instructor Mrs. Roberta Holt. (Photo by Nikki Minard)

By ROCHELLE GUNN

Mrs. Roberta Holt, the Accounting instructor, has been employed at East Central Community College since the fall of 1981.

After graduating from Pinehill Academy, Mrs. Holt attended Mississippi University for Women. She received her BS degree. She also received her Certified Public Accountant certificate in 1984.

Mrs. Holt likes teaching and says, "I enjoy helping students to prepare for a future in the business world."

She is married to Harry Holt, with whom she recently celebrated her 9th anniversary. Her hobbies include crafts and woodworking.

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### CHOIR PERFORMS

The East Central Community Concert Choir, which presented its annual Christmas program on Dec. 15 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium. The concert choir is directed by Charles Hinson.

## ECCC's Concert Choir Presents Christmas Choral

By TAMMY PERRITT

On Dec. 5 at 7 p. m., the concert choir of East Central Community college, directed by Charles W. Hinson, presented a Christmas Choral Concert in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Leesa Lee, keyboard instructor at ECCC, served as accompanist. The public was invited to attend and admission was free.

The program consisted of "The Alfred Burks Carols," "Rock-A-My-Baby," "As Lately He Watched," "Mistletoe and Love," "Silver Bells," and various other selections.

During the concert, the audience was asked to participate in a carol-sing.

The concert concluded with the "Hallelujah Chorus" which was sung by the choir and members of the audience who wished to participate.

Members of the concert choir include: Nancy Bagwell, Gaye Bethony, Annette Carter, Jerry Dukes, Kinsey Goldman, Hal Fulton, Cindy Fulton, Cindy Hall, Diann Ingram, Timothy Johnson, Deanna McNair, Michelle McNeil, Stephanie Parick, Phillip Pope,

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## East Central Students Selected to Who's Who

By SANDY GRIFFITHS

The nomination of thirty-one students from East Central Community College have been accepted to the 1989 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

They have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Since it was first published in 1934 many outstanding students have been honored from this annual directory.

This year's students selected from East Central are: Phil Duncan, Sandra Kay Fairchild, Randy Kelly, and Dale Scott all from Carthage; Mark Amis, Mike Cooper, and Debra Mangrum from Decatur; Tonya Trapp from Dekalb;

Matt Alford, Deborah Blaylock, Rochelle Gunn, Maggie Jennings, and Karen Mayo from Forest; Bill Freeman and Nina Mosely of Lake; Jamie Whatley from Lawrence; Nancy Bagwell of Louisville; Daryl Brown and Sonya Crowther from Newton;

Penny Crawford, Kinsey Goldman, Sedera Irons, Tammy Kirkland, and Reggie Shuamker of Philadelphia; Tanya Henry, Leigh Ann Russell, Janice Vance, Heather Watts, and Kathy Graham from Union; and Pam Green and Kenneth Scott of Walnut Grove.

These students are now part of a group selected from more than 1,400 colleges in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

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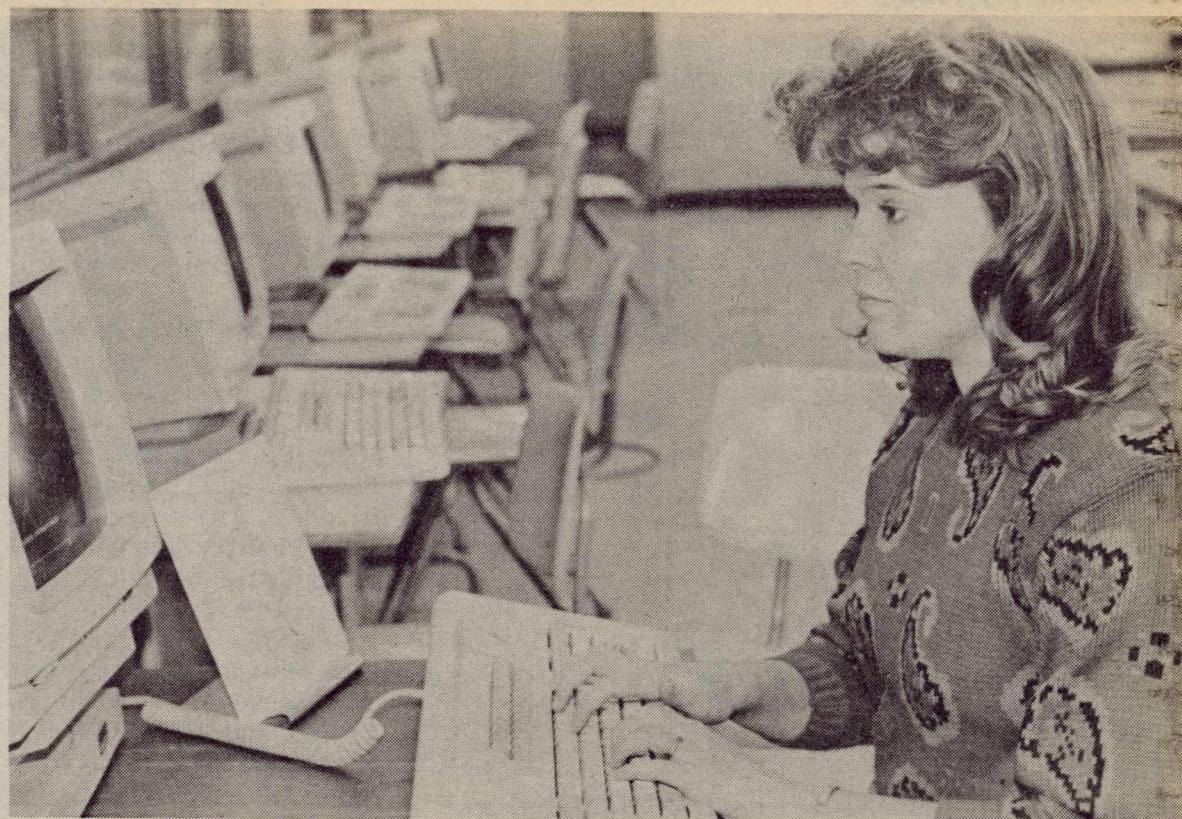
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Presley Tate	Andy Thaggard
Todd Thornton	Dexter Thornton
Teresa Wilcher	Lynn Wright



### AT THE COMPUTER

East Central Community College "adult" student Mrs. Sondra Fairchild, who plans to parlay her interest in computer programming into a successful career.

## Adult Student Excels In East Central Computer Program

It's never too late to attend college, no matter the obstacles, no matter the "price" one has to pay. All that's needed is a desire to succeed.

At least that's the feeling of East Central Community College "adult" student Mrs. Sondra Fairchild. Mrs. Fairchild commutes daily to the Decatur campus from her house and farm located in the Laurel Hill community, near the Neshoba-Leake county line.

Mrs. Fairchild, who graduated from Philadelphia High School in 1984, is a sophomore at East Central where she is working toward a degree in Computer Programming.

"I first became interested in computers when I was enrolled in an Intensive Business course at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational/Technical center," Mrs. Fairchild said. "I married Morris Fairchild later that year and really didn't decide to pursue a career until coming to East Central in 1987."

Going to college for Mrs. Fairchild was not an easy decision, especially with all the responsibilities she has at home.

Although she doesn't have children, Mrs. Fairchild's duties on the homefront go beyond those of a routine housewife. Besides taking care of the household, Mrs. Fairchild also helps her husband—an electrician by trade—with all the various chores on their 40-acre farm.

The Fairchilds operate a cattle farm with about 50 head of cattle to look after. Mrs. Fairchild admitted she even drives a tractor on a routine basis and helps in hay baling chores.

So with her various duties at home, how is she able to balance her

responsibilities with commuting to college (about a 90-mile round trip) along with concentrating on her studies?

"With the support of my husband along with my strong desire, I've been able to achieve my goal, but it hasn't been easy. But then again, anything worthwhile is not always easy," Mrs. Fairchild said.

The "adult" student has obviously been successful in achieving her goal toward a degree.

She has maintained a 3.8 grade point average, which qualified her as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society. For her academic accomplishments at East Central, Mrs. Fairchild has been named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

By making excellent grades, Mrs. Fairchild is obviously involved in a career field in which she will be very successful.

"To me, the computer programming field is an exciting, challenging, and intriguing program of study—for young and old—for those interested in the advancing field of computer technology," Mrs. Fairchild said.

She said she has gained "valuable experience" working on the IBM personal computers and the IBM System 36.

