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East Central Junior College's Huff Auditorium was the setting of ECJC's Beauty Pageant to the theme of "Putting on the Ritz". Twenty four young ladies vied for the title of Most Beautiful. They were escorted by twenty-four young men competing for Most Handsome. The ladies modeled sportswear and evening wear. The men escorted the ladies in evening wear. Five beauties and beaux were selected as well as Most Beautiful and Most Handsome.

Receiving top honors were Miss Ashlie Chipley (front, 3rd from l), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Chipley of Carthage - Most Beautiful; Jim McElhenney (front, 4th from l), son of Mrs. James and the late James McElhenney of Union.

Beauties include: (front, l to r) Stacie Therrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Therrell of Philadelphia; Tracy Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams of Newton; Miss Chipley, Mr. McElhenney; Suzette Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall of Decatur; Cindy Bridges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Bridges of Philadelphia; and Alice Faye Thames, daughter of Ms Mary Thames of Union.

Beaus selected were: (back row, l to r) Rusty Bagley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bagley of Trussville, AL; Chris Collins, son of Mrs. Muriel Collins of Union; Richie Lovorn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delle Lovorn of Louisville; Chuck Nance, son of Mr. Sam Nance of Laurel; and Kerry Nichols, son of Mrs. Dessie Nichols of Union.

January 21, 1986...

Chipley, McElhenney crowned Most Beautiful, Most Handsome

By Kim Raul

Jan. 21, 1986 here at East Central was a night of nervous anticipation and excitement for a group of students here on campus. This is the night that East Central's Most Beautiful and Most Handsome were chosen. This was the first year that Most Handsome was chosen from the pageant.

The theme of the pageant was Puttin on the Ritz. It was very appropriate for the young men's tuxedo's and young ladies evening gowns.

The young ladies were escorted out in their evening wear by the young men. Not only were there 24 beautiful young ladies on stage but there were also 24 good looking young men.

Ashlie Chipley of Louisville was chosen East Central's

1986 Most Beautiful.

Jim McElhenney of Union was chosen as Most Handsome.

Beauties chosen were Tracy Williams of Newton, Cindy Bridges of Philadelphia, Alice Thames of Beulah Hubbard, Stacie Therrell of Philadelphia, and Suzette Hall of Decatur.

Beaus chosen in the pageant were Richie Lovorn of Nanih Waiya, Rusty Bagley of Birmingham, Chris Collins of Union, Chuck Nance of Decatur and Kerry Nichols of Beulah Hubbard.

Gaye McDaniel was chosen by the other contestants as Miss Congeniality.

Other contestants in the pageant were Wanda Held, Marlen Haden, Marion Nichols, Janet Tullos, Vanessa Jones, Margo

Freeney, Leanna Breazeal, Susan Haralson, Allison Adams, Michele Murphy, Lisa Kelly, Valerie Strait, Tywonna Richardson, Stacy Steele, Patti Milling, Martha Roberson, and Jeri Dean White.

Other male contestants were Steve Carlyle, Rusty McGinty, Scottie Chunn, Dewan Salter, Ronnie Bender, Todd Jackson, Scotty Warren, Paul Radigan, Steve Hardy, Bennie Viverette, David Sorey, Neil Roseniond, Tobias Pace, Steve Montgomery, Craig Doby, Ernest Rush, Greg Nowell and Dennis Russell.

Ashlie was crowned by 1985's Most Beautiful Lisa Dooley of Louisville. She also entertained the audience with a song.

Mr. Vickers served as the Emcee of the pageant.

'Opportunity For Excellence'...

February tagged as National Community College month in 1986

By Michelle Chaney

The American Association of Community and Junior Colleges plan several national events to celebrate National Community College month. This event was proclaimed by President Reagan for February using the theme "Opportunity for Excellence." This theme helps to personify the nations 1,221 community, technical, and junior colleges.

Plans for East Central will

begin by Dr. Eddie Smith on WMYQ Breakfast Club. Dean Davis will try to arrange a guest speaker for the campus. Ms. Walton will do a feature article and try to get congratulatory ads in the paper for E.C. The English classes will be asked to do themes entitled "What E.C. means to them." East Central is a very good college, and we hope that Jr. College month is the best it can be for East Central.



Mr. & Miss East Central Junior College
Greg McNair and Cindy Bridges were named Mr.
& Miss East Central Junior College for 1986.

A College, A Home, A Sanctuary

Since this is Jr. College month, this letter is an illustration of the Jr. College system and what East Central in particular has meant to one of its graduates.

Even as a young student E.C.J.C. represented to me more than a mere "school", in the connotative sense of the word. I had worked hard physically, mentally and emotionally preparing myself to be ready for an education at an institution of higher learning. I was never naive enough to believe that education would or could come through memorizing concepts and ideas from printed pages and then waiting until life pushed the right buttons thereby eliciting the pre-recorded rote flow of verbal and mental regurgitation. I intuitively knew that knowledge, while requiring much of that, is too deep (or too high) to be encompassed by such intellectual mechanics. I knew that real knowledge requires a type of organic integration in which the student embodies the conceptual understanding both into his person and into the community corpus of which he is a functional organ for service. E.C.J.C. facilitated this growth in and through me.

A college certainly, but it was also a home where I found kindred minds and hearts; a home certainly, but it was also a sanc-

tuary for there I began a delve into the inner mysteries of life. There I felt secure enough to allow the ever palpable presence of being, to sensitize me to the cries of suffering and to the promise of relief through compassion of spirit wedded to skillful intelligence. There at E.C.J.C., I consecrated my life to serving mankind's needs which I found to be no different from my own. My success as a physician has not been due so much to inherent mental brilliance but to the incredible polishing of one with ordinary lusture by daring teachers whom I trusted as they entrusted me with their best.

My teachers then and elsewhere have taught me to cultivate the attitude of success without arrogance, pride in personal pursuit tempered with the humility of experience, and finally, service to humanity while remaining grateful for the opportunity to serve.

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

With esteemed appreciation,
(s) Beverly Oliphant, M.D.

Khadafy Must Be Stopped

By Bill Vaughn

Are we superior Americans being attacked by a demonish force that tends to tear and rip at our civilized society? Maybe so. But if we are being attacked, then who is doing the attacking? None other than that blood-thirsty leader of Lybia, Moammar Khadafy. Being described by President Reagan as a "flaky barbarian", Moammar Khadafy has managed to make terrorism a grislier, more widespread problem. Khadafy, as the leader of Lybia, has proposed and carried out senseless and barbaric attacks against the United States and many other countries since 1970. One thing is for certain, though, Khadafy has no plans to discontinue his bloody and horrendous acts of terrorism against the United States or any other country until all of the power of the world rests within the palms of his hands.

As once described by the late President of Egypt, Anwar Sadat, "Khadafy is 100 percent sick and possessed of the demon." Possessed of the demon sometimes tends to be a minor description of Moammar Khadafy. He has been called moody, peculiar, quixatic, flaky, blood-thirsty, barbaric, eccentric, a lunatic and a psychotic killer. Many Americans believe that these words are not fitting enough for a man like Khadafy. Persistent rumors in many parts of the world speak of secret treatments in a Swiss Sanatorium, but there is no solid evidence on which to base his mental health, although they do think he is somewhat crazy. Based on many peoples opinion, Khadafy is no more than a crybaby who throws tantrums when he doesn't get what he wants. It's about time to march in and spank the baby, one would think.

Although Khadafy's various moves are seemingly outlandish, they do appear to have some strategic or tactical motive behind them. One reason for Khadafy's latest attack on Rome and Vienna airports was to make an assault on the values that distinguish our Western civilization. This so-called "Christmas massacre" happened without warning. In only ten minutes, between Rome and Vienna, Khadafy's terrorists created a blood bath of no comparison. The toll: 18 people dead, including four of the terrorists, and 121 wounded. Do we not have any respect for human life? At the hands of terrorists, it seems not. The "Christmas massacre" was yet another reminder of the vulnerability at the hands of suicidal terrorists, most likely under the leadership of Khadafy. Many ask, "Is the United States afraid of Khadafy?" No, just of World War III.

Aside from the attacks in Rome and Vienna, Khadafy has threatened to send suicide squads to the United States if we take any military action against their forces. After President Reagan froze Lybian assets, Khadafy created an outburst of "reckless rhetoric". He called President Reagan a "stinking rotten crusader" and "an

aging, third-rate actor," and then threatened to send suicide squads to the streets of America. Khadafy also warned that if American hostility continued, his Islamic nation just might turn communist. Is he saying that the Soviet Union is on his side? Maybe so. But what puzzles many people is how does a ruler of four million people get away with being the world's number one troublemaker?

President Reagan has embarked on a new plan in hopes of controlling Khadafy and his acts of terrorism. His goal is to isolate Khadafy, strengthen the dictator's opponents within Lybia, and clear the way for a U.S. military strike should Khadafy be reckless enough to provide cause for attack. By freezing Lybian assets, President Reagan was able to cause some minor problems for Khadafy. If the United State's allies would have agreed to go along with the economic sanction, then the effects would have been much more devastating. But, as usual, our allies always respond in the same manner: He is not to be provoked. If the greatest countries in the world are afraid of Khadafy, then who is brave enough to discipline and bring down such a great power? As a senior presidential aide once said, "We have exhausted everything on Lybia, and there is nothing short of the military option left." In view of Americans, we should march into Lybia, assassinate Khadafy, and take control of the country.

The United States does want it's people to know that they have nothing to fear as for as terrorism in America. The American government feels that they have a remarkable resistance to the disease of terrorism. Robert Kupperman, a leading terrorist expert at Georgetown University says, "They're too scared of us." "To bring international terrorism here is to really take on the whole United States is as vulnerable as other any country, because it provides freedom of movement, and easily accessible information, but Kupperman says, "they're not quite ready." For now, Americans have nothing to fear, but fear itself. The terrorists will now have to decide whether or not an attack on the American people would be too costly a risk.

We, as red-blooded Americans, can not sit back and ignore Khadafy's provocations. We must realize that the Western world is already under siege and that mindless slaughter could eliminate our respect for human life. Khadafy once said, "If the United States takes any form of military action against Lybia, then it could start World War III." World War III is inevitable. It is going to happen one day, and as most Americans believe, Khadafy, like Hitler, will be one of the most evil and brutal leaders of the enemy countries that the world has ever seen. There is only one reasonable answer to this problem. He must be stopped now!

After First Semester...

39 Named To President's List

By Michelle Chaney

Thirty-nine people were named to East Central's President's List for first semester. Twenty-five were vocational technical students while fourteen were academic. There were forty-five named to the Dean's List, fifteen vocational and technical and thirty academic. One hundred forty-one students achieved Honorable Mention with seventy-three vocational-technical and sixty-eight academic.

President's List were: Lillie Kathern Addy, Patsy Louise Barker, Carol Dannette Black, Jimmy L. Blackburn, Jr., George Thomas Blackwell, Gregory Brazzle, Theresa Ann Breland, Cynthia G. Bridges, Marguerite Dennis, Jimmie D. Edwards, Richard Mark Eldridge, Sharon Ruth Goodman, Faye Parker Grady, Susan Jane Griffiths, Frederick Hamilton, James S. Hardy, Tod Dwayne Harrison, Tammy J. Hollingsworth, Ernest L. Huddleston, Jena Patryce Jackson, Patricia Nell Joiner, Michael Fitzgerald Jones, Billy Joe Leach, Marcia Gaye Mason, Jonas Earl McGee, DeEtta Lychelle McMullan, Kristi D. Miller, Linda Nichols, Jeff Morgan Ogletree, Eileen Denise Roberts, Lori Alene Rutledge, Brenda S. Sandifer, Kenneth L. Sherrod, Wendy Kay Smith, Robin Vance, Robert Edward Weidler, Julie Kay Welch, Eddie Dave Willis, Douglas Kimball Woodward.

Dean's List were: Steve Lamar Allen, Willie David Anderson, Mary Ann Barrett, Debra Lynn Chambers, Philip A. Chamblee, Michael Kevin Cloud, Rosie Dell Conway, Stan D. Davis, Marlon Terrill Evans, Mary Joycelynn Gunter, Paul Randal Guthrie, Tonia G. Hatcher, Amy Delle Hedrick, Christopher D.V. Hemphill, Jimmy Ray Horton, Randy Dale Howell, William T. Jackson, Renee Carol Johnson, Betty C. Jones, Helen Z. McCurdy, Tina Marie McGaugh, Mary Ann McGee, Kevin Brent Meador, Paula Faye Merritt, Karen Deneen Miller, Charles Scott Moore, Regina Leanne Moseley, Lynn Hunter Myers, Carl Eastland Porter, Matthew Douglas Pritchett, Tammy Michelle Reed, Bruce Michael Reiss, Alben David Roland, Margaret Ann Rush, Terry Maxwell Sessums, Patsy R. Simmons, Richard Alan Smith, Carl David Sorey, Kevin Cooper Thompson, Theresa Dawn Tune, James

Robert Valentine, Quincy C. Walker, Johnnie Floyd Weems, Anita Susan Williamson, Gregory Keith Wolverton.

Honorable Mention were: Patricia Ann Abel, Jimmy Todd Allen, Thomas Lee Anderson, Pamela Jean Bane, Bobby Dale Barton, Jimmy Wayne Bates, Joe Stewart Beard, Thomas Gregory Beard, Thomas Wiley Bishop, Stuart Franklin Blakeney, Gregory S. Blass, Harold Robert Blocker, Dione Margaret Boyette, Richard Carol Boykin, Letha Ann Brantley, William David Bryant, Randy Jay Burks, Shan Donavon Cargile, Ruby Dean Carter, Amanda Cassel, Tom Childress, Tonya Teresa Clair, Jimmy Dale Clark, Lisa Ann Clay, Carl Amos Cleveland, Robert Phillips Collier, Christopher A. Collins, Tammy Lynn Copeland, Patricia Lynn Crocker, Kathy Dianell Culwell, Deborah Rose Cumberland, Oradean Dade, Russell Juan Davis, Randall Wayne Farmer, Valerie Ann Fielder, Hope Amandia Ford, Patsy B. Garrison, Nelda Joyce Germany, Aundrea Gilbert, Mary Ann Gray, Evelyn Darlene Griffin, Sharon Kay Griffin, Robert G. Hall, Tammy Lynn Hardin, Lori Ann Harrell, Jack Buren Harrison, Warren Daniel Harrison, Jimmy F. Harvey, Randy Earl Hayes, Dana Marie Heflin, Barry Mershon Heumier, Ralph Hickman, Harold Glenn Hicks, Jr., Cassandra Yvette Hosley, Cynthia Renee Hughes, John Michael Hull, Annette Edith Hurley, Annie Joyce Jefferson, Steven Allen Johnson, Sarah Louise Johnston, Donald Ray Jones, Joe Clyde Jones, Johnny Ray Jones, John Trent Kelly, Lisa Rachelle Kelly, Justin Wayne Kennedy, Robin R. Killen, Michael Gene Kirkland, Ray Gerard Kohoutek, Jerri Van Kuhn, Lee Anna Lofton, Emily Michelle Loper, Van Alvin Lucas, II, James Darrell Mangrum, Peggy Sue Matthews, Eddie Weldon McDill, Edward McGowan, Jr., Leah Melanie McMullan, Donna L. McNair, Lynda Merle Monk, Romana Trapp Morgan, Dina Michele Murphy, Patrick J. Nash, Edward Earl Needham, Jessie Lee Nelson, Steve Edward Nelson, Deborah Ann Nichols, Diana Kaye Nickey, Sandy Melissa Nowell, Rickey Dewayne Parker, Peggy Ann Patrick, Terry Allen Phillips, James Dale Pickett, Edgar Michael Pierce, Gary L. Porter, Betty Lynn Posey, James T. Powell, James Dar-

rell Quick, Alvin Terry Ricks, Patricia Ann Rives, Ricky Lee Rogers, Tambra Kaye Rushing, Doris Nell Russell, Norman Douglas Samuel, Dalton Oliver Savell, Douglas Arnold Sikes, Cindy Louise Sloan, Jacob Scott Smith, Jerry M. Spivey, Sharon Irene Stewart, Anita Rochelle Taylor, Jeffery Dee Taylor, Judy Ann Taylor, Mary Felicia Taylor, Olive Doloros

Thames, Jr. James T. Thomas, Christy Renee Thompson, Lloyd Eric Thompson, Johnnie Hendrix Thorne, Coronda Triplett, Laynett Triplett, Stephen Glenn Triplett, Brian Scott Upton, Walter R. Viverette, Cecilia M. Waggoner, Sandra Lynn Walker, Linda Joyce Warren, Algia Rochelle Wash, Aprille Freeman

Watts, Lori T. Weaver, Charlotte A. Weems, Charlotte Anne Wells, David Westerfield, Kimberly Joyce Wilcher, Rhonda Annette Williams, Robin Dale Williams, Esther Lene Windham, Betty Jeanne Winstead, Tammy Michele Winstead, Edwin Scott Wolverton, William Casey Woods.



Todd Harrison receives a certificate of commendation for his accomplishments in electronics technology at E.C.J.C.

The award was presented to Todd as a result of a detailed procedure which he generated on a Logic Analyzer, which is a highly complex piece of test and diagnostic equipment used to determine faults in microprocessors and computers. The procedure will be included in the documentation of future logic analyzers sold by electronic suppliers.

Renna's Wooden Bird Collection Now On Display

By Sheila Hashimi

Located in the lobby of the library is a display of carved wooden birds presented by Matthew Renna of Philadelphia. The display consists of a variety of birds including a greenwinged teal, a sparrow, a sandpiper, and an American eagle to name a few.

Mr. Renna is a member of the Mississippi Crafts Guild and the Mississippi Woodworkers' Guild. In addition, he has done a one man show for the Audobon Society.

Some of his awards in 1985 include a first place blue ribbon at the Smokey Mountain Woodcarving Show and Competition; a second place red ribbon at the Midsouth Woodcarvers' Exhibition in Huntsville, Alabama, and a

first place blue ribbon at the Montgomery Area Woodcarvers' Show.

