



Cadets Vance and Gibbs

Photo by Jaris Brantley

ROTC student receive commendations

By Carolyn Evans

Two ECJC journalism students have recently received letters of commendation from the ROTC by Captain Charles J. Ferrell, ECJC ROTC Instructor. Recognized for their roles as members of the ROTC Color Guard were freshmen Regina Gibbs and Sherry Vance.

Regina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gibbs of Newton is a freshman majoring in Communications. Aside from ROTC, Regina is a member of the choir and the E.C.J.C. Players.

Sherry Vance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Vance of Newton, is a Liberal Arts major. She is a select member of Phi Theta Kappa and the French Club.

The letter states:

"I would like to commend you for the outstanding manner of performance you exhibited as a member of the E.C.J.C. ROTC Color Guard. The high professional standards you displayed during the flag-raising ceremonies at home football games served as an example to be emulated by all.

"I am aware of the extra time and effort you gave in order that the colors were presented with all due respect, pride and dignity. Certainly you must have experienced the 'pre-game butterflies' everytime you performed before the large assemblies of students and football fans.

"This exemplary performance of duty serves as a distinct credit to you, E.C.J.C., and the Army ROTC Program. Again, I commend you for a job well done and wish you continued good fortune in all future endeavors."

Signed: Capt. Charles J. Ferrell

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In this area

Junior Colleges eyed for boosts

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By Jack Elliott

If the Mississippi Legislature approves the requests of the state junior colleges, four junior colleges in East Mississippi would receive boosts in state operating funds ranging from \$122,000 to \$390,000 more than last year.

The Division of Junior Colleges of the state Department of Education has requested appropriations totaling \$25.3 million.

Under that request, Jones Junior College in Ellisville would receive \$2.1 million; Meridian Junior College, \$1.6 million; East Central Junior College in Decatur, \$793,870; and East Mississippi Junior College in Scooba, \$539,510.

But division director George Moody said the state Budget Commission recommendation provided only \$22.9 million for junior college operations.

Moody said the junior college division would not compute individual school budgets, solely on Budget Commission recommendations, but would wait until the state legislature acts on the state appropriation.

Moody said the individual junior college budgets are determined by a breakdown of the composite budget based on the individual school's enrollment and programs.

Presently, Meridian Junior College operating funds from the state total \$1.2 million; East Mississippi Junior College, \$417,161; Jones Junior College, \$1.7 million; and East Central Junior College, \$634,994.

The state appropriation does not include money from federal programs and support from local districts.

Other state supported institutions in East Mississippi budgets recommended by the Budget Commission are:

Matty Hersee Hospital, \$684,706 (increase of \$531,829 over last year); South Mississippi State Hospital, \$993,481 (\$492,456 increase over last year); Matty Hersee Hospital, nursing program, \$368,534 (\$26,834 increase).

South Mississippi State Hospital, nurses' education, \$105,975 (\$2,395 decrease); East Mississippi State Hospital, \$4.37 million (\$295,524 increase); and Ellisville State School, \$6.4 million (\$1.3 million increase).

Talent show to be held Tuesday, Jan. 25

by Regina Gibbs

Do you have a special talent you've been hiding away? Have you been wanting to participate or show E.C. what talent you have, but didn't have the opportunity? Well, here's your chance.

The ECJC ROTC is sponsoring a talent show that is open to any student registered this semester on campus.

The show will be held in the Fine Arts Auditorium from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. January 25, 1977.

There are a few small musical groups on campus, but of course there isn't always room for everyone, even though you may be very talented. So now's your chance to do your thing. The

show is not only open to individual talent. Groups are also welcome.

A cash prize will be awarded to winners. A booth has been set up in the student center for entrants. A small entrance fee of 50 cents is being charged.

Practice for entrants will be Monday night, January 24. All participating in the show must be present at this time.

Advanced tickets to the show are now on sale in the student center for 75 cents. At the door they will be \$1.00.

Many of your friends have already entered. So get your act together and come by the student center and enter now!!

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Jogging enthusiast doesn't let weather get him down

by Kent Ozborn

The East Central faculty is gifted with many interesting personalities. These teachers are not only specialists in one field but most have acquired many unusual outside interests and hobbies.

One such teacher is E.S. Towles. Many passers-by have noticed that even in rain, sleet, or snow, Towles can be seen jogging on campus or down highway 15.

"It is not important on how the weather conditions are, but how I feel at the time as to whether or not I run," stated Towles. He not only enjoys jogging but is an avid cyclist.

Towles started his exercise program when he lived in Memphis during the war years. Due to the lack of exercise on his job, he joined the YMCA where he became a member of the 100-mile club. As a member, he

received a medal for running a hundred miles at different periods.

Having a great interest in athletics and young people, Towles also can be credited with coaching many winning teams in track, football, basketball, soccer and boxing. One of Towles' best performers placed fourth in the nation as an intermediate hurdler on the way to the Olympics.

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ECJC Instructor Eugene Towles

EDITORIALS

Campus Activities Slide Downhill?

By Sue Savell

When the new history books come out, the 1970's will ultimately be called "The Years of Progress", as compared to the late 1950's, which will probably be called "inactive."

It's true that "we've come a long way," but just how "active" are we compared to years gone by?

In the late 1950's, the activities offered to the students were numerous. There was a SENIOR DAY for which all of the Senior classes from each of the high schools in the 5-county area came to the campus and spent the day. Highlights of this day were tours of the campus, a free lunch, a morning assembly program, an exhibition basketball game.

For MAY DAY, the student body elected a May Queen who then chose a May Court composed of about 10 men and women. All of the students who had been elected to an office participated. The ceremony, which included a procession, a crowning, a program of entertainment, and a recessional, was held on the front campus if the weather permitted, but otherwise was held in the gym.

On FRESHMEN DAY, members of the sophomore class initiated the freshmen. Freshmen were usually required to wear their clothes wrong side out and backwards, to wear an onion around their necks, and to perform at the request of any sophomore. The "mass of confusion" ended at 5:00 and the evening culminated with a dance.

The FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE Banquet was given by the Freshmen for the Sophomores in the cafeteria. The men wore suits and ties and the women wore evening wear. The banquet was followed by a dance.

ASSEMBLIES were held during the 3rd period of every Tuesday, and were either informative or entertaining. People were often brought to the campus or perhaps the choir or band performed or student organizations would present skits.

The STUDENT CENTER WINDOW was continuously being

decorated by a different club on campus, offering the student, as well as the visitor to campus a look into what is happening in that department or with that organization.

The ALL CAMPUS TALENT SHOW was a great opportunity for any student to "do his thing." Prizes were given. All a student had to do was to sign up.

Almost all the organizations on campus, including the Tom-Tom had a YEAR-END BANQUET, usually in Meridian.

As of today, the only activities that have replaced these are the beauty pageant and the spring musical instead of a spring play. But think of the student involvement necessary to carry on all those activities they used to have--and compare it to today's student involvement.

What has caused this tremendous downfall in student involvement and activities? Is it the student's fault alone? Could it be lack of faculty interest? Money? Surely we operate on a larger budget than in the late 50's.

Does the lack of student activities represent progress? Or does it represent a rapid decline into a world of all work and no play?

Library Now Open For Use

By Darleen Kendrick

Although East Central's new library appeared completed toward the end of last semester and was dedicated Homecoming day November 6, 1976, the building was not actually opened for use until January 5, 1977.

According to Mrs. Ann Burkes, librarian, the delay was caused by incompleting bookshelves. Most of these shelves finally arrived during the third week of December. However, the periodical and reference book shelves are still not ready.

The new library provides nine study rooms, which are also not yet ready for use. One of these will be for microform use. In order to use one of the other



ECJC Warrior Band

Band scholarships being abused

by Michele Caraway

Each semester, East Central Junior College awards band scholarships to those students with musical talent. These scholarships pay one-hundred and fifteen dollars in tuition to recipients. These students are chosen to go out as a body of musicians and represent E.C.J.C. at various activities. In a sense, they are paid by the

school to play in the band.

This semester there are twenty members in the East Central Band, which is a fairly small group. Last semester, the band, which consisted of 31 members, was asked to perform in five Christmas parades. There was never one-hundred percent attendance of the band members at any one of these parades. There were at least seven or eight band members absent from each parade which made it harder on the other band members as well as on the director.

Beginning this semester, there will be a change in the method of payment for band scholarships. Director James Dykes stated that the reasons the band members gave for being absent from the parades were unexcusable. He is trying to devise a plan of holding the band scholarship money until the end of the semester and deducting a certain amount for each time a student misses an important performance. By doing this, the band member will pay his own tuition and be reimbursed at the end of the semester with the band scholarship. He hopes this will bring about a better attendance of all band members.

When asked why the band was so small in number this semester compared to other semesters, Dykes stated that he believed it

was partly due to the lack of recruiting. Therefore, he is taking two days out of each week this semester for recruiting. Also, he is in the process of making a survey of the scholarship programs at all of the Junior Colleges in Mississippi. He says that E.C.J.C. tuition is lower and therefore the scholarship program is lower. He states that he would like to see a program for East Central equal to the other schools.

Around the first of March, facilities on campus will be available for any high school band in the five-county area to come here and present a concert. This will give them a chance to perform away from their high school area and will help in the recruiting program. In April, there will be an auxiliary Corps Clinic for any beginning auxiliary members to learn the fundamentals of activities such as drum majorette, riflery, etc.

Also, the E.C.J.C. campus is open for any bands to come during the summer sessions of school. These activities are to give them the experience of performing in unfamiliar places.

These and other such programs are designed to upgrade the program and interest prospective students in the ECJC band.

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A new color video-tape system has also been purchased. It is compatible with the black and white system in the Science department. In addition to films made by this system, there will be other films already available. Meridian Junior College has offered to copy their material for East Central if we furnish the blank tapes. Needless to say, East Central has accepted.

One additional student worker has been added to the library staff bringing the total number of workers to seventeen student workers and three professionals.

Library hours will remain the same: 7:30-9:00 Monday through Thursday and 7:30-4:30 Friday.

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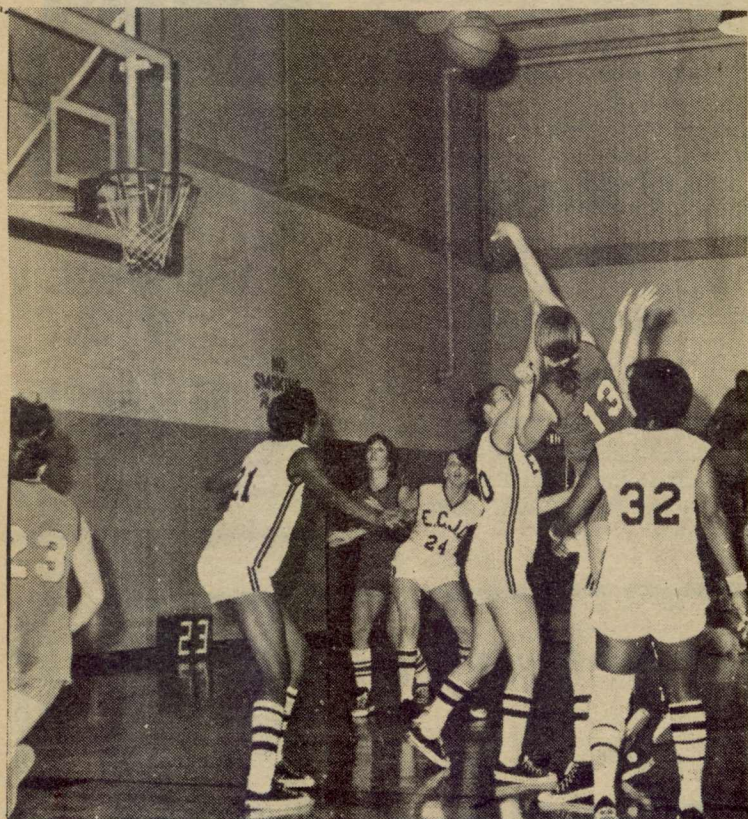
by Tim Hamil

The Warriorettes of E.C. continued their dominance over South Division teams with a 82-81 squeaker over Southwest Junior College. The contest was a high scoring, fast tempo sort of game in the first half with EC taking a 54-49 lead into the dressing room. The second half was much slower as the blistering pace in the first half took its toll stamina-wise on both teams.

However, in the slowed down 2nd half timely shooting by

Tammy Tadlock and Vicki Cumberland kept the Warriorettes lead intact. Jeanette Barnes led the attack with 33 points followed by Diana Lyon's 28.

Against Meridian, however, the E.C. girls met a far quicker and taller ball club and went down to defeat 72-67. Inspired play by Julie Latham and others kept this game close and almost came away with a victory. Lyons and Barnes again led the scoring attack for East Central. The girls next action is against Gulf Coast at Perkinson.



Aggressive defense was the key to Thursday night's victory over Southwest as Warriorettes Julie Latham [50], Diana Lyons [21] and Jeanette Barnes [32] demonstrate. [Land Photos]

Back-to-back victories highlight Warriors mid-season basketball play

By John Muse

After 4 consecutive losses, the East Central Warriors turned everything around to capture two wins in a row over Meridian and Southwest in Decatur this past weekend. Good hustle, teamed with a tailor-made fast-break offense, propelled the Warriors to these victories.

Against Southwest J.C., a team that had blasted the Warriors in a previous meeting, the Warriors had to use quickness and superior back court play to gain the win, 73-68.

The Bears of Summit relied on superior height to keep a slight edge over the Warriors for most of the game and held a 4 point lead at one time. The tempo of the game was seemingly set until sparingly used forward Joe Peavie came off the bench to provide the needed spark for victory. Peavie teamed with Bill Parker and John Burks, to run off several baskets that provided the margin for the win. Welch and Burks had 18 points for EC and Peavie added 12 points to the effort.

Against arch-rival Meridian Saturday night, EC downed a shorter Eagles team 85-80. Once again fine shooting and guard play, made the difference for victory. East Central was led by Burks with 26 followed closely by Welch's 22 points. Hal Presley and Bill Parker added 15 and 11 points respectively.

Anders named Hon. Men. All-American

By Marty Ezell

Mark Anders, a 210. lb. running-back from Montgomery, Alabama, was recently selected Honorable Mention All-American by the junior college grid wire.

Anders, after missing the first six games with torn ligaments in his right knee, came back and had an outstanding season for the Warriors. Anders was also selected to play in the Junior College All-Star game in Tupelo and was selected Honorable Mention All-State.

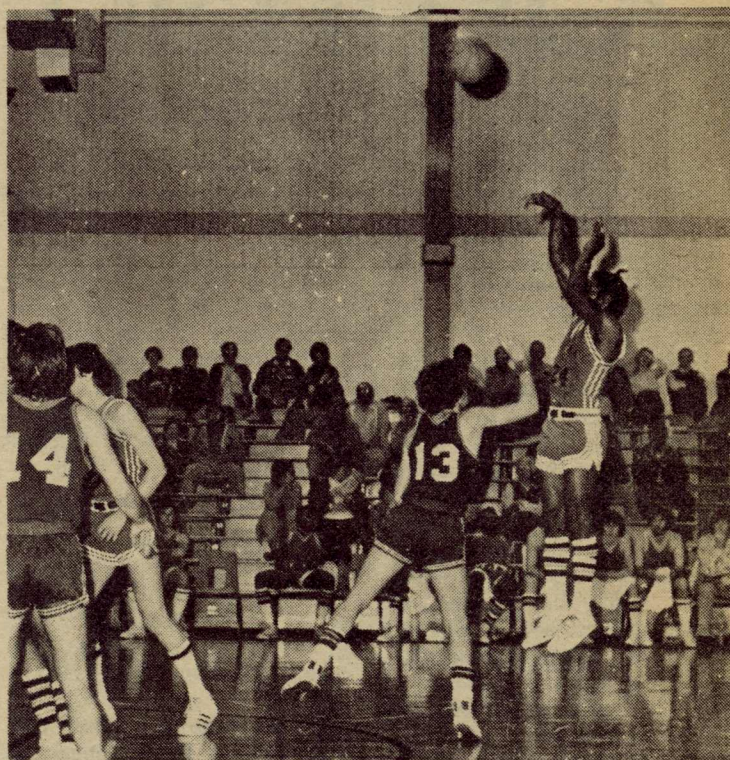
Anders has signed a scholarship with the University of Southeastern Louisiana for the spring semester.

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Peter Frampton . . . "Sex Object of 1976"

I was thumbing thru the latest issue of **Billboard** the other day and I came across an ad put out by **Creem** magazine, which is the most popular rock n roll mag on the market today, and found the results of the 1976 "Readers' Poll."

In the poll, the readers themselves voted on outstanding bands, singers, songs, albums, and other things dealing with people our age and I thought it would be interesting to pass the results along to you.

The top three groups of the year were Aerosmith, Kiss, and Led Zeppelin. Now I saw both Aerosmith and Kiss live last year and to be frank with you, I thought Aerosmith stunk! Kiss, who was chosen as the top live band of 1976, lived up to its billing in Jackson, to say the least!

The best male singer award went to Robert Plant and Linda Ronstadt took the best female singer award. Stevie Wonder was picked as the top rhythm and blues singer and the Rolling Stones were the best R & B band.

The top albums were "Rocks" (Aerosmith), "Frampton Comes Alive" (Peter Frampton), and "The Song Remains The Same" (Led Zeppelin), according to the readers of **Creem** magazine. The Best New Group of the year award went to "Boston" and the Worst Group of the year went to the "Bay City Rollers". The only band I can think of who might have been worse would have to be "Dr. Hook." The doctor and his gang opened up the Kiss concert in Jackson and I almost 'barfed' during the entire set!

Peter Frampton took several honors including "Sex Object of the Year", and also "Hero of the Year". Surprisingly enough, Elton John took the most Pathetic Singer of the Year award. What about that, Rhonda Johnson?

The best album cover of the year was Kiss' Destroyer cover. Kiss was also named as the "Fad of the Year". Too bad "Big Daddy's" wasn't in the running!

The "Drug of the Year" was . . . needless to say . . . "merry-wanna". The TV show of the Year was "NBC's Saturday Night Live" and the "Gong Show" no

doubt was up there with Chevy Chase and the "Not-Ready-For-Prime-Time Players." And finally, the "Rip Off of the Year" award went to 'concert prices'. I heard that "Bob and the Bee-Bops" weren't far behind in that category!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Eagles took over the number one spot on the **Billboard** album chart with "Hotel California". Stevie Wonder dropped to number 2 after setting a new record for continuous weeks at #1 with 14.

"You Make Me Feel Like Dancing" is the number one single in America today but it looks like Stevie's "I Wish" will probably replace Leo in the number one spot by next week.

Gary Wright has a new LP out entitled "The Light of Smiles". It is supposed to be a great follow-up to "The Dream Weaver" and I suggest you boogie on down to the Boogie Shop and pick it up.

"NBC's Saturday Night Live" LP is really getting popular now and a single has been released from the album. This is another LP I suggest you latch on to.

It's been exactly 52 weeks (one year as if you didn't know) since Peter Frampton's Live album was released and it is still enjoying great sales. It will probably be around another 52. Wouldn't it be great for Peter to come out with a new LP?

On the concert scene, you can look forward to seeing Ted Nugent in the Coliseum in Jackson Tuesday, Jan. 25th, at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are now on sale for \$5 and tickets will be \$5.50 the day of the show. Also, "Earth, Wind, and Fire" will be at the University of Southern Mississippi Friday, Jan. 28th, at 7:30. Let me tell you . . . I saw EWF in the Louisiana Superdome New Year's Eve and it was one of the greatest shows I've ever seen. Make your plans to see them in Hattiesburg. Talk to ya later!

'Paint Your Wagon'

Whinnery, Simpson chosen for lead roles in musical

by Nancy Heard

Cast selection for **Paint Your Wagon** was held Thursday, January 16. Mike Simpson of Jackson and Marion Whinnery of Carthage were selected for the leading roles of Ben and Jennifer.

The Lerner and Lowe Production will be presented Monday through Friday, February 21-25.

Paint Your Wagon is about the gold rush in the west. Notable songs from the musical are "I Call the Wind Meriah," "Paint Your Wagon," and "I Talk to the Trees."

Paint Your Wagon will be under the direction of Bruce Peterson, speech instructor. Musical direction will be by Bob Heritage and James Dykes. Mrs. Marion Thornton will be rehearsal accompanist and publicity will be handled by R.G. Fick. Bruce Guready, along with students in

the art department, will design the sets.

Auditions for dancers were held Monday January 10. Ovid Vickers will be the choreographer for the production.

Other cast members include: Walter Griffith - Julio; Leonard Fick - Jacob; Jo Ann Wright - Elizabeth; Gale Goss - Sarah; Pam Stribling - Cherry; Ricky Hosey - Mike; Cliff Jernigan - Jake; Dale Worrell - Salem; and Darwin Hatch - Steve.

Dancers for the musical will be Teresa Shepard, Nita Dennis, Margaret Cole, Betty Wilson, Wanda Bates, Janet Kennedy, Karen Lindsey, Gail Gallup, Judy Deel and Sheila Terrell.

Rehearsals have begun and many preparations have been made. Chairmen and their crews will be selected soon.

ECJC students will be admitted free for either production. Advance tickets will soon go on sale for \$3 each.

Movie Review

'Lights, Camera, Action!'

By Rhonda Johnson

The Pink Panther Strikes Again is truly one of the funniest movies around. Humor seems to have been lost in this dog-eat-dog world, but Peter Sellers as Inspector Cleuseau will tickle anyone's funnybone. Like the two previous Pink Panther spoofs, we find the bumbling inspector trying to uphold the law while making a complete fool of himself. If you'll recall the last P.P. film, the chief is driven insane by Cleuseau. This one starts off with the chief rehabilitated and Cleuseau again driving him insane. The chief takes on the world so he can get Cleuseau. This P.P. flick isn't as funny as the first two, but you'll be rolling in the aisles. (PG)

Obsession, starring Cliff Robertson and Genevieve Bujold, is one of the newest thrillers released. The plot evolves around Cliff's wife being kidnapped--and his not paying the ransom. Then he meets an Italian girl in the same church where he married his first wife. The girl also bears a striking resemblance to his first wife. He wants to marry her until she, too, is

kidnapped. Is it a coincidence or an obsession? Actually, it's just the beginning of this tale of murder and betrayal. (R)

Rocky is a love story starring Sylvester Stallone, who also starred in **Lords of Flatbush** with "Fonzie" last year. Stallone also wrote the screenplay. He plays a boxer who, by twist of fate, has the opportunity to fight the heavy-weight champion of the world. It's more of a romantic than a sports film. Talia Shire plays the plain, shy girl with whom he's involved. It has been called a classic. **Rocky** is a rare movie. (PG)

1st semester honor roll is named

By Dale Worrell

Registrar Frank Rives has released names of ECJC students placed on the Honor Roll for 1st semester. Honor ECJC students include:

PRESIDENT'S LIST: Debra Body, Jane Hunter, Linda Ann Quinn, Arlies Savell, Sue Savell, Tony Smith, Janet Ware, and Marian Whinnery.

DEAN'S LIST: Frances Bright, Diann Calhoun, Jacqueline Canady, Ann Clark, Rosalyn Coghlan, Margaret Davis, Leonard Fick, Ted Freeny, Booker T. Gray, Dorothy Hardy, Nancy Heard, Karen Hicks, Carrie Hollingsworth, Kathy Lynn Johnson, Danny Killens, Julie Latham, Janet Lynn Luke, Clare Mason, Linda Gail May, Charles Macadory, Pamela McElhenny, Kenneth McMillon, Janis Meador, Donna Reynolds, Denise Shaw, Carolyn Shumake, Ernest Sloan, Paula Sue Smith, Pamela Stribling, Regina Thames, Dianne Thomas, Jeff Thomas, Kerry Thomley, Joe Vance, Sherry Vance, Rory Warren, Phyllis Watkins, Rhonda Whitehead, Kathryn Winstead, and Jo Ann Wright.

Rives said it was a slight but not a significant drop from last year.

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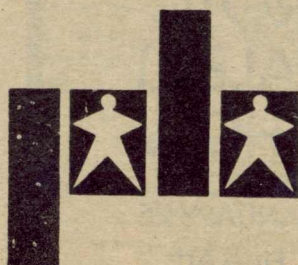


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Hunter, Chapman Cop Titles

by Sue Savell

Winners in East Central's Who's Who Election, were recently announced, with Jeff Chapman of Birmingham, Alabama and Jane Hunter of Decatur capturing the titles of Mr. and Miss ECJC.

