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Accreditation reaffirmed at East Central Community College

East Central Community College in Decatur has satisfactorily completed its Institutional Self-Study Program and the college's accreditation has been reaffirmed by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, according to an announcement made by James T. Rogers, the commission's executive director.

In a letter dated Jan. 15, 1992 and sent to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president, Rogers congratulated the administration, faculty, and staff on receiving reaffirmation of accreditation. No follow-up reporting was required of East Central for the reaffirmation of its accreditation.

Dr. Smith said Raymond McMullan, the college's Director of Admissions, Records, and Research, did a "superior" job as director of the institutional self-study which took over a year to complete.

The college president said that self-study and reaffirmation is a process that each member institu-

tion must engage every 10 years in order to remain accredited. He said the procedure ensures that an institution meets minimum standards of quality and that it effectively fulfills its educational purposes.

"The overall purpose of the self-study and the reaffirmation of accreditation process is to enhance institutional effectiveness at the college," said Dr. Smith.

McMullan, who offered words of praise for the various committee chairpersons and members for their assistance in completing the lengthy process, said the self-study involved a "systematic, honest, intensive, and comprehensive self-evaluation of the college's strengths and weaknesses."

He added, "The self-study presented all the information necessary for the institution and for the peer review committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the college in fulfilling its goals and purpose."

McMullan said broad-based participation was utilized in the self-

study which provided each individual in the East Central Community College system and educational community the oppor-

tunity to assess the planning and evaluation process necessary for continued improvement of quality education.

The Commission in Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is headquartered in Decatur, Ga.

East Central guarantees credit transfer, job competency

East Central Community College in Decatur is taking its slogan, "With You In Mind", to an entirely new level.

The college has recently adopted a policy of guaranteeing its degrees and certificates and will further certify that students who receive skills training are competent to perform those skills, according to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Dr. Smith praised the special program and said there has been a "great need" for some time to draw attention to the fact that the state's community and junior colleges are quality institutions delivering

superior services to their students and the communities they serve.

Dr. Smith said that leaders of the state's community and junior colleges are "very confident" that the academic, technical, and vocational training needs are being fulfilled for their constituents.

"That's why the guarantee program has been established," he said.

Under the new policy, approved by the college's Board of Trustees at its December 1991 meeting, Dr. Smith said East Central, along with the state's other community and junior colleges, will "guarantee" to its academic graduates and other students who have met the requirements of a 64 credit hour transfer plan the transferability of course credits to those Mississippi colleges or universities which cooperate in the development of community college selection guidelines. If such courses are rejected by the college or university, the student may take tuition-free alternate courses at the specific Mississippi community college which are acceptable to the college or university.

Dr. Smith said special conditions which apply to the guarantee are as follows:

Spring enrollment figures announced

Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research, has announced enrollment figures for the Spring Term 1992. The total enrollment for the term is 1333 students. Of this figure, there are 833 attending full-time, and 500 part-time students. This includes 205 technical students, 139 vocational students, and 989 academic students. It also includes 326 students living on-campus in dormitories.

This figure is up from 1315 students that were enrolled for the Spring Term of 1991. Mr. McMullan said that he is happy to see the increase, and he hopes that this number will continue to climb in the future.

1. Transferability means the acceptance of credit toward a specific major and degree. Courses must be identified by the receiving university and the community college as transferable and acceptable under previous agreements by both the community college and four-year college or university.

2. Limitations on the total number of credits accepted in transfer, grades required, relevant grade point average, and duration or transferability apply as stated in previous agreements between community colleges and four-year colleges and universities.

3. The guarantee applies to courses included in the written transfer plan—which includes the institution to which the student will transfer, the baccalaureate major and the degree sought, and the date such decision was made—which must be filed with the appropriate official of the community college.

The Guarantee Program also certifies that students receiving skill training are competent in those skills.

Dr. Smith said if a technical or vocational graduate is judged by his/her employer to be lacking in technical job skills identified as exit competencies for his/her specific degree program, the graduate will be provided up to nine tuition-free credit hours of additional skill training by the community college district under the conditions of the guarantee policy.

Special conditions which apply to the guarantee are as follows:

1. The guarantee must have earned a degree or certificate for a course listed in the current community college catalog.

2. The graduate must have completed his coursework within a four-year time span.

3. Graduates must be employed full-time in an area directly related to the area of program concentration as certified by the vice president of dean of instruction.

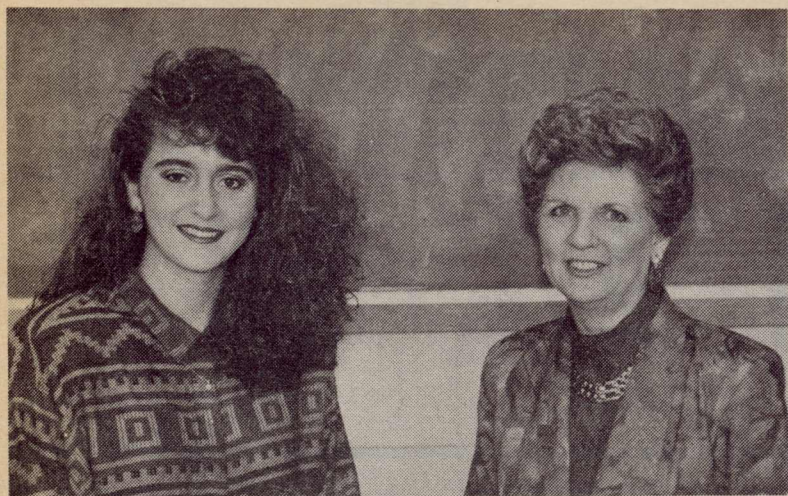
4. Employment must commence

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Donates van to ECCCC

A special equipped van designed to help transport handicapped students has been donated to East Central Community College by Mrs. Leon Sims (left) of Philadelphia who is shown making the presentation to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. Mrs. Sims made the donation in honor of her late husband who utilized the special vehicle until his death on July 24, 1991. Mr. Sims, who was stricken with poliomyelitis as an infant, operated a successful accounting practice for many years in Philadelphia. He was 84 at the time of his death. Mr. Sims was an ECCCC graduate and was selected the college's "Alumnus of the Year" in 1970.



Outstanding student, teacher

East Central sophomore Nicole Flint of Philadelphia and math instructor Mrs. Lois McMullan have been selected the college's outstanding student and teacher, respectively, for the 1991-92 school year and will be recognized during the annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day—Working for Academic Excellence) program sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature. Miss Flint, a pre-dental major and graduate of Neshoba Central High School, and Mrs. McMullan will be honored on Feb. 18 along with other outstanding students and faculty members from the state's universities and colleges, community and junior colleges, sectarian and proprietary institutions.

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within 12 months of graduation.

5. The employer must certify in writing that the employee is lacking entry-level skills identified by the community college as the employees' program competencies and must specify the areas of deficiency within 90 days of the graduate's initial employment.

6. The employer, graduate, division dean, job placement counselor, and appropriate faculty member will develop a written educational plan for retraining.

7. Retraining will be limited to nine credit hours related to the identified skill deficiency and to those classes regularly scheduled during the period covered by the retraining program.

8. All retraining must be completed within a calendar year from the time the educational plan is agreed upon.

9. The graduate and/or employer is responsible for the cost of books, insurance, uniforms, fees, and other course related expenses.

10. The guarantee does not imply that the graduate will pass any licensing or qualifying examination for a particular career.

11. Students' sole remedy against the district and its employees for skill deficiencies shall be limited to nine credit hours of tuition-free education under conditions described above.

12. The program can be initiated through a written contract with the office of the college president.

For additional information contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327 or Phone 635-2121, extension 206.

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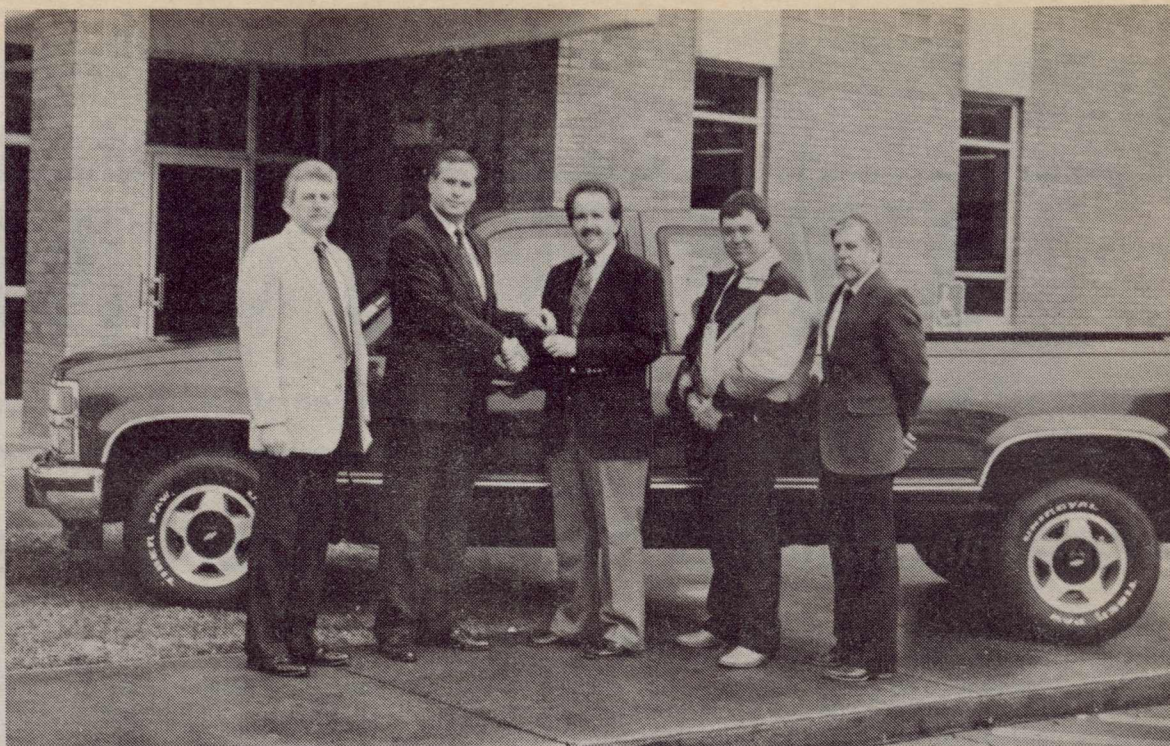
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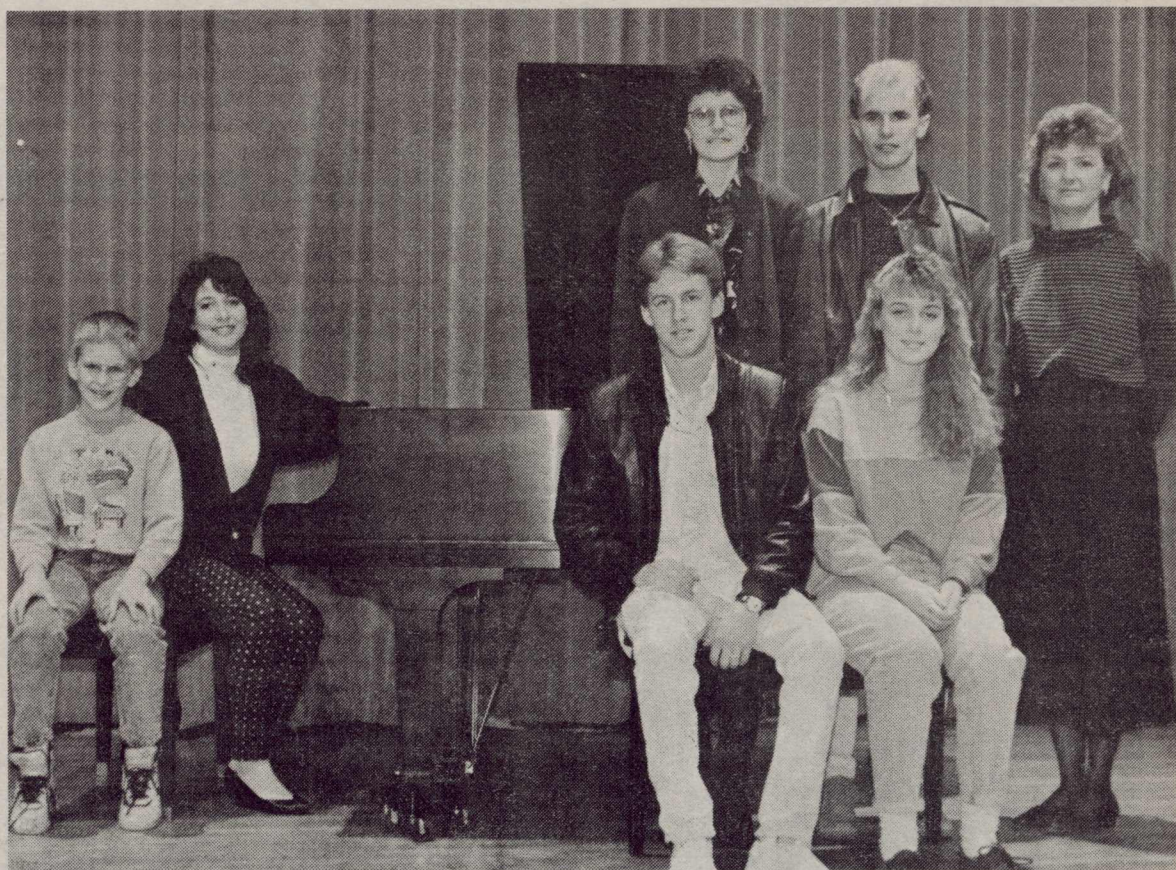
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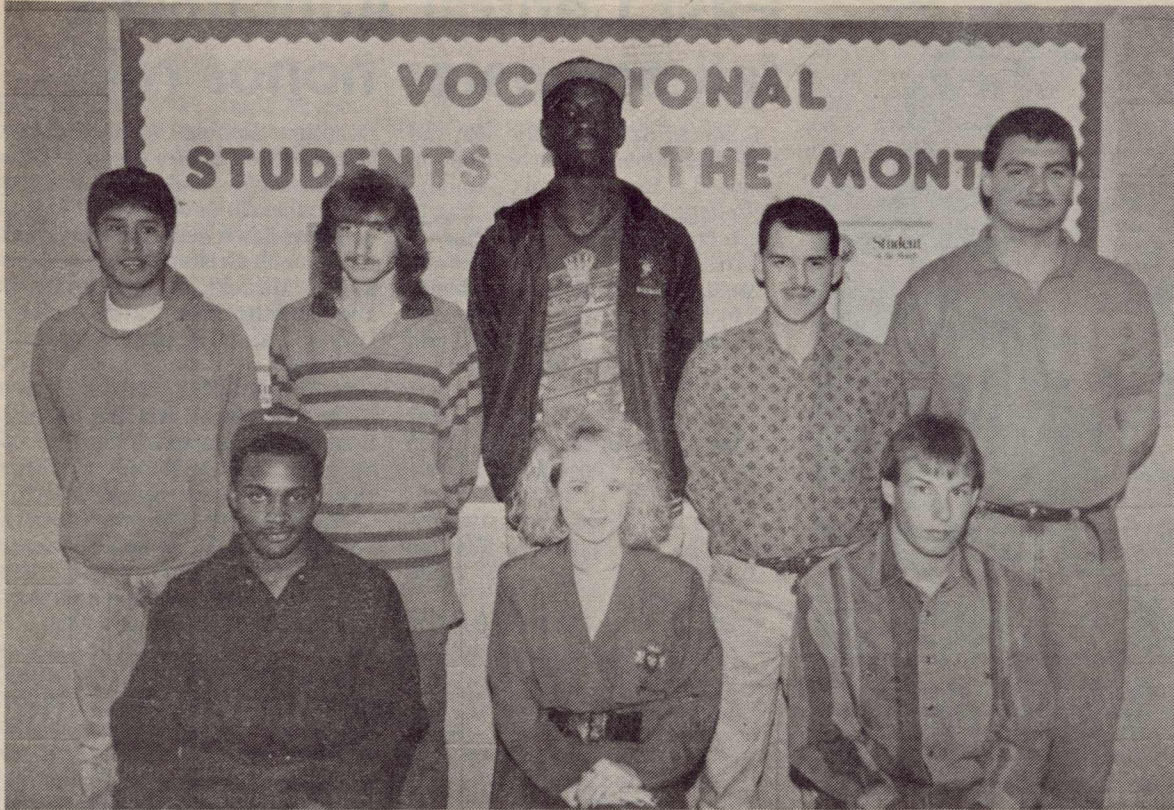
ECCC receives vehicle

Mark Killens, second from left, general manager of Killens' Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, GEO, Inc. in Newton recently presented a 1991 Chevrolet Silverado pickup to East Central and is shown handing over the keys to the new vehicle to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. The pickup truck, a ½ ton fully loaded fleet-size vehicle with an extended cab, is being provided by the Chevrolet Motor Division "to enhance the college's automotive program and afford students an opportunity to become familiar with the latest in automotive technology," said Killens. He added that approximately 9,000 new Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks damaged in transit or by flood have been donated to schools for instructional purposes. Over the past 19 years, Killens said educational institutions in most of the 50 states have received donated vehicles for their vocational/education programs. The program was started in 1972 when Chevrolet started diverting damaged cars and trucks (previously scrapped) to schools for training purposes. In addition to damaged vehicles, engineering test and pilot line vehicles not suitable for sale are included in the program. Also pictured in the above photo are, from left, John Adcock, director of the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center, and automotive mechanics instructors Robbie Pearson and Robert Green.



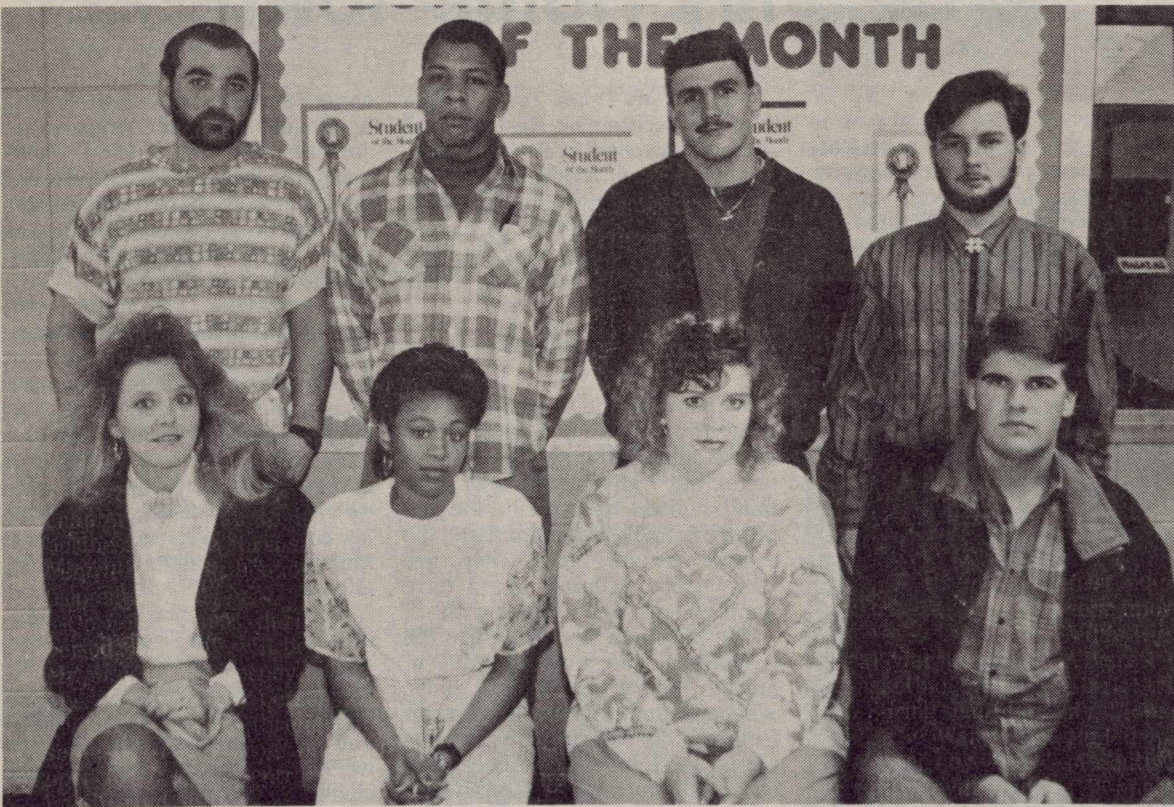
Present Special Concert

These area musicians participated in a special recital held to showcase a new grand piano recently purchased at East Central Community College. Performers included (seated from left) Christopher Carson of Decatur, a fifth grader at Newton County Elementary School; Leesa Wilkinson of Meridian, a music instructor at ECCC; Sid McNeil of Decatur, a sophomore at ECCC; Lorie White of Decatur, a ninth grader at Newton County High School; and (standing from left) Teresa Stroud of Philadelphia, a staff member at ECCC; J.C. Howell of Walnut Grove, a sophomore at ECCC; and Charlotte Smith of Decatur, a kindergarten teacher at Newton County Elementary School. All but Mrs. Smith are piano students of Mrs. Wilkinson. The purchase of the grand piano was made possible by a gift to the college from the Newton County Community Concerts Association. The concert was held Feb. 4 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.



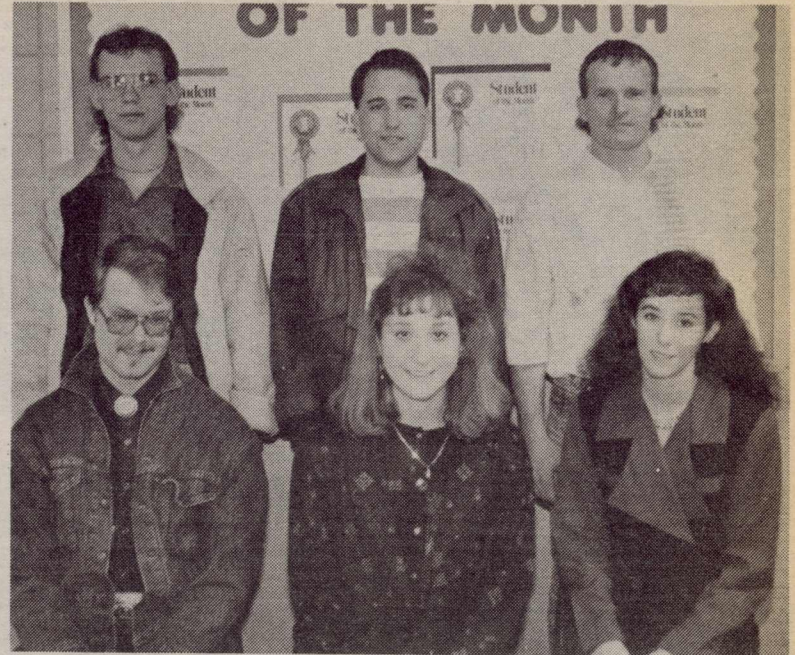
Top vocational students

Special recognition has been received by these students at East Central who have been chosen outstanding students for the month of January, according to vo-tech counselors Lynn Scribner and Jimmy Dempsey. Students who have been selected to receive the honor include, seated from left, Marcus Gray of Lake, automotive mechanics; Tracie Davison of Meridian, cosmetology; Tim Smith of Forest, refrigeration and air conditioning; and, standing, from left, Quendal Shoemake of Conehatta, masonry; Jimmy Parker of Noxapater, carpentry and cabinetmaking; J. P. Viverette of Walnut Grove, carpentry and cabinetmaking; Dale Hancock of Philadelphia, automotive body and fender repair; and Paul Evans of Lake, electricity.



Top technical students

Special recognition has been received by these ECCC students who have been selected outstanding technical students for the month of January, according to vo-tech counselors Lynn Scribner and Jimmy Dempsey. Students chosen to receive the honor include, seated from left, Melody Myers of Harperville, computer technology; Donna Lewis of Noxapater, child care supervision technology; Tonya Johnson of Lake, business technology; Kim Boyd of Grenada, automated manufacturing technology; and, standing from left, Brian Carpenter of Carthage, precision machining technology; Mark Patrick of Walnut Grove, metal fabrication technology; Trampus Amedee of St. Amant, La., drafting and design technology; and Keith Johnson of Chunky, electricity.



Outstanding technical students

A program recognizing outstanding technical students of the month has been established at East Central, according to vo-tech counselors Lynn Scribner and Jimmy Dempsey. Students who have been selected to receive the honor for the month of December include, seated from left Michael Pool of Philadelphia, drafting and design technology; Kaycee Carmichael of Meridian, electronic technology; Michelle Wilcher of Carthage, business technology; standing, from left, Stewart Parker of Carthage, metal fabrication technology; Robbie Beckley of Newton, automated manufacturing technology; and Phillip Allen of Forest, precision machining technology. Not pictured are Gloria Clay of Louisville, child care supervision technology, and Kristy Dickerson of Louisville, computer technology.

Students in Free Enterprise

Students in Free Enterprise is a student organization for any student who is interested in learning about and promoting our free enterprise system.

The goal of the organization is to make their campus and community more aware of free enterprise and its advantages. The Students in Free Enterprise have a busy semester planned.

On Feb. 5, 1992, the Students in Free Enterprise participated in a national teleconference made possible by Wal-Mart Store Inc. The topic

of the teleconference was: You and Your First Job — Your Future.

A panel of business people discussed matching a job to a person's particular talents, interviewing, resumes and other topics related to getting a job.

Vice Presidents of Human Resources from such companies as Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Kraft General Foods, and Helene Curtis, Inc. were on the panel.

In addition, a group of students presented a short program about free enterprise to the children in East Central's child care facility on Feb. 11, 1992.

The students prepared a skit that told the story of the "Little Red Hen" and described the importance of hard work.

The Students in Free Enterprise chapter also plan to invite local business people to speak to East Central students about business and free enterprise.

On Feb. 20, 1992, during activity period, Bill May will be speaking. Mr. May is an attorney in Newton, Miss. Several other persons will be invited to speak throughout the semester. These programs will be open to all East Central students, faculty and staff.

VICA club stays active during fall semester

By MICHAEL W. POOL
VICA Club Reporter

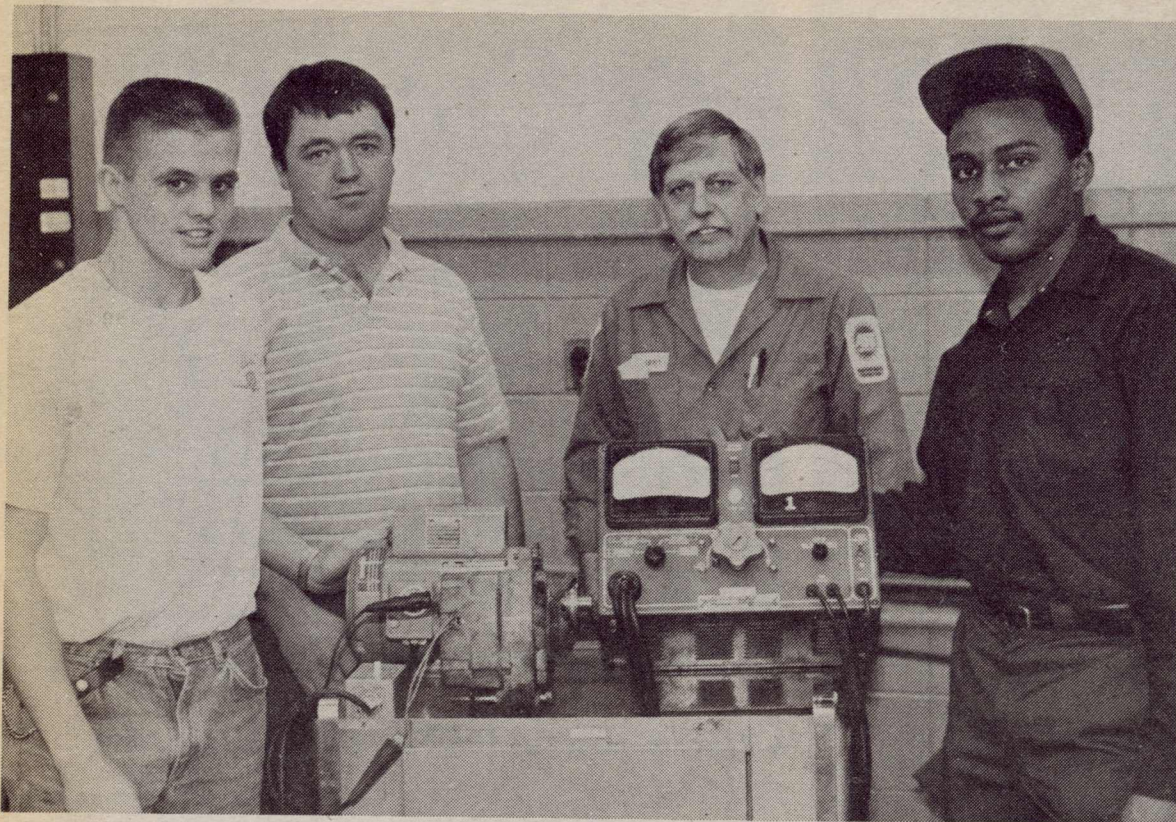
The VICA club was involved in several activities during the fall semester of the 1991-1992 year. VICA held the annual highway cleanup as a community service. The cleanup took place south of Decatur on Highway 15 and was three miles in length.

VICA was also heavily involved in the 1991-1992 football season by running the concession stands during the home games. Both VICA member students and teachers participated.

Another community project that the VICA club sponsored was the Blood Drive, which was done for the Mississippi Blood Service. Approximately one hundred pints of blood were donated.

The VICA club's big money raiser last semester was the candy sale. The money raised will go to support the State and National VICA contest.





ECCC receives electric motor

The automotive mechanics department at East Central received an electric motor which was donated to the college by U. S. Motors in Philadelphia. The electric motor will be used in testing equipment for alternators and generators. Shown admiring the much-needed equipment are, from left, freshman Dean Thornton of Montrose, instructors Robbie Pearson and Robert Green; and freshman Marcus Gray of Lake.

Cast chosen for spring musical

This year's spring musical entitled "The 1940's Radio Hour," is set during a live broadcast of a musical variety hour from the Hotel Astor's Algonquin Room on Dec. 21, 1942. One interesting aspect of this show is the fact that the audience has the opportunity to go back in time and be a part of a live radio show. In addition, "The 1940's Radio Hour" accurately captures the spirit of that by-gone era when the world was at war and "The Chattanooga Choo-choo" and the "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" were standard listening fare. Not only are many popular tunes of this time featured, but dancing and funny radio advertisements of the era are included as well.

Auditions for the spring musical which were held on the twenty-second and twenty-third of January, saw one of the largest turnouts in years. This year's cast includes the talents of David Campbell of

Decatur as Johnny Cantone; Kirk Weems of Newton as Neal Tilden; J.C. Howell of Walnut Grove as B.J. Gibson; Nick Pouncey of Decatur as Biff Baker; Mark Branning of Philadelphia as Zoot Doubleman; David Ezell of Union as Pops Bailey; Richard Luke of Decatur as Lou Cohn; Barney Comans of Sebastopol as Clifton Feddington; Dewayne Pickens of Alabama as Stanley; Chris Dickerson of Decatur as Wally Ferguson; Rochelle Sparkman of Carthage as Ruthie Evans; Rachel McCool of Louisville as Geneva Brown; Maria Leach of Sebastopol as Ann Collier; and Penny Rogers and Lori Rogers of Walnut Grove as Ginger Brooks and Connie Miller respectively. Incidentally,

Penny and Lori are the first mother and daughter duo to participate together in an EC Players production. Behind the scenes are stage manager Chris Edwards of Philadelphia and director Ms. Judy Carroll.

"The 1940's Radio Hour" will be presented April 1-4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre here on East Central's campus. Reservations for "The 1940's Radio Hour" can be made by calling (601) 635-2111 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Tickets are \$4 for East Central students and faculty and \$6 for the public. Everyone is invited to attend this exhilarating musical performance.



Cast chosen for musical

Cast members for "1940's Radio Hour" include (front row from left) David Campbell, Maria Leach, Penny Rogers, Richard Luke, Rochelle Sparkman, Dewayne Pickens, Lori Rogers and (back row from left) Mark Branning, Rachel McCool, Kirk Weems, Chris Dickerson, Nick Pouncey, J.C. Howell, David Ezell and Barney Comans. The musical is directed by Ms. Judy Carroll.

East Central Announces fall semester honor roll

Students named to the 1991 fall semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

McMullan said the college honor roll includes students selected on the President's List, Dean's List and those receiving Honorable Mention recognition.

The President's List includes students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Those named to the Dean's List earned a 3.5 grade point average or above and students chosen on the Honorable Mention List achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Students named to each list and their place of residence include the following:

PRESIDENT'S LIST

LEAKE COUNTY: Brian Stanley Carpenter, Joel Wayne Pickel, Jan Robinson, John Greer Sprayberry, Pamela Michelle Wilcher and Chasity Nicole Young, all of Carthage; and James Bradley Johnson, Lena.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Cindy Kay Ferguson, Tina Nicole Flint, Bobbie Nell Gray, Jelena Margaret Ham-mack, Michael W. Shilling Pool and Tonya Anita Thompson, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Jennifer Leigh Anderson, Tamara Lois Cooper, Kim Leight Griffin, Patsy Joyce Harris, Geraldine Irby, Larene C. McNeil, Brandi Crystal Parkes and Conner Sullivan, all of

Decatur; Robbie Scott Beckley, Teresa Steele Horton, Martha Nelson Sibley and Tammy Lynn Wilkerson, all of Newton; Wynette M. Dean, Lawrence; Richard Ladell Irons, John Christopher Lopez, Sue McFee Miracle, Brenda Jo Sharp and Timothy Dale Watkins, all of Union; and Susan Williams, Hickory.

SCOTT COUNTY: Melanie Dawn Amis, Sebastopol; Katrina Rochell Bounds, John Rush Callahan, Kristi Michelle Cox and Tommy F. Warnsley, all of Forest; Lynnetta Carol Cooksey, Marcus Dewayne Gray and Lorraine Hunt, all of Lake; Melody Rains Myers, Harperville; and Rochelle Mandi Sessums and Herman Lynn Thompson, both of Morton.

WINSTON COUNTY: Contina Lashurn Coleman, Peggy Black Humphries, Carolyn A. Prisock and Richard Duane Rushing, all of Louisville; and Jimmy W. Parker and Linda Kay Swindle, both of Nox- apater.

ATTALA COUNTY: Tracy Todd Adcock, Kosciusko.

CLARKE COUNTY: Susan W. Oglesby and Roger Dale Rich, both of Stonewall.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY: John L. McLelland, Lauderdale, and Ernie Eugene Mowery and Angela J. Pritchard, both of Meridian.

OUT OF STATE

LOUISIANA: Trampas John Amedee, St. Amant.

My Home Town

NOTE: "My Home Town" is one in series written by East Central students enrolled in English composition classes. A different "home town" will be featured in this each issue of the *Tom Tom* so be sure to read the series. You may find out things about your home town that you didn't know.

By ANTHONY PEAVER

My hometown is Louisville. It is a great town to grow, live, and work in. I have only lived in this town for 10 years, but I have seen many good things happen. In Louisville, the people are friendly and helpful and the schools are very good. There are many jobs available, and I have many friends to do things with.

The people of Louisville are the friendliest and most helpful of anyone I have seen in any town. Whenever there is a problem that affects the whole community, the people all stick together to help each other out. During the Persian Gulf War, everyone supported our National Guardsmen and their families while they were gone. The people also support the school and local businesses. Every Friday night the stands are jam-packed to see the football team play, and the stores are much the same way everyday.

The Louisville School System is one of the best in the state. It has some of the best teachers, coaches, and administrators around. In the past few years, the school has pur-

chased the most up-to-date learning equipment to better prepare the students for the outside world. Louisville always finishes close to the top in football, baseball, basketball and cross-country. In fact, all sports combined, Louisville usually finishes first in Class 4A.

In Louisville, like many other small towns in the South, there is not a lot to do. A typical night might consist of going to eat at one of our many restaurants and riding around all night or stopping in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Most everyone ends up in the parking lot. Sometimes, when we are bored to death, we will get a few car loads and go up to Cheers or Mulagan's for a night of fun and excitement.

If, after school, you decide to stay in Louisville there are several big businesses and factories in town. My uncle's plant, Taylor's Machine Works, is a distributor of forklifts and large machinery to the whole world. We also have a watch and a clock factory. TRW has a seatbelt manufacturing line in Louisville. Georgia Pacific also has a resin and plywood plant in Louisville.

Although Louisville is a small town, it is a wonderful place to grow, work and live. With the many factories, there is no way to be unemployed. The school gives everyone a chance to better themselves and to be something in life. Most importantly, if you ever need help with anything, all you have to do is call on your neighbor.

Gospel choir attends retreat

By BRIAN FRINK

East Central Gospel Choir recently attended its annual Mississippi Baptist Union Retreat held at Camp Garaywa in Clinton. The theme of the camp was "Being Strong in the Lord." The purpose of the trip was to show how God can help young black adults with the problems of today's world.

The choir members attended seminars entitled "From Gangs to God" and "How to Minister through Music." The weekend concluded with a Mr. and Mrs. B.S.U. pageant.

DEAN'S LIST

LEAKE COUNTY: Angie Marie Bounds, Kimberly Kay Devers, John Chandler Howell, Cathie Diane Jones and Johnny Cedric Viverette, all of Walnut Grove; Kimberly Elaine Cockrell, Lena; and Jennifer Carol Freeny, Laura Anne Johnson, Lela Ann Ladner, Carol C. King Malone, April Dawn Moore, Stewart Keith Parker, Stanley M. Rushing, Eddie Dwayne Rutherford, Ashley Smith Sanders, Edward Ralph Sanders, Matthew Warren Strum, Johnny B. Thomas and Kim D. Thornton, all of Carthage.

NESHOBA COUNTY: David Eugene Adkins, Pamela Carol Apperson, Frances F. Hicks, Robert Keith John, Barbara Jean Pike, Ernest Paul Roberts, Chris Everette Vowell and Gary E. Walton, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Shayne Bishop, Jay W. Fortenberry, Steven Chad Harrison, Tammara K. Kennedy, Shirley Skinner, Jamie Terrell, Rita Kay Warren and Tammy Savell Williams, all of Union; Christian Tanksley Broach, Dianne H. Douglas, Monica Sherrelle Logan, Mark Allen Norman, James Noel Sharp and Jennifer Janette Smith, all of Newton; Marva Jean Burke, Jackie Joann Burks and Jay Steven Mills, all of Hickory; Katha Dean Cammack, Stephanie A. Harrison, James Alexander Hoyer, Tammie Renea Jones, Stacey Denise Smith and Christina Lutisha Wood, all of Decatur; Onie Mary Crooke and John Henry Knochenmuss, both of Little Rock; Justin Lin Fisher and Douglas Wayne Williams, both of Conehatta; and Michael Keith Johnson, Chunky.