Mrs. Fairchild said she is "very grateful" to Computer Technology instructors Mrs. Sara Griffin and Mrs. Brenda Johnson for all their help and guidance.

The two instructors describe Mrs. Fairchild as a "very conscientious" student.

"Sondra is very dedicated student and is always on time for class. She's the kind of student we love to have enrolled in the Computer

Technology Program," Mrs. Griffin said.

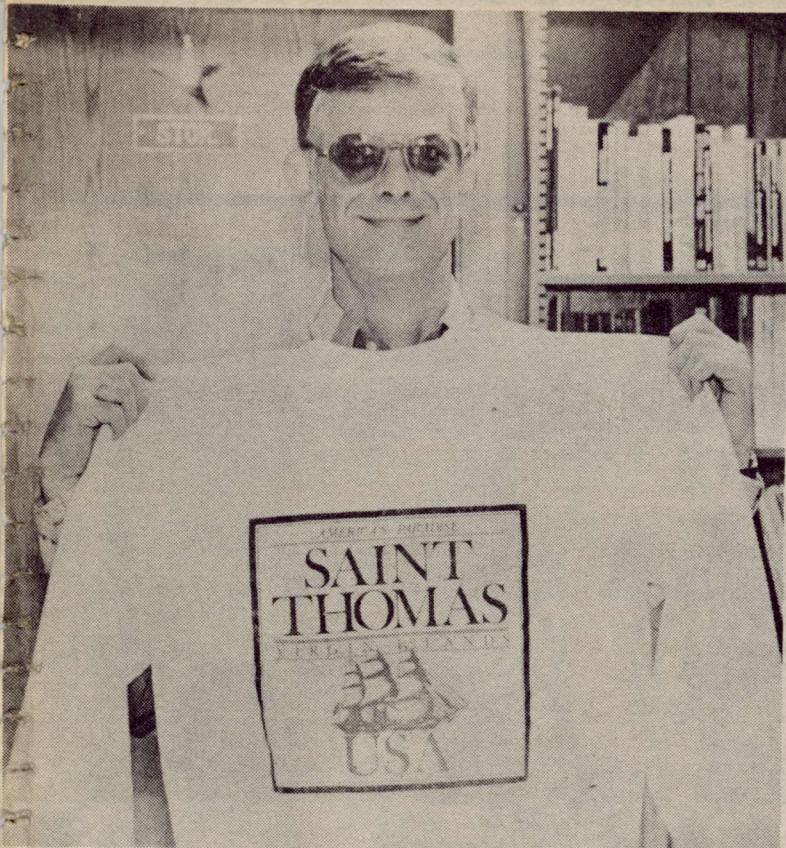
Mrs. Johnson added, "Sondra is a real good student and would make an excellent employee after she graduates in May."

Mrs. Fairchild said East Central is the "perfect choice" for a community or junior college because of its friendly atmosphere and its exceptional degree programs of study.

"The Computer Technology program, along with all the other programs of study is the reason why East Central Community College is a great place to continue one's education," she said.







### A SOUVENIR

Speech instructor Bruce Peterson displays a sweatshirt he purchased during his family's visit to several tropical islands during the Thanksgiving holidays.

## Peterson Enjoys Tropical Holiday

By HEATHER WATTS

How many of you have dreamed of spending one of those cold winter holidays skipping around some tropical island?

Mr. Bruce Peterson, ECCC speech teacher, spent his Thanksgiving in a very interesting spot, tropical San Juan, Puerto Rico, and St. Thomas, and U. S. Virgin Islands.

Mr. Peterson, his wife, and his mother-in-law left Nov. 18 and returned Nov. 27.

While he was on his trip, Mr. Peterson bought some of the usual souvenirs—sweatshirts, T-shirts, and jewelry. He said that most of his time was spent sightseeing.

On one of his tours, Mr. Peterson, visited Blue Beard's Castle and saw the second oldest church in the Western Hemisphere where Ponce de Leon is buried.

While in San Juan, he and his wife attended a reception at the governor's palace in the formal gardens overlooking

the Carribbean ocean.

For Thanksgiving day, the party spent the day on one of the world's ten most beautiful beaches. This was when Mr. Peterson began to work on his "savage tan".

One of the hotels that the

Petersons stayed in had a view of a marina. The marina was full of yachts and sailboats. He said, "It was like the Neshoba County Fair on water."

Mr. Peterson also saw the Love Boat and went into a casino for the first time.

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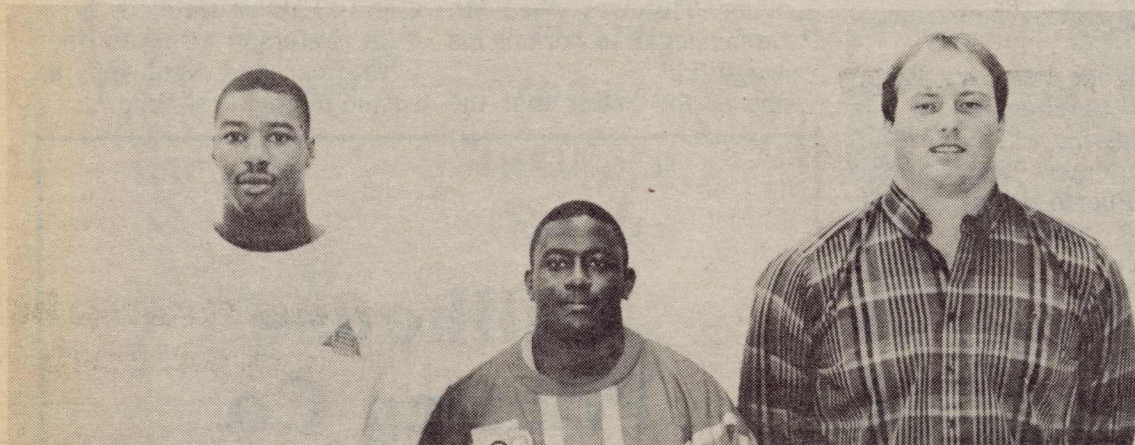
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# SPORTS



## LEAD SOUTH TO VICTORY!

East Central Community College football players, from left, wide receiver Philip Donald of Newton, noseguard Chris White of Morton, and defensive tackle Mickey McMillan of Lake saw plenty of action as members of the winning South squad in the annual Mississippi Community/Junior College All-Star Classic held Dec. 3 at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. Donald nabbed three passes, included one touchdown strike, White anchored the South defense at a tackle position, and McMillan, normally a defensive player, started at offensive tackle as the Warriors played the entire game, won by the South 24-7.



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## Lady Warriors Capture South Division

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors captured sole possession atop the South Division standing as the East Central women outscored visiting Hinds Community College 105-94 Thursday night.

With the win, the Sammy Pace-led squad improved to 10-1 overall and a perfect 4-0 in division action. Prior to the contest, East Central and Hinds had identical 3-0 league records.

The Warriors, also under the direction of Coach Pace, were defeated 106-91 by the Hinds men. Pace took over as the Warrior head mentor following the resignation of Larry Gressett on Nov. 28. The EC men are 2-10 overall and 0-4 in division play.

Umeki Edwards led the Lady Warriors against Hinds with 31 points.

Also scoring were Faye McDonald, 23; Pam Green, 17; Donna Killen, 14; Vonsha Wash, 12; Penny Graham, four; and Sadie Triplett, three.

East Central led 47-44 at halftime. Patrick Stribling led the Warriors with 25 points.

Other pointmakers were Joe McGowan, 24; Johnny Rowland, 14; Darrin Gray, 10; Shannon LaFargue, eight; Kelvin Young, five; Terry Gray, three; and Stanley McDill, two.

