

Bobbie Gaile Knight Reigns As East Central's Most Beautiful Girl For 1972...



Most Beautiful 1972

Bobbie Knight, Forest freshman, is presented roses by Betty Nester, 1971, Most Beautiful.

Bobbie Gaile Knight, freshman from Forest, was selected most beautiful girl for 1972 during the recent beauty pageant held at East Central Junior College.

Chosen as beauties are Cheryl Thornton, Suzanne LeCren, Janis Lee and Claire Sneed.

Miss Knight, the daughter of Mrs. Dean Knight and the late Mr. Knight, was chosen from among 23 young ladies vying for the title of East Central's most beautiful girl.

At Forest High School, Miss Knight was a class favorite for two years, a senior beauty, president of the Future Business Leaders of America, a member of the Future Homemakers of America and a member of the Y-Teens. A liberal arts major, Miss Knight was sponsored by the Wesley Foundation.

Carthage Beauties

Beauty Cheryl Thornton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thornton of Carthage. At ECJC Miss Thornton is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, honor society, and a member of the French Club. In high school Miss Thornton was active in the National Honor Society, and was a member of the scholastic team. A senior homecoming maid, she was also the recipient of the Crisco Award for best home economics student and was named valedictorian of her class. In addition, she served as sweetheart for the Future Farmers of America. Miss Thornton was sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa.

Eighteen-year-old Suzanne LeCren is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted LeCren of Carthage. Miss LeCren was sponsored by

the Music Educators National Conference. At EC, Miss LeCren is a member of the ECJC Players, The New Generation-singing group, and a member of the choir.

While in high school, Miss LeCren was a cheerleader for three years, was chosen as an alternate to Girls' State, and was selected to appear in the Outstanding High School Students of America. In addition, Miss LeCren was first alternate to Leake County's Junior Miss.

Union, Newton Beauties

Beauty Janis Lee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Lee of Union. Miss Lee, a transfer student from Mississippi State University, was sponsored by the Art Club.

Freshman Claire Sneed is the eighteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sneed of Newton. Miss Sneed was sponsored by the band.

In high school, Miss Sneed was sophomore homecoming maid, junior beauty, drum majorette. At ECJC, Miss Sneed is drum majorette of the ECJC Marching Band.

Top Ten

Others selected for the top ten are Cindy Sparks, sophomore from Forest, sponsored by the cheerleaders; Joyce Blount, freshman from Decatur, sponsored by the home economics club; Stephanie Cook, freshman from Carthage, sponsored by the Student Body Association; Renee Barrett, freshman from Philadelphia, sponsored by the Student Education Association; and Betty Link, sophomore from Sebastopol, sponsored by Newsome Hall.

Serving as mistress of ceremonies for the Beauties of A New Year pageant was Mrs. Ninna Whinnery of the Fashion Shoppe, Philadelphia.

The panel of judges was composed of Miss Linda Nicholson, chairman of the Health, Recreation and Physical Education Department and instructor of dance at Meridian Junior College; J. C. Anthony, representative of American Yearbook Company and R. M. Hendrick Supply, Jackson; and Terrell Tisdale, president of Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Miss.

The contestants were judged on the basis of personal interviews with the judges and upon appearance in pantsuits and evening gowns during the pageant.

Contestants were first presented in pantsuits as they stepped from a champagne glass at a New Year's party. The judges then had the opportunity of seeing the 23 contestants in evening gowns. This time the set was changed to a Madri Gras Ball. The girls entered the ballroom through wrought iron gates kept by Randy Chamblee and Danny Collins. The stage was gaily festooned with serpentine, balloons and party horns. From the center of the room, a crystal chandelier was suspended and ferns adorned the columnar stands providing an elegant background for the "loveliest of the lovely."

Entertainment for the pageant was in the form of piano medleys by a former ECJC student, Dan Johnson. Background music was provided by Gail Fulton, organist. Stage and program designs were by Shelby Harris.

— News Briefs —

College Acquires Van

Now available to small groups is the EC Van. The Van is capable of seating 14 people plus the driver. It is air-conditioned, has a radio, and is one of the many things which helps EC stay on the road forward.

— ECJC —

Maintenance Receives New Broom

The EC campus maintenance crew has received a new broom. This "new broom" is a five foot rotary street sweeper and is pulled behind a tractor.

"Sweep The Streets, And Keep EC Neat."

— ECJC —

President Appears On ETV

Dr. Charles Wright, president of ECJC, along with two other college presidents and state directors of junior colleges, shall prepare to tape for ETV—Educational Television tomorrow. The tape will be shown at a later date.

— ECJC —

New Board Room Being Designed

A new board of trustees room is now in process of being designed.