SCOTT COUNTY: Margo Lynn Archie, Paul Ray Evans, Mary Lynn Wolfe French, Leslie Lerone Gray, Tonya Renea Johnson and Michael Ray Mouton, all of Lake; Rebecca Leigh Briggs, Morton; Pamela Gloria Johnson, Adnon Mohammad Shahid, Alan R. Squires, Robin Alicia Stroud and Kevin Viverette, all of Forest; and David Riley Parker, Pulaski.

WINSTON COUNTY: Misty Michelle Cornett, Sonja Michelle Quinn, William A. Tucker and Anthony Todd Wall, all of Louisville; and Donna Denise Lewis and Samuel Lloyd Watkins, both of Noxapater.

OUT OF DISTRICT

ATTALA COUNTY: Millard Juette Bingham, Kosciusko, and Rachel Renee McCool and Shelton Eddie Whitmire, both of McCool.

JONES COUNTY: Marshall Eugene Allgood, Petal.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY: Kimberly Dawn Boman, Kaycee Jo Carmichael and Craig Lee Youngblood, all of Meridian.

PIKE COUNTY: Thomas Preston Newman, Summit.

WARREN COUNTY: Stacy Diane Copeland, Vicksburg.

HONORABLE MENTION

LEAKE COUNTY: Keith Rynard Body, Daniel Conley Collier, Tabatha Ann Davis, Deshay Williams Elrod, Paula Jill Johnson, Lynda Mechelle Kelly, Tammy Lynn Martin, Dana Marie McGivney, Melissa Yvonne Parker, Joseph Joffre Renaud, Rebecca Leanne Scott, Charlene Tate and Kristi Lee Wilson, all of Carthage; Michelle R. Green, Amy Rebecca Shows and Carla Marie Thomas, all of Lena; and Jeremy

Charles Kelley, Sidney Kathleen Leonard, Susan Marie McCann, Mark L. Patrick, Lori Leigh Rogers and Tina Lorraine Thrash, all of Walnut Grove.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Gary Scott Battle, Floyd A. Bozeman, Mark Ray Branning, Timothy Blaine Chesney, Ricky Michael Cook, Jaye Jaye Copeland, Michael Brian Cumberland, Thomas Dan Cumberland, Glenda M. Dennis, Peggy Sue Eubanks, Anthony Sheldon Fox, Aubrey Dale Hancock, Jennifer Kay Henry, Tayaneka Rickson Keams, Robert Bruce Lee, Dana Dee Maddox, Donnie Wayne Montgomery, John Patrick Mooney Jr., Jimmy Dale Smith, Earnest Dewey Stovall, Jo Beth Tolbert, Kassey Danielle Townsend, Diego A. Velasco, Janet Vaughn Waiter, Jerry Lee Welch and Charles Clinton Wright, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Jacob Lamar Addy, Paul Wesley Barrett, Tracey Rene Blackburn, Bunyon Lamar Blalock, Brian Paul Frink, Jacqueline Denise Hoyer, Jason Avery Mangum, Sidney Leon McNeil, Janice Lynn Mills, David Elam Nelson, Christy R. Pierce, Nick Alan Pouncey and Willis Carlton Wilkinson, all of Decatur; Nell Adkins, Michael Wayne Bradley, Fred Jeremy Burson, James D. Comans, John Randolph Fleming, Kevin E. French, April Lee Johnson, Jason Wayne Laird, Aaron Keith McMahan, M. Wayne Moorehead, Richie Emmett Rivers, Christopher Staffo Smith, Kevin Lee Smith, Monte Lee Suggs, Neda Carol Thrash and Nanette Eve Wilkerson, all of Union; Ella Michelle Alawine, Keith Rynard Body, Sandi Lee Boutwell, Robert Lee Boyd, Angela Kay Collins, Bradley Preston Foley, Michelle Garvin, Chris Ray Hollingsworth, Terry G. McKinion Jr., Jay F. Pippin, David Reed Pitts, Rebecca Ann Vanderpoorten and Linda B. West, all of Newton; Michael Neil Bishop, Robert K. Brady and Theresa Danette Matlock, all of Little Rock; Tommy Ray Everett, Chandler Dear Jones and Richard Gregory Luke, all of Hickory; Kim J. Goss, Jason Wade Hill, Donnie J. Powell, Cindy Darlene Thomas and Robert C. Wall, all of Conehatta; and Darlene Nicole Pate, Chunky.

SCOTT COUNTY: Jim R. Allen, Debra Harris Herring, Natalie Michele Wade, Tammy Michelle Walker and Donna Lyn Warren, all of Morton; Phillip James Allen, Brett Alan Barton, Rebecca Susan Bell, Regina C. Craddock, Melanie R. Freshour, Merri Zoe Giles, Scott Lee Hall, David Hollis Jr., Joshua Allen Jeffcoats, Amy Elizabeth Johnson, Kevin Michael King, Thomas David Robinson, Granville Dale Rushing, Melissa Eve Sessions, Timothy Candler Smith, Deborah Squires, Charles Kevin Thomas and Judy Ann Thompson, all of Forest; Rynthia Glee Anthony, Penny Michelle Koehne and Gregory Guy McGarrity, all of Sebastopol; Janice Marie Hammons, Ray Redell Hollingsworth, David Benjamin McLemore, Scottie Alan Moore, Michael James Mouton and Nena Lee Robinson, all of Lake; and Jamie Thomas Phipps, Pulaski.

WINSTON COUNTY: Lisa Lecha Cistrunk, Gloria Lorraine Clay, Alton R. Conn, Michael Alvin Crick, Joseph Christopher Croft, Kristy

Michell Dickerson, Amy D. Fussell, James Lee Goodin, Jamie Edward Gordon, Latarsha A. Harris, Philip Lewis Hill, Patrick Thomas Landers, Cheryl Rene Roberson, Annie Ruth Smith, Rodney Lee Smith,

Joel Henry Triplett and Nickey Doyle Wall, all of Louisville; and Salento Womonto Hudson, Bewell Etheldric Lyons and Kenyon Fit-

gerald Wash, all of Noxapater.

OUT OF DISTRICT

ATTALA COUNTY: Bobby Alan Shumaker and Craig Howard Slawson, both of McCool.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY: Charles Brian Burt, Tracie Michelle Davison, Jason Myles Francis and Sherie Lynn Holloway, all of Meridian; Jeffery T. Knight, Collinsville; and Wes Lamar Williams,

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LOWNDES COUNTY: Ginger Renee' Buckley, Columbus.

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ALABAMA: James L. Cowan, Coffeeville.

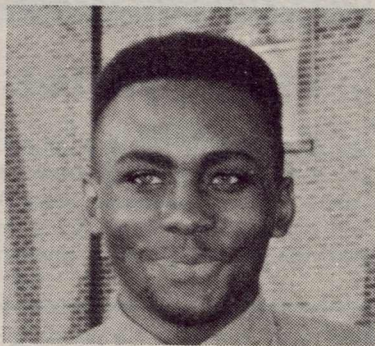
ARKANSAS: Scott Alan Grabher, Perry.

LOUISIANA: David Bryan Martin, Bossier.

What Would Your Sweetheart Have To Do To Really Sweep You Off Your Feet?



Robin Stroud
"Send me a dozen roses."



Coby Clay
"Get me in a crowded place and yell she loves me."



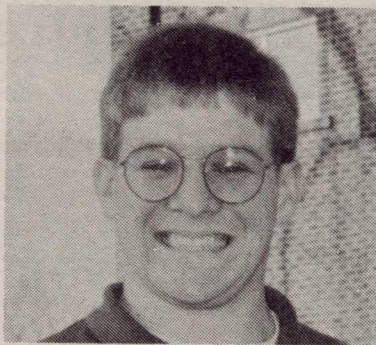
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"A candle light dinner and roses."



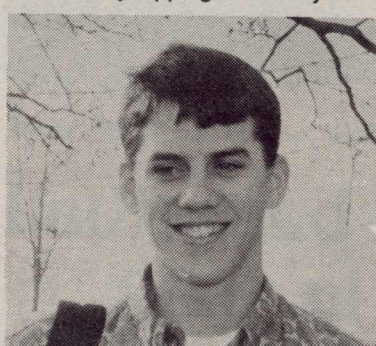
Stephanie Wiley
"A candle light dinner with one rose."



Angie Harden
"Send me roses and balloons and to love me."



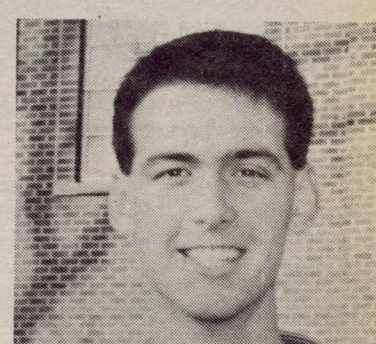
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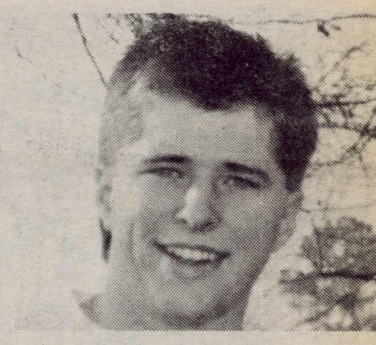
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"Take me out to eat."



Renee Jones
"Send me a dozen roses."



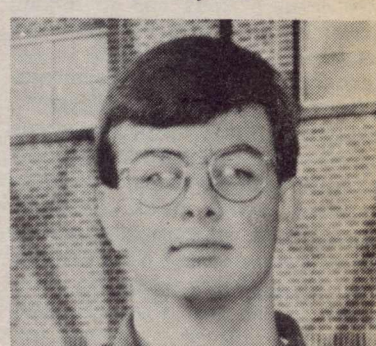
Nick Pouncey
"A big bunch of balloons tied to a bag or Oreos."



Donny Hall
"Take me out for dinner and buy me a box of candy."



Patrick Landers
"Not very much."



Joel Withers
"Cook me a nice supper."

SPORTS

EC hardballers prepare for action

By LUKE GIBBON

The East Central Baseball Warriors begin playing on Feb. 24 against the Clark College Panthers. Under the direction of Coach Jamie Clark, the team standings have steadily risen over the past four years. After finishing third last year with a 13-9 conference record and an 18-20 overall record, Coach Clark and the Warriors expect to make the playoffs.

Clark stressed that EC's on-field goals were to win as many games as they could, but the conference games were of the most importance. Coach Clark also said the key to victory of those conference games was to have six pitchers that could pitch quality innings. He said that freshman shortstop, Daniel Landry, also needed to have a good year

defensively.

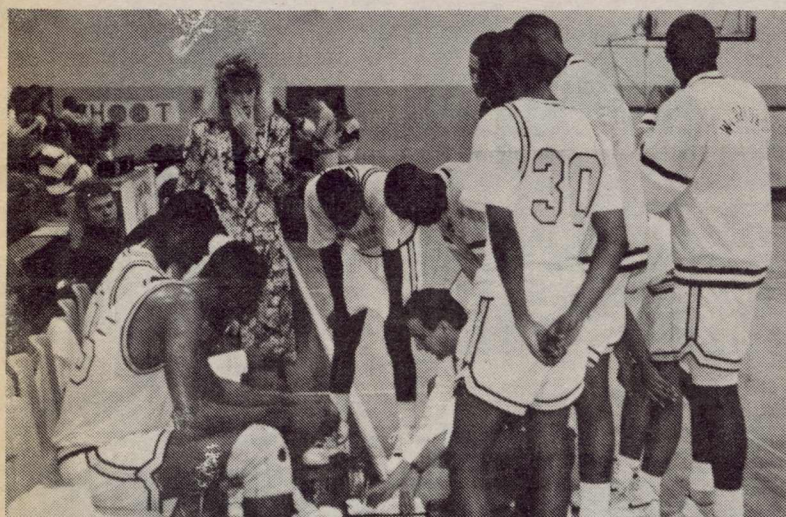
In the game of baseball, a player must be prepared and conditioned to play everyday. Since the beginning of the fall semester, the team has been lifting weights and running. Coach Clark said that preparations for the season have been outstanding considering the weather. He also added that this team is the hardest working team he has ever had.

When Coach Clark was asked what was the strength of the team, he responded by saying that the team was well balanced. He said the team was good defensively, offensively, and in pitching. He mentioned that the depth of the team was a real advantage. Clark said he was especially pleased to have three catchers in Derrick Glenn, Patick Irvin, and Lee Eady that were capable of playing league games.



1991-92 baseball team

Members of the 1991-92 East Central Warriors baseball team include, first row, from left, Doug Williams, Chris Latham, Lee Eady, Jake Yarborough, David Martin, Jason Laird and Derrick Glenn; second row, from left, Fabian Huddleston, Patrick Ervin, Luke Gibbon, Jerry Dupuy, Daniel Landry, Thomas Allen and Graham Carlton; third row, from left, Bob Templet, Chris Vowell, Greg Vance, Justin Haralson, Keith Dailey, Roger Capteron, Trampas Amedee, Eddie Whitmire, Gresham Fortune and Chris Smith.



Coach Marty Cooper plots strategy during time-out period, as team members look on.

East Central basketball teams 'hot' in 1992

By CLINT WRIGHT

The East Central Warriors and Lady Warriors basketball teams have begun the 1992 Spring semester schedule on a roll. The Warriors, coached by Marty Cooper, have reeled off seven consecutive wins this semester and have won 13 straight games dating back to mid-November to improve their overall season record to 19-2. They are currently ranked 18th nationally in the latest NJCSS poll. Coach Sammy Pace's Lady Warriors have won five consecutive games and improved their season record to 10-7. After a slow start the Lady Warriors have really played well since the Christmas break.

The Warriors, who have a 7-0 South Division record and are in

first place, are led in scoring by sophomore Tony Bailey (21.9 ppg) of Villa Rica, Ga. followed by J. P. Viverett (18.4 ppg) of Sebastopol, Mark Stribling (13.2 ppg) and Vandy Hopson (10.7 ppg) both of Philadelphia, Luther Riley (7.6 ppg) of South Leake, and Robert Mikell (7.6 ppg) of Savannah, Ga.

The Lady Warriors, who own a 6-2 South Division record and are in second place, are led in scoring by freshman Tamella Mazingo (11.9 ppg) of Union, Shellie Griffin (11.3 ppg) of Union, Gloria Clay (10.8 ppg) of Louisville, Brooke Smith (10.2 ppg) and Misty Wright (7.4 ppg) both of Neshoba Central.

Both teams have been playing exciting basketball this season and would like to encourage everyone to come out and support them in their upcoming games.

1991 Baseball Schedule

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SITE
Monday, Feb. 24	3:30	Clarke (single)	Home
Friday, Feb. 28	3:00	Wallace State	Home
Saturday, Feb. 29	Noon	Wallace State	Home
Monday, March 2	2:30	Clarke (single)	Away
Wednesday, March 4	3:00	Holmes	Home
Saturday, March 7	1:00	Itawamba	Away
Sunday, March 8	1:00	Itawamba (single)	Away
Saturday, March 14	Noon	Holmes	Away
Tuesday, March 17	1:00	Southwest	Away
Friday, March 20	3:00	Jackson State (single)	Home
Friday, March 20	6:00	Three Rivers (single)	Home
Sunday, March 22	1:00	Hinds	Away
Tuesday, March 24	6:00	Iowa Western (single)	Home
Wednesday, March 25	3:00	Jones	Homes
Friday, March 27	6:00	Iowa Western (single)	Home
Saturday, March 28	1:00	Gulf Coast	Away
Tuesday, March 31	3:00	Pearl River	Home
Wednesday, April 1	3:00	Itawamba	Home
Saturday, April 4	1:00	Co-Lin	Away
Monday, April 6	4:00	East Miss.	Home
Wednesday, April 8	4:00	Southwest	Home
Tuesday, April 17	Noon	Jones	Away
Monday, April 20	2:00	East Miss.	Away
Saturday, April 25	3:00	Pearl River	Away
Tuesday, April 28	4:00	Go-Lin	Home

All games are double-headers unless noted single.

Ten East Central players sign with senior colleges

Ten East Central football players recently signed with senior colleges. Their names and the colleges they chose are as follows:

Russell Meeks, a 6', 195-lb. strong safety from Evergreen, Ala., has signed with Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala.

Terence Peoples, a 6'3", 260 lb. offensive tackle from Montevallo, Ala. has signed with Savannah State University in Savannah, Ga.

D. D. Moore, a 6', 250-lb. defensive tackle from Neshoba Central High School in Philadelphia has signed with Savannah State University in Savannah, Ga.

Zaus Carter, a 5'11", 175-lb. wide receiver from Noxapater, has signed with Cumberland College in Cumberland, Ky.

David Coleman, a 6'1", 220-lb. linebacker from Louisville has signed with Glenville State College in Glenville, W. V.

Jerry Welch, a 5'10", 185-lb. linebacker from Louisville, has signed with Glenville State College in Glenville, W. V.

Willie McClelland, a 6', 185-lb. running back from Beulah Hubbard High School (now consolidated into Newton County High School) in Little Rock, has signed with Livingston State University in Livingston, Ala.

Ben Williams, a 6'3", 235-lb. defensive end from Graceville, Florida has signed with Florida A & M in Tallahassee, Fla.

Chris Houston, a 6'½", 260-lb. guard from Oxford, Ala. has signed with the University of Arkansas at Monticello. (NOTE: Houston did not play last season because of injury sustained in an automobile accident in 1991.)

James Hill, a 6'1", 280-lb. offensive tackle from Macon, Ga., has signed with Savannah State University in Savannah, Ga.



Makes donation to ECCC

East Central faculty member Lucille Wood is shown presenting golf caps to Coach Joe Clark which are gifts from her nephew, Army Captain James T. Wood Jr. of Louisville. Captain Wood, and ECCC alumnus and golf team member during the 1981 and 1982 seasons, donated golf caps in memory of his grandfather, Curtis Willis.

1991-92 Basketball Post-Season Games

Feb. 17-20, South Division Tourney, Ellisville
Feb. 24-25, Miss. State Tourney, North Women
March 2-5, Region XXIII Tourney, Miss. College

Happy Valentine's Day



Receive vocational honors

A program recognizing outstanding vocational students of the month has been established at East Central, according to vo-tech counselors Lynn Scribner and Jimmy Dempsey. Students who have been chosen to receive the honors for the month of December include (from left) Tommy Warnsley of Forest, Carpentry and Cabinetmaking; Jamie Terrell of Union, Electricity; Jeremy Kelley of Walnut Grove, Automotive Mechanics; Geraldine Irby of Decatur, Cosmetology; Richard Irons of Union, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning; and Connor Sullivan of Decatur, Masonry.

Exploring the Mississippi Room

By SONJA QUINN

Both East Central and the state of Mississippi have rich histories full of colorful people and facts. As citizens of both we are entitled to explore their intriguing pasts, but where do we go to learn more about them?

The answer to any questions students may have about the state of Mississippi or East Central can be found right here on campus in the library's Mississippi Room.

Practically any fact about the history of our state can be found inside the Mississippi Room. Students can find on these shelves volumes containing state laws and codes of the state of Mississippi, and records of the governmental process of our state.

In addition newspapers, magazines, and magazine articles concerning different aspects of life in our state are available. Also the Mississippi Room contains a small amount of genealogical materials for the surrounding counties.

Another interesting aspect of the Mississippi Room is its collection of works by Mississippi authors. This collection includes the complete works of Eudora Welty, and all titles by William Faulkner, except three. Not only can students find the written works of these two authors, but their histories and literary analysis of their stories as well.

In addition one can find books by other Mississippi authors such as *The Firm* by Oxford's John Grisham, and the daily diaries of a Decatur native.

However, just as importantly, the Mississippi Room serves as an archive for the history of East Central. Some of the more interesting artifacts to be found are a complete set of East Central yearbooks, old editions of the school newspaper, stu-

dent handbooks from past years, and minutes of previous meetings of the Alumni Association.

In addition, one can find a complete record of the 932nd National Guard Unit which was primarily composed of East Central students who participated in World War II.

The account of this unit's tour of duty is so thorough that it even includes the numbers of rounds of ammunition their battalion used during their participation in the conflict.

These are just a few of the many intriguing facts to be found inside the Mississippi room. Books shelved in the Mississippi Room can be located in the card catalogue mark-

ed by a green band across the top of the card and a capital M included in the book's call number.

All Mississippi Room materials are handled like any others in the library and all books—except reference books—can be checked out and enjoyed by East Central students.

Students are encouraged to browse through the Mississippi Room whenever they visit the library. Chances are, if they take the time to explore these shelves, they will discover some interesting facts about their heritage, both as a Mississippian and as an East Central student.

ECCC to host art exhibit

By TRACY BLACKBURN

During the month of March, East Central Community College will probably see a lot of unfamiliar faces. East Central will be the host of the fourth annual Mississippi Community/Junior College Competitive Art Exhibition.

This show is set to begin on Monday, March 2, 1992, with a reception at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts building. The showing of the art works will last from March 2 until March 27. There will be over 300 pieces of work from the 13 schools participating in the event.

Art work will be classified into five categories: Painting and mixed media, drawing, two-dimensional design and commercial graphics, printmaking and photography, and three-dimensional design and ceramics.

Student art majors from the 13 colleges will enter their best work in one of these categories. The artworks will be judged by two out of state judges, Ron J. Alexander and Randy Miley of Northeast Louisiana

University in Monroe. Both men are artists and are well-known throughout the Southeast. Cash awards will be given to the winners.

East Central is very fortunate to be hosting this competition. When asked why East Central was chosen for this honor, Mr. Bruce Guraedy, art instructor at East Central, replied that its purpose is to provide people in our general area who might never have viewed a collection of this nature, the opportunity to study art exhibits.

A group of art instructors met at Hinds Community College in 1988 to discuss ways of exposing the people of Mississippi to art. They decided to hold an annual art exhibition of student works from all over the state. It is funded by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Art work will be displayed throughout the Fine Arts Center for the month of March. Viewers are asked to please avoid touching the exhibits. Admission to the exhibition is free.

EC STUDENTS WRITE ON

Southern born...and proud of it!

By RICHARD FERGUSON

Most of us, at one point or another in our lives, would like the power to change a particular aspect of that life. One thing I would like to change is the way people in the South think of themselves.

A large number of Southerners think of themselves as second-class citizens because of where they live. I believe that one of the reasons for this is because of the negative way that television depicts Southerners. Books, magazines, and movies por-

tray Southerners as "hicks" who cannot speak properly or who do not dress appropriately. After being exposed to this denigrating attitude for extended periods, people start to believe that this image is real.

People in the South should travel to other parts of the country more. If they did, I believe they would discover that contrary to popular belief, they are as well-dressed, well-educated, and as articulate as a similar cross-section of any other society. The kind of person you are depends on your character, not on where you live.

Valentine's Day

By CHRIS WALL

Well, yet again it is that precious time of year; a time for roses and hearts of love. It seems like everyone has someone to cherish and claim as a "sweetheart." At least in older times it was that way.

The holiday is thought to have come from a Christian martyr named St. Valentine. However, the day actually comes from the Roman festival of Lupercalia. This was a tribute to Juno, the Roman goddess of love and marriage. Though the Romans held feasts, other people have celebrated in very different ways.

For example, many years ago in England a game of tag was held. If a young lady caught a young man, then that boy was obligated to be her valentine.

Society definitely has changed since that day and time. A great poet once said "nothing gold can stay." This meant that no matter if good or bad, evolution is inevitable. A review of our own East Central campus shows just how true the first sentence of this paragraph is. It was interesting to find that approximately 60% of the students I questioned said that their idea of a perfect Valentine's Day would be a romantic dinner and someone special to share the day with. However for the other 40%, alcohol and a party were mentioned many times. This goes to show the downward direction of importance for Valentine's Day. That is sad considering we are the future. Maybe we should have a big game of tag out on the football field. It would be a whole lot more efficient. Have a great Valentine's Day.

Fulfilling a dream

By SHANE SULLIVAN

Paul Glass's dreams are beginning to all come true. Paul, a sophomore at East Central, is a vibrant young writer who has just had his third poem published. Not bad, considering that they were also the first three poems he had submitted.

His first two poems were published by Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum in the books *Poetic Voices of America Fall 1991* and *Poetic Voices of America Spring 1991*. The most recent poem he had published is titled "Pretty One", and can be found in a book titled *Listen With Your Heart*. The book is published by Quill Books and contains poems from people all over the United States.

Paul has been writing poetry for three years and now has a collection of over 200 poems, along with 30 or more short stories and a novel that he is shopping around. When asked about his writings, Paul said, "I can't talk about myself like that. Maybe you should talk to someone else." Well, that's exactly what I did, and I learned some pretty in-

teresting things about him. Mrs. Leesa Wilkinson said, "The girl that falls in love with Paul is going to be in for a treat because his writings are so full of deep feeling and emotion." Leonard Barrier had this to say. "I'm impressed by the quantity, and especially by the quality, of Paul's writings. I've had him in my creative writing class for three semesters now, and he always brings out a positive attitude that I feel helps the other students."

To show you exactly what these people are talking about, a copy of one of Paul's poems is printed below.

PRETTY ONE

*Your innocence beautifies you,
Attracts your presence to me.
I want to take you into
My everlasting loving arms;
And protect you from the dangers
That lurk in this world;
My beauty, my sweet, my one
Come with me upon a journey
The journey of love
Upon the path of broken hearts.
Let my touch heal the hurt
That you may feel inside.
I will do you no harm
For I was sent here to love you.*

BSU takes trip to Argentina

By J. S. MILLS

Back in 1990, Tim Glaze, director of the Baptist Student Union, had a feeling that he was going to take a group of East Central students to Argentina. On Dec. 27, 1991 he found that his feeling had turned into a reality when he, his wife, Laurie, and 10 members of the BSU set out for Argentina. But well before the actual trip would take place, many tasks had to be carried out and many lessons had to be learned.

The students that were interested in making the trip to Argentina were interviewed by a committee made up of East Central faculty members. based on the committee's recommendation and several factors that involved the student's dedication to Christ, 13 students and three alternates were chosen to make the trip.

The students committed themselves to preparations for the trip. Not only did they do a lot of studying at their weekly meetings, but the students also had two training weekends, where they stayed on

campus for the weekend.

One of the first obstacles Tim and the BSU students had to deal with was the over \$1,000 per-person price tag that each student who was to take the trip was responsible for raising. According to Tim Glaze, the students received help from various churches in the five county area. Besides meeting the amount that was necessary for the trip to Argentina, the students also raised enough for another possible mission trip in the future.

The group left on Dec. 26 and returned on Jan. 9. The purpose of the trip was to conduct a Vacation Bible School for the children of missionaries posted in Argentina. Each year the missionaries meet in the mountains of the province of Cordoba to plan the next year's program. During this time, volunteer groups enter the country to conduct programs for the children. BSU Director Tim Glaze, a former "missionary kid" himself, realized how

important association with fellow Americans could be to this group of children. He personally spent 16 years in Argentina while growing up. He felt that not only was the trip a success it was also a miracle.

The ECCC mission team worked with approximately 72 children ranging from 3 to 19 years of age. The BSU students taught a "Disciple Now" program for the youth, entertained the children with a youth and a children's musical, as well as the clown team. Other activities included Bible stories, arts and crafts, mission stories, and recreational activities.

East Central students who participated in the trip included: LeGina Bishop, Pearl; Annette Carter, Morton; Dawn Freeman, Meridian; J. C. Howell, Madden; Darnell Isaac, Conehatta; Darlene Pate, Chunky; Amy Shows, Lena; Johnny Thomas, Lena; David Wade, Morton; and Tammie Walker, Morton.



Serve as missionaries

This group of students representing the Baptist Student Union recently participated in a mission trip to Cordoba, Argentina which was conducted through the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The purpose of the trip, which took place over the Christmas holidays, was to conduct a vacation bible school for missionary children while their parents were involved in annual business meetings. The ECCC mission team worked with approximately 72 children, ranging from three to 19 years of age. The BSU Mission Trip was funded by individual and church contributions which came from across the state of Mississippi and primarily from Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. It has been estimated that over 2,000 people donated funds for the trip. Participants include, seated, from left, Tammie Walker, Morton; Dawn Freeman, Meridian; Laurie Glaze, Decatur; LeGina Bishop, Pearl; Annette Carter, Morton; Darlene Pate, Chunky; Darnell Isaac, Conehatta; and, standing, from left, Johnny Thomas, Goodhope; Tim Glaze of Decatur, the college's BSU director who served as mission trip coordinator; David Wade, Morton; J. C. Howell, Madden; and Amy Shows, Clifton.

Scholars Bowl competition

By JAMES JOHNSON

On Jan. 24, the East Central Scholars Bowl Team travelled to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (Jackson County Campus) to attend the South Mississippi Scholars Bowl Competition.

The team defeated Pearl River Community College by an outstanding margin, but then lost to Gulf Coast (Perkinston) and Southwest Community College.

Dr. Shelby L. Harris, advisor for the team, said, "Participation in the South Mississippi Competition gave the team valuable experience for the Ole Miss Scholars Competition. The team is now aware of the importance of being quick to respond to the toss-up questions and make a team effort on the bonus questions."

The team is comprised of James Johnson, Misty Cornett, Rush Callahan and Tam Cooper, captain.

The Ole Miss Scholars Bowl Competition will be at the University of Mississippi Feb. 14 and Feb. 15.

East Central receives face lift

By JAMES JOHNSON

In the years of 1990 and 1991, many renovation projects were completed on the campus of East Central. Due to House Bill 3 and Senate Bill 3192, many state-owned institutions were given money to support renovation projects.

In 1990 the school reroofed the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Building, the Vocational Annex Building, and the kitchen area of Mabry Cafeteria. The total cost for this project was \$223,499.

In 1991 the Handicap Accessibility Program was begun. During that year six restroom facilities in the Bradford J. Tucker Applied

Technology Building were completed. This consisted of two upstairs restrooms and two downstairs restrooms in the classroom area and two in the hall to the shop area. Also, two restrooms were renovated in the Vocational Annex Building. The total cost for the Handicap Accessibility Program was \$47,742.

At the end of 1991, a Mechanical Program was initiated. In this renovation project, boilers were replaced in the Fina Arts Building, Mabry Cafeteria, and the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Building. Mabry Cafeteria also received a fifty-ton water cooler and the Administration Building replaced carpet in many of its offices. Due

to temperatures and lighting problems, the Computer Room was installed with three-ton heating and air conditioning units, and new lower ceilings with light fixtures. Huff Auditorium was also installed with central heating and air conditioning. Neshoba, Scott, and Jackson Halls received domestic hot water boilers. The total cost for these renovations was \$256,267.

When asked how he felt about the renovation projects, Dr. Eddie Smith commented that he was very pleased with the projects. The final inspection on the projects was completed on Jan. 21. These are definitely an asset to the over-all physical plant of East Central.

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ECCC names new head coach

Reese Bridgman was recently named as East Central's new head football coach. He will succeed Coach A.J. Kilpatrick who resigned at the end of the first semester.

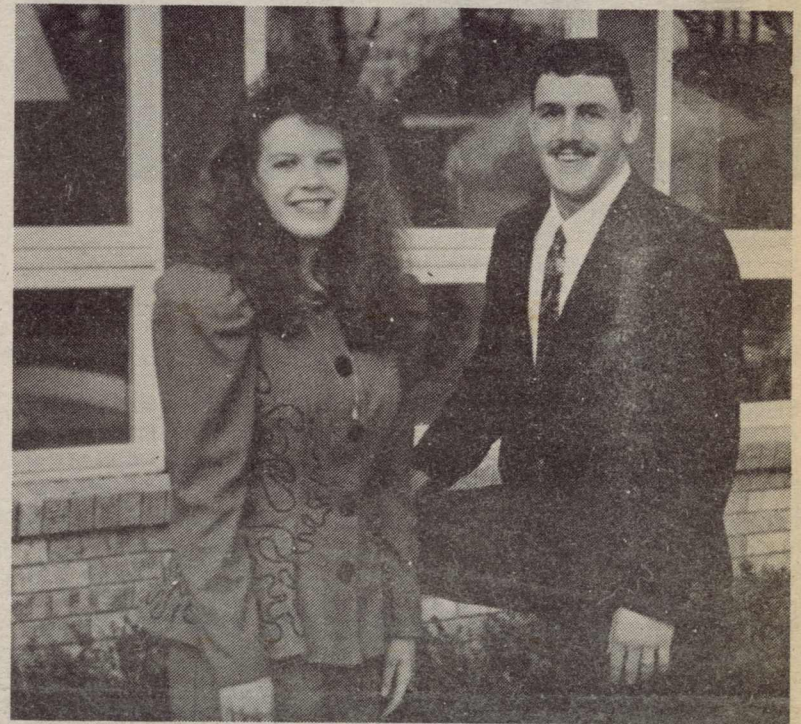
Coach Bridgman began his coaching career as a defensive coordinator for Hattiesburg Prep in 1983. He then moved on to Petal High School the following year. From the Spring of 1984 through 1986, he served as a defensive coach for East Texas State University. Coach Bridgman moved eastward to Georgia Southwestern College and then to Southeastern Oklahoma State University before coming to East Central.

Two things attracted him to ECCC. One is being closer to his hometown of Tylertown; the other thing is the opportunity to become a head coach. One of his goals for the upcoming season is to field a respectable team, one that is fun to watch and that the ECCC student body can be proud of. Another is, obviously, to have a winning season. Current EC students interested in being a part of the Warrior team next year have already met with Coach Bridgman to make plans for the upcoming season.



New ECCC coach

Reese A. Bridgman, hired recently as head football coach at East Central Community College, has begun his new duties and is shown with his wife, Kelly, on the Decatur campus. Bridgman, 29, previously served as an assistant football coach at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla. He is a graduate of Tylertown High School, Southwest Mississippi Junior College, the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in athletic administration and coaching; and East Texas State University, where he received a master's degree in physical education. He has also completed additional studies at East Texas State.



Receive ECCC honor

Sophomores Trampas Amedee of St. Amant, La. and Tam Cooper of Decatur have been selected Mr. and Mrs. East Central Community College following the recent Who's Who elections held on the Decatur campus. Amedee, son of Mrs. Vickie Amedee of St. Amant and the late Phil Amedee, serves as co-captain of the Warrior baseball team and was selected Most Handsome in the college's annual Beauty-Beau Pageant. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for community and junior college students, and was named to *Who's Who Among American Junior College Students*. Cooper, daughter of Mrs. Lois Cooper of Decatur and the late Carl Cooper, was selected Homecoming Maid of Honor for 1991. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Warrior Corps, which is composed of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for campus activities. She was also named to *Who's Who Among American Junior College Students* and has been nominated as An American Scholar.



Tournament champs

Members of the East Central Community men's basketball team were all smiles recently as the Warriors captured top honors in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges South Division Tournament held at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville. The Warriors, led by first-year head coach Marty Cooper, won the tournament trophy by outscoring Gulf Coast Community College 79-52 in the championship matchup. Mac McClellan, MACJC Commissioner, made the trophy presentation to Coach Cooper and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. Following the South Tournament, the Warriors advanced to State Tournament competition held at Holmes Community College in Goodman. East Central defeated Coahoma 97-74 in semi-final action and fell to Gulf Coast 62-56 in the state finals.

Students to rally for education

The Mississippi Faculty Association For Community and Junior Colleges is working in conjunction with MFACJC lobbyist, Earl Marshall, and with student government associations to organize a student rally at the Capitol at Noon on March 18.

Student governments on all Community and Junior College campuses and university campuses are circulating petitions voicing student support of higher education and requesting legislative support. These petitions will be presented to legislators at the March 18 rally in Jackson.

Darlys Alford, MFACJC legislative chairman, predicts a tremendous turn-out on March 18. She expects between 2,000-3,000 students and sponsors at the Capitol and encourages faculty and parent support for this endeavor.



ECCC sophomore favorites

Selected sophomore favorites following Who's Who elections recently held at East Central Community College in Decatur were the above students who include, front row, from left, Jerry Dupuy of Ventress, La.; Lynda Kelly of Carthage; Nicole Flint of Philadelphia; Kim Shirley of Forest; and, back row, from left, Ken McMullan of Decatur; and Keith Johnson of Chunky. Not pictured is Jason Mangum of Decatur.

Ole Miss Scholars Bowl

By JAMES JOHNSON

On Feb. 14 and 15 the East Central Scholar's Bowl Team travelled to Ole Miss to participate in the eighth annual Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl.

The team played tough matches against Northwest and Delta, but failed to seal a victory. The competition was very rewarding. Not only did the team receive educational experience, but they also received intellectual and moral experience.

The highpoint of the trip was the

recognition that was given to Dr. Shelby Harris for being involved in the Scholars Bowl since it began eight years ago.

The team would like to thank Dr. Shelby Harris for his contributions to the East Central Scholars Bowl Team. The team would also like to thank the staff, faculty, and the students who supported the team during competition.

The team is comprised of Tam Cooper, captain, James Johnson, Misty Cornett and Rush Callahan.

ECCC student receives National Leadership Award

Lynda Lyons, a sophomore pre-nursing major at East Central Community College in Decatur, has been selected a National Collegiate Minority Leadership Award recipient, announced Academic Counselor Dr. Gregg Jefcoat who nominated the Philadelphia resident for the prestigious honor.

The award is officially sanctioned by the United States Achievement Academy.

Mrs. Lyons, 28, is married to Fredrick Lyons who serves as a Carpentry and Cabinetmaking instructor at East Central. The couple has four children: Deshaun, 10; Constance, 8; Eric, 7; and Fredrick, Jr., 4.

Along with her studies and family responsibilities, Mrs. Lyons also works part-time at the Neshoba General Nursing Home in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Lyons said going to college has been a "tremendous challenge but a rewarding experience," and she points with pride that she is an honor student at the two-year institution.

"I did not graduate from high school (she attended Philadelphia High) but later passed the GED (General Education Development) test and decided to enroll in Nurses' Aide classes being offered at the Health Care Training Institute in



Lynda Lyons

Meridian," she said.

Following the 27-week course, Mrs. Lyons said she graduated with honors and then enrolled at East Central to begin her pre-nursing studies.

Mrs. Lyons said she receives "a lot of support" from her family and the instructors at East Central as she works toward a career in nursing.

"I am enthusiastic about graduating from East Central and look forward to being accepted into nursing school and later starting my new career," she said.



Roger C. Burkes

Burkes joins ECCC faculty

Roger C. Burkes of Decatur has been selected Automated Manufacturing Technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Burkes began his new duties in January, 1992. He succeeds Wallace P. Keen who resigned in November, 1991 following over eight years service on the Decatur campus.