Mr. Renna attends craft

shows regularly and is recognized throughout the Southeastern United States for his work.

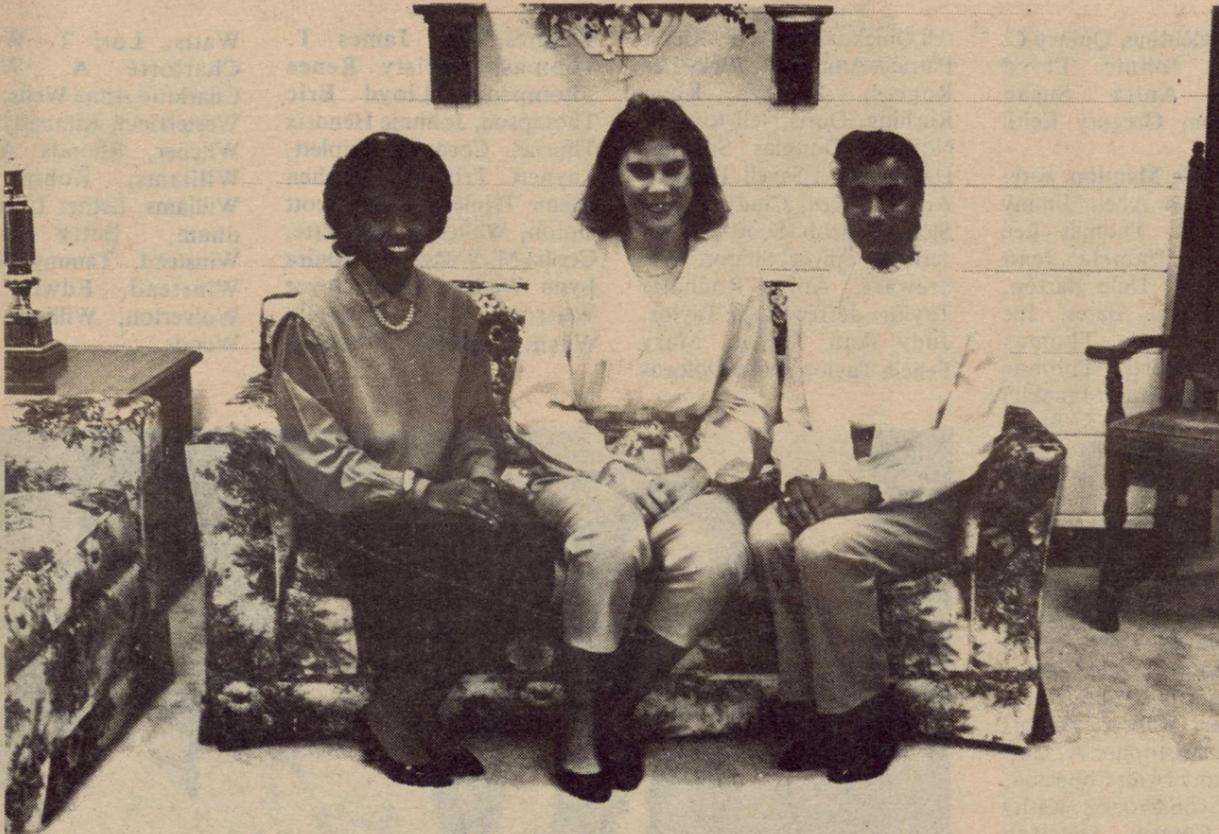
Lee Is Honored For 20 Years Of Service

By Michelle Chaney

Mr. Lenord Lee, director of Food Service has been recognized for twenty years of faithful service. Mr. Lee was recognized on January 15, 1986 in a faculty meeting. He was presented a plaque by Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Mr. Lee really enjoys his work here at East Central especially the young friends he has made.

He believes his co-workers help to make his job easier. Mr. Lee said, "If you want to look young, hang around old people, but if you want to feel young, hang around young people." Mr. Lee was very surprised and appreciated his award very much. He would like to thank East Central for making these last twenty years very enjoyable.

Fashion Squad Elects New Members



Fashion Squad try-outs were recently held at East Central Junior College for the Spring semester. Those students selected from Newton County include: (l to r) Lisa Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Parker of Hickory; Amanda Castle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Castle of Union; and Bobbie Warnsley, daughter of Ms Helen Boggan of Newton.



East Central Junior College Fashion Squad has added new members for the Spring semester. Those area members include: (sitting, l to r) Lynn Webb, daughter of Ms Patsy Ann Webb of Noxapater; Sarah Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston of Lake; (standing, l to r) Mary Ann Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gray of Forest; and Janet Tullos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Tullos of Noxapater.



Fashion Squad try-outs were recently held at East Central Junior College for the Spring semester. Those students from Philadelphia who were selected include: (sitting, l to r) Tonya Clair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clair; Stacie Therrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Therrell; Beverly Robinson, daughter of Ms Charlotte Robinson; (standing, l to r) Gaye McDaniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McDaniel of Philadelphia; Charles White, son of Ms Eula Lamar of Prichard, AL; and Carla Parker, daughter of Ms Carrie Parker.

April 9 - April 12...

Bye Bye Birdie To Be Presented At EC

By Darrell Mangrum

In April, East Central Junior College will present its seventeenth spring musical. Bye Bye Birdie will open Wednesday, April 9th, and will run through Saturday, April 12th. The musical will be presented each night in the Fine Arts Center auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

The selection of this musical began last semester with several prospects, then Bye Bye Birdie was chosen. Interviews and auditions were held on January 30th and 31st respectively. Mr. Peterson said that the interest in the musical was very good with thirty students interviewing for parts. Many people are involved in a production of this type including those who have leading parts, chorus members, dancers, various crews, the orchestra, and the faculty members who help in all facets of the production.

Those who were cast for parts in Bye Bye Birdie are as follows: Albert; Michael Kirkland; Rose, Stacie Therrell; Mrs. Peterson, Lori Harrell; Conrad, Scottie Chunn; Kim, Roxanna Manning; Hugo, Alben Roland; Mrs. Macaffee, Nelda Germany; Mr. Macaffee, Boyd Germany; Randolph, Stan Davis; Bartender, Tobias Pace; Mrs. Merkle, Tammi Covington; and Gloria, Annette Hurley. Those who were not cast for parts will be in the chorus. Other chorus members, dancers, and crews will be selected at a later date.

All those involved will be working very hard to present Bye Bye Birdie in the very best way it can be presented. They have a very tough and rewarding time ahead of them. This production promises to be a fun show that students as well as adults should enjoy.

865 Enrolled...

Spring Enrollment Is Up At ECJC

By Ann McGee

East Central Junior College is seeing the best Spring enrollment this year than it has seen in several years. Dean Rives says that he is very well pleased with the increase of enrollment. Dean Rives is also pleased with the number of first time students this semester.

The total enrollment of day and evening classes as of January 23, 1986 for the Spring Semester is 865, 211 of which are first time students. Of the 865, there are 388 full time Academic students, 147 full time Technical students, and 157 full time Vocational students attending E.C. Academic students, who are part time students, total 140. In the Technical division are 33 part time students.

Neshoba County has 253

students attending E.C. There are 242 students attending East Central from Newton County. Scott County students are 148 in number here at E.C. Winston County has 93 students attending. There are 90 students from Leake County. Therefore, the total of students in East Central's District is 800. E.C. has 832 students in all from Mississippi. There are 32 students attending E.C. from out of district or state.

Here are some interesting facts and ratios about the Spring enrollment of 1986. The student body consists of 405 males and 459 females. There are 167 married students attending East Central. E.C. students attending 25 years of age and over, total 205.



Officer Pete Collins spoke to the students of E.C.J.C. on Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The topic of his discussion was "DUI--Truth and Consequences". Pictured with Officer Collins are (l to r) Darrell Mangrum, Kim Hamil, Lisa Greenwood, Mr. Collins, Lori Harrell and Warren Alford.

DUI: Truth & Consequence

By Lori Harrell

Drunk driving has become a big issue among all age groups, as well as society. Pete Collins, a Mississippi Highway Patrolman, visited our campus on February 5th at 1:00 p.m. He spoke to students and faculty members on this important issue.

Mr. Collins has been with the MHP for 14 years and speaking for the MHP for 10 years. He is from Winona, Ms., but travels throughout the state delivering his message. It is a fact that 200,000 people were killed

last year in the state due to drunk driving. This increases two times each year. Mississippi has the highest rate for alcohol related accidents. 28,000 people each year die on Mississippi highways involving some kind of alcohol. Mr. Collins stated, "The young people are killing themselves." Because the main majority of alcohol consumption is by our youth.

Something must be done to keep this from happening. An important step in teaching them is to inform

them of the dangers. Mr. Collins gave many examples and many fatal accident reports he has faced.

Highway Patrolman face this every day. Mr. Collins brought a group of people to tears as he told of the facts of drunk driving. Mr. Collins was asked how he felt if he had changed someone's life against alcohol and he replied, "If I have touched one person, then I have achieved what I desire. Drunk driving is killing America and it must be stopped."

Pre-registration creates mixed emotions for students

By Lisa Greenwood

One of recent changes at East Central is the preregistration of classes. This activity took care of much of unnecessary turmoil, but it does have some drawbacks.

The opinions of the student body varies from student to student. There are those who think that

preregistration is great due to the fact that they gain a few days extra vacation. Then there are these who had rather wait till January or the beginning of the semester to schedule classes. Even though there are two extremely different views there is the group who like it both ways. Sure they like the extra vacation time, but

they feel that the actual procedures could use some adjustments. One student proposed that more computers be available to avoid long lines.

Of course all new things have to have time to iron out all the wrinkles. Preregistration at E.C. is a change for the school which steps out in a positive direction.



East Central Junior College held separate try-outs for football and basketball cheerleaders for the first time this year. Students selected to serve as basketball cheerleader squad members include: (front, l to r) Tobias Pace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pace of Forest; Alice Thames, daughter of Mrs. Mary Thames of Union; Amanda Cassell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Cassell of Union; Debbie Love, daughter of Ms Margie Triplett of Louisville; Marzet Jerningham - Co-Captain, son of Mr. Tommy Jerningham of Philadelphia; (top, l to r) Cindy Walker, daughter of Ms Ira Walker of Louisville; Stacie Therrell - Captain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Therrell of Philadelphia; and Kathy Culwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Culwell of Louisville.

Basketball Action

Against Copiah-Lincoln...

East Central Junior College traveled to Copiah-Lincoln Junior College on Tuesday evening to take on the Wolf pack. EC met with defeat as the Lady Warriors were stomped 93-69, and the Co-Lin men's team pulled out a 5 point victory, 84-79.

On Thursday, ECJC played host to Pearl River Junior College. The Warriorettes walked away victorious, 66-56, while the Warriors lost a hard fought double-overtime 110-101.

In women's action, the Lady Wolves jumped ahead early in the game and never lost momentum as they held a 45-47 halftime lead. The beginning of the second half saw the Lady Warriors closing in, but it was not meant to be as the Lady Wolves took the ball and ran the score up 93-69 at the final buzzer. EC's Regina Amos was cited for an outstanding game scoring 20 points, followed by Karen Miller with 17. Tracy Donald added 12 to the effort and Ruby Carter sank 11.

The men's game started off nip and tuck until Co-Lin converted on 4 ECJC errors to go ahead by 14 at the half, 50-36. The second half saw EC come from behind to cut it down to a 3 point advantage. Luck was with the Wolves as a final shot connected at the buzzer to show a win of 84-79. EC's Talby Bender led scoring with 29 points.

The Warriorettes took the bite out of the Lady Bulldogs' bark as they fought from behind at half. The teams matched basket for basket during the first half. EC fouled Pearl River's Bridgett Hall on a shot with :02 to go. She sank the first to gain the 31-30 halftime lead. The second half saw EC take advantage

of fast breaks and gain momentum to win 66-56. Regina Amos was high scorer with 18 points. Sethia Townsend and Karen Miller sank 10 each.

The first half of the men's game saw each team trading buckets evenly with neither team holding more than a 3 point advantage at any time. EC was up 46-43 as the first half ended.

The Warriors gained a lead of 8 points with 6:15 to go in the game. But the Wildcats scratched their way back to show a tie, 82-82, at the final sound of the horn.

In the first overtime, Pearl River went ahead 86-84 with 2:34 to go on a shot from Neal Murray, but seconds later, EC's Kenny Morgan was fouled and sank both free throws to tie it up at 86-86. Both teams matched buckets once again. With 1:42 left, PRC's Robert Bridges put them in the lead by 4, 90-86, with an easy two under the goal. EC's Morgan added 3 points and John Vivians added 2 to gain the lead with less than a minute of game time to go. PRC's Bridges connected on a 3 point conversion followed by Morgan dropping one in with :08 to send it into the second overtime.

Both teams once again battled for the lead. PRC connected on free throws to gain the advantage and the game, 110-101.

Talby Bender and Kenny Morgan led EC's effort with 30 and 29 points respectively. Gary Anderson added 14, and Bob Holloway and John Vivians sank 10 each. PRC's Robert Bridges led their scoring drive with 31 points.

East Central will see action this week at home on Saturday night as they take on the Southwest Bears. Game time begins at 6:00 p.m.

Night Courses To Be Offered

By Ann McGee

East Central Junior College is offering night classes in 3 of the 5 counties in the district. Fifteen of these classes being offered are for academic credit. The other classes are for continued education, but not for college credit.

Courses taught at night on E.C.'s campus for academic credit include: Fortran Programming, Introduction to Basic Electronics, and Technical Math. Introduction to Banking and College Algebra are taught for

academic credit in Forest. Introduction to Computer Concepts, College Algebra, General Psychology, and English Composition II are being taught at the Philadelphia - Neshoba Vocational Center for Academic Credit.

At the Choctaw Central Manpower Center night classes for academic credit include: 3 secretarial courses, plus Principles of Accounting, Adolescent Psychology, and College Algebra.

Courses for continued

education credit consist of: 2 Art classes, 1 Air Conditioning and Refrigeration class, and In-plant Industrial Training classes.

Nine of the night classes are staffed by East Central faculty. The other 6 classes are taught by teachers employed in the area. The enrollment of students taking night classes is one of the largest night class enrollments East Central has seen in recent years. There are 146 students attending E.C.'s night classes.

Scholars Take First Place

East Central's scholars captured first place in the Ole Miss Scholar's Bowl, February 7 and 8. Members of the team were Stan Hardy, Darrell Mangrum, Tammy Reed, and Alben Roland. Dr. Shelby Harris sponsored the group.

Competing against nineteen teams from the fifteen junior colleges in the double elimination contest, East Central was the only undefeated team in the competition.

Competition began on Friday at one o'clock and by ten o'clock only eight teams re-

mained -- four in the undefeated bracket and 4 in the losers' bracket (those who had been beaten only once).

Opening competition on Saturday pitted East Central against Meridian, last year's state champion. E.C.'s victory sent Meridian to the losers' bracket. Northeast defeated Jackson County of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College, parring East Central against Northeast for the finals.

In the final round East Central scored its second win over Northeast and remained

undefeated for the contest.

Scholarships were awarded to all junior colleges which participated. The two teams competing in the final round were vying for a \$3000 first place award (\$750 per semester for two years).

Faculty members who helped prepare the team for competition were Ovid Vickers, Tom Carson, Al Deaton, Bruce Guready, Dr. Shelby Harris, Sarah Heard, Lois McMullan, Tom Thrash, Bruce Peterson, Dr. Richard Fisher, Hal Fulton and Carol Vickers.