The "little assembly" room is being redecorated for this purpose.

In earlier meetings, the board met in the Gordon Room. Now, the board shall meet in the Gordon Room, then retreat to the new board room.

— ECJC —

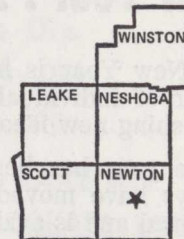
Belcantos Entertain At Pageant

The Belcantos recently entertained at the Morton High School Beauty Pageant.

The Belcantos are a selected group of nine members of the East Central Junior College chorus. Members are: Teresa Mills, Susan Lecren, Dianne Logan, Nenette Leathwood, Lynn Gardner, Rita Gibbon, Clark Measels, Percy Pearson, and Danny Dansby.



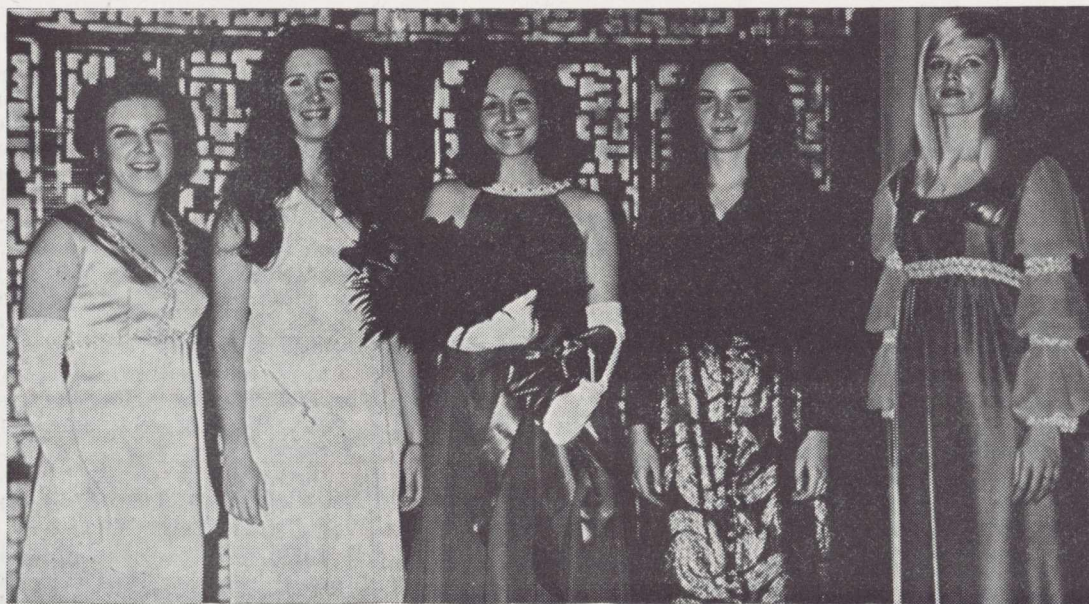
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The Winners

Top beauties at ECJC for 1972 are, left to right, Suzanne LeCren; Janis Lee; Bobbie Knight; Claire Sneed; Cheryl Thornton.

Former Student Receives Medal For Heroic Action In Vietnam

By PAULA HOLLINGSWORTH
Tom-Tom Editor

A former East Central student has been awarded the air medal for heroism.

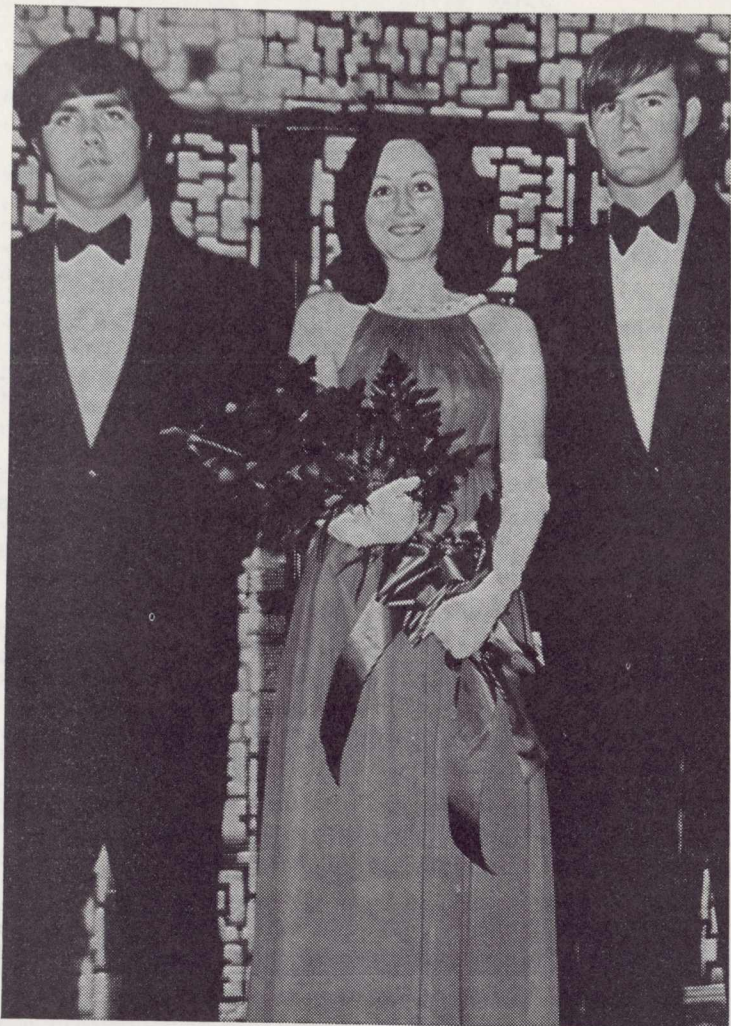
Special Fourth Class William W. Fisher of the General Support Aviation Platoon 229th Aviation Battalion has been awarded the air medal with "V" device the action in Vietnam.