Prior to being named to his present position, Burkes served as Coordinator of Safety and Training for Hydro Aluminum Bohn in Puckett. In all, Burkes has 16 years of industrial experience as a machinist, machine shop supervisor, and coordinator of safety and training. He also has five years of secondary teaching experience in the field of mathematics, physics, and chemistry.

Burkes received an Associate in Arts degree from East Central Junior College in 1962 and later attended the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics education. He also holds a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Mississippi.

He is married to Ann Burkes, who serves as the college's head librarian.



ECCC freshman favorites

These students were selected freshman favorites at East Central Community College following the recent Who's Who elections held on the Decatur campus. Pictured are, from left, Rebecca Vanderpoorten and Kirk Weems, both of Newton; Vicky Nixon of Chunky, Nick Pouncey and Jennifer Anderson, both of Decatur.

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HEADWAE honorees

East Central Community College math instructor Mrs. Lois McMullan, second from left, and sophomore Nicole Flint of Philadelphia were among 82 outstanding faculty members and students from the state's colleges and universities who received special recognition from the Mississippi Legislature during the fifth annual HEADWAE Program. The observance, known as Higher Education Appreciation Day—Working for Academic Excellence, was initiated in 1988 to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution by the state's public and private institutions of higher learning. Pictured with the honorees, from left, are Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president, and Rep. Mike Eakes of Neshoba County. Flint is the daughter of Janice Ryles and Tom Flint.



Receive ECCC technical honors

Outstanding technical students for the month of February at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective fields of study include, from left, Tim Chesney of Philadelphia, Electronics; Sabrina Burrage of Union, Business Technology; Lisa Tucker of Union, Child Care Supervision Technology; Bewelle Lyons of Noxapater, Metal Fabrication Technology; Jamie Watkins of Carthage, Precision Machining Technology; and Sam Watkins of Noxapater, Drafting and Design Technology. Not pictured is Alton Conn of Louisville, Computer Technology.



ECCC engineering club

Members of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers" at East Central Community College in Decatur include, seated from left, Rush Callahan, Forest; Lamar Blalock, Decatur; Jason Smith, Lake; Ricky Cook, Philadelphia; Al Rigdon, Decatur; and, standing from left, Alex Hoyer, Decatur; Dan Colter, Louisville; Jeff Knight, Collinsville; Bobby Jenkins, Carthage; Mark Norman, Newton; Ben McLemore, Lake; Richie Rivers, Union; and Chad Massey, Forest. The purpose of the engineering club is to promote the social and economic welfare of the engineer, stimulate public service in the profession, encourage and develop the efficiency of the engineer, to promote unity in the profession, and make further study of the industrial arts opportunities in allied fields. Membership is open to anyone majoring in pre-engineering or industrial arts. Dr. Shelby Harris serves as sponsor.

East Central will present spring musical April 1-4

Rehearsals are underway for the spring musical production of "The 1940's Radio Hour" which will be presented at East Central Community College April 1-4 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium. Curtain call for each performance is set for 7:30 p.m.

Director Judy Carroll, the college's drama instructor, said this year's presentation is "an exhilarating hour of singing, dancing and funny commercials."

"A different era and a different kind of entertainment are the setting for this marvelously theatrical and winning show," she said.

The production takes place at a "live" broadcast of a musical variety hour from the Hotel Astor's "Algonquin Room" on December 21, 1942. Miss Carroll said the spirit of that bygone era is accurately captured in the presentation which depicts a time when the world was at war and when "pop" music meant "The Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and "Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy."

Boy."

Reservations for "The 1940's Radio Hour" can be made by calling 635-2111 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets are \$6 each.

Cast members include the following: David Campbell of Decatur, as Johnny Cantone; Kirk Weems of Newton, as Neal Tilden; J.C. Howell of Walnut Grove, as B.J. Gibson; Nick Pouncey of Decatur, as Biff Baker; Mark Branning of Philadelphia, as Zoot Doubleman; David Ezell of Union, as Pops Bailey; Richard Luke of Decatur, as Lou Cohn; Gene Prisock of Decatur, as Clifton Feddington; Dewayne Pickens of Newton, as Stanley; Chris Dickerson of Tunica, as Wally Ferggusson; Rochelle Sparkman of Carthage, as Ruthie Evans; Rachel McCool of Louisville, as Geneva Brown; Penny Rogers of Walnut Grove, as Ginger Brooks; Maria Leach of Sebastopol, as Ann Collier; and Lori Rogers of Walnut Grove, as Connie Miller.



Jamie Terrell, Michael Bradley

Older brothers set good examples

By TRACY BLACKBURN

Many people receive advice from an older brother or sister, but it stops there with only advice. Not very many siblings follow in an older brother or sister's shoes, but East Central has two guys who listened to their older brothers.

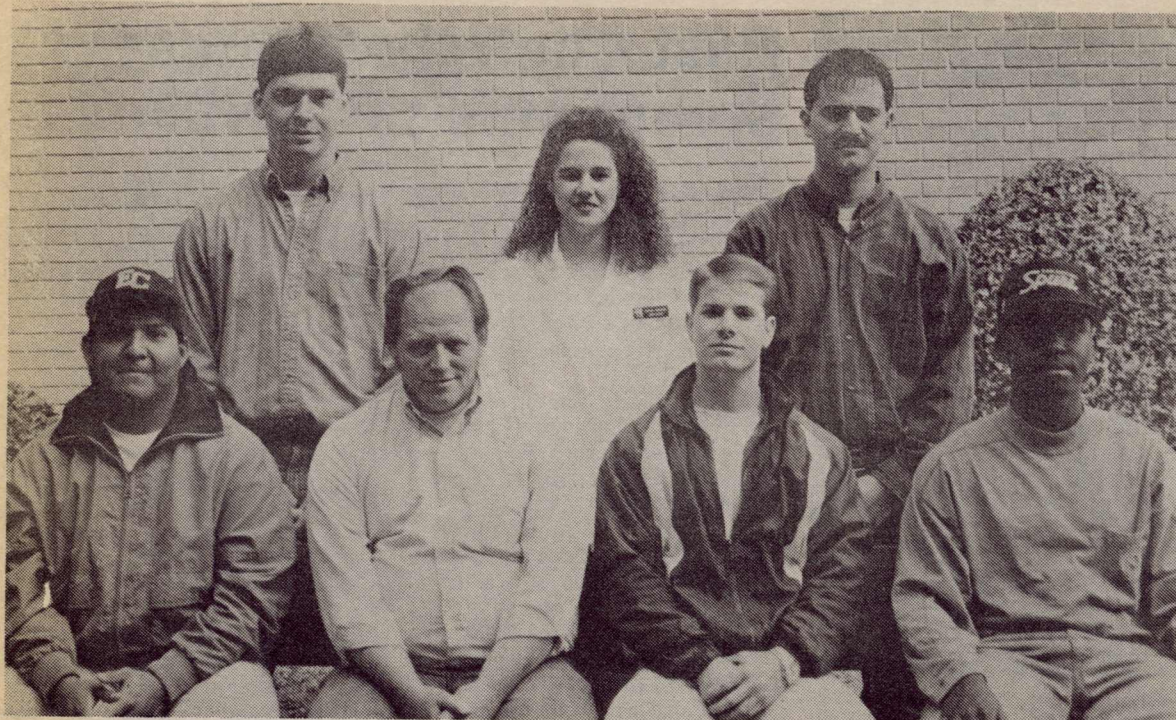
Michael Bradley, Little Rock, and Jamie Terrell, Decatur, are freshmen at East Central and they were both influenced by their older brothers to take electricity, Mr. Rickie Vaughn, instructor.

Michael's brother, Kenny Bradley, graduated from East Central in May of 1990 from the two year program of electricity, and now he has a job as a head electrician in Pelahatchie. Jamie's brother, Allen Terrell, graduated from East Central in the spring of 1989, and now works for Carter Electric in Philadelphia.

Jamie and Michael both agree that this field of study has a lot of job opportunities and they are both making very good grades, one being

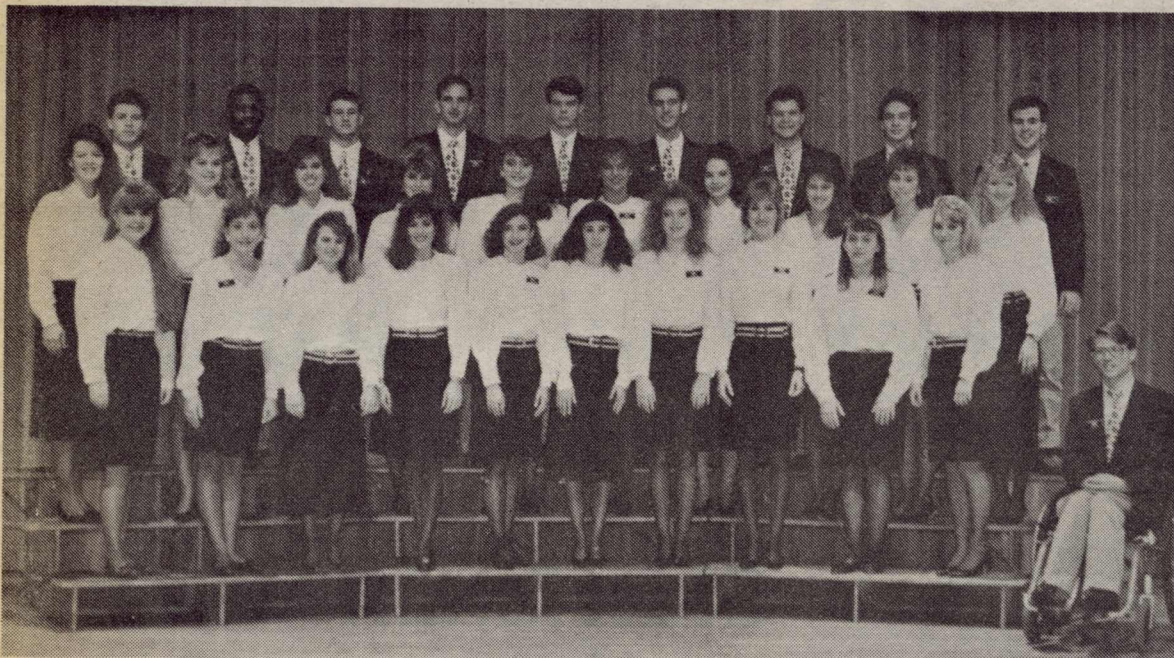
on President's List and the other on Dean's List, in this field of study for first year students. Jamie plans to take the two-year program and get some on-the-job experience this summer working with his brother. Michael is undecided whether or not to take the second year program, which consists of advanced training for the placement of students at the entry level of industrial electricians in the area of electronic motor controls, or to find a job after his first year. Also, they both agree that the instructor, Mr. Rickie Vaughn, does a very good job of teaching.

These students are a good example of influence from an older sibling to a younger one of going on to college from high school. This is very unique because so few people go into the same field of study as an older brother or sister because they usually want to be different. Maybe Jamie and Michael can set an example for other brothers and sisters to be influenced by one another.



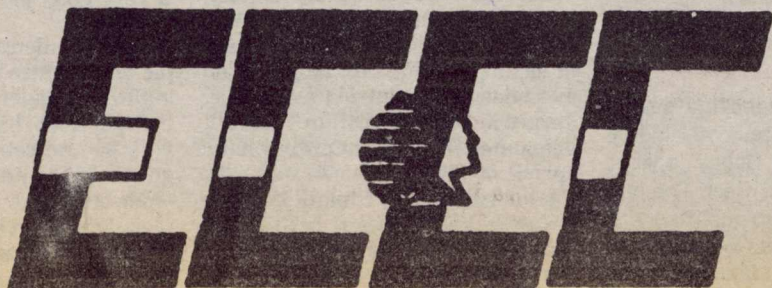
Receive ECCC vocational honors

Outstanding vocational students selected for the month of February at East Central Community College and their respective fields of study include, seated from left, Douglas Williams of Conehatta, Advanced Carpentry; Ernie Mowery of Meridian, Auto Mechanics; Jason Francis of Orlando, Fla., Automotive Body and Fender Repair; Rodney Smith Louisville, Basic Carpentry; and, standing from left, Chris Partridge of Philadelphia, Electricity; Teresa Thornton of Newton, Cosmetology; and Nick Wall of Louisville, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning.



Student recruiters

The Warrior Corps is composed of ECCC students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various events and activities. Members of the prestigious organization for 1991-92 include, first row, from left, Kim Goss, Conehatta; Kaycee Carmichael, Meridian; Apryl Hendon, Union; Ginger Buckley, Columbus; Lela Ladner, Michelle Wilcher and Lynda Kelly, all of Carthage; Kim Griffin, Decatur; Misty Nowell, Louisville; Angie Bryan, Walnut Grove; Justin Fisher, Conehatta; second row, from left, Tam Cooper, Decatur; Lori Rogers, Walnut Grove; Christina Wood, Decatur; Amy Fussell, Louisville; Nicole Flint, Philadelphia; Melanie Wilcher, Carthage; Rebecca Vanderpoorten, Newton; Jennifer Anderson, Decatur; Vicky Nixon, Chunky; Brandi Parkes, Decatur; third row, from left, Brian Cumberland, Philadelphia; Lamar Blalock, Decatur; Kevin Smith, Union; Matt Strum, Carthage; Rodney Bost, Collinsville; Nicky Pouncey, Decatur; Chad Harrison, Union; Rush Callahan, Forest; and John Fleming, Union. Not pictured are Michael Abel of Sebastopol, Merri Giles of Forest and Richard Nance of Louisville. Dr. Gregg Jefcoat, academic counselor, serves as sponsor.



Crystal River Quartet

Crystal River Quartet features East Central student Tim Watkins. The group was recently awarded a recording contract in Nashville.

EC student a member of a gospel group

By DOUG MORRIS

Tim Watkins, an East Central cosmetology student, is a member of the Crystal River Quartet. The gospel group currently has a recording contract with Skyline Records in Nashville, Tenn.

All of the members of the quartet have been involved in gospel music all their lives. In addition, Tim says the quartet is "the youngest all-male, full-time quartet in the business."

An East Central faculty member is also involved in the group as a songwriter. He is Mr. Leonard Bar-

rier, an English instructor. Mr. Barrier was Tim's English teacher last year. "I knew that he was a song writer and he and I got together and talked about some things." According to Tim, eight songs written by Mr. Barrier have been recorded, four of which appear on their latest album "For the First Time."

About the future, Tim believes that it looks progressive. "We've got one of the best groups we've ever had," Tim said.

"I Love to Think About Heaven," written by Mr. Barrier, currently is being played on radio. In March, another single will be released.

Medical news from Sigma Sigma Mu Tau

By JAMES JOHNSON

DID YOU KNOW???

1. When a person yawns, his brain lacks oxygen.
2. When a person sneezes his heart stops beating for one-fourth of a second.
3. The skin is the largest organ of the body.
4. The human body contains 206 bones and 792 muscles.
5. The brain uses more oxygen than any other organ in the body.
6. A person's sense of taste is actually smell.
7. A male has a blood volume of five to six quarts, while a female has a blood volume of four to five quarts.
8. Only three percent of bacteria are harmful.
9. Water composes about 75 percent of our body's weight.
10. People who have limbs am-

putated still experience pain and other sensations in the extremity as if the limb were still there.

11. The left hemisphere of the brain is more important for right-hand control, spoken and written language, numerical and scientific skills, and reasoning in most people.

12. The right hemisphere of the brain is more important for left-hand control, musical and artistic awareness, and imagination.

13. The heart weighs about 11 ounces and beats over 100,000 times a day to pump 1,000 gallons of blood per day through over 60,000 miles of blood vessels.

14. A.I.D.S. originated in nonhuman primates.

15. The main means of preventing A.I.D.S. is to educate people about how to avoid becoming exposed to it.

"Keep a look out for this and other articles in future issues of the Tom-Tom."

The difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter—'tis the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning.

—Mark Twain



Freshman Dorm Council

Members of the Freshman Dorm Council are (seated, from left) Sonja Dawkins, Tracy Gilbert, Tesha Haynes, (back row, from left) Angelia Sanders and Roshelle Sparkman.



Join ECCC math club

Above are students at East Central Community College in Decatur who have recently been tapped for membership into Mu Alpha Theta, an organization which seeks to develop a keener interest in mathematics, develop sound scholarship in the subject and promote the enjoyment of mathematics among community college students. New initiates include (seated from left) Lori Rogers, Walnut Grove; Stacey Copeland, Vicksburg; Sonja Quinn, Louisville; Kim Thornton, Carthage; Tracey Blackburn, Jennifer Anderson and Brandi Parkes, all of Decatur; (standing from left) Bruce Lee, Philadelphia; Robbie Pierce, Decatur; Lynnetta Cooksey, Lake; Craig Youngblood, Meridian; Noel Sharp, Newton; Stacey Smith, Decatur; and Jay Mills, Hickory. Mrs. Lois McMullan serves as club sponsor.

Dorm life—'To be or not to be'

By DOUG MORRIS

Perhaps it is safe to say that most dorm students at East Central were acquainted with the roommate they were assigned before actually becoming roommates. Tommy Farley got to know his current roommate, Justin Fisher, when Justin was a commuter student last semester. Knowing who you will be sharing a room with makes it easier for some students to decide to be a dorm resident, while others enjoy getting to know new people.

Tommy believes that being a dorm student "puts you more in a

school-oriented state of mind than if you were living at home." Living in the dorm also gives you additional study time because you don't have to spend all those hours traveling back and forth to school.

Last semester I was a commuter student, but I am currently living in the dorm this semester. Next year I will be further away from home at USM so I wanted the transition of being on my own and learning to cope with roommates while I am still in a smaller school. Besides, the dorm where I live is within easy walking distance of the physical education building—enough said.

Dorm life is not perfect however. Bobby Shumaker has one major complaint about it. "Living in Scott Hall during basketball or football season means that many people who come to the games park in the parking lot for the dorm," said Bobby. "That means, if you leave, you can never find a parking space when you get back."

Dormitory life is a part of the college experience that will be remembered once college days are over. It does give you a chance to make new friends, have more study time, and to be involved in on-campus activities.

Mrs. Betty Doty serves as Newsome Hall dorm supervisor

Mrs. Betty Doty has been the dorm supervisor for the sophomore women's dorm, Newsome Hall, for the past two years. Before coming to East Central, Mrs. Doty served as a houseparent at the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village in Jackson. She first learned about the position through a newspaper advertisement. She applied for the job, and was accepted.

Mrs. Doty said that she enjoys her job very much. The best part of the job is getting to know the girls personally. She loves being able to help the residents. When asked of any disadvantages that accompany the position, she found it hard to name any specific complaints. The only real problem that she has is with noise in the halls. Even this, she claims, is to be expected when so many young women are together in one place.

Mrs. Doty recommends living on campus to East Central's new students. Dorm life, she believes, helps college students adjust to living away from home before they move on to living on their own.



Mrs. Betty Doty

Newsome Hall can house 78 girls when at full capacity. The rooms are arranged in suites, with each suite having three residents. Two suites are connected by a common bathroom.

Mrs. Doty has 57 residents this semester. She said that anyone interested in living in Newsome Hall next year should come by now to reserve a room.

Mrs. Carolyn Haralson serves as freshmen dorm supervisor

By SONJA QUINN

Mrs. Carolyn Haralson has been a dormitory supervisor at East Central for 10 years. During her daughter's freshman year at EC, Mrs. Haralson learned of a vacancy in the position of dormitory supervisor for which her daughter urged her to apply. Needless to say, Mrs. Haralson's application was accepted and she is still enjoying her duties as supervisor of Jackson Hall.

Mrs. Haralson, who is the mother



Mrs. Carolyn Haralson

Is dorm life the life for you?

By SHIRLEY SKINNER

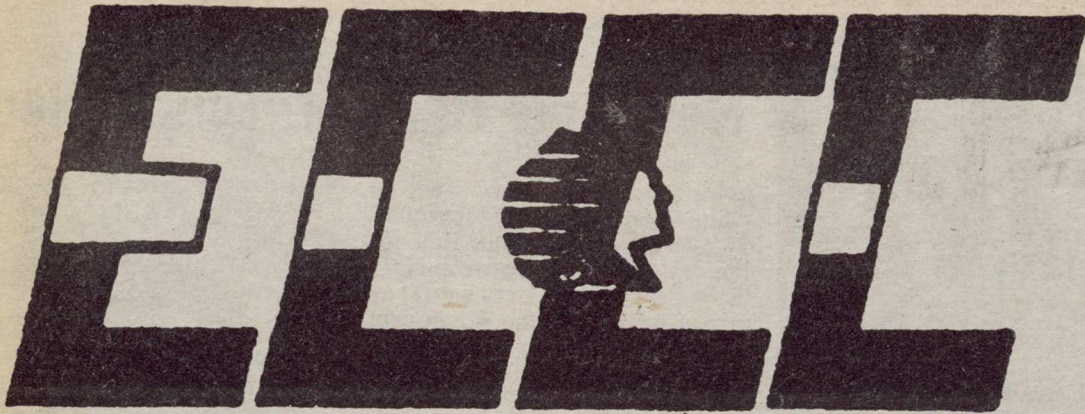
Are there any advantages to residing on campus? The students at East Central think the reasons for staying on campus are numerous. The reason that I received most often was the camaraderie among dorm dwellers. Several students said their dorm friends seem like family. Cathie Jones said that her mother got somewhat upset with her when she referred to EC as "home", yet many students feel this way. Kim Shirley said, "You find girlfriends that last forever and boyfriends that don't."

Steven Eilard said, "You have the freedom to come and go as you please." Someone in the group said that you make three people happy when you stay in the dorm: yourself and your parents. Living in the dorm does give students a chance to experience life on their own without being completely unsupervised or cut off from home.

Laura Jinkerson said, "Living on campus allows you to participate in more of the campus activities and get more of a feeling of the campus. It gives you a sense of belonging."

of five children, has had a great deal of experience dealing with young people. Previous to her employment at East Central she was a 4-H Club leader and for 10 years a teacher's aide. To Mrs. Haralson the best part of her job is the young people she comes in contact with. She feels that being able to enjoy the company of young people has given her a different outlook on life. The most negative thing about her job she says is the noise and the fact that people making the noise do not realize they are not the only ones who can hear it.

Mrs. Haralson believes students who do not live in the dorm are missing out on a lot of positive experiences. She feels students who live on campus have better opportunities to become involved with campus activities and are able to get to know a more diverse group of their fellow students than those who commute. Also, Mrs. Haralson believes living in the dorm gives students a strong sense of responsibility that helps them become more independent. Finally, Mrs. Haralson encourages students to give dorm life a try because dorm living offers experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.



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Financial aid information available at East Central

By DAVID NELSON

One concern of most college students is finding a way to pay college expenses. First time students need to be aware of the financial aid that is available to them as well as deadlines for making applications.

East Central has numerous federal and state financial-aid awards. These include: Pell Grants, State Student Incentive Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Work-study Programs, Stafford Loans, and the Plus/ShS Loans.

A few of the institutional awards include: Scholarships for ACT, art, athletics, band, cheerleader, mathematics content, music, salutatorian, valedictorian and vocational-technical. Many private scholarships are also offered. A listing of these awards can be found in the college catalogue or a student may make inquiries in the financial aid office.

When applying for financial aid at East Central ALL students must

submit the following:

1. A completed East Central Financial Aid Application.

2. A completed need analysis form. The preferred form for East Central is the ACT Family Financial Statement.

3. The priority deadline for applying for financial aid at East Central is June 1, 1992. All applications and need analysis documents must be received in the East Central Financial Aid Office on or before June 1 to receive full consideration for financial aid. Additional applications will be accepted and are encouraged after June 1; however, no assurances can be given that funds will be available in all programs. Aid is awarded on a first come-first served basis.

4. ALL students must reapply for financial aid each academic year.

Any student needing additional help should write the East Central Financial Aid Office, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, or call (601) 635-2111.



Gearing up for Spring Spree

The Student Body Association officers have been busily planning events for the Spring semester. One of the highlights of the semester is the annual Spring Spree. This year's event will be held April 21. Teams for the competition should be composed of five male and five female members. These teams will compete in a variety of "athletic" contests including, but not limited to, a tug-of-war, a log roll, all kinds of races, and other fun activities. Events are open to all East Central students. The SBA encourages all students to participate in Spring Spree '92. Activities will begin around 2 p.m. and conclude with a cookout for the evening meal. Come join the fun. Pictured above, EC students enjoy a game of tug-of-war during the 1991 Spring Spree.

East Central hosts 'Senior Day'

East Central Community College will host its annual Senior Day for area high school students on March 19. Kick-off for the day's activities will be at 9:30 a.m. with an initial assembly of all students in Huff Auditorium, during which time the EC Jazz Band will perform. Also performing will be the winner of the Spring Semester Talent Search. A Hospitality Room will be set up in the board room for visiting sponsors.

Dr. Gerald White will provide information and instructions for the day after which several special interest sessions will be conducted by advisors of the various activities. Afternoon sessions will involve the East Central Collegians in concert. Door prizes will be awarded during this event. At 2 p.m., tryouts are to be conducted for the 1992-93 men's basketball team, baseball team and cheerleading squad.

All seniors may obtain a form to indicate attendance at East Central which may be submitted to the student's high school principal. For further information, contact the Dean of Student's office by calling 635-2111.

Advisory service provided

BY JAYE JAYE COPELAND

Few freshmen entering college are truly prepared for what lies ahead of them. They know that they want to select classes that pertain to their field of study, but if they are undecided on a major field of study, then they want to select classes that will easily transfer into virtually any curriculum. East Central provides each student with a faculty advisor to help students make informed choices.

Students are assigned to a faculty advisor based on their chosen field of study. Students who are undecided frequently select Liberal Arts because it offers a general background which is easily adapted to other areas once a student chooses an area of study. Faculty advisors then only deal with



Warm weather tailgating

Warm weather brings out the grills as East Central students relax and enjoy the baseball game. "Tailgating" makes a good thing even better.

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YOU IN MIND

After school hours finds these Jackson Hall residents sharing popcorn, catching up on the latest news, or just having a few games of cards before hitting the books.



Sophomore Jay Murphy "makes himself at home" in his dorm room at EC.

Dorm decor makes EC home-away-from-home

By SHANE SULLIVAN

Of all the rooms in Winston Hall, possibly on the whole campus, perhaps the most interesting is Room 805. Room 805's occupants, Jay Murphy, a Carthage High School graduate, and Marcus Griffin, a Leake Academy graduate, may have stumbled onto a new career, Interior Design.

"I wanted to have the most unusual room on campus, and with the help of my roommate, Marcus,

I think we have accomplished that deed," said Jay Murphy in a recent interview.

Jay went on to describe the room in some detail. "With posters hanging from the ceiling and walls, tree limbs sprouting from our bed posts, an entire wall covered by a *Phantom of the Opera* painting, and sheets draped from a 45 degree angle to give the illusion of living in a tent, our room is now comfortable to live in."

Well, you know what they say...A man's dorm is his castle.

Cheerleader and Centralette tryouts to be held soon

BY TAMMY PETTY

The time is getting very close for cheerleader and Centralette tryouts. All students interested in either organization are encouraged to attend tryouts.

Tryouts will be March 19, which is also Senior Day. Cheerleader scholarships are awarded to 11 students—10 cheerleaders and one mascot—who are selected by a committee. The cheerleader sponsor is Mrs. Jennifer Cooper.

Centralette tryouts will be held April 7. Students attending the tryouts will be taught a dance routine. They will be judged on their ability to learn quickly and also on

their coordination. They will first perform in groups and then by pairs. The Centralette coordinator is Angela Weems. The Centralettes are the dance squad that performs for the marching band, under the direction of Tom Carson.

Whether you choose cheerleading or dancing with the Centralettes, there is sure to be an abundance of fun involved. But keep in mind that both of these groups require a tremendous amount of time and dedication. This is a terrific way to meet new people on and off campus. If you feel that you would like to be an ECCC cheerleader or Centralette then "Go For It." You will never know until you try!

MY HOMETOWN

By CHRISTY PIERCE

Decatur is not like many other towns in the United States because it is small and old-fashioned. There are a lot of advantages to a small town that bring people to them; although, there can be several disadvantages that people do not realize.

The biggest advantage to my smalltown is the fact that it is small. By being small it is easy to know everybody. No matter where one goes in Decatur, he will always see someone he knows. No one ever has to feel lonely because of the support he gets from his friends. Another advantage is that when new people

come into our town it is not very hard for them to learn their way around Decatur because there are not many places to go. This sometimes helps them to feel more at home.

Two important factors in Decatur have given the people of Decatur a great advantage. The first advantage is East Central Community College. East Central Community College has brought in many students from all over the area and has helped our little town to be known. The college persuades others to want to come to Decatur and has high ratings among other colleges in the state. The second advantage was the building of Peavey

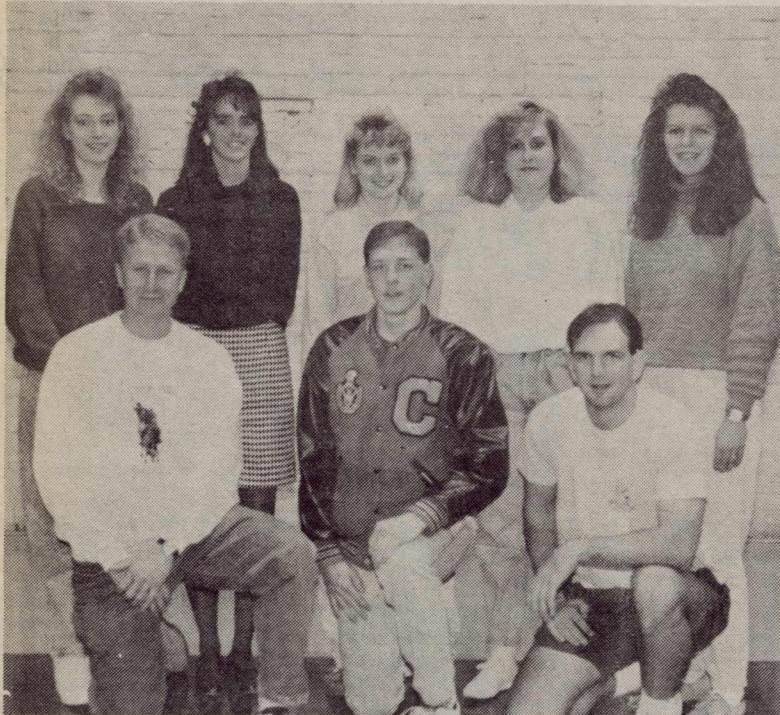
Electronics a couple of years ago. Peavey's has given the citizens a better chance at getting a job. It also has helped to improve family income and the standard of living.

There are only two major disadvantages to my small town and one of them the town is working very hard to change. The first disadvantage is that there are not many places to find good jobs.

As I mentioned before the building of Peavey's helped a lot. Although, if you cannot get a job at Peavey's, the shirt factory, or one of the schools there are just not many other places to work. However, our

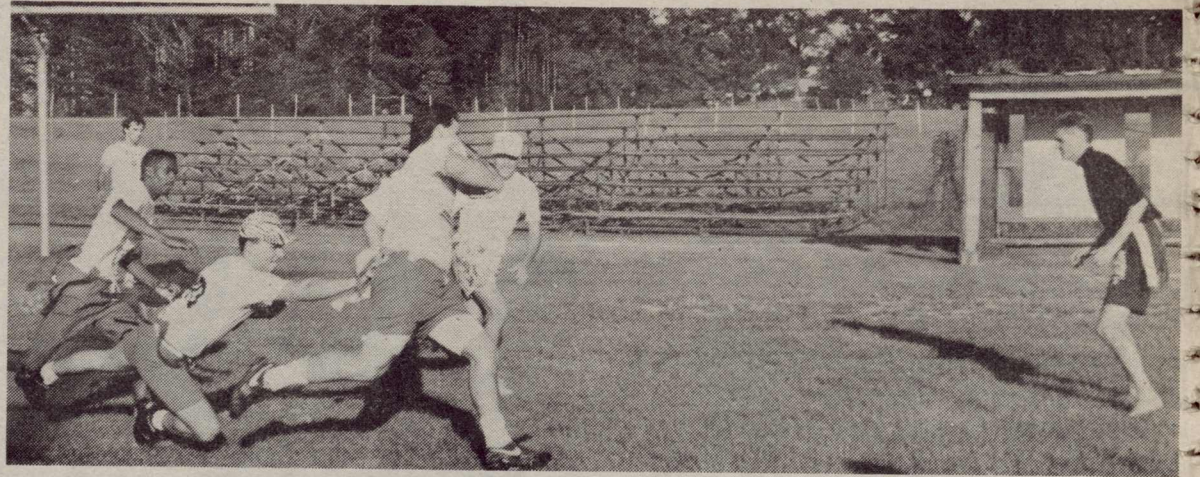
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SPORTS



Winning ECCC team

"Cha-Ching" captured first place honors in the coed intramural basketball league competition recently held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include, kneeling from left, Ken McMulland, Decatur; James Johnson, Lena; Matt Strum, Carthage; and, standing from left, Lynda Kelly, Carthage; Patsy Harris, Decatur; Angie Bryan, Walnut Grove; Carla Thomas, Lena; and Tam Cooper, Decatur.



Students participate in intramural football at EC

Intramural sports offers variety of games

By LUKE GIBBON

The Intramural Sports Program offers a variety of different games any student can play. The first sport to be played in the school year is flag football. The football season starts the Tuesday after Labor Day and ends Nov. 10. The teams play nine to 10 games and at least two in the championship tournament.

Full team basketball begins in early November and ends March 1, but three-on-three basketball starts the first part of October. The teams play 12-14 games with a tournament at the end of the regular season. Softball is played from late February until the end of school. The season consists of 10 to 12 games with a tournament at the end of the season. Volleyball is played from mid-April to mid-May. The season consists of four to six games. Each team sport has a men's, women's, and coed's league. During the spring semester there is also individual sports. There is ping-pong tournament, pool tournament, and a one-on-one basketball tournament.

All intramural sports are under the direction of Coach Mike Anderson. Coach Anderson has directed

the intramural program for the past 17 years here at East Central.

"The participation in the intramural sports go in spurts," said Anderson. "Some years everyone wants to play, then again there are years when the numbers are down." Coach Anderson expressed that he would like to have at least one-third of the student body to play each one of the sports. He said that participating in intramurals is a good way to meet new people, have exercise, and to take breaks from study. "Anyone can play," Anderson said,

"No matter what one's athletic ability is." The participants will be put in different classifications of skill level. These sports are a chance for students to associate with people and to be a part of something.



ECCC Diamond Girls

Serving as Diamond Girls for the East Central Community College Warriors for the 1992 season are, kneeling from left, Shelia Gibbs, Little Rock; Lela Ladner, Carthage; Captain Wendy Ellis, Edinburg; Chasity Young, Carthage; Amy Apperson, Philadelphia; standing, from left, Brandi Parkes, Decatur; Vicky Nixon, Hickory; Cindi Sharp, Philadelphia, Angie Bryan, Walnut Grove; Merri Giles, Lake; Tammy Petley, Enterprise; and Brooke Smith, Philadelphia.

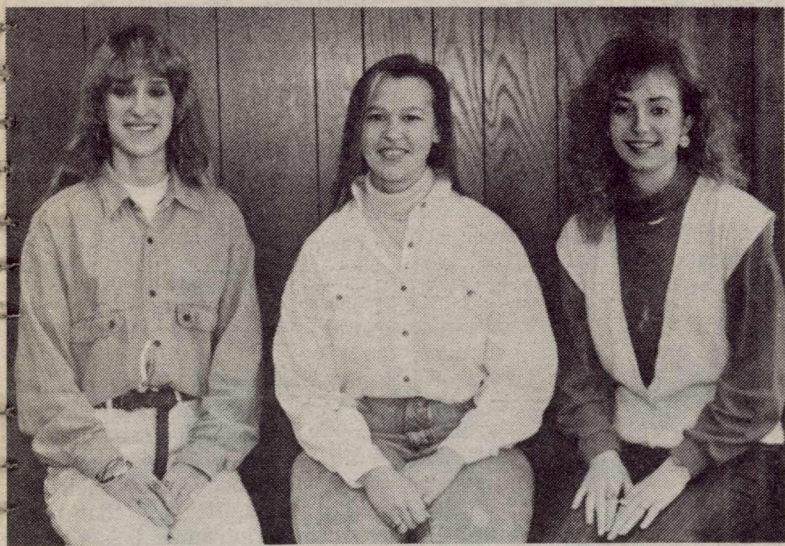
1992 Tennis Schedule

Thursday, March 5 at Hinds
 Wednesday, March 18 at Holmes
 Thursday, March 19, Delta
 Monday, March 30, Jones
 Monday, April 6 at Delta
 Friday, April 10, Hinds
 Tuesday, April 14, Holmes
 Thursday, April 16 at Jones



Adds finishing touches

EC cheerleaders, Brian Cumberland and Kirk Weems, add finishing touches to signs following invitations to both Warrior Basketball teams to participate in Region XXIII play at Mississippi College.



Sophomore dorm officers

These sophomores serve as officers of Newsome Hall at East Central Community College in Decatur and include, from left, Kim Griffin of Decatur, president; Chris Edwards of Philadelphia, vice president; and Lynda Kelly of Carthage, treasurer. Not pictured is Ocean Moore of Philadelphia, secretary.

Tennis team gearing up for season

By CLAY WALL

This year's tennis team is gearing up for a great season on the courts. The Warriors will play eight matches, starting March 5 against Hinds.

The team will consist of six top seeds (ranked players). These six will play both singles and doubles at every contest. Team members include: Chris Dickerson, Kevin Clark, Clay Wall, Michael Abel, Shawn Humphreys, Chad Fieber, Michael Duke, and Steven Ford. Mr. Joe Clark serves as coach of the East Central tennis team.

★ Hometown

hopes are high that this will change in years to come. The second disadvantage is that the children of this generation are not being raised as well as their parents were raised and this has caused some trouble. Recently several houses have been broken into and this is causing many people not to feel safe anymore.

There is a lot more to life than the standards represented by the big cities. Occasionally a small town can offer people much more than people can imagine.

★ Advisory

students in their area of expertise.

Faculty advisors help to orient students to college life. They serve as a contact person for any college-related concern. Advisors also help to plan student schedules, decide on course loads, and make changes in student schedules as needed. East Central wants students to adapt to college as easily as possible to insure student success. One-on-one student advisement is one measure that can make college life much easier to deal with.

ECCC basketball teams complete seasons

By CLINT WRIGHT

The East Central Warriors and Lady Warriors both participated in the South State tournament held on the campus of Jones County Junior College. The Lady Warriors defeated Pearl River Community College in first round action.

In second round action, the Lady Warriors were defeated by Hinds Community College by a score of 76 to 56. Leading scorers against Hinds were freshman Shellie Griffin with 14, sophomore Brooke Smith with 12, and freshman Tamella Mazingo with eight.