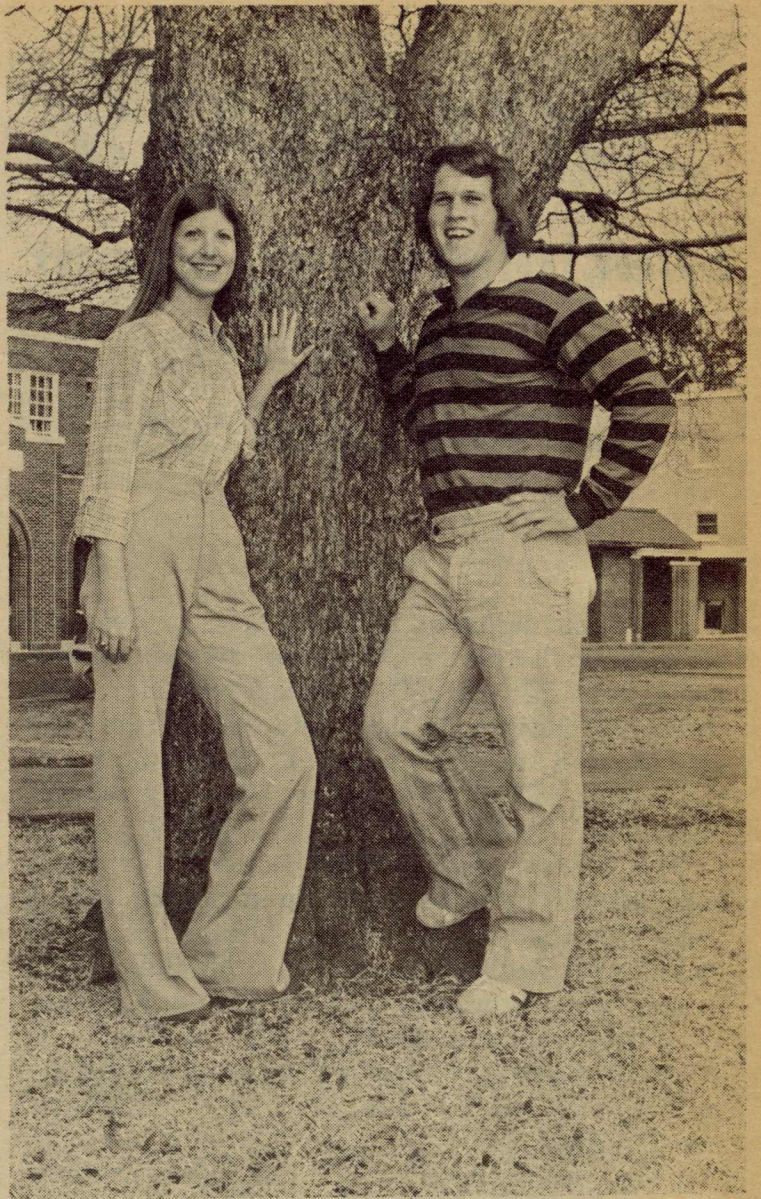
Students were asked to pick up petitions for delegates in Dean Brackeen's office and to return the petitions with the required 25 signatures. The names of the delegates whose petitions were completed were placed in the first run-off election January 18. Those names included on the ballot were: **Miss ECJC:** Jane Hunter and Julie Latham; **Mr. ECJC:** Eddie Carr, Jeff Chapman, Clark Dunn, Kent Ozborn, and Jimmy Peterson; **Sophomore Women Favorites:** Deborah Harrison, Karla Hatcher, Denise Shaw, Pam Stribling, Gina Thames, and Betty Wilson; **Sophomore Men Favorites:** Larkin Chapman, Herman Clark,

Timmy Hamil, Cecil Price, Ernie Sloan, Tony Tadlock, and Bob Worrell; **Most Handsome:** Charlie Cox, Mark Dean, Marty Ezell, Ike Harrell, and Jeff Johnson; **Freshman Women Favorites:** Diane Calhoun, Kathy Chestnut, Senita Dearing, Gail Goss, Blanche Harrell, Rhonda Johnson, Karen Leach, Donna Reynolds and Liz Ruffin, Tammy Tadlock, and Judy Wolverton; **Freshman Men Favorites:** Steve Breland, Billy Gressett, Gary Harthcock, Danny Killens, Paul Lowery, Glenn Nicholson and Robert Scoggin.

Those candidates receiving the most votes and eligible for the 2nd run-off election were: **Mr. ECJC:** Jeff Chapman and Jimmy Peterson; **Sophomore Women Favorites:** Deborah Harrison, Karla Hatcher, and Gina Thames; **Sophomore Men Favorites:** Larkin Chapman, Timmy Hamil, and Bob Worrell; **Most Handsome:** Mark Dean and Marty Ezell; **Freshman Women**

Favorites: Senita Dearing, Blanche Harrell, Rhonda Johnson, and Judy Wolverton; **Freshman Men Favorites:** Steve Breland, Billy Gressett, Gary Harthcock, Paul Lowery, and Robert Scoggin. Jane Hunter defeated Julie Latham for the title of Miss ECJC.

The final run-off election, held Tuesday, January 25, resulted as follows: **Mr. ECJC:** Jeff Chapman - Montgomery, Ala.; **Sophomore Women Favorites:** Deborah Harrison - Forest; Karla Hatcher - Louisville, and Julie Latham - Forkville; **Sophomore Men Favorites:** Larkin Chapman - Newton, Bob Worrell - Forest, and Jimmy Peterson - Sturgis; **Most Handsome:** Mark Dean - Newton; **Freshman Women Favorites:** Senita Dearing - Union, Blanche Harrell - Carthage, and Rhonda Johnson - Decatur; **Freshman Men Favorites:** Steve Breland - Philadelphia, Billy Gressett - Newton, and Robert Scoggin - Decatur.



Jane Hunter and Jeff Chapman
Mr. & Miss ECJC

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Former EC student is Jackson's OYM

By Bill Dickens

A former student of East Central Junior College, Larry Hogue, was named "Outstanding Young Man" of Jackson by the Jackson Jaycees.

Hogue, selected over four other nominees, is immediate

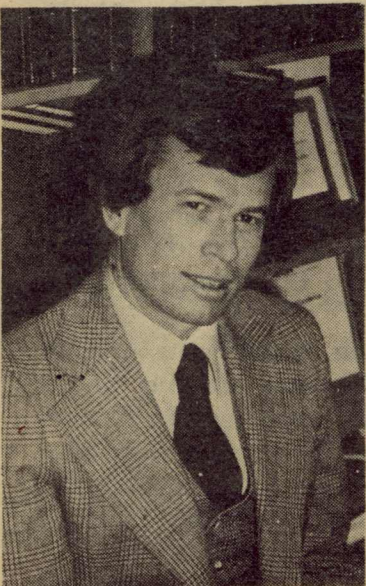
past president of the Public Relations Association of Mississippi, past president of the Mississippi Editors and Directors of Information Association (MEDIA), and president of the Mississippi Chapter of National School Public Relations Association.

Listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, he's one of Mississippi's eight accredited members of the Public Relations Society of America. Last year he was the only Mississippian to earn PRSA accreditation, after passing a day-long written and oral examination in New Orleans.

As a member of the Jackson Bicentennial Committee, he was active in promoting the city's celebration in 1976.

An alumnus of East Central, Hogue was active in many things while at EC. He was a member of the Tom-Tom newspaper staff, maintained a high grade point average, and was active in theatre work. Later, while attending Delta State, he was named Outstanding Actor.

Besides being on Dr. Charles Holladay's educational staff, Hogue is editor of "Education in Mississippi," a publication of the State Department of Education.



Larry Hogue, son of ECJC Auto Mechanics Instructor Coyt Hogue

Recently he published a brochure for children, which describes needed changes in the state's educational system. He has won 35 state, regional, and national awards for writing, editing, and photography.

Hogue is a native of Forest, graduate of Forest High School, has a bachelor's degree from Delta State University, and a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, besides the A.A. degree from E.C. He taught at Co-Lin Jr. College before accepting his present job.

Hogue, 35, was presented his award by City Commissioner Doug Shanks. His name and credentials now go to the state Jaycee committee, which will select the Outstanding Young Man of Mississippi next month.

LAST MIN. SCORES

(Games played after Tom-Tom had gone to press)

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| Warriorettes | 83 |
| Co-Lin girls | 86 |
| Warriors | 79 |
| Co-Lin boys | 74 |

Tuesday Night

Night students exhibit works of decoupage

by Darlene Kendricks

A showing of decoupage done by night students taking Inventive Crafts began Wednesday, February 3 in the new Burton Library here on the East Central campus.

The 29 students in the Art 1243 class, which is held on Monday nights in Forest, chose their own designs and went through the complete process of decoupage to make the wooden plaques now on display in the library.

These plaques may be viewed between the hours of 8 a.m. and

9 p.m. and will remain on display until February 16.

Most of the students who did these works are 30 years old or older and have not had any background in art since the 6th grade. Their work shows creativity with much of the materials they use being things that can be found around the house.

East Central's Art Instructor Bruce Guready, who conducts the night class, wishes to invite the public to stop by the library and see the work of his students.

Vocational administrators give 15 min. TV talk show

by Sherry Vance

Vocational administrators John Adcock and Chester Clark presented a program on WTK television January 27th concerning the vocational - technical program at East Central.

One day of each month a representative from the different schools in the area elaborates on vocational-technical education. This is not to be an advertisement for the various schools, but, rather an in-depth study of the vocational field from the viewpoint of different people.

Topics discussed by Adcock and Clark included the following: --entrance requirements --financial aid from the BEOG, & Work-Study

--chances for employment in a chosen field --a typical day in the technical division --advantages and disadvantages of a vocational career --the need for a skill

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EDITORIALS

Spectators turn talent show into a 'traveling circus'

By Tony Smith
Co-Editor

What has happened to civility at East Central? Does it no longer exist? Have disrespect and disregard for others replaced decency and common sense on this campus? From the attitude and response shown by the audience at the recent ROTC talent show, the only answer has to be "Yes!"

The talent show, held January 25, was supposed to be a peaceful, fund-raising event. What it turned out to be was more a burlesque show or a travelling circus than a talent show. Of course, the performers aren't to blame. They did what they were expected to do. The audience, on the other hand, exhibited a callous disregard for the whole affair and to the participants specifically.

There were about 15 talent presentations during the show. The talent, on the whole, was remarkably good. ECJC is privileged in having so many talented people on campus. It's just a shame that they had to go on stage under such circumstances. For this, they are to be commended. They had the determination to go on with the show in lieu of such rowdy and ridiculous behavior from the audience.

Examples of this behavior include interruptions during several of the acts, shouting, sneering, open expressions of boredom, profanities, and lewd suggestions. Honestly, who can sensibly perform any kind of talent act while the audience carries on its own little ballyhoo off-stage? Not all the audience showed this behavior. There were a few silent and appreciative souls floating around. Thank God for small favors!

Certainly none of these things should have occurred, especially among college-age students. College, if it teaches nothing else at all, should teach students the ability to respect others. This just wasn't the case January 25.

Besides the audience problem, there were other problems with the talent show. It could have been better organized, and should have been better supervised. The organization probably was as good as it could have been in light of such circumstances. But, the college should have had a competent official present to hold down unnecessary audience reaction.

Surely this type of thing won't happen again. If it does it will only serve to tarnish the image of all ECJC students. East Central just can't afford this type of publicity.

Again, only one good thing can be said about the whole affair--some very good talent was displayed during the show. At least the whole night wasn't totally wasted.

A final word of note--why not nominate the audience for an academy award in the "special effects" category. They look like sure-bet winners, folks!

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was slightly disappointed and irritated to read the unfair, derogatory statement concerning the Beebops in the Jammin' section of the January 21 issue of The Tom-Tom. It was a biased comment obviously written by an incompetent who "shoots first and asks questions later."

Being an active member of the Beebops, I must point out that at each school concert last semester we received nothing for our efforts, financial or otherwise, only the joy of performing and a greasy head of hair. Prices charged at each Beebop performance were directly related to certain school fund-raising projects and we did not receive (nor requested) any proceeds at all. Besides, if your reporter felt that the concert prices were too high for his wallet perhaps he should content himself to stay home and watch Sesame Street's Big Bird sing the ABC's because he certainly will not find very many group concerts to attend who charge one dollar or less for admission.

The Beebops do not appreciate such "comments" directed against them. We have done our best with little in return and certainly do not like being criticized by some amateur journalist. We do not admit to be a professional group nor do we compare ourselves to one. Unfortunately, your paper did try to make that comparison. (Why don't we compare the Tom-Tom with The Washington Post?)

It has been said "He has the right to criticize who has the will to help." Clearly, your reporter has not helped the Beebops in any way. I hope in the future you will refrain from writing such information until you clarify the facts.

[Name withheld by request]

January 28, 1977

Dear Bob and the Beebops,

Thanks for the letter concerning a statement made in the last edition of the Tom-Tom regarding the Beebops. In order to explain the statement, this letter is written from the viewpoint taken when this columnist wrote the article...

In the last edition of the Tom-Tom, a sentence appeared in the "Jammin'" column that put East Central's fifties band, the Beebops, in the running for "Rip Off of the Year." This statement may not have been in the best interest of ECJC or the Beebops, but there are certain arguments that can be brought up in defense of the "Biased Comment."

Now don't get me totally wrong. The Beebops have a lot to be proud of, surely. They have worked in campus promotions as well as entertaining the students of E.C. But let's take a realistic look at some of the Beebop's weaker points.

The students of East Central have seen the Beebops perform twice, one time at a football game, and once in concert where the price of a ticket was one dollar. At the football game the Beebops performed one song, for free. At the concert the Beebops

performed about 6 or 7 songs for about 20 minutes... for a dollar.

The showings were good, but at each occasion, by the time the crowd was warmed up, the band was through playing. And for that dollar, which most students thought they were paying to see the Beebops, shouldn't the students have heard more music?

As far as criticizing a band, I've played in several bands and I've been to over 25 major concerts. Although you may disagree, I feel I have some kind of idea on how to evaluate a band.

Many will tell you how great the Beebops were a year ago, and, yes, I thought the same. They were really good. But many will also tell you that this year's group is not quite up to the standards set a year ago.

Maybe the Beebops could learn a few more songs, work on their act a little, and perform more often. Surely this would make the group even more popular than it is now, and at the same time, improve their personal talent.

It's great for the Beebops to perform for benefits on campus and so-forth, but I, along with plenty of other students, feel the Beebops could perform more often with little or no cost, since the group was formed by the music department at East Central and is or was school sponsored.

I regret the comment appeared as a comparison to a professional rock group and I realize the statement could've been worded in a different manner so as to get across the meaning of the sentence. However, I still feel the Beebops could perform more often and charge less for admission, if anything.

Now I wish to apologize to leader Bob Heritage and each member of the Beebops. I do realize the issue in question could have been presented in another way and saved both parties alot of embarrassment. A more watchful eye will be displayed in the future.

Sincerely,
Chaun Culpepper
Associate Editor

A Vital Decision

By Kent Ozborn

During the inclement weather of the past few weeks, students and staff at EC were very confused as to whether classes were to be held or not. This "weather charade" caused wonder as to exactly what the policy for emergencies of this type were at East Central.

According to a member of the Administrative staff, they are busy at work early on such mornings. These men and women were not at their usual office positions. With weather forecasters on the phone, they were trying to find the out come of the past night's weather, which had left EC under a blanket of snow. While his staff was at work Dr. Wright was also busy riding the roads. He toured Highway 15, 403 and interstate 20 to conclude whether or not it was safe for students to travel. After all other information had been gathered, Dr. Wright met with his administrative council. With their aid, he made the decision as to whether EC would be closed or not. Long before many students had awakened the administrative staff was calling local radio and television stations to announce his decision. But what stations to tune in was the question? Many commuters had fought through the snow before they found that a useless and dangerous trip had been made. Many stayed home thinking surely that school would not meet when it did. Though many radio stations in the five county area were notified, many people did not receive the announcement. Channel 11 in Meridian, was also notified, according to the administrative staff.

This decision could be considered one of great importance. Commuters staying home lost valuable class time experience. Knowledge gained from listening to a lecture and participating in a discussion is impossible to make up. But, is one life worth one day of school in bad weather?

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CONGRATULATIONS, ECJC FAVORITES



SOPHOMORE FAVORITES, pictured from left to right, are Bob Worrell of Forest, Julie Lathem of Forkville, Jimmy Peterson of Sturgis, Deborah Harrison of Forest, and Larkin Chapman of Newton. Not pictured is Karla Hatcher of Louisville.



FRESHMEN FAVORITES, seated left to right, are: Rhonda Johnson of Decatur, Senita Dearing of Union, and Blanche Harrell of Carthage; [standing] Billy Gressett of Newton, Steve Breland of Philadelphia, and Robert Scoggin of Decatur.

Mark Dean, selected **MOST HANDSOME**, will be pictured at a later date with the new 'Miss East Central'.



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'Paint Your Wagon' to be presented February 21-25

By Marian Whinnery

East Central Junior College will be presenting Lerner and Lowe's **Paint Your Wagon** in the Fine Arts Auditorium on five consecutive nights beginning February 21 and continuing through February 25 at 7:30 p.m. each night.

The production will be under the direction of Mr. Bruce W. Peterson who has celebrated such past successes as **Camelot**, **Hello Dolly**, **My Fair Lady** and last year's **Gypsy**. The music is being directed by Bob Heritage and James Dykes with the assistance of Mrs. Marian Thornton, rehearsal accompanist. In charge of choreography for the musical is Ovid Vickers.

Mike Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Simpson of Jackson, has been cast into the leading role of Ben Rumson, founder and mayor of a typical mining town in the 1840's. This is Mike's first year at East Central where he is majoring in Veterinary Medicine. To the amazement of all those observing rehearsal, Mike has no past experience in music and dramatic production.

Jennifer Rumson, Ben's daughter, will be portrayed by Marian Whinnery, a sophomore at E.C. Marian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Whinnery of Carthage. She also had the leading role of Rose in last year's **Gypsy**. Marian is majoring in Liberal Arts, and plans to change to English next fall at Belhaven.

Cast in the supporting role of Adam, a miner from Texas, is Walter "Skippy" Griffith of Vicksburg. Skippy is a freshman majoring in music.

Leonard Fick, Gale Goss, and Joanne Wright, all of Decatur, add a touch of humor to the production by playing Jacob, a Mormon preacher and his wives Sarah and Elizabeth.

Leonard is majoring in Business Administration. He appeared in both theater productions last year--"Savage Dilemma" and "Gypsy" in supporting roles.

Gale, also a Business Administration major, will be remembered as the maid in this year's dinner theater production "Blithe Spirit".

Joanne, will be making her first appearance on E.C.'s stage.

She is a freshman majoring in Secondary Education.

Cliff Jernigan, a sophomore, Liberal Arts major from Louisville, has been cast as Jake, a miner who arranges to bring Cherry and her dancehall girls to Rumson Town. Cherry is played by Pam Stribling of Carthage. Pam is a Business Administration major. She had the leading role in last year's dinner theater production and played Madame Arcati in this year's production.

Dale Worrell of Forest has been cast as Salem, Rumson's storekeeper. Ricky Hosey and Darwin Hatch, also of Forest, portray Mike and Steve, two goldminers.

The other miners make up the chorus of the play. They include Jimmy Darnell, Dwight Fortune, Eddie Carr, Larry Ganaan, Joe Vance, Pat McMurphy, Cleo Pointer, Tommy Thompson, and Jimmy Shepard.

The Dancers include Betty Wilson, Wanda Bates, Janet Kennedy, Teresa Shepard, Margaret Cole, Karen Lindsey, Nita

Dennis, Jimmy Averette, Tony Smith, Mike and Marc McCool, Eddie Carr, Danny Yarborough, Sheila Terrell, Gail Gallup, and Judy Deel.

The production crews will be chaired by students in the Theater Arts class. This will be a typical "learn by doing" experience for them. The committees are headed as follows: Costume - Arlies Savell; Make-up and Hair-styles - Darlene Kendrick and Regina Gibbs; Props - Karen Lindsey; Publicity - Marian Whinnery; House Manager - Rhonda Johnson; Lighting - Bill Dickens; Stage Manager - Leisa Stephens; Set - Dale Worrell and Ricky Hosey; Assistant Director - Jeff Johnson.

Tickets will go on sell beginning February 14. They are free to E.C.J.C. students and may be obtained by presenting your I.D. to Mr. R.G. Fick in the Fine Arts Building. Tickets for non-students will be \$3.00.

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'Paint Your Wagon'



Brantley Photo

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Moore

Moore than meets the eye...

By Sherry Vance

Usually everyone hears about the "big man" on campus, but who acknowledges the "little man"? Yet, in the particular case in question the "little man" can usually promote his own ideas with very little assistance from anyone else. In defining terms, "Little" refers only to the body frame, and the "man" refers to nineteen-year old Lamar Moore. These same terms could also be used to refer to his twenty-year old wife Barbara, and their one and a half-year old child, Alison.

Moore and his family have been the topic of many conversations as they were encountered for the first time by different people on campus. Most people find it hard to believe that either of the Moores are of college age and even harder to believe that they are married and have a little daughter. Lamar and Barbara

attended Kosciusko High School together and this is where they met, being married in October, 1974.

In their academic work, Lamar is following the Pre-Med program and Barbara is studying in the Computer Programming program. They are both rangers in the ROTC course and Lamar serves as president of the ROTC Cadet Association. Lamar is tentatively pursuing a military career in the capacity of a chaplain.

One other unusual aspect about this young man is the fact that he is an ordained minister. Moore was licensed to preach in June, 1974, where he preached his first sermon to a group of approximately 400 people. He was ordained in 1975, and is now preaching at his first church, New Harmony Baptist Church, near Philadelphia.

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WARRIOR SPORTS

Robinson was member of '52-'53 championship team

by Bill Dickens

Coach Herman Robinson has a reputation for winning. Whether it was high school basketball at Hickory or college ball, Coach Robinson has certainly won more games than lost.

As a forward on East Central's nationally ranked squad of 1952-53, coach Robinson teamed with All-State center Denver Brackeen and All-Staters Howard Sessums, J.P. Hurst and Bill Liven-good to lead the Warriors to a 4th place ranking in the country.

After winning the Mississippi Junior College Championship, Robinson and the Warriors won the right to go to the national tourney by winning the district 7, which included Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, and Louisiana. The winner of that traveled to Hutchinson, Kansas, site of the National Jr. College Tournament.

After winning their opening game against Wahpeton Jr. College of North Dakota, the team from East Central bowed to Eldorado Jr. College from Kansas, in a squeaker, 64-60.

In just his first year at EC, the Robinson-coached Warriors sport a 8-6 record. When asked how players were today compared to those of his time, Robinson replied, "I don't think the quality of players is any better today than when I played; maybe the number of quality players has increased, but I feel our team of 1952-53 could have stayed with the teams today."

A very interesting coach who brought his winning traditions to ECJC, Coach Herman Robinson is indeed an asset to the ECJC athletic program.



HERMAN ROBINSON
While a student at EC

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Warriors approach .500 mark

by John Muse

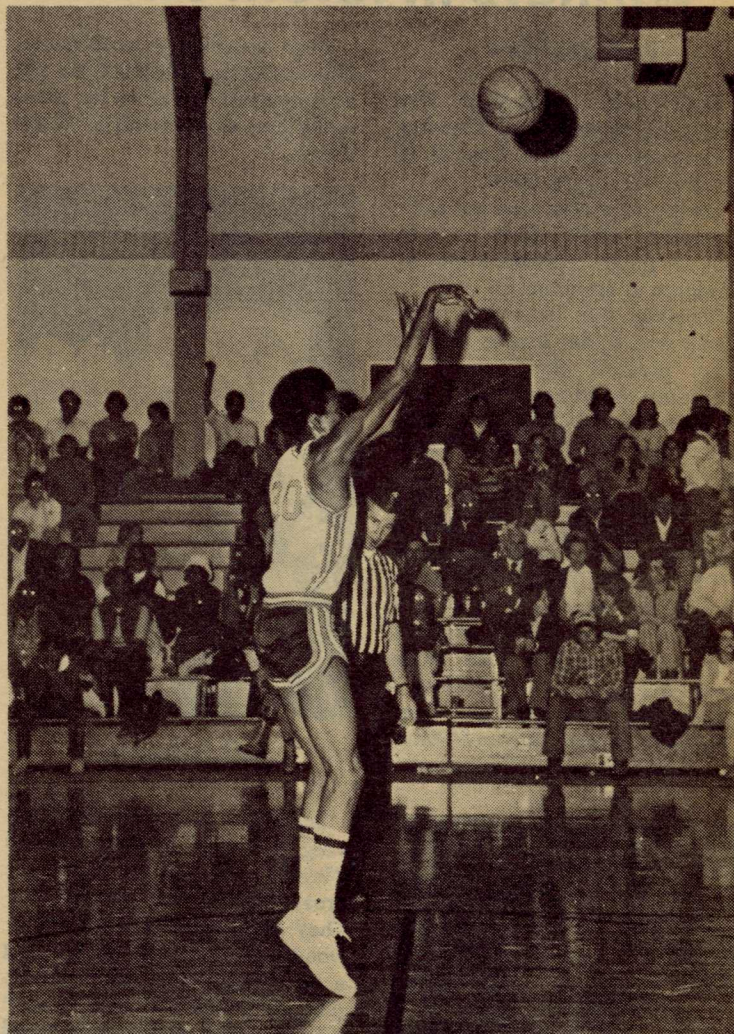
The East Central Warriors turned their sights back toward the five-hundred mark after a four-game dry span with a victory over Hinds Jr. College 86-85.

The game, played at E.C., was not decided until the final buzzer, when Bill Parker calmly sank a 25-foot jump shot as time ran out. The game was nip and tuck throughout the affair with Hinds using their superior height to offset John Burkes and Hal Presley's hot shooting from the outside. Burks led the winner's cause for the night by throwing in 23 points. Hal Presley and Reginald Welch added 21 points each respectively.

In another campus game played last week, E.C. went down to highly touted Utica J.C. in a battle, 83-74. East Central probably played one of the better games of the season even in defeat. Despite a tremendous height disadvantage, the Warriors stayed with Utica mostly on the play of freshman center Wade Stowers of Scott Central on the backboards, and timely shooting by John Burkes and Reg Welch.

The Warriors were steadily behind most of the way but made run at the buzzer only to fall short. Utica used clutch free-throw shooting and a good control offense.

Once again Burks led the E.C. offense with 22 points and had support from Welch with 21. With the loss, the Warriors slid under the break even mark for the first time this year. Their record is now 8-9 for the season. The Warrior's next home action is against Co-Lin.



WADE STOWERS gets two of his 11 points against Utica J.C. East Central lost the game by a score of 83-74.
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LAST HOME GAMES! FEBRUARY 10th EC vs. PEARL RIVER

3 straight wins bring Warriorette record to 12-6

by Tim Hamil

The E.C.J.C. Warriorettes, riding high on a six game win streak, took all three games in last week's basketball action. Victories over Hinds 102-77, Utica 73-62, and Scooba, 59-58 were the victims in the E.C. ladies path.

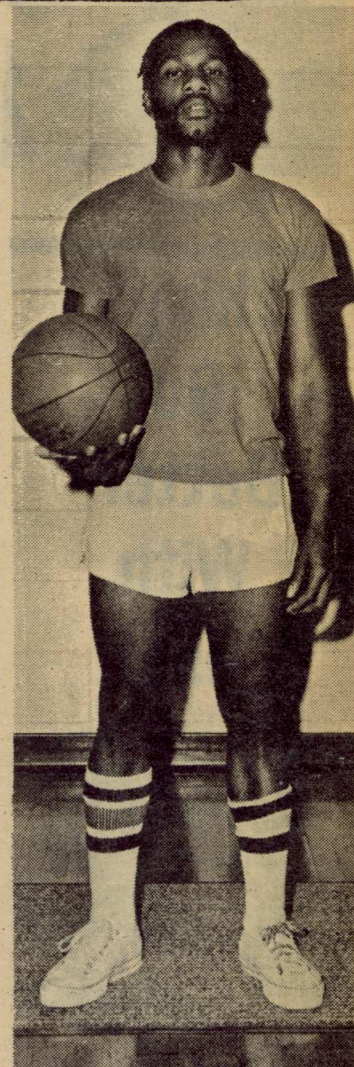
In campus action against Hinds last week, a far quicker E.C. club passed the century mark in a laughter against Hinds. Everyone got a piece of the action as Coach Lucille Wood cleared the bench late in the game. Diana Lyons and Tammy Tadlock led in scoring for the Warriorettes with 29 and 23 points respectively.