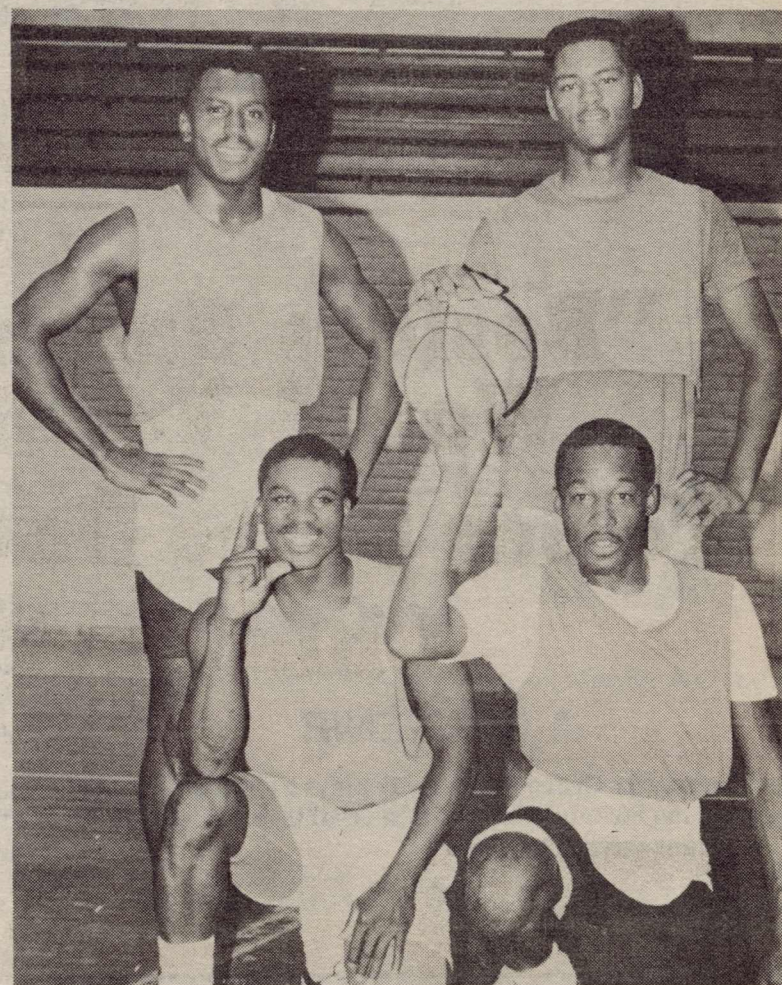
Hinds led 50-39 at halftime.

In games Dec. 5, the Lady Warriors edged homestanding Jones Junior College 89-86 while the East Central men were defeated 79-71.

East Central led 37-35 at halftime.

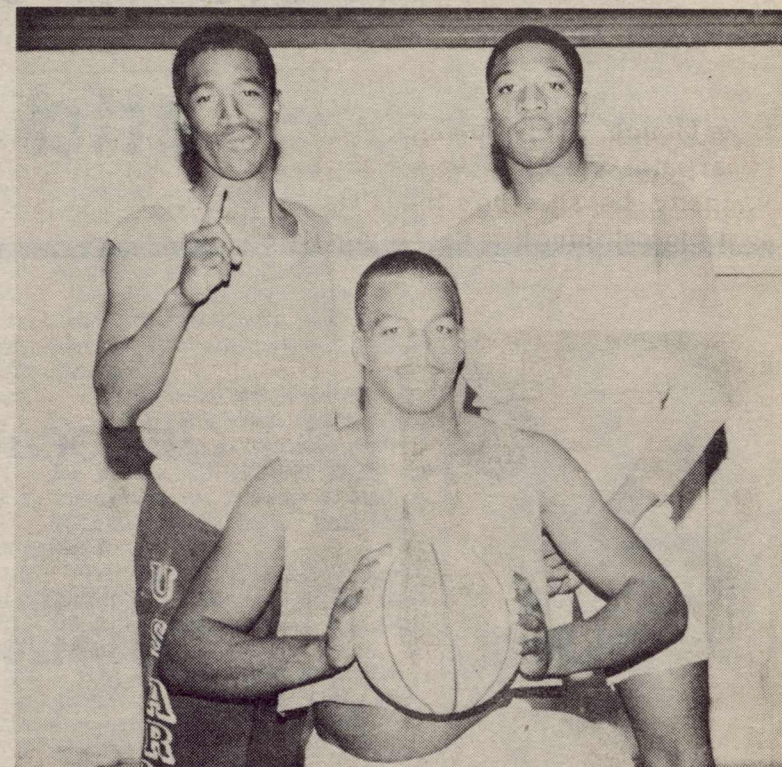
The Warriors were led by Patrick Stribling who tallied 24 points.

Games scheduled this week include East Central at Patrick Henry College on Dec. 16.



## THREE-ON-THREE CHAMPS

"The Lakers" won the three-on-three intramural basketball competition recently held at East Central Community College. Team members include, kneeling, from left, Festus Mann, South Leake; Alfred Triplett, Louisville; standing, from left, Darnell Clark, Forest; and Donald Culberson, Neshoba Central.—Photo by Johnny Beaver.



## INTRAMURAL RUNNERS-UP

"The Brewers" captured second place honors in the three-on-three intramural basketball championship recently held at East Central Community College. Team members include, from left, Calvin Ricks, Carthage; Leon Glenn and Anthony Triplett, both of Louisville.—Photo by Johnny Beaver.

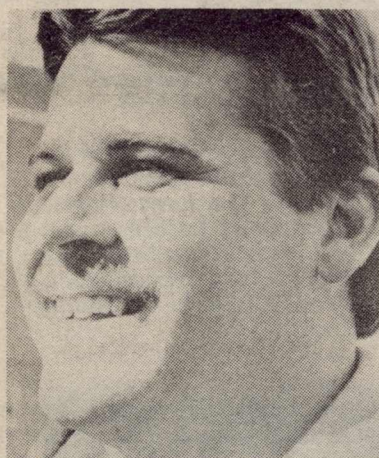


# Student Opinion Poll

By MATT ALFORD

PHOTOS BY NANCY BAGWELL

## "Besides Santa, Who Would You Like To See Come Down Your Chimney?!!"



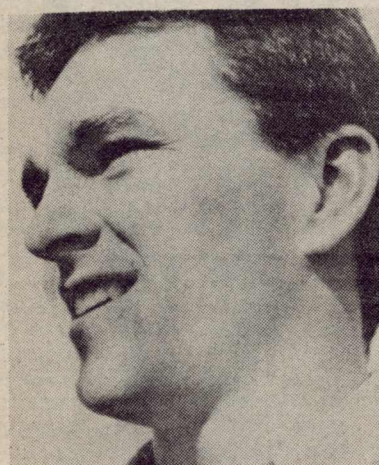
Mike Couch, 21, freshman, Clearwater, Florida: "Wade Kennedy, because he's the next closest thing!"



Andy Childress, 19, sophomore, Louisville: "Carol Alt, wearing only a stocking!"



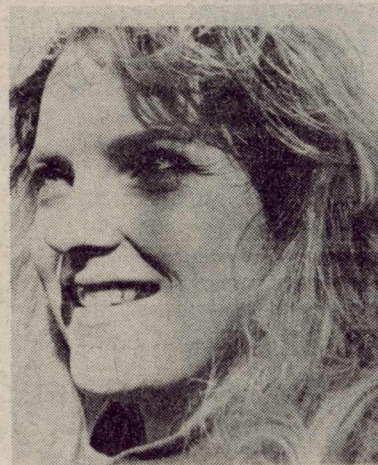
Charlene Smith, 19, sophomore, Philadelphia: "Brian Savell!"



Joe Thomas, 19, freshman, Arbyrd, Missouri: "Kim Hobby!"



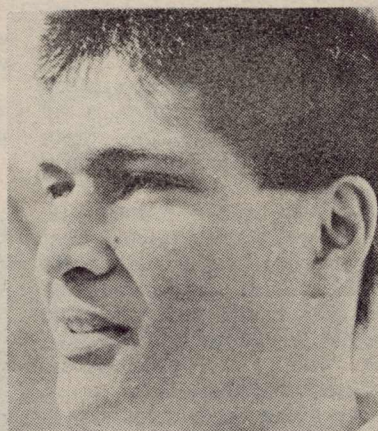
Kathy Johnson, 20, freshman, Morton: "Issac Lyons"



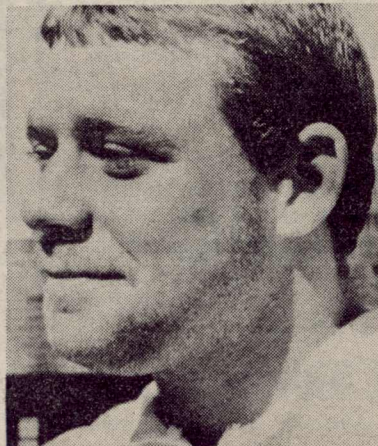
Tammy Sullivan, 18, sophomore, Philadelphia: "A little beagle pup!"



Wade Kennedy, 20, sophomore, Noxapater: "Penny Crawford-so she can deliver my Christmas present!"



Ronnie Jones, 20, sophomore, Jackson: "Andy Thaggard-as long as the fire is still burning!"



Keith Joyner, 19, freshman, Beulah Hubbard: "Diane Ingram!"