The Warriors, after a first round bye, overcame a three point halftime deficit to beat the homestanding Jones Bobcats 57 to 50. Leading the

way in scoring was sophomore Tony Bailey with 20, who went over the 1,000 point mark for his career in this game. J.P. Viverette, a sophomore, pumped in 11 points followed by sophomore Luther Riley's 10 points.

In the South State Championship game, East Central met Gulf Coast Community College. With outstanding defensive effort and all five starters in double figures, the Warriors defeated Gulf Coast for a third time this year. Leading scorers were Tony Bailey with 18, J.P. Viverette with 16, Vandy Hopson and Mark Stribling both with 12, and Luther Riley with 11.

After winning the South State Championship, the Warriors earned an invitation to the State Tourna-

ment. In first round action, East Central was matched against Coahoma Community College. J.P. Viverette poured in 23 points and sophomore Mark Stribling pumped in 21. Freshman Robert Mikell had 12 points and Vandy Hopson added 10 points as the Warriors defeated Coahoma 97-74. This set up a rematch with a familiar foe, Gulf Coast Community College for the State Championship. With three victories over Gulf Coast already this year, the Warriors lost a hard-fought contest 62 to 86. Leading scorers were Tony Bailey with 21 points and J.P. Viverette with 17.

The Warriors and Lady Warriors will both participate in the Region XXIII Tournament held at Mississippi College March 2-5.

Diamond Warriors start with a bang

By LUKE GIBBON

The East Central baseball team has started out the spring season in a full sprint. The Warriors have collected five straight victories in front of the home crowds.

EC began the season by defeating Clarke College with an 8-4 score. The team was led at the plate by Gresham Fortune, Daniel Landry, Jake Yarborough, David Martin, and Derek Glenn who each had two hits.

Four EC pitchers, Fabian Huddleston, Jerry Dupuy, Luke Gibbon, and Trampas Amadee, took the

mound during the game. They gave up no earned runs. The win was credited to Luke Gibbon (1-0). Glen and Martin each homered.

Wallace State was the next opponent on Gay Field. The two teams had a four game series with game one going to the Warriors by a score of 10-5. Jake Yarborough and Patrick Erving were the big hitters, with Yarborough being four for four, with five RBIs and a home run. Erving was two for three with two singles. Fabian Huddleston (1-0) got the win, giving up no earned runs in six innings of play. Chris Vowell finished the game by pitching the

seventh inning.

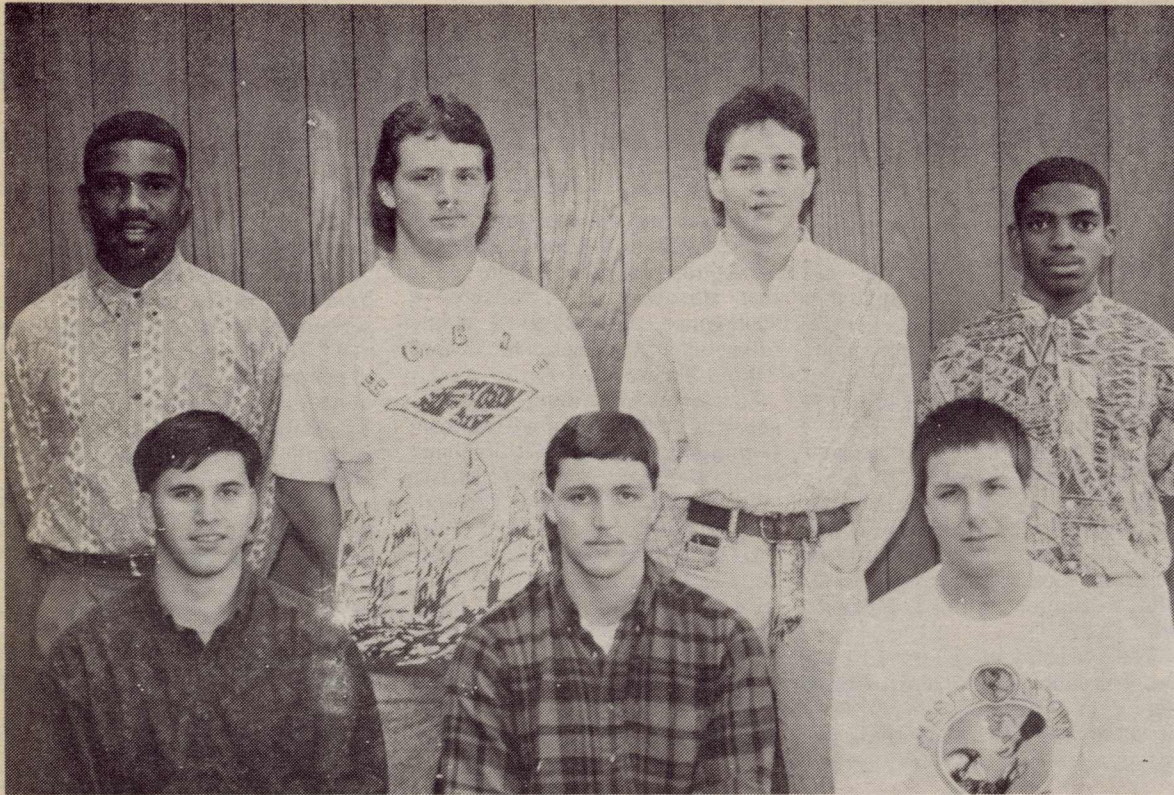
Game two of the series was called after five innings with a final score of 14-0 with the Warriors pounded out 10 hits including home runs by Landry and Yarborough. Jerry Dupuy turned in a tremendous pitching effort, a no-hitter, & collected the win in his first start of the season. Trampas Amadee virtually duplicated this performance in game three, allowing only one run and collecting a 4-1 win.

EC ended the four game sweep by posting a 7-3 victory pitched by Thomas Allen. Allen was relieved in the sixth by Luke Gibbon.



ECCC honor society

East Central Community College students who are members of Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for community and junior college students, include, seated from left, Melody Myers, Harpersville; Craig Youngblood, Meridian; Michael Mouton and Jason Smith, both of Lake; James Johnson, Lena; Matt Strum, Carthage; Chad Harrison, Union; Jerry Dupuy, Ventress, La.; Rush Callahan, Forest; and, standing from left, Dr. Shelby Harris, sponsor; Tammy Wilkerson, Newton; Onie Mary Crooke, Little Rock; Susan Williams, Hickory; Patsy Harris, Tam Cooper and Kim Griffin, all of Decatur; Cathie Jones, Walnut Grove; Lela Ladner, Carthage; Mrs. Ann Burkes, sponsor; and Chasity Young, Carthage. The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to promote scholarship, develop character, and cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. Membership is by invitation only; freshmen must have a grade point average of 3.4 and sophomores must have a GPA of 3.3.



Award finalists

These ECCC engineering students have been selected National Engineering Award finalists and are eligible to receive various scholarships for their high academic standing. Recipients include (seated from left) Richie Rivers, Union; Joey Coghlan, Carthage; Jason Smith, Lake; and (standing from left) Lamar Blalock, Decatur; Jeff Knight, Collinsville; Rush Callahan, Forest; and Alexander Hoye, Decatur. Dr. Shelby Harris serves as club sponsor.

This group 'sings the blues'

By DAVID CAMPBELL

The East Central Community College Collegians have been around for some time. Anyone associated with the college is familiar with this performing group, but there is also another group on campus under the direction of the same man who has made the Collegians so well known.

In the school year of 1990-91, music director Tom Carson, in cooperation with the President of the college, got together a few individuals to perform at home basketball games for halftime and between game entertainment. This group was also formed to give students interested in the music performing field a chance to gain some experience in that area as well as to help in recruiting students to East Central Community College.

There is a particular style that sets this group of musicians apart from other groups. They do not perform songs that are commonly heard on the radio. What they sing is not pop, rock, country or rap. The type of music done by this group was born in the Mississippi Delta and has been around for many years. They sing the blues, and they are known as 'Round Midnite.

When asked why such a group was started, Mr. Carson said that he had always enjoyed playing blues, and he thought that this would be a good way to expose students to this style of music. Four years ago he started an experimental group, "The Conchatta Blues Connection", which developed into the group it is today, "Round Midnite."

One reason the group is so popular is because in order to enjoy blues it is not necessary for a person to know the songs. It is a kind of "down-home" sound that makes a person



'Round Midnite'

Members of the popular blues band, 'Round Midnite, are (front row) Jay Pippin, Mark Branning, (back row) Hank Harms, David "Soup" Campbell, and director Tom Carson.

want to say, "Yeah, that's sounding good!" or "I can relate to that."

Recently the group was invited to perform at a music festival in Butler, Ala., and to share the spotlight with a well-known country band from that area. These guys are also hoping to participate in the Chunky Rhythm and Blues Talent

Search this July in Meridian.

Members of the group include: Jay Pippin, drums; Hank Harms, guitar; Mark Branning, bass guitar; Mr. Tom Carson, guitar; Gary Moody, saxophone; David "Soup" Campbell, vocals; and Chris Edwards, technician.

Mrs. Burkes named PTK's 1991-92 regional advisor

By JAMES JOHNSON

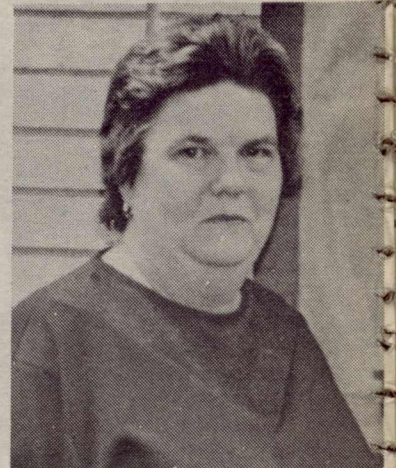
Recently, Mrs. Ann Burkes, PTK advisor and head-librarian, was chosen to be the 1991-1992 Mississippi-Louisiana Regional Advisor for Phi Theta Kappa.

The award is given for outstanding work with a Phi Theta Kappa chapter. The advisor must have worked with the chapter for at least one year. Mrs. Burkes has been involved as an advisor since 1981. She was first a member of PTK with Dr. Eddie Smith in the spring of 1963.

Her outstanding qualities go further than the classroom and library. She is actively involved in all sorts of extracurricular activities. You can find her at any school activity that is being held.

Mrs. Burkes received her A.A. from East Central. From there, she received a B.S. in English at U.S.M., a M.S. from U.S.M., an Ed. Specialist degree from U.S.M., and has had additional work at U.S.M. and M.S.U.

When Mrs. Burkes was asked about her goals and aspirations for the future she stated, "My hope for the future is that East Central will continue its tradition of excellence in education and that I will be a part of that process. I enjoy working with



Mrs. Ann Burkes

all students, especially Phi Theta Kappans and find that many of them become life-long friends."

This saying is what makes East Central a great place to get your education. Like Mrs. Burkes, the instructors at East Central have a tradition of excellence that they continue to strive for year after year. That's why you not only get a great education from EC, but you also gain "good friends."



Fashion show participants

Fashion Squad members Lori Rogers, seated, of Walnut Grove and Lynda Kelly of Carthage display the latest style in headdress as the two sophomores make plans for the college's Spring Fashion Show scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 1992 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium. The two ECCC students are among 26 squad members and 20 younger models who will be wearing fashions from area merchants in the upcoming event. There is no charge for admission. Mrs. Alice Pouncey serves as Fashion Squad sponsor.

Don't Forget!
Senior Day is
March 19



ECCC Concert Choir

Members of the college's Concert Choir, who attended the Mississippi Junior and Community College Choral Festival include, first row, from left, ECCC music instructor Leesa Wilkinson of Meridian, accompanist; Kim Shirley, Forest; Maria Leach, Sebastopol; Lisa Thompson, Louisville; Rochelle Sessums, Morton; Darlene Pate, Chunky; Marianne Bamberg and Christina Wood, both of Decatur; Laura Jinkerson, Union; Susan McCann, Walnut Grove; Rynthia Anthony, Sebastopol; director Charles Hinson; second row, from left, Jennifer Henry, Philadelphia; Tammye Jones, Decatur; Vickie Hedgepeth, Union; Rachel McCool, Louisville; Becky Measells, Morton; Jennifer Malone and Angie Sanders, both of Carthage; Dionna Mitchell, Lena; Pamela McDowell, Newton; Mae Martin, Hickory; and, third row, from left, Tommy Farley, Columbus; J. C. Howell, Walnut Grove; Jeremy Burson, Union; Richard Nance, Louisville; Sid McNeil, Decatur; Kip Barrier and Michael Duke, both of Philadelphia; Hank Hams, Decatur; and Leslie Ross, Forest.



ECCC Gospel Choir

Members of the East Central Community College Gospel Choir are, front row, from left, Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson, sponsor, Newton; Kenosha McClarron, Newton; Tiffany Steele, Louisville; Rochelle Sparkman, Carthage; Yolando Sledge, Louisville; Tesha Haynes, Philadelphia; Ocean Moore, Philadelphia; Wanda Edwards, Carthage; Koneshire Gill, Carthage; second row, from left, Bernaud Ball, Louisville; Katrina Harris, Louisville; Sonja Waldrep, Louisville; Yolanda King, Dekalb; Catina Coleman, Louisville; Martenna Gates, Carthage; Cherle Robinson, Louisville; Lamont Crawford, Philadelphia; back row, from left, James Cowan, Montgomery, Ala.; Vincent Goss, Louisville; Darald McCurry, Louisville; Javon Hollaway, Meridian; Steve Eilard, Miami, Fla.; Weldon Davis, Carthage; and Dee-Dee Moore, Philadelphia.

East Central Gospel Choir performs

TAMMIE PETTY

The ECCC Gospel Choir is doing a great job of representing the college this year. Their hymns of worship and praise are an inspiration to all who hear them.

This group is composed of 20 en-

thusiastic members under the direction of Ms. Brenda K. Johnson of Newton. Ms. Johnson has been working with the choir for the past four years. She is a former East Central student who was involved with the child care program.

The gospel choir actively visits various churches in the East Central

District. They have also recently performed for the Flowood Community Center in Rankin County. In addition to the singing, the group also performs service projects. They

have been collecting canned goods and donating them to the welfare department for use by the needy.

EC students participate in All-State Choir

The Mississippi Junior and Community College All-State Choir was established last year with four of East Central's students participating. Representing East Central this year were J. C. Howell, Richard Nance, Rachael McCool and Laura Jinkerson. The All-State Choir, under the direction of Dr. B. R. Henson, met at the University of Southern Mississippi as a part of its 21st choral conductors conference.

On Feb. 21-22, the Concert Choir

attended the Mississippi Junior and Community College Choral Festival which is held at Hinds Community College each year. Approximately 400 students formed a mass choir to perform a concert for the general public. However, due to the budget cuts in education, choirs from Coahoma, East Mississippi, Holmes, Itawamba and Northeast did not attend. The choir, under the direction of Dr. Robert Morris, did a superb job of singing.

District VICA Contest winners are announced

Award winners have been announced in the District III VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Skill Olympics held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur. The annual contest is co-sponsored by the State Department of Education, Bureau of Vocational-Technical and Adult Education.

Those students receiving honors in the various areas of competition include the following:

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Lawanda Leflore of Carthage High School, first place; Mike Lee of Millsaps Vocational Center, second; and Clinton Drummer of R.H. Watkins Vocational Center, third.

JOB INTERVIEW

Craig Lentz of R.H. Watkins Vocational Center, first place; Veronica Holmes of Louisville/Winston County Vocational-Technical Center, second; and Lynn Shurden of Millsaps Vocational Center, third.

OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, first place; Lowndes County Vocational Complex, second; and Millsaps Vocational Center, third.

PREPARED SPEECH

Star Wingo of Carthage High School, first place; Regina Roberts of R.H. Watkins Vocational Center, second; and Linda Ivy of Louisville/Winston County Vocational-Technical Center, third.

ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING

Ben Bungardner of Millsaps Vocational Center, first place; Patrick Baker of R.H. Watkins Vocational Center, second; and John Killens of Ross Collins Vocational Center, third.

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY

Keith Spivey of Millsaps Vocational Center, first place; Bruce Ferguson of Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, second place; and Jason Hemphill of Louisville/Winston County Vocational-Technical Center, third.

BRICK MASONRY

Joseph Johnson & Jiles Holmes of Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center, first place; Kenneth Jefferson and Marvin McDowell of Millsaps Vocational Center, second; and Carlos Jones & Tony Hathorne of Covington County Vocational Center, third.

CABINETMAKING AND MILLWORK

Jason Andrews of Wayne County

Vocational Center, first place; Fredrick Gilmore of Millsaps Vocational Center, second; and Charles Gentry of Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, third place.

CARPENTRY

Michael Runnels of Forest/Scott County Vocational Center, first place; Derek Williams of Millsaps Vocational Center, second; and Andy Prescott of Ross Collins Vocational Center, third.

ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY

Tim Meakins of Lowndes County Vocational Center, first place; Brian Cook of Ross Collins Vocational-Technical Center, second; and Marcus Evans of Forest/Scott County Vocational Center, third.

JOB SKILL

DEMONSTRATION 'A'

Les Pearson of Clarke County Vocational Center, first place; John Jones of West Point Vocational Center, second; and Antwain Husband of R.H. Watkins Vocational Center, third.

JOB SKILL

DEMONSTRATION 'B'

Jared Stringer of R.H. Watkins Vocational Center, first place.

MACHINE DRAFTING

Michael Griffin of R.H. Watkins Vocational Center, first place; Michael Lee of Millsaps Vocational Center, second; and Matt Smith of Louisville/Winston County Vocational Center, third.

PRECISION MACHINING

David Thompson of West Point Vocational Center, first place; Donald Temple of Lowndes County Vocational Center, second; and Edward Sessums of Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center, third.

RESIDENTIAL WIRING

Eddie Moore of Ross Collins Vocational Center, first place; Chad Brantley of Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center, second; and David Coats of Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, third place.

SHEET METAL

Charles Phillipson of Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center, first place; and Tony Shelton of West Point Vocational Center, second.

WELDING

Shannon Busby of Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center, first place; Brian Stiles of Wayne County Vocational Center, second; and David Gibson of Ross Collins Vocational-Technical Center, third.

Computer programming can be as varied as the programmer

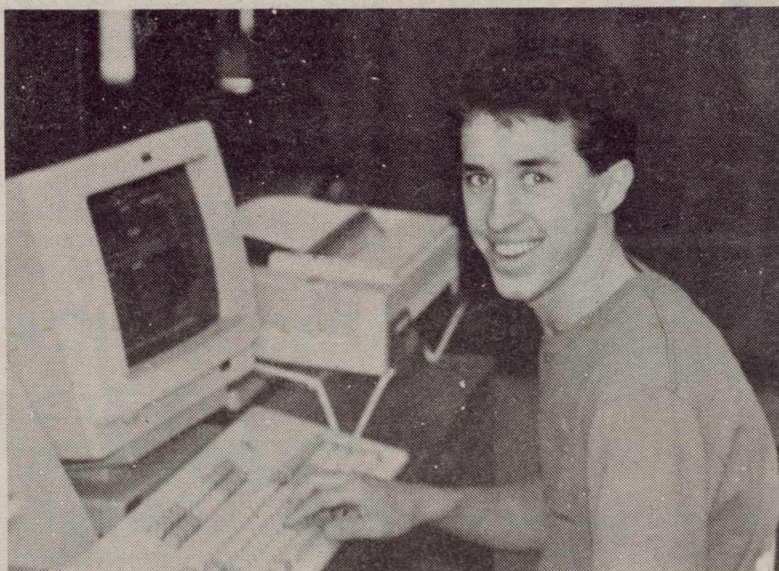
By SHIRLEY SKINNER

If we all thought alike we would live in a rather mundane world. Mr. Bullock asked his students in Programming II to design a program that used graphics. The programs that were designed by Richard Luke and Matt Strum are on opposite ends of the spectrum. They reach from kindergarten to college.

Richard's program displays a menu of trigonometry functions and lets the user choose a function such as sine, cosine, tangent, etc. and graphs it in two or three dimensions.

Though Matt's program seems simpler because the graphics are simpler, it actually has over 200 more functions than Richard's. It is a program for kindergarten students who are learning their colors and shapes. It allows them to match up colors and shapes by moving an arrow and it plays them a tune when they choose correctly.

Both programs are very interesting and exciting. These pro-



Richard Luke displays the computer program he designed in Programming II.

grams came about in part because of a new edition of the Pascal textbook that contained graphic in-

structions and the small number of students in the class allowed them more individual instruction.



ECCC Jazz Band

The East Central Community College Jazz Band provides musical entertainment for various campus events and also performs at other functions throughout the college's five-county district. Members of the group for the 1992 spring semester include (seated from left) Vincent Brown, Meridian; Brad Foley, Newton; Ty Jankowski, Lake; Tommy Denson, Morton; Jason Hill, Conehatta; David Ezell, Union; Leslie Ross, Forest; Clark Reynolds, Union; Jay Fortenberry, Union; Marianne Bamberg, Decatur; Michael Abel, Sebastopol; and (standing from left) Lynda Kelly, Carthage; Melanie Freshour, Forest; Mark Branning, Philadelphia; Hank Harms, Decatur; Rodney Bost, Collinsville; Richard Nance, Louisville; Stacey Turner and Brian Cumberland, both of Philadelphia; and Sid McNeil, Decatur. The ECCC Jazz Band is directed by Thomas W. Carson.



Park ranger visits class

Clarko State Park manager Bill Reed, fifth from left, recently spoke to a Recreational Leadership class at East Central Community College and is shown discussing park facilities with students, from left, Tina Ware of Forest, Stacey Thames of Louisville, Jason Gentry of Philadelphia, Lela Ladner of Carthage, area biologist Edsel Cliburn of Union, Patty Sims of Philadelphia and Stephanie Vance Gomez of Union. Clarko State Park is located near Quitman. Lucille Wood serves as class instructor.



Popular performers

One of the most popular entertaining groups at East Central is a vocal ensemble, "The Ac'cents", which performs on a regular basis throughout the college's five-county district. Members of the group for the 1991-92 school year include, front row, from left, Rachel McCool of Louisville and Maria Leach of Sebastopol; second row, Leslie Ross of Forest; third row, from left, Vickie Hedgepeth of Union and Becky Measells of Morton; fourth row, from left, Richard Nance of Louisville and Laura Jinkerson of Union; and, top row, J. C. Howell of Walnut Grove. "The Ac'cents" are directed by East Central music instructor Charles Hinson.

Is there life out of the classroom?

By SHIRLEY SKINNER

Do you ever wonder, while listening to a lecture, what your instructors do for fun? Are they just a vast reservoir of knowledge or are they real people with real hobbies just like you and me? Do they hunt or fish or play tennis? We decided to ask them and find out.

While interviewing Mr. Tommy Thrash, I found out that his hobbies are almost as varied as his classroom expertise. He collects primitive farm equipment and hand-made tools from the 1800's. Although he doesn't collect antique furniture, he does restore it for friends and family. He also enjoys restoring antique guns.

He likes all kinds of hunting. He even reloads his own shells. When I asked him if he hunted turkey, he said "Yes, but not very well." I understand that turkey hunting is quite difficult and requires long hours spent in the woods studying the birds. Time that Mr. Thrash



Mr. Tommy Thrash

might rather spend in his woodworking shop where he has built several dollhouses for his grandchildren and friends. Even though Mr. Thrash obviously leads quite a busy life, he still has time to play an occasional round of golf.

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The President's Corner

By **DR. EDDIE M. SMITH**
East Central President

The 1992-93 fall semester at East Central Community College is now in full swing. The hustle and bustle of registration are now behind us and our students and faculty have settled into their classes.

This is the sixty-fifth time that the college has initiated a fall semester. And, this is the eighth time that I have been involved in fall semester procedures as president of the college. Two other years, in 1961 and 1962, I was here as a student.

Needless to say, many, many changes have occurred at East Central since its founding in 1928.

All of us, regardless of how long we have been in education, have observed a whole spectrum of changes, not only in educational methodology and procedures, but also in purposes and philosophies.

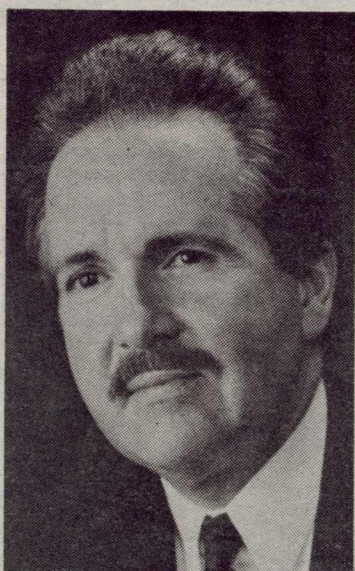
Those of us who have been around for a long while have observed that many educational changes occur in cycles similar to that of styles and fashions. Indeed, the flat-top hair style so popular now was also the rage in 1961 and 1962. Check the 1962 WO-HE-LO and you'll find one on me!

The subject of change in education is now so common that it has almost become a platitude. However, there are now global circumstances that are dictating that we in education **must** make changes in American education or we will be rapidly surpassed by other countries in technology, production, GNP, and even standard of living!

For East Central Community College as well as with every other educational entity, we can no longer afford to have "business as usual", "routine procedures", and "status quo". We must respond to the need for change. And, in order to do so, not only must we find the right answers, we must find the right questions to be answered!

Locally, at East Central we are responding to the needs before us. In 1992-93, we will:

1. Initiate a formalized Tech Prep consortium (association) with all of the vocational-technical centers in our district to better prepare students for



entering the technical programs at our college.

2. Employ a new workforce specialist to work with the businesses and industries in our district to provide programs to elevate the basic learning skills of skills deficient employees.

3. Begin a new Licensed Practical Nurse Program in direct response to health-related needs in our district.

4. Develop plans for other health-related programs for East Central Community College.

5. Review all our courses and curricula to assure that contemporary needs are being fulfilled.

At the state level, the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges will:

1. Host "The Hour of Educational Accountability" on September 29, 1992, at the Jackson Municipal Auditorium to focus on the current needs in all levels of education and to project solutions to those needs. Leading national and international industrialists and educators will be featured speakers.

2. Initiate a rural health care initiative with a \$2,000,000 grant received from the United States Department of Agriculture. This initiative will focus on providing more educational opportunities for people who want to work in health-related fields.

Certainly, even with these local and statewide initiatives, we have not found all of the answers for all of our needs. However, we are beginning to ask the right questions.

We're glad that **you** are a part of this exciting chapter in the life of East Central Community College.

'Hour of Educational Accountability' scheduled Sept. 29 in Jackson

More than 1,500 education supporters, government officials, and business leaders will join forces for the first annual "Hour of Educational Accountability," a statewide meeting addressing the status of education in Mississippi, on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at the Jackson Municipal Auditorium.

The public awareness program will highlight education trends, problems and solutions at all levels of learning from kindergarten through senior college.

Hinds Community College President Dr. Clyde Muse, who is also president of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Economic Development Foundation, said, "This conference is the most unique project in the history of education in the state because it will bring together those interested in all aspects of learning, especially the relationship between education and technology.

"In the past, there has been no single meeting in which all educational data has been reported, and this will provide an opportunity to fill this void," Muse said.

Funded by a \$25,000 grant from USPCI of Mississippi, Inc., the meeting will feature executives from two of the world's leading technological organizations. They are Hans W. Decker, Siemens Corporation vice chairman, and Daniel Goldin, NASA administrator. Mike Musick, Southern Regional Education Board president, and Dr. Leslie Johnson, Hinds County Schools superintendent, will also address

those attending.

Enrollment, drop-out rates, test scores, salaries and expenditures were named by Muse as a few topics to be discussed.

Also, audience response will be a featured segment of the meeting as members answer questions on critical issues with the use of high-tech electronic devices installed specifically for the conference.

Printz Bolin, USPCI president, said the forum will take a business-like look at the status of public education in the state.

"By objectively taking a closer look at what we are doing right and surveying what can be improved, we can provide the information educational leaders need to better prepare students for the future," he said.

"As we have in other states, our company plans to be actively involved in supporting improvements in public education. The teachers and administrators deserve private-sector support, especially from a high-tech business like ours which depends so much on well educated and skilled workers," Bolin added.

Bolin noted that USPCI works closely with community colleges in each state where the company operates. The company provides experts for in-class environmental service training as well as 100 percent tuition reimbursement for continuing education of its employees, he said.

"In Noxubee County, we plan not only to provide jobs but to provide the skills and educational necessary for those jobs to be filled by Noxubee County residents. East Mississippi Community College is a vital component of our plan to accomplish this," Bolin said.

A subsidiary of the \$12.5 billion Union Pacific Corporation, USPCI is among the nation's four largest environmental services and hazardous waste management companies.

A continental breakfast will kick-off the event at 8 a.m., with the program beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Sponsored by the state's 15 community and junior colleges, the project "should become an educational tradition in Mississippi," according to Muse.

EC to recognize various groups during homecoming activities

Several graduating classes and various special groups will be recognized during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 10, 1992 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Graduates of classes ending in "2" (1932-1992) will hold reunion meetings along with other groups being honored which include the 1982 cast of "Carousel"; the 1972 cast of "Annie Get Your Gun"; members of the 1981-82 marching band and Centralettes; the 1971-72 football team and cheerleaders; and the 1961-62 men's basketball team.

Following reunion meetings the annual awards luncheon will take place with recognition being given to this year's Outstanding Academic Instructor, Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor, Alumna of the Year, Alumnus of the Year, and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees.

The Warriors will host Hinds Community College in the annual homecoming battle which kicks off at 2:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

Tennis and golf tournaments and a 5K run are also planned for alumni and students.

Alumni who are members of the graduating classes and special groups scheduled to be honored and have not received information concerning reunion activities should contact Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Instruction, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Phone 635-2111, ext. 202.

Nursing program added to EC curriculum

By **DIANE DOUGLAS**

The 1992-93 school year heralded the addition of an exciting new program to the curriculum of East Central Community College. This is a program in Licensed Practical Nursing.

Mr. John Adcock, District Director of the Vocational and Technical Division reported that this program had been in the making for over a

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Warrior Band begins historic year

While most students were enjoying one last "lazy week of summer", eighty-six East Central students were being brutalized by the sun, maxxed out to the limit with daily hours of practice and getting screamed at by a crazed maniac while he stood on his self-proclaimed "Tower of Homage" on the band practice field!

Yes, Band Director Tom Carson really knows how to make his band feel welcome!

With the largest band in the history of the college under his guidance, Director Carson has been "hyper" since the group began to practice Aug. 9.

Says Carson, "As a result of a very successful recruiting season, due in a large part to sophomore leader-

ship, I am proud to have such an impressive group, not only in quantity, but also in quality."

Working beside Mr. Carson again this year is Centralette Coordinator Angela Weems. This group of twelve young ladies who dance with the Warrior Band, wasted no time in getting to work following May try-outs. They spent most of the summer "camped out" at Miss Angela's Newton dance studio working on their first-ever appearance at the Neshoba County Fair.

Another familiar face with the band will be alumnus Gary Moody, a big band supporter, who spent many evenings helping Mr. Carson prepare for band camp. When asked why he enjoys "sitting in" with the band and attending so many after school band functions, Mr. Moody replied, "Ever since Tom and I attended EC in 1973-75, I have always wanted to give something back to the college. So long as Tom doesn't mind my hanging around, I

will help all I can, whether that means loaning the band one of the saxophones in my collection, helping to keep the music library in order, or just supporting his 'other eighty-six kids' by attending their school performances."

Mr. Carson is also very pleased to have a fine "support staff" of students to keep things running smoothly. These include Leigh Ann Sigrest, drum major and band president; Rodney Bost, drum captain; Monica Logan, flag captain; Chasity White, assistant flag captain; Misty Nowell, rifle captain; Emily Guderian, Centralette captain; Amy Ladd, assistant Centralette captain; and Sid McNeil, horn captain.

When asked about any "surprises" at this year's halftime shows, Mr. Carson just mumbled something about a "Wall O' Sound" and "Those darn drummers are at it again" . . . I guess we will just have to wait and see.



EC marching band practices "strutting their stuff" as they prepare for halftime shows for football season.

★ Nursing

year.

The program resulted from responses to a survey given to the community and students in this geographic area.

Student enrollment in the program is limited to the East Central Community College District which includes Newton, Winston, Leake, Scott and Neshoba counties. Of the ninety-three students who applied, twenty-six were admitted to the first class; two were men and twenty-four were women. Eighty percent of the students are classified as non-traditional students. Instructors for the LPN program are Mrs. Kathy Evans and Mrs. Sandra Thomas.

Mr. Adcock stated, "The disadvantage to the program is the inability to take every student that applies. It is the hope of the Vocational department in the future, to expand in the medical field to other areas such as respiratory therapy and x-ray technology."

If you are interested in the new nursing program offered at EC, you should start now by first talking with Mr. Adcock or his staff. They will give you the information needed for admission to the program. Inquiries are now being made for the 1993-94 school year, so it is not too soon to start thinking about next fall.

West joins East Central staff

By NIKKI HARRISON

Miss Juanita West joins East Central's faculty as an instructor in developmental English and oral communication. She has also taken on the responsibility of advising the yearbook staff.

Miss West attended Clarke College in Newton for two years; from there she moved on to William Carey College where she received a bachelor's degree in speech and drama, and then to the University of Southern Mississippi where she received a master's degree in communication. In addition, she received further graduate hours in English from Mississippi State University.

When asked how she enjoyed working at East Central, Miss West replied, "It's great; everybody's been really nice, cooperative and helpful."

West has previously served as an adjunct faculty member for East Central for many years before being named as a full-time instructor. She



Juanita West

also taught adjunct classes for Clarke College and Meridian Community College. She was activities director for the Queen City Nursing Center this summer, and also the song leader for the Collinsville United Methodist Church.

The Lawrence, Miss. resident is also actively involved in the Acteen program as part of her church affiliation. She enjoys reading in her spare time, which she admits there is less of now with her yearbook responsibilities. Her biggest concern about her new position is that she will have a difficult time living up to the performance Mrs. Vickers maintained here. "I am, however, looking forward to the challenge," she added.



Mrs. Kathy Evans



Mrs. Sandra Thomas

Evans, Thomas to teach nursing

By GREGORY COX

Two of the new "Faculty Faces" at East Central this fall belong to the instructors in the new Licensed Practical Nursing Program, Mrs. Kathy Evans and Mrs. Sandra Thomas, who began their official duties in August.

Mrs. Kathy Evans is originally from Jasper County. She has a broad range of nursing and teaching experience. Mrs. Evans joins the staff after previously working with the Newton County School System as a school nurse and teacher of drug and health education for grades K-12. She has also worked in a private doctor's office, has done home health care and has worked for the Department of Health.

Mrs. Evans feels that there is a shortage of nurses and more institutions are needed to teach students nursing; consequently, she is happy that there is a nursing program here at EC. Mrs. Evans has two preschool children, Ken and Christopher.

Mrs. Sandra Thomas, a Chunky resident, holds a A.D.N. degree from Meridian Community College. She has worked with Riley Hospital for the past seven years where her duties included teaching the new nurses the skills that were necessary for hospital work. Due to this experience, the transition from teaching in the hospital to teaching in school was not as difficult as she expected. Mrs. Thomas feels that the nursing course taught here cer-

tainly "fills a need". When asked about the atmosphere here, Mrs. Thomas responded, "I enjoy it here—it is more relaxed here than at work in a hospital."

She has two boys, ages 15 and 19, and enjoys cross-stitching and playing with her niece in her free time.

These new additions to the faculty will further enhance the quality of education that East Central provides.

Attention poets

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest.

The deadline for the contest is Sept. 30, 1992. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P. O. Box 704-ZK, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by Sept. 30, 1992. A new contest opens Oct. 1, 1992.

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Viewpoint

EC students write on...

They love to fly, but it doesn't show

By J. S. MILLS

Over the summer I was fortunate enough to be able to make a trip over the Atlantic to the beautiful continent of Europe. I made this trip with a handful of other East Central students, several members of the faculty including Dr. Smith and a group of other people from various places that went just because they wanted to.

The idea of going to Europe was breathtaking—spending 10 days in a foreign land, listening to foreign tongues and eating foreign foods that were also foreign to my tongue. Each day that passed, I got more and more anxious—just waiting to take my first step on the alien soil. At least, I got more and more anxious until I remembered that our method of travel was via airplane.

First of all, I had never been on an airplane; secondly, I was terrified of heights. Those two facts made me one unhappy unfrequent flier as the date of our departure approached. I then got the idea that Europe was probably a dirty place with dirty people speaking dirty languages while eating dirty food. And the only thing that took my breath then was the thought of flying. I was no longer looking forward to my European vacation—dreaded it and looked for some loophole in my payment plan that would let me get out before I became one of the many people who have had a watery death in the middle of the Atlantic.

To make a long story short, my mother made me go, but I did not like it. After a four-hour bus trip to New Orleans International Airport, I stood in line like all the others who were willing to put their trust into a big hunk of metal being supported only by air. I was fairly calm at first. I walked through the airport looking through the windows at all the planes that were either waiting to leave or just getting there. And I only started panicking when I first saw the plane that was to take us to New Jersey.

Most of the planes looked brand new—nice bright paint and clean all about. But our plane, MY plane, was not quite as well kept as the others. The paint was faded, the sides looked all beat up, and I could almost swear I saw duct tape wrapped about the wing. I found holes where rivets were once seated, and the windshield of the cockpit was so dirty that someone had written "wash me" on it. It was a 727 death trap, and I came to the fact that I was about to die.

After they finished fitting the wing to the body with super glue, we began to board the plane. I walked down the aisle, looking for any obvious signs of structural damage so that I could forewarn the pilot. Not finding any, I immediately sat down and fastened my seat belt, knowing that the only reason they have a seat belt is to make it quicker in identifying your body when the plane

crashes and you happen to be stuck to your seat. As the cabin pressurized, my head began to feel light, and a certain calmness filled my body as we taxied to the runway. But as soon as the pilot put gas to the sucker and I was put back against my seat, I closed my eyes, grabbed the arm rests, and prayed.

I could almost bet my life (something I was not willing on betting at the time) that the engines were about a foot on each side of me. Each time the pilot touched the throttle at all, the engine made a noise like it was either going dead or blowing up. As we approached Newark, the pilot completely turned the engines off (nobody on the

plane believed me, but I could tell), and let us glide in. When we did touch ground, we had missed the first half of the runway. The pilot slammed on the brakes and doubled over every passenger on the plane, then made a quick 20-G turn to the left, stopping before crashing into the airport terminal with but a mere two inches to share (an estimated value).

Fortunately enough, the super glue and duct tape held up, but I could tell that they would need some more repairs before the plane's next flight. As we got off the plane, I almost congratulated the pilot on his obvious first successful landing, but I held my tongue.