The award reads "for heroism while participating in aerial

flight in the Republic of Vietnam, Specialist Four William W. Fisher distinguished himself by heroism in aerial flight on Oct. 26, 1971. Disregarding his own safety, he courageously exposed himself to the dangers inherent in aerial flight as he directed his efforts toward neutralizing the enemy threat. His heroic and valiant actions contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the United States

mission in the Republic of Vietnam and were characterized by a great concern for the welfare of his comrades. His heroic actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."

Fisher completed vocational training at East Central in January of 1971.



BEAUTY 1972

Bobbie Knight, EC's Most Beautiful is escorted by Randy Chamblee and Danny Collins.

New Year . . . New Opportunities

A New Year is here with new opportunities. 1972 is the year of individualism—of being yourself. It is a time of refreshing new ideas.

The year has begun fresh and new at East Central. The boys have moved into a new dormitory. A new van has arrived and is available to carry small groups, and new faces are all over campus. The refreshing change of classes has made life more exciting.

1972 has had a promising beginning and with our help it can be even better.

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Dorothy's Discoveries

1971—It Was A Very Good Year...

By DOROTHY FAYE COCHRAN

Tom-Tom Columnist

Well, another year has come and gone. Another phase of my life has ended, but another has only begun.

As I look back on the past year many memories flood my mind. Some of them cause me to laugh gaily while others bring a tear to my eyes and heart.

I began the year of 1971 out believing no one could be happier than I. I was in love and loved in return. I ended the year discovering love has its sad moments, too.

For awhile I could not understand why things had happened the way they did when I'd always prayed, "If it's Your will, Lord." I discovered there is a very big difference between God's will and what God will allow to happen. For if God forced His will on us, we'd be only puppets and not the free human beings He created us to be. Man's actions can very much alter God's plans when man refuses to obey the will of his Lord.

I began the year by assuming my parents were supposed to be there but ended it learning they were a gift from Heaven. My dad nearly lost his hand in an accident at work but with Christ working through the doctors it was saved. I learned to turn to my mother in times when I needed a true friend I could talk to

and trust. I believe I learned to relive the wonderful parents God gave me throughout the growing-up year I have just experienced.

I have had many, many things to happen to me within the course of 365 days. I have grown-up a lot during that time. I understand now some of the things I did not try to understand two years ago.

I learned to stand totally on faith when I needed financial aid for school and got a job. I wanted to return the favor and another prayer was answered as I dedicated my work on the **Tom-Tom** to Christ.

I discovered who my friends were as several stood by my side when I was sailing troubled seas. They gave me the support I needed to hang on to the hope Christ had planted in my soul. They helped me find calm waters.

As I began my study here at East Central, each day of class showed me that the more I learned the more I realized I did not know. It gave me the desire to learn so that I could teach others.

I can look over my shoulder into the days gone by and see tears but I also see smiling faces and hear the joyful sound of laughter. Yes, I have learned that life lets you ask for what you want and often gives you what you deserve. However, I cannot say I am sorry for the decisions I have made. For each joy I have shared, each pain I suffered,

each tear I shed, and each smile I helped to create, has made me the person I am today. I am much wiser this year than I was last year because I have learned much about life, about people, and about myself. And now that I can accept me, I can go forward as a victorious soldier in Christ's army.

Yes, dear friend, all in all it **WAS** a very good year.