### Other requests but not pictured:

Leslie Hollingsworth, 18, freshman, Lake: "Tom Cruise!"

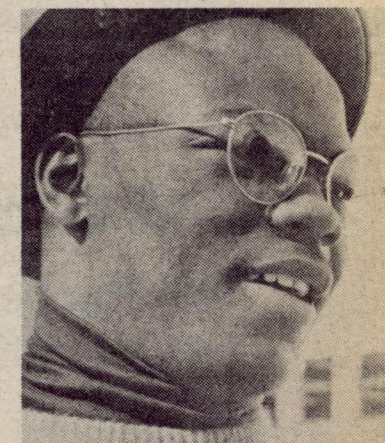
Nicole Johnson, 18, freshman, Carthage: "Mike Oliver!"

Dale Scott, 19, sophomore, Carthage: "Penny Graham!"

Jimmie Nowell, 19, freshman, Louisville: "Tonya Trapp!"



Paula Swinson, 19, sophomore, Forest: "David Livingston with a wedding ring!"



Jerry Smith, 19, freshman, Carthage: "Mike Oliver!"



# Teacher Spotlight— Mrs. Alice Pouncey

By KIM PIERCE

Mrs. Alice Pouncey grew up on her father's farm where she milked cows, picked cotton, hoed and gathered corn, plowed with horses and drove a tractor.

She was the second of four children including an older brother, a younger brother and a younger sister. Her mother had been a school teacher and her aunt was a home demonstration agent and she thinks that perhaps this influenced her to choose a home economics field.

Mrs. Pouncey attended Enterprise all through school. At Enterprise she participated in the band and on the basketball team.

Mrs. Pouncey was also involved in 4-H and active in the church while living and working on the farm.

After graduating from high school, Mrs. Pouncey attended Jones County Junior College where she was Miss JCJC, secretary of student government, president of the Home Economics Club, and elected to the Hall of Fame.

From Jones she went to the University of Southern Mississippi where she obtained a BS degree in home economics. She also married Ken Pouncey her junior year at USM and they will have been married 29 years this month.

After completing college, Mrs. Pouncey taught history for two years at Enterprise and then she taught Home Economics for two years in Alabama.

Sometime during her high school teaching experience she well remembers her most unforgettable classroom episode. She recalled having some students in her home economics class to bake cakes.

While she was walking around observing she noticed what appeared to be white egg shell in the cake batter under the mixer.

She asked the student to stop the mixer and Mrs. Pouncey pulled out pieces of egg shell. When she asked the student who put the shell in the mix the student replied that the recipe called for the "whole egg!"

After two years at Alabama, the Pounceys moved here on campus because Mr. Pouncey had been hired



## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Psychology instructor Mrs. Alice Pouncey, who also serves as Fashion Squad sponsor. (Photo by Nikki Minard)

as assistant coach.

Mrs. Pouncey did not teach for the first three years they were here. She was busy having her first child, Alicia, who is now 22 years old and working on a masters degree in exercise physiology at the University of Texas.

She also gave birth to another daughter, Amy, who is 20 years old and going to Mississippi State University majoring in child development.

After Amy was 15 months old, Mrs. Pouncey came to teach at East Central where she is now in her 20th year. Four years into her teaching profession here she took time off to have her third child, a son named Nick, who is a sophomore at Decatur High School.

After living on campus for 12

years and acquiring some exciting memories with the other families on campus, the Pounceys moved in the country where they have a beautiful home place.

Mrs. Pouncey says she enjoys working with flowers and sewing when she has some spare time.

Mrs. Pouncey said she cannot imagine having any other career than teaching.

She claims to enjoy her

psychology classes but she misses her Home Economics class that she taught in the past. She spends a good deal of time with the fashion squad and she also teaches a modeling and social usage class.

Next semester she will add an adolescent psychology class to her schedule.

Mrs. Pouncey also serves as an advisor to about 33 students, she is on the Absentee Appeals Committee, the Curriculum Committee and others.

Away from the college, Mrs. Pouncey enjoys supporting her husband who is now the Newton County Superintendent of Education and also her children in their different activities. She enjoys working with

the church choir where she also plays hand bells. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the 4-H Advisory Committee and Mississippi 4-H ALLSTARS.

When Mrs. Pouncey was asked what she was looking forward to at Christmas, she replied: "Having her girls home and her family all together in good health and also eating."

Mrs. Pouncey said she believes in sitting down and weighing things pros and cons when making a decision, always try something because you will learn something even if you do not succeed and most of all be yourself and be happy.



## PHI THETA KAPPA INITIATES

East Central Community College students who have been initiated for membership in Theta Xi Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa, national honor society, include, first row, from left, Sandra Williams, Conehatta; Robbie McPhail, Carthage; Katherine Whinery, Philadelphia; Rochelle Gunn, Forest; Penny Crawford, Philadelphia; back row, from left, Brian McDonald, Dale Scott, and Randy Kelly, all of Carthage; Janis Vance, Union; Phillip Roland, Carthage; and Chris Kelly, Lawrence. Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes serve as sponsors.



## SELECTED TOP 10 FINALISTS

Top 10 finalists chosen in the annual East Central Community College Beauty Pageant include, front row, from left, Karen Valentine, Newton; Kerri Posey, Neshoba Central; Most Beautiful Suzette Hall, Decatur; Sonya Crowther, Newton; Kimberly Hobby, Winston Academy; back row, from left, Gina Buntyn, Union; Tammy Sullivan and Missy Smith, both of Neshoba Central; Melissa Morgan, Beulah Hubbard; and Tanya Henry, Union.



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### SCHOLARS BOWL TEAM

Members of the 1988-89 Scholars Bowl team include, from left, Tanya Henry, Union; Tammy Kirkland and Reggie Shumaker, both of Neshoba Central; and Nikki Minard, Demopolis, Alabama.

## Students Chosen to Represent ECCC in Scholar's Bowl

By GINA BUNTYN

Tammy Kirkland, Tanya Henry, Nikki Minard, and Reggie Shumaker were recently selected to represent East Central Community College in the State Junior/Community College Scholars Bowl competition.

A number of East Central's most elite sophomore students underwent a rigorous and strict examination process to determine who would make the team.

Faculty members selected the four.

Tammy Kirkland of Philadelphia is the captain of the scholars bowl team. She is the 19-year-old daughter of Rodney and Mildred Kirkland.

Tammy is a sophomore mathematics education major. She was a president's list scholar for two semesters and was named to the National Dean's list.

Tammy serves as president of the Student Education Association and she is also president of Mu Alpha Theta.

She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa where she serves as vice-president. Tammy was the recipient of the freshman math award and has been named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges and is an All American Scholar. Tammy plans to attend MSU and become a teacher.

Tanya Henry of Union is sophomore accounting major. She is the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Henry.

Tanya is a member of Phi Theta Kappa where she serves as co-historian. She is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta. Tanya also serves as treasurer of the SBA.

She has been a presidents list and dean's list scholar and was named

an All American Scholar and to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

Tanya has also been involved with the dinner theatre and musical.

After graduating from ECCC, Tanya plans to attend MSU and would like to become a CPA.

Nikki Minard is the 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Minard of Linden, Ala.

She is a sophomore accounting major. Nikki is a Phi Theta Kappa member and a Mu Alpha Theta member. She is a dean's scholar and was named an All American Scholar.

Nikki hopes to attend either Ole Miss or the University of Alabama. She would like to become a CPA.

Reggie Shumaker is a sophomore civil engineering major. He is the

19-year-old son of Dwight and Frankie Shumaker of Philadelphia.

He is president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Mu Alpha Theta.

Reggie was named to the dean's list and president's list.

He received the freshman chemistry award and was named an All American Scholar and to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

Reggie plans to attend MSU and obtain a degree in civil engineering.

The team will compete with teams from other community and junior colleges in the state. The competition will be held in the spring at the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Shelby Harris serves as team sponsor.

## ECCC Announces Spring Schedule

East Central Community College in Decatur has announced its schedule of classes for the 1989 spring semester.

Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction, said orientation and registration for day courses will be held January 9-10 with classes beginning Wednesday, January 11.

Final exams will be given May 5-11 with commencement exercises scheduled at 8 p. m. Friday, May 12.

For further information concerning the spring semester schedule, please contact the Director of Admissions, Records, and Research, East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi 39237.

### Schedule for Continuing Education

The evening class schedule has also been announced at East Central, with courses being offered in Decatur, Carthage, Forest, Louisville, Philadelphia, and the Choctaw Reservation.