Student wonders if commuting is really the right thing to do

By JOE GOODWIN

Well, here we are again at the beginning of another year at EC. I, for one, am proud of myself for having completed my first year and passing with flying colors. Even though they didn't fly high, we must keep in mind that they still flew.

Of course, in an effort to keep those grades up in the air, I've enacted a program whereby my grades are bound to improve. No, I didn't watch one of those silly learning videos, and my program doesn't consist of lots of juice and fiber either. Quite simply, it's something that everyone with a vehicle who wants to lose lots of precious sleep can do. It's called: COMMUTING.

Yes, I can hear some of you already saying: "AAARGH! You idiot, you'll be back HOME living under the tyrannical rule of your parents! How can you hope to ever have a life of your own?"

Relax, I've already planned for that. You see, I've devised a schedule whereby I go to work AND school. So, in addition to my six daily classes and one night class, I also get to work thirty-five hours a week at a gun shop. Isn't that fun? Of course all of this work leaves precious little time for the finer things in life that we all take for granted—like sleep, for instance.

But I also get to hone up on my driving skills, and every day I learn something new about driving. For instance, did you know that unlike a horse, a vehicle doesn't remember the path home after it's travelled it a given number of times?

In fact, it will never remember it, no matter how many times you travel that path. I realized this as I was travelling home late one night and my body decided that it was time to catch up on all the precious sleep it had been losing. As I drifted into dreamland, my truck decided it was time to take the initiative and try its skills at driving on the opposite side of the highway.

Luckily, alert drivers woke me by honking their horns and screeching their tires as they left the road.

As I swerved out of the way of oncoming traffic, I quickly pulled over and exited my truck—all the while accusing it of trying to kill me. Once I was settled down and sure my truck no longer had homicidal tendencies I got back in and headed straight home. Once there I went straight to bed and wondered once again if commuting really was the right thing to do.



Paul Glass

Glass named 'Golden Poet'

Returning sophomores are already familiar with the name, and freshmen will soon be. The name is Paul Glass; he has recently been awarded The Golden Poet Award for his original poem, "A Room with a View", which won fourth place in a poetry contest sponsored by the World of Poetry Foundation of Sacramento, California.

Paul has been invited to fly to San Francisco for a taping of "Poet's Corner", which will be televised by World of Poetry. Paul will also be honored during a convention where he will receive the Golden Poet Award, scheduled to be presented by Milton Berle.

USA Today and Entertainment Tonight will provide coverage for the event.

Presently Paul is planning to leave for San Francisco on Labor Day. Paul stated that his first love is the written word, and he is sure to have more as a result of this experience.

College atmosphere—Out of this world?

By DAVID LOVORN

The years have gone by since we started our first day of kindergarten, and now we find ourselves at college. But what kind of college, you may ask?

Is our campus large and impersonal, or is it small, personal and unique?

If you said small, personal and unique then your answer is correct. It appears that East Central Community College has variety in student body, academics, sports, and activities to meet anyone's personal needs without making one feel like just another face in the crowd, or just another social security number in someone's gradebook.

Whether your personal interests lie in the area of intramurals or a nationally ranked athletic program, whether you want to pursue a vocation in an academic area or the new nursing program, students can choose from a variety of stimulating activities.

East Central has a very relaxed atmosphere. The majority of the students will greet you with a smile and call you by name every time you meet.

The faculty, although firm, is also friendly as they put you through your paces and encourage you to always do your best. I, for one, am glad that I chose East Central Community College as THE place to continue my education.

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EC Warrior football team

Members of the 1992 football team are, first row, from left, Lamont Crockett, Dale Rushing, Steven Eliard, Tyrone Collier, David Martin, Jason Ryan, Tallas Moore, Todd Vowell, Terry Nunn, Danyel Hunter, Adrian Allen, Kenny Cross, Daniel Spivey, Derrick Loving and Demone Smith. Second row, Willie Porter, Roderick Clemmons, Jerry Welch, Lawrence Sangster, Sid Nicholls, Cashmere Sharp, Marlon Goss, Stan Kincaid, Ken Wash, Donald Hardein, Jeff Rigdon, Willie Brown, Bernard Ball, Jonathan Williams, and Scott Wesson. Third row, Michael Weaver, Charles Bester, Jason Cain, Jason Roberson, Jason Green, Salento Hudson, Jeff Rigdon, Chris Eriksen, Rodney Lyles, Keith Brown, Stevie Stephenson, Marc Anderson and Mario Johnson. Fourth row, James Edmonds, Tim Harrington, William Sturkins, Chad Phippen, Lloyd Jones, Nicholas Monk, Michael Turner, Cedric Ford, Chris Walker, Kendrick Bester, Johnny Robbins, Keith Dailey and Brad Atkinson. In back are coaches Tommy Spillman, Kelvin Lyons, Head Coach Reese Bridgman, Mac Thompson, Jermaine Evans, Reed Harrington, Rusty Daniel, Caoches Chuck Maxxie, Fredrick Lyons, Trainers Chris Burkes, Robby Thornton, and Managers Antonio Brown and Joel Triplett.

Cheerleaders 'getting ready'

By STEPHANIE RIGDON

The 1992-93 football season is underway and the cheerleaders are hard at work. Since tryouts in late May, they have been practicing twice a week to learn new cheers and chants.

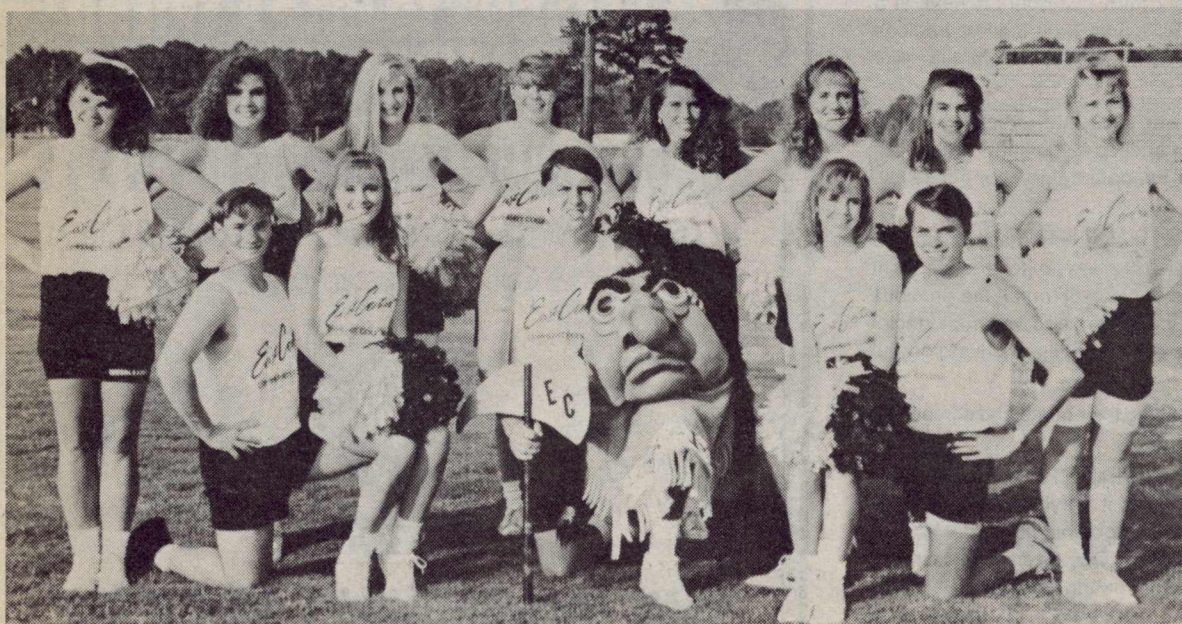
The camp they sponsored also helped to prepare them for upcoming pep rallies and games. Cheerleader sponsor, Mrs. Kelli Bridgeman, has been instrumental in their preparations for the year.

Kirk Weems and Angela Boutwell, both of Newton, serve as co-captains for the squad which includes Larry Miller, also of Newton; Jill Willis and Brandie Thomas, both of Edinburg; Pam Boatner and mascot Mike Stokes of Edinburg; Caree Tucker and Angie Bryan of Carthage; Amy Pace of Decatur; Deidre Amis of Lake; Monica Wheatley of Quitman, and Susan McCann of Sebastopol.

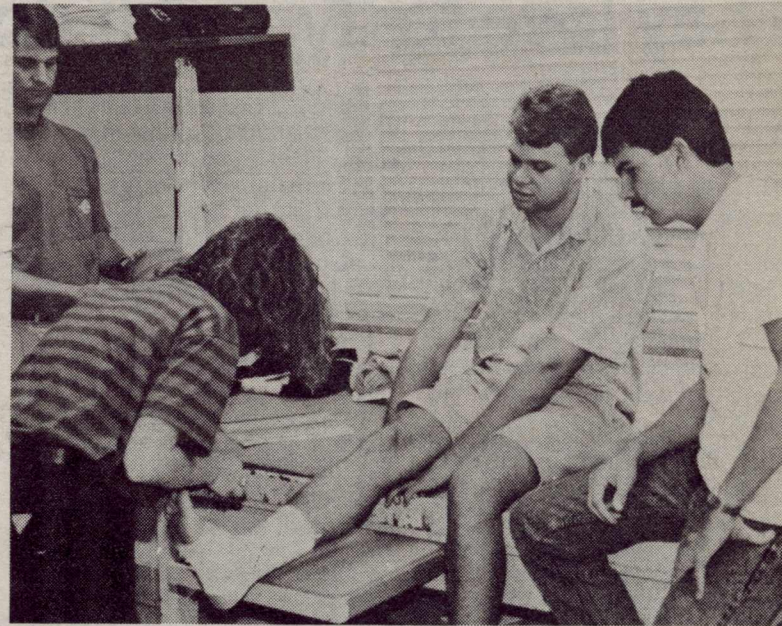
Camp was beneficial in teaching the cheerleader the proper techni-

ques for cheering and performing stunts. They also learned a routine which they will be performing at pep rallies and football games. The cheerleaders are anticipating a terrific year. Co-captain Kirk Weeks said, "Everyone seems to be really dedicated."

The cheerleaders will officially kick off the season with a pep rally on the mall. Information concerning pep rallies will be announced in the Student Bulletin.



The 1992 Warrior football cheerleaders are, first row from left, Larry Miller, Caree Tucker, Mascot-Mike Stokes, Angela Boutwell and Kirk Weems. In back are Pam Boatner, Amy Pace, Jill Willis, Deidre Amis, Monica Wheatley, Susan McCann, Brande Thomas and Angie Bryan.



Student trainer Amy Pace practices her wrapping technique on fellow student trainer Clint Wright, as Kevin French and Ricky Walker "supervise". These students have spent many hours perfecting their skills so they will be ready when "the real thing" comes along. —Photo by David Nelson

That's a wrap!

By CLINT WRIGHT

If you look closely this year at East Central's sporting events, you will notice some young people along the sidelines who are not players or coaches. They are Student Athletic Trainers.

This year, six individuals will be actively involved in working with the athletic programs and assisting the athletes and coaches during their respective seasons.

And, with the addition of a new class on campus this fall, they will be learning more about their field as they go.

Reese Bridgman, first year head football coach of the East Central Warriors is currently teaching the Athletic Training and Treatment of Injuries class. Among the students in this first year course are student trainers Amy Pace, Clint Wright, Ricky Walker, Kevin French, Robby Thornton and Chris Burkes.

This class is not open to all EC students, but does include students whose major area of study covers Physical Therapy, Nursing, Exercise Science and Physical Education.

Each major sport at East Central has a team of two individuals working all home and away games. During the summer months, all six student trainers attended clinics or worked with a certified athletic trainer to learn more about the skills they will need to fulfill their responsibilities this fall.

Kevin French, Amy Pace and Ricky Walker have been working with Greg Cloutier of the Meridian Orthopedic Clinic.

Amy Pace stated, "We have learned taping techniques for different types of injuries such as sprained ankles, jammed fingers and knee injuries. We've also worked on treatment of blisters and in-grown

toenails which frequently occur in athletes."

She also added, "Greg is great to work with. He really has a lot of patience with us."

Robby Thornton, Clint Wright and Chris Burkes participated in a student trainers' workshop on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi where they learned difference techniques of wrapping and taping various athletic injuries. They also studied the importance of warming up and stretching properly, as well as heat exhaustion prevention and reacting to medical emergencies in sports.

Fellow freshmen Robby Thornton and Chris Burkes of Carthage have been assisting the Warrior football team as they prepare for the upcoming season. Chris finds that taping is a bit different for football. "Most of our injuries seem to be ankles and shoulders. These are natural injury sports for football players," he said.

Sophomores Ricky Walker of Decatur and Kevin French of Union

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Homecoming run/walk set for Oct. 10

East Central Cheerleaders will be sponsoring the first annual Homecoming 5K (3.1 mile) Run/Walk.

This event will take place the morning of Saturday, Oct. 10th, with a start time of 8 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded for winners of each age group and each participant will receive a T-shirt and race package. There is a \$10 registration fee and applications can be picked up from any of the East Central Cheerleaders.

Warriors ready for season opener

By WADE PHILLIPS

Enthusiasm abounds as the 1992 Warrior football team prepares to take the field. First year coach Reese Bridgman describes the team as "enthusiastic" and "ready to play".

Although the team is young and inexperienced, Bridgman says they have a chance to "be competitive".

He said they have only "average talent" but that the players are "very easy to work with". If they "improve week to week, avoid injuries and get some good breaks," Bridgman thinks they could have a successful season.

Leading the offense for the Warriors will be quarterback, Todd Vowell, a freshman from Winston Academy. Bridgman says he has a "good arm" and "very good leadership abilities."

Vowell will have exceptional receivers David Martin and Keith Daly to throw to, along with tight end Mac Thompson, who Bridgman described as the "most consistent" player in preseason practice.

The running game got a shot in the arm with the late addition of highly touted running back Lawrence Sangster of Louisville. Sangster was named the *Clarion Ledger's* 1991 High School Football Player of the Year. Jerry Welch, a sophomore from Neshoba Central, will also see plenty of action at tailback.

Terry Nunn, a sophomore linebacker from Mobile, was called the "defensive leader" by Bridgman. He will lead a group of linebackers that Bridgman considers the team's strongest point. Other defensive players who received praise from Bridgman were freshman defensive lineman, Nicholas Monk of Sebastopol and William Brown of Nanih Waiya.

Heading up the defensive backfield will be cornerback Tyrone Collier, who has made a smooth transition from quarterback, and free safety Stephen Eilliard.

Jason Cain, a freshman from Newton County High School, will handle the punting chores and Cain is doing an "excellent" job according to Bridgman.

The enthusiastic Warrior squad opens their season Sept. 3, and will play their home opener Sept. 10 against Gulf Coast. Kickoff is set for 6:30.

You could coach a Warrior football team!

Have you ever wanted to coach a football team? (Girls, this includes you, too.)

Here is your chance. The Warrior football team is asking anyone who is interested to draw us their own secret play and place it in the designated box in the cafeteria.

Coach Reese Bridgman announced, "A play will be selected for each home game. The winner will actually be on the sidelines during the game and at one point will get to call in their play."

All East Central students, staff and faculty are eligible.



Coach Kelvin Lyons demonstrates proper defensive position to onlooking Warrior football players as they prepare for the season opener.

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will be helping Coach Jamie Clark during fall baseball practice and games, as well as during the regular season in the spring. Kevin became interested in this field as a result of his interest in sports. "I have played sports all of my life and this is the best way that I could stay involved," French stated.

Freshman Amy Pace of Decatur and sophomore Clint Wright of Philadelphia will be assisting Lady Warrior Coach Sammy Pace and men's coach Marty Cooper when practice begins in September. Coach Cooper thinks they will be a definite aid.

"We don't have a full-time athletic trainer at East Central but by having student trainers to do the taping

and treatments, I can spend my time concentrating on pre-practice and pre-game preparation," explained Cooper.

Student trainers spend as many hours at practice and games as the players, a situation which causes Robby Thornton some concern.

"It is like the term says, 'student trainer'... it is hard to keep up with classes and spend as many hours on the field as we do," he said.

While coaches are always looking for a great quarterback, a dynamic pitcher or an awesome center, the latest "team members" — student trainers — may soon become an essential part of sports at East Central Community College.



EC students find aerobics a good way to "get in shape" and to stay that way.

Aerobics class shaping up

By LUKE GIBBON

It may not be the electric slide or the "achy-breaky", but it is fun and good for the body. What, one may ask, is this phenomenon? Aerobics!

Yes, there is now a twice weekly aerobic workout on the East Central campus.

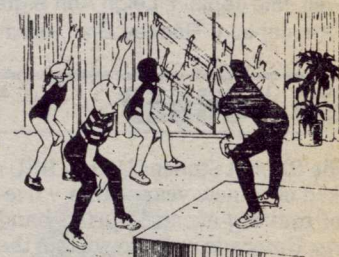
Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 2:30, several students at East Central meet at the Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium to become aerobized. At the present time, the majority of the participants in the program are basketball players from the women's squad who are using the aerobics as part of their pre-season conditioning workout. Amy Apperson, a point guard for the Lady Warriors, leads the group in the various exercises.

"I enjoy the exercise, but it also enhances our performance on the basketball court," Apperson said. "It keeps us in shape and greatly

improve agility."

Apperson stressed that the program is open to anyone interested in participating, faculty and student alike.

The program consists of several sustained exercises such as jogging in place and many upper body exercises. All of these exercises will get one in shape and also strengthen heart and lungs. So, if you aren't busy at 2:30 on Tuesday and Thursday, forget about that after school snack, and head over to the gym. It's what's good for you.



East Central Community College 1992 Football Schedule

OPPONENT	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
East Miss.	Sept. 3	(Thursday)	7:00	Scooba
Gulf Coast	Sept. 10	(Thursday)	6:30	Home
Itawamba	Sept. 17	(Thursday)	6:30	Home
Co-Lin	Sept. 24	(Thursday)	7:00	Wesson
Coahoma	Oct. 1	(Thursday)	6:30	Home
Hinds	*Oct. 10	(Saturday)	2:30	Home
Pearl River	Oct. 17	(Saturday)	2:30	Poplarville
Southwest	Oct. 24	(Saturday)	7:00	Summit
Northwest	Oct. 29	(Thursday)	7:00	Senatobia
Jones	Nov. 5	(Thursday)	6:30	Home
*Homecoming				

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Band Council

Serving as Band Council for the Warrior Marching Band for this season are: Sidney McNeil, horn, line captain; Misty Nowell, rifle captain; Leigh Ann Sigrest, drum major; Amy Ladd, Centralette assistant captain; Emily Guderian, Centralette captain; Rodney Bost, drum captain. Monica Logan, flag captain, not pictured.

BSU CORNER

The Baptist Student Union (BSU) kicked off a new year with a variety of exciting events. During band camp, Gatorade was provided in the field to alleviate thirst and heat. Forty-five band members enjoyed a BAND-AID PARTY Wednesday night at the BSU Center. The students had a great time at "Rec" Night on Tuesday, Aug. 18, which gave them a chance to meet new people and start some new friendships. Everyone enjoyed volleyball, ping-pong, pool and many other activities before topping the night off with Party Pizza from Little Caesar's Pizza.

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, the BSU kicked off the year with The Great Adventure, where everyone enjoyed meeting Big John Short. He is the smallest football player on East Central's football team. There were also games that helped everyone meet new people. The Executive Council had booths set up so everyone would know what they could get involved in at the BSU.

Big John Short told us about upcoming events at the BSU. One of these events is the CAA which will be held in the Gordon Room of the cafeteria every Thursday morning at 7:30. This will be a time for athletes to have breakfast and fellowship. Other events include The Mix, which took the place of Priority, ever Tuesday night at 7 and lunch encounter, which is every Wednesday during 5th period. For football fans, the BSU is the place to come and watch Monday night football.

Also, during football season, after every home game, on Thursdays, students and parents can stop by the BSU for Late Nite. This will take place after the home games where anybody can come and talk to the coach and the star player of the game. Special features will be John Yates, and in September, Miss Mississippi Candice Williams. There is always something at the BSU and we welcome you to come over anytime!

BSU Activities

Tuesday—"The Mix"	7-8 p.m. (BSU Center)
Wednesday—Lunch Encounter	11:40 a.m.-12:25 p.m. (5th period at BSU Center)
Thursday—CAA	7:30-8 a.m. (Gordon Room)
T.B.A.—Black Student Fellowship	

Students invited to participate in CA Assoc.

All athletic students and those involved with the athletic program are invited to participate in the Christian Athlete Association (CAA). This includes varsity athletes, cheerleaders, coaches, faculty and administrators. During football season, meetings will be held on Thursday mornings from 7:30-8 a.m. in the Gordon Room of Mabry Cafeteria. There will be a brief program including a devotional and prayer time around breakfast. (Breakfast is included in student meal plans.)

The CAA is a separate program sponsored by the Baptist Student Union and is intended to minister to all students. The format will be similar to that of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

For more information, contact Michael Stokes, cheerleader, or Dwayne Doyle, assistant BSU director.

BSU Center Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Everyone is invited!

President's Council guides campus organizations

By KEVIN CLARK

East Central offers students a wide variety of choices in the area of student activities. Below is a listing of the clubs and organizations which are open for students. A great way to meet new friends with common interests is to join in the activities.

Some of these organizations may have restrictions on membership such as academic grade point average or a specific field of study. Faculty advisors can answer any questions you might have in regard to membership.

Each club or organization elects a slate of officers for their respective group. The president of each group then automatically becomes a member of the President's Council. This council was established in 1985 by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, to help

establish better communications between student organizations and the president's office. Dr. Smith serves as sponsor for this group, along with Dr. Gerald White who is the Dean of Students. The President's Council is scheduled to meet on the last Monday of every month with the first meeting to be held Sept. 28, in the Board Room.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Students organizations include: Freshman Class, President's Council, Sophomore Class, and Student Body Association.

Honor Society: Phi Theta Kappa, Honors Bowl.

Curricular organizations include: Alpha Alpha Epsilon, Mu Alpha Theta, Phi Beta Lambda, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Student Education Association, Students in Free Enterprise and VICA.

Special Interest organizations include: Ac'cents, Athletics, Band, Cheerleaders, Collegians, Diamond Girls, ECCC Choir, Fashion Squad, Gospel Choir, L.I.F.E., Native American Association, New Directions, Residence Hall Councils, S.A.D.D., and Warrior Corps.

Religious organizations include: Baptist Student Union, Newman Club, Wesley Foundation.

Publications include: Tom-Tom and Wo-He-Lo.

Students visit Moscow in June

Six Mississippi Baptist Student Union students and one BSU director went to Moscow, Russia on a construction mission project during the month of June. The team included East Central Community College BSU Director, Tim Glaze and Thomas Edwards, ECCC student from Philadelphia. The seven Mississippi team members were joined in New York City by three other students from Illinois and Oregon. The group spent three weeks working in southeast Moscow.

The team performed various tasks such as shoveling dirt, loading bricks, mixing mortar, setting up scaffolds, and other jobs as assigned by their Russian foreman. The overall objective was to help construct a four-story building that will house the Baptist and Evangelical Federation of Russia.

The team's housing accommodations enabled them to meet various deputies to the Supreme Soviet. The rooms were small and everyone shared bathroom facilities with other guests on their floor. The team was able to visit the Kremlin, Moscow Circus, Lenin's Tomb, Red Square, and sight-see around Moscow. They all attended several Russian church services.

Collegians ready to rock!

After two days and 42 interviews and auditions, the 1992-93 edition of East Central's popular vocal/instrumental group is ready to shine for another year.

After such a successful 1991-92 season which culminated in a concert for thousands at Six Flags Over Texas, Director Tom Carson was asked if it was possible to top last year's group. He simply replied, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!"

As usual, Carson is planning a wide variety of material that will, of course, include the now international classic (?) "Achey Breaky Heart." The Collegians will be busy the next few months preparing for the Fall campus concert, the Spring high school tour, and a possible return to Disney World in May.

Members of the 1992 group include, in alphabetical order:

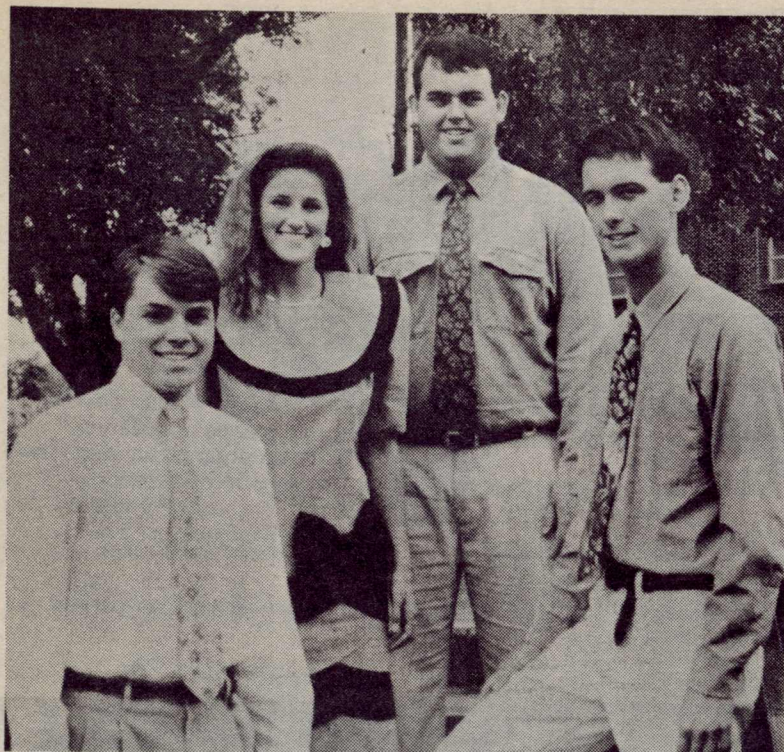
VOCALS

Mandi Bates, Philadelphia; David "Soup" Campbell, Decatur; Becky Measells, Morton; Amy Service, Decatur; Daniel Sharp, Philadelphia; and Kirk Weems, Newton.

RHYTHM SECTION

Jeremy Burson, lead guitar, Union; Jay Pippin, drums, Newton; Tina Davis, keyboard, Newton; Tom Carson, rhythm guitar, Decatur;

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Student Body Association officers

Officers for the 1992-93 East Central Student Body Association are from left, Kirk Weems of Newton, president; Jennifer Anderson of Decatur, secretary; Kevin Clark of Decatur, treasurer; and Nick Pouncey of Decatur, vice-president.

ECCC begins scholarship program for adult students

Adults who attend East Central Community College may be eligible to receive financial assistance under a new program announced at the Decatur campus.

According to guidelines set forth by the college's Board of Trustees, the tuition scholarship will be available to any qualified Mississippi resident age 23 or older, at the time of initial enrollment, who enrolls as a full-time student at the two-year institution.

The scholarship will be available to any adult student for three consecutive semesters following the first 12 semester hours he/she earned as either a part-time or full-time student at East Central.

To become eligible for the scholarship program, nontraditional students must:

—Enroll as a full-time academic or technical student on the Decatur campus.

—Have earned all previous college credit as a student at East Central Community College.

—Have earned a minimum of 12 semester hours but no more than 21 semester hours of college credit as either a full-time or part-time student at East Central Community College.

—Have demonstrated the capacity and a strong desire to obtain a college education by maintaining a 3.0 grade point average or higher for each previous semester at East Central.

—Complete a scholarship application form and submit it to the Dean of Students' Office.

—Show potential for leadership, academic excellence and have high moral standards and good character as documented by two letters of recommendation.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the college's Scholarship

Committee.

Proceeds from the scholarship will be credited to the recipient's account in the Business Office and may be used to pay for tuition only. Any student awarded the nontraditional student scholarship must maintain a B (3.0) average each semester and must remain enrolled as a full-time student to retain the scholarship.

For additional information contact the Dean of Students' Office, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327 or Phone 635-2121, ext. 205.

Non-traditional students are vital element

By DIANE DOUGLAS

That older student sitting next to you in class is not really a spy planted by Parents Anonymous. That student is a Non-Traditional Student.

Non-traditional students are men and women who have made the decision and commitment to enter college or perhaps return to college after years of working or raising a family.

They major in various courses of study ranging from vocational to academic.

Some of these students are single adults, while others are married with families. Thirty-seven percent of the student body at EC is composed of non-traditional students.

These students usually study hard and have higher overall GPAs on the

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BSU 'Late Night' to present ★ Collegians Yates and Miss Mississippi

All students, faculty, administration and campus guests are invited to attend "Late Night" at the BSU center each Thursday night following home football games. This promises to be an exciting time of fellowship and quality entertainment.

"Late Night" will feature an interview of the ECCC star football player of the evening and an ECCC coach. A dialogue will be conducted so that spectators can ask questions

about the game and athletic program. Each "Late Night" will include refreshments and the time will be free to all who choose to participate. Program guests will include the reigning Miss Mississippi Candice Williams, John Yates, and other entertainers.

For more information, contact Michael Stokes, Assistant BSU Director, Dwayne Doyle, or BSU Director Tim Glaze.

and Diego Velasco, Latin percussion, Venezuela.

WIND SECTION

Sid McNeil, trumpet, Decatur; Jay Fortenberry, trombone, Philadelphia; Stacy Davis, alto sax, Morton; and Tommy Denson, tenor sax, Newton.

TECHNICIANS

Diego Velasco, tech. supervisor, Venezuela; Tommy Farley, P.A. tech, Columbus; Leslie Ross, rhythm and wind tech., Forest; Chris Spears, drum tech., Decatur; and Harold McAdory, mixing board tech., Philadelphia.

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Something for the young, and the young at heart

By SONJA QUINN

While many college campuses become dormant during the summer months, East Central's campus remains a center of activity for people of all ages. The summer of 1992 was no exception.

One such activity is the summer school session in both the academic and technical areas. This summer on the Decatur campus alone, one hundred and sixty-two students were enrolled in the day and evening classes.

In addition, a great many students took advantage of summer courses offered by East Central in the towns of Carthage, Philadelphia, Forest and Louisville. All in all, the summer semester for East Central saw an average of twenty-nine classes in subject areas ranging from English Literature to Computer Concepts with an average of 15.2 students per class.

This summer also marked the fifth time the college has hosted Kids' College and Junior High Enrichment Program for children in age group seven to eleven (elementary) and age group twelve to fourteen (junior high).

This interesting and educational program offered eighteen areas including: Math enrichment, Conversational Spanish, Art and Drama. Kids' College classes were held both on the EC Decatur campus and Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, with each location having a good turn-out of young people.

Other youth oriented activities hosted by East Central this summer were a boys' basketball camp, two girls' basketball camps, baseball camps, and a cheerleader camp. Each of the camps had students from across the state converging on the campus to participate in the activities. The purpose of these camps was not only to give the students an understanding of the fundamentals in these sports, but to also teach them to work well as part of a team.

Go to church on a college campus? That is exactly what many students found themselves doing during two weeks of church camp. Week one of the camp was geared toward high school age students while the second week was primarily for elementary and junior high students. Turnout for each camp was good, and these students enjoyed an experience they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Another vital part of the summer activities on campus were the orientation sessions. During these sessions, prospective students met key college personnel, toured the campus, and took assessment tests which determined their placement in various subject areas.

Students and parents were then treated to lunch before a busy afternoon of scheduling classes with a faculty advisor and selecting a room in the dorm. Approximately five hundred and fifty students attended the sessions this summer.

In addition, a new activity was added to the schedule. East Central

hosted the first Elderhostel for senior citizens. The Elderhostel proved to be an inexpensive, educational adventure for older adults who wanted to enliven their summer.

People sixty years of age or older were eligible for the program which lasted six nights.

Elderhostel participants resided in the college dormitories, participated in three noncredit academic courses each weekday, and also enjoyed examining the history, myths, legends, folklore, and tall tales of the area, as well as participating in some exciting extra-curricular activities.

These included side trips to Choctaw Indian Reservation, Civil War sites and the Neshoba County Fair.

Sixteen participants from Mississippi as well as participants from St. Louis, Missouri; San Antonio, Texas; and Pensacola, Florida took part in the Elderhostel program.

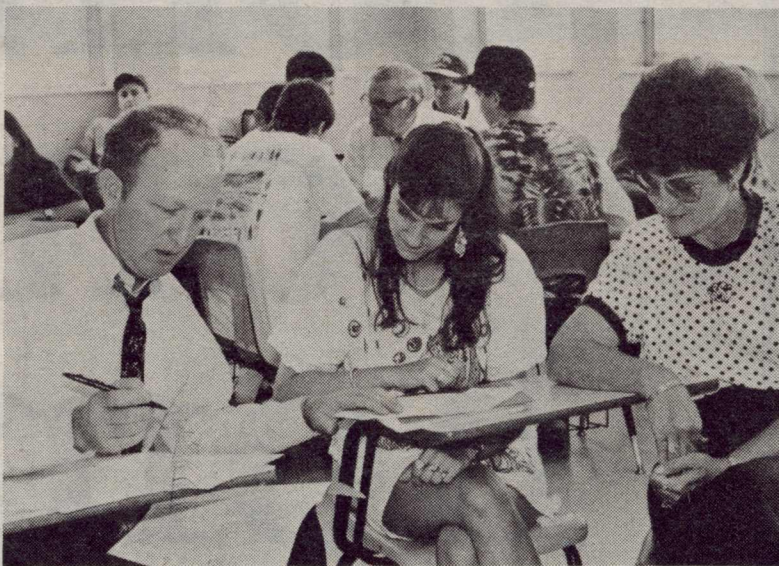
Opal Green, who attended East Central fifty-two years ago as a stu-

dent, returned this year as an Elderhostel participant and stated, "Dr. Ethridge made me want to enroll in East Central again just to take his classes."

A participant from Starkville stated, "Mr. Vickers' class provided a wealth of information—a presentation that could win an Oscar."

These are just a few of the glowing comments from those who took part in the Elderhostel program which was conducted by Dr. Richard Ethridge, Mrs. Carol Vickers and Mr. Ovid Vickers. Mrs. Alice Pouncey served as tour guide for the event. The Elderhostel program was coordinated by Mr. Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education.

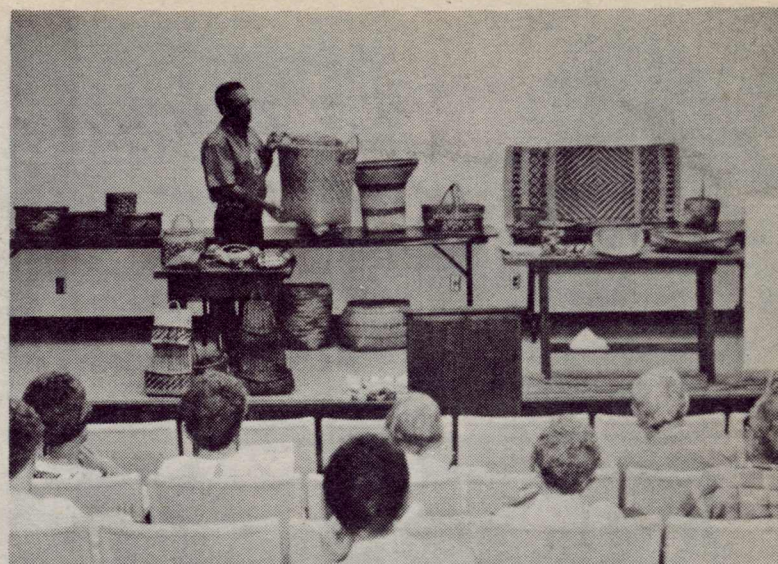
While most people try to squeeze in a few days in the mountains or a trip to the beach during their summer vacation, more and more people are choosing to spend a part of that time on the campus of East Central.



Leonard Barrier, English instructor, discusses course offerings with Liberal Arts major Angela Schultz and her Mom, while Ovid Vickers, chairman of the Department of Arts and Humanities, assists a group of students in the background during a summer orientation.



Coach Pace puts basketball campers through stretching exercises as part of the warmup activities before workout sessions begin.



Melvin Tingle displays various Native American baskets as part of the Elderhostel program.



Art instructor Bruce Guraedy demonstrates techniques involved in working with pottery as Kids' College participants look on.

★ Students

average.

Mrs. Ann Burkes, co-sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa, stated that one-fourth of the students in the honor organization at East Central last year were non-traditional.

These individuals are generally friendly, knowledgeable, and share the same hopes and dreams as more traditional students. They also have the benefit of life experiences and you will discover that they are happy to share their view point and knowledge with you.

Each issue of the *Tom-Tom*, will feature the Non-Traditional Student's Corner. It will feature specific information about non-traditional students. If you have something to share concerning NTS, please submit it to Box 40, ECCC or Office 68 in Newton Hall.

BSU reorganizes singing group 'Heartsound'

"Heartsound," a six to eight member ensemble group, has been reorganized. Teresa Stroud of Student Services and John Stansbury, a sophomore at ECCC will be working to establish this performance group. The format for the group will include a variety of contemporary Christian music and gospel selections. Members will be selected by audition.

Interested students may come by the BSU center for audition information. For more information contact Teresa Stroud, Tim Glaze, or John Stansbury.

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The President's Corner

By DR. EDDIE M. SMITH
East Central President

Launching another successful semester brings with it a number of associated activities, as well as associated responsibilities. One of the chief focuses for the month of September was "The Hour of Educational Accountability" held in Jackson on September 29. The symposium, held to address concerns for needed changes in the educational programs in the United States, was the result of many hours of planning and preparation, beginning with a press conference to announce the symposium as early as July. The program was hosted by the presidents of the state's public community and junior colleges. A pre-symposium reception was held in Jackson on Monday, September 28. Keynote speakers for the symposium included Col. Charles Bolden, Space Shuttle Commander for NASA; Mr. Hans Decker, Vice-Chairman of Siemens Corporation; and Mr. Mark Musick, President of the Southern Regional Education Board. As a conclusion to the symposium, I had the privilege of delivering the closing remarks, followed by interviews by Channel 3 and Channel 11 News teams.

Additional activities for the month of September included:

—In association with the presidents of the other community and junior colleges, worked during the special session of the Legislature to monitor the developments concerning sovereign immunity.

—Attended a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on sovereign immunity on September 10.

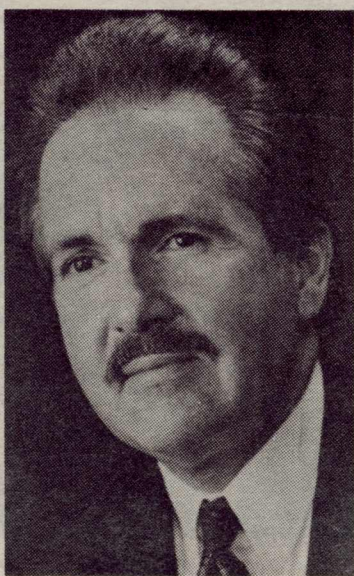
—Presided at the regular monthly meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges in Jackson on September 22.