Tryouts For Spring Musical Are Set For Thursday

Tryouts for the spring musical, "Annie Get Your Gun", are scheduled for Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Any student interested in participating in the musical should be present at tryouts. Parts are available for singers, dancers, chorus members as well as non-singing parts.

For further information, interested students may contact Bruce Peterson, R. G. Fick or Mrs. Marian Thornton.

Scheduled for March 20-23, 1972, the musical is sure to equal the previous productions of "Oklahoma" and "South Pacific".

— Letters —

Student Laments State Of College Transportation

Editor, The Tom-Tom:

East Central — a school on wheels? Yes, East Central Junior College is a school on wheels. We think nothing of taking two or three buses to a ballgame or taking one to Jackson or Meridian. The busses are even, on occasion, rented to church groups, etc. for relatively long trips. The people from ECJC are on the move. East Central is truly a school on wheels.

But, great Scott! What a set of wheels. We have four busses. Two of them are safe and comfortable.

Unfortunately, we don't have one bus that is fast, safe, comfortable and dependable.

These are two International busses. They are both fast and dependable. The only drawback is that they are vintage 1960. That makes them 12 years old. That makes those busses older than half the buildings on the campus. The thing is we don't get in a building and drive it down the highway — 60-70 m.p.h. and we do that with a bus. These busses are uncomfortable. It is nearly impossible to get all dressed up to go to some public function, ride 50 miles on a '60 model "haybaler" and arrive looking presentable. It makes for a bad representation of the college.

Now let's look at the safe and comfortable busses we own. We own two Chevy busses. They are about four years old. There is nothing wrong with this. They are quite safe because they are new and well-maintained. That is good because parents get upset

when their progeny are delivered up to the home pastures in a mangled or mutilated state. It is also nice that they are comfortable because who wants to sit by the side of the road in agony while waiting for someone to come by and fix the bus?

The problem is that these busses are underpowered. An underpowered bus is a pain-in-the-neck.

So ye who are the powers-that-be, listen! If you want East Central to remain a school on-the-go, please, give us a way to go!

A Concerned Student,
Danny Dansby

Elections Slated For Tuesday

Elections will be held Tuesday with run-offs scheduled for Thursday for Who's Who at East Central Junior College.

Petitions are due at 3:20 p.m. today for nominations for positions of Mr. ECJC, Miss ECJC, May Queen, Most Handsome, Sophomore favorites and Freshman favorites.

All positions, except Most Handsome and freshman favorites, must be sophomores.

Pictures of those elected will be made Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the annual office located on the east side of Newton County Hall. Persons not present for pictures will not be included in the annual.



Sherry Whinnery

Former Student Wins Scholarship

Hattiesburg — Sherri Whinnery, former ECJC student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whinnery of Carthage, is recipient of the L&A Contracting Company Scholarship at the University of Southern Mississippi for the current session.

Miss Whinnery was valedictorian of the senior class at Walnut Grove, (Miss.) Attendance Center, where she received numerous honors including the National High School Award for Excellence.

While attending East Central Junior College in Decatur for two years, she was elected president of the Freshman Women's Council; secretary of the Sophomore Women's Council, and was chosen to be included in ECJC Hall of Fame. She was a member of Collegians, a singing group; the Baptist Student Union Choir; ECJC Players, and Phi Theta Kappa, honorary junior college fraternity, as well as serving as Leake County's Miss Hospitality in 1969.

Nominations Open For Hall Of Fame

Each year East Central seeks to honor sophomores who have achieved highest student achievement in scholarship, leadership, personality, and character. This honor is accomplished through the Hall of Fame, and being elected to membership in the Hall of Fame is the highest honor an East Central student can attain.

Nominations for membership in the 1972 Hall of Fame may be made until Wednesday, Jan. 10, and any student or faculty member may nominate any student he feels meets the stated qualifications.

A student, nominated for membership in this select group, must meet the following standards. He must have attained a "B" average or better scholastically; shown initiative and interest in academic work; rendered outstanding or persistent service to the school in activities which he has sponsored or undertaken; fulfilled to the best of his ability any request of him while occupying any position of responsibility (including elected offices or committees); exhibited approved ideals of character and completed three semesters of college work.

Each nomination must be accompanied by a list of the nominee's qualifications and/or positions of leadership. This must be placed in a sealed envelope and mailed to the TOM-TOM office or handed to Linda Lathem, TOM-TOM sponsor. Every nomination must be signed by the person making the nomination. A person cannot nominate more than one individual.

The deadline for presenting nominations is 3:20 p.m. Wednesday. Members will be featured in the 1972 **Wo-He-Lo**.



New Dorm

Dean of Students Denver Brackeen, shows new facilities to Paula Hollingsworth.

Mystery Of Big "6" Comes To Light

By VICKIE LOVETT
Executive Editor

What was the Big "6" held in the cafeteria?