#### Decatur

Registration for evening classes offered on campus will be held at 6:30 p. m. Monday, January 9 in Room 60, Newton Hall.

Courses available include, General Psychology, American History II, General Biology I, Introduction to Computer Concepts, Introduction to CAD, Fundamentals of Drafting, Elementary Typewriting, Intermediate Typewriting, Advanced Typewriting, RPG Programming, English Composition I, English Composition II, Basic Computer Programming, Architectural Drafting I, Linear Integral Circuits, Data Base Management, College Algebra, Ceramics I, Oral Communication, Advanced CAD, Electronic Spreadsheet, American National Government, Personal and Community Health, Word Processing I, COBOL Programming, New Testament Survey, Introduction to Data Programming, and Beginning Painting (CEU Credit).

CEU credit courses offered include Computer Literacy, Introduction to CNC, Powder Puff Mechanics, Auto Mechanics, Auto Body and Fender, Cabinet Making, Machine Shop, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, Welding, Basic Electricity, Introduction to Word Perfect, Introduction to Lotus I, II, III, Cake Decorating and EMT.

#### Carthage

Registration for evening courses offered in Carthage will be held at 6:30 p. m. Thursday, January 10 at Carthage High School.

Courses offered include Intermediate Algebra, Introduction to Data Processing, American National Government, and English Composition II.

#### Forest

Registration for evening classes offered in Forest will be held at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday, January 11 at the Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center.

Courses offered include Supervision II, Principles of Accounting, General Psychology, and College Algebra.

#### Louisville

Registration for evening classes offered in Louisville will be held at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday, January 11, at the Louisville Vocational-Technical Center.

Courses offered include American History II, Introduction to Data Processing, Oral Communications, College Algebra, and English Composition I.

#### Philadelphia

Registration for evening classes offered in Philadelphia will be held at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, January 10 at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center.

Courses offered include English Composition II, American National Government, Principles of Economics, Principles of Accounting, and American Literature II.

#### Choctaw Reservation

Registration for evening classes offered at the Choctaw Reservation will be held at 6:30 p. m. Thursday, January 12.

Courses offered include English Composition I, American History II, General Psychology, and Developmental Algebra.

For further information concerning the evening class schedule, please contact the Director of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi 39237, phone: 635-2111.



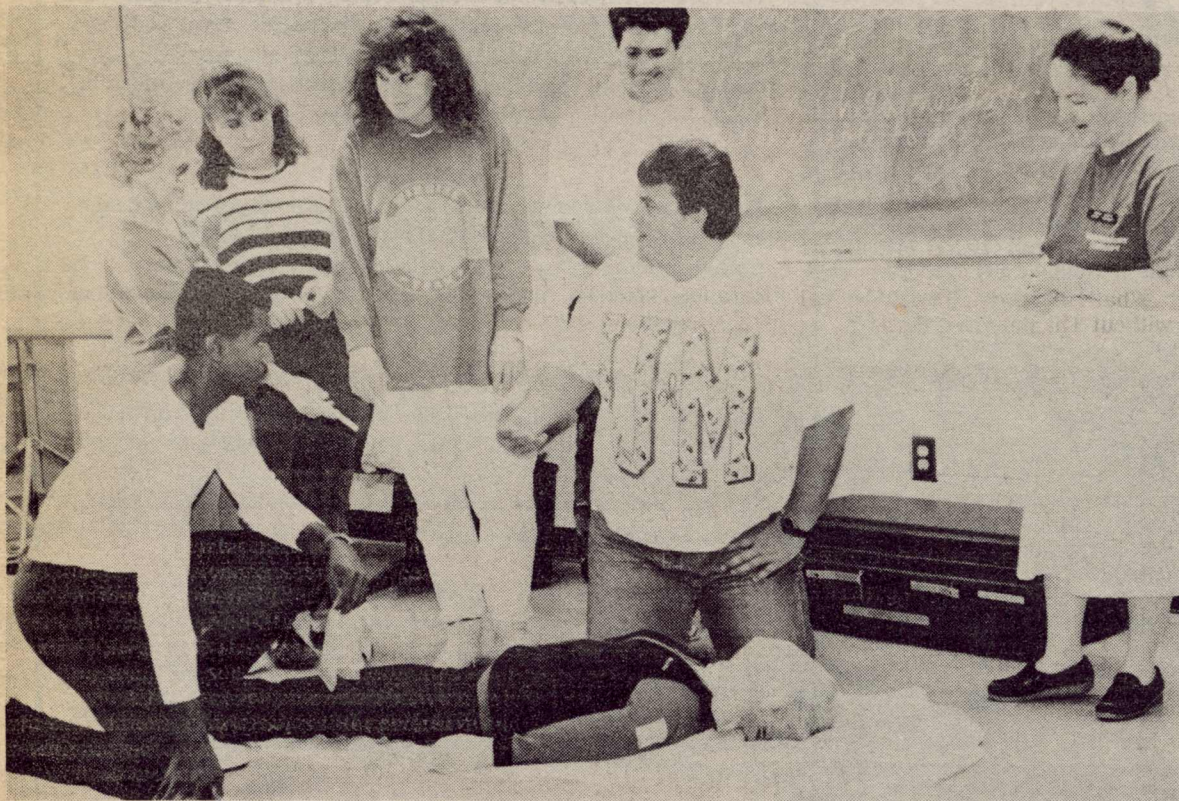
May your holiday be filled to overflowing with peace, love and joy. Thank you, all!





## STUDENTS RECEIVE CPR TRAINING

These students in Miss Lucille Wood's first aid class recently received CPR instruction as representatives from Laird Hospital in Union presented a workshop concerning the life-saving technique. Those participating include, from left, Robin Risher, Randy Bishop, Joel Bishop, Mona Jones, respiratory therapist from Laird; James Norman, Miss Wood, and Tina Eichelberger, also a Laird respiratory therapist. Practicing the CPR technique is Joe Acord.



## 'YOU WANT TO DO WHAT'

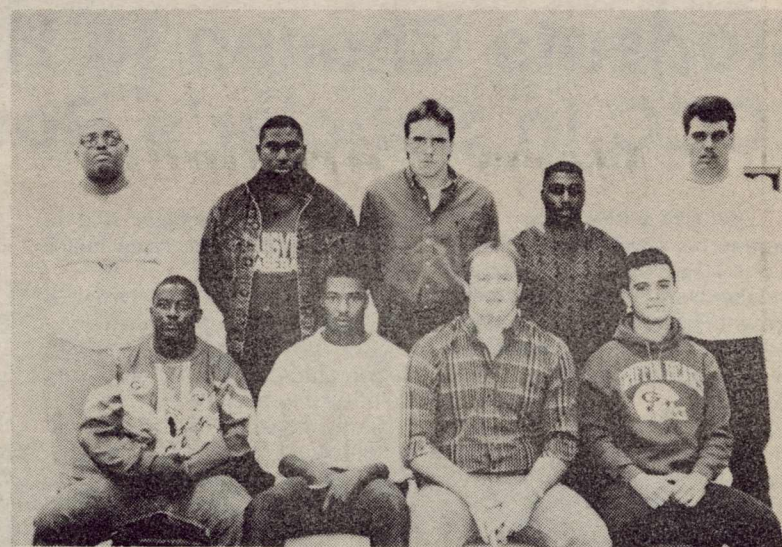
Barney Comans reacts to instructions from respiratory therapist Tina Eichelberger of Laird Hospital as she explains CPR training techniques as other students in Miss Lucille Wood's first aid class look on. Those pictured include, from left, Darnell Clark, Eichelberger, Tina Eubanks, Gina Hollingsworth, Joe Acord, and Mona Jones, also a Laird respiratory therapist.

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## PTK MAKES DONATION

Officers of Theta Xi chapter, Phi Theta Kappa at East Central Community College recently donated to the school's Huff Auditorium refurbishing project and are shown making the cash presentation to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. Officers pictured include, from left, secretary Heather Watts and co-historian Tanya Henry, both of Union; and president Phil Duncan of Carthage. Sponsors of the college's PTK chapter, a national honor society, are Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes. The college has entered the second phase of the fund-raising project, with proceeds designated for the purchase of a new air conditioning system. Over \$1,000 has been raised to complete phase one, which involved the purchase of new stage curtains and drapes.