—As Chairman of the MACJC, participated in the Legislative Budget Committee FY94 hearing in Jackson in September.

—Attended a "get acquainted" cookout at Turkey Creek for members of the Warrior and Lady Warrior basketball teams.

—Attended a meeting of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Economic Foundation, Inc.

—Attended the Mississippi Baptist Student Convention luncheon at Mississippi State University on Satur-



day, September 26. I serve on the Advisory Board for Mississippi Baptist Student Work.

—Worked with Leadership Newton County Committee to set up a leadership program for current and potential leaders in all phases of county life. This committee involves the Chambers of Commerce from all cities and municipalities in Newton County working in a joint endeavor. East Central plans to host a special Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Workshop for program participants. In connection with this effort, Dr. Richard Ethridge and Mr. Ovid Vickers recently attended the Kellogg Foundation/Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Conference and are duly certified instructors for the program.

—Spoke at the fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association and delivered a status report on the college.

—Attended a public education forum in Jackson on September 22, which featured Dr. Harold Hodgkinson, who is one of the reknowned educational demographers in America.

—As Chairman of the President's Association, represented the presidents at the monthly State Board meeting.

—Spoke at the Warrior Corps Banquet on campus September 22.

One of the highlights of this month was the opportunity to attend the Lamplighter's Program dinner in Meridian on September 25. Congratulations are in order for East Central's outstanding educators who were honored at the banquet: Mr. Tom Carson, Mr. Joe Clark, Mr. Ricky Harrison, and Mr. Tommy Thrash. East Central is proud to have them on staff.



1992 Homecoming Court

Members of the 1992 East Central Community College Homecoming Court are seated, from left, Amy Jo Apperson of Philadelphia, queen; Jennifer Anderson of Decatur, maid of honor; standing, from left, Rhonda Hill of West Point, Tanya Beckham of Philadelphia and Leigh Anne Perdeye of Philadelphia, freshman maids; Shellie Griffin of Union, Brandi Parkes of Decatur and Misty Nowell of Louisville, sophomore maids.



Plan ECCC Homecoming

Finalizing plans for the annual Homecoming celebration at East Central Community College are these Alumni Association officers and members of the Board of Directors who include, seated from left, Jimmy Dempsey, vocational-technical counselor; Patsy Clark of Louisville, Association secretary-treasurer, Paul Chamblee of Carthage, vice president; Lois Cooper of Decatur, president; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president; Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction; Dr. Gerald White, dean of students; and Ann Burkes, head librarian; and, standing, from left, Jerome Hardy, Philadelphia; Sid Massey, Noxapater; David Howell, Carthage; Skip Lathem, Morton; Ed Eichelberger, Forest; James Vance, Meridian; Dan Harrison, Newton; and Earl Marshall, Clinton. Homecoming activities are scheduled Saturday, Oct. 10, 1992, on the Decatur campus. For details call 635-2111.

Homecoming activities announced; honorees selected

Outstanding alumni, instructors, and inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame for 1992 have been selected at East Central Community College and will be recognized during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 10 on the Decatur campus.

Honorees include Earl Marshall, Alumnus of the Year; June Bailey, Alumna of the Year; Ron Davis, Outstanding Academic Instructor of the Year; Lester Miles, Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year; and Joe Clark, Evelyn Bender and the late Dr. Bert Thompson who have been named to the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Marshall has been a key supporter of East Central, not only in providing financial assistance for various college endeavors but also for serving the college with his leadership and involvement in many areas.

He is credited with organizing The Warrior Club in 1988. This organization provides financial assistance for college athletics. More recently, he has initiated a project of working with area banking institutions in providing tuition scholarships for students residing in the East Central district.

He is a past president of the Warrior Club, ECCC Alumni Association, and currently serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. He is also serving his second term as president of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Inter-Alumni Association.

A Philadelphia native, Marshall is a former outstanding football player at ECCC and the University of Southern and has been inducted into each school's Athletic Hall of Fame. He is also a charter member of the USM Alumni Hall of Fame.

Marshall resides in Clinton with his wife, the former Bobbie Jones of Forest, and they have three sons. He is an insurance executive with the Auburn C. Lambeth and Associates Agency in Jackson.

Bailey is an English instructor at the Jefferson Davis campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College where she has been employed since 1969.

In addition, she has been involved for many years with Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college. Since 1973, she has served as campus advisor for Omicron Alpha Chapter, which has been one of the top 10 chapters in the nation for two consecutive

years. Bailey's duties with PTK increased in 1978 when she was selected Regional Coordinator for Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana. With her new title, she became responsible for planning leadership conferences and regional conventions. Because of her outstanding leadership in the Phi Theta Kappa organization, she was chosen one of two regional coordinators in the country to receive the Distinguished Coordinator Award for the 1991-92 school year.

Bailey attended East Central following graduation from Biloxi High School.

Davis, a member of the ECCC faculty since 1987, teaches biology, zoology, and anatomy and physiology.

Before joining the East Central staff, Davis was employed for 10 years at Meridian Public Schools where he taught science at Magnolia, Carver and Northwest junior high schools. At Northwest he was selected "Teacher of the Year" and served as chairman of the science department.

He is married to the former Patti Jeffcoat of Forkville and they have one son.

Miles has taught air conditioning and refrigeration courses at East Central since 1984.

He is also involved with VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), currently serving as an advisor on the local and national level. He has had several students to win first place honors in the State VICA competition.

In addition, Miles is a licensed minister and previously served as pastor of Trinity Worship Center in Union.

He is married to the former Susan McCool of Rolling Fork and they have four children.

Clark is a former outstanding basketball player at Linwood High School, East Central Junior College and Livingston State.

He was a member of the 1954-55 Warrior squad which won the Region 7 championship and placed fourth in the nation following tournament competition in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Clark began his coaching career at Zama and Edinburg High schools before taking over the East Central program in 1963. He led the Warriors through the 1975-76 season. His most memorable season was 1968-69, when the Warriors won a preseason tournament and posted a 20-7 mark.

Clark, now in his 30th year at East Central, continues to coach golf and tennis teams and has produced several state title winners over the past 17 years.

In addition to his coaching duties, Clark teaches math, films all ECCC football contests, assists the basketball programs when needed, and serves as director of housing and security.

He is married to the former Carolyn Johnson of Zama, and they have three sons.

Bender, a two-time All-State basketball player at East Central during the 1975-76 and 1976-77 seasons, led the Warriorettes to the state championship her sophomore season.

A former Newton High School standout, she caught the attention of many college recruiters—especially ECCC Coach Lucille Wood—when she scored a career high 45 points in one contest!

She continued her scoring expertise at East Central, and still holds many records, including most field goals in a game (20) and best two-year average (25.7). She was a unanimous first choice for two years on the All-State squad.

Bender continued her athletic career at Jackson State University and averaged about 15 points per contest. She helped lead the Lady Tigers to a regional championship and a first place finish in the Na-

tional Black College Tournament.

She was drafted by the Women's Professional League and played for teams in Washington D. C. and New York City.

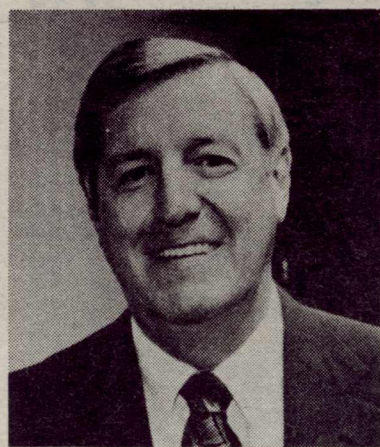
Bender returned to Newton in 1986 where she coaches the junior high girls' basketball team and high school girls' track squad. She is also an assistant high school girls' basketball coach, physical education instructor, and school bus driver. In the summer months she serves as director of the Newton Recreation Department.

Thompson began his athletic



Ron Davis

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Good Luck Warriors!
We are behind you all the way.



Scholarship recipient

Yancey Mason of Philadelphia is the recipient of the first Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur and is shown receiving the award from Steve Webb, left, bank president. At right is Dr. Gerald White, ECCC Dean of Students. Mason, a freshman pre-pharmacy major, was salutatorian of her graduating class at Neshoba Central High School where she was a member of the Lady Rocket basketball team and an Academic All State performer. In addition, she received the National Scholar/Athlete Award presented by the Army Reserve and was named a WTOK-TV Scholar Athlete. She received teacher awards in science, math, French and American History. She served as president of Mu Alpha Theta, a math club, and was a member of the Honors Science class. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Paul Mason of Philadelphia.

ECCC Lamplighters named

By KEVIN CLARK

The 3rd annual Lamplighters Convention was held Sept. 24, 25 and 26 in Meridian. Lamplighters is a statewide conference for teachers.

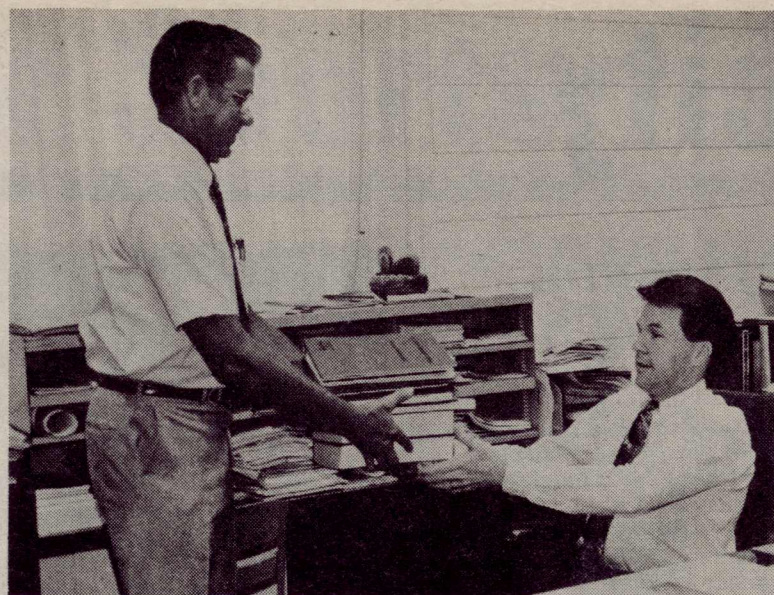
This convention serves as an opportunity for educational leaders to meet together and discuss ideas about how to improve education in Mississippi. The chairpersons of each community college select their top four instructors to represent

their college at the convention. This year the four teachers are: Tom Carson, music teacher and band director; Joe Clark, math instructor, tennis coach and dorm supervisor; Ricky Harrison, drafting instructor; and Tommy Thrash, history instructor. All of the meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Northeast and at the Northwood Country Club. All four of these instructors are very deserving of this honor and represent East Central Community College wonderfully.



Outstanding ECCC instructors

Outstanding East Central Community College faculty members representing their respective divisions have been selected for the 1992-93 school year and will be recognized at the annual Lamplighters Program scheduled at Meridian Community College. Honorees include, from left, Tommy Thrash, Social Science, Business Administration and Education; Thomas W. Carson, Humanities and Fine Arts; Ricky Harrison, Vocational-Technical; and Joe Clark, Math and Science. The Lamplighters Program recognizes outstanding faculty members from the states' 15 community and junior colleges.



Vance takes over as business manager

Mickey Vance selected ECCC business manager

Mickey Vance has been selected business manager at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Vance, a certified public accountant, previously served as assistant agreement compliance coordinator at Bluebonnet Savings Bank FSB in Dallas, Texas.

The Newton County native is a former professional liability investigator for Resolution Trust Corporation and served as a thrift examiner/analyst for Federal Home Loan Bank/Office of Thrift Supervision, both located in Dallas. He has served as an assistant comptroller at Plano Savings and Loan in Plano, Texas. In addition, his work experience includes employment at the certified public accountant firms of Dan R. Lee in Newton and William H. Gillon III in Natchez, where he was responsible for accounting records and tax issues.

Vance began his career for the Gulf Oil Corporation in New Orleans where he prepared tax returns and monitored balance sheets.

In all, he brings over 10 years experience to his new position at East Central.

Vance is a graduate of Newton County Academy, East Central

'Miss Macho Pageant planned at East Central

The Choral Department of East Central Community College will present its annual "Miss Macho Beauty Pageant" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1992, in the Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

Serving as master of ceremonies for the always hilarious event will be Thomas W. Carson, ECCC band director.

Advance tickets may be purchased for \$2 each at Wheeler Drug Store in Decatur. Tickets at the door are \$3 each.

For additional information contact the ECCC Choral Department, phone 635-2111, extension 225.

Collegians fall concert '92 set for Nov. 23

By DAVID CAMPBELL

The East Central Community College Collegians are now in preparation for their fall campus concert set for Nov. 23. As always, there will be something for everyone, with music performed by such groups and vocalists as: Boyz to Men, Billy Ray Cyrus, Delbert McClinton, Patty Smyth and Don Henley, as well as many more.

Huff Auditorium is the place to be on Monday night, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. to enjoy approximately one hour of Top "40" hits and possibly some of your favorite tunes. The price of admission is free.

The new members of the 1992-93 group include:

Vocals — Mandi Bates, Philadelphia; Becky Measells, Morton; Amy Service, Decatur; and Daniel Sharp, Philadelphia.

Rhythm section — Ray Graham, bass guitar, Philadelphia.

Wind section — Stacy Davis, alto saxophone, Morton.

Technicians — Leslie Ross, rhythm and wind tech, Forest; Chris Spears, drum tech, Decatur; and Harold McAdory, mixing board tech.

Homecoming Schedule of Events October 10, 1992

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| 9 a.m. | Registration of guests begins—Sullivan Center |
| 10 a.m. | Reunion groups meet |
| | 1. 1961-62 Warrior Men's Basketball Team—Room 60 Newton Hall |
| | 2. 1971-72 Warrior Football Teams Meets—Room 60, Newton Hall |
| | 3. 1971-72 Cheerleaders—Room 60, Newton Hall |
| | 4. Cast of 1972 Musical "Annie Get Your Gun", Home Economics Department |
| | 5. Cast of 1982 Musical "Carousel", Library Conference Room |
| | 6. 1982 (Fall) Band Members |
| | 7. All Classes Ending in "2" |
| | Class of 1932 Diamond Anniversary, Fine Arts Lounge |
| | Class of 1942 Golden Anniversary, Fine Arts Auditorium |
| | Class of 1952—Fine Arts, Music Library |
| | Class of 1962—Library, Faculty Room |
| | Class of 1972—Newton Hall, Room 105 (Second Floor) |
| | Class of 1982—Library Reading Area |
| | Class of 1992—Newton Hall Faculty Lounge |
| 11 a.m. | The Warrior Club—All Former Athletes and Current Supporters of Athletics at EC—Room 60, Newton Hall |
| 11:30 a.m. | Luncheon for Head Table Guests |
| 12 Noon | Alumni Luncheon |
| 2:30 p.m. | Football Game—Warrior Stadium—ECCC Warriors vs. Hinds Community College Eagles—Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court and Distinguished Alumni |
| After Game | Reception—Mabry Cafeteria—Alumni, Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students and Friends are Invited. |
| Monday-Friday | October 5-9, Homecoming Tennis Tournament |
| Friday | October 9, Homecoming Golf Tournament |
| 4:30 p.m. | |
| Saturday | October 10, Homecoming 5K Fun Run |
| 8 a.m. | |

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EC's VICA Club brings home gold lace once again

Students participating in the Mississippi VICA Skill Olympics represented East Central well during the skill contests held in April at Meridian Community College and at East Central.

Contestants from the state's 15 public community and junior colleges competed for top honors as being the best in the state in his/her particular profession.

East Central competed in 17 areas. In these areas students placed first in nine events, second in two events and third in one event. In addition to receiving recognition from our local area these competitors receive job opportunities.

The first place winners were also given the opportunity to demonstrate their top quality skills at the national competition which was held the last week of June in Louisville, Ky. This proved to be an exciting and memorable trip.

Competing at the national level were Trampas Amedee, Architectural CAD; Michael Bradley, Electricity; Patrick Ervin, Carpentry; Tommy Everett, Body and Fender; Thomas Newman, Cabinetmaking; Jimmy Parker, Job Skill Demonstration; Teresa Thornton, Cosmetology; Mary Beth Thomas, Model and Sam Watkins, Mechanical CAD. Joining these students on the trip to nationals were East Central instructors Larry Blackburn, Katherine George, Conrad Germany, Sarah Griffin, Ricky Harrison and Lester Miles.

Also travelling to Kentucky was

Kim Goss, a sophomore majoring in drafting and design who represents EC's VICA Club as the state's '92-'93 reporter. Kim will also represent East Central Oct. 10-12 at the state's leadership development training seminar to be held at Lake Tiak O'Khata.

The surveying team also placed first in the state Olympics, but were not able to compete nationally because no national contest exists for this event. Surveying team members were Ty Keams, Karen McMillan, Mike Pool and Beck Scott.

The large number of winners at the VICA Skill Olympics is only one indicator of the high quality instruction vocational-technical students are receiving at East Central. The theme for vocational and technical education this year is "Vocational Education: The Classroom of the Future." East Central has exemplified this theme by proving we are competitive state and nationwide.

New Directions Club meets

By DIANNE DOUGLAS

New Directions met last Thursday during activity period. This organization is for the Non-Traditional student.

The officers for the 1991-93 year were elected, and projects were discussed. The decision was made to meet once a month. The meeting dates will be announced in the Daily Activity Announcements, posted in several places on campus. If you were not there, and you are Non-Traditional student, watch for the announcements and join this group. For further information, you may call Dianne Douglas, 683-7156.

The Competitive Spirit

As a part of the 1992 Homecoming Activities, the attendance committee, chaired by Ms. Brenda Johnson, will sponsor a competition among the clubs and organizations on campus.

The organization with the largest percentage of membership attending the football game will win cash prizes of \$50 for first place, \$25 for second place, and \$15 for third place.

The members may also bring a guest who will also be counted toward the group total. Students should sign a roster for the club or organization they are representing at a table set up inside the front gate. The winners will be announced half-time of the football game.



Kandace Williams

BSU hosts Miss Mississippi

Kandace Williams, Miss Mississippi 1992, was the special guest of the Baptist Student Union and East Central Community College for the Oct. 1 home football game against Coahoma Community College.

Miss Williams opened the game by singing the National Anthem and then performed for the BSU Late Night immediately following the game.

Other activities at the BSU Late Night included free Subway sandwiches for guests and an opportunity to interview members of the ECCC coaching staff about the game. Dwayne Doyle, assistant BSU director, acted as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

BSU October highlights

By GINA BISHOP

October looks to be a busy and exciting month for the BSU. Each Tuesday night will see a continuation of the Bible Study Program called "The Mix." A different guest speaker will be a part of this program each week. On Oct. 6, Miss Dana Collins, a top-10 finalist in the Miss Mississippi Pageant will be the speaker. The musical group "Higher Called" will headline the Oct. 13 meeting, during which a hamburger supper will be served. The highlight of the October meeting will be a "Kiss the Pig" contest which kind kicks off a fundraising drive for the Summer mission program. This will take place on Oct. 20 followed by a hayride to close out the month long activity calendar on Oct. 27.

Wednesday's are reserved for the Lunch Encounter. Academic students will have lunch during 5th period, and the Vocational-Technical students will begin lunch at 11:15. The meal is free, and several guests will be sharing inspirational messages with lunch encounter participants. These include Scott Carlin, the association BSU director at Ole Miss, Rick Mitchell, Chuck Bentley and Dr. Chuck Pourciau. All students are invited to join the BSU for any and all of these activities.

The ECCC Players present: 'Here Lies Jeremy Troy'

By SONJA QUINN

This year's fall Dinner Theater production will be a comedy entitled *Here Lies Jeremy Troy*. The play revolves around Jeremy Troy, a lawyer who is up for a promotion to partnership with his law firm. Enter Charlie Bickle, Jeremy's old school chum, an artist who makes his living by sponging off classmates, moving from one to the other. Through a series of mishaps, Charlie discovers that not only is Jeremy's picture absent from the class yearbook, but that in fact his degree is a fraud. Using this information, Charlie blackmails Jeremy into letting him stay the night even though Jeremy's boss, Mr. Ivorsen, is coming for dinner.

Many comic scenes ensue once Jeremy's wife, Kathryn, mistakes Tina Winslow, a model whom Charlie has hired to pose, for a call girl and assumes Jeremy has hired her. An upset Kathryn storms out of the house. But wait! The dinner must go on! In a panic Tina is hired to play the role of Jeremy's wife, a plan which runs smoothly 'until Kathryn returns in the middle of dinner. The result is a dinner party that is interesting to say the least, especially since no one really seems to be playing who they actually are.

This year's cast includes the talents of Bryan Miley of Union as Jeremy Troy; Stephanie Vance Gomez of Union as Kathryn Troy; Diego Velasco of West Point as Charlie Bickle; Maria Leach of Sebastopol as Tina Winslow; Doug Pierce of Philadelphia as Sven Ivorsen; and Student Director/Stage Manager Sonja Quinn of Louisville.

Here Lies Jeremy Troy, written by

Jack Sharkey, is a delightful comedy that should not be missed. Dates for this year's Dinner Theater are November 12, 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. in the Mabry Cafeteria.

Tickets will go on sale Nov. 2 and prices are as follows: \$11 for the general public; \$10 for high school students; \$7.50 for East Central faculty and staff; and \$5.50 for East Central students. For more information contact Ms. Judy Carroll, production director.

Don't miss 'Kiss the Pig' contest Oct. 20

Kiss a pig? What do you mean? Yes, the time has come where people are actually "kissing up" to raise money for Summer Missions.

Four well-known men and four well known women across campus are in a race to see who can raise the most money for Summer Missions. The group who raises the most money has to "Kiss the Pig", and I'm not talking a stuffed pig either. A genuine passionate pig from Pucket, Miss., heavy on the hoof and ready for some sugar, this pig is waiting for the special moment on Oct. 20 at the Baptist Student Union.

On Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. the contest takes place. The contest is a chance to raise money for Summer Missions. A little contribution helps send people on missions and helps one team to kiss the pig. By helping to bring home the bacon you could be the deciding factor behind who kisses the pig.

Mu Alpha Theta elects new officers

By SONJA QUINN

The first meeting of Mu Alpha Theta for the 1992-93 school year was called to order Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1992. The main purpose of this meeting was to elect officers for the upcoming year.

When nominations had ceased and the dust had cleared, these individuals were recognized as Mu Alpha officers: Kim Thornton, president; Jennifer Anderson, vice-president; Amy Shows, secretary-treasurer; Sonja Quinn, reporter; and Adnon Shahid, social chairman.

Mu Alpha Theta is an organization that seeks to develop a keener interest in mathematics, encourages students to excel in mathematics and related areas, and promotes the enjoyment of mathematics among East Central students.

Anyone who would like more information concerning Mu Alpha Theta should contact Mrs. Lois McMullan, Mu Alpha Theta sponsor.

BSU Center Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Everyone is invited!

BSU Activities

Tuesday—"The Mix"	7-8 p.m. (BSU Center)
Wednesday—Lunch Encounter	11:40 a.m.-12:25 p.m. (5th period at BSU Center)
Thursday—CAA	7:30-8 a.m. (Gordon Room)
T.B.A.—Black Student Fellowship	

Time Out For Sports

Centralettes liven up halftime

By SHAWN MASSEY

The 1992-93 East Central Centralettes were selected in late May and have been practicing hard ever since. During the summer, they practiced once a week to prepare for their first performance at the Neshoba County Fair. Since then, the Centralettes have performed on several occasions. They performed in Philadelphia to honor the Philadelphia National Guardsmen, at Decatur Day, and as guests on the campus of Co-lin Community College during the halftime show. They also participate at pep rallies and halftime shows during home football games, and on several occasions, they plan to march in area parades.

In addition to practicing with the band on Monday through Thursday, they are also instructed once a week by their choreographer, Angelia Weems.

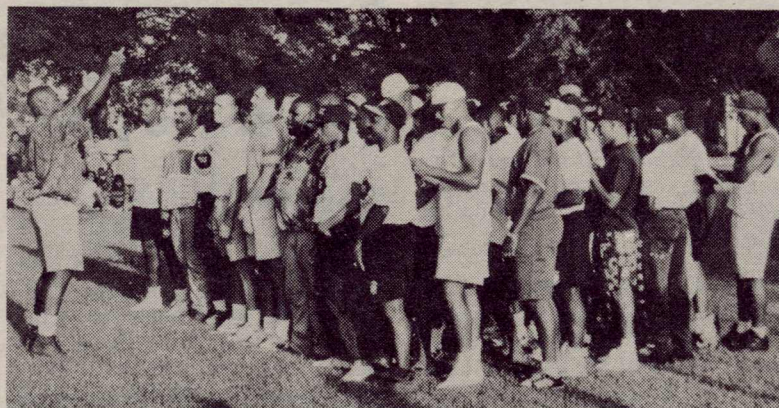
The Centralettes are as follows: Emily Guderian (captain), Amy Ladd (co-captain), and Mandy Bates of Philadelphia; LeAnn McMullan of Decatur; Stacy Brooks, Tracy Brooks, Dawn Jones, and Anna Kerr, all of Newton; Cher Mosely and Angie Crosby of Lake; and Kim Brooks of Union.

ECCC baseball revving up for grand slam year

By LUKE GIBBON

East Central baseball has hit full stride in its fall workouts. Fall workouts have been at high intensity since their start in early September. Coach Jamie Clark, in his sixth season, is very excited with the progress of practice. Coach Clark stressed that fall practice is a very intricate part of a successful college baseball program. "During the spring, the weather is very unpredictable," said Clark. Fall practice enables the team to work on things such as fundamentals and for me to evaluate individual players," Clark added.

Forty men have gone out for fall baseball and Coach Clark said he was very impressed with the competition between the players. There are many returning sophomores from last year's record setting 29-19 season. Coach Clark said many of these players would be called upon to show leadership. "I would like for sophomores to help me in practice by leading different exercises and drills," said Clark. "With one coach, it's hard to be in two places at once." With the EC baseball players playing hard and working hard in the weight room, it could shape up to be an interesting spring.



Pep rally gatherings

As part of pep rally gatherings this season, something new has been added. Members of the East Central football squad are shown leading the crowd in singing the school's Alma Mater. Terry Munn is the designated "song Director"

East Central plans annual tennis tourney

Alumni of East Central Community College in Decatur are encouraged to participate in the annual Homecoming Tennis tournament scheduled Oct. 5-9, 1992.

Tournament director Mike Anderson said all matches will be held during evening hours on the college tennis courts. Competition includes women's and men's singles and doubles divisions plus a special division for athletes over age 35. Anderson said participants may enter only one area of competition and must be either a former or current ECCC student.

Entry fee is a new can of tennis balls which should be furnished prior to the start of each match.

Deadline to enter is noon Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1992.

Award winners will be recognized and presented trophies during the alumni luncheon which begins at noon Saturday, Oct. 10 as part of the alumni luncheon which begins at noon Saturday, Oct. 10 as part of the annual Homecoming festivities.

To enter the tournament and receive additional information call the college at 635-2111.

Walk/Run set for Oct. 10

The first annual Warrior 5k Walk/Run has been added to the list of Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 10, 1992, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Sponsored by the East Central cheerleaders, the 3.1 mile event begins at 8 a.m. in the parking lot in front of the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Registration will be held from 6:30 to 7:45 on the same morning and location.

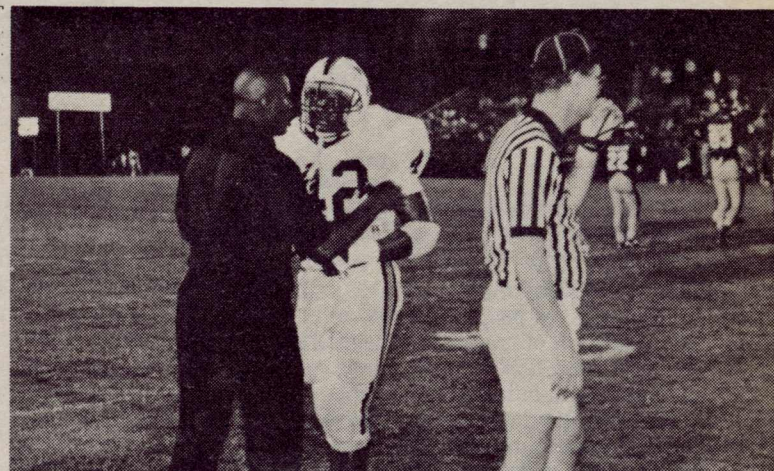
Registration fees are \$10.00 per person if paid by October 8 and \$12.00 after October 8.

All participants will receive a race T-shirt, official race number and race packet. Awards will be presented to the first, second, and third place finishers in the various male and female age divisions.

For additional information contact Kelly Bridgman, ECCC cheerleader sponsor, Box 51, Decatur, MS 39327.

ECCC Fall Practice Schedule

Oct. 9	EMCC	Home	2 p.m.
Oct. 13	Holmes	Home	3 p.m.
Oct. 15	Belhaven	Away	2 p.m.
Oct. 19-23	USM Tourney	TBA	



Coach Kelvin Lyons gives Bernard Ball last minute instructions.

Warriors see first win

By WADE PHILLIPS

Although the '92 Warriors have stumbled to an 0-3 start, head coach Reese Bridgeman still sees some good reasons for optimism. "If we continue to improve the way we did between Gulf Coast and Itawamba, we have a chance to win the rest of our games," Bridgeman said.

Even though they surrendered 42 points to Itawamba, Bridgeman was pleased with his defense's performance. The Warrior "D" held the high-powered offense of the tenth ranked Indians to only 12 first half points, even though Itawamba was

continually deep into Warrior territory.

While the defense continues to improve, the offense continues to sputter, averaging only one touchdown per game. Bridgeman believes if they can cut down on their penalties and execute better, the offense will begin to click.

Bridgeman thinks the Warriors have a good chance to win their next two games if they "eliminate mistakes" and "execute their offense better." If so, they will have a lot of momentum going into their Homecoming game against Hinds, Oct. 10. The Saturday kickoff is set for 2:30 on Warrior Field.

1992-93 Basketball Schedule

Nov. 2	East MS	Decatur
Nov. 6	MS Delta	Moorhead
Nov. 7	Holmes	Decatur
Nov. 9	East MS	Scooba
Nov. 13	Jones Tournament	Ellisville
Nov. 14	ECCC, Jones, Bishop St., Ala. Central Baptist, Ar.	
Nov. 16	MS Delta	Decatur
Nov. 19	East MS Tourn.	Scooba
Nov. 20	ECCC, Sheldon State, Mary Holmes, EMCC	
Nov. 23	Itawamba Tourn. (Men Only)	Itawamba
Nov. 24	ECCC, Jones, Itawamba & Muscle Shoals	
Dec. 1	Southwest	Summit
Dec. 3	Jones	Decatur
Dec. 7	Co-Lin	Decatur
Dec. 10	Gulf-Coast	Perkinston
Dec. 12	Holmes	Goodman
Jan. 8	ECCC Tournament	Decatur
Jan. 9	ECCC, Itawamba, Jones, Mary Holmes	
Jan. 11	Pearl River	Decatur
Jan. 19	Hinds	Raymond
Jan. 21	Southwest	Decatur
Jan. 25	Jones	Ellisville
Jan. 28	Co-Lin	Wesson
Feb. 1	Gulf Coast	Decatur
Feb. 4	Pearl River	Poplarville
Feb. 11	Hinds	Decatur
Feb. 15-18	South Division Tourn.	Utica
Feb. 22-23	State Tournament	TBA
March 1-4	Region 23 Tournament	Miss. College

All Home Games at 6:00 (Women) and 7:45 (Men) Unless otherwise noted.

Viewpoint

EC students write on...

President, Who? Will you vote?

By GREG COX

To vote or not to vote? It is not so much the questions of who as a question of why? The fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives people the right to vote regardless of "race, color, or previous condition of servitude." It is our right, our duty, as citizens of this country to do so.

What makes people not vote? Maybe they are not registered, or are traveling and did not get an absentee ballot. Perhaps they are not American citizens, or are a new resident in a community. It might be a lack of interest in politics, or they may find voting inconvenient. It could be a question of which candidate to choose or simply not liking either choice.

In the upcoming presidential election, there might be a shortage of voters at the polls. I think this reason could be attributed to the uncertainty of which candidate they want to lead the country for the next four years. What choices do we have? Who will it be?

Bush is not an agent of change. If change is the predicate, he can't win. However, if he can flip it over and make risk the equation in this election he has a chance to win. Change is associated with risk and Bush needs to drive up the risk factor. He has to paint Clinton and Perot as too great a risk for voters to take. Bush also needs to change his strategy. He has to confess that his first four years in office have not been a major success. Bush's biggest success has been in international relations, but with the demise of the Soviet Union I think the voters' general interest does not lie in foreign affairs. Even an attack on Iraq would not bring Bush back into popularity. At the home front, it won't do for Bush to run around the country stressing family values and accusing the Democrats of wanting to tear the country down — that trivializes the issues. Bush does not seem to have it in him to do what is necessary. He needs a knockout to win, because if this election is scored to points, Bush loses.

It seems that the issue is Bush. People do not want him for four more years. So, we have Clinton. Clinton has survived a brutal campaign in which all kinds of charges were leveled against him — there are questions as to his credibility. If there is going to be any surprises on the Democratic side it will be of Clinton's character, rather than any foreign or domestic policy development.

However, there are weaknesses that exist. Clinton has no background in international or military affairs, and he is uninterested in a crisis. The heart of Clinton's message is the monotonous repetition of his economic plan which calls for additional government spending and higher taxes. Is this what the people want? Clin-

ton has shown remarkable resilience so far, but does he realize that his real strength is the weaknesses of Bush?

Is it really necessary to discuss the political ambitions of Perot? Perot came at a time when voters needed something, anything, to take their minds off Clinton and Bush. Perot abandoned his dream of a Navy career, cut short his ambitious effort to reform General Motors Corporation, and dropped out of the presidency. Why is he back on the ticket now? Can you run out on a country if elected? The "wishy-

washy" Perot might try. His entire campaign can quite simply be perceived as being a flight on the wings of ego.

This election year leaves a big question mark in the minds of many voters, myself included. With six weeks left until the election I will have to do some serious contemplating. Even with all the negativeness that this presidential race possesses I realize one thing — I must vote. It is my duty, my choice, and my right. I can make a difference; can you?

Voting not only a right, it's a job for everyone

By J. S. MILLS

Being election year again, we the American public find that it is our duty to choose the man that will lead our country for the next four years. But it is not as easy as punching a hole in the ballot next to whom you decide on by flipping a coin.

Our choice must be a confident one—a choice we will not regret within the next four years. We must be sure that "our man" for president is "the man" for president. And strangely enough, what will be for many of us our first year to vote for President, it will be one of the toughest decisions within the last 20 years for this high position.

Would it be better to stick with the incumbent, but economically bewildered, George Bush, or go with the morally questionable Bill Clinton? People have all but forgotten "Bush's" victory in the Persian Gulf—and many Republican supporters wish they could forget Dan Quayle's many blunders. I do have one thing for Bill Clinton—Al Gore—but I do not think that Gore is enough to sway my vote to the Democratic ticket.

And just when we think that

America is basically a two-party system, here comes an independent from Texas who has said little but has done a lot in the polls. Perot has made even the non-politically minded fans of the political process. Now that Ross Perot is on the ballot in all 50 states, he decides that he made a mistake of ever dropping out of the race. But can Perot's old supporters trust him again since he has let them down before?

Perot would have a chance of getting my vote if it were not for Bill Clinton—I'm scared that if too many people take away their vote away from the Bush-Quayle ticket that Clinton might inherit the Presidency with about 40% of the vote, showing that the majority of the people really do not want him to take command of our nation.

If Bush would dump Quayle, and if Gore would leave Clinton for Perot, I think that the people might actually have a tougher decision on their hands. But the way it is now, Clinton scares me twice as much as Quayle, and his job would be infinitely more important. Make your decision well, for the winner will be making decisions for you.

Spain: more fun in Europe than on the plane

By J. S. MILLS

In the last *Tom Tom*, I wrote an article about flying to Europe, and I had people ask me if I really had that bad of a time over there. I just want to make it clear that I had a great time in Europe, that it was only the first plane ride that bothered me. As soon as I got on the massive 747, a Cadillac with wings, I felt calm and cool, and I had totally lost my fear of heights.

But we did not just get on a plane, go over there and come back—we stayed few days. Our first stop was Madrid, Spain, a huge capital city that seems to be surrounded by nothing. When I had thought of Spain, I thought of dark people with caracas in their hands running around and chasing loose chickens. But Madrid is a rumbling city, seeming always to be too busy to slow down. The sidewalks move as fast as the street, and I do not believe that either have any laws enforcing traffic—it looks like a "first come, first serve" deal, where whoever gets wherever fastest wins whatever, provided he gets there in one piece.

Our hotel was interesting. When you walk into the lobby, the place was clean, well kept, and looked like a nice place to stay, as did the first two floors. But when you hit that third floor (we were on the ninth or something wild like that, and the two elevators carried a total of two people per day) you thought that you were in the Hotel el Roacho. One of the stairways seemed to be going somewhere, but then suddenly ended in a condominium for spiders, and the other was hidden by a mirrored door.

When I thought about Madrid before I left, I figured I would come back about 20 pounds thinner since I do not eat Spanish food—but would you believe that Madrid has more McDonald's on every block than we do in the entire state of Mississippi? And right across from our hotel (the grand Tryp Tex) was a Kentucky Fried Chicken, which seemed to get slightly more business than the Taco Bell down the street (Taco Bell, in Spain? I'll leave that one alone).

Well, we went into a few places we shouldn't have, a few that we normally wouldn't have, and did a few things we couldn't have back home in Mississippi. Maracas and chasing chickens? One is more likely to see a light skinned Spaniard chasing traffic on a motor scooter with a jam box strapped on back.



Sheila Terrell

Terrell joins Vo-Tech staff

By NIKKI HARRISON

Sheila Terrell has been named vocational-technical counselor for special populations at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Miss Terrell previously served as residence manager and academic counselor at Hinds Community College where she was also a mathematics tutor for the Upward Bound Program. In addition, she has experience as a dormitory residence manager.

She is a graduate of Heidelberg High School, Jones County Junior College and Jackson State University. At JSU, she received a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in education with emphasis in counseling.

Her parents are Chester and Rosie Terrell of Vossburg.

In her spare time, Miss Terrell enjoys traveling, keeping fit, and reading. When asked how she enjoys working at East Central she replied, "I truly enjoy working at East Central; Everyone makes me feel right at home."