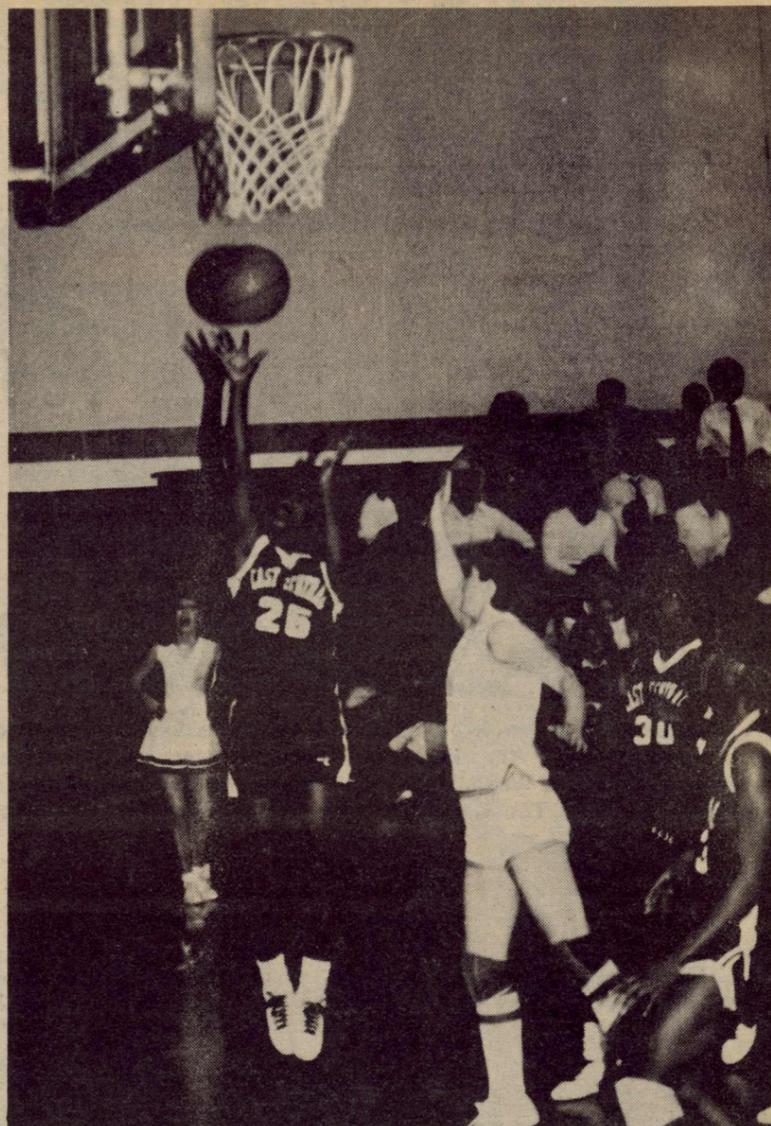
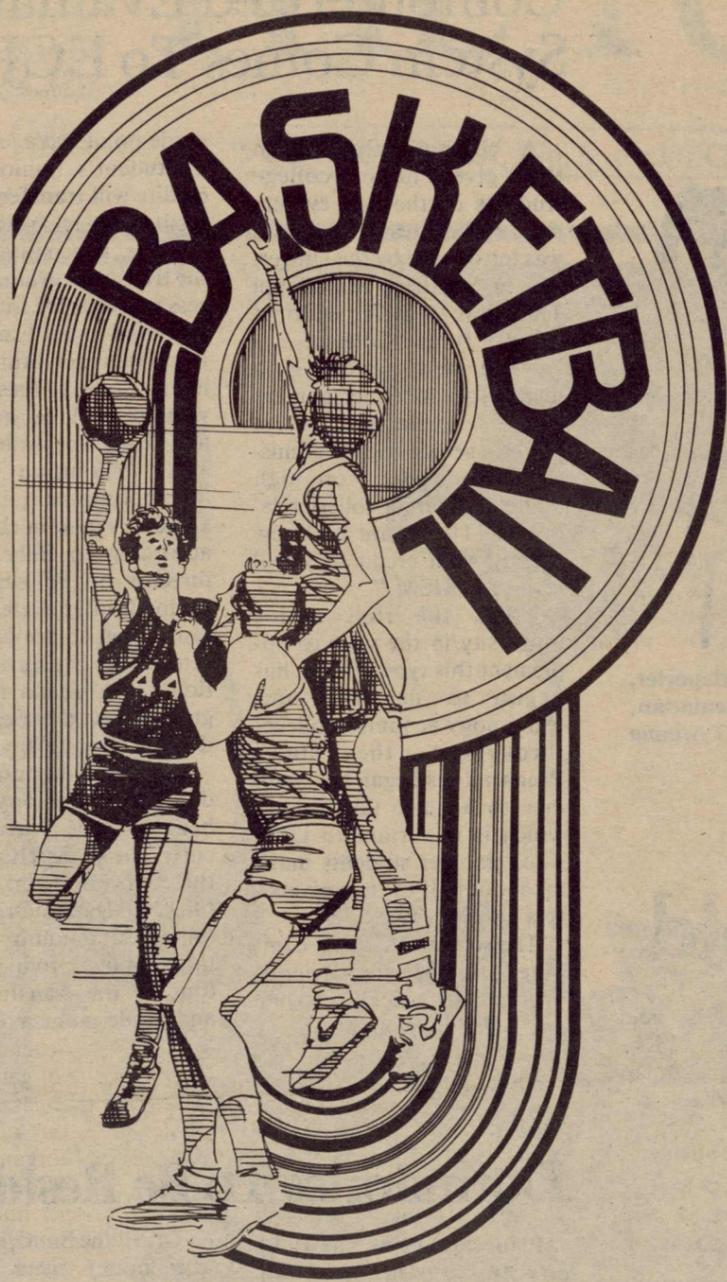
Against Southwest ...

The Lady Warriors of East Central Junior College defeated Southwest Junior College 66-54 in Saturday night basketball action while the Warriors were crushed by the powerful Southwest Bears, 85-58.

Karen Miller led the Lady Warriors with 23 points followed by Anita Union with 14 and Sethia Townsend with 13. Also scoring for ECJC were Regina Amos with 6, Beverly Bowie with 4, and Tracy Donald, Barbara Jones, and Ruby Carter added 2 each to the effort. Leading the way for Southwest was Stacy Guy

with 16 points. East Central led by 6 at halftime, 31-25.

The Warriors had an extremely cold night from the floor which was compounded by the aggressive play of the Bears. Southwest enjoyed a tremendous height advantage and used that advantage well as they continually took the ball inside to score. James Allen led the Bears with 16 points while Andrew Jackson had 15 and Cedrick Davis added 14. For East Central Ronnie Bender had 14 points followed by Arness Georgetown with 11, Talby Bender with 7 and Glen Robinson with 6.



Karen Miller makes two.

Tournaments Begin Feb. 17...

Teams Wind-up '86 Basketball Season

By Greg Beard

Basketball season is entering the home-stretch. Both the Warriors and Warriorettes are hoping to improve their records before tournaments begin.

Six games remain in the season before play-offs start. The Warriors will face Co-Lin, Pearl River, Utica, Southwest, Gulf Coast, and Hinds.

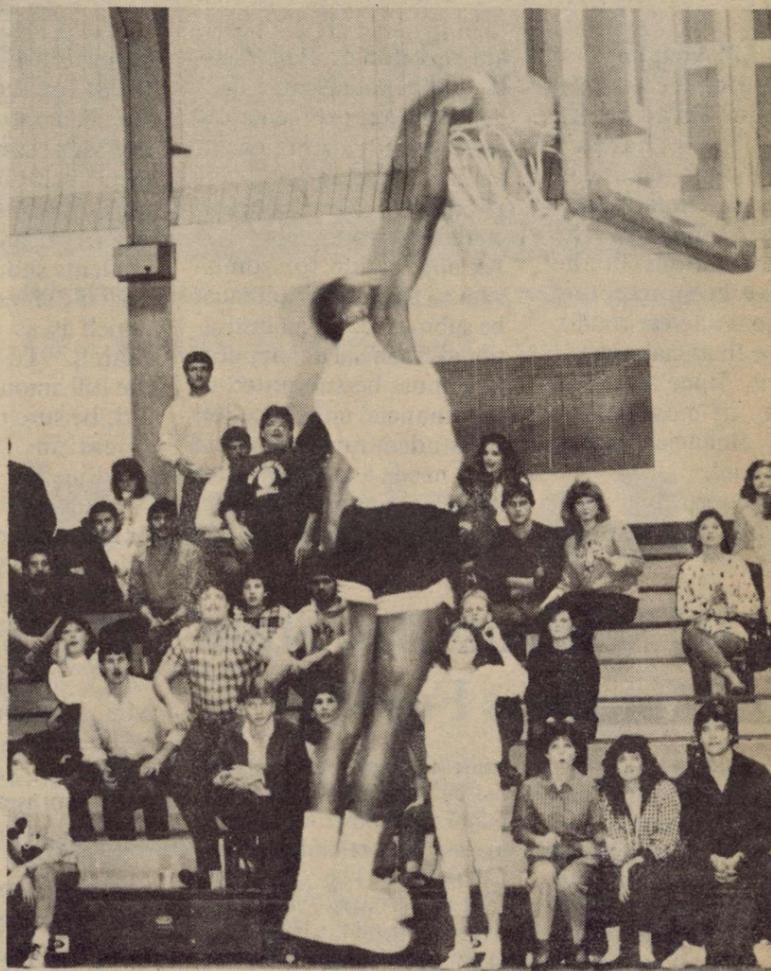
Coach Pace states that the Warriorettes have played alot better. Most of the losses handed to them were by slim margins.

The Warriors' record

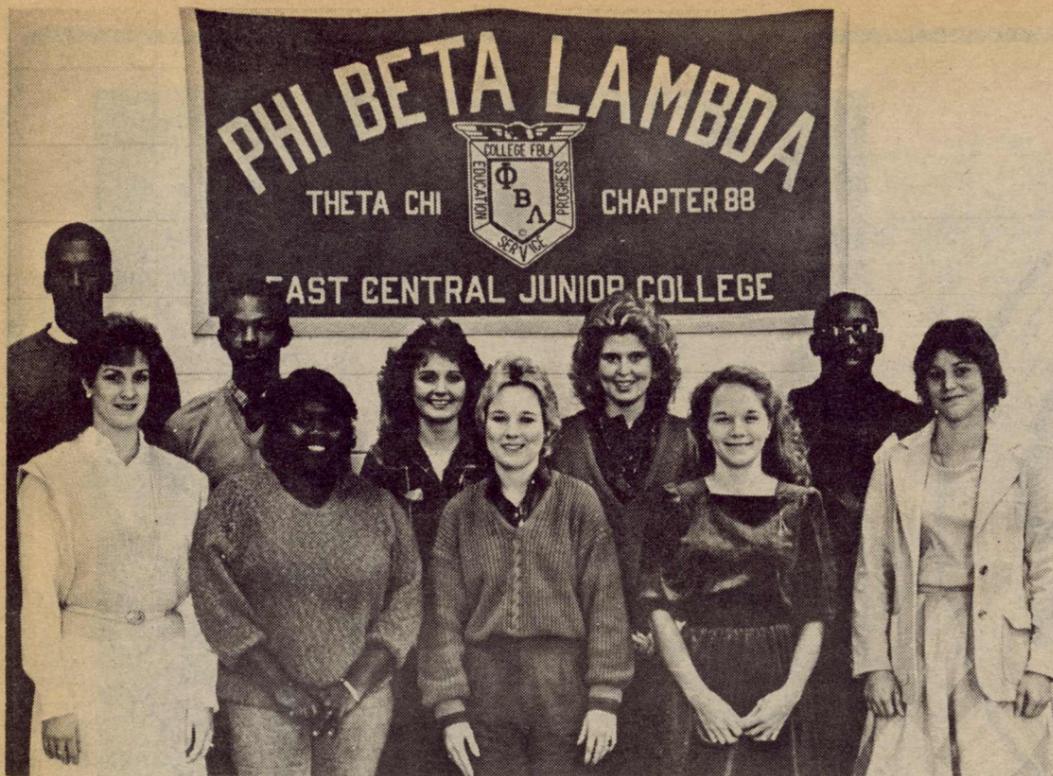
doesn't reflect their performance. The Warriors have played pretty well, but it seems that they keep falling short.

The coaches were very appreciative of the support shown by the students in the past few games. They would like to encourage all of the students to come out and support the teams in their final few games.

Tournaments begin the week of February 17th. Let's all go out and support our teams in these very important games.



Ronnie Bender slams 2 points against Co-Lin.



PHI BETA LAMBDA--Front row, left to right, Ann Abel, President, Demetria Moore, Reporter, Rosie Conway, Secretary, Lee Anna Breazeale, Treasurer, Peggy Matthews, Parliamentarian. Back row, left to right, Kendall Welsh, Historian, William Anderson, Member-at-Large, Tywonna Richardson, Vice-President, Tonya Clair, Edward McGowan, Members-at-Large.

Computerized Evaluation System Comes To ECJC

A computerized system that gives junior college students on-the-spot evaluations of their academic credits was introduced by the University of Southern Mississippi Thursday, Jan. 16 at Jones County Junior College.

"The new system is a means of meeting student needs," explained Cheryl Saliba, senior USM admissions counselor for high school and junior college relations. "They want to know exactly what credit they will receive at USM."

USM, the first senior university in the state to implement this type service, has begun to use the new technology at junior colleges throughout the state. Preparations began last summer to acquire the system, which is important to USM since transfer students make up about half of the university's enrollment.

The service utilizes a computer and specially designed program to quickly provide an official evaluation of

grade-point averages and how a student's junior college credits will transfer to senior institutions such as USM.

"The new system makes the transcript evaluation process two to three times as fast as it used to be," said Saliba, who visits each junior college in the state at least twice a year to work on admissions and transcript evaluations.

A Compaq brand microcomputer, worth \$4,600, is used in the system, according to Billy Scruggs, director of the USM Computing Center. Pete O'Brien, a member of the computing center staff, wrote an application for a commercial program designed to perform the desired functions.

For the evaluation, a student provides a copy of his or her transcript. The counselor enters the student's name and the course numbers for their junior college courses. With a minimum amount of data, the computer produces a printout of the transfer credits and grade-point average.

Class Elections To Be Held

By Lori Harrell

East Central will hold class favorite elections on Thursday, February 20th. Nominations must be turned in by

12:00 noon on February 19th.

There will be a favorite from each class, 3 male and 3 female. In case of a run-off,

these elections will be held Monday, February 24th. Everyone is encouraged to vote for your favorite.

Types Of Financial Assistance

By Bill Vaughn
Editor

If you graduating sophomores haven't thought about a senior college, then it is time to start thinking. Most of the senior institutions in the state have been accepting applications all-year round; including financial aid applications. Since money is a priority of most college students, financial aid can be beneficial.

After consulting with Brenda Carson, financial

aid director at East Central, she stated some procedures that are generally used by most institutions to determine financial aid eligibility. Mrs. Carson stated the following: "(1) An application for admission to the institution must be submitted, (2) an institutional financial aid application must be submitted to the financial aid office, (3) the student must complete the need analysis form, such as the CSS Financial Aid Form (FAF), the Act

Family Financial Statement (FFS), or the Application for Federal Student Aid (AFSA), that is required by the institution, and (4) most institutions have a priority deadline by which students should have completed the required forms, which is as early as mid-March." To be eligible for the full amount of financial aid, be sure to have all applications in by the deadline.

Students who need help or information concerning financial aid should contact Brenda Carson here at East Central, or the financial aid office at the institution in which you plan to attend. Mrs. Carson also stated, "Other ways to obtain information include talking with representatives from the institutions when they visit the East Central campus, telephoning or writing the institution for further information, and visiting the financial aid office at the institution." Don't forget to be planning now for your future education. The time to plan is now.

4 ECJC Students Are State Band Members For '86

By Michelle Chaney

Four students from East Central participated on February 6, 7, 8 in the Junior College All-State Band. This was held at the University of Southern. The following students who participated were Pennie Bailey, Boyd Germany, Richard Boykin, Pam Wilson, and Band Director Tom Carson. These

students' names were submitted by Tom Carson of music majors and other top players to the Junior College Band Committee. The committee then selects the All-State Band members from the list. This is much like a honor band. These students chosen have to try out for chairs the first day. Then for three days they rehearse and then perform a concert.

Dormitories To Be Restored

Plans are being made to possibly restore general residence buildings at East Central. The college is applying for a government subsidized loan available through the College Housing Program of the United States Department of Education.

If the loan is approved, the funds could be awarded in January, 1987. East Central would repay at 3% interest out of fees charged for room and board.

Dr. Eddie Smith stated that the money from the loan would be used for work on East Central's older dormitories. Todd and Jackson Halls would be renovated and updated while Winston Hall might possibly be restored as a residence for students. Leake Hall might also receive some freshening up.

These plans are contingent upon East Central receiving the loan, a possibility which top administration officials remain optimistic about.

Masonry Instructor Suffers Heart Attack

Recently, while hunting in Leake County, Paul McElhenney, masonry instructor here at East Central, suffered a heart attack. Although in great pain, McElhenney managed to get

behind the wheel of his car and drive himself to a hospital in Carthage. After the doctors had examined him in Carthage, he was then transferred to St. Dominics Hospital in Jackson where he suffered a second heart attack.

Chester Clark, Assistant Vocational Director, stated,

"Although Mr. McElhenney suffered two heart attacks, his doctors recently gave him a good report, and he will return to work sometime in March." Clark also stated, "Martis Milling, a bricklayer from Union, has taken over the masonry classes until McElhenney has fully recuperated and can return to his job."

The administration, faculty, and students of East Central hope that Mr. McElhenney continues his speedy recovery and can return to East Central soon.

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Our Scholars Bowl Champs--Stan Hardy, Alben Roland, Tammy Reed and Derrel

Mangrum receive their trophy as advisor Dr. Shelby Harris looks on.

ECJC Is Undeclared In Scholar's Bowl

By **CARL CLEVELAND**

The date of February 8, 1986 will long be remembered by East Central Junior College. On that Saturday, the college received the greatest affirmation for its existence when four East Central students, Stan Hardy, Darrell Mangrum, Tammy Reed, and Alben Roland, emerged undefeated in the Ole Miss Scholar's Bowl.

The double elimination contest found East Central's team sponsored by Dr. Harris, competing against nineteen teams from fifteen

junior colleges. East Central won over last year's champions, Meridian Junior College, before defeating Northeast in the finals. Along with first place, a \$3000 scholarship to Ole Miss awaits team members.

This first time win for East Central obviously involved two important factors: selection and preparation of the team. According to Dr. Harris, thirteen students were nominated by the faculty. The students were chosen on

the basis of, "variety of knowledge", stated Dr. Harris.

After two days of competition among these thirteen, four students were chosen, as well as two alternates, Mark Eldridge and

Kevin Thompson. The final group of students were all sophomores as the faculty felt that the questions would be asked from core curriculum and that sophomores would have a

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ECJC Wins Scholar's Bowl

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better chance of answering correctly.

Dr. Harris stated that this did indeed "prone to be the case in the selection process." It also was the case in the event at Ole Miss. Tammy Reed felt that the faculty asked questions which were, "very similar to some of the questions in the actual tournament."

Each student was given a written test, and then toss-up questions were given to the group. Tallies were kept and were totaled at the end. These tallies, added to the written test score, were used to decide who would represent East Central. Faculty members prepared questions relating to their own field of expertise.

Led by Mr. Guready, Dr. Harris, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. McMullan, Mr. Thrash, Mr. Peterson, Dr. Fisher, Mr. Fulton, and Mrs. Vickers. This work paid off handsomely, not only in the win, but also in the compliments offered by the four scholars. Each felt that the faculty played an integral part in their success. Darrell Mangrum stated that the contest was one of "real competition, but we were very prepared". He attributed that preparation to his high school and college teachers. Alben Roland offered, "special thanks to the teachers for preparing us; they gave us the background to win."

The knowledge and joy of East Central instructors were further praised by Stan Hardy. "During the competition, half of me was competing for myself and the other half for East Central. However, the elation of the faculty over the win made me feel pride for the school...I appreciate their support before and after the competition, "was how Stan summed up faculty input. He also said that the faculty correctly were, "responsible for the win."