Big "6" stands for the sixth year A.R.A. Food Service Company of Atlanta, Ga., has been at East Central.

Leonard Lee, cafeteria manager, was supposed to be at EC only three weeks but has been here ever since and is "enjoying every minute of it. (It seems that ARA lost their calendar.)"

Lee requests that any suggestions pertaining to food service be discussed with him. For example, you may have a favorite

recipe you would like served. Bring it in.

"We'll try it — (try it you'll like it)," states Lee.

"In any area in any section of the USA or world for that matter, local people prefer certain foods and are more pleased with certain seasonings, so don't be afraid to bring in a recipe for 'carrot cake' or 'Tater Pud'n', it could be a winner. You might consult mom on what you eat at home and how she makes it.

"ARA's aim is to serve the best food we possibly can with the amount of money we have to do it with," said Lee.

EC Student Wins State Position

Marsha Williams, drafting technology major at East Central, was recently elected state secretary of the newly organized Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

Other officers of the organization are Lavaughn Elder, vice president, Northeast Junior College; Brad Strohm, president, Holmes Junior College; John Stephenson, treasurer, Southwest Junior College; Richard Burch, parliamentarian, Co-Lin and Gene Broussar, chaplain, Jones Junior College.

Student—

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Since transferring to Southern, where she is a senior majoring in Home Economics Education, Miss Whinnery has been elected to the Home Economics Club and Kappa Omicron Phi, national home economics honorary.

The scholarship of \$500 is awarded annually to "a capable and deserving student at USM," selected by the special Scholarship Committee, and administered through the USM Foundation.

With headquarters located in Hattiesburg, the L&A Contracting Co. has been operating in many Southern states for more than 20 years. Members of the firm are O. L. Sims, president; Ray A. Sims, vice president; and Harley L. Sims, secretary-treasurer.

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Dream House Becomes Reality For EC Student

By VICKIE LOVETT
Executive Editor

Everyone dreams of the house he would like to build someday — and Gary Holmes, ECJC student, is no exception.

A sophomore majoring in drafting technology, Gary has built a model house for Vince Marsh, Jr. Marsh plans to build the house as soon as Gary has drawn up the blueprints.

The model is scaled to 1/2 inch

and the completed house will be 53'x24'x28'. The model weighs approximately 60 pounds.

The house will have three bedrooms, two baths, a recreation room, a utility room, a living room and a kitchen and a foyer.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Gary is considering either majoring in industrial technology at the University of Southern Mississippi or working as a corps engineer.



Designer

Sophomore Gary Holmes designed a dream house which will be built by Vince Marsh, Jr.

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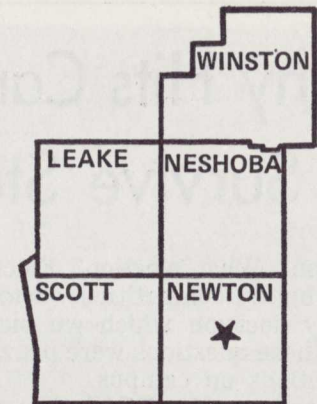
Four-year college planning to attend _____

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Three Sophomores Attain Membership In ECJC Hall Of Fame

Three sophomores have been selected for inclusion in the Hall of Fame at East Central Junior College.

Chosen by a special faculty committee to receive this high honor are Nenette Leatherwood, Jack Evans and Glenda Watson. Members of the Hall of Fame are chosen from recommendations by students and faculty members. Members must possess at least a 3.0 average, have high character and ideals and must be an active participant in campus activities.

Nenette Leatherwood is a music major with a 4.0 average for her work at East Central. Miss Leatherwood is a member of the ECJC Band, the choir and Collegians. She serves as vice president of both the Music Educators National Conference and Phi Theta Kappa, honor society. Miss Leatherwood serves as music director of the Baptist Student Union and is director of the youth choir at the Decatur Baptist Church. In addition, to these activities she had the leading role

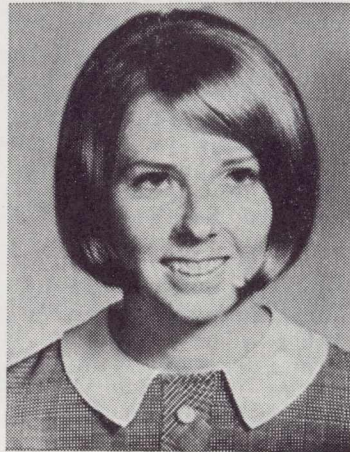
in "South Pacific."

Evans has a 3.47 average and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and was a freshman class favorite. Jack has served as vice president of both the freshman and sophomore class. In addition, Jack has worked as a laboratory assistant and has worked during registration and in administering the ACT test to high school students.