Art students view rare exhibit

By DIANE DOUGLAS

The East Central art students, under the direction of Bruce Guraedy, traveled to Jackson on Thursday, Sept. 10 to view the "Dutch & Flemish" exhibit, at the Mississippi Museum of Art. This exhibit included paintings by the Dutch and Flemish Old Masters from the "Golden Age of Painting." The Dutch & Flemish 17th century paintings were drawn from a collection which is rarely offered for public viewing anywhere in the world. The exhibit was shown in Jackson from Aug. 1-Sept. 27, and will only be seen in five more cities in the United States.

This was a rare opportunity for the students at East Central, as well as the people of Mississippi. The art students enjoyed viewing the priceless works of art. In conjunction with the Dutch & Flemish 17th Century paintings the art students viewed the exhibit of "The Age of Rembrandt" which included approximately 50 works by the classic Dutch master, drawn from the nation's finest private and museum collections.



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Non-traditional Student Corner

By DIANNE DOUGLAS

This issue of the *Tom Tom* will feature Ms. Stephanie Gomez who will be seen in the upcoming East Central Dinner Theater Production. Stephanie will play the role of Kathryn Troy, the leading lady, in "Here Lies Jeremy Troy." Concerning her venture into acting Stephanie said, "It is an exciting experience and lots of fun. Miss Carroll has been a great encouragement for me."

Stephanie was asked to write about her decision to return to school and her experiences while here. This essay will introduce you to this interesting non-traditional student.

Go back to school? Who me, at my age? It's been 14 years since I've been in school, and I'm not sure I can handle it, but how will I survive in the working world without a degree?

My name is Stephanie Vance Gomez. I'm 31 years old and I live in Union, MS. I had so many question before starting back to school, but since I've made the decision to further my education, the results have been overwhelming. I'm finding out that I can handle it and that I'm not as "dumb" as I thought. This has been the best thing that could have happened in my life.

A nursing career is my tentative goal, and I chose that field for many reasons. It is a beneficial field that is growing steadily everyday. There is fantastic money to be made, and there are many different areas of nursing to choose from. I plan to finish my studies and receive my degree from Livingston University in Livingston, Ala. But, a nursing degree has not been my only interest.

I was introduced by Ovid Vickers to a writer named John Henry Newman, who wrote *The Idea of a University*. In this writing, he clearly states that education should be an end to a means and not a means to an end. Until I started at East Central, I did not realize how true and how important this statement is. I've realized that there are so many other things that I would like to know other than the courses that are required for nursing, and why should I subject myself to learning one specific field of study and not allow myself to enjoy the other aspects of learning that may end up being some of the biggest highlights of my life?

Some of my interests have been in the field of creativity. I was a portrait photographer for almost five years, but I also did freelance photography because it allowed me time away from the studio and time to focus on natural beauty. I love to write in my journal. I have written many short stories, poetry and have composed many unfinished songs.

Coming back to school has opened my eyes to many things; and if I could only pass on these feelings to some of the younger students, I would gladly let them know that this is the greatest opportunity of their lives. So take advantage of what you can learn, give it your best shot, and know that you can do anything that you want to do. So go for it!!!



Stephanie Gomez



Tom Tom staff

Members of the 1992-93 Tom Tom staff are, seated from left, Nikki Harrison, Gina Bishop, Paige Griffith, Dawn Pugh, Sheree Pike, Sonja Quinn, Amy Pace, Jaye Jaye Copeland, Shawn Massey, Pam Hillman and Connie Hitt; standing, from left, Shelton Meacham, David Lovorn, Wade Phillips, Greg Cox, Kevin Clark, David Nelson, Brian Frink, David Campbell, Clint Wright, Luke Gibbon, Shane Sullivan, Joe Goodwin and Stephanie Rigdon. Not pictured are J. Mills and Diane Douglas.



Receives scholarship

Jason Cain, center, of Chunky is the recipient of the first Eastover Bank for Savings Scholarship and is shown receiving the award from Kenneth Jones, left, president of the Decatur branch. At right is Dr. Gerald White, ECCC Dean of Students. Cain, a freshman pre-med major, is a graduate of Newton County High School where he was voted Mr. NCHS and was a senior class officer. He was the recipient of the physics and Alpha Theta Mu awards. An outstanding athlete, Cain received various football and baseball awards at NCHS and while he was a student at Hickory High School. He is a member of the 1992 ECCC football team and serves as punter. He is the son of Lomax and Phyllis Cain.

★ Homecoming

career at S. D. Lee High School in Columbus where the outstanding lineman was selected All-Big Eight Conference and All-State. He was a member of the 1936 squad which won a national championship.

He received a scholarship to attend East Central where the All-State performer was a member of the 1940 and 1941 Warrior squad.

When he left East Central, Thompson entered military service and served until November, 1945.

He received a football scholarship to attend the University of Mississippi and was a member of the Rebel squad during the 1946 season. He earned three academic degrees from Ole Miss; a bachelor's in 1947, a master's in 1950, and a doctorate of education in 1968.

Thompson was a teacher/football coach at Columbus, Amory, and Aberdeen for 10 years before serving as principal and superintendent of the Greenville Public Schools for 20 years. He completed his career as an educator at Mississippi College where he served as Dean of the school of Education for 10 years.

He also held numerous positions of leadership in many educational associations and business and government concerns.

Thompson died March 26, 1992. Survivors in addition to his wife are two sons, and a daughter.

SPECIAL CLASSES, GROUPS RECOGNIZED

Graduating classes to be honored include all classes ending in "2"; with special recognition given members of the 1932 (Diamond Anniversary) and 1942 (Golden Anniversary) groups.

Tributes will also be made to the 1961-62 men's basketball team, 1971-72 football team, 1971-72 cheerleaders, cast members of the 1972 musical "Annie Get Your Gun" and the 1982 production of "Carousel"; and members of the 1982 (fall) marching band.

Registration for Homecoming begins at 9 a.m. (October 10) at the Sullivan Student Center. Honored classes and other special groups meet beginning at 10 a.m. at various campus locations. All former athletes and supporters of ECCC athletics meet at 11 a.m. in Room 60 of Newton Hall. Luncheon activities start at 12 noon, followed by the ECCC-Hinds football game at 2:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium. The presentation of the homecoming queen and her court will be made during halftime ceremonies. A reception will be held following the game in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

For additional information about Homecoming contact Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Instruction, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327, phone 635-2111, ext. 202.

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Centralettes

The Centralettes are the popular dance line which performs with the marching band, as well as at other events on the campus. Members of this year's squad are from left to right: Kim Brooks, Mandi Bates, Dawn Jones, Tracy Brooks, Angie Crosby, Anna Kerr, LeAnn McMullan, Emily Guderian, Stacy Brooks, Amy Ladd, and Cher Moseley.



ECCC Gospel Choir

Members of the East Central Community College Choir are, seated from left, Eric Freeman; Mrs. Brenda Johnson, Sponsor; Tammie Love; Tonya Fox; Vice-President and Choir Director, Roshelle Sparkman; Assistant Director, Rhonda Thornton; Donna Hopkins; Valerie Childress; Stephanie Evans; second row, from left, Pianist, Lloyd Jones; Katrina Ingram; Felicia DuBose; Assistant Choir Director and Parliamentarian, Kristy Sherrod; Debbie Robinson; Stephanie Moore; Tammy Eiland; and Willie Porter, third row, from left, Selinia Hudson; Sojourner Warnsley; Secretary, Tracy McClendon; LaTizia Bobitt and Sid Nichols; fourth row, James Edmond; Weldon Davis; Lamond Sturkin; President Bernard Ball; and Melvin Payeton.

Basketball teams hope to continue winning tradition

By CLINT WRIGHT

The East Central Warriors and Lady Warriors hope to continue the winning trend they have enjoyed in recent years into the 1992-93 seasons.

The Warriors rolled to a record of 28-5 while the Lady Warriors finished the season with a 14-12 mark. The men's team were the South Division Champs, and both teams competed in Region XXIII Tournament play.

The Lady Warriors, coached by Sammy Pace, will be led this season by sophomores Tamella Mazingo and Shellie Griffin, both of Union. Both girls were starters on last year's squad who averaged in the double digit figures in points per game. Sophomore Amy Jo Apperson from Neshoba Central, last year's starting point guard, is also returning along with Misti Robinson of Noxapater and Stephanie Wiley of Ferriday, Louisiana. Coach Pace has added eight very talented freshman to the ranks including Rena Reed of Forest; Sara Hollingsworth of Neshoba Central; Michelle Hardin from Louisville; Memory Hunter from Philadelphia; Carla LeFlore from Carthage; Stacey Baggett from Kinder, Louisiana; and Letitia Ringo, Jamala Odom, and Stephanie Evans, all of Scott Central.

Coach Pace believes that the strengths of this year's squad will be speed, depth, and attitude. "We will be very quick on the floor, and we will play ten or twelve players in every game. This team has a great attitude and will work hard in practice to get better," he stated. Coach Pace also noted, "We have a lot of talent, but we are inexperienced. We have a lot of freshmen, and freshmen are always unpredictable. If we play up to our potential, we could have a very good season."

Sophomore Mistie Robinson commented, "This team has a lot of eager people and everyone is putting forth a great effort which I believe will pay off when the season begins."

Coach Pace expects the South

Division to be very strong and competitive. "Co-Lin is always tough, and Jones is much improved and has several starters returning. Every other team is improved as well, and we'll have to play well to compete in the division."

Team manager for the Lady Warriors is Sojourner Warnsley from Forest. Also assisting Coach Pace will be student trainers Amy Pace of Decatur and Clint Wright of Neshoba Central.

After posting an outstanding 1991-92 record of 28-5, the Warriors return only four players, who saw limited action last season.

Coach Marty Cooper welcomes back Matt Riley of South Leake; Markee Sanders of Edinburg; Harold Scott of Memphis, Tennessee; and Undrie Thomas of Forest. There are twelve new faces on this year's team, led by Marcus Mann of South Leake, where he was named as an All-State selection.

Joining Mann will be newcomers Anthony Coleman and Stacy Miller, both of Toxey, Alabama; Micheal Coats and Stanley Ford, both of Louisville; Micheal Holbert of Morton; Eric Morgan of Carthage; Calvin Patrick of Sebastopol; Cedric Sledge of Philadelphia; and Clay Ward of Winston Academy. Rounding out the freshmen recruits are Anthony Huddleston and Antonio Rogers of Union.

Although East Central gained national recognition under Coach Cooper in his initial season, he has different expectations for this year's group. "We lost all five starters from last year and have twelve freshmen coming into the season. Even though some of them are very good, I think they'll still play like freshmen, especially in the early going. But I will be disappointed if, by the end of the season, we don't challenge for the South State title. We'll just try to improve slowly, cut down on

mistakes, and peak at tournament time."

Assisting Coach Cooper with this year's squad will be Jennifer Cooper and student assistant Chris Croft from Winston Academy. The team manager is Keith Thrash of Philadelphia and the student trainer is Terry Burkes of South Leake.

Harold Scott, one of the few returning players, said that his expectations for the team were "to work hard in practice, be positive, and to play as a team."

Coach Cooper added, "The major

strength of this team is depth. We have ten or twelve guys who can play, and unlike last year's team, we will be able to go to our bench without a letdown."

Marcus Mann has found one thing out early in the practice sessions. "On the court you have to step up your level of play and think for yourself," he said. Coach Cooper expects the South Division to be very tough and competitive but believes that Gulf Coast and Jones will prove to be the teams to beat in the division race.

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The President's Corner

By DR. EDDIE M. SMITH
East Central President

As the first semester is drawing to a close and the time for final examinations rapidly approaches, I would like to urge students to make the most of the time remaining by applying yourselves so that you may approach your examinations with confidence. It is my hope that each of you is successful in your endeavors this semester, and that you will be able to continue your studies at East Central in 1993.

Advance-registration is well underway for the Spring semester; Students who complete advance-registration are reminded that they do not have to report back to campus until Wednesday, Jan. 13, when regular classes will resume.

Congratulations are in order for the Warriors and Lady Warriors basketball teams. Both groups have gotten off to a very successful start this season.

East Central was very pleased to have Representative G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery on campus for our Veterans' Day program on Nov. 11. A special thank you to Dr. Shelby Harris for organizing this event.

My additional activities for this month include:

- Represented East Central at a special convocation honoring Dr. Lewis Nobles on his 25th anniversary as President of Mississippi College in Clinton.
- Attended the annual Mississippi Association of Colleges Conference held at Mississippi University for Women Oct. 24-25.
- Presided at the regular meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges in Columbus on Oct. 27.
- Attended the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Decatur Chamber of commerce on Nov. 2.
- Participated in a meeting of the Leadership Newton County Committee on Nov. 3.
- Represented the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges at the Mississippi Association of School Administrators Affiliate Organization Luncheon held in Jackson.
- Met with the Officers of the Board and the Board of Trustees on Nov. 10.
- Attended the Newton County Development Association Board of Directors Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 11.
- Attended the Freshman and Sophomore Art Exhibit and Reception on campus on Nov. 12.
- Welcomed guests to the Dinner Theater, Nov. 12-14.
- Attended the Dinner Theatre on Nov. 14.
- Assisted with American Education Week recognition by the Greater



Decatur Chamber of Commerce Nov. 16.

- Attended the home basketball games.
 - Attended the East Central Community College Local Economic Development Council meeting on Nov. 17.
 - Attended a legal issues seminar sponsored by the Mississippi Community and Junior Colleges Academic Deans' Association in Jackson on Nov. 18.
 - Participated in the ECCC Vo-Tech Advisory Council meeting on Nov. 19.
 - Served as M. C. at the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Nov. 19.
 - Spoke at the District V Slam Convention held on Campus on Nov. 20.
 - Attended a special dinner recognizing the community college presidents at the University of Mississippi on Nov. 23.
 - Presided at the regular meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges held at the University of Mississippi on Nov. 24.
 - Attended the Earth Team Volunteer Awards Program at Roosevelt State Park on Dec. 1. Mr. Larry Blackburn received a special award for a carpentry class project.
 - Attended a PTK Leadership Program fund-raising committee meeting in Jackson Dec. 1.
 - Attended the ECCC Fall Choral Concert held on campus on Dec. 1.
 - Attended the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet in Philadelphia.
 - Attended a meeting of the MACJC Inter-Alumni Association officers in Jackson.
 - Attended the MACJC regional legislative meeting in Macon, along with several members of the Board of Trustees and area legislators.
 - Participated in an Educational Symposium sponsored by the Public Education Forum of Mississippi.
- This has been a very busy and productive semester for East Central. As we close out this semester, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Parkes, Pouncey selected Outstanding Student, Teacher of the Year at EC

By KEVIN CLARK

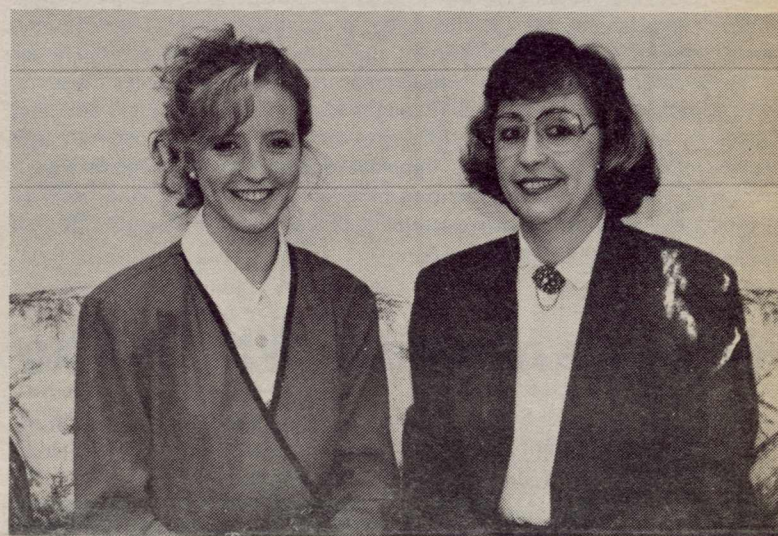
Mrs. Alice Pouncey, a psychology instructor at East Central and Brandi Parkes, a sophomore accounting major from Decatur, have been chosen as East Central's Outstanding Teacher and Student of the Year. They will be honored at the annual HEADWAE program sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature.

HEADWAE stands for Higher Education Appreciation Day—Working for Academic Excellence. This program was started in 1988 to honor individual achievement in academics and the overall contribution by the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

Brandi is a graduate of Newton County High School and is a member of various groups and activities at East Central. Brandi serves as president of the President's Council and Phi Theta Kappa. She is captain of Diamond Girls, vice-president of Warrior Corps., treasurer of Phi Beta Lambda, and secretary of the Sophomore class. She is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Fashion Squad, and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges. Brandi was chosen as a Sophomore Maid by the student body at Homecoming and she plays various intramural sports. She also received the Freshman Mathematics Award last year. Brandi is the daughter of Brenda Parkes of Decatur and the late Micki Parkes. She plans to complete her accounting degree at the University of Mississippi.

Mrs. Pouncey, a resident of Decatur, is a member of various school and civic organizations. She is a member of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Faculty Association, serves as hostess for East Central's Fall Dinner Theater, chairman of Homecoming reception, and has organized and served as Director of the Fashion Squad for the past 20. Mrs. Pouncey was selected as a lifetime member of Mississippi 4-H All Stars, received the State 4-H Alumni Award, and is a member of other organizations such as Daughters of the American Revolution and Newton County 4-H Advisory Council.

Mrs. Pouncey has been married to Ken Pouncey for 33 years, and they have three children: Alicia, a clinical research monitor for Johnson & Johnson; Amy, a teacher



Brandi Parkes and Alice Pouncey

in the Child Care Technology program at Co-Lin Community College; and Nick, a business administration major at East Central. Mrs. Pouncey is in her 24th year at East Central.

Both of these ladies are very deserving of this award and represent East Central very well. East Central is very proud of them and congratulates them on this very special achievement.

Harvey Trapp retires as Business Manager at EC

By SONJA QUINN

After serving as Business Manager of East Central Community College for the past 11 years, Harvey Trapp is passing the reins to Mickey Vance. Trapp became Business Manager at East Central in 1981 under former President Dr. Charles V. Wright. He has served for the past seven and one half years under current President Eddie M. Smith.

Mr. Trapp first joined the East Central staff in February of 1972 as an instructor in business law, accounting, and introduction to business. Before coming to East Central Mr. Trapp spent 10 years in the automobile business working his way up from bookkeeping to partner in a dealership. Prior to that he graduated from East Central in May of 1958, then spent four years in the United States Air Force serving at Columbus Force Base where he was

awarded Airman of the Month for six straight months.

Even though Mr. Trapp's job as Business Manager is stressful, he says he enjoys it, especially his contact with the students. In fact, in addition to his duties as Business Manager, Mr. Trapp also serves as an instructor for night time business courses. "Education is the most important thing," says Trapp, "and helping students further their education is its own reward."

As his retirement becomes final, Mr. Trapp says he will devote his time to chasing the "American Dream." He plans to continue supervising his public accounting firm that has been in operation since the 1950's. Mr. Trapp also plans to travel around America, and most of all, relax. Whatever Mr. Trapp plans to do, we at East Central wish him good luck, and we know he will be missed.



ECCC administrator retires

Harvey Trapp, who recently retired as business manager at East Central Community College, shares a laugh with college personnel, from left, Laura Thorne, Sheila Stamper, and Frances Graham, during a reception held in his honor on the Decatur campus. Trapp was employed at East Central for 21 years, with 11 years served as business manager. He previously taught accounting classes for 10 years before being named to the administrative post. Although officially retired from East Central, Trapp still teaches for the college on a part-time basis. He is by no means retiring completely from the working world as he continues to operate his own accounting office located in Decatur. He also has various farming interests.

Forty-one named to Who's Who

Forty-one sophomores enrolled at East Central Community College in Decatur have been named to WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES for the 1992-93 school year.

Students are selected for the prestigious honor based on their academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

WHO'S WHO students are chosen from more than 1400 two-year institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

East Central honorees include the following:

LEAKE COUNTY: Stewart Keith Parker, John Mark Sullivan and Kim D. Thornton, all of Carthage; Penny Teresa Rogers, Walnut Grove; and Johnny B. Thomas, Lena.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Gary Scott Battle and Chris Everette Vowell, both of Philadelphia.

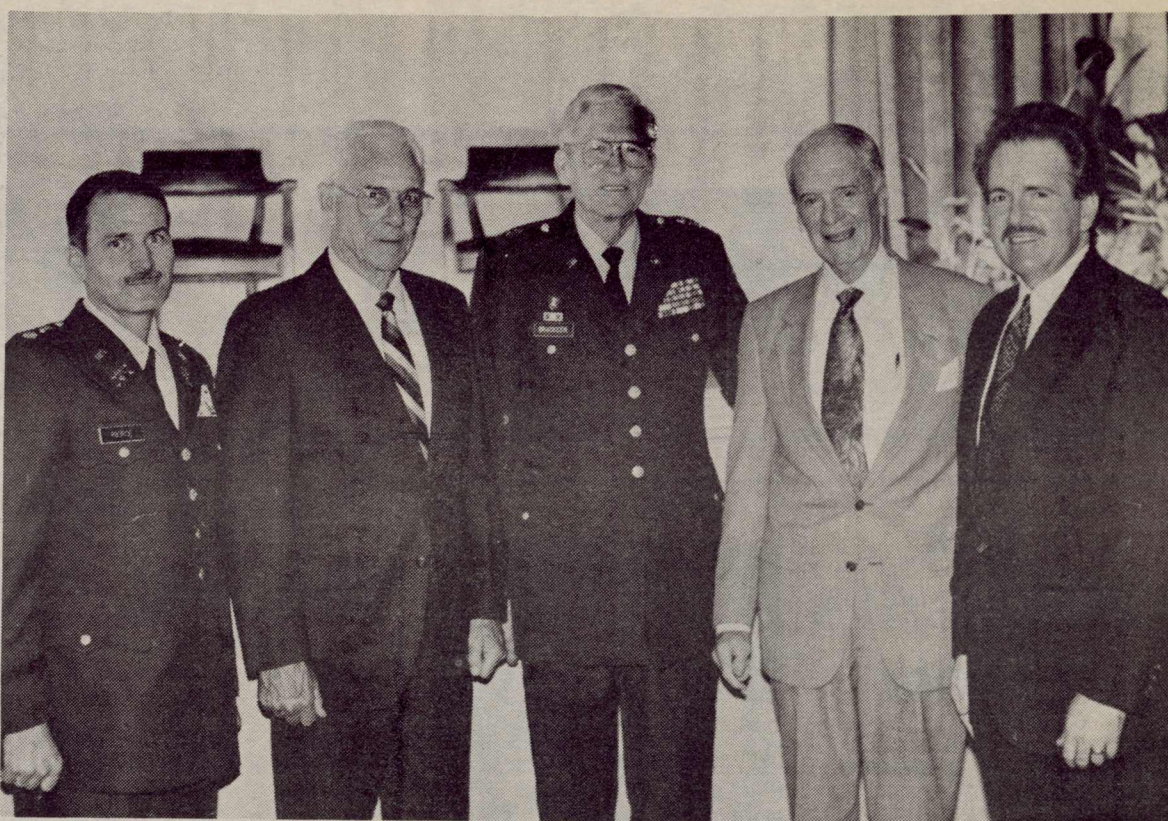
NEWTON COUNTY: Jennifer Leigh Anderson, Marianne

Bamberg, Audrey D. Clark, Sidney Leon McNeil, David Elam Nelson, Brandi Crystal Parks, Christy R. Pierce and Nick Alan Pouncey, all of Decatur; Dianne H. Douglas, Monica Sherelle Logan, Mark Allen Norman and James Kirk Weems, all of Newton; Justin Lin Fisher and Kimberly Joan Goss, both of Conehatta; Lee B. Eady, Lawrence; Jay W. Fortenberry, Vickie Lynett Hedgepeth, Jason Wayne Laird and Jamie Terrell, all of Union; Jay Steven Mills, Hickory; and Vicky Lynn Nixon, Chunky.

SCOTT COUNTY: Margo Lynn Archie, Lynetta Carol Cooksey and Paul Ray Evans, all of Lake; Pamela Gloria Johnson and Robin Alicia Stroud, both of Forest; Penny Michelle Koehne, Sebastopol; and Rochelle Mandi Sessums, Morton.

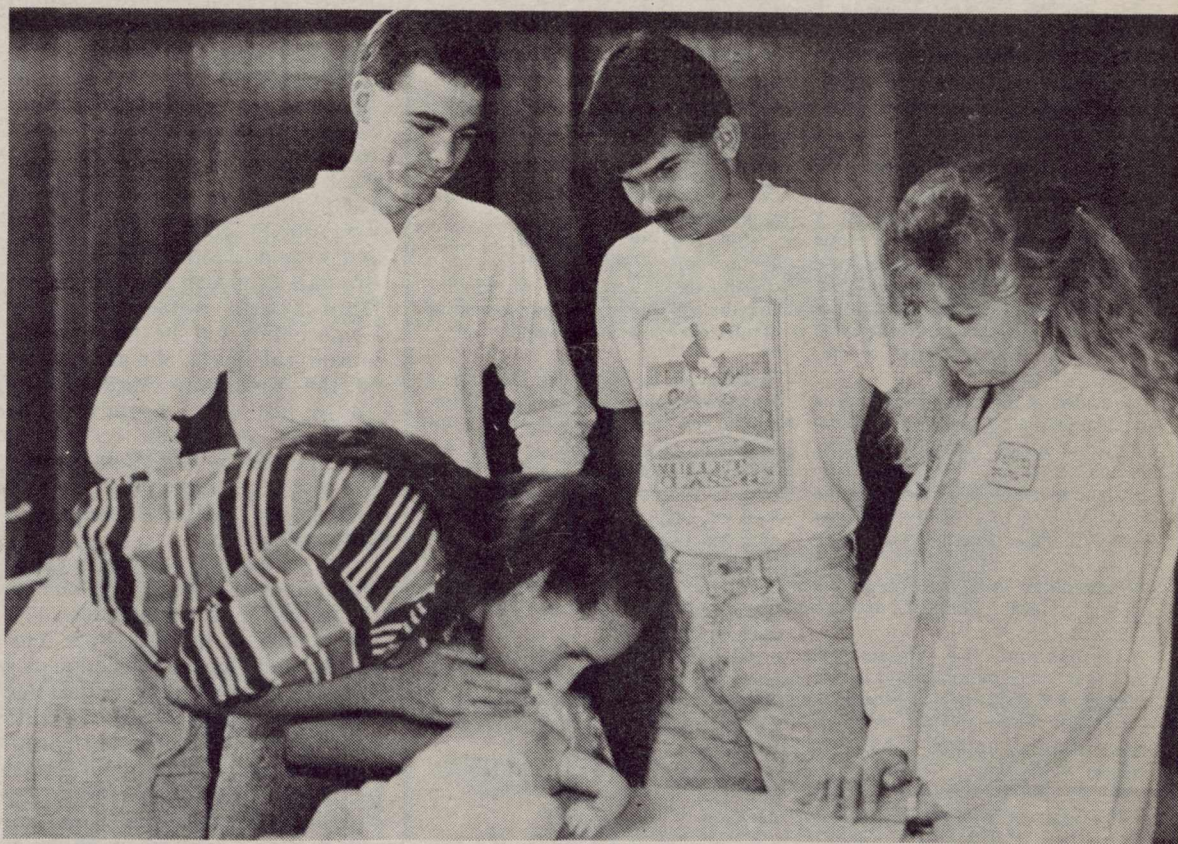
WINSTON COUNTY: Alton R. Conn, Joseph Christopher Croft, Phillip Lewis Hill and Billie Jean Wooley, all of Louisville; and Shelton Eddie Whitmire, McCool.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT: Kaycee Jo Carmichael, Meridian.



Montgomery speaks at ECCC

Congressman G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery, fourth from left, was the featured speaker during Veteran's Day program activities held at East Central Community College and is shown with other platform guests, from left, Major Billy L. Pierce, BN XO, 4-114th FA BN; Lieutenant General Glen D. Walker (Ret), Adjutant General, Mississippi National Guard; Major General Charlie D. Brackeen (Ret), Adviser for Military Affairs, State of Mississippi; and College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Congressman Montgomery, elected to his 14th term on Nov. 3, praised veterans for their service to country and expressed concern about current reductions in military spending. He said the United States should continue providing a strong military not only for defense but also for the many jobs it creates. He also lashed out at the national media and referred to the media as the "fourth branch of government." He said he was pleased to announce that a three percent increase in veteran's benefits will go into effect on Jan. 1, 1993.



A life-saving technique

East Central Community College sophomore Cynthia Luke of Philadelphia demonstrates the proper method of administering mouth-to-mouth breathing under the watchful eyes of Beverly Keene, right, a certified CPR instructor with the American Red Cross and a registered nurse from the Occupational Health Division at Laird Hospital. Also looking on are freshman Chad Moorehead of Union, left, and sophomore Ricky Walker of Decatur. The CPR demonstration is provided as part of classroom instruction in Ms. Lucille Wood's first aid class.

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EC students write on...

What to do?

By J. S. MILLS

All of us have long had our major decided, haven't we? Well I have (so I thought). Ever since I was in the sixth grade, I have loved chemistry. In fact, I loved all science except for biology and anything to do with rocks (rocks are boring—sorry future geologists.) In the tenth grade I narrowed my choice down further—to polymer science. Of course, it seems as if no one knows what polymer science is. I am not even sure why, when someone asks what my major is, I still answer "polymer science." I usually explain it is plastics, which is far from being the whole truth (actually it is the study of macro-molecules, ah, nevermind.)

But it wasn't until this year that I had even questioned this decision. I never realized that I hated lab so much until we had to stay late a couple of times—then I realized that from the time I graduated on would be ONE BIG LAB. Go in lab in the morning, eat lunch, leave lab in the evening and sleep. And do this every day for the rest of my life?

One good thing about it would be I wouldn't have to talk on the phone—I hate phones. I hate talking on them. I even hate hearing them ring. But I would also not be able to deal with people—just chemicals and equations and. . . plastics.

So I thought that I would change my major, to something like English or journalism. But tell me what a journalism major is going to do with calculus I through IV and 24 hours of laboratory science—the closest I would come to plastics and carbon would be the plastic cup on my desk and the ribbon on my typewriter. Not to mention the phone! That dreaded device would be my principle means of doing business. And have you ever seen the silly mess you have to take for journalism? Hours upon hours of economics. Do you know why? Because journalists get paid next to nothing, and you have to figure out how you are going to make it from one month to the next.

Well, I am not sure how well I write, but I know I speak English perfectly good (let's see who caught that!). Only the future will decide if I will spend my life in a never-ending lab or a never-ending chaos, but I'm not too sure if my heart will take the stress until I do decide. I do wonder, however, if an undecided major has ever killed anyone. Nah, it would probably be blamed on cafeteria food, afterall.

Going the extra mile

By AMY PACE

There is a special group of people on campus that go virtually unnoticed. Although they look and act as most students they have one certain characteristic that makes them different. This group is composed of the students who come to East Central from another state.

The majority of out-of-state students come here to participate in sports. They come from neighboring states such as Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. Occasionally, students come from Texas, Florida, and Indiana. These students made great efforts to attend college and participate in athletics; however, many of them did not realize some of the "hardships" they would encounter.

Stacey Baggett, a freshman basketball player from Louisiana, stated that the worst part about being an out-of-stater is that she is unable to go home as often she would like. Many of these individuals live five or more hours away and do not have the time, or money, needed to go home and return to school frequently. Most of these students only have the opportunity to go home three times a year: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and spring break. The remainder of their time is spent in the dorm.

The cafeteria provides meals for the people who must stay on campus on the weekend. They receive a special meal ticket that allows them to eat in the cafeteria. However, they only receive limited meals. These individuals can eat Friday afternoon,

again Saturday morning from 9-10 a.m., Saturday night from 4-5 p.m. and an early breakfast and a noon buffet on Sunday. Stacey Miller cited, "I really miss not being able to have a homecooked meal occasionally."

When Sopomore pitcher Bob Templett was asked what he did to occupy his time on the weekend, he replied, "Mostly I sleep or wash clothes. That's about all you can do because there is no television in our dorm and there is no one else here."

The students who come to East Central from another state usually do not have the same privileges as students from the five county area. They are unable to go home on a regular basis because of the expense and distance of travel, they have limited times to eat, and they have no one to "hang out" with on the weekends. Hopefully, as the number of out-of-state students increases, East Central will continue to make adjustments and improvements to meet the needs of this special group of students.

No pass, no play?

By DANIEL WESLEY

Students who do not pass academically should not be allowed to participate in sports. I believe that this determination is very fair to students. If they cannot meet the academic eligibility requirements, whether it is on the junior high, high school, or the college level, then they should not be allowed to play.

A "student athlete" is supposed to mean just what the term implies, a student excelling can be a competitor in sports, he or she should also be a competitor in the classroom. Sports and education may be two different fields, but the same rules should apply. We learn both offensive and defensive strategies in sports; the same is true of academics. In academics, our best defense is studying and learning the material, and our offense involves passing the exams in the classroom.

For a very long time before the Mississippi High School Activities Association adopted the "No Pass—No Play" rule, many fine athletes cheated themselves out of a good education because they were "star athletes" whose major concern was playing sports. They put education on the back burner and hoped it would take care of itself. In the final analysis, however, they learned that they also needed a good academic background to succeed in life. Very, very few can succeed on the basis of sports alone.

I really feel that if a student can be an outstanding athlete, he or she can also be an outstanding student in the classroom. All it takes is applying themselves in both areas with the same determination.

Feels like home

By DAVID LOVORN

Do I like my dorm room? Does it fit my needs? Does my room feel like home? These are questions college students have been asking themselves for years. Let's examine how east Central students feel about their dorm rooms.

Let us start with the complaints, which are virtually none. Only the young men in Todd Hall and the young women in general complained of bathroom facilities. These groups felt it was unfair that they had to share a bathroom with more than three persons. Residents of Scott and Neshoba Hall complained only about the dull color of their rooms. They wished to have brighter, more colorful rooms such as the rooms in Winston Hall. Winston Hall had only one complaint; the believe the 2:00 a.m. curfew is inappropriate.

Video cassette recorders, television, and Super Nintendos are essential for building the perfect dorm room. Many students believe that their dormitory fits their needs perfectly. Many believe that studying with friends improves their grades. Also, living with friends gives them that Melrose Place feeling. Being away from home seemed to be most popular reason why East Central students enjoy their dorm rooms.

Although there are few complaints, East Central Community College is providing a home away from home for many students. If you are a commuter, I strongly suggest in one of East Central's dormitories.

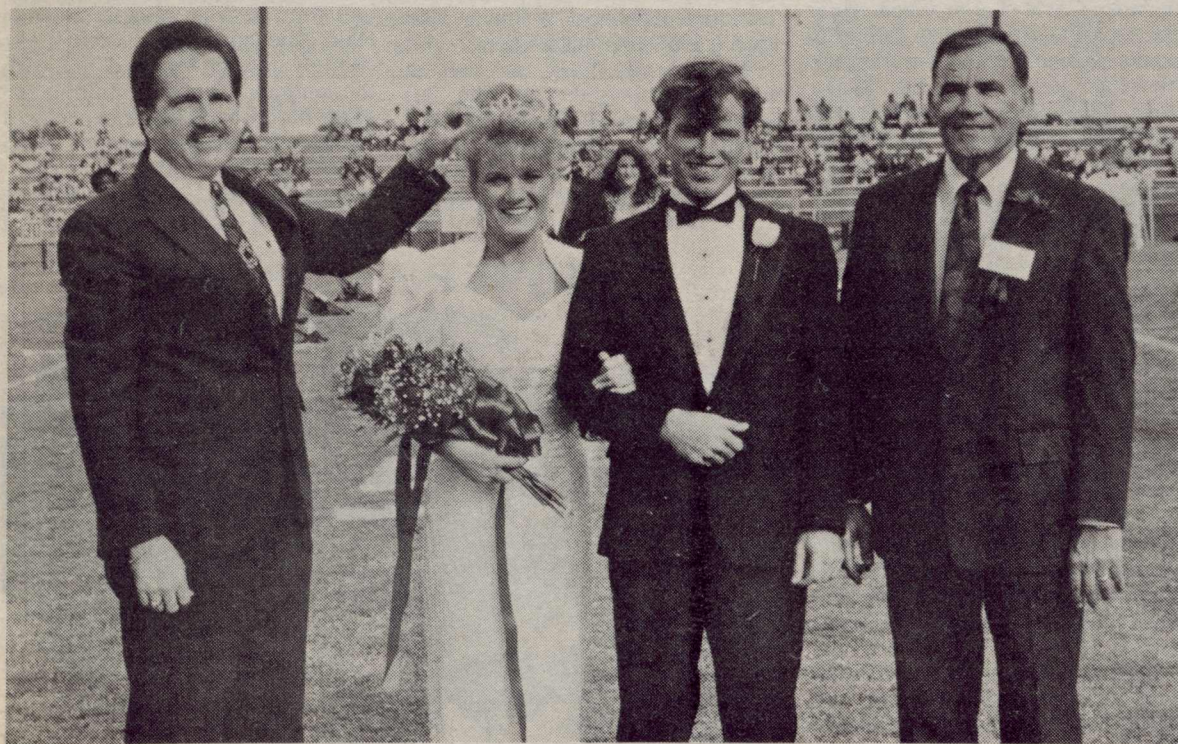
Will we be all right?

By J. S. MILLS

What I will say about the Presidential election and President-elect Bill Clinton (President Bill just does not sound quite right) will be short and as sweet as I have to be since this paper represents and confines itself to "family values"—unlike Clinton's campaign.

Basically, I will sum up the next four years with the help from the on-his-way-out Vice-President Quayle (Vice-President Quayle still does not sound quite right). A few days following the election, Quayle reassured the American public that "If he [Clinton] runs the country like he ran his campaign, we will be all right."