In another home game E.C. defeated a surprisingly tough

Utica team 73-62. Outside shooting by Julie Latham broke open a close game in the second half enroute to victory. The Utica team shot a torrid percentage for the game, but the Warriorettes' inside play by Diana Lyons and Jeanette Barnes made the difference. Barnes and Lyons were high scorers for the game with 27 and 20 points respectively.

In weekend action E.C. traveled to Scooba to meet the Lionettes. In a close low-scoring battle E.C. nipped Scooba 59-58. Lyons, Barnes and Latham, the scoring parade once again with 55 of 59 total points. The Warriorettes next action is against Copiah-Lincoln Jr. College at E.C.

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John Burkes, from South Leake HS, has been nominated by Coach Herman Robinson for Jr. College All-American. Burkes averages 28.6 ppg for the East Central J.C. Warriors.

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Folson, Vance and Griffith winners in talent show

By Regina Gibbs

Individuals attending the ROTC Talent Show last Tuesday discovered that East Central is far from lacking in talent.

Despite the slim turn-out anticipated by ROTC Cadets, there was a good representation of students in attendance.

Hosting the evening's activities was Cadet Lamar Moore, who pleased the crowd by declining to tell any of his jokes.

There were fifteen entries competing for first and second place.

Leading the way was EC's black soul group "SOLID SOUL". Their songs included: "I'll Take You There," "Lean On Me," and "You Don't Have to be a Star", which won for them an honorable mention. This group was followed by 3 soloists - Kathleen Donaldson, Gzell Townsend, and Richard Moncrief, all backed by "Solid Soul."



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Beth Gomillion's performance impressed the audience as she accompanied herself on the piano to the tune of Janis Ion's "Water Colors."



Jeff Johnson

Joe Vance and Skippy Griffith sang a gospel medley entitled "Praise the Lord" from the Broadway musical "Alleuia." They then added David Underwood to their group, performing a trumpet duet with piano, playing "Nadia's Theme", which won for them second place and \$5.

Judy Deel performed her well-known Fire-Baton Routine, which



Rhonda Johnson



'Solid Soul' Band

Photos by Jaris Brantley

preceeded Rhonda Johnson and Sherry Carby pantomining Elton John and Kiki Dee.

Regina Gibbs recited a dramatic monologue about war entitled "The Box." Following her was Kathy Stamper performing a comical skit.

Jeff Johnson also received an honorable mention for his variety of tunes performed on the harmonica.

Next, Jimmy Darnell delighted the audience with two Jim Croce numbers entitled, "I'll Have to Say I Love You in a Song" and "I've Got a Name."

Last, but not least, Gayla Folsom danced to the tune of "Outer Space" by Billy Preston which won for her first place and \$10.

While judges Harris, Ethridge, and Vickers retired to another room to make their decisions, Ross Price, a former ECJC student, accompanied by Beth Gomillion on the piano and Jeff Johnson and Jimmy Darnell on harmonicas, held jammin' session of songs which included, "There's a Place in the World for a Gambler," and "Third Rate Romance."

All in all, the talent show seemed to be a hillarious success.



Gina Gibbs



WINNER

Gayla Folsom receives 1st place prize from MC Lamar Moore.

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with Chaun Culpepper

[Opinion]

There were a good number of East Central students at the Ted Nugent concert last week in Jackson and I feel pretty sure all of them were pleased with the energetic performance put on by Ted Nugent and REX.

Getting the show off to a start was a band named REX. This group performed for almost an hour and got the night off to a hot start. REX used such antics as requesting the girls in the audience to shed their bras and let loose. To say the least, REX put on a great show.

Then out came Ted Nugent. Looking like a wild cave man of some sort, Nugent and band opened their show with a fifteen minute rendition of "Stranglehold." A highlight of the show was Nugent breaking down into a seemingly endless guitar solo with an emphasis on feed back noises. Of course he did all his greatest hits, including "Dog Eat Dog", "Snakeskin Cowboy", "Storm Troopin'", "Hey Baby", "Free-For-All", and "Hammer Down".

Perhaps the only disappointment of the night was the fact Nugent didn't even sing lead vocals on "Stranglehold", a song we all THOUGHT he sang. But to say the least, Ted Nugent put his brick hard "stranglehold" on Mississippi.

In what may be the best concert of 1977 for Mississippi, Earth Wind and Fire came to Hattiesburg and the University of Southern Mississippi with two and one half hours of some of the most popular soul music in the history of the field. The EWF show was undoubtedly more than the audience of 4,000 anticipated.

With three giant pyramids on

stage, EWF opened the show as fog filled the coliseum and the sides of the pyramids opened, revealing the band in ultra-red capes and suits. The group quickly began into a hit called "Celebrate", and the setting for the remainder of the evening was set.

During the show each member was featured on his particular instrument, along with giant explosions of fire, a strobe light display, "alotta funky dancin'", and some super jam on stage.

The EWF show brought about all the group's greatest hits which included "That's The Way Of The World", "Reasons", "Saturday Nite", "Song A Song", "Gratitude", "Celebrate", "Shinin' Star", "Can't Hide Love", along with several cuts off the "Spirit" LP.

EWF ended their performance as it had earlier started. The sides of the pyramids moved back into place, fog spread over the stage, and the sounds of earthquakes, wind, and fire filled the arena. Surely the best concert in the last year in Mississippi, . . . IN MY OPINION.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

KISS, the supergroup of 1976 that many of you saw last month, has sold out the first 22 dates of its current U.S. tour, including their show in Jackson. So far this year the group has netted some 1.6 million dollars. And Marvel Comics plans on publishing a comic book depicting KISS as superheroes later in '77.

Rufus, featuring Chaka Khan has just released a new LP called "Ask Rufus", and several tunes on the album look to have promising futures. "At Midnight", "Earth Song", "Close The Door", and "Better Days" should get pretty popular among soul music listeners.

Speaking of soul music, Stevie Wonder's "I Wish" is still at number one while Deniece Williams (the opening act with EWF in Hattiesburg) is a number 3 with "Free". Earth Wind and Fire has the 5th most popular soul song today with "Saturday Nite".

On the HOT 100 BILLBOARD chart "Car Wash" by Rose Royce replaces "I Wish" as the top single of the week. "Hot Line" by the Sylvers looks to be on its way to the number one position.

"Songs In The Key of Life" by Stevie Wonder returned to number one on the top albums chart after a two week layoff. The Soundtrack of "A Star Is Born", which sold over 1.2 million copies in its first five weeks after release, looks to have a chance at the number one spot sometime in the near future.

I'd like to throw in a few words about Boston, a new group that has shocked the world. It's been rumored that Boston will be at Mississippi State University sometime late in February. The group has just released a new single . . . named "Long Time", which entered the rock chart at #62. That is a good sign the band is on the move and I suggest you make your arrangements with friends in Starkville to get your tickets to the concert.

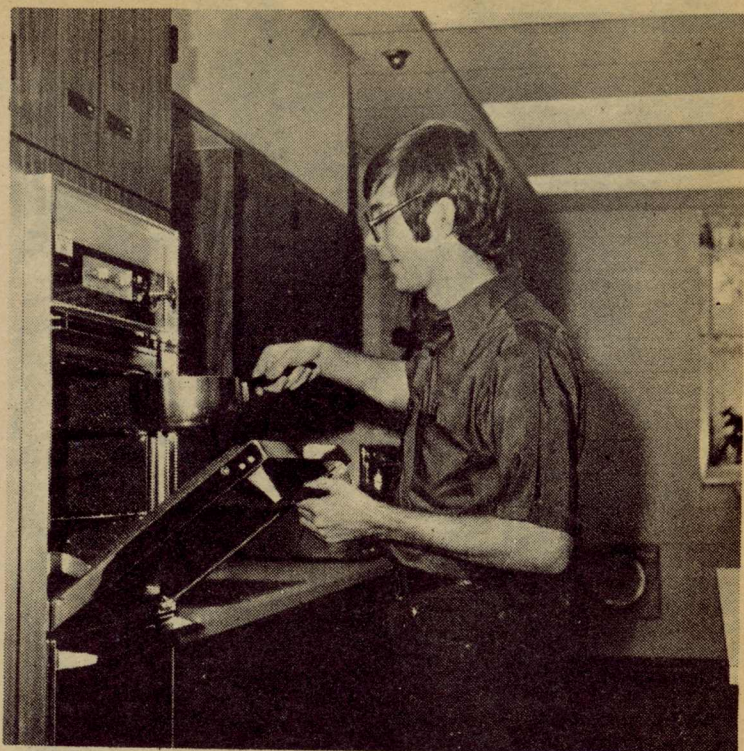
That's about all happening right now as far as concerts are concerned . . . but as I mentioned . . . look to see Boston in Starkville next month. Also, "Blue Oyster Cult" will be appearing in the Reed Green Coliseum at the University of Southern Mississippi around February 24th if you'd like to catch them in concert. Talk to ya later.

2nd semester enrollment figures

by Carolyn Evans

Enrollment figures have been released for second semester by Registrar Frank Rives. Academically there are 691 campus students, 177 off campus, and 36 ceta students (persons taking creative courses like needle cracts, cake decorating, etc.). This brings the enrollment total to 904.

Rives stated that second semester enrollment totals are about the same as last years, but incoming students have increased this semester. At this time last year, enrollment was 700.



Roy Warren: Master Chef

"In class, I feel just like one of the girls"

by Dale Worrell

What's an engineer major doing learning how to cook? Is it just for an easy grade? Of course not! Rory Warren likes to cook.

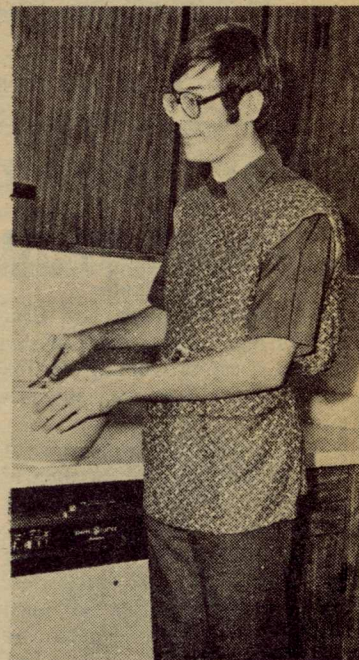
Rory, a sophomore from Forest, says he really enjoys cooking. He's not embarrassed by the fact that he's the only male in the class; in fact, he rather enjoys the notoriety.

Rory says he doesn't cook at home just yet, but the rest of the family is going to give him a chance some day. "I'm a very creative person, and that's why I cook," says Rory. "I enjoy making the recipes come out as they should," he added.

Rory's specialties at this time are ham and rolls. He hopes to be able to cook chili and spaghetti in the near future.

Now about the grade--Rory says he's not favored in the slightest way. In fact, it's probably tougher on him than on the girls.

"While I'm in class, I feel just like one of the girls," he concluded.



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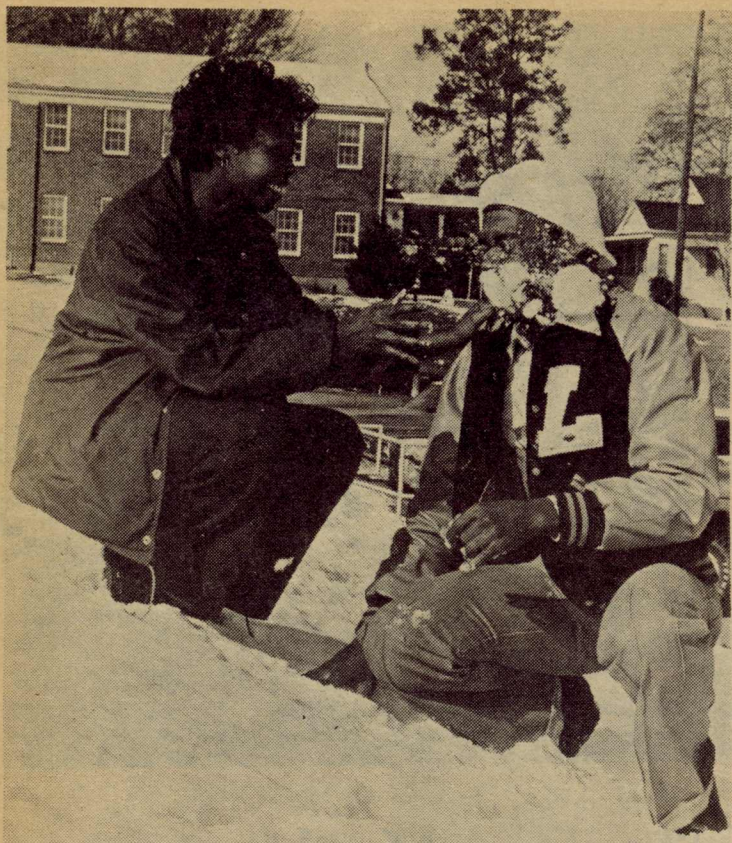
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FRIENDLY BALL--Dorothy Kidd of Newton has a little friendly fun with a snowball that landed smack-dab in Troy Eichelberger's face Monday after an approximate 4 inch snowfall in the town of Decatur. Eichelberger is from Louisville. Both are freshmen.

Dormitory rules handed down to men students

By Marty Ezelle

The men residents of East Central met last Tuesday morning for a called meeting by Joe Clark, men's dormitory supervisor.

The major discussion topic at the meeting was the conduct of the men in the dormitories. Clark pointed out that alcoholic beverages of any kind are strictly prohibited from all dormitories. Clark also stated that all lewd wall pictures will have to be removed.

Several other announcements were also made during the meeting. All men residents are reminded, said Clark, to answer the telephone, especially late at night in case of an emergency.

It was pointed out that campus traffic violators and other violators will be ticketed in the near future. Clark stated Junior Stamper will periodically check the campus to enforce campus security rules.

Freshmen men planning to stay on campus next year were reminded at the meeting to put down room deposits as soon as possible to ensure getting a room fall semester, 1977.

In addition to these announce-

ments, Clark stated that room inspections will be held Wednesday afternoons at 6:30.

Dr. Wright elected VP of So. Association

By Nancy Heard

At a recent meeting of the Southern Association of Community and Junior Colleges held in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Charles V. Wright was selected to serve as Vice-President of the association.

Other officers selected were Dr. Johnny Ruth Clark, Dean of St. Petersburg Junior College in St. Petersburg Florida, as President, and Dr. Edwin Price, Dean at Snead State Junior College in Boaz, Alabama, as Secretary - Treasurer.

The organization, affiliated with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is composed of approximately 410 community and junior colleges from eleven Southern states. States in the Association are Miss., Ala., Ga., Fla., S.C., N.C., Va., Tenn., La., Texas and Ky.

Retired EC instructor often seen cycling, playing tennis on campus

by Leisa Stephens

Perhaps some of you may have seen an interesting-looking bearded gentleman steadily peddaling a bicycle around campus. Not only does this man look interesting, he is interesting.

A resident of Decatur, Frank McKenzie Cross is seventy-four years old. Maybe it isn't unusual for someone to ride a bicycle around a college campus, but for a man of this age and background it certainly is.

Born in Lake, Cross was graduated from Forest High School and Milsaps College. He received a master's degree in chemistry at Emory University in Atlanta. Cross was an outstanding teacher and coach at Hattiesburg High School, having five of the boys on his baseball team go on to play major league ball. He also taught at Lambert College in Tennessee. Cross came to Decatur in 1933 and has lived here ever since. After teaching at East Central for 37 years and having the honor of the science building on campus named in his honor, Cross retired in 1970.

His wife, whom he met here as a teacher, is the former Nellie Neal. He has one daughter, Korene Neal, and two grandchildren, who live in California.

When questioned about his full, silver-gray beard, Cross said that he grew it for the bicentennial and just hasn't shaved it off yet. "I am going to wear it through quail season because I don't have a windshield on my

bike," he added. Cross noted that his grandfather had a Van Dyke beard and that he lived to be 104 years old.

To Mr. Cross the most miserable thing a person can do is to sit inside and look at four walls. He believes that man needs something to do and that younger people shouldn't complain of boredom when they could be doing so many things.

It is quite evident that Mr. Cross stays busy. He rides a bicycle, not just in town, but also out to his garden a mile-and-a-half outside of town. He is often seen playing tennis on the ECJC courts. Mr. and Mrs. Cross are active patrons of the Meridian Little Theater and the Meridian Symphony Orchestra. They enjoy working in their garden as well as

their vineyard.

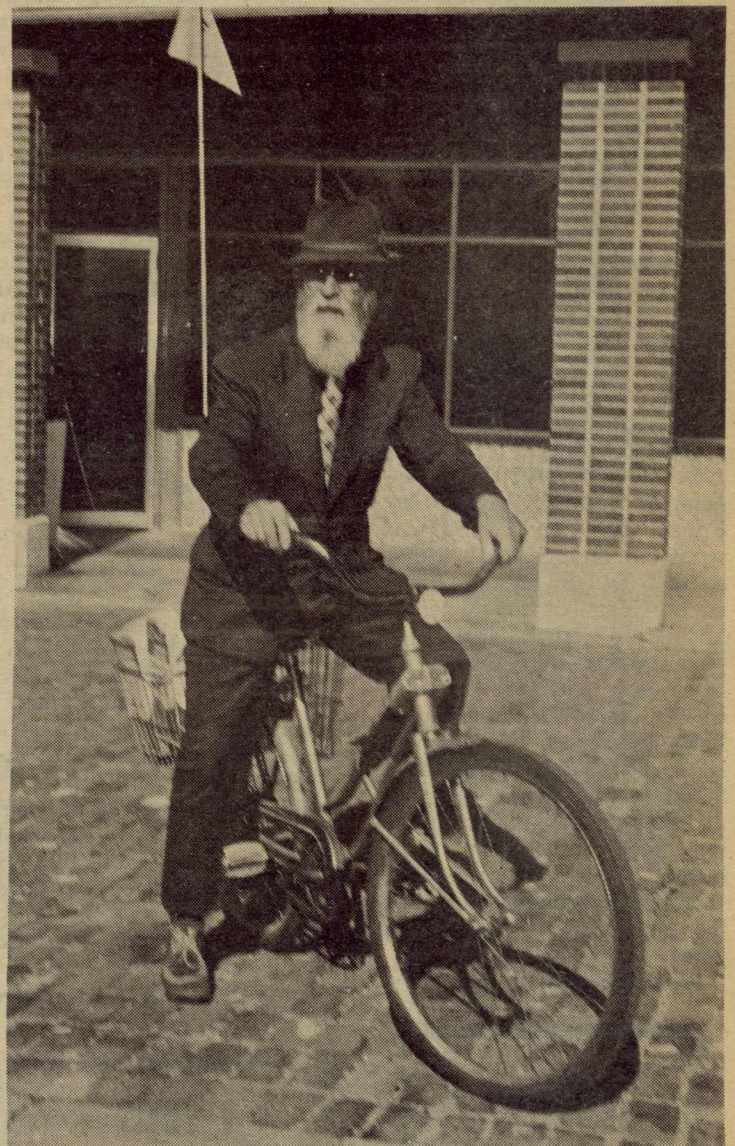
Mr. Cross seems to be quite a philosopher on life. His philosophy is, "Stay busy; do something. People need something to do. Take an interest in life and take pride in what you do."

Cross also said, "As long as I have lived in Decatur, I've never had a dull moment."

Frank Cross is an extraordinary man who leads an extraordinary life. He has a glowing personality which leaves a lasting impression on everyone he meets.

So the next time you are lazily walking back from class, and you meet an elderly, bearded gentleman peddaling a bicycle, just smile and wave--it's no wierdo, it's only Mr. Cross!

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Paint Your Wagon

Musical opens Monday night

by Regina Hardy

The weekend preceeding the spring musical **Paint Your Wagon** will perhaps be one of the most eventful weekends of the year at East Central.

All of the activity will begin Friday afternoon, February 18, when cast members and production staff will begin another long and hard rehearsal. When everyone else is going home, these people will be ironing out mistakes from previous rehearsals. This exercise will be continued on Friday night. Costumes will

be added Saturday morning so that the actors will begin to feel more like the characters they are portraying, and so that timing problems can be corrected.

Sunday afternoon will probably find faculty members, actors, actresses, and committee members in a frenzied dither getting ready for dress rehearsal, which will be run as if it were an actual performance. From this time on, the way the performances are handled will be left strictly up to the actors and actresses.

Committee members will hold

an important part of the responsibility for this performance.

They are: Costumes--Arles Savell, Linda Donley, Retha Goldman, Alesia Pearson, and Helen Baucum; Make-up--Darlene Kendrick, Regina Gibbs, Beverly Seal, Sandra Ellis, Emily Thorne, Sherry Haines, Pam Westbrook, Stephanie Wilson, and Sherry Carby; Props--Karen Lindsay, Mike Stewart, Ernie Sloane, Rory Warren, Wayne Childress, Ricky Turner, Sheila Terrell, and Teresa Shapard; Publicity--Marian Whinnery, and Regina Hardy; House Manager--Rhonda Johnson.

Ushers--Blanche Harrell,

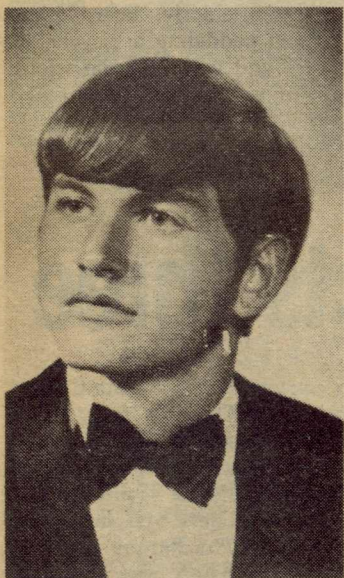
Tanya Allen, Donna Reynolds, Larkin Chapman, Joey Graham, James Moore, Mandy Hardage, Denise Rector, Shelia Hartness, Kathy Chestnut, Rick Alexander, Billy Mayes, Linda Quinn, Clarissa Stewart, Hilda Hunt, and Elsie Hill; Lighting--Bill Dickens, Paul Lowery, and Regina Hardy; Set--Leisa Stephens, Dale Worrell, Richy Hosey, Sherry Carby, and Nancy Heard.

The Assistant Director is Jeff Johnson.

Members of the orchestra will include: James Dykes, Conductor, Wanda Hales, Flute, Dorothy Mathis, Clarinet, David Mitchell, Sax, Ricky Hollings-

worth, Elmer Mullens and David Underwood, Trumpet, John Priscock, Terry Campbell, Percussion, Helen Baucum, French Horn, Al Deaton, Guitar and Bob Heritage, Bass.

The musical production is performed by ECJC students--FOR ECJC students. Students are encouraged to go by Mr. Fick's office to get their free ticket by simply presenting their I.D. cards. All seats are reserved. No aisle seats will be sold this year. Opening night will be held Monday, February 21, with the performance starting promptly at 7:30 p.m.



Mike Simpson
-Ben Rumson



Marian Whinnery
-Jennifer Rumson

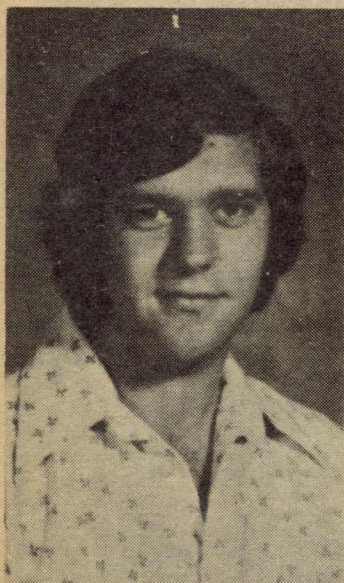
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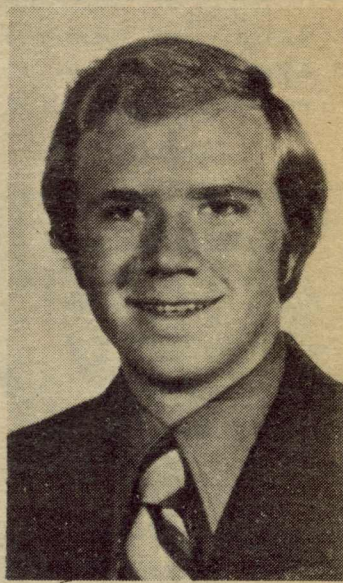
Gale Goss
as Sarah



JoAnn Wright
as Elizabeth



Pam Stribling
as Cherry



Darwin Hatch
as Steve

Religious Emphasis Week observed Feb. 7th and 8th

by Kent Ozborn

February 7th and 8th was Religious Emphasis Week on the East Central campus.

The Harvest Singers from Mississippi College entertained students and faculty on Monday morning with spiritual songs and

testamonies. Afterwards many interested students lingered in the small auditorium to talk with the group.

On Tuesday, February the 8th many students attended special discussion groups lead by Rev. Travis Fulton. Fulton is the pastor of the First Methodist Church of Scooba and is also Wesley Director on Scooba's East Mississippi Junior College campus.

These events were sponsored by the Student Body Association and assisted by the Baptist Student Union and the Wesley Foundation.



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EDITORIALS

Universities brain-drain five-county area

by Sue Savell

The five-county district supporting East Central Junior College boasts several individuals who are, according to their ACT scores and high school transcripts, undeniably above average. Unfortunately, many of these students will not attend East Central Jr. College.

Because of offers of full four-year scholarships by Sr. Colleges, students are understandably leaving the area to attend universities and colleges across the state. The universities realize that by having students who excel academically in their student body their college program will be strengthened. It is to the credit of any college to have on campus and to graduate academically superior students.

In order to assure that East Central will attract superior students, full 2-year scholarships are essential. It is embarrassing when one considers that an academic institution pays more in scholarships for athletic ability than it does for academic achievement.