As far as the contest itself,

the questions were well-rounded; they were, "just like Trivial Pursuit, from different categories and fairly easy", according to Alben Roland. He found the science section to be hardest while Darrell Mangrum judged the business questions hardest with Chemistry and Biology easiest.

Though they were prepared, the team members did not actually think seriously about placing first until the competition began to progress. As Tammy Reed stated, "I felt it was an honor just to be chosen to represent ECJC at Ole Miss."

Neither Darrell Mangrum nor Stan Hardy believed that the team would defeat all others until after the win over Meridian, the defending champions. When they did overcome all opposition, Stan felt, "total disbelief."

Tammy probably echoed the feelings of all, that the win was, "icing on the cake." That icing could well taste like a three thousand dollar scholarship to Ole Miss. Alben Roland stated, tongue-in-cheek, "four went, not considering Ole Miss; now all are thinking about it". Aside from enjoyment over their win, the scholars are looking forward to regional competition in Florida.

In Florida, East Central will represent Mississippi in the Southeastern Region Competition. The champion teams from Alabama and Florida will face East Central's team in a double elimination contest on April 25 and 26, in Jacksonville at Jacksonville State Community College. This "academic challenge" is conducted through the State Board of Community Colleges of Florida. This marked the first year for MS to go to regional competition. Last year's champion was Miami-Dale Junior College.

The East Central champion scholars have been

honored in several ways. After their return from Ole Miss, they were guests at a luncheon given by the East Central Board of Trustees. The following week, in Jackson, they were commended by Dr. Boyd, State Superintendent of Education. A joint resolution of the State Legislature was passed approving East Central and the scholastic team.

Closer to home, Dr. Smith offered his personal, as well as official, praise in a written statement: "Of all the achievements and accomplishments that have been made this year at East Central Junior College, certainly the Scholars Bowl team's overall win in the state-wide competition held at Ole Miss ranks among the greatest. I am so genuinely proud of this accomplishment by the team because of what it reflects with regard to the knowledge and ability of the individual team members as well as the image for academic excellence that is projected for the entire college.

Certainly I commend the team members: Stan Hardy, Darrell Mangrum, Tammy Reed, and Alben Roland; and I want to thank Dr. Shelby Harris, Mr. Ovid Vickers, Dr. Brad Tucker and all the other people at the college who contributed to the Scholars Bowl efforts for East Central Junior College."

When Chancellor Turner of Ole Miss presents each Scholar's Bowl team member with a plaque signifying their accomplishment on Awards Day, every other student at East Central will recall the feelings of quiet, unspoken pride they have felt in the college and its four academic champions for the past weeks. Each faculty member will know that they are indeed the best and the administration will have its academic aims for excellence confirmed.



Greg McNair & Cindy Bridges

Mr. & Miss ECJC Are Chosen

By BILL VAUGHN

Recently elections were held for Mr. and Miss E.C.J.C. Chosen as Mr. East Central was Greg McNair from House, Ms. Selected as Miss East Central was Cindy Bridges from Philadelphia, Ms.

Greg McNair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McNair, is a 1984 graduate of Neshoba Central High School. While attending Neshoba Central, Greg was chosen Salutatorian and President of the student body. Involved in sports, Greg was on the football team for 3 years in which he was chosen All District Quarterback and Defensive Back during his senior year. Greg also played basketball and baseball.

At East Central, Greg has been involved in numerous aspects of the college. During his freshman year, Greg was chosen as a class favorite and served as President of the freshman class. Greg is President of the Student

Body Association, and is also a member of the President's Council, the Warrior Corps, and Mu Alpha Theta. Greg was selected to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges and participates in Intramural Athletics.

Cindy Bridges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Bridges, is also a 1984 graduate of Neshoba Central High School. In high school, Cindy was involved in such activities as basketball, cheerleading, and the Beta Club. During her senior year, Cindy was crowned as Homecoming Queen.

While attending East Central, Cindy has participated in many different activities and has received several honors. Cindy was crowned Homecoming Queen in 1985 and was chosen a beauty both her freshman and sophomore years. Also during her freshman year, she served as a cheerleader for

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3 On 3 Tournament Is Held

By GREG BEARD

A 3 on 3 tournament was held recently here at East Central. Altogether there were 14 teams participating. One men's and One women's team were selected as winners to represent East Central at Ole Miss. There they competed with 40 other colleges and universities.

In the junior college divi-

sion, East Central placed first in both men's and women's action. Overall, the ladies placed 8th and the men 16th.

Members of the women's squad were: Becky Gallaspy and Bobbie Wansley, Decatur; Elaine English, Union; and Evette Wash, Sebastopol.

Competing for the men's squad were: Gerry Spivey, Newton; Marlin Evans, Union; Ollie Jones, Hickory; and Wayne Goss, Philadelphia.

The great rankings they received really helped to boost East Central's intramural program, and prove that Warrior athletes really are No. 1.

The Perfect Crime

By **BILL VAUGHN**

Once again, in our poisoned society, we face yet another form of terrorism—that of product sabotage. From glass fragments to fish hooks, each day we face the chance of swallowing some ominous object or poison that could create a devastating disaster to our human system of life. One may ask, who would tamper with products in order to viciously murder innocent people? Apparently, the only answer to this question are the sick and psychotic people that run free in our justice-lacked society.

The most recent case of death from product sabotage was that of a New York woman, Diane Elsroth. While visiting her boyfriend's home in Yonkers, New York, she complained of feeling ill. Her boyfriend, Micheal Notannicola, gave her two capsules of Extra-Strength Tylenol from an unopened bottle that his mother had purchased a week earlier. Within only a few minutes, Diane Elsroth, 23, was dead of acute cyanide poisoning. Not only did the police find three more capsules laced with cyanide in that same bottle, but five more cyanide-laced capsules were found in a separate bottle in a nearby Woolsworth. What seemed to puzzle the police about this incident was that the seals on both the box and the bottle seemed unbroken. What kind of lunatic is running around poisoning our pain killers? Many people believe he is the same mad-

man who killed seven residents from Chicago with cyanide-laced Tylenol in 1982. Or, if it is not the same man from Chicago, then could it be the work of a "copycat" killer? It is most probable since we live in a chain-reaction society.

Johnson and Johnson, maker of the Tylenol capsules, is extremely worried since a triple-sealed package could be tampered with without any signs of sabotage. James E. Burke, chairman of Johnson and Johnson, stated, "This was a tamper-resistant package, not tamper-proof. We believed because of the way we put it together that if it were tampered with, we would probably be able to discover it. There were no signs." Burke also commented, "Since the last Tylenol incident, we have quit making capsules and started making caplets. The caplet is highly compressed - 35% smaller than capsules - and doesn't have as much space to put poison in. It can't be opened and closed again. It is also coated and printed. We don't know what else to do to make medicine safer." Johnson and Johnson has advised all capsule users to switch to caplets, and to report any tampering that they may find.

Aside from the cyanide-laced Tylenol cases, other reports of possible product tampering have continued to show up across the United States. In Camamillo, California, a 9 year old girl found a fishhook in a Hostess Snoball Cupcake at

a Vons Grocery Co. Market. The girl was uninjured, but the grocery chain has pulled the cupcakes from all of its 179 stores. Also, glass fragments have been found in jars of Gerber baby food in 10 states, and Maryland has banned the company's jars of strained peaches. Gerber is threatening legal action against the state ban, but they still have no clue as to where the glass fragments came from. What kind of maniac would put fishhooks and glass in our food. Obviously, it is some psychopath with a twisted mind who needs God's wrath cast upon him.

The effort to find the "over-the-counter terrorists" has become a nationwide concern. Since there seem to be no motives, the police practically have no leads in the tampering cases. If motives are found, then they will be very different in each case and will probably lead to thousands of people who could have committed such a crime. In the end, the search will probably be a "waste of time."

Product sabotage is no more than a sophisticated level of terrorism that threatens our so-called "peaceful" society. As terrorists murder innocent people, so do the saboteurs who maliciously tamper with our day-to-day products. Until justice is served, American citizens will live in fear of some possessed psychomaniac who poisons our daily-use products. The killer must be caught and dealt with to the best of our judicial system.

Schedules To Be Out April 1...

Summer School To Begin May 27

By **ANN MCGEE**

Attending summer school at East Central has several advantages. For students just graduated from high school, summer school is perfect for going ahead and getting some subjects over with. Going to summer school lightens a person's workload for the fall and spring semesters. Also, students presently attending E.C. who have not averaged hours a semester or who have a low grade point average should consider summer school. East Central students who are on probation or suspen-

sion can talk to their advisors about making up work during summer school.

Day classes this summer will be held on East Central's campus and at the Louisville Vo-Tech Center. Night classes during the summer will be held at Philadelphia, Carthage, Louisville, and Forest. Day classes have two - 5 week periods or semesters. Night classes meet 2 nights each week throughout the summer. The first semester of summer school will begin on May 27, 1986 and end on June 27, 1986. The second semester

will begin on June 30, 1986 and end on August 1, 1986.

During summer school, a person can take 2 classes a semester with the exception of Biology. A person can only take the one course, Biology, since it is a 4 hour course. The classes meet each day beginning at 8:00 in the morning and ending at 1:00 in the afternoon.

Summer school schedules should be out by April 1, 1986. For details of registration, the classes that will be offered, and other information contact the registrar's office after April 1, 1986.

Dr. Smith To Be Inaugurated As President

By **BILL VAUGHN**

On April 30, 1986 at 2:00 P.M., the sixth president of East Central Junior College will be inaugurated. The inauguration will be held in the Huff Auditorium on the campus of East Central Junior College. This is the first formal inauguration for the president of East Central Junior College.

Between 600 and 700 people will receive formal invitations. The faculty, staff, administration and student body are not to receive personal invitations but are encouraged to attend. Dignitaries throughout the state have been notified of the date of the inauguration and will receive a formal invitation sometime in the near future. Governor Bill Allain has been invited, but due to prior obligations, he will not be able to attend.

The processional will consist of 130 to 140 members. The music will be provided for the processional by either the organ or the East Central Concert Band. The concert band and the choir will participate in the inauguration.

Mr. Ovid Vickers, senior staff advisor, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies and will present the welcome. All members of the faculty have been appointed to serve on one of the nine committees functioning for the inauguration.

Dr. Brad Tucker, chairman of the steering committee, commented on the order of the inauguration. Dr. Tucker stated, "After the welcome has been presented, I will then recognize the special guests. Salutations will then be presented by: Arno Vincent, past president of East Central when Dr. Smith was a student at East Central; Richard A. Boyd, State Superintendent of Education; George Moody, Director of the Bureau of Junior Colleges; and Elwin G. Wheat, Assistant State Superintendent of Education. After this, the charge of the Board of Trustees will be given by Don Howington, secretary of the Board of Trustees. Then the insignia will be given by Gilbert Brantley, vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees. The investiture of the president will be conducted by Henry Hudspeth, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Smith will then respond with his comments. The benediction and recessional will conclude the inauguration."

Immediately following the inauguration, a reception will be held in the Mabry Dining Hall. Mrs. Alice Pouncey is serving as chairman of the reception committee. Slater Food Services will be sponsoring the reception. Their regional office is based out of Atlanta, Georgia.

The institutional mace carried by the marshal and the presidential medallion are new and are being used for the first time. The mace is being made by the wood-working department of the vocational division of East Central. The medallion is being cast by a commercial supplier. Both the medallion and the mace will be placed in the college vault and will remain there for future ceremonies. A replica of the medallion will be mounted on a plaque and presented individually to Dr. Smith.

Mr. & Miss ECJC

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the Warriors, was a dancer in the musical "Oklahoma", and was elected class favorite. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was selected a member of Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. Cindy served as a Centralette her sophomore year and participates in intramural athletics. Although Cindy is

involved in many activities, she puts her grades at the top of the list of her priorities.

East Central is honored to have these two outstanding people as students at their college. To be able to participate in so many activities and still continue to make good academic progress is certainly an achievement. To these achievers, congratulations on a job well done.

Spring Fashions '86 Is Held

By **STACIE THERRELL**

Spring Fashions '86 was held in the Fine Arts Auditorium on March 6th. The spring fashion show was sponsored by the ECJC Fashion Squad and is an event that is held every other year here at East Central.

Those fashion squad members participating were

Amanda Cassell, Mary Ann Gray, Sally Johnston, Patti Milling, Gaye McDaniel, Carla Parker, Tammie Reed, Beverly Robinson, Stacy Steele, Alice Thames, Stacie Therrell, Janet Tullos, Bobbie Warnsley, Lynn Webb and Trace Williams.

Narrators were Tonya Clair and Leanna Breazeale.

The squad also had special guests modeling children's wear. They were Caleb and Jacob Breland, Timothy Clair, Samantha Smith, Katrina Thames and Laura Robinson.

The fashion show consisted of sportswear, casual wear, and formal wear. Fashions were provided by: Brass Knob in Newton, Burns in Forest, Cato's in Philadelphia, Chipley's in Carthage, Clothes Closet in Noxapater, Dees in Philadelphia, Edwards in Decatur, Feldman's in Newton, Foxy Fashion in Louisville, Lee's of Forest in Forest, Lucille's in Louisville, Milady's House of Fashion in Forest, Mirror Mirror in Louisville, Monroe Williams, Panetta's Shirley's Kiddie Shop, Something Special, Southern Jeans, The House of Fashion, The Vogue, and Williams Brothers, all of Philadelphia.

Special music for the show was provided by Tammy Winstead, staging and lighting was conducted by ECJC Theatre Arts class and Toby Pace and Lawrence White were the special entertainers. Mrs. Alice Pouncey is the director of the ECJC Fashion Squad.



Alice Thames, daughter of Mrs. Mary Thames of Union, models a classic Spring lightweight blazer.



Lisa Parker of Decatur is shown modeling a popular skirt with spring colored flowers on a black background.



Gaye McDaniel models a polished cotton chintz with multi-colored large dots on a white background.



Bobbie Warnsley of Decatur shows off a comfortable combination of a cotton knit sweater and cotton pants, accented with large colored beads which are a popular item for the spring.

Phi Theta Kappa Holds National Convention

By ANN McGEE

Members and sponsors of East Central's Chapter Theta Xi of Phi Theta Kappa are preparing for and looking forward to the 1986 National Convention. This convention is to be held April 3 - 5 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Theta Xi plans to leave early Wednesday morning, April 2. They will probably start home late Saturday, April 5. There is a possibility that the Phi Theta Kappa chapters from East Mississippi Junior College, Southwest Junior College,

and Co-Lin Junior College will be traveling to Philadelphia with East Central's Theta Xi. Getting the chance to travel with students and sponsors from other Junior Colleges is an experience, itself.

One of Theta Xi's spon-

sors, Mr. Mayes, commented on traveling to the convention. "I normally am the principle chauffeur as we drive to the convention. I love driving, and can go for hours without getting tired or bored. The trip itself is enjoyable, for both students and sponsors enjoy the togetherness, the conversation, and the occasional side trips to points of interest."

The 1986 Phi Theta Kappa National Convention has several speakers, some workshops, entertainment, a celebration, and a tour scheduled. Those who will be speaking at the convention include: Robert Anastas, executive director of Students Against Driving Drunk; Dr. Judith Eaton, president of the Community College of Philadelphia; Fred Friendly, dean of the Columbia School of Journalism and former president of CBS News; Harrison Salisbury, former associate editor of the *New York Times*; John Stack, a political writer for *Time* magazine; Robert Goodman, "The Image Maker"; and Marlene Sanders, a CBS News correspondent.

Entertainment will be provided by Philadelphia's celebrated Mummings. Students and sponsors will be taken on a tour of Philadelphia's historic square mile. A special celebration will be held

marking Dr. Margaret Morsal's more than 50 years of leadership. Also during the convention the candidates running for National Phi Theta Kappa offices will give their speeches.

The members and the sponsors, Mrs. Burkes and Mr. Mayes, of Theta Xi who will be attending the National Convention are really excited about the trip. Mrs. Burkes said "I am looking forward to visiting Philadelphia since it is the birthplace of our country. I especially want to see the Liberty Bell, Benjamin Franklin's grave and Independence Hall. Seeing the famed Philadelphia Mummings and hearing Marlene Sanders of CBS News should also be exciting. In addition to the fun aspects of the convention, we will also attend political caucusses, have workshops, and have an introduction to the 1986-87 honors theme."

Mr. Mayes had these comments about the trip: "In the Spring of 1976 I made my first trip to Philadelphia with Phi Theta Kappa. I am looking forward to going back to see landmarks such as Independence Hall, the Mint, The Franklin Institute, and other favorites."

It sounds as though Theta Xi will have a fun as well as interesting trip to the National Convention.



The executive staff of the Tom-Tom put their heads together to come up with ideas for the Senior Day edition of the Tom-Tom.

'Paradoxes In Mathematics' ...

Reed Speaks To Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta is a national math club for students who are interested in and have a high achievement in math. The club meets once a month in which guest speakers are often invited to speak on various topics concerning mathematics.

Recently Dr. Jerry F. Reed spoke on "Paradoxes

in Mathematics" in which he talked about things that seem opposed to common sense but yet are perhaps true. Reed is a member of the mathematics department at Mississippi State University.

Mu Alpha Theta holds a national convention each year in different places. Last

year it was held in Honolulu, Hawaii. Darrell Mangrum and Dr. Shelby Harris, our sponsor, represented our

club there. This year it will be in Miami, Florida in August. Anyone who is interested in going and is a member of the club should see Dr. Harris.

Congratulations!

Scholar's Bowl Participants

By BILL VAUGHN

East Central once again had a chance to take pride in their academic program as East Central's scholars captured first place in the Ole Miss Scholar's Bowl. Members of this prestigious group were Alben Roland, Tammy Reed, Darrell Mangrum, and Stan Hardy. The sponsor for the group was Dr. Shelby Harris.