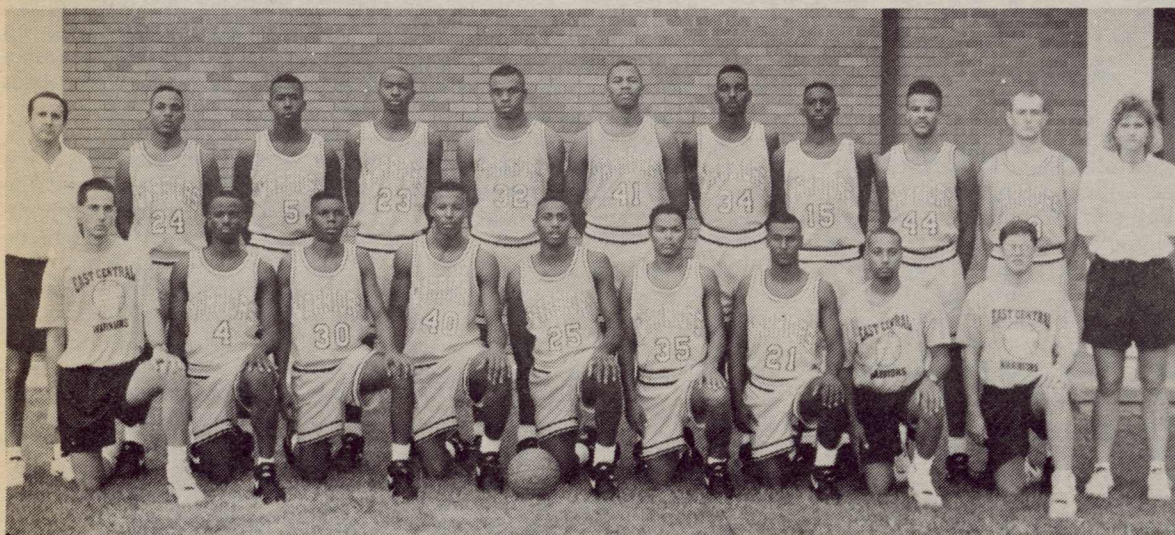
I agree. If Clinton can answer to all the nations problems with such axioms as "I didn't inhale," we will be all right. If Clinton can patch up difficulties the United States faces at home and abroad as easily as he patched up the infidelity with his wife, we will be all right. If Clinton can dodge the economic bullet the way he avoided the draft and the bullets from the Vietnam War, we will be all right. And, if Clinton can cover up everything wrong with this country and hide it just as he covered up his personal flaws, we will be all right. Let's face it—he is a great politician, but will he make a great President?



Crowned Homecoming Queen

Dr. Eddie M. Smith is shown crowning EC Homecoming Queen, Miss Amy Jo Apperson of Philadelphia. Her escort for the occasion was Chris Lathem of Forest. Mr. Henry, Chairman of the East Central Board of Trustees, presented flowers to Miss Apperson during half-time ceremonies recently held at EC.

Time Out For Sports



ECCC Warriors

Members of East Central Community College men's basketball team for the 1992-93 season and their respective high schools include, kneeling from left, student assistant Chris Croft, Winston Academy; Michael Coats, Louisville; Matt Riley, South Leake; Markee Sanders, Edinburg; Undrie Thomas, Forest; Harold Scott, Bolton, Tenn.; Eric Morgan, Carthage; student trainer Terry Burkes, South Leake; manager Keith Thrash, Philadelphia and, standing from left, Coach Marty Cooper; Michael Holbert, Morton; Antonio Rogers, Union; Stacy Miller, Southern Choctaw, Ala.; Stanley Ford, Louisville; Marcus Mann, South Leake; Anthony Coleman, Southern Choctaw, Ala.; Cedric Sledge, Philadelphia; Anthony Huddleston, Union; Clay Ward, Winston Academy; and Jennifer Cooper, team assistant.

Basketball season gets underway

By CLING WRIGHT

The East Central Warriors and Lady Warriors have gotten off to a fast start for the 1992-93 basketball season. The Warriors have jumped out to an 8-1 record while the Lady Warriors have taken 7 of their first 8 for a 7-1 record.

In the season opener, the Lady Warriors played host to the Lady Lions of East Mississippi in an exciting game as the Lady Warriors claimed a hard fought 81-77 victory. Memory Hunter led all scorers with 20 points and 15 rebounds. Shellie Griffin scored 15 points, Jamala Odom had 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Tamella Mazingo tallied 11 points.

In boys action, East Central defeated the Lions of East Mississippi 78-52. Harold Scott led the way with 21 points and Marcus Mann scored 10 points.

In game two for both teams, East Central traveled to Mississippi Delta Community College and split the two games. The Lady Warriors experienced the first loss of the season 76-71. Letitia Ringo led the scoring with 16 points and Michelle Hardin scored 10 points. The Warriors won a nip and tuck game with a 59-58 squeaker. Stanley Ford scored 16 points and Marcus Mann had 14 points.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors returned home to take on Holmes Community College. In ladies' action, Tamella Mazingo scored 18 points and Letitia Ringo had 14 points as they coasted to a 84-74 vic-

tory. In men's action, the Warriors breezed to a 93-60 win as Marcus Mann recorded 26 points and pulled down 19 rebounds. Anthony Coleman and Matt Riley chipped in 13 points a piece.

Game 4 for both teams had East Central traveling to Scooba for an early season rematch. The Lady Warriors suffered their second defeat of the season 81-80, but claimed the win after East Mississippi used an ineligible player. Tamella Mazingo took game-high honor as she poured in 20 points. Rena Reed finished with 18 points, Stephanie Evans had 12 points, and Memory Hunter and Letitia Ringo chipped in 10 points each. Ringo had 6 steals. The Warriors had two players with double digits in points and rebounds as Marcus Mann poured in 34 points and pulled in 14 rebounds, and Anthony Coleman scored 18 points and hauled down 13 rebounds. Matt Riley dished out 7 assists as the Warriors upped their record to 4-0.

The Warriors and Lady Warriors also participated in the Jones Tournament. The Lady Warriors hammered Bishop State (Ala.) 97-48 and had 6 players in double figures as Michelle Hardin led all scorers with 15 points. Tamella Mazingo and Carla Leflore each poured in 14 points, Rena Reed tallied 13 points, Jamala Odom scored 12 points, and Memory Hunter had 10 points. Marcus Mann led the Warriors to a 66-60 win as he totaled 29 points and 10 rebounds. Anthony Coleman provided strong support as he poured in 18 points.

In the Lady Warriors second game of the Jones Tournament, they cruised to a 90-60 victory over East Methodist (Ark.) Michelle Hardin led the way with 16 points. Tamella Mazingo had 13 points and 11 rebounds, Carla Leflore scored 12 points, and Letitia Ringo tallied 10 points. In men's action, the Warriors blew out Central Baptist (Ark.) 92-74. Marcus Mann provided 32 points and 17 rebounds and Anthony Coleman hit for 21 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Harold Scott poured in 18 points to go along with 7 assists and Stanley Ford chipped in 11 points.

The Lady Warriors got revenge for an earlier defeat at the hands of Mississippi Delta to improve their record to 6-1. Rena Reed poured in 23 points and Memory Hunter scored 14 points. Letitia Ringo had 11 points, while Michelle Hardin produced 10 points and 10 rebounds. The Warriors continued their winning streak as they defeated the Delta men 86-68. Anthony Coleman and Harold Scott led the way with 24 points and pulled down 15 rebounds each while Matt Riley handed out 8 assists.

Both squads participated in the East Mississippi Tournament Nov. 19-20, and the men travelled to Itawamba to play in the Itawamba Tournament, Nov. 23-24. They will round out the first half of the season by competing against Southwest there on Dec. 1, Jones on Dec. 3, Copiah-Lincoln at home on Dec. 7 and then travel to the Gulf Coast on Dec. 10.



East Central fall baseball season ends on high note

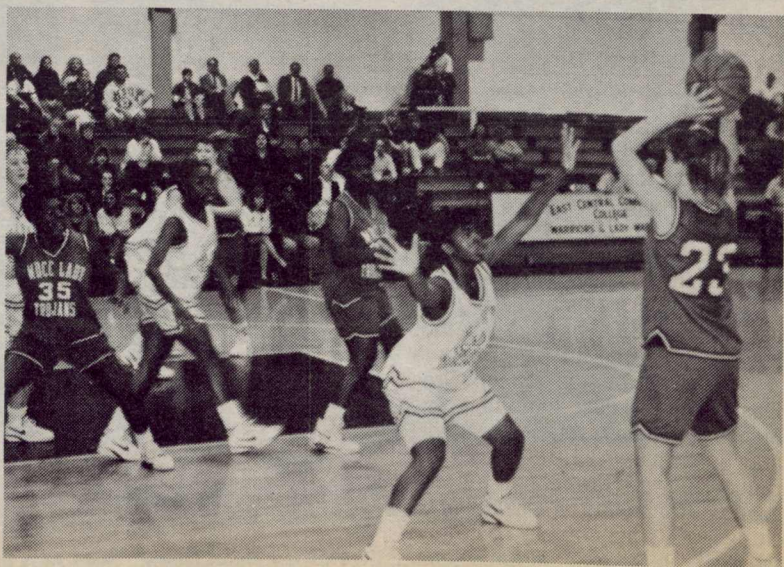
By LUKE GIBBON

East Central's Diamond Warriors have concluded a successful and productive fall season. What started out described as "slow" by some sophomores, developed into a strong finish. The Warriors began the fall by losing six of their first seven exhibition games. After that point in the fall, the team seemed to become comfortable playing with each other and their success increased. EC won six of their last eight games and ended the fall season with a 7-7-1 mark. Three of EC's losses came at the hands of senior colleges, but the Warriors did defeat Belhaven College, a four year institution.

Coach Jamie Clark said that he was very pleased with the fall season "I think by Spring that the pitching will be our strength," Clark said. Clark added that sophomores Chris Vowell and Luke Gibbon, along

with freshman Jamie Morrow, had an exceptional fall of the pitching mound. When asked about other positions, Clark said there were no surprises because he thought the positions would be good. "This team is the most balanced team I've had in six years," Clark added, but he also said that the Warriors would have to become stronger in many areas of the game.

Even though the team isn't actually playing baseball anymore the Warriors are still hard at work. The day after fall practice ended, weight conditioning and running began. Also the team participates in study hall four days a week in Newton Hall. The squad has worked extremely hard on the field, and with the continuation of weightlifting and study hall, Coach Clark expects all things to fall in place for the season opener on Feb. 27 at Holmes Community College.



Carla Leflore guards her opponent during EC's recent win over Mississippi Delta.

Warriors conclude season

By WADE PHILLIPS

Even while the '92 Warriors limped into their final game with a 1-8 record, head mentor Reese Bridgeman remained somewhat upbeat. Bridgeman was pleased with the progress the Warriors, especially the freshmen, have made since the opening game. Although they ended the season with only one win, Bridgeman felt that the Warriors had achieved most of the goals that he set forth at the beginning of the season, even though it didn't show much in the win column. "We accomplished every goal we had hoped for, other than the number of wins," Bridgeman said. Given the difficult schedule, Bridgeman was

proud of the way the young Warrior squad reacted.

Bridgeman pointed out that they could have won four or five games were it not for a few badly-timed mistakes. He blamed those mistakes on youth and inexperience. "At times we lacked some of the intensity that only comes from experience," commented the rookie head coach.

The Warrior coaches and players appreciate all the support given to them by the student body, especially the cheerleaders and band. Bridgeman commended the assistant coaches and trainer for a job well done after being thrown together on short notice. He also added that we should expect good things from the Warriors in '93!



Athletes take "drug free" oath

Pictured above are the members of the 1992-93 East Central Community College basketball team, their coach, Mr. Marty Cooper, and Mrs. Frances Graham, SA Counselor. On Oct. 27, the entire team took the "drug free pledge." The pledge is as follows: "I realize that illegal substances are detrimental to my performance as an athlete. The use of those illegal substances both on and off the athletic field is destructive to a healthy lifestyle. I respect my mind and body and will continue with the best performance in both athletics and life. I am willing to pledge publicly that I will not use illegal substances. This pledge represents my love and commitment to myself, my family, team, school, and community." The Student Athletes Detest Drugs Program is sponsored by Mrs. Frances Graham, the Substance Abuse Counselor on the East Central Community College campus. Mrs. Graham expressed her excitement about the upcoming season, "Our athletes are the cream of the crop on our campus. All students are visible to the public eye, but our athletes are the most visible. I look forward to working with the athletes on the East Central campus and making this year the most memorable. Good luck, Warriors!"

Flag football champs

"The Bearcatters" won the intramural flag football championship at East Central Community College. Team members include, kneeling from left, Jason Roberson, Carthage; Beau Chandler, Madden; Bruce Lee, Philadelphia; Chris Bright, Lena; and, standing from left, Barry Booth, Morton; Shad Alford, Jason King and Craig Allen, all of Carthage; and Kevin Smith, Union.

EC marching band ends a successful season

By DAVID CAMPBELL

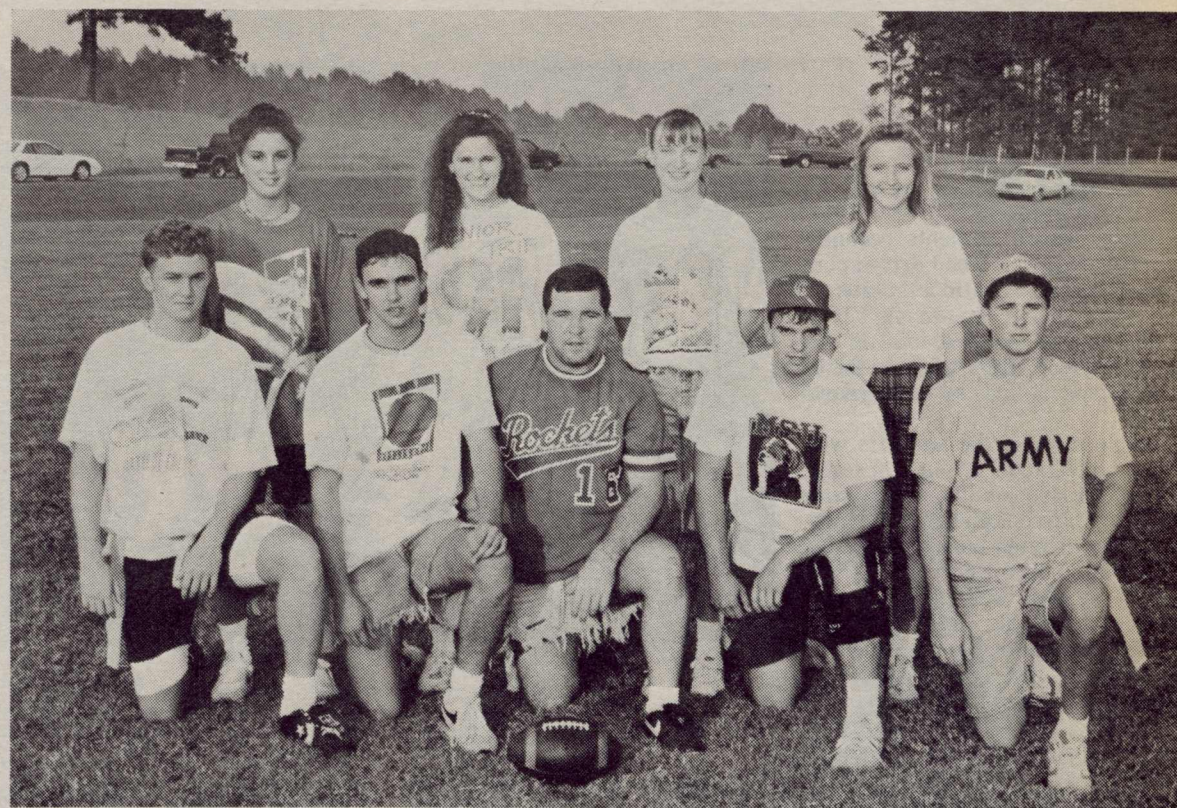
The approach of the Christmas holidays also means the end of the season for the Warrior Marching Band; although this time of year creates comments for Mr. Carson such as: "Hey, now you can sit around the rest of the year, Tom." Mr. Carson is quick to point out that the ECCC band program is now heading into full stream.

The week immediately following East Central's last football game Mr. Carson held tryouts for concert and jazz bands. He also began rehearsals with the school's newest group, "Round Midnite." The marching band did not close out the season with the last football game, however. After marching in five local Christmas parades — the season for the largest marching

band in the history of East Central — the season will come to an end.

When asked about the plans for the spring semester, Mr. Carson replied, "The band department will be busy with concert and jazz band rehearsals, 'Round Midnite—home basketball performances, and the Collegian high school tour." You can also bet that sometime during all of this music activity, the Carson family will also be enjoying a new baby boy.

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Flag football champs

A team called "Last Resort" claimed championship honors in the coed intramural football league competition at East Central Community College. Squad members include, kneeling from left, Jacob Peltoniemi, Justin Miles, Brad Copeland and Jeffrey Kirkland, all of Philadelphia; Donny Hall, Decatur; and, standing from left, Sara Hollingsworth, Philadelphia; Jennifer Anderson, Decatur. "Last Resort" completed the 1992 campaign with a perfect 10-0 record.

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League runners-up

"Charlie's Chicks" won second place honors in the coed intramural football league competition at East Central Community College. Squad members include, kneeling from left, Brent Rhinewalt, Lena; Charlie Stokes and Chris Pitts, both of Louisville; Rodney Bost, Philadelphia and, standing from left, Elon Everett, Hickory; Dana Cherie Pope, Lena; and Leigh Ann Perdeye, Philadelphia.

Giving the gift of life

By SHEREE PIKE

East Central students recently participated in a blood drive sponsored by the Vocational Clubs of America, better known as VICA. The drive collected a total of 102 pints of blood, almost double the 60 pints contributed in last year's drive.

While most of the students who donated blood did so out of a sense of civic responsibility, there were also some fringe benefits. Each person who donated blood received a free T-shirt from United Blood Services. Perhaps the biggest "draw" however, was the extra 10 points Mrs. Pouncy added to the student's psychology test scores. Actually, most of the students had given blood in the past and were very happy to have the opportunity to contribute to the blood drive. They admitted that the personal satisfaction they gained from participating in this drive, knowing that this gift might save even one life, was the best reward.

Employees of United Blood Services were very pleased with the excellent student participation. While some students were willing to give blood, there were some who were unable to participate in the drive due to recent illness, medical conditions such as asthma or anemia, and others. Anyone who was unable to give blood during the campus blood drive may donate blood at the United Blood Services office nearest their home town. Giving blood saves lives and gives the donor a warm feeling inside knowing they gave the gift of life.



Bruce Thomas recovers after donating blood

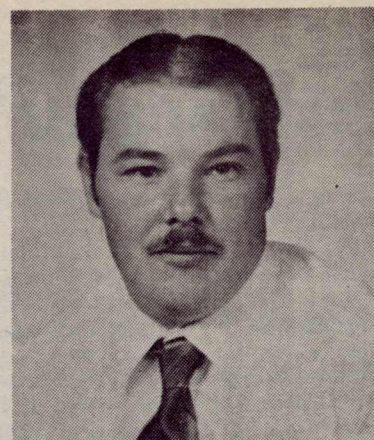
New toll free number for VA benefits information

"Beginning Oct. 26, veterans and their dependents can reach the VA Regional Office in Jackson on a new toll free telephone number", according to Larry Woodard, the VARO director. "People living outside the local Jackson calling area can call the VA Regional Office by dialing the NEW TOLL FREE NUMBER 1-800-827-1000. Veterans and their dependents living in the local Jackson calling area can still reach VA by dialing 965-4873," he said.

This change is part of a nationwide conversion to a single 800

number VA benefits information and assistance. Veterans dialing this new toll free number from within Mississippi's area code 601 will continue to be automatically connected to the Jackson office.

The Jackson VA Regional Office wants to make this new number widely known because there will be a delay before it is published in area telephone directories, as telephone companies publish new directories at different times throughout the year.



Marlon Dean



Debra Dean

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT'S CORNER

By DIANE DOUGLAS

The non-traditional student corner for this issue features not one, but two non-traditional students. That is basically because they are "non-traditional" even among other non-traditional students. These two individuals are Marlon Dean and his wife of eight years, Debra, both of whom are currently students at East Central. The Deans have two children, Nicole who is six years old, and Brad who will soon be four.

Both Marlon and Debra were born and reared in Holden La., where they continued to live after their marriage. Marlon worked as a certified master auto technician, a career he still pursues on a part-time basis while he is in school. Debra worked as a word processor for the state of Louisiana but was forced to leave this position due to the continuing illness of their daughter.

A few years ago, the Deans made a very tough decision by deciding that Marlon should go back to school. "After much thought, discussion and prayer, I felt called to be a minister," Marlon said. "Most churches today require a minister to have a degree. Although I was certified, I did not have a degree," he added.

After being out of school for 12 years and with a family to support, Marlon began the difficult task of selecting a college to attend. The

decision was finally made to attend Clarke College in Newton so that Marlon could prepare for his ministerial studies. The family packed up, said good-bye to family and friends in Holden and began the move to Newton. This entailed locating a new school for Nicole, as well as finding the medical specialists she needed for her severe allergies.

Debra had no plans to attend college at this time, but she was given the opportunity to attend Clarke and decided to take advantage of it. She chose to major in elementary education because she loves working with children.

After a single semester at Clarke, the Deans were notified that the college would be closed which meant they were once again faced with major decisions. They considered several colleges in Mississippi before eventually deciding to attend East Central. They liked the Newton area because, according to Marlon, "People were so nice to us and made us feel right at home." Going to East Central allowed them to remain in the same home, as well as the same school for their daughter. An added bonus was the child care program offered by East Central in which they enrolled their son.

Although they do not yet know where they will go after their years at East Central, they are both pleased to be back in school.

Students begin preparation for final examinations

By NIKKI HARRISON

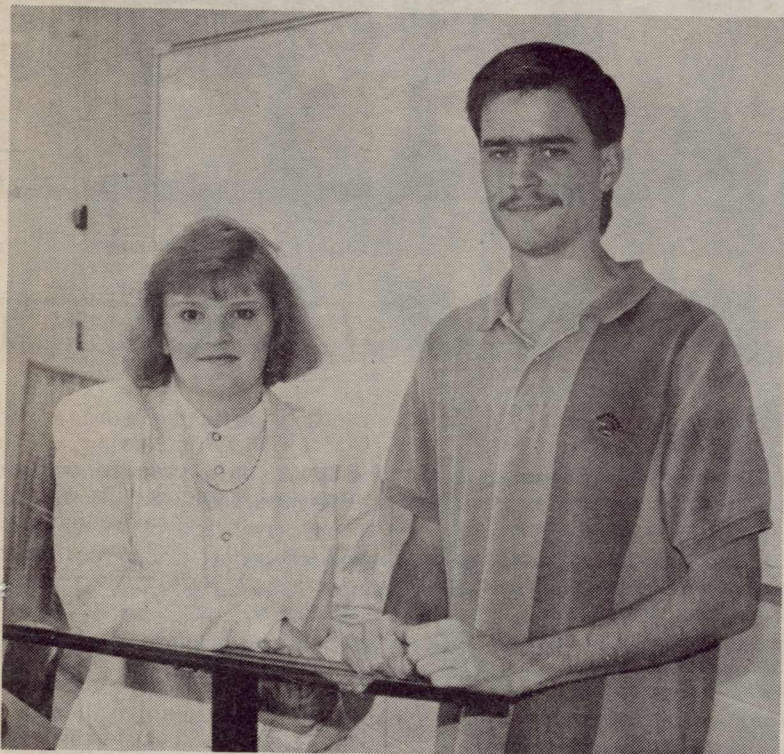
Well here it is, December already, the leaves are falling, the temperature is dropping and as each day passes, we as students draw nearer to our ultimate test — FINALS.

To those lucky few who acquire straight A's simply by enrolling in a class, finals are just another set of tests to be taken. For those of us who struggle for good grades, it can mean a sudden attack of nausea whenever the mere word 'finals' is spoken. And finally, for those who barely manage to make it to class, finals are something to put off and worry about later (like the night before the test.)

After questioning a few students on campus, I discovered that there are several different methods of studying that are in use. Some take careful notes every day that class meets and then study those notes every night. Others study on occasion, or whenever the idea crosses his/her mind. Then there are those who delay until the very last minute.

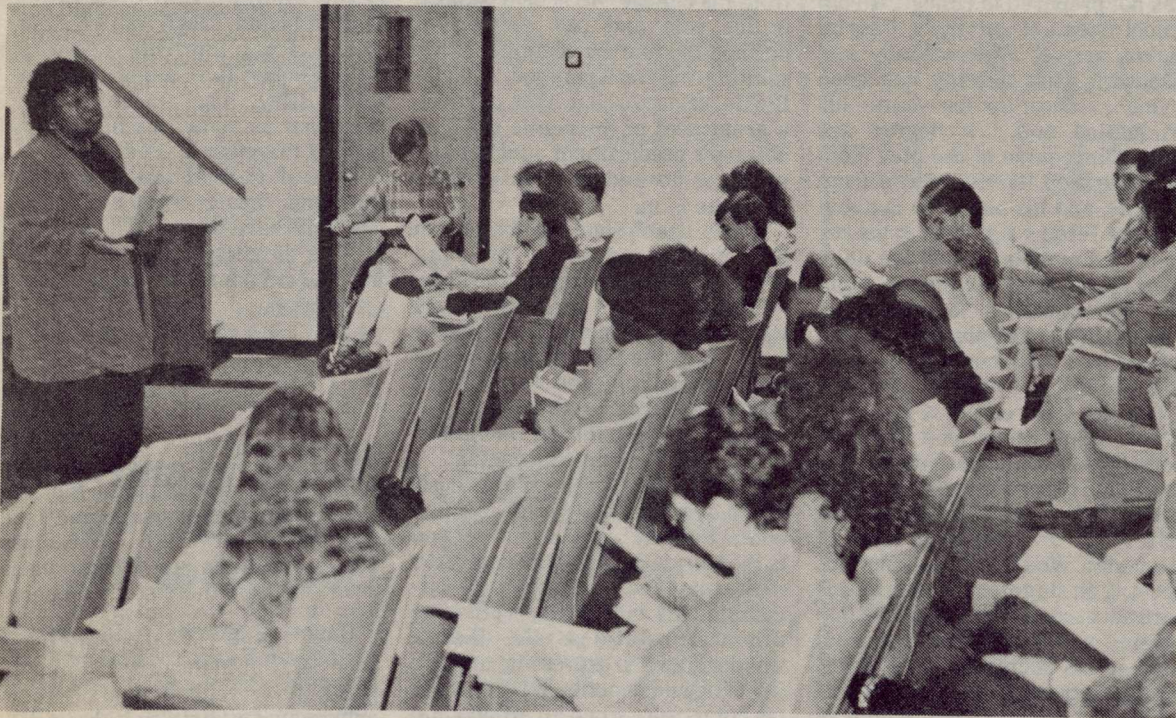
Whatever your method of studying may be, try to take finals seriously. For some, they may mean the difference between one or even two letter grades. And since these grades will follow us for the rest of our lives, they do need to be good ones. So study hard, do your best and remember that you're only doing this for yourself. Good luck!

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ECCC grad addresses class

Suzanna Kennedy, a 1988 East Central Community College graduate from Hickory, recently spoke to members of the college's engineering club, Alpha Alpha Epsilon, and is shown with Jay Fortenberry of Union, chapter president. Kennedy, who received her bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from Mississippi State University and the University of Arkansas, respectively, praised her ECCC instructors for making sure she was "well prepared" to transfer to a senior university. She encouraged students to study hard and take advantage of the "valuable instruction and assistance" that is provided by the East Central faculty, staff, and administration. Kennedy, who was introduced by Dr. Shelby Harris, chapter advisor and math instructor, will begin work on a doctoral degree at the University of Georgia in January, 1993.



Addresses voter concerns

Assistant Secretary of State Constance Slaughter-Harvey was the featured speaker during a special program held prior to the Nov. 3 election and sponsored by Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The Forest native explained the various amendments listed on the ballot and provided additional election information to a large crowd in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

BSU Late Nite

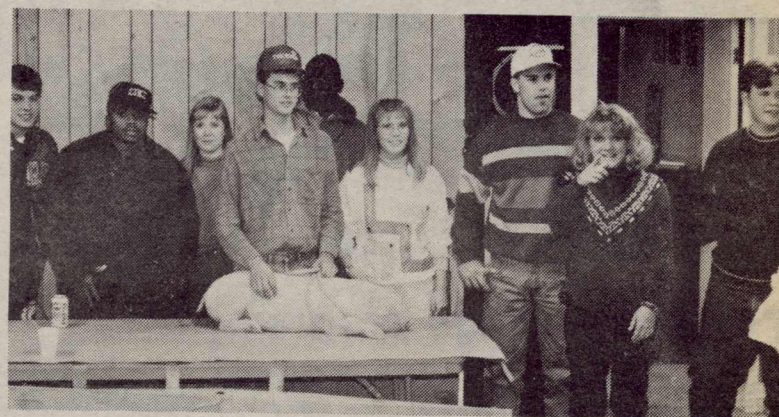
By GINA BISHOP

By far Late Nite was the most exciting event at the BSU this semester. After the Thursday night home football games, family, friends, faculty, and students were invited to come to the BSU for food, fun, and a dialogue time with the coaches and the star player of the game.

Dwayne Doyle acted as host for each evening. Highlights included a David Letterman style "Top Ten List", special guest, Miss Mississippi and ECCC's most "Dangerous Band." The final Late Nite ended with basketball coaches Pace and Cooper introducing their respective teams to kick off the basketball season. Also, "The Kiss the Pig Contest" ended with Amy Jo Apperson, Lea Ann Sigrest, and Gina Bishop kissing the pig. Money raised for this contest was donated to the BSU Summer Missions Program.



Miss Mississippi signs autographs during Late Nite at the BSU.

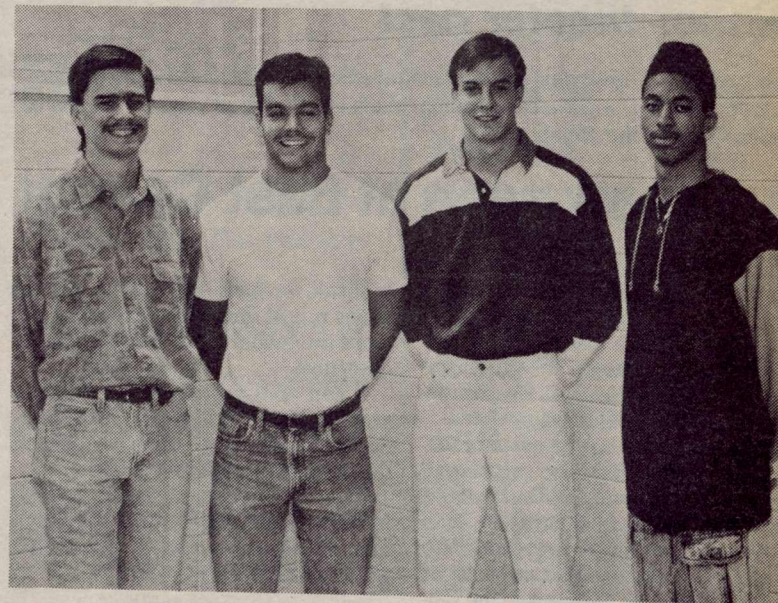


BSU group prepares for "Kiss the Pig Contest"



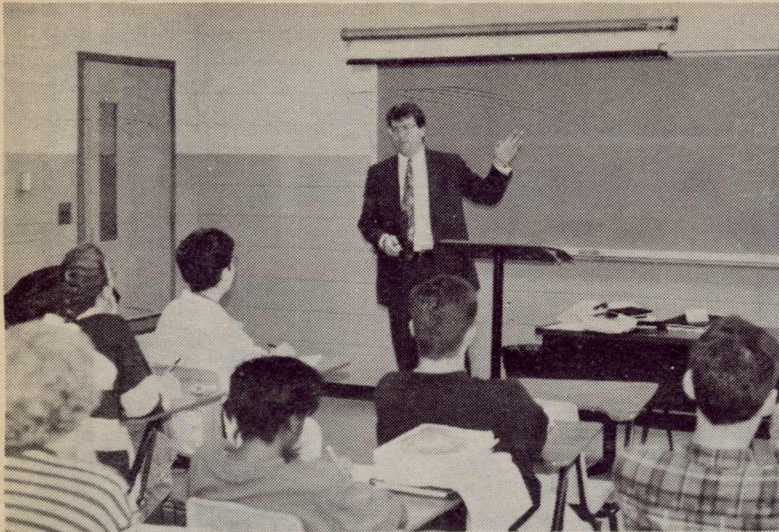
Republican official visits

Christine Collins, center, a national GOP committee woman, recently spoke to members of the Young Republicans and is shown with charter members Penny Rogers and Michael Abel. Collins visited the East Central campus prior to the Nov. 3 election.



AAE officers

Selected as officers of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers," at East Central Community College for 1992-93 are, from left, Jay Fortenberry, president, and Monte Suggs, vice-president, both of Union; Mark Norman of Newton, secretary-treasurer; and Clemario Jenkins of Lake, reporter. Dr. Shelby Harris serves as sponsor.



Explains savings program

Wade Sims Jr., a senior financial consultant with Merrill Lynch in Meridian, was guest speaker at a recent Phi Beta Lambda meeting and is shown discussing various investment strategies to members of the student organization. Sims said the current economic climate suggests that the savings program with the highest rate of return is one that includes the purchase of stocks and bonds. His firm, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc., presently manages approximately \$30,000,000 for over 400 individuals and small businesses.



Dinner theater cast

The cast of the 1992 dinner theater production of "Here Lies Jeremy Troy" include, seated, Doug Pierce; standing, Maria Leach, Diego Velasco, Stephanie Vance Gomez and Bryan Miley.

Art show seen at East Central

By DIANE DOUGLAS

On Nov. 13, the East Central Art Department hosted a reception for the viewers of the Fall Freshman and Sophomore Art Show.

Under the capable direction of Mr. Bruce Guraedy, the students displayed works of art that varied from abstraction to illustration. This semester, Mr. Guraedy led the students into new avenues of creativity and imagination. One student stated, "I tapped a creative source that I did not know I had." This can be seen in the collection of graphite works depicting East Central 1000 years from today. The mutation of animals was given as a drawing project. The students were to create one animal from a com-

bination of two. Dr. Key and Mr. Davis might find their next Biologist from the inventors of these unusual creatures.

Susan McCann's Out of Reach, and Dianne Douglas's Abstract Bird's Nest were the two three-dimensional exhibits featured.

Floyd Bozeman and Susan McCann, both sophomore students, also displayed works of oil in the traditional style.

Some of the most outstanding works could be seen in the illustrations. The picture likeness of the pieces were remarkable.

Mr. Guraedy has been an instructor at East Central for 17 years, and he stated this was one of the best shows ever presented.



ECCC Lady Warriors

Members of the East Central Community College women's basketball team for the 1992-93 season and their respective high schools include, front row, from left, Amy Joe Apperson, Neshoba Central; Rena Reed, Forest; Mistie Robinson, Noxapater; Stephanie Wiley, Huntington Academy, Ferriday, La.; Shellie Griffin, Union; Carla Leflore, Carthage; Sara Hollingsworth, Neshoba Central; Letitia Ringo, Scott Central; and, second row, from left, Jamala Odom, Scott Central; Michele Hardin, Louisville; Tanya Beckham, Neshoba Central; Tamella Mazingo, Union; Latrecia Drake, Morrow High School, Ellenwood, Ga; Stephanie Evans, Scott Central; Stacy Baggett, Kinder High School (La.); and Memory Hunter, Philadelphia. Not pictured are trainer Amy Pace of Decatur and Clint Wright of Philadelphia, and manager Sojourney Warnsley of Forest. The Lady Warriors are coached by Sammy Pace.

A night at the theatre

By GREGG COX

"Here Lies Jeremy Troy," a comedy in three acts, by Jack Sharkey was presented in what seemed a flawless fashion to the members of the audience. The dinner theater production was well-cast, well-served, and well-directed. The entertaining event opened on Thursday, Nov. 1 and ran through Nov. 14.

The play revolves around Jeremy Troy, a pretentious lawyer who has led his life in a career for which he was not prepared in college. An old school friend of Jeremy's, Charlie Bickle, arrives unexpectedly and discovers what Jeremy has been trying to cover-up for years—his graduation and law degree are fakes. The course of the play from here is to keep Jeremy's secret from his wife, and his boss who is about to make Jeremy a partner in his law firm. The combination of the uninvited guest, the boss coming to dinner, the mistaken identity of a model, and the keeping of the secret results in a hilarious performance acted quite well by the E.C. Players.

The role of Jeremy was played by Bryan Miley. Miley took the emotions that Jeremy was intended to express in his predicament and portrayed them to the audience without faltering or stepping out of character. Whether it was nervous of being on stage, or nervous acting I am not sure; however, the idea that Jeremy was really nervous about keeping his secret, a secret came through exquisitely. He moved about the stage with just the right amount of insecurity from someone who had to constantly change from loving husband to agitated friend to a plotting, conniving lawyer who was caught between deceitfulness and the worry over the outcome if the truth should be known.

Stephanie Vance Gomez played the role of Jeremy's wife—Katheryn Troy. Gomez seemed at ease in her role. She reacted to Jeremy's fits of strange behaviour with concern and true thespian comedic dismissals. Her portrayal of the character was zestful and believable. Gomez seemed to thoroughly understand her role.

Diego Velasco as the uninvited friend of Jeremy had the demanding role of depicting an artist who has lived-off the unreceptive classmates from his college. He is charismatic in his role and has seemed to develop the fine art of timing in his scintillating performance. Charlie Bickle, Velasco's character, provides a great deal of the comic relief to Jeremy's predicament, and Velasco manages to add hilarity to each scene he is in.

Maria Leach shows real talent in her characterization of Tina Winslow. The role requires the ability to act as two separate people while being convincing in both parts. Leach had the task of assuming a role within a role, and she succeeded in top form. Leach had the audience rolling with her delightful performance of this character.

Sven Ivorsen, Jeremy Troy's boss, was played by Doug Pierce. Ivorsen enters the play in the second act and is the source for all of the confusion in the play. Pierce reacts to the circumstances with witty comedic misinterpretations. He does a wonderful job in expressing the feeling of bewilderment, and maintains his composure when all around him seems to be in disarray. Pierce's one-liners and confusion helped move the play to a marvelous finale.

The production of "Here Lies Jeremy Troy" was the piece de resistance of the evening which had begun with a perfectly laid out buf-

fet, and an en vogue showing of fall fashions presented by the EC Fashion Squad. The squad consisted of Jennifer Anderson, Marianne Bamberg, Angie Crosby, Vicky Nixon, Cindi Sharp, Brandi Parkes, Nick Pouncey, and Scott Wesson. Other members of Mrs. Pouncey's modeling class involved in the fashion show were Cyndi Ballengir, Kathy Bell, Keisha Bender, Pam Boatner, Valerie Childress, Robert Evans, Tonya Fox, Rhonda Hill, Felicia Howard, Anna Kerr, Beth Leslie, Leigh Ann Livingston, Monica Logan, Leigh Ann Perdeye, Cherie Pope, Rochelle Sessums, Gwen Tucker, Tara Young, and Matthew Riley. The fashions were displayed as squad members performed mannequin modeling.

All in all I would have to say that the dinner theater was a major success. The hard work and dedication by all of the people involved resulted in a truly wonderful and stimulating production.

Ballet to perform in Jackson on December 11

Ballet Magnificat will present their seventh annual Christmas program at the Jackson Municipal Auditorium on Friday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13, at 2 p.m. Tickets are free and are available at Jackson area Christian Bookstores and Bee Bop Record Stores or by calling 982-1920. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the community stewpot.