## RECEIVE POST-SEASON HONORS

These East Central Community College athletes have received post-season honors following the 1988 football season. Honorees include, seated, from left, noseguard Chris White, Morton, first team All-State, All-Star; wide receiver Phillip Donald, Newton, first team All-State, All-Star; defensive tackle Mickey McMillan, Lake, All Region 23, first team All-State, All-Star; punter Scottie McLaren, Griffin, Georgia, second team, All-State; standing, from left, honorable mention All-State performers defensive tackle Larry McCoy, Morton; tight end Anthony Clark, Louisville; defensive end Ronnie Williamson, Nanih Waiya; running back Darnell Brown, Decatur; and tight end Jimmie Nowell, Winston Academy. Not pictured are linebacker Stephen Cross, Brookwood, Alabama, who was selected second team All-State and linebacker Patrick Bedford, Pell City, Alabama, who was named to the honorable mention All-State team.







### RECEIVE ENGINEERING AWARDS

These members of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers" at East Central Community College, have been selected to receive National Collegiate Engineering Awards for 1988. Those honored, include, seated, from left, Leigh Ann Russell, Union; Wade Scott, Leake Academy; Sedera Irons, Neshoba Central; standing, from left, Reggie Shumaker, Neshoba Central; Mike Cooper, Michael Blount, and Mark Amis, all of Decatur. AAE is the student chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers on the East Central campus. The EC club was earlier designated as one of the top five community/junior college chapters in the nation for 1987-88. Dr. Shelby Harris serves as club sponsor.

## Harris Spends Holiday Visiting Italian Sites

By MIKE COOPER

Where did you spend your Thanksgiving holidays? While many of us were doing our same routines that we usually do during the holidays, Dr. Shelby Harris, of EC's faculty, traveled to Florence, Italy. There he spent three days touring one of the world's most interesting cities in Europe's leading tourist country.

Dr. Harris left at the beginning of the holiday to fly from the states to Milan, Italy. From there he took a bus ride to Florence. There in town he stayed at a huge home which was used as a hotel. The points of interest he saw in Florence are almost too many to name.

Florence became famous for being the birthplace for the Renaissance. From about 1300 to 1600, some of the greatest painters, sculptors, and writers in history lived and worked there. The city is about twice the size of Jackson and has a population of about a half million. The art works can be found in an area called the Cultural Center, the inner city.

Among notes of interest are the statue of David by Michelangelo, Neptune Fountain by Ammannati, Pope of the Sabine by Giambologna, and Hercules and Cacus by Bandinelli.

Harris also saw the Paradise Doors of the Baptistery by Ghiberti which Michelangelo considered to look like the actual doors to heaven if so possible. He also saw the Tombs of Galileo, Machiavelli, Michelangelo, and other famous Florentines in the church of Santa Croce. He would have also gotten to see Leonard da Vinci's Last Supper, but it was being restored in Milan.

While in Italy, Dr. Harris went to see the famous bell tower, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, located in Paris, Italy. It is considered one of the seven wonders of the modern world.

What Thanksgiving would be real without Thanksgiving dinner?

Dr. Harris participated in a sit down meal that lasted three hours. This was because the meal was brought out in courses. Dr. Harris said that this was his first Thanksgiving dinner without turkey. This will be a Thanksgiving Dr.

Harris will never forget. If any students are interested in going to Europe this summer, there is a trip being planned which is going to be attended by both faculty and students of EC. For more information, please contact Dr. Harris.



### ITALIAN HOLIDAY

Math instructor Dr. Shelby Harris brought back many brochures, cards and other items from his Thanksgiving trip to Italy, as shown above.

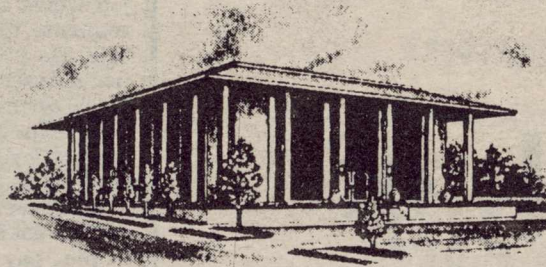
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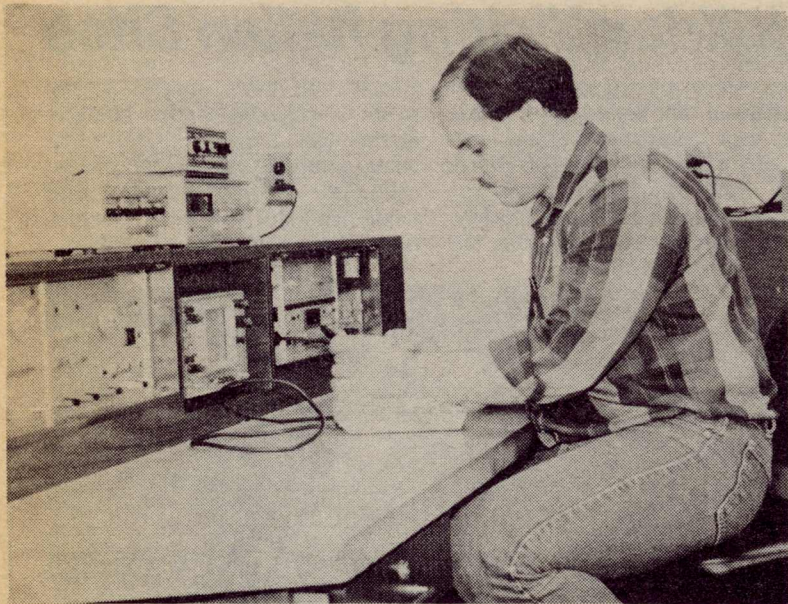
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### HARD AT WORK

East Central Community College adult student Phil Duncan of Carthage, at his work station in the Electronic Technology lab located in the college's vocational-technical center.

## Duncan Has Successful Return to College Life

Ten years ago Phil Duncan was "barely" in school. Today, the 29-year-old Leake County native is an honor student with a 3.6 grade point average.

Like many adult students enrolled at East Central Community College in Decatur, Duncan has a somewhat sharper focus on his studies, and his life as well.

He admits his "return" to college has not been easy—but it has been a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

The 1977 Leake Academy graduate said he "dropped out" of college his first semester as he struggled with the liberal arts curriculum.

However, he returned to East Central the following spring semester and attended classes a full year, earning a certificate of completion in the electricity program offered at the Vocational-Technical Center.

For about 10 years, Duncan worked in various occupations, ranging from laborer to salesman. But he said he always knew he would return to college and pursue a different course of study.

Like many adult and other non-traditional students, Duncan has had to "re-learn" how to study. But he has had to face other obstacles as well. The sophomore has a family, and drives a college bus to and from Carthage every day, and does electrical work as much as possible to help defray his college costs.

How Duncan manages so well with all his responsibilities is quite amazing especially when he reflects on his first try at college life.

"I played too much when I first attended East Central in 1977 and was obviously not prepared for college life," he said.

His return to college was dependent on one major item: money!

"The main obstacle in my returning to school concerned finances. I approached (then) Dean of Students Gene Davis about the commuter bus driving position for Leake County. Fortunately, I received the job which officially launched my return to the classroom," Duncan said. He has since received additional assistance through the college's financial aid program.

Duncan said the responsibility of daily transporting Leake County students to and from East Central actually serves a dual purpose. This job has not only been rewarding by helping pay his college costs but it also guarantees his own presence on campus as well.

"Without having my bus driving responsibilities, it would be very easy for me to just go back to sleep and skip classes that day. Obviously, I'm not able to do that, or several students would miss classes," Duncan said.

Duncan said he wakes up about 5:15 each morning and then around 6:30 says goodbye to his wife, the former Mary Fender of Carthage, their two-year-old son Andy, and begins his bus route.

He said he receives a lot of support from his wife, who works as a secretary for a home-health agency, covering Leake, Madison, and Yazoo counties. Mrs. Duncan also supplements the family income by bak-

ing and selling cakes. The couple was married in 1985.

Concerning the bus route, Duncan admitted he has overslept "at least once" but still managed to arrive on campus in time for the 8 o'clock classes.

After he parks the bus, Duncan then proceeds to his own classes where he has become a top-notch student in electronic technology.

Duncan said he enjoys the classes, taught by Wallace Keen and Skip Lynn. He has high praise for the instructors who "go the extra mile" in assisting students.

Keen and Lynn also have high regard for Duncan.

"Phil is an excellent student and is probably one of the most cooperative students I have ever had in the classroom. But what is really exceptional about Phil is that he has to work-and-sacrifice-in order to afford to go to school," Keen said.

Lynn said Duncan is a "natural leader" and has a personality that matches his academic achievement. He describes Duncan as a "well organized" individual and a "very together" person.