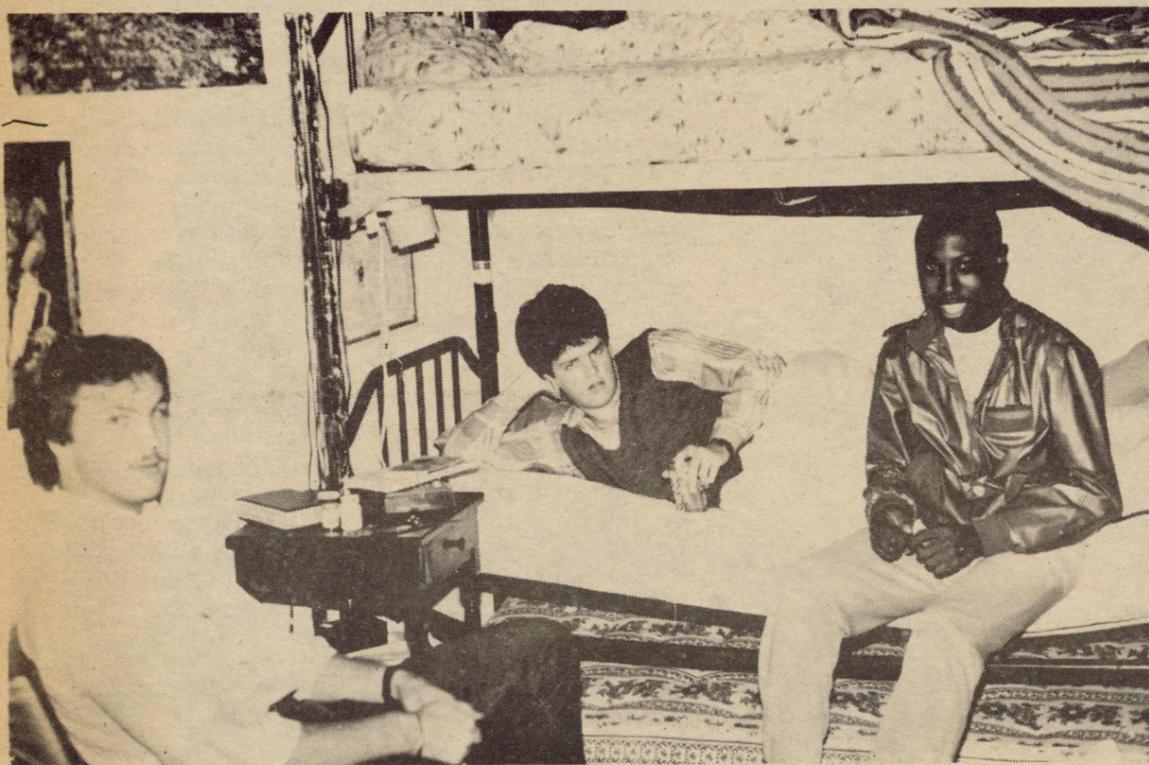
East Central competed against fifteen junior colleges sending a total of nineteen teams. Throughout the competition, East Central remained as the only undefeated team. Each of

the members of the scholars team received a \$3,000 scholarship for his or her achievement. It was truly a great achievement.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and administration of East Central, I would like to congratulate the scholars on a job well done. Knowing that these young men and women will one day be leaders in our society, leaves me in great anticipation of the future. In a nation that seems to have poor educational abilities, it is good to know that East Central still cares about a students education.

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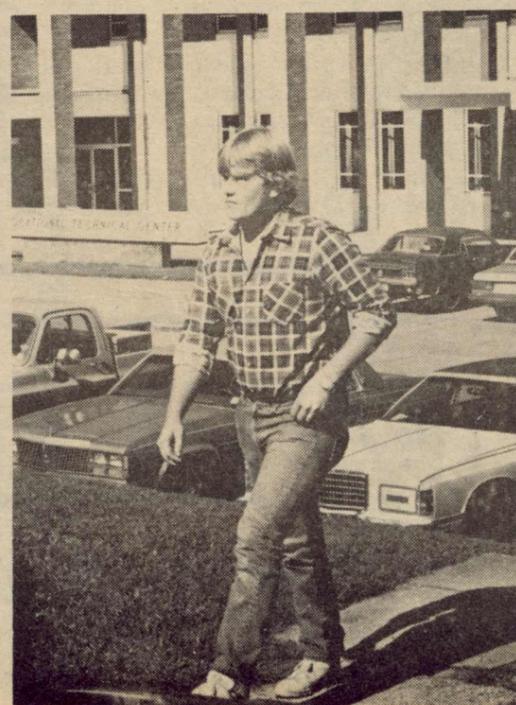


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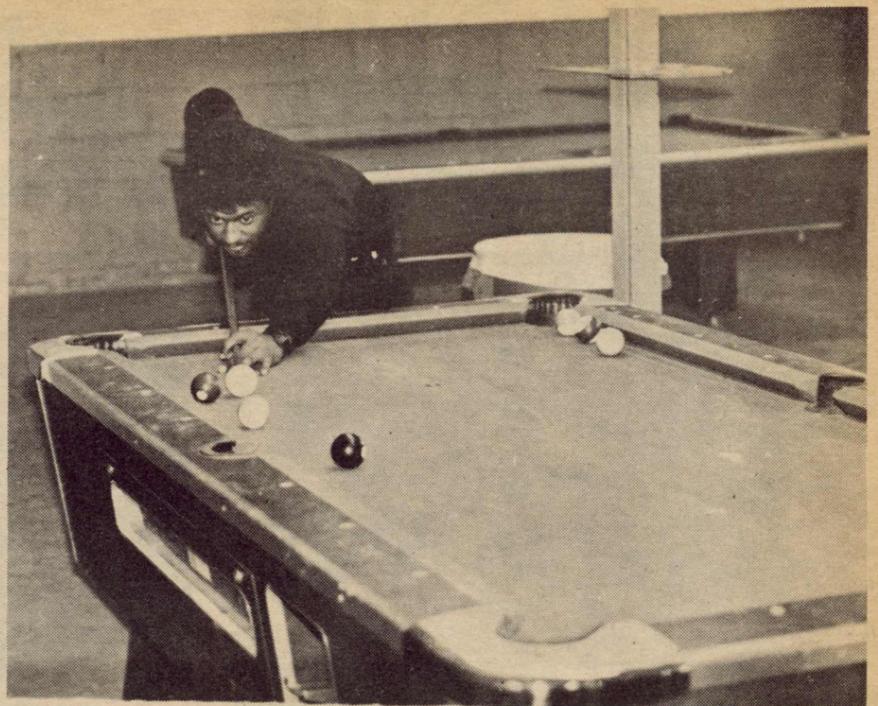
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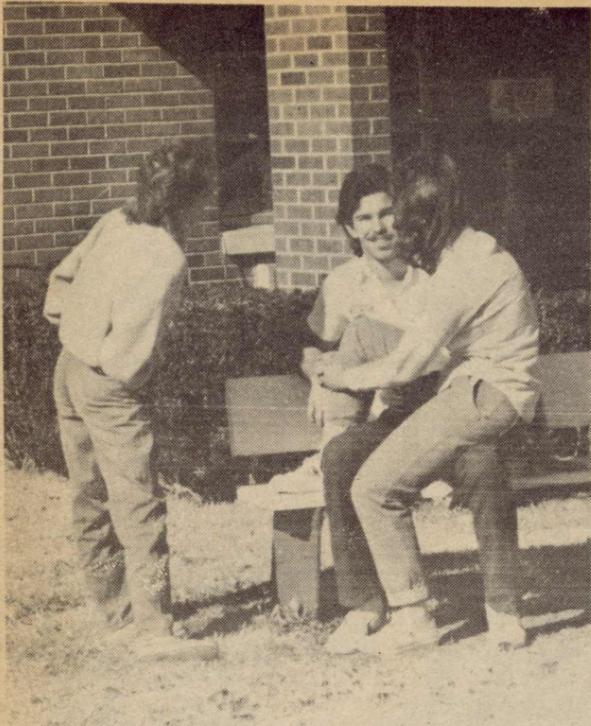
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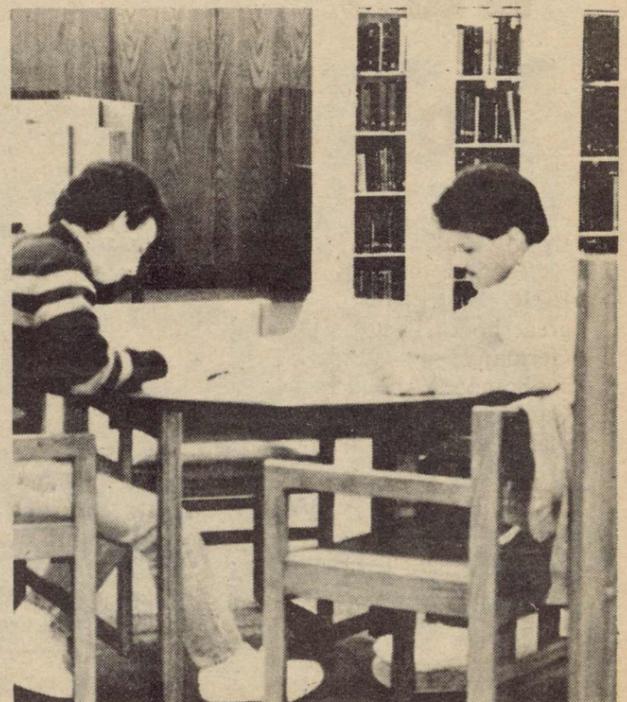


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Buddy Lockhart, George Fisher

Choir Attends Choral Festival

By **MICHELLE CHANEY**
The Junior College Choral Festival was held February 28 - March 1 at Hinds Jr.

College, under the direction of Dr. Jerry Ann Arlt. Dr. Arlt is director of Choral Activities at Delta State Univer-

sity. Dr. Arlt was an outstanding director, making the practices seem fun and interesting. There were seven

numbers presented, with two performed in Latin.

The choir left East Central at 12:00 on Feb. 28 under the supervision of Mr. Charles Hinson, Mrs. Marie Hinson, and Mrs. Leesa Graham. Registration was at 2:00 and started with Mass Choir rehearsal at 3:00 to 5:00. In Mass Choir, all the junior college choirs got together and went over the choral numbers with Dr. Arlt. Friday night consisted of listening to ensembles of different colleges. Then the choir went back to the hotel to visit with each other and to swim in the indoor pool.

Saturday morning the choir returned at 8:30 to hear more ensembles and then had two more mass choir rehearsals. The mass choir rehearsals were needed for the performance that was to be held at 8:00 Saturday night. Friends and families came for the performance which was open to the public. At 6:45 the ECJC choir performed 3 choral numbers under the direction of Mr. Hinson and our pianist Mrs. Leesa Graham.

According to Terri Slider, a freshman from Philadelphia, "The Choral Festival was so exciting, being able to sing before so many excellent choirs. It was really a memorable experience."

The choir consists of

Michelle Chaney of Decatur, Michael Cloud of Philadelphia, Rosie Conway from Newton, Tammie Covington of Philadelphia, Patricia Crocker of Philadelphia, Margo Freeny of Carthage, Boyd Germany of Jackson, Nelda Germany of Union, Sara Hanna from Carthage, Marcia Mason from Newton, Filiststa Meredith of Philadelphia, Patrick Nash of Philadelphia, Kevin Nichols of Decatur, Jeff Pennington from Decatur, Phillip Pinter from Decatur, and Allen Roland from Morton.

Also members of the choir are Terrie Slider of Philadelphia, Wendy Smith from Decatur, Tonia Stokes of Philadelphia, Stacie Therrell from Philadelphia, Canoy Weaver of Morton, Jerri Dean White of Louisville, and Lawrence White of Philadelphia.

Many nice comments were made on the choir. Dr. and Mrs. Eddie Smith were there for the performance. Dr. Arlt said, "The choir was very good and the last song was icing on the cake." Having a comment from Dr. Arlt made the choir feel really good about the performance. The Choral Festival was a very exciting and interesting one, and the choir is very thankful for the opportunity to go.



Leaving for the choir festival are Jeff Pennington, Stacie Therrell, Boyd Germany and Michelle Chaney.

Warrior Band, Centralettes To Hold Tryouts for 1986

By **MICHELLE CHANEY**

"Being a member of the ECJC Warrior Band is a great honor," states Boyd Germany of Jackson, a sophomore. And now Mr. Carson is beginning his search to replace those who are graduating. Band recruiting is already underway for 1986 and scholarships are being offered to top students of area high schools.

There will be an opening for a new drum major. Tryouts for drum major will be March 22 and consists of conducting a routine, basic commands, and an interview.

Flag and Rifle Corps members will also be needed by the band. These positions are filled by recommendations from high school directors or by experience.

Tryouts for Centralettes, the dance line that performs with the marching band will be held in April. All girls trying out will be taught a dance routine. Centralettes are open to girls who would like to participate in the band but were not necessarily in a high school band. There will be eleven slots open to entering freshmen or returning sophomores. Girls who will be returning are Susan Williamson, Captain, of

Philadelphia; Michele Murphy of Philadelphia; Jennifer Russel of Newton; Wanda Held of Union; and Joyce Moore of Decatur.

This semester the band is involved with concert and jazz band. Members are also involved in the Spring Musical "Bye Bye Birdie" as orchestra members or actors.

A college band is different from those of high school, because the students get financial help, work with experienced players, have no worries of band contest, and work in a relaxing atmosphere. Mr. Carson, band director, is really excited about the band and expects the "finest group ever."

East Central Hosts District Three Secondary High Schools Feb. 21

By **TRACY WILLIAMS**

On Friday, February 21, East Central hosted the district three secondary high schools from 18 counties. Mr. Hill, head of the Auto Mechanics program, organized the event. Over 260 students participated.

The days events centered around a contest held in each division. The leadership competition was held in the

morning and the skilled competition was held that afternoon. Participants were judged by professionals in that field. There were three to six judges for each category.

The winners in each division received a first, second and third place medal and the right to go to State competition in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Class Favorites Are Selected

By **LORI HARRELL**

Class favorite elections were held recently on the E.C.J.C. campus. These winners were nominated and chosen by the student body here on the E.C. campus. The Freshman winners are: Michele Murphy, Susan Williamson, Stacie Therrell, Doug Woodward, Dennis Russell, and Kerry Nichols. The Sophomore favorites are: Alice Thames, Lori Harrell, Tracy Williams, Philip Chamblee, Al Lucas, and Dwight Leopard.

Freshman winner Mechele Murphy is a graduate of Neshoba Central and is majoring in Physical Therapy. Here at E.C., Mechele is a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Warrior Corp, Election Committee, and is a Centralette. She had a role in the play, "Let's Make Up" during the Fall Dinner Theatre. She was elected Freshman Maid by her fellow students. Intramural flag football, volleyball, basketball, and softball were some ways her spare time is spent. Mechele enjoys basketball, softball, playing a bongo, dancing and swimming as hobbies.

Susan Williamson is our next Freshman winner. She is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and is majoring in Physical Therapy. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Warrior Corp, Election Committee, and a Centralette. She received a role in the Fall Dinner Theatre play, "Let's Make Up." Susan enjoys Intramural football, basketball, volleyball, and softball. She lists as her hobbies: piano, reading, going to the movies and talking to friends.

Our last freshman girl is Stacie Therrell. Stacie is a graduate of Philadelphia High School and is majoring in Accounting. She is an active member of ECJC Players, BSU, SBA, Annual Staff and the Tom Tom Staff. She has been elected Secretary of the Freshman class, Dorm Chairman, Freshman Maid, and 1985 Campus Beauty. She is a member of the Collegians, E.C. Fashion Squad, Warrior Corp, Jazz Band, Cheerleader, ECJC Choir and was recently elected as the lead role in the spring musical "Bye Bye Birdie." Singing, piano, riding horses, and face painting are her hobbies.

Dennis Russell is a freshman favorite. He is the

graduate of Winston Academy and is majoring in Journalism. Dennis is a member of the Warrior Corp, Tom Tom Staff, and E.C. Football team. He enjoys intramural basketball at E.C. He lists writing, and listening to music as his hobbies.

Doug Woodward, a freshman favorite, is a graduate of Winston Academy and is a Pre-Medicine major. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau. He plays varsity basketball and intramural softball. Fishing, hunting, water skiing, and running are a few of his hobbies.

The last freshman favorite is Kerry Nichols. He is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School and is majoring in Pre-Medicine. Kerry is a member of the ECJC Gospel Choir and was elected as Beau in the Beauty Pageant this year. Kerry enjoys singing, reading, and working on small engines as his hobbies.

Our first Sophomore favorite is Lori Harrell. She is a graduate of Decatur High School and is majoring in Counseling Psychology. Lori is a member of the ECJC Players, Tom Tom Staff, Secretary of the Student Body Association, and was a first semester cheerleader. She participated in the 1985 Spring Musical "Oklahoma", played the part of Lora in the play "Impromptu" during the Fall Dinner Theatre, and was recently elected to play the role of Mae Peterson in the Spring Musical "Bye Bye Birdie". Lori enjoys listening to music, swimming, and skiing as her hobbies.

The next sophomore favorite is Alice Thames. She is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School and is majoring in Elementary Education. She is a member of SEA, Warrior Corp, Modeling Squad. She was elected Secretary of SEA, Sec. of Warrior Corp, Miss Congeniality in the Beauty Pageant, a Beauty in the pageant, Maid of Honor for the 1985 Homecoming Court, and Who's Who Among Junior College Students. She enjoys basketball, tennis and reading.

Tracy Williams is a graduate of Newton County Academy and is majoring in Communications. She is a member of the ECJC Players, Tom Tom Staff, 1984-85 cheerleader squad,

1985 and 1986. She was elected Freshman Maid and a Beauty for 2 years. She is also a member of the Fashion Squad. Tracy's hobbies are swimming and playing golf.

Al Lucas, sophomore favorite, is a graduate of Newton High School and is majoring in Pre-Optometry. He is an active member of the Warrior Corp. Al enjoys intramural football, softball, and basketball. Al likes to play drums and travel.