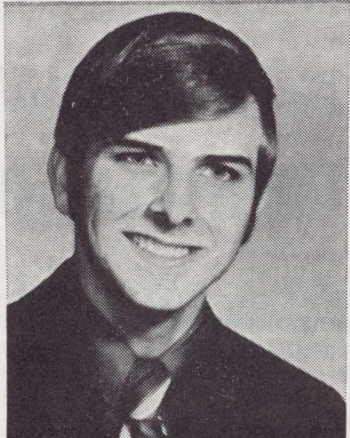
Miss Watson has maintained a 3.01 grade point average for her three semesters at ECJC. She is a member of the paper staff, Phi Theta Kappa, tennis team, and ECJC Players. Glenda is president of intramurals and has been a team captain. She was recipient of the Sportsmanship Award in intramurals and extramurals.

Miss Watson has taken part in the musical, religious emphasis programs, art exhibits, May Day activities and the 1971 beauty pageant. Glenda is house chairman of the Women's council, vice president of the French Club and co-chairman Phi Theta Kappa bake sale committee. Pictures of the 1972 Hall of Fame members

will hang in the entrance to Huff Auditorium. Membership in the Hall of Fame is the highest honor an East Central student can attain.



Nenette Leatherwood



Jack Evans



Glenda Watson

Person Removes Articles From Dormitory Students

Editor; The Tom-Tom:

Over the Christmas holidays a few people left some of their possessions in their rooms. They were told beforehand to take everything with them, but some had too much to take at one time. These people left these things in their rooms and locked them up and thought they would be safe, but nearly everything was stolen.

It seems that if a person rents a room, it should be where he could feel safe in leaving his things there. Be it a tooth brush or an expensive radio. Yes, the laws are different in a dormitory, than in an apartment off-campus, but does that give anyone the right to take advantage of this.

It seems that the dormitories were locked at the beginning of the vacation, but someone with the authority or, who thought they

had the authority took it upon themselves to reopen these rooms. Why did they, instead of just getting the combinations and opening them that way, cut everyone of the locks? Besides leaving everything free for the taking, they cost the school money, by destroying school property.

So the question is "what gives them the right?" It has been brought to light the names of those who did it and it is more than likely that if something isn't done about returning the stolen articles, it might be that some students will take it upon themselves to return their own things themselves. Of course this may not be right, but how can they stand by and do nothing, would you?

A Victim,
Von Dean Dawson

Tax Exempt Status

Development Foundation Set Up; Will Promote College Programs

A Development Foundation for East Central Junior College has been formed by the Alumni Association of the College.

The Foundation has been established to promote and support the educational performance of the College. The Development Foundation has qualified under United States Internal Revenue Department regulations for tax exempt status, thus making gifts deductible for income tax purposes.

Support to the East Central

Junior College Development Foundation Inc., can be made in the form of cash contributions, stocks, bonds, irrevocable trusts, bequests, paid-up life insurance policies and land.

The endowment fund is a trust under which the principal is kept inviolate when feasible and only the income used for the support of the college.

The foundation can assist the college in the following ways: provide salary supplements to

faculty members in crucial fields; support research projects to faculty members, pay travel expenses for instructors attending conferences or doing specialized study, finance and in-service study of the educational setup at East Central, provide a number of scholarships, finance the appearance of nationally known lectures on campus, set up restricted gifts fund to improve offerings in certain areas.

You Must Decide

(1) Are campus Who's Who contests worthwhile?

Yes — No —

(2) Why did you answer question one as you did?

Suggestions:

Drop in box in Student Center or Library.