Although he has a tight schedule—the bus leaves campus daily at 2:45 p. m., Duncan still finds time to become involved in campus activities.

He currently serves as president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society, and is a member of the President's Council and Students in Free Enterprise.

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is by invitation only, with freshmen required to have a 3.4 grade point average and sophomores must have a 3.3 grade point average.

For his outstanding leadership in PTK, Duncan was inducted into the Order of the Golden Key, a prestigious honor, during the

Mississippi-Tennessee-Louisiana regional conference held recently in Pascagoula.

Being a member of Phi Theta Kappa has been very satisfying, Duncan said, especially when he reflects on that first semester when he had to withdraw from classes.

"It has been an honor and privileged to be a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and I would just like to thank sponsors Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes for their encouragement and support," Duncan said.

However the biggest honor Duncan said he has received is that he was one of 14 students nominated to compete for a spot on the College's Scholars Bowl team. East Central has twice won the statewide Community/Junior College competition, sponsored by the University of Mississippi.

Duncan said he will always be grateful for the support of his wife, parents, and instructors, but quickly pointed out the Lord is most responsible for his success.

Duncan said he feels that the Lord has "set up" all the people and events which have enabled him to battle through adversities "with flying colors."

What does the future hold for Phil Duncan?

"I'm not really sure. Right now it's more of a day to day thing for me. I'm just trying to take care of my family, make good grades, and manage my other responsibilities the best I can," he said.

Duncan said he plans to look into possible job opportunities after the Christmas holidays.

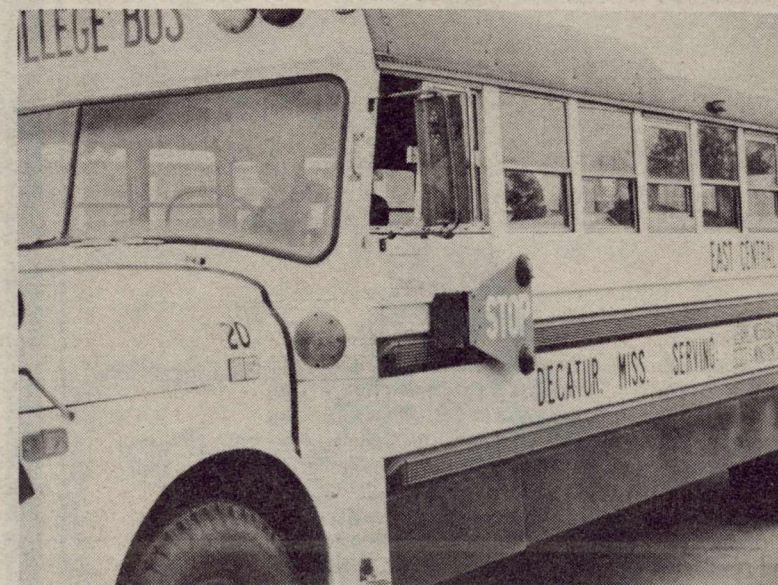
But whatever happens, Duncan said he knows he is receiving the very best instruction at East Central Community College and will convert that knowledge into a successful career.

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Duncan, as he prepares to transport students from the East Central campus to Leake County.





### TOM TOM STAFF

Staff members of the Tom Tom, student newspaper at East Central Community College, include, seated, from left, Missy Smith, Neshoba Central; Heather Watts, Union; Sandy Giffiths, Morton; Linda Floyd, Louisville; Kimberly Hobby and Nancy Bagwell, both of Winston Academy; Rochelle Gunn, Scott Central; standing, from left, David Addy, Union; Bill Freeman, Lake; Mike Cooper, Decatur; Karen Sistrunk, Sebastopol; Terri Rasco, Forest; Regina McKinney, Edinburg; Pam Green, Sebastopol; Gina Buntyn, Union; Mark Amis, Decatur; Allen Lovett, Forest; and Matt Alford, East Rankin Academy. Not pictured are Tonya Anthony, Sebastopol; Melissa Atkinson, Carthage; Linda Beason and Leanne Brantley, both of Leake Academy; Greta Brashier, Newton; Dona Cleveland, Union; Diana Davidson, Sebastopol; Amanda Jenkins, Carthage; Mickey McMillan, Lake; Melissa Morgan, Beulah Hubbard; Tammy Perritt, Morton; Kim Pierce, Decatur; Chris Tadlock, Forest; Brian Waddell, Neshoba Central; Lisa Williamson, Nanih Waiya, Nikki Minard, Demopolis, Ala.; Jeff Estes, Decatur; Scott Rousell, Morton; and Andy Thaggard, Leake Academy. (EC Photo)

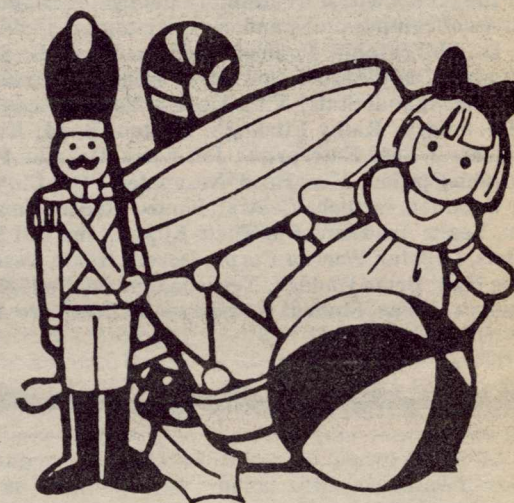


### NAMED TO WHO'S WHO

The 1989 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges will include the names of 31 students from East Central Community College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. The above East Central students have been chosen based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Those honored 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. Students named from East Central include, first row, from left, Dale Scott, Leake Academy; Leigh Ann Russell, Union; Heather Watts, Union; Maggie Jennings, Scott Central; Nancy Bagwell, Winston Academy; Rochelle Gunn, Scott Central; Seder Irons, Neshoba Central; Randy Kelly, Leake Academy; second row, from left, Tanya Henry, Union; Sonya Crowther, Newton; Tonya Trapp, Decatur; Tammy Kirkland and Penny Crawford, both of Neshoba Central; Pam Green, Sebastopol; Nina Moseley, Newton Academy; Bill Freeman, Lake; third row, Wade Scott, Leake Academy; Mark Amis, Decatur; Daryl Brown, Newton; Mike Cooper, Decatur; Reggie Shumaker and Kinsey Goldman, both of Neshoba Central; Phil Duncan, Leake Academy; Jamie Whatley, Newton Academy; and Matt Alford, East Rankin Academy. Not pictured are Sondra Fairchild, Philadelphia; Debra Mangrum, Newton Academy; Karen Mayo, Forest; Deobrah Blaylock, Sebastopol; Janis Vance and Kathy Graham, both of Decatur.



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Members of the East Central Community College President's Council, students who serve as presidents and representatives of campus clubs and organizations, include, seated, from left, Heather Watts, Union, Election Committee; Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Students; Dr. Eddie Smith, College President; Matt Alford, East Rankin Academy, Student Body Association; Ardy Reed, Louisville, Sophomore Class; standing, from left, Heather Weidler, Decatur, Annual Staff; Nina Mosely, Newton Academy, Fashion Squad; Pamela Pace, Scott Central, Freshman Dormitory; Kathy Fitzhugh, Morton, Band; Kathy Smith, Forest, Gospel Choir; Doris McCune, Newton, Students in Free Enterprise; Jeff Estes, Decatur, Phi Beta Lambda; Tammy Kirkland, Neshoba Central, Alpha Alpha Epsilon; Mike Reed, Noxapater, VICA Club; Andy Thaggard, Leake Academy, Resident Assistant; Kinsey Goldman, Neshoba Central, Baptist Student Union, Choir; Jason Hisaw, Louisville, Freshman Class; Phil Duncan, Leake Academy, Phi Theta Kappa; and Bill Kitchings, South Leake, Intramurals. Not pictured are Mark Amis, Decatur, Warrior Corps; Doreen Ryals, Neshoba Central, Players Club; Tanya Waggoner, Morton, Newsome Hall; Brian Waddell, Neshoba Central, Collegians; Tonya Trapp, Neshoba Central, Cheerleaders; and Gina Buntyn, Union, Student Newspaper. Officers are Alford, president; Reed, vice president; and Watts, secretary.

## Phi Beta Lambda Donates Gifts to Needy Children

By ROCHELLE GUNN

As their 1988 Christmas project, Phi Beta Lambda decided to buy gifts for the children of Cookson-Hills Children's Home.

were given to the remaining seven children.