Philip Chamblee is a graduate of Carthage High School and is majoring in Banking and Finance. He is a member of Warrior Corp and had a role in the 1985 Fall Dinner Theatre Play "Terror Walks Tonight". Philip is the sophomore class president and a member of the SBA. He is a chairman of the President's Council and was elected Freshman Favorite. Philip enjoys hunting, fishing, bike riding, and being outdoors.

The last sophomore favorite is Dwight Leopard. He is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and is majoring in Physical Education. He is an ECJC Varsity Football player and enjoys playing intramural basketball and softball. Dwight's hobbies are swimming, skiing, and playing all sports.

These are very outstanding students and congratulations from the Student Body is expressed to each of them.



Named as sophomore class favorites were (standing) Phillip Chamblee, Dwight Leppard, and Al Lucas. (seated) Lori Harrel, Alice Thames and Tracy Williams.



Freshman favorites are Michele Murphy, Susan Williamson and Stacy Therrell. (standing) Kerry Nichols, Doug Woodward, and Dennis Russell.

'Bye Bye Birdie' To Be Presented

By KIM HAMIL

It's Spring again and time for the East Central Junior College Players to present their 17th annual Spring Musical!

Every year the Players perform a musical for the public, from *Oklahoma* in 1970 to last year's repeated edition of it. Other musicals performed have been *South Pacific*-1971, *Annie Get Your Gun*-1972, *Hello Dolley*-1973, *Camelot*-1974, *My Fair Lady*-1975, *Gypsy*-1976, *Paint Your Wagon*-1977, *The Sound of Music*-1978, *Name*-1979, *Once Upon a Mattress*-1980, *Little Mary Sunshine*-1981, *Carousel*-1982, *Man of La Mancha*-1983, *The Pajama Game*-1984 and this year's musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*.

Bye Bye Birdie is a musical farce about an Elvis Presley type character leaving for the army. It is set in the rock-n-roll era of the 1950's.

The play will begin April 9th and will be performed every night through the 12th in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The curtain will open at 7:30. Tickets for the musical will go on sale March 31 and will be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.



Members of the Collegians are (front) Patrick Nash, Phillip Pinter, and Tony Collins. Standing are Stacie Therrell; Mr. Tom Carson, Director; Scottie Chunn, Julian Greer, Chris Collins, Toby Pace, Lawrence White, Michelle Chaney, Tammy Reed, Janet Tullos, Jennifer Gates, Roxanna Manning, Stan Davis, Boyd Germany and Penny Bailey.

Many of the students here on the East Central campus will be starring or performing in the musical. The leads of Conrad Birdie and Rose Alverez will be played by Scottie Chunn and Stacie Therrell.

Other cast members will include Mike Kirkland as Albert, Lori Harrell as Mrs.

Peterson, Roxanna Manning as Kiu, Alben Roland as Hugo, Nelda Germany as Mrs. McAfee, Boyd Germany as her husband Mr. McAfee, Stan Davis as Randolph, Wendy Smith as Ursula, Tobias Pace as the Bartender, Tammie Covington as Mrs. Merkle, and Annette Hurley as Gloria.

Not only are there many characters, but many others participate in the play - the dancers, the chorus, the orchestra. The musical, of course, will include many songs and dances.

The musical and dance members will be dressed in 50's style with poodle skirts and pony tails.

Collegians To Hold Concert April 21

By ROXANNA MANNING

Looking at the Collegians, it's hard to believe that only eight months ago the group added seven new members to this 17 member band. The Collegians are "The" vocal/instrumental group here at East Central and they are very proud to be able to represent the school. Now you might ask, how do I, a senior, get to become a member of this group.

Tryouts are held on the second Monday of the fall semester. The auditions are open to any full time student attending East Central. There are interviews held before tryouts and during this time you get to meet Mr. T. Carson, the director of the Collegians.

Instrumentalist for the group are chosen from band students and all members have to tryout again from vocalist to drummer. During the first semester, the group prepares for their first campus concert to be held in November. The group is also preparing for the trips that will be taken second semester to the 10 or 12 local schools, for concerts.

All the songs are chosen by the vocalist and submitted to Mr. Carson for approval. The Collegians usually do only top 20 hits. The members are expected to maintain adequate grades and save their class cuts for trips during the second semester.

Students receive a \$125 scholarship for being a member of the group. This money helps in the purchase of the outfits worn during concerts. The group dresses in the latest styles from head to toe!

The practice sessions are every Monday night and this is where the hard work and dedication comes into being. The sound for the group is as close as possible to the sound of the original records.

Well for an expert view of the group, all college and senior students are invited to the next campus concert to be held April 21 at 8:00 in Huff Auditorium. The admission is free. Come see for yourself if the Collegians could be the group for you!

SBA To Hold Spring Fever Week

By LORI HARRELL

Here at East Central Junior College we feel the students should get involved whenever possible. The SBA, Student Body Association, is the voice of the students. The SBA is the government of the student body and is looked upon as the activity leaders of the campus.

This year's SBA officers are: President - Greg McNair, Philadelphia; Vice President - Randy Hayes, Forest; Secretary - Lori Harrell, Decatur; Treasurer, Annette Hurley, Little Rock. The committee consists of all class officers and representatives.

The SBA meets once a week and discusses the activities and latest issues the students may be interested in. The SBA sponsors many activities throughout the year. So far the SBA has sponsored 3 dances. The first

dance was a "Welcome Back" dance held on the Mall during the first week of school. The second dance was a Halloween Mascarade Dance held in the gym. The latest dance was held in the Cafetorium and was given by Top Notch Disco. This dance included the latest music, a light show, and the showing of slides on a video screen.

Other events the SBA sponsors are a Talent Show, Weekly Movies shown on campus, a public service movie sponsored by DREAM, a dating game, and the speaking of highway patrolman, Pete Collin on Alcohol and Drunk Driving.

The SBA also welcomes various organizations to the campus. On Homecoming Day, the SBA officers welcomed visitors and toured them around the campus. Our President Greg McNair, served as host for the Fall

Dinner Theatre and he also welcomes students to the campus for various meetings such as Senior Day.

The SBA officers attend an annual Student Council Association of Mississippi (SCAM) each year. This year the meeting was held in Jackson at Ramada Inn - Metro on Sept. 28-29, 1985. It was hosted by Itawamba Junior College and was sponsored by Oje Miss, the Student Govt. officials for the state of Mississippi.

The next big project for the SBA is the organizing of Spring Fever Week which will be held at E.C. during the week of April 14-18, 1986. This week will include various events happening on campus for the students to enjoy. On Monday night, the 14th, there will be a Talent Show. Tuesday, there will be a movie shown outside for the students to enjoy. On Wednesday, there will be a faculty-student coed softball

game. The week will be wound up with the Annual Prom on Thursday night. The prom is a big event for all E.C. students and is anxiously awaited by everyone. It is put on by the Freshman for the Sophomore students.

The SBA is established a set budget for the year and all activities sponsored by the SBA is free to all students. This is the reason most students take advantage of all the benefits SBA has to offer.

To become involved in SBA is very easy. The officers are elected at the end of each year by the student body. The classes elect their own officers and they are then automatically involved with SBA. If you wish to become a SBA member we encourage you to run for an office of your choice and take advantage of this opportunity. SBA is truly planning the activities that will happen on the campus.

'East Central At Its Best'

The Warrior Corps is a select group of students who promote East Central Junior College in many ways. Their primary concern is recruiting. While recruiting this year, they will visit as many as twenty-three high schools in the five county area.

The Warrior Corps is also

involved in many on-campus events such as ushering at dinner theaters and musicals as well as aiding any groups who might come on campus to visit or to hold meetings.

Since its organization in 1982, the Warrior Corps has helped East Central by acting as liaison between the school

and the public.

This year, the Warrior Corps is composed of twenty-five members from each of the five counties.

Selection of those to serve on the Warrior Corps is not an easy process. First, the student must be nominated by a teacher. After nomina-

tions, the students are evaluated on how they react around others, and finally, the students go for an interview with faculty members. This past year, there were approximately ninety who interviewed for positions. When people see the Warrior Corps members, they see East Central at its best.



Warrior Corp Members have numerous jobs from showing seniors around on campus to ushering at the Dinner Theatre. Members of the group are (front) Wendy Smith, Marcy Mason, Stacy Therrell, Kim Wilcher, and Cathy Culwell. (second) Randy Hayes, Lisa Greenwood,

Barbara Jones, Lea Anna Lofton, Michelle Murphy, Gaye McDaniel, and Susan Williamson. (third) Bridget Bobbit, Warren Alford, Al Lucas, Stan Davis, Greg Nowell, Greg McNair, Johnnie Weems, Russell Dennis, Chris Collins, Trent Kelley, Phillip Chamblee and Darrell Mangrum.

Baseball Season Now In Full Swing

By GREG BEARD

Along with the warm, spring weather, comes the great American sport "Baseball". Baseball season is in full swing here at ECJC.

The members of the 1986 Baseball Squad are: Catchers - Kevin Lyons, Philadelphia and Earl Tally, Walnut Grove; pitchers - Dewan Salter, Evergreen, Ala.; Richard Basil, Demopolis, Ala., and Isaac Harris; 1st basemen - Chris Hemphill, Winston Academy, and Dennis Duoran; 2nd basemen - Greg Nowell, Philadelphia and Paul Woolery; 3rd basemen - Mike Bassett, Philadelphia and Randall Farmer, Philadelphia; outfielders - Robert Harris, Demopolis; Kerl Watson, Philadelphia; Terrie Farrell, Walnut Grove, Harvis Johnson, Newton and Chuck Nance, Union. Shortstop - Charles White, Mobile and David Sorrells, Hickory.

The Warriors have been putting in hours of hard work and determination. Hope it pays off for them throwing a victorious season.

Spring Training Is Held January 28 - February 26...

Football Team Wants Division Title

By DENNIS RUSSELL

The Warriors' Spring Training started January 28th and lasted until February 26th. The team consists of 15 new players (7 out of state, 8 in-district) with 32 returning from last year's team.

While working with a weights and agility program, the East Central Warriors have only one thing in mind - to be a contender for the South Division Title.

The spring game with Holmes during the spring training period ended in a 12-12 tie. The Inter squad game between the Gold and the White teams ended in a victory for the white team.

The team roster of returning players are as follows:

DEFENSE--Defensive ends: Alvin Henry, Eric Bailey, and Kenneth Reed. Defensive tackles: Wayne Kennedy, Veronza Petty, and Charles Summer; Nose Guard: Nathaniel Grace; Linebackers: Rusty Bagley, Glenn Coglan, Frank Jackson; Defensive Secondary: Kelvin Lyons, David Sorrells, John Seals, Jessy Nelson, Benny Viverette, Mike Frazier, Heath Warren, Tim White. Playing cover back is Richard Basil who doubles as quarterback and running back.

OFFENSE -- Wide Receivers: Chris Hemphill, Moses Rivers, Darren Quarles, Mike Brown, and Torrie Ferrell. Tight Ends: Issac Harris, Carl Porter.

Tackles: Kendall Sullivan, Darrell Steele, Reid Utsey, Robert Utsey. Guards: Michael Thames, William Constance, Dale McNair, Rubin Tatum. Center: Jeff Schlvener.

Quarterback: Duane Salter, Rusty Davis, and Richard Basil. Running Backs: Arthur Johnson, Steve Lee, Valerie Stuart, Sedic Jordan, Robert Harris. The new players include Servic Jordan, who played at University of Southern Mississippi last semester, Steve Lee from Noxapater, who did not attend last semester. Charles Summer transferred from Delta State.

David McNair from Beulah Hubbard showed good improvement at guard.

Bennie Viverette showed improvement also at the cover back position. Robert Ham's from Demopolis, Ala., showed that he can help in the backfield. William Constant from Tuscalusa did a good job at guard. Jeff Scholoer from Newman, Georgia did good at center and guard Frank Jackson from Cevartarn, Georgia did a good job at linebacker although he was out much of the time. Nathaniel Grace from Evergreen, Ala., had a good spring at nose guard.

Mike Frazier, Torrie Ferrell and Tim White also showed good performance at the cover back position.

Offensive standoffs were Arthur Johnson, Chris

Hemphill, Issac Harris and Darren Quarles. Offensive lineman were Kendall Sullivan and Michael Thames. The quarterbacks did well saving time were Duane Salter, Rusty Davis and Richard Basil.

Defense standouts were Kelvin Lyons, Wayne Kenedy, Eric Bayley, Alvin Henry, Kenneth Reed. Also with a good spring was linebackers Rusty Bagley and Glen Coglan. Richard Basil did well playing cover spot since not playing since high school.

Overall the Warriors had a good spring training and will continue to work during off season to work toward their goal of a South Division Title.

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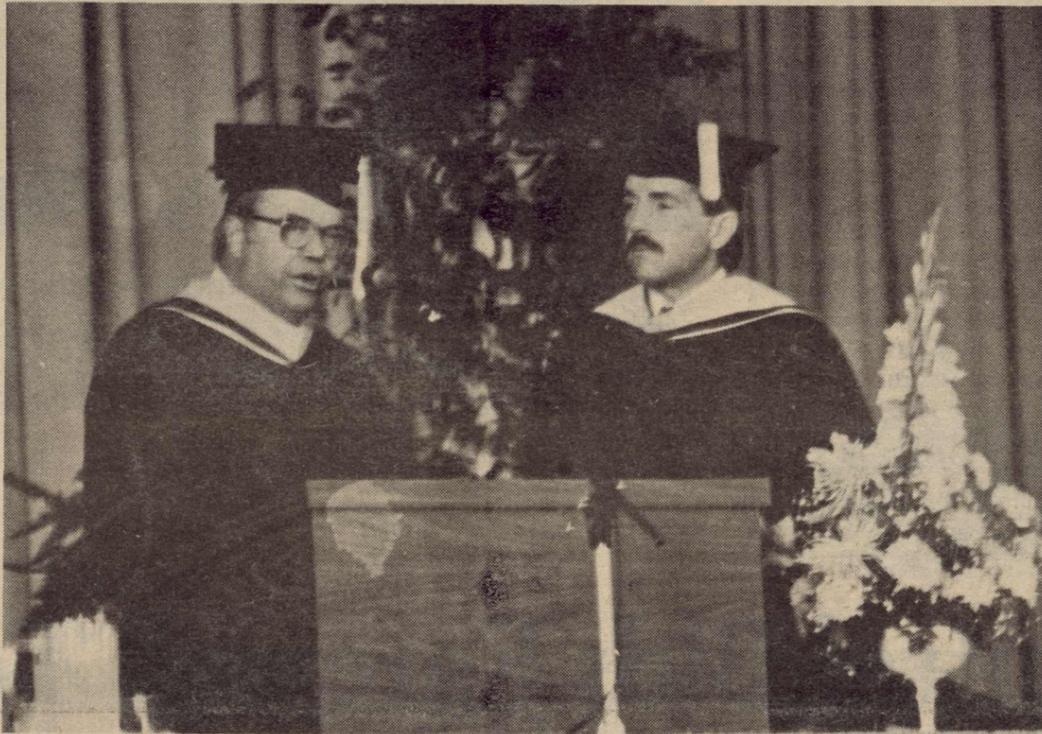
By Patrick Nash

As the concert band played the processional march, hundreds of guests filled Huff Auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, April 30th, for the inauguration of Dr. Eddie M. Smith as the 6th president of East Central Junior College.

The guests included representatives from many of the state's junior and senior colleges, state legislators, members of the Alumni Executive Committee, the fourteen members of the President's Council, East Central's Board of Trustees and district officials involved in education, industry and government.

The invocation and an invocal musical selection, performed by the East Central choir, began the ceremonies. Dean of instruction, Dr. Bradford Tucker, introduced the guest speakers.

Greetings were given by Mr. Arno Vincent, third president of East Central; Dr. Richard Boyd, State Department of Education;



Board of Trustees Secretary Don Howington Presents Dr. Eddie Smith The Charge Of The Office Of President Of East Central Junior College.

Dr. George Moody, Director of the State Bureau of Junior Colleges; and Don Milner, Associate Director of the State Bureau of Vocational - Technical Programs.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Don Howington, delivered the charge from the Board. The Vice-Chairman of the Board, Gilbert Brantley

presented Dr. Smith with a plaque bearing the college's insignia.

The investiture, the presenting of the new four-inch medallion along with

the newly commissioned mace, and the instating of Dr. Eddie M. Smith as East Central's sixth President, was conducted by the Chairman of the Board, Henry B. Hudspeth.

The benediction, the concluding choir selection, and finally, the recessional, performed by the concert band, concluded the ceremonies. Those attending adjourned to the reception which was held in the E.C. Mabry Cafeteria and sponsored by A.R.A. Slater of Atlanta.

Many people were involved in the preparations for the inauguration. Dean Brad Tucker served as Chairman of the Steering Committee. Assisting him were the heads of eight committees, formed to take care of such tasks as decorations, invitations, arrangements, regalia, and the reception. Dean Tucker and all those who assisted him are to be commended for the fine way in which Dr. Eddie M. Smith was inaugurated as the sixth president of East Central Junior College.

Five Students Are Named To Hall Of Fame

Five outstanding graduating sophomores were named to East Central's Hall of Fame at the annual Award's Day. Receiving East Central's highest honor were Stan Hardy, Annette Hurley, Darrell Mangrum, Marcia Mason, and Greg McNair.

For the first time, parents of the Hall of Famers were invited to the presentation and were introduced with their son or daughter. The parents were then guests of the school for lunch.

Another first was the presentation of the awards by the president of the college.

As in years past, pictures of the selectees will be hung in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

Selection to this prestigious honor is based on (1) scholarship, (2) contribution to the school, (3) character and (4) potential for usefulness in society. Over 60 nominations (some of which were duplicated) were submitted, of these 15 were presented to the student committee. Some nominations were eliminated because of failure to meet the 3 point requirement. Final selections were made by a secret faculty committee.