Eakes, Wall Win Title Of Mr., Miss ECJC

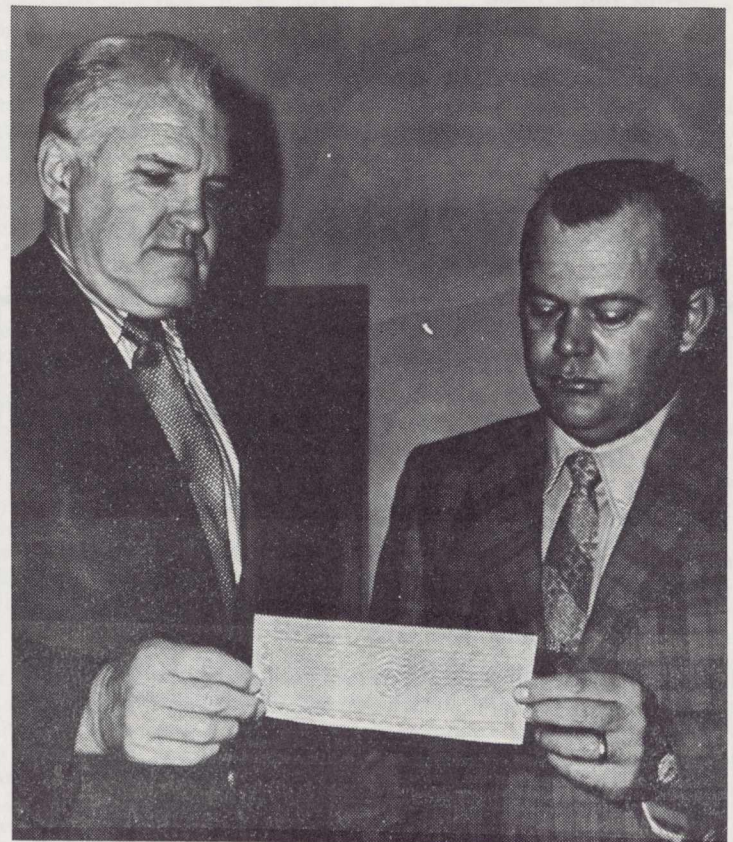
Richard Eakes and Nancy Wall captured top honors in campus elections by winning the titles of Mr. and Miss ECJC.

Other winners in the election are Betty Nester, May queen; Cheryl Thornton, maid of honor; Vickie Sullivan, Ray Perry, Judy Clark, Mary Gean Hudson, sophomore favorites; Stephanie Cook, Phyllis Driskell, Susan Tingle, Larry Adkinson, Joe Buddy Madden, David Shumake.

Winners will be featured in the 1972 edition of the **Wo-He-Lo**.

Note!

Tom-Tom Meeting At 3:30 Today In Tom-Tom Office. Be Present.



Make Plans

Dr. Charles Wright and Alumni President Don Howington make plans for the new ECJC Development Foundation.

Apathy Hits Campus; Few Survive Storm

"Election? What election? Elect a what?"

In the highly competitive world in which we live and where every decision which we make is essential to our well-being, these questions were prevalent during the recent student elections on campus.

Who becomes Mr. ECJC may not be that important now, but habits formed when young stay with a person when he becomes older. Who becomes President of the United States does make a difference. Who is governor of the state or who our representatives in Congress are does make a difference. If one does not exercise his power to vote in campus elections, will he exercise his power to vote in state and national elections?

Every student goes in the student center sometimes during the day. Polls were set up in the student center for the convenience of student voters but only approximately 200 votes were cast for positions on the ballot. This is only one-third of the student population. Are campus elections outmoded or do students just not care anymore? It seems that life at ECJC has become stagnated; that students with an interest in what goes on on campus have become things of the past. Apathy abounds on every side. No one cares anymore.

Laziness has overridden our society. It makes one stop and consider Nikita Khrushchev's threat—"We will bury you" to be no threat at all. The Communists won't have to bury us; we are burying ourselves. Apathy will be our downfall; it will bury us forever. To borrow an old cliché—EC's get-up-and-go has done got-up-and-went.

Few petitions were turned in for inclusion on the ballot. No one had the energy to get 25 people to sign a petition. If students are not interested in things which directly relate to them on a small scale, in the local school community, is there hope for our society?

WELL?

Are you going to just sit there—playing cards—?

Or are you going to get up and do something about the situation?

WELL?

You Are A Hero

A hero, says Webster, is "a man who is admired for his achievements and qualities." It doesn't matter if the world doesn't recognize you. One person can admire you, and you can become their hero.

Many of us have smaller brothers and sisters who look up to us. Often we've heard them say "I want to be just like you when I grow up." To them, you are a hero, but have you looked at the example you're setting?

Many times we set goals for ourselves and then wonder how we failed to keep them. In a way we have to be heroes for ourselves. As the saying goes, "No one will respect you if you don't."

The following is a poem by an anonymous author which I consider "food for thought".

I look over my shoulder,
And there I see
The boy I once was
And the man he meant to be.
And I wonder how it happened
That the boy I see,
Became the man I now am—
Not the man he meant to be
I remember him well—the boy I once was;
I remember the man he dreamed I would be.
Now the dreams are forgotten by the boy and me—
For I'm not the man he dreamed I would be.

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Lately I have been accused of being a quiet person. Actually I'm not. The truth of the matter is I have been watching people.

I have been learning a lot about people, too, and some of it isn't very pleasant.

I can't understand how someone can put another down simply because of their color. What color

is love? My Bible says God created the world and all that is in it. When He had finished, He looked upon it, and said, "It is good." It is good. Not the white man is good; not the black man is good; not the red man is good not the animals, the birds are good. He said, "It is good." ALL of it is good.