At East Central, it is apparent that the emphasis on academic achievement is not what it should

be; therefore, student interest and motivation lag. It is true that East Central already offers a 1-year scholarship to the valedictorians of the academies and high schools in the five-county area, but this is not enough.

Students who do excel academically are those who are prepared and motivated to continue their education to better themselves, and to eventually better society. Is there a better way to offer this motivation than through the granting of academic scholarships to those who have proven that they have the ability to succeed?

The offering of full 2-year scholarships would be an inducement to students to work hard toward achieving academic superiority, and knowing that they would be competing against other students throughout the area to acquire and maintain scholarships would encourage them to work harder.

It's time East Central proved that academic achievement is its goal and purpose. Meanwhile, state universities are and will continue to "brain-drain" the area from which East Central draws its students.



All-State selections Holloway, Mathis, and Griffith

All-State band selects three

by Rhonda Johnson

Six East Central Junior College band students traveled to Hinds Junior College to audition for the Mississippi Junior College All-State Band on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Of the six that auditioned, three were selected. East Central students selected were Dorothy Mathis of Morton, Rick Holloway of Union, and Skippy Griffith of Vicksburg. Dorothy was selected to play first chair bass clarinet while Rick was named third chair trumpet player, and Skippy was selected second chair baritone player.

Tryouts were held that morning, with rehearsal scheduled the following afternoon.

In years past, the Mississippi Junior College All-State Band has played for the Mississippi Educational Association (MEA) meetings in Jackson during Spring Holidays. Due to other plans made by the MEA, the band is not scheduled to appear. Instead they will travel to Jones Junior College on March 10 for a concert to be presented in the

Fine Arts Auditorium on March 12. Concert time is 7 p.m.

This performance will be taped by WDAM T.V., channel 7, of Laurel and Hattiesburg, and will be released to Mississippi Educational T.V. network to be broadcast at a later date, according to James Dykes, band director.

The selections to be performed

in concert by the All-State band include: **If Thou Be Near**, Bach; **Michel Legrand In Concert**, Michel Legrand; **Liturgical Music For Band**, Martin Mailman; **The Corcoran Cadets March**, Sousa; **Fantasy In The Barque Manner**, Donald Johnston; **The Vanished Army**, Kenneth Alford; and **Come Sweet Death**, Bach.

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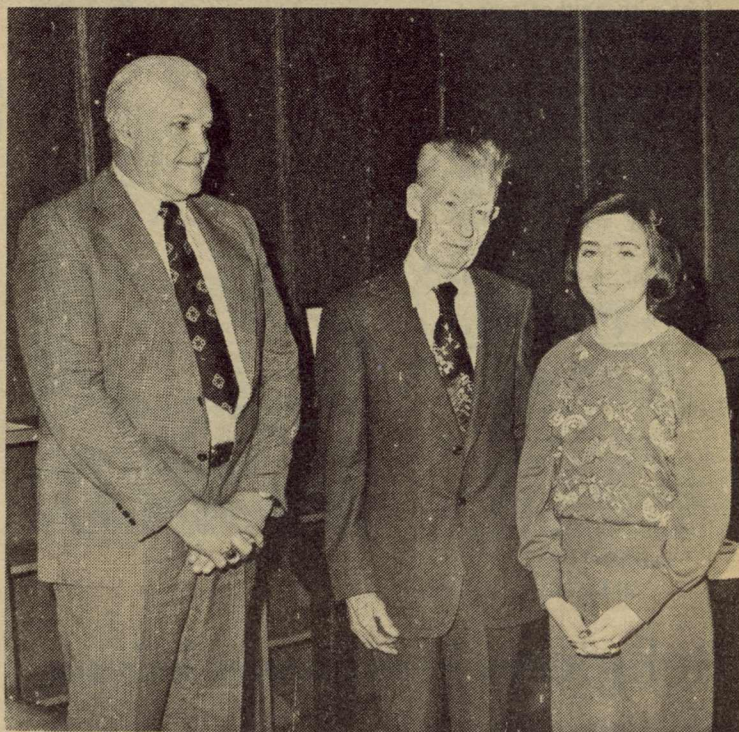
by Carolyn Evans

The date for the upcoming prom has been set for April 14. Bids are now being taken for the photography. Freshman class President Kent Ozborn stated that any suggestions for bands should be given to any freshmen officer: Kent Ozborn, president; Cheryl Newell, vice-president; Lucy Duncan, secretary; and Judy Russell, treasurer.

Freshmen sponsors are Dr. Richard Etheridge and Mrs. Jessie Mae Everett.

Freshmen are reminded to pay their dues as soon as possible.

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AN AUTOGRAPH PARTY FOR DECATUR WRITER Leo Horan was held last week in the Burton Library. At the age of 85, Horan recently published his fifth book, **IN TRANQUIL MOOD**. He is also the author of a book of fiction, two other poetry books, and a book on how to market poems. A retired lawyer, Horan attended the University of Mississippi and studied law under Supreme Court Judge J.G. McGowan. He is pictured at right with his wife, and, above, with ECJC President Charles Wright and student Gina Thames.





WARRIOR SPORTS

E.C. winds up regular season on winning note

by John Muse

The East Central Junior College Warriors closed out one of their most successful round-ball seasons in years with a 84-79 win over Pearl River Jr. College in the last game of the season. The win assured the Warriors of at least a break-even record for the year.

The action started off on a slow foot with neither teams playing polished ball. The five departing sophomores started for East Central, with Dan Harrison putting E.C. on top 2-0 for the start of the game. The play remained close until just before the half when guard Bill Parker fired in a 50-foot shot at the buzzer to stake the Warriors to a six-point lead going into the

dressing room.

East Central came out in the second half looking like the Warriors of old with a run-and-gun offense led again by John Burkes. The freshman guard from South Leake drove home several long-range jumpers to keep the Warriors in the lead.

The Wildcats of P.R.J.C., made a mild run at the Warriors late in the second half but a jump shot by Welch and a slam dunk by Wade Stowers stretched their lead to 10 points before the final margin was produced.

The Warriors were led by Burkes (again) with 30 points. Reginald Welch fired in 24 points. The boys' next action is the South Division Tournament at Gulf Coast.

Warriorettes tie for South lead, Play in tournament at Co-Lin

by Tim Hamil

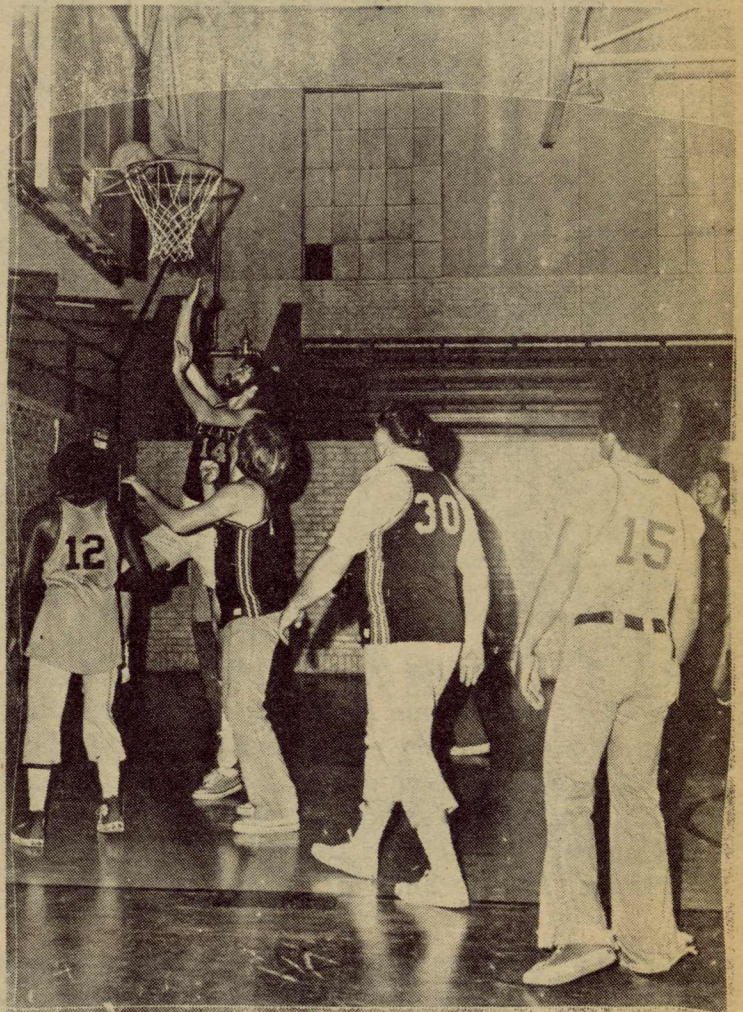
East Central's Lady Warriors rebounded from an earlier loss to Utica J.C. to defeat Pearl River J.C. and obtain a first place tie for the South division crown with the victory.

In the last home game of the season for the Warriorettes, E.C. capitalized on Pearl River's mistakes for a 73-65 victory. The game was mostly nip and tuck for most of the first half with Julie Latham putting in most of E.C.'s points with long-range set shots. East Central carried a 35-33 edge to the locker room.

The Warriorettes expanded their lead in the second half with Diana Lyon's inside play making the difference. Pearl River made a slight run at the lead, but excellent ball handling by Tammy Tadlock of Morton sewed up the victory for E.C.

Lyons led all scorers for the game with 31 points. She received support from Julie Latham with 22 and Shelia Ward with 8 points.

E.C.'s next action will be the South division tournament held at Copiah-Lincoln Jr. College.



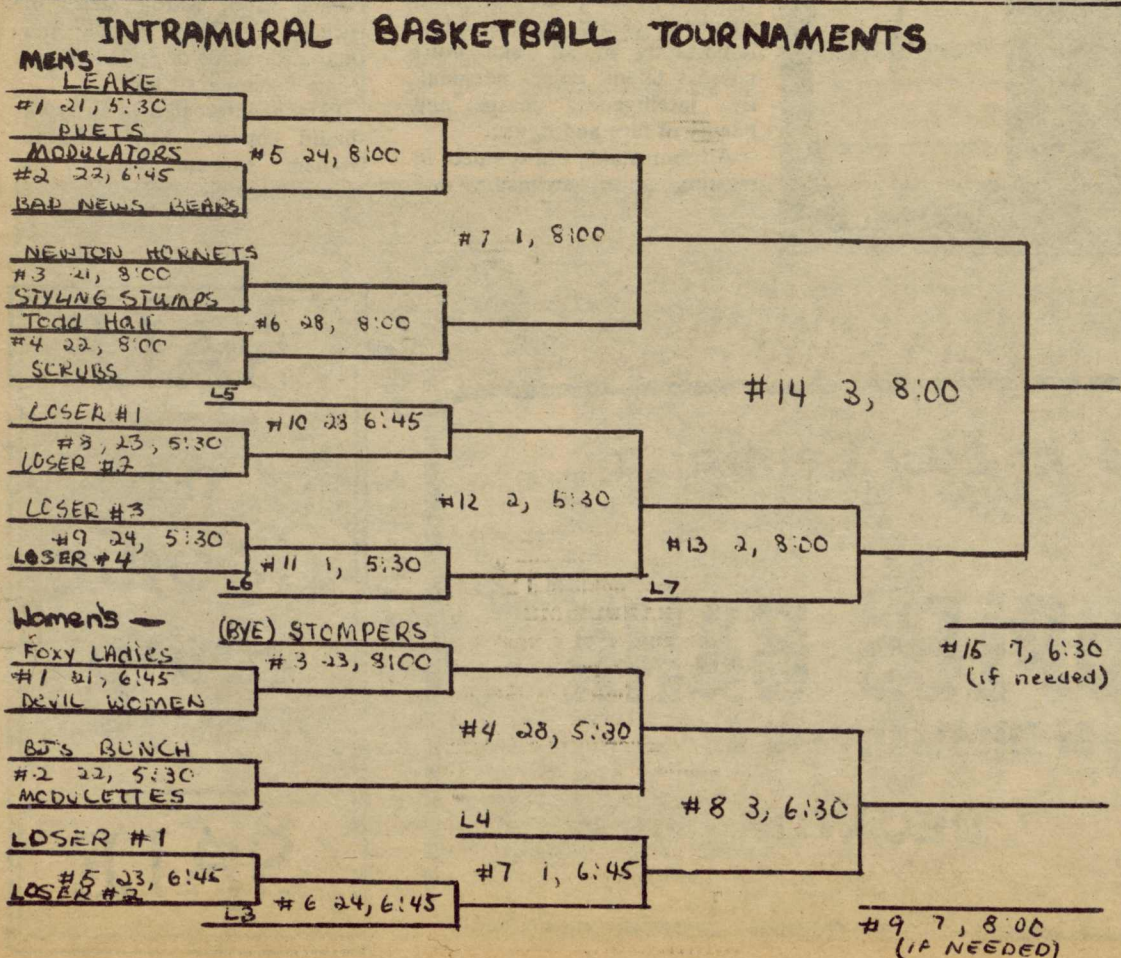
FACULTY PLAYER Larry Blackburn gets a layup against the Command Modulators as Herman Robinson [30] looks on. Intramural Basketball will soon be over as the season-ending tournament gets underway this week.

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MIKE ANDERSON gets two of his 10 points as the faculty lost to the Command Modulators in Intramural basketball 65-57. Modulators Fortune [12] and Wagner [22] look on.





PHI THETA KAPPA INITIATES [Top Photo] 1st Row - Phyllis Watkins, Ann Clark and Donna Reynolds of Philadelphia; 2nd row - Jan Luke of Philadelphia, Sue Savell of Union, Karen Hicks of Hickory; 3rd row - Danny Killens of Union, JoAnn Wright of Decatur.

[Bottom Photo] 1st Row - Ernie Sloan of Louisville, Rhonda Whitehead of Nanih Waiya, Debra Body of Carthage; 2nd row - Pam Stribling of Carthage, Denise Shaw of Sebastopol, Linda Quinn of Noxapater.



Fourteen new members initiated in Phi Theta Kappa

by Darlene Kendrick
Sherry Vance

Fourteen new members were inducted into the Theta Si chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on Thursday, February 10. Induction of new members was held in the Gordon Room on the East Central campus.

Some twenty-three students were listed as having met academic eligibility requirements for joining the national scholastic honorary society. Only 14 of them joined, however.

Those inducted were Debra Jean Body, Patricia Ann Clark, Karen Hicks, Janet Ware, Janet Luke, Linda Ann Quinn, Sue Savell, Denise Shaw, Phyllis Joan Watkins, Jo Ann Wright, Danny Killens, Earnest Lee Sloan, Pamela Stribling and Donna Reynolds.

Students achieving academic excellence first semester, enab-

ling them to join but not doing so at this time include Sandra Diann Calhoun, Kathryn Marie Winstead, Charles McAdory, Jeff Thomas, Dianne Thomas, Mike Thomley, Joe Vance, Rhonda Lynn Whitehead, and Debbie Porter.

In order to become eligible for this honor, sophomores must maintain a 3.3 grade average and freshmen a 3.4 grade average.

After the initiation, President Marian Whinnery presided over the business session, discussing the upcoming convention which will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota March 31 through April 2.

Sophomores were reminded to apply for Phi Theta Kappa scholarships at the senior college of their choice, and all members were briefed on the candy sale, which is the current fund-raising project of Phi Theta Kappa.

Scholarship beauty pageant is March 25th

by Michele Caraway

The "Miss East Central Junior College Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by the Wo-He-Lo annual staff, will be held Friday evening, March 25, in the Fine Arts Auditorium. At this time, fifteen contestants have been entered by sponsoring clubs and organizations.

According to rules and regulations stated by the official "Miss America" pageant, contestants must be single and never have been married or had a marriage annulled, must not be or never have been pregnant, must be a high school graduate, must be between the ages of 17 and 28, and must be of good character, never having been convicted of any crimes. Most importantly of all, she must possess talent, poise, personality, intelligence, charm and beauty of face and figure.

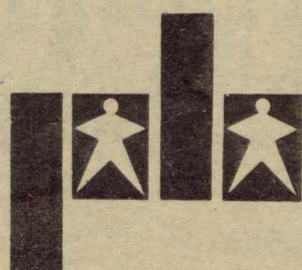
All contestants will compete in evening gown, swimsuit, and

talent competition. Prior to the pageant they will have personal interviews with the judges.

Contestants and sponsoring organizations for this year's pageant are: Sheila Hartness of Noxapater, Engineering Club; Shannon Cleveland and Judy Russell both of Union, Cheerleader Squad; Wanda Bates of Forest, ECJC Choir; Terri Day of Louisville, The Collegians; Marian Whinnery of Carthage and JoAnn Wright of Decatur, ECJC Players; Hilda Hunt and Mary Lynn Nance of Philadelphia, Fashion Squad; Cheryl Newell of Decatur, Annual Staff; Lorene Russell of Forest, ECJC Band; Melanie Laird of Decatur and Lucy Duncan of Philadelphia, French Club; Karen Hicks of Hickory, Phi Theta Kappa; and Donna Reynolds of Philadelphia, Home Economics Club.

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Gong Show to be presented March 10

by Rhonda Johnson

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Talent scouts Bill Dickens, Rhonda Johnson, Sherry Vance, and Dale Worrell will be scouring the area for contestants and their hidden talents. If you would like to participate, contact the talent scouts or any member of the TOM-TOM staff for an entry blank. An entry fee of 50 cents will be charged.

Master of Ceremonies for the presentation is none other than East Central's own Mr. Ovid Vickers. Judges or celebrities for

the event, who are sure to cause a lot of commotion, are: Dr. Richard Ethridge, Mr. Bruce Peterson, and Mr. L.B. Simmons.

Other committees making up the Gong Show include: **Props** - John Muse, Thomas Land, Regina Gibbs, and Rhonda Johnson; **Publicity** - Carolyn Evans, Sue Savell, and Marty Ezell; **Sound Effects** - Jaris Brantley, Michele Carraway, and Darlene Kendricks. Kent Ozborn will work with the MC and Chaun Culpepper will supervise the judges.

The Gong Show will be held in the Fine Arts Auditorium at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 10th. Admission will be 50 cents per person.

EC English instructors attend meeting in Williamsburg, Va.

by Darleen Kendrick

Three East Central Junior College English teachers recently attended a meeting of English teachers from nine southern states held in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Making the trip were Rudolph Mayes, Mrs. Alene Simmons, and Ovid Vickers. They stated that the purpose of the conference was to exchange ideas and keep abreast of what is happening in the teaching of English in the Southeast and the United States.

All three instructors took an active part in the meeting which was held only two blocks from restored Williamsburg. Vickers was coordinator for all sections on Freshman Composition and Mississippi's representative to the Southeastern Conference on English in two year colleges. Mayes and Mrs. Simmons presided at the four sessions of the meeting and introduced such distinguished speakers as Dr. Robert Baine of the University of North Carolina and Dr. Robert W. Hill, editor of the *South Carolina Review*.

The opening address was given by Alfred G. Mapp, a noted historian on the faculty of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, and writer of many works in colonial American history. The speaker at the banquet was Virginia Spencer Carr, author of the biography of the American woman writer Carson McCullers titled *The Lonely Hunter*.

The theme of this year's meeting was "From Godspell to Godspell." Godspell was one of the boats that brought the settlers to Jamestown America, and Godspell is the title of a modern rock opera.

While in Virginia the EC instructors toured historic Williamsburg, and, since Mayes teaches American Literature, he spent one morning in Jamestown.

Next year's meeting will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. The program chairman will be Roger Easom who graduated from East Central Junior College and who is now chairman of the English Department at Tennessee State Technical Institute in Memphis.



SPRING MUSICAL STARS

Marion Whinnery and Mike Simpson starred as Jennifer and Ben in East Central's production of "Paint Your Wagon" presented February 21-25. Some 75 persons participated in this year's production, whether on stage, back stage, orchestra, chorus, or make-up and hair preparations. [see additional pictures on pages 4&5] Photo by Jaris Brantley.

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SBA elections March 8

by Bill Dickens

Elections for Student Body Association positions will be held on the ECJC campus March 8, with four office positions open.

In order to run for the positions of president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer, students

must have at least a 2.0 average. Petitions are due March 1 through March 4.

The election will be held March 8, with the run-offs March 10. All students are urged to participate by running for office or voting.

FRESHMAN CLASS PRESIDENT Kent Ozborn discusses plans for the spring prom with officers [L to R] Secretary Lucy Duncan, Vice-President Cheryl Newell, and Treasurer Judy Russell. This year's prom, scheduled for April 14, will feature 'David and the Giants'. Added attractions of this year's prom will be a light buffet supper and souvenirs for those attending.

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Burglars hit Todd Hall

by Chaun Culpepper

There have been two major burglaries reported in Todd Hall so far this school year with several hundred dollars worth of stereos and T.V.'s stolen. The first burglary was reported just before Christmas holidays and the second was reported within the last few weeks.

A stereo and speakers were reported missing in the first case by Terry White. No leads or evidence has been found to determine how the burglars entered the room. Surprisingly, a television and small hotplate weren't taken.

The second burglary occurred about four weeks ago with Dane Morgan losing a stereo and speakers, a television, a clock-radio, a movie camera, and an undetermined amount of cash. Morgan estimated the value of the stolen goods at 800 dollars.

Dormitory supervisor Joe Clark commented the burglaries, which both occurred on weekends, were probably the work of someone not associated with East Central Junior College. But in each case the thieves knew exactly where to go to get the goods.

An investigation of both incidents is underway by the Newton County Sheriff's department and school officials. Clark stated, however, there was little chance of finding the stolen articles since both burglaries were on weekends.

Clark advised residents of Todd Hall to carry any worthy possessions home on weekends so as to prevent further burglaries. He also added that Decatur policeman Junior Stamper has been added to the campus security staff to upgrade weekend security of dormitories as well as the rest of the E.C. campus.

Sophomores at ECJC who are not currently enrolled in Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) may still become eligible for the two-year advanced course, according to Captain Charles J. Farrell, Assistant Professor of Military Science. The opportunity to attend a six-week summer camp is offered to graduating sophomores who are continuing on to senior institutions to complete requirements for a college degree.

There are still openings for the six-week ROTC Basic Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Farrell said. The first cycle of training begins May 31 and is limited to men only. Men and women will be trained during the second cycle which begins June 20.

Basic Camp cadets are paid about \$500 for the six weeks of

training. They also receive free room and board and are reimbursed for transportation to and from Fort Knox.

The Basic Camp instructs cadets in military drill, tactics, history, weapons, communications, and leadership techniques.

Graduation from the ROTC Basic Camp replaces the first two years of ROTC on campus and qualifies students for the ROTC advanced course in the fall. Students in the advanced course are paid \$100 each month of the school year and upon graduation are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

Captain Farrell stressed the

fact that students attending the summer camp incur no military obligation. "A student attending the Basic Camp is not obligated to enroll in ROTC", he stated.

According to Captain Farrell, "The ROTC Basic Camp stresses leadership development. Its purpose is to bring the student to a level of military education and experience which will allow him or her to enter the advanced course next fall."

Students interested in more information about the camp may contact the ROTC instructors on campus, or Mr. Raymond McMullen.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

February 15, 1977

Mr. Bill Dickens
THE TOM-TOM
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Dear Mr. Dickens:
Thank you for the fine article you did on my being selected as

Jackson's "Outstanding Young Man." It was one of the best articles written. I appreciate the front page coverage.

Sincerely,
/s/ Larry Hogue
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WARRIOR SPORTS

Intramural softball begins

by Michele Caraway

Student Activity Director Mike Anderson stated that Intramural Softball will begin on Monday, March 7 and that he anticipates there will be around eight mens' teams and 5 womens' teams entered for competition.

The Intramural Softball games will be played at 3:45 each afternoon until the end of March.

Then because of the time change, there will be 2 games played at 3:45 and 5:15 p.m.

There will be a single Round-Robin and a double-elimination tournament at the end of the softball season.

Anyone interested in playing Intramural Softball should turn a roster of team members into Anderson by March 3.

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Spring practice concludes

Spring football started last month for the East Central Warriors.

The Warriors, after having a 6-1-4 record last season, returned

21 freshman to spring training this semester. The defensive secondary and defensive ends will return all but one starter from this year's team.

Graduation hurt the Warriors mostly at the offensive and defensive lineman positions. They lost approximately seven lineman from the offense and defense combined.

The Warriors are eligible to recruit four boys from out-of-state next year.

They finished spring training on February 25th and held high school try outs on the 26th and 27th.

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TENNIS SCHEDULE

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| March 24 | Meridian | There |
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| April 12 | Holmes | There |
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| April 22 | Meridian | Home |
| April 26 | Jones | There |



THE THREE SOPHOMORE STARTERS Diana Lyons, Julie Latham, and Jeanette Barnes pose with their trophy won at the State Tournaments. At right is coach Lucille Wood.

EC finishes 2nd in State tourney

by John Muse

In the overall Mississippi Junior College State Playoffs East Central was thwarted from becoming state champions for the second consecutive year, 76-64 by Mississippi Gulf Coast. After finishing second in the

South Division tournament to Gulf Coast, the Warriorettes earned the right to meet the Lady 'Dogs again for the state championship by defeating arch-rival Scooba 64-56, in the semi-finals.

In the championship game the taller Bulldogettes stopped the inside play of Diana Lyons and forced E.C. to take lower percentage shots away from the basket. Julie Latham and Jeanette Barnes did hit a few of the outside shots and the Warriorettes were behind only by 3, 32-29, at the half. In the second half the law of averages caught up with the Lady Warriors and E.C. steadily fell behind. East

Central did make a run at the lead several times, mainly on the strength of Lyon's magnificent play, but to no avail.

E.C. closed the gap to one point with 8:58 to go in the game but 6 straight points by Gulf Coast and the ability of the Bulldogettes to make their free throws produced the final margin of 12 points.

Lyons and Jeanette Barnes led the E.C. attack with 14 points each and Julie Latham had 8 points for the cause. East Central will play Wednesday, March 2, in the regional tournament at Cleveland Community College.

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THE WARRIORETTE BASKETBALL TEAM

EC ladies advance to District 7 Regionals

by John Muse

By virtue of a second place finish in the overall Mississippi Junior College basketball play-offs, the East Central Warriorettes have accepted an invitation to play in the District 7 basketball tournament to be held at Cleveland, Tennessee.