Stan Hardy, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, participated in a scholarly activities of the school while maintaining a 4 point average. He was a member of the Scholar's Bowl Team, Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, which he



Members Of The Hall Of Fame For 1986 Are Darrell Mangrum, Annette Hurley, Greg McNair, Marcia Mason and Stan Hardy.

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Hall Of Fame

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served as social chairman, and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Annette Hurley, from Beulah Hubbard, has participated in a variety of activities on campus during her two years here. She was a member of the Fashion Squad, Secretary of the E.C.J.C. Players, Student Body Association Treasurer, a member of the Election Committee, Editor of the Annual, Vice-President of the Student Education Association, Secretary of Phi Theta Kappa, and Secretary of the President's Council. She also participated in two dinner theaters and two musicals. While taking part in all these activities, Annette has maintained a 3.63 GPA.

Darrell Mangrum's activities have run the gamut from the Scholar's Bowl to the musical "Oklahoma". He has served as president of BSU, Alpha Alpha Epsilon, and Mu Alpha Theta. Also, he was vice-president of both Phi Theta Kappa and the Sophomore class. Darrell also found time for the **Tom-Tom** staff and the ECJC Players.

Marcia Mason, a graduate of Newton Academy, was a member of the President's Council, the ECJC Singers, the Warrior Corps, the Madrigal Singers, and the Curriculum Committee. She maintained a 4 point GPA.

Greg McNair, a Neshoba Central graduate, was president of the SBA, and the Freshman class. He was a member of the President's Council, the Election Committee, and the Varsity Tennis team.



The math club, Mu Alpha Theta, recently elected officers for the 1986-87 school year. Officers are as follows: George Fisher, President; Scott Moore, Vice-President; Kim Wilcher, Secretary; Kevin Thompson, Treasurer; Tammy Copeland, Social Chairperson.

East Central Bids Farewell To Two Distinguished Faculty Members

Mr. Mayes

By Carl Cleveland

When graduation ceremonies are held on May 9, East Central will not only bid farewell to many of its sophomore students, but will also say goodbye to a distinguished gentleman of the faculty. Mr. Mayes, after twenty-eight years of educational service, is retiring.

Mr. Mayes' affiliation with East Central began with his years as a member of the student body here. His sophomore year was marked by his election as the first President of the SBA, organized during his freshman year, and by his subsequent graduation in 1952, with a major in Agriculture. Transferring to Mississippi State, Mr. Mayes decided to enter the field of Education by majoring in Math and Science, but later abandoned Math for English. He then spent three years in the military before returning to State to complete a Masters degree in

1957-58. While still at State, he acquired a job at East Central and so, unlike many other East Central instructors, has never taught anywhere else.

During his teaching career, Mr. Mayes has presided over classes in English Composition I and II, Developmental English, American Literature, English Literature, and courses in Journalism and Technical writing. As for the extra-curricular activities that go with being a teacher, Mr. Mayes has been a class sponsor, a member of various Accreditation Committees, Faculty Association President, **Tom-Tom** sponsor for six years, and a basic photographer for the campus, taking pictures for the yearbook and the newspaper. Presently he serves as a sponsor for Phi Theta Kappa.

Having done all of this, Mr. Mayes has decided to make retirement more than a part of his vocabulary. Citing loss of hearing, which, "makes teaching difficult and frustrating," and his continuous desire for retiring early. He has met the

minimum number of years required. Mr. Mayes submitted his letter of resignation the week of April 5, and now turns to plans for the future.

Among those plans which mark the beginning of a new phase in life, not the traumatic end of that state suggested to many by the thought of retirement--are caring for blueberry crops and a timber farm. The popular pursuits of hunting and fishing enjoyed by such notables as Prince Charles, the landed gentry of Virginia, and various pot-liquor hound owners in Mississippi, will also play their part. And, of course, there will continue to be an association with East Central, just on a reduced scale. In addition, the position of Lt. Colonel in the Mississippi Air National Guard in Meridian will occupy it's share of his time.

Those students who have been among the pupils of Mr. Mayes will remember a learned man of helpfulness, concern, clear notes, quiet jokes, and thoroughness who has, "enjoyed being at East Central," and considered it, "one of the best

academic institutions in Mississippi." Of his career, he has said, "there are moments of regret; those disappear. I hope that I've contributed to East Central and to the lives that I've taught." Perhaps Mr. Mayes summed up the situation best by saying, "I have been happy with my lot as a teacher and I have no bad thoughts about teaching." One would think that teaching feels the same about this low-key, dedicated English professor.

Mr. Smith

Mr. J.E. Smith, after 38 years of teaching, is retiring at the end of this semester. Twenty of the 38 years have been spent at East Central. Mr. Smith said, "My years have been pleasant and profitable at East Central, but I am ready to do other things like going fishing."

Before coming to East Central, Mr. Smith taught at Dixon, Conehatta, House, Kilmicheal, and Northwest

Junior High School in Meridian. While at East Central Junior College, Mr. Smith has taught such courses as: Fund. of Math, Algebra, Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, Math for Teachers I & II, and Calculus I and II.

In closing, Mr. Smith said, "I have mixed emotions about retiring, but overall I have enjoyed being a teacher, but as in any other field there are some handicaps. I hope that I am leaving a lot of friends at East Central."

The math for Teachers II class honored Mr. Smith with a party on Tuesday, April 29.

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Presented By ECJC College Players...

Spring Musical Is A Success

By Aprille Watts

The East Central Junior College Players opened their spring musical on April 9th. The show ran for four nights, and each night the audience applauded the cast at curtain call with great enthusiasm.

A take off on the Elvis Presley era, "Bye Bye Birdie" took the audience back to the days of "ponytails, bobby socks, and poodle skirts." The story takes place during those years when mobs of screaming girls followed a shy boy from Mississippi and screamed and fainted at his every performance. In the musical the boy's name is not Elvis; he is called Birdie Conrad.

From the title, a person may have expected the play to focus on Birdie Conrad's leaving for the army, yet after scene one the true storyline emerged. Rosie, played by Stacie Therrell, had the audience believing in her great devotion to Albert, Birdie's manager, played by Mike Kirkland.

This romance between Rosie and Albert was not without its stumbling blocks. Albert's mother, Mrs. Peterson, played by Lori Harrell, had plans for her son, and these plans did not include marrying Rosie and becoming an English teacher, the profession Albert had been trained for. These three actors were the major characters, but without some outstanding performances from the supporting players, the musical would have gone without many of its humorous moments.

Therrell and Harrell, playing Rosie and Mrs. Peterson, provided the conflict in the play, and in doing so, they

captured the attention and applause of the audience. When Albert mistreated Rosie, Therrell did a fine job

movements were smoothly coordinated. The chorus and dancers filled the stage with movement, music, and smiles.



In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...

Phi Theta Kappa Convention Is Held

By Darrell Mangrum

On April the second, a group of students and advisors left East Central for National Phi Theta Kappa Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Those from East Central who attended were: Cindy Bridges, Susan Williamson, Annette Hurley, Marguerite Dennis, Stan Hardy, Eddie Pierce, Darrell Mangrum, and Laurie Risher, alumni. Mrs. Burkes and Mr. Mayes were the advisors who attended. A group of three students and three advisors from East Mississippi Junior College also traveled with the East Central group.

The convention focused on this year's Phi Theta Kappa theme, "Ethics and Today's Media: An Endangered Alliance." Keynote addresses, panel discussions, and many other events afforded those attending an excellent opportunity to learn how the media works and its basic philosophies. Prominent speakers such as Fred Friendly and Marlene Sanders headed the program. The major problems is not reporting the news but knowing what is ethical to report.

Aside from the convention, the group had the opportunity to see Washington D.C. on a one hour driving tour and spend six hours in the United States' most historical square mile. On the self-guided tour in Philadelphia, the group visited the Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross's House, the Philadelphia Mint, and Independence Hall.

Before leaving, no one expected such an educational, fun-filled, and interesting trip; however, the trip was all that and more. Many problems were encountered throughout the trip, and once these problems were overcome, the adventure became more enjoyable with every mile traveled. A minor fender-bender early in the trip caused the group to wonder what else might go wrong. Overlooking at the hotel, being sent to occupied rooms, crazy cab drivers, and unexpected tours of the city were among the many strange happenings experienced. The trip had its trying moments; however, the group of Phi Theta Kappa's let nothing stand in their way of enjoying themselves, the convention, and the city.

of conveying her hurt feelings to the audience. Finally, Rosie made Albert realize what she meant to him when she walked out of his life.

Other than Albert's lack of appreciation for Rosie, Mrs. Peterson, beautifully played by Harrell, was another factor between Albert and Rosie. Harrell may have been the villain in a love triangle; however, she made the audience laugh even when she was doing her best to destroy the love of Rosie and Albert.

Besides the story that the play told, the attentive viewer saw the many hours of preparation that had gone into each performance. The chorus sang in a lively and spirited way, and the dancers

ing faces.

All the actors are to be commended for their relaxed presence on stage. The actors spoke their lines in a clear smooth way, and they responded to each other with vivid expressions. The actors, dancers and chorus worked well with the Orchestra. Mr. Carson's orchestra carried the show, and he deserved the applause he received each time he came into the auditorium.

Every person who had a part in the preparation and nightly performances of "Bye Bye Birdie" should be commended. Mr. Peterson, the director, had blended all the elements of a musical into a fine evening of entertainment.

SBA Holds Spring Fever Week

By Jill Ware

Toward the end of each school year social activity on the campus slows to almost a crawl. There isn't much to do except wait out the final days of the semester, finishing up uncompleted assignments, writing term papers and getting ready for final examinations.

This year, however, the Student Body Association wanted to add something different to the end of the 1985-'86 school year.

Together with their sponsor, Dean Gene Davis, the SBA put together a new idea.

Spring Fever Week was held at East Central from Monday, April 14, through Thursday, April 17th. Many activities were planned for the week and the events included student and faculty involvement.

Monday, April 14th, featured three movies which were shown at 7:00 p.m. in Newton Hall. Tuesday's agenda carried a stu-

dent/faculty softball game at 4:30 and a student/faculty talent show at 7:00 p.m. Thursday included a cookout on the campus mall at 4:30 p.m. and a Farewell Dance held from 8:00 p.m. until midnight in the college cafeteria.

The students and faculty who participated in Spring Fever Week agreed that the week had been fun filled five days and expressed the hope that another week of similar activities would be held each year.

Awards Day

April 29, 1986

Award	Winner
Vocational Awards	
Auto Mechanics.....	Steve Allen
Body and Fender.....	Kenneth Sherrod
Cabinetmaking.....	Robin Williams
Carpentry.....	Corona Triplet
Electricity.....	Billy Joe Williams
Machine Shop.....	Douglas Whitehead
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning..	Tommy Blackwell
Vocational Student of the Year....	Tommy Blackwell
Technical Awards	
Computer Technology.....	Willie Anderson
Electronic Technology.....	Todd Harrison
Technical Student of the Year.....	Todd Harrison
Special Awards	
Citizenship.....	Phillip Chamblee
DAR.....	Michael Kirkland
Delta Kappa Gamma Recruitment....	Annette Hurley
ECJC Players.....	Alben Roland
ECJC Singers.....	Lawrence White
Freshman Chemistry.....	Robert Weidler
Kappa Kappa Iota.....	Kevin Meador
Mathematics.....	Kevin Thompson & Stan Hardy
Outstanding Student Worker.....	Michael Kirkland
ROTC.....	Michael Kirkland & Jimmy Sisson
S. Lebrun Hutchison.....	Alben Roland
Secondary Education.....	Amy Hendricks
Spanish Award.....	Marcia Mason
Wo-He-Lo.....	Annette Hurley
Women's Intramural.....	Tammy Winstead
Alumni Memorial Awards	
Alatha Chaney.....	Tammy Reed
English	
Andrew F. Webb.....	Eddie Pierce
Football	
Billy Wayne Baucum.....	Annette Hurley
Secondary Education	
Danny R. Killens.....	Darell Mangrum
Engineering	
Dr. Edwin Miller.....	Darell Mangrum
Medical Services	
Earline Wood.....	Karen Miller
Women's Basketball	
Howard Sessums.....	Kenny Morgan
Men's Basketball	
Jack B. Mayo.....	Marcia Mason
Phi Theta Kappa	
Opal McMullan Dickinson.....	Letha Brantley
Elementary Education	
Sara Carr Deaton.....	Tina McGaugh
One Year Business Technology	
Sue Yarbrough Fulgham.....	Amy Hedrick
Speech	
W.A. Coursey, Jr.....	Thomas Bishop
Engineering	
William S. Giffin.....	Steve Nelson
Men's Intramurals	
Faculty Memorial Awards	
Charles H. Pennington.....	Rosie Dale Conway
Two Year Business Technology	
Frank Edwin Leatherwood Scholar....	Renee Johnson
Biological Sciences	
J. Andy Miller.....	Kevin Thompson
Freshman Engineering	
Ruth Hull.....	Alicia Williamson
Home Economics	
Wallace C. Bedwell.....	Terry Sessums
Business	



Alumni Memorial Award Winners



Vocational - Technical Award Winners



Alumni Memorial Award Winners



Faculty Memorial Award Winners

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Awards Day

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Student Body Association

Executive Officers.....Mr. Gene Davis

Who's Who Among American.....Mr. Gene Davis

Junior Colleges

Scholars' Bowl Team.....Dr. Brad Tucker

Hall of Fame.....Dr. Eddie M. Smith

Music Department Winds Up School Year

By Michael Cloud

The East Central Junior College Music Department has been very active recently participating in many music related activities. After taking part in the Spring Musical, the Music Department has been the hub of activity preparing for the Spring Collegian Concert, the Music Major's Recital, the Jazz Band Concert, and the Combined Concert Band and Choir Concert.

The Spring Collegian Concert was held April 21 at 8:00 p.m. Opening for the Collegians was the local band "Know Apologeez." The Collegian concert featured all new members. Included were: "How Will I Know" by Whitney Houston, "You Belong to the City" by Glen Frey, "Manic Monday" by the Bangles, and many, many more.

On April 24th the Music Department held its annual Music Major Recital. Performing were Richard Boykin, Michael Cloud, Boyd Germany, Wendy Smith and Lawrence White.

Richard Boykin is a sophomore instrumental major whose emphasis is alto saxophone. He played "Sonatina" based on Trio V by Hayden-Voxmar and "Andante and Allegro" by Chailleux-Voxman.

Michael Cloud, a freshman piano major, played "Prelude Number Three" from "Three Preludes for the Piano" by Kennan. He also played a piano duo with Mrs. Leesa Graham, the piano instructor. They performed movements one and three from Maxwell Ecksteen's "Concerto for Young Americans."

Boyd Germany, a sophomore instrumental major whose emphasis is tenor saxophone, played "An-

dante and Allegro" by Ropartz-Butchel and "All Antica" by Goeyens-Butchel.

Wendy Smith, a freshman majoring in voice sang "Pur Dicesti O Bocca Bella" by Lotti, "Elegy by Gallet-Massahet, and "Wina" by Pergolesi.

Lawrence White, a sophomore majoring in voice, sang "The Holy City" by Weatherly-Adams, "None but the Lonely Heart" by Goethe-Tchaikovsky, and "Amarillia Bella" by Caccini.

The Jazz Band Concert was held on April 28th at 4:15 on the Mall. Members of the band include Scott Moore, Alben Roland, Amanda Cassell, Douglas Clemons, Nils Davis, Kevin Thompson, Danny Bryant, Bud Johnson, Richard Boykin, Boyd Germany, Canoy Weaver, Julian Greer, Jim McElhanney, Philip Pinter, Cottie Chunn, Stacie Therell and Michael Cloud. A wide selection of music was featured at this concert.

The combined Concert Band-Choir Concert was held April 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building. Music performed by the choir included "Gloria in Excelsis" by Mozart, "Agnus Dei" by Pergolesi, "I'm Gonna Sing," a traditional spiritual, and "Senendoah," a traditional folk song.

Selections performed by the concert band included "Hooray for Hollywood," a medley arranged by Barker; "The Independentia" by Hall, and "Fanfare Prelude on God of Our Fathers" by Curnow.

Each of these concerts and presentations represented the culmination of a year's intensive work by the students and instructors in the Music Department.

Marriage Life On Campus

By Carl Cleveland

The educational path is littered with text-books, classes, term papers, and test scores for all students. But for those students who may be married and, in some cases, parents, the avenue has additional features to boggle the mind. There are houses to clean and spouses to occupy, children to feed and lawns to weed. It's not an easy task.

East Central has several married men and women who can easily attest to the matrimonial/student facts of life. The majority of married student body members are women, but there are some men. Jeff Creekmore of Newton is one. Majoring in Liberal Arts, Jeff offers statement of proof of the difficulties involved. "It's hectic, because you don't get much time to see each other, but you work your way around it." Jeff and his wife have no children and despite the strain of balancing school and wedlock, Jeff compliments the state, "married life is great, but marriage is what you put into it."

The women of the group give similar views. These ladies have to worry over their studies and homes and financial security, rather than the more leisurely concerns of fashion, dorm life, and social whirling that are more often associated with

college women. "It's hard, and it takes two to make a living, but I don't regret getting married," says Kris Thomas of Madden. Majoring in Elementary Education, Kris admits to a delicate balancing act consisting of studying, working, and spending time with her husband, but continues, "trying my best in school." Cindy Thomas of Philadelphia echoes that sentiment, "it's difficult to come to school and be a student, wife, and mother all at the same time and be good in each area, but I just do the best I can and try to use my time wisely."

Cindy finds time spent with her two year old daughter relaxing, as Patsy Simmons looks forward to more time with her six year old son and five year old daughter. "I long for the summer," Patsy says, "so I can spend more time with my kids and smell a few flowers." Until that tranquil time arrives, Patsy is a determined Elementary Education major, "It's necessary to have milestones; I find it easier to concentrate on passing this week's tests rather than on graduating from MSU...but I'm enjoying it very much and I feel like a more fulfilled person."