The stocking stuffers were donated by PBL members, who voluntarily stuffed the stockings and wrapped the presents.

On Dec. 6, the service project committee presented the gifts to the 13-year-old boy. Christmas stockings, balloons, and ECCC folders

The next meeting will be in February. Phi Beta Lambda wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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Dear Santa:

I know I have been bad, but you should give me what I want anyway, because I didn't hurt anybody. My list of demands is pretty easy. So why not? I want a new computer, a new bike, a new camera, a new dorm, a new pair of boxer shorts and a new job.

If you would like, you can give yourself a day off on the house.

Your favorite terrorist,  
Andy

Dear Santa:

I wish for everyone's happiness, health and safety throughout the holiday season. I also wish for myself and all mankind the gifts of love, understanding, faith, wisdom, and gratitude that we might keep the true meaning of Christmas alive in our hearts.

Love,  
Kimberly

Dear Santa:

For once, I don't have anything particular in mind that I just have to have for Christmas. I am looking forward to the Cancun Cruise. If you have a little extra money, I'm sure I could spend it on that ship. Also, if you could, would you leave my best friend, Sterritt some money under his Christmas tree. He'll be needing it during the next few months. And, also leave him the ability to see what's right before his eyes. And, last please send Cully back to visit me some next semester because I'll miss him and his calling me "ima" all the time.

Thanks, and you better watch out for bright lights when you and your reindeer come to Union.

Love,  
Gina

Dear Santa:

Since you did not bring me the things I wanted last year, I am expecting you to make up for it this year. I want a B in economics and business law and a C in everything else and as always I will leave you some milk and cookies in the student center.

Love,  
Jeffery

Dear Santa:

Well its that time of the year again and I am preparing for your arrival. In past years you have given everything a "reasonable" person could ask for. You must not know that I am not a reasonable person. I would like to receive some gifts that were not purchased at a dollar store. I am not asking for much this year, just a BMW. However, in the years ahead I look forward to receiv-

ing some "unreasonable" gifts.

Your friend,  
Mark

Dear Santa:

I have been a good girl this year. Since Mom and Dad are going to be out of town during the holidays this year, all I want on Christmas morning is a big stocking stuffed full of CASH!

Yours truly,  
Regina

Dear Santa:

For Christmas this year I would like a B. B. gun with a scope and a new 4-wheel drive jeep. This is all I want for Christmas.

Thank you,  
Bill

Dear Santa:

I know you are very busy making toys and reading all of these letters from EC, but this letter will only take a few minutes. Santa, I have only a few things to wish for this year. First, I hope everybody finds love in their heart to help someone in need. I hope everyone finds the Christmas spirit and remembers its true meaning, and I hope everyone will have a very safe and careful holidays so I will be able to see them again at school. Thanks Santa.

Love,  
Nancy

Dear Santa:

I know I haven't been too good here lately, but I promise I'll be good from now on. Please give me something new to do on those boring nights at EC. I can no longer frolic to Hickory with my buddies, because the consequences can be pretty expensive. Send Jerry a car so his Mom won't have to take him uptown on Saturday nights, and leave him the ability to avoid trouble because trouble seems to follow him everywhere he goes. Please leave Stan a 4-wheel drive pickup so he won't get stuck anymore and also leave Bill some curl activators. Last, but not least, leave Dick some batteries for his calculator.

Thanks,  
David

Dear Santa:

As you must know I have been a good girl this year. I have done all of my homework and haven't skipped too many classes. Will you please bring me a stuffed animal, preferably a cat, and a pinky ring? Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Sandy

Dear Santa:

I tried to be a good girl this year. I have done my best to catch all of the bothersome bugs and tried not to get my hair all over the place. Will you please give me a catnip mouse and a fizzy ball for Christmas? Thanks Santa and Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Sweetums

Dear Santa:

Hey! How is it going with you and

Mrs. Claus? I've been basically good, although I've been in some tight ones. I'm gonna make this short and sweet because I know you have thousands of other letters to read. I previously sent you a letter of 60 items and I know it is almost impossible for you to carry everything on your sleigh. If you have this problem, just send money and lots of it. Preferably CASH (Big Bills). Thank you.

Love,  
Greta

Dear Santa:

I really don't know what to ask for Christmas because I have been so busy with school. I'll just ask that you give everybody what they ask for and that they will have a good holiday. If you have enough time, you ought to drop by and go on our school cruise trip to Cancun, Mexico. I promise to behave! I've got to go and study for exams now, see ya on Christmas Day!

Your fan,  
Mike

Dear Santa:

I'm not sure what I want for Christmas. For the past several years you haven't brought me anything I wanted so I'm not even going to ask you this time. Maybe you'll bring me something half-way decent.

Your friend,  
Allan

Dear Santa:

Like always I have been a good boy again this year, but I am not going to ask for much. I would like to graduate at Christmas, but if you don't think that is a big enough gift, you might want to put Kim Hobby under the tree

See you at Christmas,  
Mickey

Dear Santa:

I don't want anything for myself this Christmas. I just want you to deliver these presents to my favorite angel in the whole world. (1) Send her a case of Stiff Stuff Styling Hairspray since she uses so much and I would hate for her to run out. (2) More hours in the day so she'll have enough time to see me after she sees all her other boyfriends. (3) Some rags, soap, and water to keep all that crap washed off her car and (4) a shoulder to cry on while I'm home over the holidays with my real girlfriend. Thanks Mr. Claus and you have a good one!

Big Mac

Dear Santa:

I have been a good girl this year, most of the time, and I would "love" to have many little presents awaiting my little self under the tree. I only have a few tiny requests: (1) That new car John and Janis have been promising me forever. (2) Enough chocolate to make me a happy little pilgrim. (3) The big A in organic chemistry. (4) A visit over the holidays from Diamond Ace of Alabama.

P. S. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk on

the mantle.

Your friend,  
Heather

Dear Santa:

This year I'm not going to ask for anything for myself. You can't afford it anyway. But as for my family, I'll start with my Dad. Please give him a new pair of snow shoes for the Scott County snow. Please give my Mom a shorter leash to put my dad on. Please give my brother a new car to go with his new muffler. Please give all my 10 cats new flea collars, and my two dogs some carion.

Your pal,  
Matt

Dear Santa:

I have been a very good girl this year, therefore, I feel like I deserve a few nice things for Christmas. First, I would like to have at least a \$1000 dollars to take on my vacation this summer. I would also like to have a new wardrobe. Finally, I would like to have an A in a certain class.

Love,  
Nikki

Dear Santa:

How is everything at the North Pole? How are your reindeer doing? I hope Mrs. Santa and the elves are doing fine. I have been a good girl this year. I only ask for three things for Christmas. The first thing is a Fat Suction Kit to suck away the fat on my pot belly. The second thing is a new house because a certain friend's father is building four chicken houses close to my house, and they are really going to stink. Third, and most important, Santa, my cat has been sick and I don't know what is wrong with it. And see, I really do take good care of it. I wash it, play with it, and feed it everyday. I have taught it lots of tricks. Santa, I heard that all cats have nine lives but this one is really exhausted. I don't think it will live till Christmas. I really would like a new fluffy, playful and excitable cat that I can teach new tricks. I will

leave your beer and pretzels under the tree.

See you at Christmas Eve,  
Pamela (MEOW!!)

Dear Santa:

I realize that I haven't ben a good girl all year. There were a few Thursday nights I got a little out of hand but you can overlook them. Just remember all times I was such a good girl. I don't want much for Christmas. It would make me happy if you would just do the following: (1) Send me and my ROOMDIGS our very own private parking lot so we'll have somewhere to park close to the dorm and won't get any tickets. (2) Send Redtop another man to chase because if she continues this particular guy, I may have to use Babe Ruth (3) and last but not least, send Psycho a partridge in a pear tree and a case of TAB so he'll have something to shoot at during target practice.

Thanks, Santa and I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! SO! SO! SO!

P. O. Please send Scatdaddy down my chimney Christmas Eve.

Love,  
Scatmama

Dear Kris Kringle,

Can't you see? I've been the best little girl that I can be. Never bad, but always good. I've always done just what I should. So when you go to make your rounds, and then my chimney, you come down. Please bring with you these items that I plead. These few things are all I need.

First of all a diamond that shines. Two or three carats will do just fine. Next, dear Santa, a car I need. One that is beautiful and has lots of speed. Last but not least, I ask for a guy. One that is handsome, but not too shy.

Thank you for all these things, Santa dear. 'Til we meet again, this time next year.

A true believer,  
Tammy





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