The tournament, made up of

16 teams, is composed of Junior Colleges in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky. East Central, along with other junior colleges in the state make up the Mississippi contingent in the tournament.

The tournament is a single elimination affair beginning March 1.

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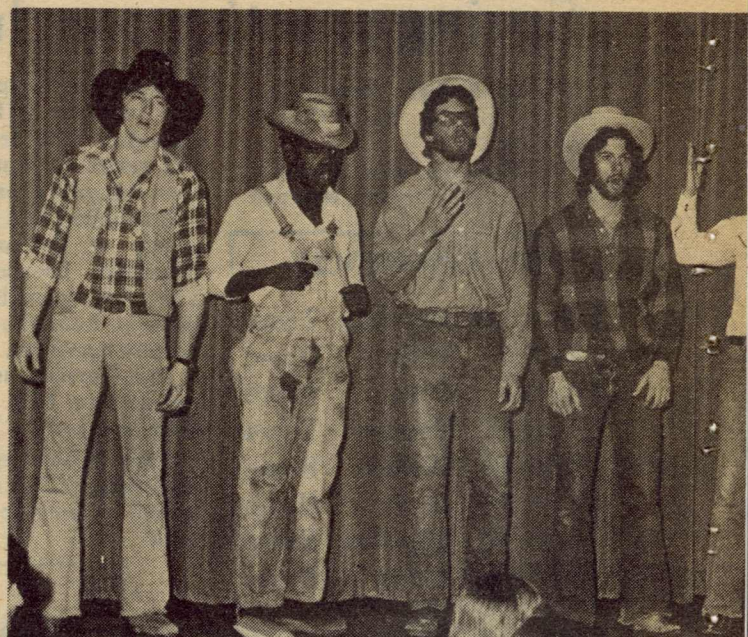
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LOVE ME TENDER: JOHNNY BE GOOD: LEADER OF THE PACK: TEEN ANGEL: TONITE: TONITE:

Lee answers students' questions, demands

by Chef Leonard Lee

After reviewing management survey forms filled out by East Central students recently, the following has been determined by the Manager of the dining service.

We can and will solve most of the problems locally. However, we will need assistance in some areas.

Several participants suggested we serve more foods students are use to at home. The only problem is, those making the suggestions forgot to mention what they are use to at home!!! Not a great help. Anyone having a favorite recipe from home and wishing to have it prepared and served, please bring the recipe to us. We will even give the individual credit line. The only requirement will be, the food item is reasonable in cost.

Several requested crackers be made available for lunch and dinner meals. IT SHALL BE DONE.

Several requested milk be served at all meals. Cost prohibits this practice, either carbonated beverages or milk would have to be served. Since milk is not a beverage, students made a decision several years ago to have carbonated beverages instead of only milk for lunch.

Line moves slow, said several. How true, as you well know with only one line and a rate of approximately seven persons per minute, some time will be spent in line particularly at peak periods during lunch and dinner.

Here are some suggestions to make service expedient:

1. Don't get lined up fifteen to thirty minutes before a service

period. (This is self-punishment.)

2. As soon as the menu board can be seen, determine what foods you want to consume.

3. Tell the server what you want in an audible voice. Do not point. Often I have served on lines where people used the "summa that" and "a little bit of this" using the finger to point, not taking into consideration there is a stainless steel shelf between the finger and the servers' eyes, which makes the situation rather rough.

4. Concentrate, make decisions on what you are going to take on the dessert and salad buffet.

5. HAVE ID CARDS BEFORE GETTING TO THE CASHIER. Really this should be the #1 thing prior to getting into line to be served.

6. When completed with meal, resume routine.

Some suggested vegetables be cooked longer. The cooks have been instructed to cook all vegetables until tender. I'm sure most of you know an over-cooked vegetable is not very nutritious. In short, if a vegetable is over-cooked, eating a wet sponge would be almost as good from a nutritional standpoint since the primary good derived is cellulose and water.

Several complaints of hair in food--all employees are instructed to wear hairnets or caps, however, this is no guarantee you will not get hair in your food. Remember there are many more people on the customers side of the serving line than on the other side. We are going to do our part to KEEP HAIR OUT OF THE FOOD BEFORE IT IS SERVED TO YOU.

Employees should wear gloves when handling food. Wearing gloves is a fine thing for food service personnel, providing they do nothing else and have to handle nothing except the utensils involved. Our personnel have to be a versatile group since we operate on a TIGHT!!!! budget. Besides, their hands touch only the handles of serving utensils and this is not an unsanitary practice.

Some casual meal customers want to know why a boarding student can get seconds and they can't. Very simple, let's say a boarding student pays \$14.00 per week for food and related items. They are entitled to 21 meals. However, they do not consume all the meals. Friday afternoon they go home, missing one meal Friday, three on Saturday, they return Sunday afternoon, missing two more meals for a

total of six, leaving fifteen to be paid for. A cash customer pays for one meal and consumes one meal, consequently there is no leeway.

Several suggested some very nice foods, such as T-Bone steak--boiled shrimp--and several others, almost as expensive. A T-Bone steak (10 ozs.) costs \$1.41. An order of boiled shrimp (8 ozs. raw) costs \$1.50---On our budget, this is not practical.

While on the budget subject, many seem to think board money goes for food only--this isn't correct. Well, what else does it go for, some ask? Your food dollar is broken down to go numerous ways as follows:

1. Labor and related cost (I.E. social security).

2. Direct costs (I.E. glasses, cups, eating utensils, napkins, aprons, uniforms, or any other non-consumable item(s)).

3. Administrative costs (cost of operation).

4. Food.

Let's use the \$14.00 figure as previously mentioned. We have 400 boarding students or a budget of \$5,600 per week to work with. That is a lot of money. We can eat high on the hog!!! But hold it---we have to have food prepared, it must be served. We have to have gas to cook it with, we have to have electricity to run the machines involved in preparation. We have to have refrigerated areas and dry storage areas to place foods until they are used.

What does this mean? We must have help! Labor is no longer an inexpensive commodity. We must have utilities which are not bargain basement items. All these count up quickly.

Let's use a typical cost factor A labor cost 35.0%--a direct cost of 4.0%--an administrative cost of 7.5%--=46.5%, leaving a food cost of only 53.5%, in other words, your food dollar buys 53.5 cents worth of food, the remainder going for labor, utilities, direct and administrative expense. Now we can see how \$5,600. is divided into various categories involved in food service.

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| Labor . . . \$1,960. | 35.0% |
| Direct . . . \$ 224. | 4.0% |
| Admin . . . \$ 420. | 7.5% |

We, now have \$2,996. left for food to serve 400 people 21 meals per week or 8,400 meals. If all meals were consumed by each person, we would have \$.3566 per meal, which would buy a "pine float." (a glass of water and a toothpick, with a napkin.) It is a known fact, we never have 100% participation, so we must determine a realistic figure to

arrive at a budget figure. Prior data tells us the average student consumes 14 meals per week on campus or .666 of the meals paid for. So we can take $8400 \times .666 = 5594$ meals to be prepared--we have $\$2,996 \div 5594 = \$.5355$ for each meal prepared. Now I ask, is this steak and shrimp money?

While on the cost subject I'd like to mention a few things we are doing to help control cost and conserve utilities and a few things each student can do to help your own cause.

1. Using gas only when needed.

2. Using only the amount of lights required.

3. Buying and washing our own cleaning cloths.

4. Controlling production to avoid excess discards of food and materials.

5. Purchasing only what is needed.

6. Controlling labor consumed

7. Controlling "freeloading" of your food. (I.D. check)

8. Purchasing on a bid basis

for desirable merchandise.

You might ask how a student can assist in controlling cost.

1. Make sure no one uses your facility without paying.

2. Do not remove service items from your dining room. Each dollar's worth removed costs \$2.00, the dollar already spent, plus the one to replace it.

3. Take what you can consume and consume it. Often glasses one-fourth to one-half full of milk go into the dishwashing room, untouched rolls, toast and even dessert items are discarded with no apparent part missing.

4. During week-ends, use only lighted areas of the dining room--why light enough area for 300 when only 100 are being served.

Remember, each dollar you save in a non-food category can be diverted to more and better food, and rest assured your dining service manager and the persons employed in the dining service will be glad to help you any way they



Cafeteria worker Mamie Brooks...
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Seventeen receive ROTC promotions

by Dale Worrell



East Central cadets receive congratulations from Dr. Charles Wright and Capt. Charles Ferrell. Co. Commander Clark Dunn looks on.

ROTC promotions and awards presentations were held Wednesday, February 16, on the East Central campus.

Present for the ceremony were EC President Charles Wright, and a member of the Mississippi State ROTC staff.

The first award, the President's Award, was presented to ROTC cadets who have achieved a 3.5 or higher semester quality point average for the previous semester. The two recipients were Sherry Vance and Rory Warren.

The next award presented was the Professor of Military Science Award. This is given in recognition of cadets achieving a 3.0 to 3.49 quality point average for the previous semester. Those receiving this award were Dean Collier, who was also promoted to cadet rank of Corporal, Dwight Fortune and Debbie Pearson.

The following cadets also received rank promotions: Larry Earnest, cadet rank of 1st Lt. with the duty position of executive officer; Charles Kirksey, cadet rank of SFC with the duty position of company first sergeant; Kermit Moore, cadet rank of sergeant with duty position of asst. squad leader; Regina Gibbs, cadet rank of corporal; Daniel Strebeck, rank of corporal; and Jerome Brown, Davis Gill, Debra Mapps, Barbara Moore, Lee McLendon, Pamela Richmond, and Jerry Sloan, all to the rank of Private First Class.



ECJC OFFERS FREE TUITION

It is possible to attend East Central Junior College for two years and pay **NO TUITION CHARGES**. Applications for scholarships in the ECJC "Warrior" Band are now being taken for the 1977 school year. Persons who have played in a high school band qualify for these full tuition scholarships. There are a limited number of these full tuition scholarships available, so interested persons should contact the college as soon as possible for information. For further details, contact: James Dykes, Director of Bands, ECJC, Decatur, Miss. 39327. Phone [601] 635-2111, Ext. 228. Dykes, pictured above, is currently holding auditions for the some 50 scholarships that will be available.

17 plan PTK convention trip

by Sherry Vance

Approximately seventeen members of the Theta Xi Chapter on campus will be attending the national Phi Theta Kappa Convention, to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota March 31 through April 2.

East Central and Northwest Junior College will travel together by Greyhound bus to the convention. Sponsors traveling

with the group include Mrs. Sara Heard and Mr. Rudolph Mayes.

In addition to the regular business meetings of the convention, some interesting activities have been scheduled. On the first night, all the students will view a theater production of "Candidate." Following this production, everyone will return to the hotel for a theater party. An awards banquet will highlight the final night of the convention.



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Carthage

Melanie Laird named 'Miss EC'

by Kent Ozborn

Melanie Laird of Decatur captured the title of "Miss East Central Junior College" at the annual Scholarship Pageant last Friday night.

A packed house was entertained by Melanie and nine other lovely East Central young ladies.

Selected as a beauty and presented with a hundred dollar scholarship was first runner-up Lorene Russell of Forest. Chosen as the three other beauties were Shannon Cleveland of Union,

Mary Lynn Nance of Philadelphia, and Shelia Hartness of Noxapater.

Voted by the contestants as "Miss Congeniality" was Miss JoAnn Wright, of Decatur.

Melanie is the 19 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Laird of Decatur. She is active in many phases of college life. Being a member of the French Club, an honor student, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, she stays very busy. Through the generosity and educational concern of many East Central Junior

College area banks and organizations, Melanie was presented a \$500 scholarship to further her education.

Under the direction of Mrs. Martha Graham and members of the Wo-He-Lo Annual Staff, pageant plans flowed smoothly along with Bruce Peterson as Master of Ceremonies and special music provided by Leisa Jones, vocalist.

This year's winner was crowned by Kathy Polk, last year's recipient, who also provided special entertainment.

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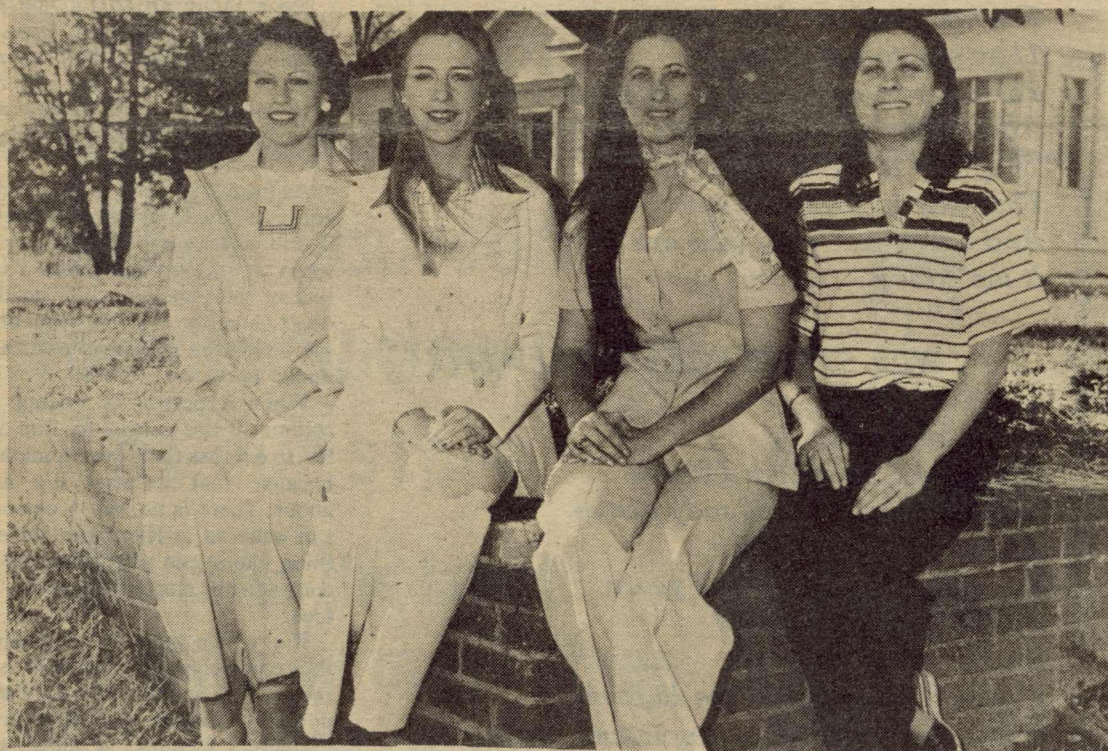
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SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT WINNER Melanie Laird of Decatur poses with ECJC's **MOST HANDSOME** Mark Dean of Newton.

Eight new courses to be offered here next year

by Michele Caraway

Eight new courses will be offered next year to students in any curriculum. These courses will give basic information that

advanced class in modeling. These models will represent the school on the road at high school and activities in the five-county area. Mrs. Alice Pouncey will be the instructor for both courses.

The Home Economics Department will offer a new subject titled SOCIAL USAGE, HOME EC. III. This course is designed to teach the essentials of good manners and accepted standards in life.

Another subject to be offered will be CONSUMER ECONOMICS, which will give basic information on various things such as income taxes, inflation, cost of living, and other information that students should know before going into the businessworld. These subjects are not restricted to Home Economic majors and are offered to all students in any curriculum.

These courses are being offered in order to make better use of the modern new facilities available in the Home Economics department as well as to inform the students. Mrs. Alice Pouncey will also instruct these courses.

In the Human Growth Department, there will be a breakdown of the Human Growth course. In the first semester of next year, the course CHILD PSYCHOLOGY, which covers the period of pre-natal to maturity, will be taught. Second semester, ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY, which covers maturity to adulthood, will be taught. These will

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THE BEAUTIES . . .

Sheila Hartness,
Mary Lynn Nance,
Lorene Russell,
Shannon Cleveland

AND

THE BEASTS . . .

Ricky Turner
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Mess EC Danny Flint
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will be helpful to students in later life.

There will be two one-hour activity courses offered in modeling. The first is INTRODUCTION TO MODELING which will be offered first semester of next year for anyone who wants to learn the basic fundamentals of modeling. The ECJC modeling team will be chosen from this class. Second-semester, MODELING will be taught as an

-EDITORIALS-

6 top area students to join EC's honor program

by Regina Gibbs

Contrary to an earlier report in the Tom-Tom which stated that state universities are draining this five-county area of academically superior high school students, new data has been received disproving much of the former story.

According to Dean Brad Tucker, in some states only a select few high school graduates can attend universities directly from high school because of academic standing; therefore Jr. Colleges in those states are set aside strictly for the accomodation of students not ready for higher institutions. However, recent information shows that East Central is receiving a very high percentage of all the outstanding high school students in this five-county area. This means that many outstanding students have chosen to attend East Central rather than a state university next fall.

One reason for this is East Central's new honors program. E.C. is offering a special honors program based on the assumption that a student's over-all college success can be predicted from his ACT English scores alone.

The first honors course is English Composition. Students who are invited and who elect to participate in this course receive advanced standing credit on the first semester of English Composition, (ENG 1113) and participate in a special seminar in the second half of the course (ENG 1123). Students who participate in the first course satisfactorily will be invited to participate in further courses.

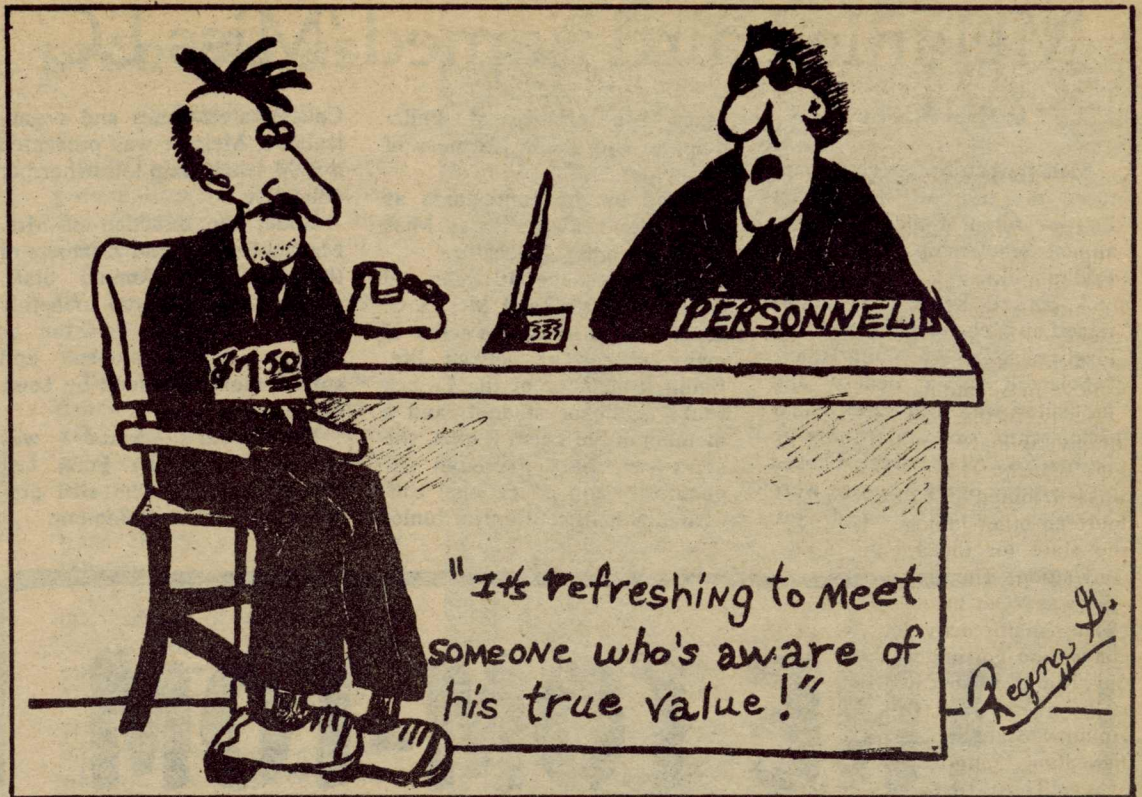
In order to qualify for this special program, the student must make a score of 25 or above on BOTH his over-all ACT composite score, AND his English score.

Of all the high school students taking the ACT in our five-county area, test scores revealed only EIGHT scored 25 or above on the two aspects.

All eight have been contacted and invited for special interviews where the program can be fully explained. They then can elect whether or not to participate.

Six of these eight have accepted and plan to attend East Central Junior College. The other two have neither accepted nor declined.

The attendance decision of these 6-8 academically superior students at East Central reveals that the universities certainly are not draining all of our brain-power.



Poetry Corner

by Jeannette Barnes

THEY SAY

They say to love America
They say to get involved
They say to have things planned ahead
And to have your thoughts resolved.
They say to work and pray
They say to love and see
And now I ask you, who are they?
It isn't they - but we.

I WILL STRIVE FOR WHAT I WANT

Far in distance
Is the goal for which I strive
Laboring ever, that I may arrive.
At the golden splendor,
For which my heart will yearn
I will pledge my honor
Seeking ever to learn.
I will strive to reach the highest
Educational, moral and spiritual goals
I can possibly attain.
I will never lower my aims
For any temporary benefit
that might be gained.
I will always close my ears
And seal my lips to slanderous gossip.
I will never belittle any race,
And will try to persuade others
To take the same stand.
I will strive to pattern my actions,
So that my life will be an example
For others to follow.
I will shape my thoughts
So that my character typified by love,
Courtesy, and kindness,
Will radiate a wholesome personality.
And above all,
I will endeavor to keep in my heart,
The spirit of true brotherhood.
I will strive all the more earnestly,
To reach my goal.

Letter to The Editor

Dear Sir,

When I thumbed through your last edition of the Tom-Tom, I was disappointed when the column "Jammin" was not included in it.

Upon inquiring as to why it was left out, I learned that a couple of students had complained about it and the supervisor thought it would be best to leave the article out and see what the student response was.

As for myself, and many other students, the "Jammin" column is the article we first look for when we pick up the paper. The rest of the paper is quite good, don't get me wrong, but students are interested in news about the music world.

When a person is writing a column, it is essential for him or her to express their own opinions because that is what it's all about. There is no way a person can write an article about something like music where he won't contradict or step on somebody's toes.

If a person wants to complain, they can feel free to. But as far as the writing quality of Mr. Culpepper's articles go, they are excellent. Besides, it helps to comment on pieces of the paper. At least you know someone is reading it. And if somebody wants to oppose the writer, that's all right. But as far as taking the article out of the paper, that's what I object to. A little controversy doesn't hurt anyone.

I don't think I am alone in my beliefs. Many other people missed the article also. So please encourage the advisor to have Mr. Culpepper continue the article. Keep on "Jammin"

Sincerely,
Terry Sanders

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New SBA officers attend SCAM convention Mar. 24

by Darlene Kendricks

East Central Junior College's Student Body Association officers and Academic Counselor Raymond McMullan recently attended the SCAM Convention at Northwest Mississippi Junior College in Senatobia.

Newly elected 1977-78 officers, Jimmy Shepard, Judy Wolverton, Blanche Harrell, and Judy Russell, joined SBA officers from fourteen other junior colleges in the state for the March 24-25 convention. The theme for this year was "Get Involved-Now."

The main activities of the convention got underway Thursday, March 24 at 1:30 p.m. when such guests as Dr. Charles Holliday, State Superintendent of Education, Judge Kermit Cofer of the Third District Chancery Courts, and Paul Baddour, Mississippi's Outstanding Man of the Year for 1976, spoke on the topics of Education, Human Rights, and Mental Health.

After a 30 minute break for refreshments there were meetings of the different Interest Groups. These were the Student Government Presidents and Vice Presidents Group, the Student Senate Presidents and Vice Presidents Group, and the Student Activities Group.

That evening a banquet was

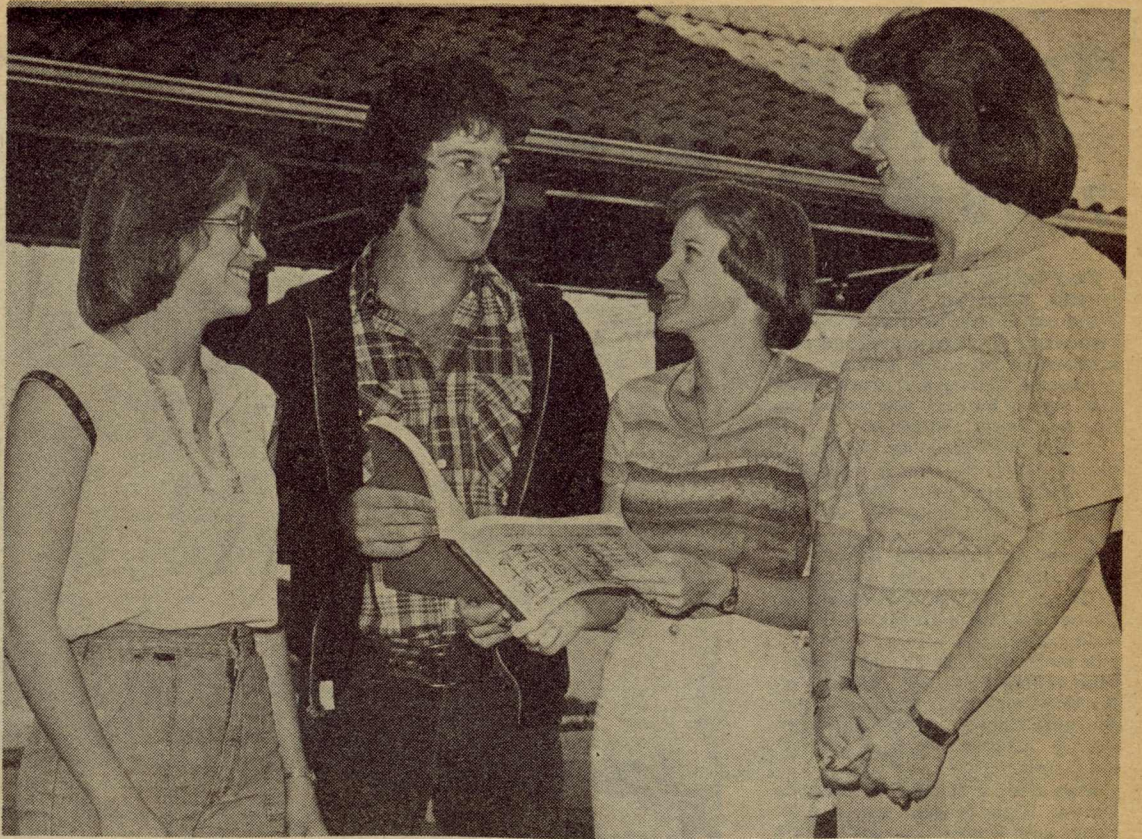
held in the McLendon Union Dining Room. Tommy Leavell, third Vice President of the SCAM organization and a student at Northwest Junior College, presided. Entertainment was provided by David Grimes, and the guest speaker was Rev. Jim Bain. Political speeches by SCAM candidates were also given.