Lynda Monk, whose son is almost two, finds details of her life sometimes filled with havoc because, "you have to

bring school home with you." Catherine Stevens, whose son is seven months old, is occasionally overwhelmed by the whole matter and freely gives advice to other marriage-minded young ladies, "stay single until you get past your mid-life crisis." Trina Myers of Morton agrees with the assessments of the others, "I always feel like I'm being pulled between school and my work at home...it's like having two full-time careers."

A loquacious Letha Brantley of Harperville handles the sometimes fractious state of wife, mother, and student with bouyant good humor, "Frankly, it's tough. I contemplated suicide several times, but couldn't make up my mind between carbon monoxide poisoning, drowning in a croacker sack, or lethal injection."

Despite varying moods of desperation and the occasional lack of sufficient rest, married East Centralites seem to handle their affairs just as well as the single ones do. Brushing aside her suicidal tendencies, Letha offered a final statement that would doubtless be endorsed by the others. "Sometimes, I come to school and I say, 'Hey, is it worth it?' Yes, it's all worth it."

Art Students Tour Museum Of Art

By Ann McGee

On Friday, April the 11th, Mr. Guraedy took the Art for Elementary Teachers class and 2 students majoring in Art to the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel, Mississippi.

The Lauren Rogers Museum of Art has European, American, and some Asian paintings and other

works of art from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries on display. The museum houses a display of works by a famous blacksmith, Samuel Yellin. The museum has 2 special exhibits, one is a collection of over 600 baskets from different cultures throughout the world. The other special exhibit is the Gibbons Silver Collection.

The director of the museum and one of the guides took Mr. Guraedy and the Art students on a tour of the museum. The

Lauren Rogers Museum of Art had something of interest for each person in the group. The museum was not only educational, it was enjoyable.

Gann Named ECJC BSU Director

On July 1, East Central will have a new Baptist Student Union Director, Mr. Don Gann. He will replace Miss Gladys Bryant who will retire June 30. Mr. Gann is a former Mississippi State Baptist Student Union president and a 1982 graduate of

MSU. He is a 1986 graduate of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth with a master of divinity degree. His wife is Melinda Downs Gann.

During the upcoming year, Mr. Gann will be working with the 1986-87 BSU officers. They are: Tim

Parker, president; Wendy Smith, worship chairperson; Malissa Nicholson, fellowship chairperson; Paul Woolery, enlistment chairperson; Canoy Weaver, publicity chairperson; and Melissa Shirley, chairperson.

April 9-12...

VICA Students Win At State Contest



The Club Business Procedure Team which placed second in the competition. Members of the team are: Sonya Williams, Christy Miller, Billy Joe Clemons, Richard Hornsby, Randy Burks, John Owens, Tony Martinez, Debbie Nicholas.

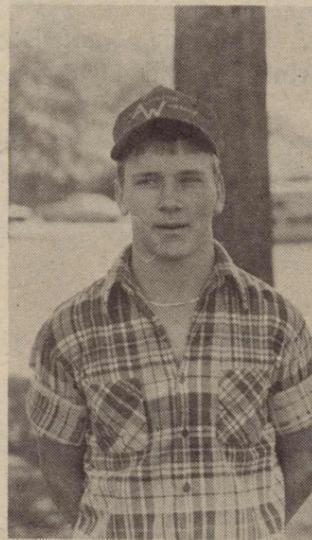
By Tracy Williams

East Central Junior College VICA students competed in the State Leadership and Skill Olympics held at Meridian, Mississippi April 9-12.

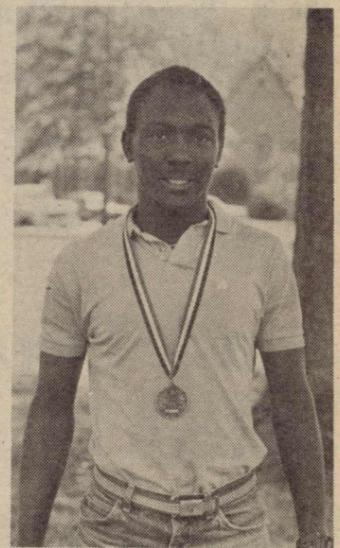
Thirty seven students from East Central competed in ten skill areas and four leadership contest. First place winners were Stuart Blakney and Kenneth Reed of Masonry and Robin Williams in Cabinet Making. Robin was

also elected State Vice President. Eddie Willis from Air Conditioning and Refrigeration placed 2nd in Major Appliance Repair. The Club Business Procedure team also placed 2nd. The team members were: Christy Miller, Sonya Williams, Tracy Beeman, Billy Clemons, John Vivians, Randy Burks, Richard Hornsby, Deborah Nichols and Tony Martinez. Third place winners were Jimmy

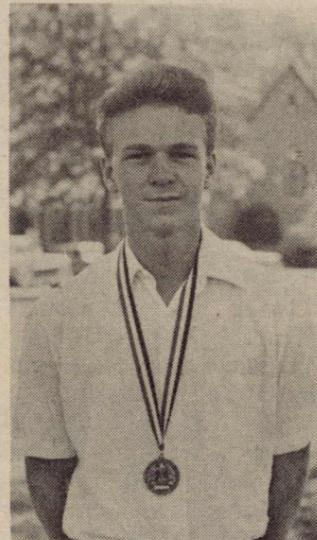
Doyle Shoemaker in Auto Body Repair, Coronda Triplett in Carpentry and Matthew Pritchett of Automotive Mechanics in Job Demonstration. First place winners will represent East Central and Mississippi at the National VICA Leadership and Skill Olympics to be held in Phoenix, Arizona June 24 - 28. Advisors were Mr. Lester Miles, Mr. Larry Blackburn and Mrs. Sarah Griffin.



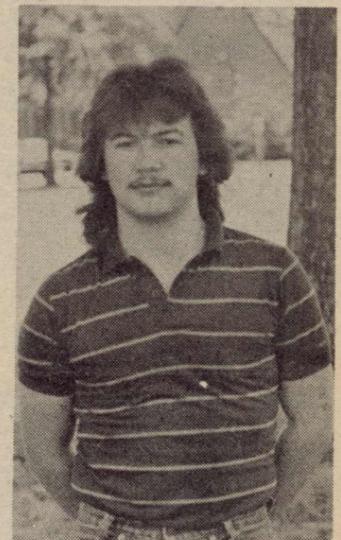
Jimmy Doyle Shoemaker captured third in Auto Body Repair.



Coronda Triplett placed third in carpentry.



Robin Williams placed first in Cabinet Making and was also elected State.



Matthew Pritchett of Auto Mechanics took third place.



Stuart Blackney and Kenneth Reed were selected first in Masonry.

Summer Orientation To Be Held For First Time Students

By Chris Hemphill

A new program has been instituted at East Central. The program is called Summer Orientation and is being held for any student attending East Central for the first time.

The orientation sessions will consist of testing in English, mathematics and Students will be in classes according to

the scores they make on these orientation tests.

The testing period will be followed by a general information session. In this session students will be told about East Central's campus, curriculum, activities, and purpose. Students will be given the opportunity to ask questions concerning life on the campus, their fields of study, scholarships and

financial aid.

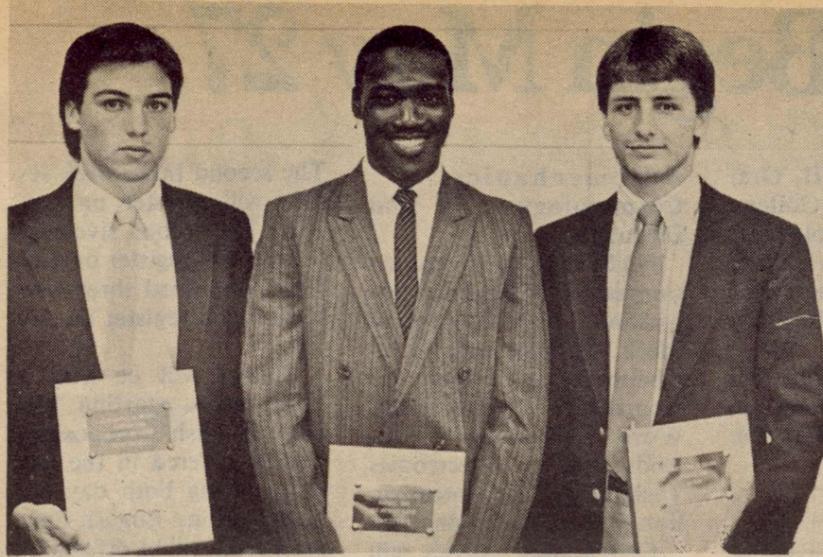
There will also be a session for parents who would like to know more about the college or would like to ask questions concerning the college life of their children. Parents of new students are encouraged to attend these sessions.

During the session for students, advanced registration will be held. At this time

students will also be able to reserve dormitory rooms and learn where their classes are to be held.

As an added attraction to these orientation sessions, students will be provided a

free lunch in the college cafeteria. These summer orientation sessions will be held on Monday, June 9; Saturday, June 28; Wednesday, July 9; Thursday, July 24; and Saturday, May 9.



Baseball Award Winners



Ladies' Basketball Award Winners

Annual Athletic Banquet Is Held Monday, April 21

By Greg Beard

On Monday evening, April 21, East Central held its annual athletic banquet. The purpose of the banquet was to recognize and present awards to all of those who participated in the sports program throughout the year.

Football awards were presented to: Andrew Longmire, outstanding offensive back; Kendall Sullivan, most outstanding offensive lineman; Andrea Tabb, most outstanding defensive back; Wayne Kennedy, most outstanding defensive lineman; Creg Sanders and Butch Brooks, team captains; Creg Sanders, most valuable; and Eddie Pierce; Andrew F. Webb Award.

Baseball awards were given to: Creg Newell, team

captain; David Sorrells, offensive award; and Charles White, defense award.

Ladies' basketball players receiving awards were: Anita Union, most improved; Sethra Townsend, best defensive player; Alice Dawkins, team captain; and Karen Miller, best offensive player and team MVP.

Men basketball players receiving awards were: Talby Bender, best offensive; Ronnie Bender, best defensive; Bob Hollaway, best rebounder; Kenny Morgan, freethrow; Gary Anderson, most hustle; and John Vivians, most improved.

Congratulations are in store for all of the athletes who put in many hours of practice to do the best that they could do for themselves and East Central.

Special Note: Steve Nelson Of Newton Won The State Golf Championship. Terry Sessums Of Union Placed 2nd. The Two Placed 2nd & 3rd In Region 23, Which Qualifies Them For The National Meet.



Football Award Winners



Men's Basketball Award Winners

Lady Warriors Finish Season With 3-5 Record

By Greg Beard

East Central's first ladies softball season recently came to a close. The Lady Warriors finished the season with a 3-5 record. All 3 victories were obtained over Meridian Junior College.

Members of the 1986 squad were: Patricia Steele, Alice Dawkins, Shirley Steele, Karen Miller, Regina Amos, Joyce Jefferson, Melissa Shirley, Susan

Simms, Jennifer Young, Tammy Winstead, Michelle Murphy, Stacy Rutherford, Elaine English, Amanda Cassel, Beverly Bowie, and Anita Young.

The addition of the ladies softball team has extremely boosted the athletic program at East Central. We hope that enough support and interest is shown next year, so that ladies' softball will continue to list.

Club Officers Are Elected

Phi Theta Kappa officers for next year are Renee Johnson, Wendy Smith, Susan Williamson, and Doug Woodward.

SBA officers for the coming year: Chris Collins - President; Steve Nelson - Vice-President; Doug Woodward - Secretary; and Susan Williamson - Treasurer.

Selected as editor for the **Tom-Tom** for next year is Rick Smith of Decatur.

Winning **Tom-Tom**

awards were Carl Cleveland, Most Outstanding Staff Member; Ann McGee, Most Dependable Staff Member and Michele Chaney, Worker of the Year.

Cheerleaders for 1986-87 are:

Football: Marzet Jernigan, Philadelphia; Debbie Love, Louisville; Vicki Wilson, Sebastopol; Jennifer Young - Noxapater; Mellissa Thrash, Decatur; Sherrel Rhodes, Philadelphia; Carla

Germany, Jackson; Beverly Stovall, Neshoba Central; Paul Radigan, Union; and Shelly Wolverton, Philadelphia.

Basketball: Marzet Jernigan, Philadelphia; Debbie Love, Louisville; Jennifer Young, Noxapater; Mellissa Thrash, Decatur; Stacey Therrell, Philadelphia; Kathy Culwell, Louisville; Cindy Watkins, Louisville; Amanda Cassel, Union; Jennifer Russell, Newton; and Paul Radigan, Union.

Summer School To Begin May 27

By Kevin Thompson

Dr. B.J. Tucker, the Dean of Instruction, has announced that Summer School at East Central will begin on May 27th. The courses to be offered are: General Psychology, English Composition I, English Literature I, College Algebra, General

Biology I, American National Government, Adolescent Psychology, Oral Communication and American History I.

The second term of Summer School will begin June 30th. The courses offered will be General Psychology, English Composition II,

English Literature II, Oral Communication, College Algebra, General Biology II, Western Civilization I, Child Psychology, Trigonometry and American National Government.

Vocational classes will begin for the summer on May 27th. They will be:

Automechanics, Cosmetology, and Electricity.

Night classes offered on campus will be English Composition I, Basic Concepts of Math, Business Law I, Introduction to Business, Intermediate Typewriting, Word Processing I, Introduction to Electronics Technology, and Introduction to Computer Concepts.

Off-campus courses will also be offered for the summer. Night classes will be held in Carthage. The courses offered will be English Composition I and Introduction to Sociology. Final registration will be held May 29th at the Carthage High School.

Night classes will also be held at the Scott County Vocational - Technical Center. Courses offered will be English Composition I and College Algebra. Final registration will be held on June 2nd at the Vocational - Technical Center.

Day classes will be held in Louisville in three three-week sessions or two five-week sessions, whichever is preferred by the student. Classes offered are: English Composition I, General Biology I, English Composition II, General Biology II, and American History I. Registration for the first term (three week or five week) will be held May 27th.

The second three-week session will register on June 16th. The second five-week session will register on June 30th. The third three-week session will register on July 7th.

Classes will be held at Philadelphia starting May 27th. English Composition will be offered in the first term during both day and night sessions. English Composition II will be offered the second term in both day and night classes. College Algebra will be offered during the day for the first term only.

Any classes not scheduled so far may be instituted if there are enough interested students and a teacher is available. There must be a minimum of ten students for a class to be held.

Cost of Summer School will be \$25.00 per semester hour taken. Vocational courses will cost \$300.00 for the entire ten-week session. First time cosmetology students must pay a \$160.00 lab fee.

Summer graduation will be held July 31st at 8:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building auditorium on the East Central Campus.

For more information about Summer School contact should be made with the Dean of Admissions and Records, East Central Junior College, Decatur, MS 39327.

Final Thoughts From The Editor...

What comes to mind when one thinks of summer? Fun in the sun? A day by the pool? Or maybe even a summer job? Maybe so. But to many students across the United States it has only one meaning - NO MORE SCHOOL!

Yes, students of East Central! It is time to pack up the bags and head toward the home front. Once again, it is time to give that old worn-out brain some long-needed rest. (If you are like me, that brain has no reason to be worn-out.) You can finally put away those books and notes that kept you up until all hours of the night studying and cramming for that long-awaited "A". Gladly, but sadly, you can finally say farewell to your dear and faithful teachers who have stood firmly by your side through thick-and-thin even though they are still threatening to fail you for sneezing in class. And to

those close friends, you bid your most cherished farewell. A farewell that will remain in your memory forever. Finally, in the end, you give your last good-bye to your old second home, East Central Junior College.

Looking back over the past year, I am pleased to say that I have enjoyed serving as editor of the Tom-Tom. Although I enjoyed it, I now realize that being a journalist is not one of the "nicest" jobs to have. But am I not correct to say that a journalist must always stand by his work? To write and hide is to not believe in one's self.

I would now like to take time to say "thank-you" to all of those people who have helped in any way in the production of the Tom-Tom. My sincerest appreciation goes to Carrie Ann Alford, sponsor of the Tom-Tom, and Terry Walton, publicity director and photographer for the Tom-Tom. Without

the guidance and help of these two ladies, there would be no Tom-Tom. Special thanks goes to the members of the Tom-Tom staff. By using their God-given talent of creative writing (and typing), they have helped to produce a paper that East Central can be proud of. I would also like to thank The Union Appeal for their superior work in publishing each edition of the Tom-Tom. The completion of each edition of the Tom-Tom would not have been possible without the help and dedication of these people.

In years to come, when you are looking at your old and faded Tom-Toms, I hope that they will help you to capture that one special moment that you enjoyed so well at East Central. If you capture not only a memory, but also a name, a face, or even a smile, then the hours put into the pages of the Tom-Tom will have been well worth the effort.

57th Class To Graduate...

Graduation Exercises Are Friday, May 9th

The East Central Junior College graduation exercises for 1986 will be held on Friday, May 9th, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction, has announced that there are 196 candidates for graduation. To graduate these students must have satisfactorily completed at least 60 hours of academic courses and 4 or more hours in activities. These are the minimum requirements for graduation.

East Central awards three degrees to its graduates. These degrees are Associate of Arts, the category in

which most East Central students will be awarded a degree; Associate of Science, for pre-medicine, science, education and engineering majors primarily; and Associate of Applied Science, for the college's four technical degrees. There are also 81 candidates who will receive vocational certificates from East Central's vocational programs.

Graduation exercises are to be held on the football field unless there is inclement weather. In case the weather does not permit the use of the football field, graduation

will be held in Huff Auditorium.

Dr. Eddie Smith, the President of East Central, the faculty, and the professional staff will participate. During the exercises the valedictorian and salutatorian will be recognized, along with the honor students who will be wearing gold tassels.

This will be the fifty seventh class to graduate from East Central and the public is invited to this commencement to recognize the achievements of this graduating class.