The day's activities were ended with a dance at Northwest's Coliseum featuring "The Platters".

Friday's activities began at 9:30 a.m. with the General Session. Eddie Palmer of Utica Junior College, 1976-77 SCAM President, presided. At this session the 1977-78 SCAM officers were elected, and the convention ended shortly after Mike Chrestman of the Governor's Staff spoke on the topic "From Student Government to State Government."

When asked about SCAM, East Central Dean Denver Brackeen said, "I feel that the SCAM organization is contributing toward the growth of the junior colleges in the state of Mississippi by meeting and exchanging ideas and discussing problems in areas of interest from each individual institution. It's a real fine meeting, the students learn alot, and it's beneficial."

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SBA OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR are, left to right, Secretary Blanche Harrell of Carthage, President Jimmy Shepard of Newton, Vice President Judy Russell of Newton, and Treasurer Judy Wolverton of Philadelphia.

Counseling Psychologist on campus

by Sue Savell

Rex Allman, a counseling psychologist from Meridian, will present a lecture to Mrs. Alice

Pouncey's Psychology classes third and fifth periods in the Newton Hall lecture room; Monday, April 4th.

Besides being a counseling psychologist, Allman also serves as the Supervisor for outreach services for Weems Community Mental Health Center which covers eight counties. He is a certified marriage and family counselor and is a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors.

Allman is a member of Alpha Psi Omega honorary society of Psychological Counselors, International Religious Educators Association, Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling Association, Chaplain of Hamasa Shrine Temple, and other civic, religious and professional organizations.

Allman says he, "has been married to the same woman for

thirty years and has three children, all married and moved!"

He received his bachelor's degree from Millsaps College and his master's degree from Mississippi State. He is also an ordained Methodist Minister having served churches in Mississippi for the past 18 years. Before joining the Weems staff Allman worked as a counselor with Vocational Rehabilitation and the Welfare Department.

Although the lecture is mandatory for Psychology students, any interested individual is invited to attend.

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THE BRASS KNOB

Warriorettes sign 4 to 77-78 team

East Central Junior College Warriorette Basketball Coach Lucille Wood has announced that four area high school girls had signed two-year scholarships with the college. She anticipates signing four more freshmen players for next year within the next few weeks, she added.

Under the coaching ability of Lucille Wood, the Warriorettes won the Mississippi Junior College Basketball Championship last year and was runner-up to that title this year.

Signed as Freshmen players for next year are: Phyllis Leflore of Carthage, Pam Lee of Philadelphia, Charlene Jones of Forest, and Carla Halley of Morton.

A senior at Carthage High School, Miss Leflore was a 5'7" forward on the basketball team. She was named All-Leake County, All-Choctaw Conference, All-District 4, and All-Morton Classic.

Miss Lee, a student at Neshoba Central High School, was a 6'0" center with a point average of 14.5 per game. She targeted 54% of her field goals and had a rebound average of 10.7. She was named All-Choctaw Conference and All-District 4.

A 6'1" center from Forest High School, Charlene Jones will see action as a participant in the High School All-Star Game this August. With a 12 point game average and a 10 point rebound average, she was selected All-State for three years, All-South Mississippi three years, All-District 6 for three years, and All-Little Dixie for two years.

5'9" forward Carla Halley of Morton High School will come to East Central with a 15.5 scoring average. She too will play in the All-Star game in Jackson this August. Miss Halley has been selected to All-District 6, All-Morton Classic, All-Central Mississippi, All-North Little Dixie, and was named Most Valuable Player in the North Little Dixie.

"I have been most pleased with our selections thus far," stated Coach Wood. "And am hoping to sign four more just like these before long," she added.

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EC players on All-State team

(Editor's Note: EC's John Burkes was also named to the boys' All-State team.)

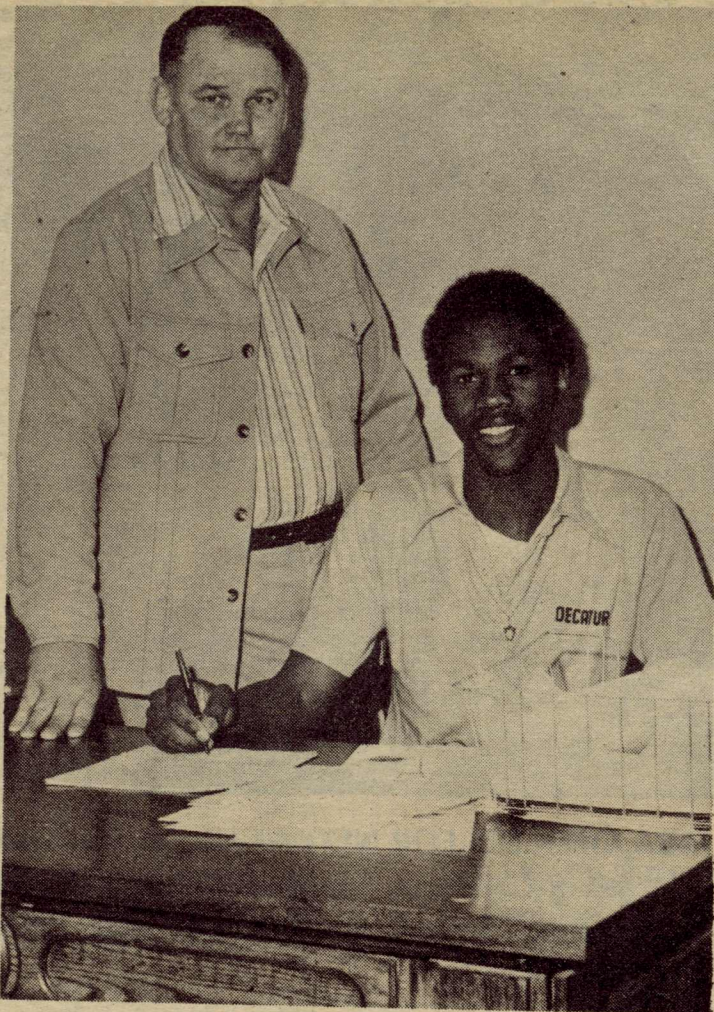
by Sherry Vance

Among the five girls making up the first team all-state basketball team in the South Division were Diana Lyons and Jeanette Barnes.

Lyons, a sophomore at East Central, was selected all-state last year in the North Division. In season scoring for the Warriorette team, Lyons averaged 23.6 points per game with a 17.3 rebound average. She has captured numerous other honors including: leading scorer in the South Division, leading rebounder in the state, honorable mention All Region 7, and third leading scorer and leading rebounder All Region 7.

Barnes, also a sophomore, averaged 19.4 points per game. She, too, was chosen for the All Region 7 first team, which was composed of players from Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

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RECRUITING is now in progress for the men's and women's basketball teams as Coach Herman Robinson signs Decatur High student Billy Joe Patrick to a 2 yr. scholarship. While at Decatur High, Patrick averaged 25 points per game and was All-Choctaw and All-District Five.



Coach Lucille Wood signs Morton's Carla Halley to scholarship as her coach, Ray Riley, looks on. [see story]

One victory, four losses for Warrior baseball team

by Dale Worrell

The EC baseball team traveled to Holmes Junior College March 8th for their first games of the season. The Warriors dropped both games by scores of 4 to 1 and 3 to 2. However, these games were practice games and did not count in divisional standings.

Bob Worrell and Larry Gage, both sophomores returning from last year, shared the pitching duties for EC in the first game. Doug McInnis, a freshman from Quitman, pitched the second and went the distance. The Warriors lacked the hitting in their first outings to defeat the Holmes team.

In their next outing on March 24, the Warriors did not fair well at all. Their lack of hitting and defense were all that Meridian Junior College needed to coast to an easy 16 to 0 victory. The game was played at John Moss Field in Meridian.

The Warriors, not giving up after the drubbing by Meridian, traveled to East Mississippi Junior College for a doubleheader on March 26. They split the two games, although they got great pitching in both games from Doug McInnis in the first game and Bob Worrell in the second. In the first game, the Warriors outslugged the Scooba team and defeated them 9 to 7. Doug McInnis went the distance for the win.

With all the hitting in the first game, you might expect the same in the next game; but it was not so as both pitchers had the opposing teams bats under control. Bob Worrell, pitching for EC, lost a heart-breaker in the 7th inning of the second game, as the Scooba team scored their one and only run with two outs. The Warriors record as of March 29th was 1 and 4.

The Warriors next games are a doubleheader at home against Scooba.

Tennis team falls to MJC

by Bill Dickens

The East Central tennis team traveled to Meridian Thursday, to open tennis season. Meridian Jr. College won the match with EC, 7-2.

Playing their first match of the year, EC's team looked impressive overall, winning two matches and falling just short in two others.

Tommy McCool and Charles McAdory started East Central off right with a 6-2, 7-6 victory in A Doubles. Wayne Turner and Bill Dickens were edged out in a close one, 6-4, 6-4.

In singles, James Moore lost

his A Singles match to Mike Cantey, the No. 1 ranked player in the state, 6-1, 6-1, while Greg Myers lost his B singles match 6-1, 6-1 also.

In women's play, Leigh Avara was upset in her A singles match 6-4, 7-5; Julie Latham provided for the second win of the day with a 6-2, 6-4 victory. In doubles Susan Hollingsworth and Margie Edwards lost their match 6-1, 6-0.

The next match for the EC tennis team will be Saturday, April 2, here on campus, as ECJC plays host to Miss. Delta Jr. College.

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2 sign with Jackson St.

by Nancy Heard

Two of East Central's leading female basketball players have signed scholarships with Jackson State University. Evelyn Bender of Newton and Jeannette Barnes of Carthage plan on attending Jackson State University this fall.

Evelyn Bender is a graduate of Newton High School. At East Central she was named to All-State Junior College her Freshman and Sophomore years. She was leading scorer in the state with 1,081 points in 42 games for an average of 26.7 points per game. She received

the Earline Wood Alumni Memorial Award for the outstanding basketball player at ECJC her Sophomore year. In 1976, she also was named Best Offensive player at East Central.

A graduate of Carthage High School, Jeannette Barnes was named to All-State and All-Region 7 her Sophomore year. Also during her Sophomore year, she had an average of 19.3 points per game. She was selected as Best Offensive player at ECJC in 1977.

Both, Barnes and Bender, played on ECJC's state championship team in 1976.

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WARRIOR SPORTS

Todd Hall, Stompers cop Intramural titles

by John Muse
Sports Editor

Todd Hall and the Stompers took the men's and women's crowns in basketball recently held here at East Central.

The Stompers took the women's championship with a 42-27 win over B.J.'s Bunch, and Todd Hall capped off an undefeated season with a hard fought 73-68 win over the Command Modulators.

In the girl's game, the Stompers took advantage of cold shooting by their opponents and raced to a 10 point lead of 22-12 at the half. In the second half, more good looks were displayed than basketball talent as both teams could not hit their shots. B.J.'s Bunch made a mild run at the leaders with 2 minutes to go in the third quarter, but a stifling full court press put the game away.

Patti Coats and Shelia Pryor hit 14 and 10 points respectively for the winners, while B.J.'s Bunch was led by Denise Shaw with 8 points and Linda Quinn and Karla Hatcher with 7 points each.

In the men's game, a fired-up bunch of Modulators, fresh off a victory over defending champion Leake County, gave the Allstars from Todd Hall all they wanted. The game was close throughout but Todd Hall opened a 7-point 38-31 lead at the half.

At the opening of the second half, Griffin hit two baskets for the Modulators but Todd came roaring back to take the win by virtue of a 21 point fourth quarter explosion.

Carl Peyton led all scorers for the game with 31 points and Jerry McDonald helped the Todd cause with 13 points. Gary Nuness led the Modulators with 29 points and Kallie Bowie chipped in 12.

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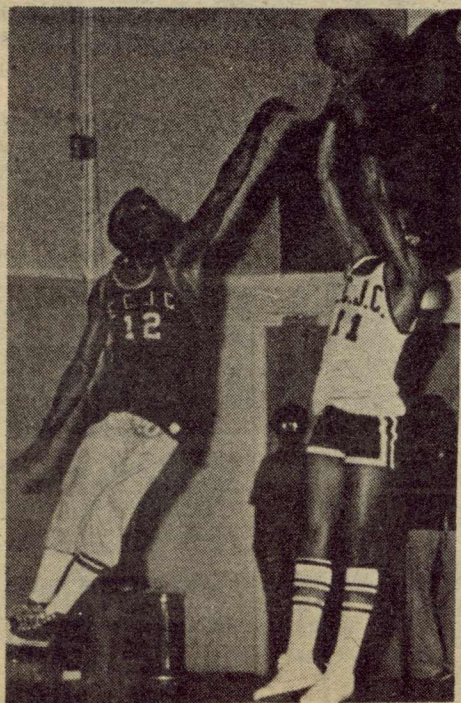


Members of the TODD HALL Basketball Team, from left to right: [1st row] Carmen Robinson, Nate Sherrod, Charles Kirksey, Carl Peyton, Dewey Holmes; [2nd row] Jerry McDonald, Michael Triplett, Jerome Brown, Larry Gage, Larry Earnest, Eddie Hill, and Coleman Harrison.

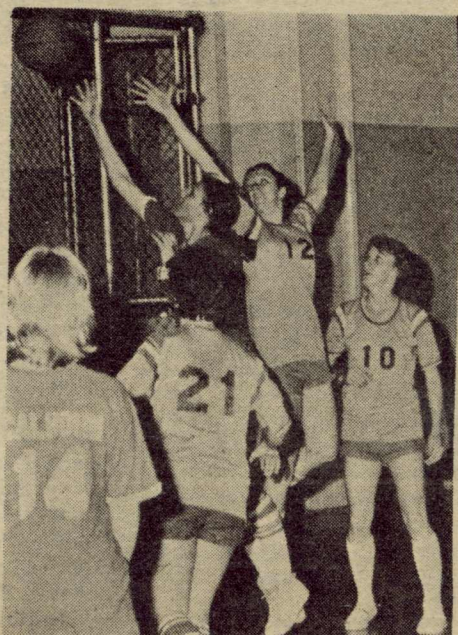


THE STOMPERS, pictured from left to right, are: [1st row] Mandy Hardage, Donna Lindsay, Dianne Calhoun, Lorene Russell; [2nd row] Coach Steve Stamper, Susie Britian, Patti Coats, Sheila Pryor, Shannon Cleveland, Coach Bob Worrell.

SPORTS
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BY
JARRIS
BRANTLEY



Carl Peyton puts up a shot for Todd Hall. Defending is Dwight Fortune.



Sheila Pryor gets 2 of her 10 points with this 3rd quarter basket. Defending are L. Quinn [10], D. Shaw [12], and K. Hatcher [21].

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APPEARING ON CAMPUS APRIL 14

David Huff of Laurel [center] and his band of renown, better known as 'DAVID AND THE GIANTS' will be on the East Central campus Thursday, April 14 for the Freshman Prom. Admission will be free to all East Central students who have

paid their dues. Dues can be paid through April 7th to any of the Freshmen class officers. Persons bringing off-campus dates [or non-students] must register them at the Dean of Students office. A light buffet will be served at the dance.

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ZZ TOP CLIMAXES HOLIDAYS

After a two-year absence, "That Little Ole Band From Texas," ZZ Top, returned to Mississippi's Coliseum March 19 and brought along a night of Texas-style rock-n-roll that is hardly to be forgotten by the 10,000 spectators in attendance. It's been termed one of the finest shows to ever come to Jackson, and I feel pretty sure most of you who were there agree.

Point Blank opened the show with a 45 minute set of music similar to the taste of ZZ Top. The band wore ten gallon hats and jeans and laid down some gritty R & R. I'm not that familiar with the group as they have only recently released their first L.P. entitled "Point Blank." If you were impressed by their show, I suggest you rush out and get a copy of their debut album.

ZZ Top last appeared in Jackson in 1974 and their recent performance marked the group's 3rd Jackson show. By many the concert has been heralded as "one of the best ever", while others who have seen ZZ Top before explained the show was "not up to par".

Missing from the group's stage props were the tilted stage shaped in the outline of Texas, the 2,000 lb. Texas Longhorn bull, a giant backdrop with a variety of Texas scenes, and the many animals advertised earlier in the tour.

The group dressed in only jeans and T-shirts, not the traditional rhinestone-studded suits usually worn by the band. But their music is what so many Mississippians love, and the group did live up to it's expectations in that department.

Led by guitarist Billy Gibbons, ZZ Top performed a variety of tunes from their "Tres Hombres" L.P., namely "Precious and Grace" and "La Grange." Bassist Dusty Hill and Gibbons teamed up on a tune called "Back Door Love Medley", singing in the manner of an auctioneer saying "got to mellow down easy". This proved to be one of the most powerful and best accepted numbers of the night.

The Top did practically every cut from their newest album "Tejas", featuring "Arrested For Drivin' While Blind" and "It's Only Love", highlighted by some nifty percussion work by drummer Frank Beard.

ZZ Top performed plenty of their other greatest hits including "Jesus Just Left Chicago", "Tush", "Beer Drinkers and Hell Raisers". It was a disappointment not to hear "Just Got Paid" from their second album Rio Grande Mud.

It was truly a great way to end the spring holidays and most comments I've heard on the show were good. "Nuff said."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

There's apparently a band in the New York area that is taking up where the Beatles left off. No, actually, the band is becoming quite popular for their reproduc-

tion of many of the Beatles greatest hits. The name of the band? "Klaatu". (Your guess is as good as mine!)

"Klaatu" has already sold around 50,000 L.P.'s in the Northeast. You may eventually hear more from the group. Just remember, you heard it here first!

It's been only several months since the soundtrack to "A Star Is Born" was released, but it was announced this week the LP has now sold over 2 million copies. That's more than Peter Frampton's phenomenal "Alive" album sold in the same time period.

STEPPENWOLF appeared at Main Harbor on the reservoir in Jackson last week. Several East Central students who made it to the special appearance assured me the group was still every bit as good as it was back in the days when Steppenwolf was hot.

"Rich Girl" by Daryl Hall and John Oates moved into the #1 spot on the BILLBOARD pop chart this week for the first time. "The Things We Do For Love" by 10cc could move into the top spot within the next several weeks. By the way, ZZ Top's "Arrested for Drivin' While Blind" entered the chart last week at #94.

The Eagles "Hotel California" is at #1 on the album chart and Fleetwood Mac's "Rumors" is a sure bet to move into the top shot

very soon.

I'd like to say a word about WZZQ's recent midnight movies featuring Jimi Hendrix, Pink Floyd, and Led Zeppelin. The "Q" has definitely done alot for the young people of the state by presenting a look at several of the top artists and groups never seen live in Mississippi. If you get a chance, call in and thank the people at "ZZQ". You'll be glad you did.

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Freeny places 2nd

Mike Stirrup's hog calling act is tops at the 'Gong Show'

by Rhonda Johnson
[Opinion]

Before rushing off to "Cash McCool's" or "Big Daddy's", a rather large crowd dropped by the Fine Arts Auditorium Thursday, March 10, for 'The Gong Show', which was sponsored by the Tom-Tom staff.

The celebrities were introduced as the cool, calm and collected Dr. Richard Ethridge (who has a warm (?) relationship with the Tom-Tom staff), Mrs. Martha Graham, who felt she was qualified to understand the problems of the contestants because she teaches 'Human Growth & Development'; and Bruce Peterson, who felt he was qualified as a judge because of his dry wit and a warped sense of humor. Needless-to-say, they practically stole the show with their observations of the so-called "talent" and their obsession of the Gong.

Few acts made it to the finish, so if your act got "gonged", don't feel bad--both of mine got it! (I'm out to get Dr. Ethridge!).

Opening the show was East Central's sexy lady, Leisa Stephens, who introduced Master of Ceremonies Jeff Chapman. Jeff, looking like a million dollars, really got into the act when he

referred to the judges as Richard, Martha and Bruce.

Mike Stirrup's "Hog-Calling Act" (which attracted a few spectators when he did the mating call) and Ted Freeny's "Famous Impersonations" tied for the coveted 1st place. Ted impersonated famous personalities at East Central, including two of the judges, which really cracked up the audience. The audience's applause decided Mike Stirrup as the winning act.

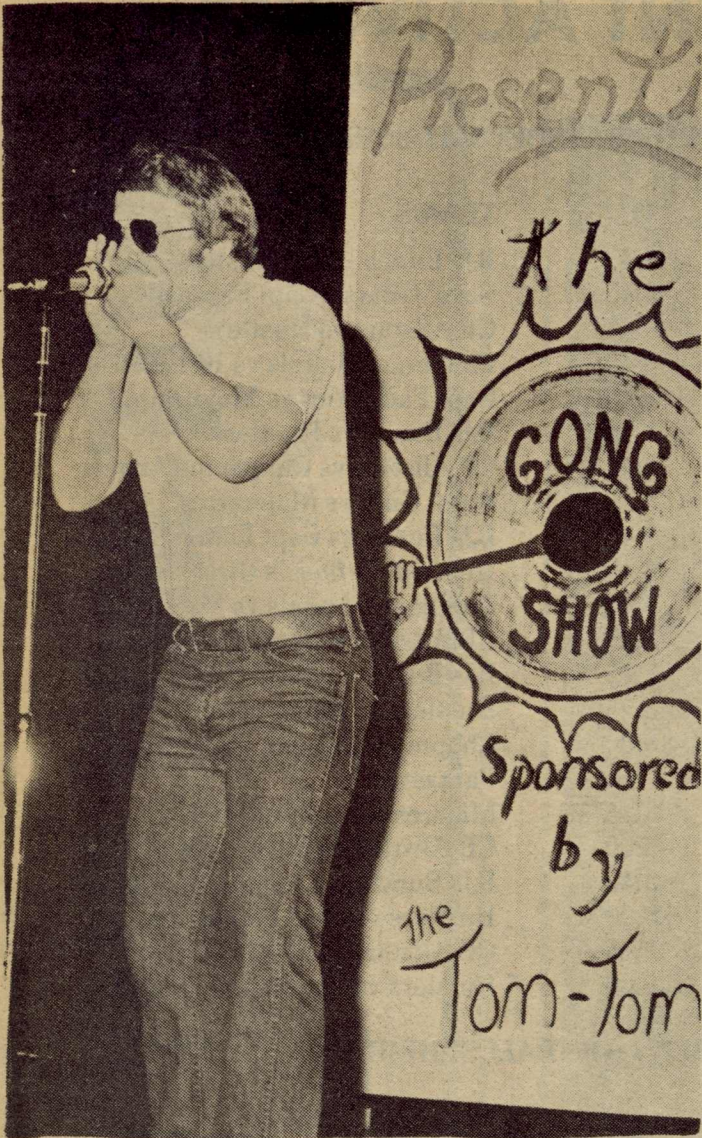
"The Trumpet Duet" with Tommy McCool and Tim Davis received "worst act" of the evening when they promised to "play their trumpet"--but never did (much to the disappointment of the audience).

I guess the judges thought E.C. had no talent, as few acts made it through the allotted time. Spared by the gong were David Flowers and his famous painting; "The Masked Comedienne", which was a staged act featuring an unidentified E.C. student; "Joe Vance and Company", who sang "Bad Leroy Brown"; "The Bow-Leggs Review", who have just signed a contract with the Sebastopol Hilton and Conway Twitty (with Jeff Johnson, John Prisock, and Jimmy Darnell); "Me and My Shadow" with Margie Edwards and Patti Warren; and last and by all means least the "We Don't Know What We're Gonna Do Yet Act" featuring Bill Dickens, Dale Worrell, Eddie Gregory, and Richy Hosey. (How this one got through is beyond me!)

Those acts that did, by twist of fate, get "gonged" were "Whiskey, Stills and Trash" with Ted Freeny, Kevin Nichols, and Mike Simpson; "The Horse Act", with Tanya "Tucker" Allen; "Dr. Mock and The Medicine Show",

who travels the Chunky Night-club Circuit with Kathy Chesnut, Judy Deel, and Rhonda Johnson; "The Pelahatchie Cluckers" with feature cluckers Regina Gibbs

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THE WINNER---Mike Stirrup's 'mating call' received tremendous response from the audience

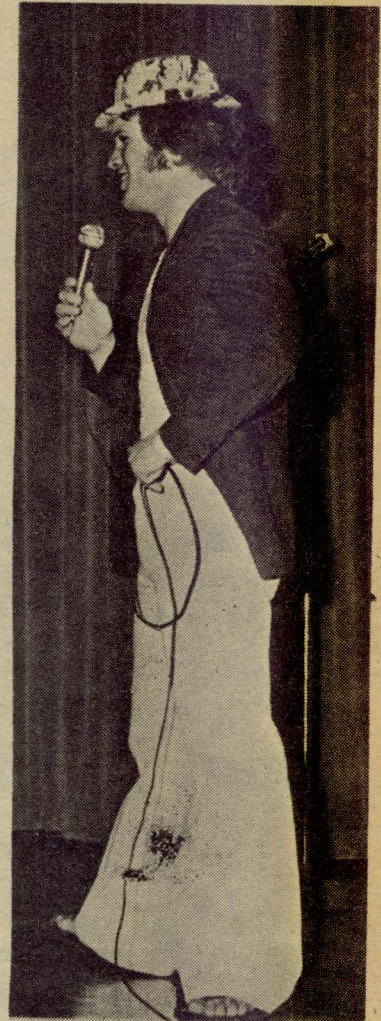


ILLUSTRIOUS JUDGES: 'Bruce,' 'Martha' and 'Richard'



The Grand Finale

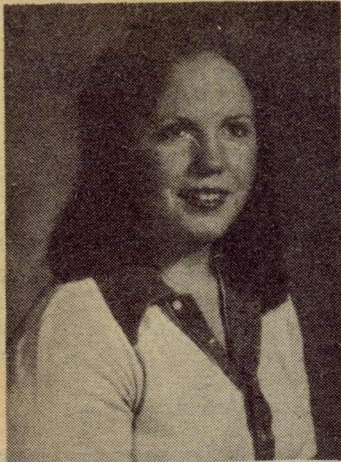
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Mr. Cool himself....
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WORST ACT---The trumpet duet by Tommy McCool and Tim Davis



JOANN WRIGHT of Decatur was named 'Miss Congeniality' by the contestants in last week's Miss East Central pageant.

New Courses...

be three-hour courses and will be instructed by Mrs. Martha Graham.

In the Art Department, a course will be offered strictly for Elementary Education majors.

This course, **ART FOR TEACHERS**, is designed to give the teachers the basic fundamentals of art to assist in their teaching career. This course will be instructed by Mr. Bruce Guraedy.

Another course offered strictly for Elementary Education majors is in the Music Department. This course, **MUSIC FOR TEACHERS** is also designed to give the teacher the fundamentals of music which he or she will need in teaching.

Gong Show

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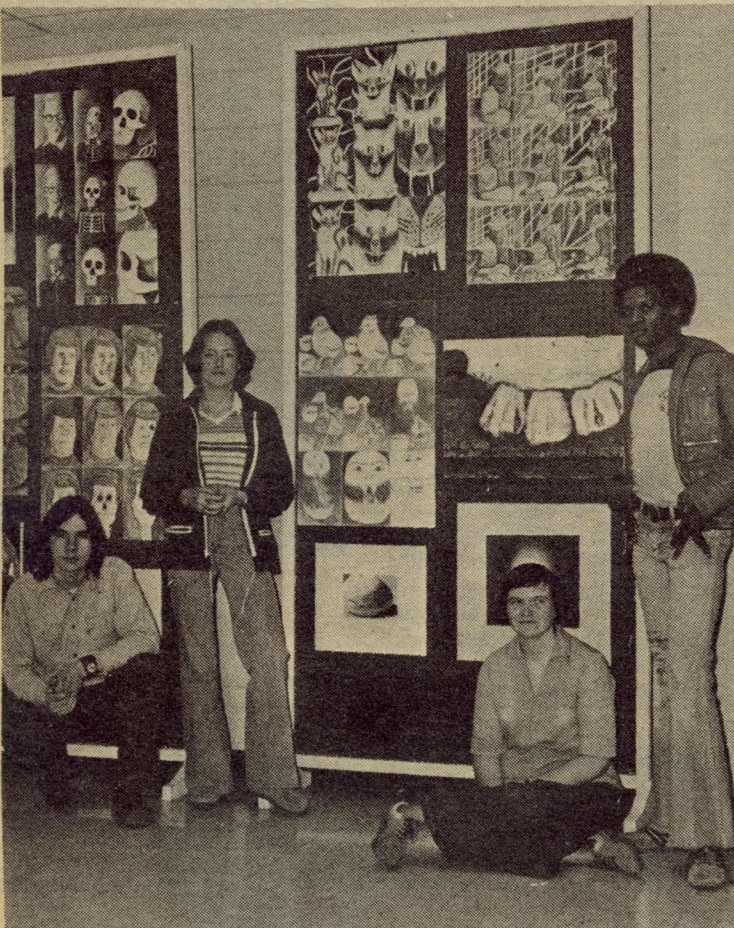
and Joe Vance; and "Zeb and Zeek", a musical skin (??) with Mike Simpson and Ted Freeny.

The confetti-throwing midgits were Lamar and Barbra Moore, and the nurse who graciously led unfortunate contestants off the stage was LuAnn Johnson.

The winner received a small gong and \$5.33. The second place winner was awarded \$1.33, and the worst act received 33 cents.

The Tom-Tom staff also tried to unload the banners they couldn't sell on the winners, with none of them accepting.

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Art students Tommy Coleman, Susan Hollingsworth, Cheryl White, and David Flowers.
[Brantley Photo]

Art students to exhibit work at six shows

by Carolyn Evans

Art students of Bruce Guraedy will present two art showings on campus March 22, through April 1.

The first is an art exhibit of drawing and paintings by ECJC art majors in the lobby of Newton Hall.

These drawings and paintings are by Freshmen and Sophomore art students. The paintings and drawings depict the creative imagination of each student, dealing with the pleasant to bizarre.

Most of the medias are charcoal, pencil, and acrylic. Students are also experimenting with various techniques of paint

applications such as the impaste technique, wet into wet (wet paint into a wet surface), dry into wet (dry paints into a wet surface), and wet into dry (wet paint into a dry surface).

The second showing being held on campus is a crafts show of leather goods by students in the Forest night class. It is being held in the E.C.J.C. Library.

This show exhibits belts, wallets, and key cases that non-art students in Forest made while taking the course in inventive crafts.

Leather goods depict craftsmanship in the art of stampery and modern leather for decoration on a leather surface.

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-STUDENT ACTIVITIES-

WOMENS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

| DAY | MO/DAY | TIME | TEAMS | FIELD |
|-----|--------|------|------------------------------------|-------|
| Mon | 3/7 | 3:45 | BJs Bunch vs CB Allstars | 1 |
| Wed | 3/9 | 3:45 | Boss' Girls vs Capt Fantastics | 1 |
| Mon | 3/21 | 3:45 | CB Allstars vs Hustlers | 1 |
| Tue | 3/22 | 3:45 | Chapmans Angels vs Boss' Girls | 1 |
| Wed | 3/23 | 3:45 | Capt Fantastics vs Majorettes | 1 |
| Thu | 3/24 | 3:45 | BJs Bunch vs Hustlers | 1 |
| Mon | 3/28 | 3:45 | CB Allstars vs Chapmans Angels | 1 |
| Tue | 3/29 | 3:45 | Boss' Girls vs Majorettes | 1 |
| Wed | 3/30 | 3:45 | BJs Bunch vs Capt Fantastics | 1 |
| Thu | 3/31 | 3:45 | Hustlers vs Boss's Girls | 1 |
| Mon | 4/4 | 3:45 | Chapmans Angels vs Majorettes | 1 |
| Tue | 4/5 | 3:45 | CB Allstars vs Capt Fantastics | 1 |
| Wed | 4/6 | 3:45 | BJs Bunch vs Boss' Girls | 1 |
| Thu | 4/7 | 3:45 | Hustlers vs Majorettes | 1 |
| | | 5:00 | Chapmans Angels vs Capt Fantastics | 1 |
| Mon | 4/11 | 3:45 | Majorettes vs BJs Bunch | 1 |
| | | 5:00 | CB Allstars vs Boss' Girls | 1 |
| Tue | 4/12 | 3:45 | BJs Bunch vs Chapmans Angels | 1 |
| | | 5:00 | Hustlers vs Capt Fantastics | 1 |
| Wed | 4/13 | 3:45 | CB Allstars vs Majorettes | 1 |
| | | 5:00 | Hustlers vs Chapmans Angels | 1 |

MENS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

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|-----|------|------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Mon | 3/7 | 3:45 | Outlaws vs Hustlers | 2 |
| Tue | 3/8 | 3:45 | US vs IDGAD | 1 |
| Wed | 3/9 | 3:45 | Feet vs Easy Rollers | 2 |
| Thu | 3/10 | 3:45 | Bad News Bears vs Command Modulators | 1 |
| Mon | 3/21 | 3:45 | L'ville vs US | 2 |
| Tue | 3/22 | 3:45 | IDGAD vs Outlaws | 2 |
| Wed | 3/23 | 3:45 | Hustlers vs Feet | 2 |
| Thu | 3/24 | 3:45 | Easy Rollers vs Bad News Bears | 2 |
| Mon | 3/28 | 3:45 | Command Modulators vs L'ville | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | US vs Outlaws | 2 |
| Tue | 3/29 | 3:45 | IDGAD vs Hustlers | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | Outlaws vs Feet | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | Hustlers vs Easy Rollers | 1 |
| Thu | 3/31 | 3:45 | Command Modulators vs US | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | IDGAD vs Feet | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | Bad News Bears vs L'ville | 1 |
| Mon | 4/4 | 3:45 | Outlaws vs Easy Rollers | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | Hustlers vs Bad News Bears | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | US vs Feet | 1 |
| Tue | 4/5 | 3:45 | IDGAD vs Easy Rollers | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | Outlaws vs Bad News Bears | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | Hustlers vs Command Modulators | 1 |
| Wed | 4/6 | 3:45 | Feet vs L'ville | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | US vs Easy Rollers | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | IDGAD vs Bad News Bears | 1 |
| Thu | 4/7 | 3:45 | Outlaws vs Command Modulators | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | Hustlers vs L'ville | 2 |
| Mon | 4/11 | 3:45 | IDGAD vs L'ville | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | Feet vs Command Modulators | 2 |
| Tue | 4/12 | 3:45 | Easy Rollers vs L'ville | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | US vs Hustlers | 2 |
| Wed | 4/13 | 3:45 | IDGAD vs Command Modulators | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | Feet vs Bad News Bears | 2 |
| Thu | 4/14 | 3:45 | Outlaws vs L'ville | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | Easy Rollers vs Command Modulators | 2 |
| | | 5:00 | US vs Bad News Bears | 1 |

Tournament will begin on Monday, April 18th - Two games each day in Womens and Mens Leagues - Single Elimination - Seeded according to standings at end of League play.

Rained out games will not be rescheduled because there is no available dates to replay postponed games.

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Exam Schedule

SPRING 1977

| Period | Time |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday, May 2, 1977 | |
| 3 | 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. |
| 2 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m. |
| 1 | 1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. |
| Tuesday, May 3, 1977 | |
| 4 | 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. |
| 5 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| 8 | 1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. |
| Wednesday, May 4, 1977 | |
| 7 | 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. |
| 6 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |

All two semester hour course exams will be given on Wednesday, May 4, 1977 between the hour of 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

All one semester hour courses will be given on the last regular class meeting before May 2, 1977.

All Vocational course exams will be given Wednesday, May 4, 1977 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

All grades are due by Thursday, May 5, 1977 at 8:00 a.m.

Graduation set for May 6th

by Carolyn Evans

Graduation ceremonies will be held on the ECJC campus Friday, May 6, beginning at 8 p.m. at Warrior field.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. J. W. Lewis. Dr. Lewis is a graduate of East Central Junior College and received his Doctorate degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. He now serves as State Director of Vocational Education.

Approximately two-hundred and fifteen students, studying academic, intensive business, and vocational courses, will be presented degrees and certificates by Dr. Charles Wright, president and Mr. Frank Rives, registrar.

Special music will be provided by Miss Leisa Jones, vocalist, and Mrs. Marian Thornton, accompanist.

The invocation and benediction will be presented by Reverend Selby Alsworth, Pastor of the Decatur United Methodist Church, and Reverend Gus Merritt, Pastor of the Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, Decatur.

Summer sessions begin May 30th

by Rhonda Johnson

As summer is just around the corner, the time has come to decide how to spend it. If you can't take that exotic vacation this year, you might want to get a load off next semester by taking courses in the East Central Junior College 1977 summer sessions.

The first term will begin May 30, 1977 and continue through July 1. The second session will pick up on July 5 and continue through August 5.

The student who carries two courses can earn six semester credits each five weeks. All courses, with the exception of laboratory courses, will meet two

hours a day, five days a week. If enrollment for a class is insufficient, the school reserves the right to discontinue the course. Interested persons should see the bulletin for the regular session schedule for a list and description of courses offered. Other courses listed in the general college bulletin will be offered if ten or more people enroll for them.

Vocational and Cosmetology courses are also offered. The time and fees vary and are available in the summer session bulletin that may be obtained from the Registrar.

Persons wishing to enroll in summer school should:

1. Write Dean of Academics or Registrar including your course

major and the courses wanted; 2. Send \$10.00 for a room reservation if you plan to live in the dormitory; 3. Send application, health certificate and transcript of credits to Director of Admissions.

A limited number of jobs are available for needy students to help earn part of their expenses. Applications are available on request from the Dean of Students office.

Evening classes are also offered. All academic evening summer classes will be established or cancelled by May 18th.

For further information write: Registrar Frank Rives, East Central Junior College, Decatur, Ms. 39327.

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Four Inducted into Hall of Fame
(front row) (back row)

Julie Lathem, Pam Stribling Nancy Heard, Marian Whinnery



HONORED AT TEA--Eight members of the ECJC faculty and staff were honored last week at the **APPLE FOR THE TEACHER TEA**, given by members of the Home Economics Department. Recognized for their service to the college for 20 years or more were, from left to right: Leonard Fick, Lucille Wood, J.C. Ezelle, Denver Brackeen, Jessie Mae Everette, Ovid Vickers, Brad Tucker, and Frank Rives.

4 faculty m'bers not returning next year

by Kent Ozborn

Twenty-one years of service at East Central Junior College will end for James C. Ezell when he retires at the end of this semester.

Ezell has served as head of the electrical division of the vocational department. Coming to the college in 1956, he has seen many changes take place in the upgrading of EC's vocational programs. In retirement Mr. Ezell plans to relax and enjoy fishing.

Mrs. Jane Tannehill, after four years of employment at East Central, will also be leaving the staff. Mrs. Tannehill will assume the position of Associate Editor of the **UNION APPEAL**. She has been Public Relations Director, Journalism Teacher, and sponsor of the **TOM-TOM** while at E.C. This year she has had the honor of serving as President of the University and College Public Relations Association.

Another talented individual leaving the staff of East Central Junior College is E.S. Towles. For five years Towles has been a member of the science department, coming to EC from Mississippi State University, where he worked on a degree in Organic Chemistry.

Before this he taught at Columbia Military Academy in Tennessee. With the thought of retirement, Towles is tentatively thinking of moving to his hometown of Starkville.

Willie "Teenie" Coats, assistant football coach and baseball coach, also recently announced his resignation after serving seven eventful years at EC. Coats leaves EC to work for United Fidelity Life Insurance, a company he has worked for part time for 3 summers.

All will be greatly missed by students and faculty.



SERVING AS EDITORS of the **TOM-TOM** this year have been Tony Smith and Nancy Heard [front], John Muse and Chaun Culpepper. [Brantley Photo]

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EDITORIALS

Another year has come and gone....

By Tony Smith
Co-Editor

Another school year has almost ended at East Central. Though the year hasn't produced much, if any earthshattering news, many students and faculty alike would probably agree that this year at E.C.J.C. has been memorable and enjoyable in many respects.

First, the campus again experienced growing pains. The new Burton Library opened early this year. Newton Hall, the classroom building, was dedicated, and the Engineering Club put the finishing touches on the J. Andy Miller Memorial Garden adjacent to the west side of Newton Hall.

Sporting events also ranked high on the agenda at East Central this year. East Central, in a "must-win" game clipped arch-rival Scooba to capture bragging rights for another year. On a high note, EC's womens' basketball team captured second place in the state playoffs, which the team won last year. Warrior fans also enjoyed tennis and baseball in addition to football and basketball.

Other campus happenings during the school year included a wide array of events such as the dinner theatre production of "Blithe Spirit," the spring musical, "Paint Your Wagon," Alcohol Awareness Week, Religious Emphasis Week, Who's Who Elections, "Miss East Central" Scholarship Pageant, homecoming festivities, etc., all of which gave students and faculty something "extra" to do. There were even snowball fights and snowmen on campus this year--a rarity in itself.

But, as always, there are still a few skeptics running around here and there who say, "nothing happens around here," or cry the usual, "this place is a total bore." Granted--some junior colleges in the state have it much better in some aspects of recreation than does East Central. Nevertheless, sweep the cobwebs away, and look close enough, and East Central affords quite a bit to do during certain times of the year.

For example, students participated in the campus intramural set-up. E.C.J.C. students also participated in the Baptist Student Union, French Club, Annual Staff, the **TOM-TOM**, Phi Theta Kappa, and participated in the "Gong Show", ROTC Talent Show, "Mess" East Central Pageant, and many, many more. Phi Theta Kappa even made it to Minneapolis, Minnesota, this year, to the organization's national convention.

The school year has certainly been interesting in many areas. Sure, there were many problems. Who could forget the harrowing registration lines, the messed-up bell system, or the lack of parking spaces? All in all, though, it has been a pretty good year. Here's to next year; may it be even better! Cheers!

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Good Luck Sophomores!

April 19th

Honor students recognized Awards Day

by Gina Gibbs

Approximately forty honor students at East Central Junior College were recognized for their scholastic and athletic achievements during the Awards Day program, Tuesday, April 19.

Twelve alumni memorial awards were presented to the following students: William S. Griffin Award for Men's Intramurals--Ellis "Tip" Griffin of Walnut Grove; Award for Women's Intramurals--Shannon Cleveland of Union; Alatha Chaney Award for English--Marion Whinnery of Walnut Grove; Jack B. Mayo Award for Phi Theta Kappa--Jane Hunter of Decatur; Dr. Edwin Miller Award for Medical Services--Linda Quinn of Noxapater; W.A. Coursey, Jr. Award for Engineering--Rory Warren of Forest; Earline Wood Award for Women's Basketball--Diana Lyons of Philadelphia; Opal McMullan Dickerson Award for Elementary Education--Teresa Shepard of Sebastopol; Sara Carr Deaton Award for Secretarial Science--Debra

given to Student Body Association President Julie Lathem of Forkville.

Other awards presented included: French Award--Jane Hunter of Decatur; Secondary Education Award--Arlies Savell of Decatur; Players Award--Marian Whinnery of Carthage; Freshman Chemistry Award--Steve Hillman of Carthage; Singers Award--Leonard Fick of Decatur; Freshman Math Award--Retha Goldman of Philadelphia.

Receiving ROTC Awards were: Outstanding Ranger Award--Larry G. Earnest of Chicago, Ill.; Outstanding Freshman Leadership Award--Lamar Moore of Philadelphia; Sophomore Leadership Award--Clark Dunn of Philadelphia.

Writing awards to members of the TOM-TOM staff were presented to: Most Promising Journalism Student Award--Chaun Culpepper of Philadelphia; Photography Award--Jaris Brantley of Union; Editors Awards--Nancy Heard of Decatur and Tony Smith of Union.

Linda Quinn was announced as



ALUMNI MEMORIAL AWARD WINNERS, from left to right, [1st row] Teresa Shepard of Sebastopol, Debra Body of Carthage, Rhonda Whitehead of Louisville, Linda Quinn of Noxapater, Pam Stribling of Walnut Grove; [2nd row] Shannon Cleveland of Union, Marion Whinnery of Carthage, Diana Lyons of Philadelphia, Jane Hunter of Decatur; [3rd row] Cliff Jernigan of Louisville, Rory Warren of Forest, Ellis Griffin of Walnut Grove and John Burkes of Walnut Grove.



FACULTY & DEPARTMENTAL AWARD WINNERS, from left to right, [1st row] Nancy Heard of Decatur, Linda Quinn of Noxapater, Julie Lathem of Forkville, Barbara Hall of Newton, Jane Hunter of Decatur; [2nd row] Marion Whinnery of Carthage, Arlies Savell of Decatur, Retha Goldman of Philadelphia, Judy Wolverton of Philadelphia; [3rd row] Leonard Fick of Decatur, Clark Dunn of Philadelphia, Lamar Moore of Philadelphia, Jaris Brantley of Union, Steve Hillman of Carthage and Tony Smith of Union.

Body of Carthage; Andrew F. Webb Award for Football--Cliff Jernigan of Louisville; Howard Sessums Award for Men's Basketball--John Burkes of Walnut Grove; Charles E. Pennington Award for Business--Rhonda Whitehead of Louisville; Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Award for Speech--Pam Stribling of Walnut Grove.

Recipients of Faculty Memorial Awards were: Ruth Hull Award for Home Economics--Barbara Hall of Newton; J. Andy Miller Award for Freshman Engineering--Steve Hillman of Carthage; Frank E. Leatherwood Award for Biological Sciences--Judy Wolverton of Philadelphia.

The coveted Citizenship Award for leadership on campus was

the recipient of the Delta State University scholarship.

Vocational-Technical students were also recognized for their winnings in state competition recently for the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. Cosmetology students Dot Keen of Union (stylist) and Wanda Brackeen of Hickory (model) won first place in the state skill olympics for their hair style methods. Winning 2nd in the state in Radio & TV Repair was Millard DWayne Vowell of Louisville. Third place winner was David Shoemaker of Decatur for Body & Fender competition.

Wayne Childress of Louisville, was recognized as being State Treasurer of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

VOCATIONAL AWARD WINNERS, from left to right, [front] Dot Keen of Union and Wanda Brackeen of Hickory; [back] Millard Vowell of Louisville, Wayne Childress of Louisville and David Shoemaker of Decatur.



Poetry Corner

HEARTACHE
by Jessica Harpole

*Windswept glances touch, fade, and then
Melt away.
Yesterdays remembered linger through today.*

*Gone is all joy and with it all sorrow.
Numbness is left and promised for tomorrow.*

*Captured are the hopes and time is forever slow.
There is something about a heartache
only lovers know.*

bet you can't remember back that far
By LUTHER BURLEY

*bet you can't remember back that far
we used to wish upon a star
although our wishes never came true
i was always good to you*

*bet you can't remember back that far
when i bought you a brand new car
you always ran and tried to hide
i never got a chance to ride*

*bet you can't remember back that far
i found you in a local bar
you were so drunk you didn't know what to do
and then i came and rescued you*

*bet you can't remember back that far
when you left me with a scar
you packed your things and went away
i hadn't seen you until to day*

*now you want to come back into my life
and once again be my wife
but i can remember back that far
my heart can't take another scar*

bet you can't remember back that far

LOOKING IN A MIRROR
by Karen Hicks

*Hey old man with the wrinkled brow
Have you always been so bent?
Weren't you once a ladies man
A kind and proper, handsome gent?
And did you sometime long ago
Court a lady fair
With a gentle smile, big blue eyes,
And sunlit golden hair?
Oh! there are some stories you could tell
At least a dozen or two
Of all the exciting things you've done,
Thats just to name a few
But you don't speak, don't tell a soul,
You haven't any hearer.
Just be content, you silly fool
With looking in the mirror.*



Concert Choir presents spring music

by Sue Savell

East Central Junior College's concert choir officially welcomed spring when its members presented the annual "Spring Concert", under the direction of Bob Heritage, Thursday, April 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The evening performance was presented in two divisions, Sacred and Secular. Included in the sacred portion were: "Oh Praise Ye the Lord", "Backpacker's Suite," and "Thy Will Be Done," with Larry Gonand as soloist.

The secular portion included selections from the musical "Oliver", and "Frostiana," which the choir performed during the Jr. College Choir Festival in March.

"Frostiana" is a group of seven country songs arranged by the eminent composer Randall Thompson. The arrangement was first performed in and for the town of Amherst, Massachusetts in celebration of their bi-centennial. "Frostiana" was composed in reflection of Robert Frost's poetry, thus the title.

Also included in the perfor-

mance were two novelty numbers, "Masters Journeyman," performed by the men, and "Lilac Tree", performed by the women. The choir worked extremely hard performing the entire concert from memory.

According to Heritage, "The

choir has exhibited an attitude of cooperation and a desire to achieve that surpasses any group I have ever worked with." "Their performance, I believe, at this concert, reflected that tremendous attitude," he added.

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Nancy Heard to preside at JC Press Association

by Sherry Vance

The annual Mississippi Junior College Press Association will meet April 29-30 in Biloxi at the Howard Johnson's Motel. Hosting this year's meeting of the 16-member junior college association will be Utica Junior College.

Numerous meetings outline the program. First on the agenda will be an Executive Council meeting for the editors and advisors of the various newspapers. Several workshops will be held with editors and reporters from south Mississippi discussing all phases of journalism

and photography. Displays will feature the journalism entries to be considered by the judges. An awards banquet will convene on Saturday to present awards to the winning junior college newspapers.

Among the current officers of this organization is East Central's own Nancy Heard, who serves as President of the Press Association. Other officers include Southern Vice-President - Huey Kenmar, Pearl River; Northern Vice-President - Mike Smith, Holmes; Secretary - Wanda Cone, Co-Lin; and Treasurer - Nick Norton, Co-Lin.

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DAVID AND GIANTS HIGHLIGHT PROM

East Central's best and most successful prom ever was highlighted last week with the appearance of "David and the Giants," one of Mississippi's better known rock bands. The group performed a variety of tunes and at the same time entertained the audience with fireworks and other on-stage antics.

The Giants, under the leadership of David Huff, who played keyboards and sang lead vocals most of the night, got the prom started at about 8:15 p.m. and performed several hits in the first set including "I'm Not In Love" by 10cc,

"Suffragette City" by David Bowie, "So In-To You" by the Atlanta Rythm Section, and "Do You Feel" by Peter Frampton.

During the course of the evening, David and the Giants had the crowd hopping to the sounds of Led Zeppelin, ZZ Top, Boz Scaggs, and others. The group did a fine job with a recent number one tune by Daryl Hall and John Oates, "Rich Girl." This was one of the most well received songs of the night.

The Giants showed me alot during their stay on campus. The band was evidently well rehearsed, their equipment appeared to be some of the finest on the

market, and their individual performances were outstanding.

The lead guitarist, known only as "Johnny" by myself, did a great job on Frampton's "Do You Feel" with his voice box. He also impressed me with his ability to run on the strings from key to key whenever the song needed it. I felt like I was watching a professional, to say the least.

George (as I know him) on bass did a great job holding the band together with his driving style of play. I must say he did a good job also on lead and background vocals during the show.

Well, I missed the name of the drummer entirely but the thing that impressed me the most about his play was the way he played "just what was needed." Many times rock drummers will practically kill themselves trying to play so many different drum parts when they're not needed. Not so with this drummer.

This leaves us with the leader of the band, David Huff of Laurel, Ms. David's been singing and playing for many years now and has gained a fine reputation across the state as one of the best rock musicians. And now with an entirely new group, he's just returned from an appearance in Las Vegas, Nevada.

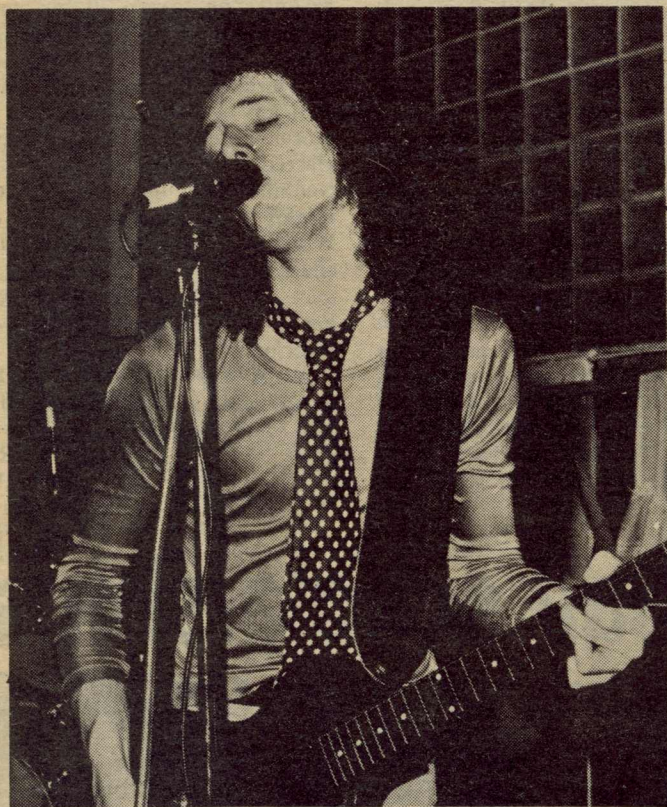
David exhibited his talents doing several things during the dance. He spent several songs on keyboards where he did a super solo job on "Do You Feel" and other songs. Then changing to guitar and singing lead vocals during one set, David took the crowd on an exciting night of dancing.

The Giants performance will be talked about for a while to come. Several students have told me to say how much they enjoyed it and I know everyone else had the same idea. So "thanks" to "David and the Giants" from East Central Junior College.

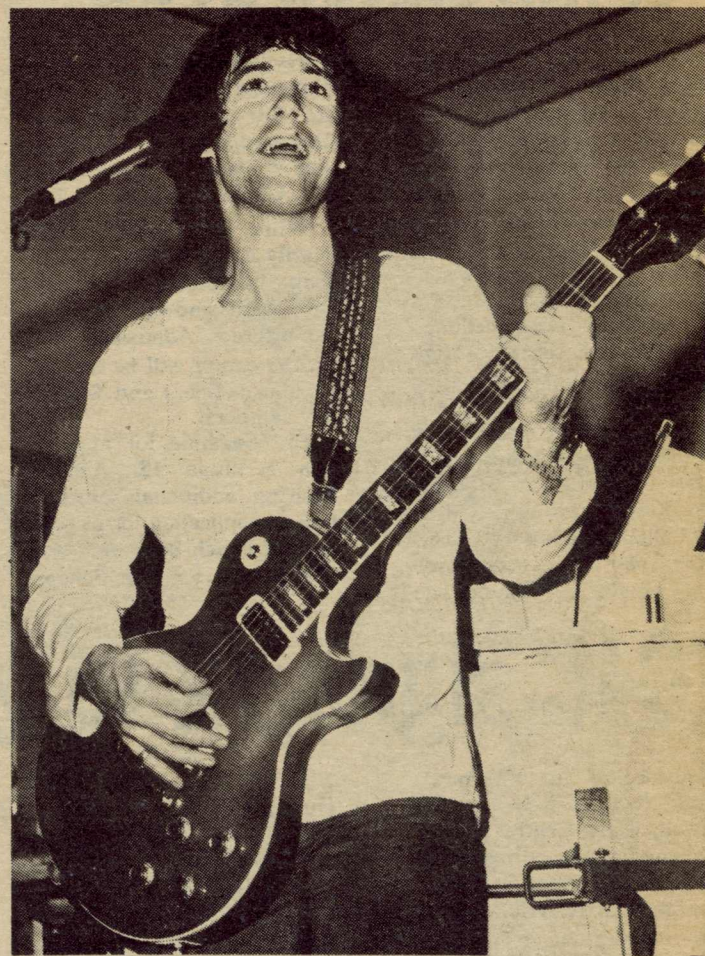
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George... "driving style of play"



Johnny... on lead guitar



Band leader David Hutt



Drummer... "Just what was needed"

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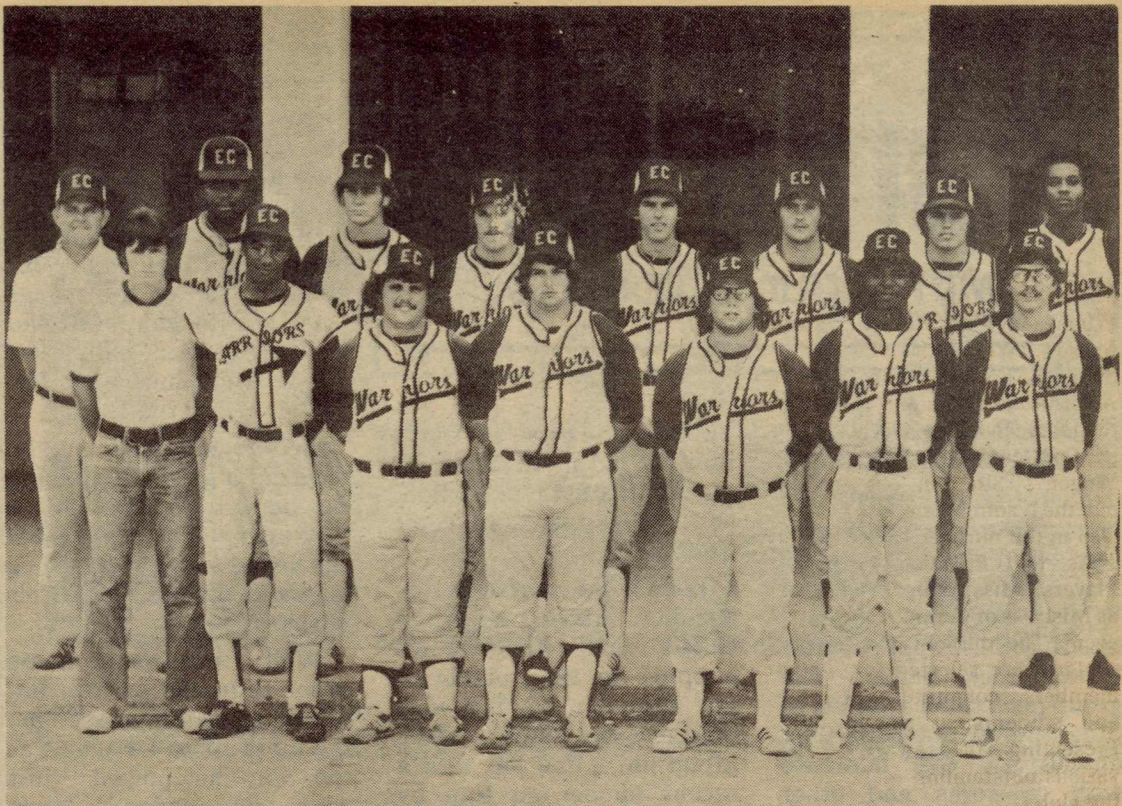
Girls' Jr.-Sr. high BB camp slated at EC

Coaches Ray Riley and Percy Parker of the Morton School System will be conducting a girls' junior high basketball camp on the campus of East Central Junior College from June 26 - July 2. A girls' senior high basketball camp will be conducted from July 10 - July 16. These camps are sanctioned by the Mississippi High School Activities Association and will be staffed by some of the outstanding coaches in the state. The coaches are: Jerry Cleveland Forest Ms. Rita Easterling M.C. Ms. Sharon Keenum Pearl Mike Luke Carthage Gary Maytt W. Lauderdale

Percy Parker Morton Haywood Reeves Forest Ray Riley Morton Durward Smith Pearl Roy Wallace Philadelphia Ms. Lucille Wood E.C.J.C.

While the camp is primarily concerned with stressing basketball fundamentals, tennis and volleyball will be offered. Admission fees for the camps will be \$65 for regular campers and \$40 for day campers.

The deadline for application is June 15. Anyone desiring additional information or application forms may contact Coach Riley or Coach Parker, Morton High School.



BASEBALL TEAM MEMBERS, left to right, [front] Stamper, Parker, B. Worrell, McInnis, D. Worrell, Miller, Hosey; [back] Coach Coats, Brown, Cox, Chapman, Davis, Holloman, Harrison and Gage. [Several not pictured]. [Brantley Photo]

Warriors take 5 of 6 baseball games

by Dale Worrell

The East Central Warrior baseball team traveled to Holmes for two crucial divisional games on April 12th. The Warriors went into the games with a record of 3 and 3 in division. They came out with a record of 4 and 4.

In the first game, the Warriors pounded Holmes pitchers for 13 runs, and won easily by a score of 13 to 7. Bob Worrell went the distance for the win. In the second game, Doug McInnis pitched for the Warriors and lost 2 to 1.

Then, on April 16, Holmes Junior College came to EC for a Saturday afternoon double header. With both teams having a shot at the divisional title, these games were crucial to both teams. Led by the pitching of Bill

Parker, in the first game, and Bob Worrell in the second, the Warriors swept their first doubleheader of the year. The scores were 12 to 9 and 11 to 1. This put the Warriors at 6 and 4 in division, and put them in a great position to win the division. The only team in the way was Delta.

Delta came to town for a doubleheader on April 18. In the first game, the Warriors pounded Delta by a score of 8 to 4. With one more win, the Warriors would clinch the title, but it was not to be. After waiting for the rain to stop, the Warriors fell to Delta by a 5 to 1 score. This put the Warriors at 7 and 5 in division and Delta at 6 and 4. The Warriors still have a chance because Delta goes to Scooba for a doubleheader this Saturday. If Scooba can take one game, the

Warriors and Delta would end in tie. They would then play a playoff game for the title. So, for once in your life, root for Scooba.

The Warriors gained their revenge on April 20. If you remember, at the beginning of the season the Warriors traveled to Meridian to play MJC. The Warriors were embarrassed by a score of 16 to 0. Well, Ricky Harrison and Steve Combest combined to hold the MJC Eagles to just 6 runs, while the Warriors bombed 3 Eagle pitchers for 12 runs. Jimmy Holloman, Steve Combest, and Bill Parker each hit home runs for the Warriors.

As of April 21, the Warrior record stood at 8 and 10 overall, and 7 and 5 in division.

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ECJC signs 12 to girl's basketball scholarships

According to Women's Basketball Coach Lucille Wood, East Central Junior College has signed five more to basketball grant-in-aids.

Signed as freshmen players for next year are: Terry Stowers, 5'7" guard from Scott Central High School; Irma Johnson, 6'2" center from Scott Central High School; Denise Kemp, 5'7" forward from Leake Academy; Cindy Pennington, 5'5" guard from Decatur

High School; and Karen Hurst, 5'7" forward from Decatur High School.

The total signed to date is twelve. Coach Wood states that there are two more prospects under consideration in the area at this time.

Other freshmen signees previously announced are: Phyllis LeFlore, a 5'7" forward from Carthage High School; Pam Lee, a 6'0" center from Neshoba Central High School; Charlene Jones,

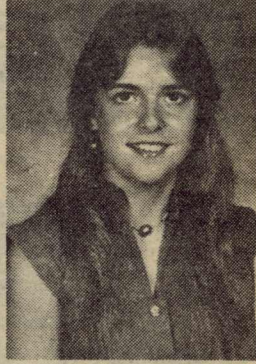
6'1" center from Forest High School; and Carla Halley, a 5'9" forward from Morton High School.

Returning lettermen next year will be Tammie Tadlock of Morton, Sheila Ward of Philadelphia, and Sherry Rogers of Noxapater. As members of this year's Warriorette team, these team members helped make East Central the runner-ups to the Mississippi Junior College State Championship.

FRESHMEN
SIGNEE



Jones



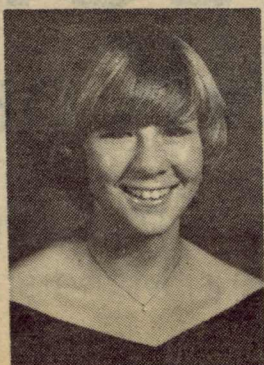
Halley



LeFlore



Lee



Hurst



Pennington



Johnson



Kemp



Stowers

Players Award program recognizes thirteen students for participation

by Nancy Heard

Capturing top honors at the Player's Awards Program held Wednesday, April 20, were Marion Whinnery and Mike Simpson as Best Actress and Actor. Miss Whinnery, of Carthage, received her award for her part of Jennifer in "Paint Your Wagon." Simpson of Jackson, had the leading male role of Ben, also in the musical.

As the President of EC's Players, Miss Whinnery served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the event. The thirteen awards presented were selected by faculty members, committee members and students in the Players. Presenting the awards were various outstanding members of the club.

The first award of the night was for the Best Song and was given to Cliff Jernigan of Louisville for the song "Hand Me Down That Can of Beans." Mr. Ovid Vickers, choreographer for "Paint Your Wagon" presented Miss Wanda Bates of Pearl with the Best Dancer award for her part in the musical. Joe Vance of Sebastopol was selected for the award of Best Chorus Member.

For his work on his committee during the musical, Mike Stewart was chosen for the Best Committee Member award.

An award went to the Best Line in both the Dinner Theater and the Spring Musical. From "Blithe Spirit" Betty Wilson's "The way that woman harps on bed is nothing short of erotic" won her award for her character of Elvira while "I know what I had and I want you to sell me" by Joanne Wright's character Elizabeth was the line selected from "Paint Your Wagon".

Most Congenial was the second award of the night that was presented to Mike Simpson.

Sarah, the Mormon's wife from "Paint Your Wagon," was the character role played by Gail Goss which she received the award for Best Cameo. Leisa Stephens won the Best Character



PLAYERS, left to right, are: [1st row] Bates, Stribling, Goss, Wright; [2nd row] Stephens, Simpson, Whinnery; [3rd row] Jernigan, Vance, Wilson, Fick. [Land Photo]

Role Award for her portrayal of Mrs. Bradford in "Blithe Spirit."

Receiving the awards for Best Supporting Actress and Actor went to Pam Stribling and Leonard Fick. Miss Stribling played Madame Arcati in "Blithe Spirit" and in the musical was Cherry. Fick was the Mormon, Jacob, in the musical.

Special recognition went to Mr. Bruce Peterson, who was director of both productions this year.

Entertainment for the night was by Marion Whinnery and Mike Simpson, who sang songs from the musical production and also a few selections by "Larry Ganaan and Group."

New memorial award given in honor of Mrs. Fulgham

On April 20, during the annual Awards Day at East Central Junior College in Decatur, a new memorial award was presented to the college. The award, a loving cup, was given to the college to be awarded each year to the student who excels in the field of speech. The new memorial award was given in memory of Mrs. Sue Yarbrough Fulgham by her mother, Mrs. Ruby Yarbrough, of Wingate College, North Carolina, formerly of Noxapater and Miss Patricia Triplett, a cousin of Mrs. Fulgham, who is a member of the faculty at Noxapater Elementary School.

Sue Yarbrough entered East Central Junior College as a freshman in 1952 and graduated with an AA Degree in 1954. While at East Central, she majored in speech and theatre and was active in all phases of speech and theatre activities. She appeared in three of the college stage productions and represented the college in speech tournaments both her freshman and sophomore years. She was an honor student and was elected Miss East Central Junior College during her sophomore year. After graduation from East Central, Sue attended the University of Mississippi where she continued her work in speech and theatre. At the completion of her

degree, she was employed by Wood Junior College at Mathiston to head their Speech Department. After completing her Masters Degree, she moved with her husband to Wingate College in North Carolina where she was teaching at the time of her death earlier this year.

At the Awards Day Program, Ovid Vickers, Chairman of the Humanities Division at East Central, read a tribute to Mrs. Fulgham and accepted the Memorial Award on behalf of the college. Mrs. Fulgham's mother, Mrs. Ruby Yarbrough, and her aunt, Mrs. Alice Stewart of Louisville were present for the ceremonies. Mr. Bruce Peterson, speech instructor, presented the Sue Yarbrough Memorial Award to its first recipient, Miss Pamela Stribling of Carthage.

East Central Junior College presents sixteen memorial awards each year to students who excel in their respective fields. The memorials were presented to East Central in memory of 12 former students and 4 former faculty members of the college.

**Graduation Practice
will be held
Tuesday, at 9:50 A.M.
--P.E. Building**

9 qualify for state tennis tourneys

by Bill Dickens

The ECJC tennis team, playing a very busy week, won two of four matches last week, those two being district wins.

Action started Monday, the 11th, as Miss Delta Jr. College came to EC for a district match. Julie Latham provided the only win in the most disappointing match for EC, with a 6-7, 6-1, 6-4 win.

Tuesday the team traveled to Holmes Jr. College for another district match. They won the match 6-2. James Moore started it off with a 6-3, 6-3 win in A Singles, Tommy McCool and Charles McAdory won their A Doubles match 2-6, 6-1, 6-2. Greg Myers dropped his B Singles match 0-6, 1-6, and Wayne Turner and Bill Dickens lost their B Doubles match in a close one, 2-6, 6-1, 3-6. All EC women's matches were won by forfeit.

Northeast Junior College tra-

veled to the EC campus, Thursday, and swept the match 5-3. James Moore lost his A Singles match 1-6, 3-6, and Bill Dickens and Wayne Turner, playing A Doubles, lost 1-6, 4-6.

Charles McAdory won B Singles with a 6-2, 6-1 victory, while Alan Nazary and Dudley Clark dropped their B Doubles match 6-7, 0-6.

For the women, Leigh Avara lost her A Singles match 0-6, 0-6, and the A Doubles team of Karen Hicks and Diana Lyons lost 1-6, 3-6. Julie Latham won yet again, with a 6-3, 6-4, score, while Susan Hollingsworth, and Bonnie Hatcher lost 4-6, 1-6.

Saturday, in another district match, EC beat Holmes again, 5-3. Charles McAdory and Tommy McCool won their match, 6-4, 6-2; James Moore lost 3-6, 3-6, but did qualify in the State Tournaments by winning a tie breaker 5-1.

Bill Dickens and Wayne Turner lost their chances for a

playoff spot by losing their match 3-6, 6-4, 3-6. Greg Myers lost his B Singles match 0-6, 0-6.

Qualifying for State Tournaments for EC are Tommy McCool and Charles McAdory in A Doubles and James Moore in A Singles, while all the women qualified; Leigh Avara, A Singles, Julie Latham, B Singles, Karen Hicks - Diana Lyons, A Doubles, Susan Hollingsworth - Bonnie Hatcher, B Doubles.

Tournaments will begin April 28, and continue through the 29th.

The ECJC tennis team recently traveled to Mississippi Delta Jr. College for their second match of the season. EC won three of the eight matches, losing overall 5-3.

The strong part of the match was Men's Doubles for ECJC. Tommy McCool and Charles Macodory won their second match of the short season.



NEWLY ELECTED CHEERLEADERS for next year will be: [front] Sharon Hunt of Philadelphia and Julie Wright of Louisville; [back] Rita Gayle Smith of Union and Julie Goodwin of Newton.



Marriage and Family Class learns wedding etiquette at 'ceremony'

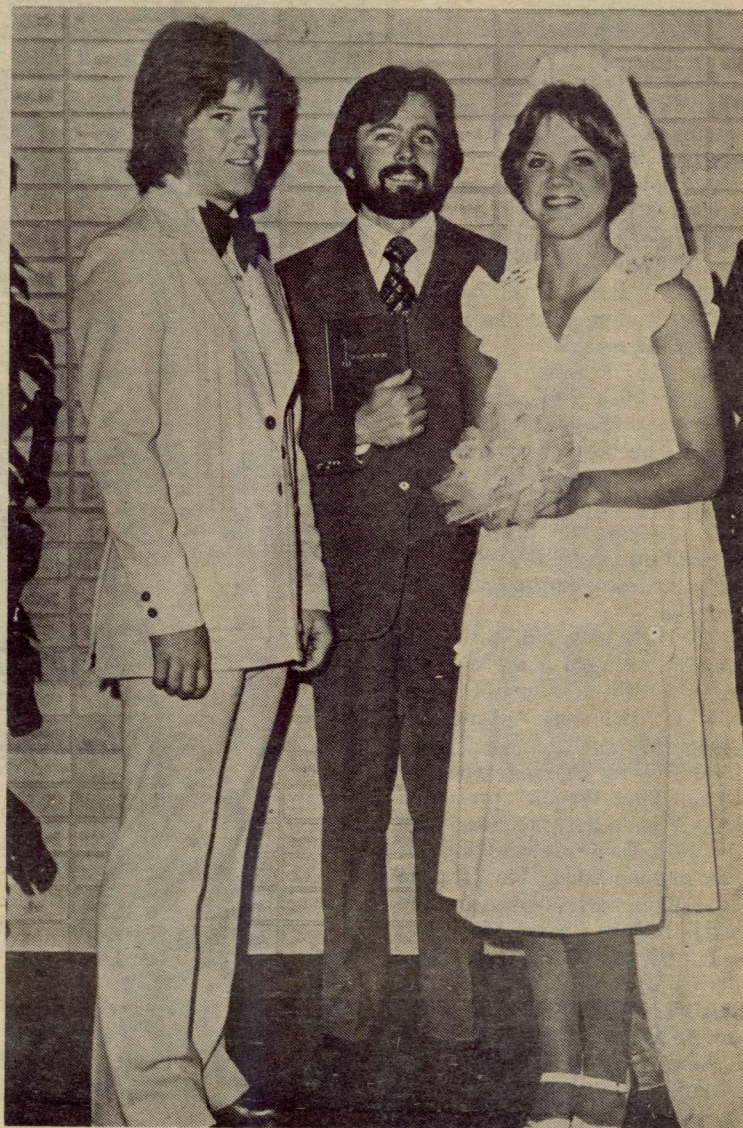
by Darlene Kendrick

Each semester for the last ten years, East Central students taking the Marriage and Family course participate in a make-believe wedding. This semester was no exception. The pretense wedding was held at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

This semester's bride and groom were Patti Coats and David Dearing. Parents of the bride were Shannon Cleveland and Terry Sanders. Parents of the groom were Marion Whinery and Boss Wilkerson. Maids of Honor included Mary Lynn Nance, Lorene Russell, and Deborah Harrison. The Best Man was Jeff Graham and the Groomsmen were Gary Harthcock and Junior Malone. The Rev. Steven McNair presided. McNair is in actuality an ordained minister, but the marriage vows were not considered legal since there was no marriage license.

The remainder of the Marriage and Family class attended the ceremony, dressed for the occasion. The ladies were escorted to their seats by ushers Leonard Fick and Tommy Kuntz, while the men found their own way to their seats. The pianist, Kay Walters, played softly as the guests patiently waited for the ceremony to begin.

After the wedding, a reception line was formed in the lobby of the Fine Arts building. When everyone had wished the couple well, they were invited to the reception which was given by Denita Davis, Pam Stribling, Joellen Johnson, Margaret Cole, Donna Reynolds, Sandra Ellis, Mike McCool, and Kendall Pigg. This took place in the Home Economics department. The students were required to stay a "proper" length of time before resuming their usual Thursday



The Reverend Steve McNair [center] with bride and groom Patti Coats and David Dearing.

activities. A beautiful wedding cake and punch were prepared by Home Economics students.

The entire Marriage and Family course is directed toward teaching students about the good aspects of marriage as well as the not-so-good. Much of the course

deals with the pressures and the adjustments that have to be made. According to Mrs. Martha Graham, instructor of the course, the purpose for the students participating in the wedding is to teach them wedding etiquette.

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Phi Theta Kappa members attend National Convention in Minnesota

By Tony Smith

Theta Xi, East Central's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national junior college honor fraternity, was recently well represented at the organization's national convention held March 31 - April 2, at the Radisson Hotel - Convention Center in downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota. Eleven Theta Xi members plus the chapter sponsors, Mrs. Sara Heard and Rudolph Mayes, attended the 59th annual convention.

The E.C. group traveled by bus along with several other Mississippi junior college chapters--Northwest, Meridian, East Mississippi, and Wood Junior Colleges. After spending a night in Senatobia, Miss., and another in Madison, Wisconsin, the P.T.K. members arrived in Minneapolis, "the city of lakes" on March 31, braving "bone chilling winds", 40-degree day-time temperatures, and Yankee accents.

A variety of convention events paralleled this year's theme, "Music, the Listener's Art." On

tap were the Minnesota Opera Company's production of "Candide" at the renowned Guthrie Theatre, a performance by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, recognized in many circles as one of America's premiere symphony orchestras, a performance by the Fergus Falls, Minnesota, Junior College Madrigal Singers, and a violin concert by the much acclaimed Radisson Golden Strings.

Also, the convention-goers enjoyed numerous other events such as the state-date luncheon, the "Great Kansas-Mississippi Kazoo Contest," election campaigns, Phi Theta Kappa Seminars, and sightseeing in Minneapolis.

The E.C.J.C. Phi Theta Kappans arrived back on campus Monday, April 4. Those in attendance from East Central included: Ann Clark, Linda Donnelly, Jane Hunter, Danny Killens, Paula Smith, Tony Smith, Pam Stribling, Gina Thames, Sherry Vance, Rory Warren and Phyllis Watkins.

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Intramural Playoffs this week

by John Muse

Play has progressed into the semi-final round in the intramural softball tournament here at East Central. There are three women's teams still in play along with five men's teams.

In the women's bracket the Majorettes, B.J.'s Bunch and the C.B. Allstars have the final berths. All three aforementioned teams won their first round games rather easily, all in 5 inning games.

In the men's play, number one seeded US is the favorite although competition is expected from L'ville, IDGAD and the Hustlers. The IDGAD team reached the semifinals with a 15-1 victory over the Outlaws and L'ville and the Command Modulators won first round games to reach the semifinals.

These games will be concluded the last regular week of school.

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FRESHMAN PROM

APRIL 14



DREAMS

by Karen Lindsay

In a misty world they lie hidden,
Till shadows gather and darkness falls,
Into your sleep they come unbidden,
Unlocking closed doors, trodding forgotten halls.

Stirring memories long held still,
Presenting faces though now dead,
Through long-ago days they dance and reel,
Spinning their misty webs over your bed.