My Bible also teaches me that God created man from the dust of the earth, breathed life into him, called him Adam, and said, "It is good." What color was Adam? Dirt is light brown, red and claylike, rich and black; sand is grainy and golden. Who of us can say which kind of dirt Adam came from?

How can we love our family and hate our neighbor? Is that possible? Aren't we supposed to love our brothers and sisters? If you answered yes to that then answer me this: How can you hate that person over there when every man, woman, and child on this earth came from the same two people: Adam and Eve? Doesn't this make us brothers and sisters?

Just recently I heard some of the people I love down someone they knew very little about. They condemned without fair trial. They classed all according to one. Aren't we all guilty of this? Don't we all judge one race by the actions of one or two persons from that race? Don't we all give one family name a black mark because there happens to be a skeleton in its closet? Jesus said in St. Matthew 7:1-2: Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

This can be a little frightening if you stop and think about it. You and I shall be judged the same way we have judged others; fairly or unfairly. And the punishment we forced them to bear we will now bear. Is this what we want?

Are we willing to go on condemning, telling others their sins, their faults, and not look at our own?

I can't bear the thoughts of not helping someone I know I can help. My God would be hurt by my unconcern. It may take a lot of my time and effort; it may take only a smile. I'm willing to give my time, my gifts and talents to help someone else. And I don't care if that person happens to be a black, red, white, yellow, or even purple and green person. A true smile of thanks is worth a pound of diamonds, no matter which color it is under. It also makes no difference to me if a man is rich or poor. How can we class wealth anyway? I haven't any money but I am very rich; I have a treasure no one can ever take away from me. I have Jesus.

Who are we to act superior to our brothers? What makes us so good? Why won't we help when we can?

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (St. Matthew 25:40)

There's a popular song out now that says: "Think of your fellow man, lend him a helping hand: Put a little love in your heart." Are we too good to get our hands dirty and help our fellow man?

We are too busy pointing out his faults. We had rather tell him what he's doing wrong and how big his sin is. We are so fast to condemn.

I could turn the picture around and say: Clean up your own back yard or practice what you preach, but my Jesus says it best when He says in St. John 8:7 "He that is without sin among you let him first cast a stone."

Look into your hand: Are you holding the first stone?

Campus Viewpoint

Student Elections Reflect Lack Of Participation

By DICK GRAHAM
Tom-Tom Reporter

Every year at ECJC, a handful of students are chosen by the Student Body as the "Who's Who" on campus.

This year the balloting was very light, as were the nominations. Since it is the responsibility of the students themselves to keep this tradition alive, the Tom-Tom staff asked a variety of students the following question: "What is your opinion of the Who's Who elections at ECJC?" Comments are as follows:

Jimmy Hurdle: "It don't matter to me, I didn't vote."

Bobby Latham: "Basically it is out-dated for our present social structure. I'm unimpressed."

Johnnie Middleton: "I'm impressed."

Britt Dickens: "Who's Who is one of my bird calls."

James W. Moore: "I'm a fresh-

man that voted for sophomore favorites."

Mike Brown: "Who won the dog show?"

David Ray Faulkner: "I didn't even vote."

Cotton: "A good thing is ruined by lack of interest."

Butch wax: "I think it is a very important aspect of the social structure of ECJC."

Susan Tingle: "I like 'em, but nobody takes any interest in them."

Stanley Cunningham: "What can you say?"

Rita Ethridge: "(shrug)"

Danny Durham: "I don't give Food for thought administration can you dig it?"

Tree: "If there were more interest shown by the students, it would gain prestige."

Clark Measels: "Nobody cares about it, so it is a degraded system."

Boo Boo: Too much apathy."

President Wins Students With Recent Address

Washington (WCNS) — "An eloquent, statesmanlike and moving appeal," Massachusetts Senator Edward Brooke called it. "Clearly a challenge to the Congress and to the country," said Senator Howard Baker from Tennessee. "A basically sound approach to today's problems." — Texas Senator John Tower.

All three Republicans were referring to President Nixon's third State of the Union Address. What was in the 4,000 word speech before Congress for college students?

"I have found that college students respond to practically the same issues as their parents and others," Senator Tower said. "The President's message contains a sound set of constructive programs that respond to and act on the social and environmental problems facing us today."

Tower also emphasized that the President's program can be accepted on a bi-partisan basis. "He has thrown down the challenge to attack these problems. It is now up to Congress to act on these proposals which have been pending for a year or more."

The President gave his annual report a new dimension in a 15,000 word written message of past achievements and plans for 1972 — primarily an amplification of his intentions in domestic fields.

The President's judgment on two issues important to students illustrate the scope of this written report. (A "State of the World" message comes out February 8.)

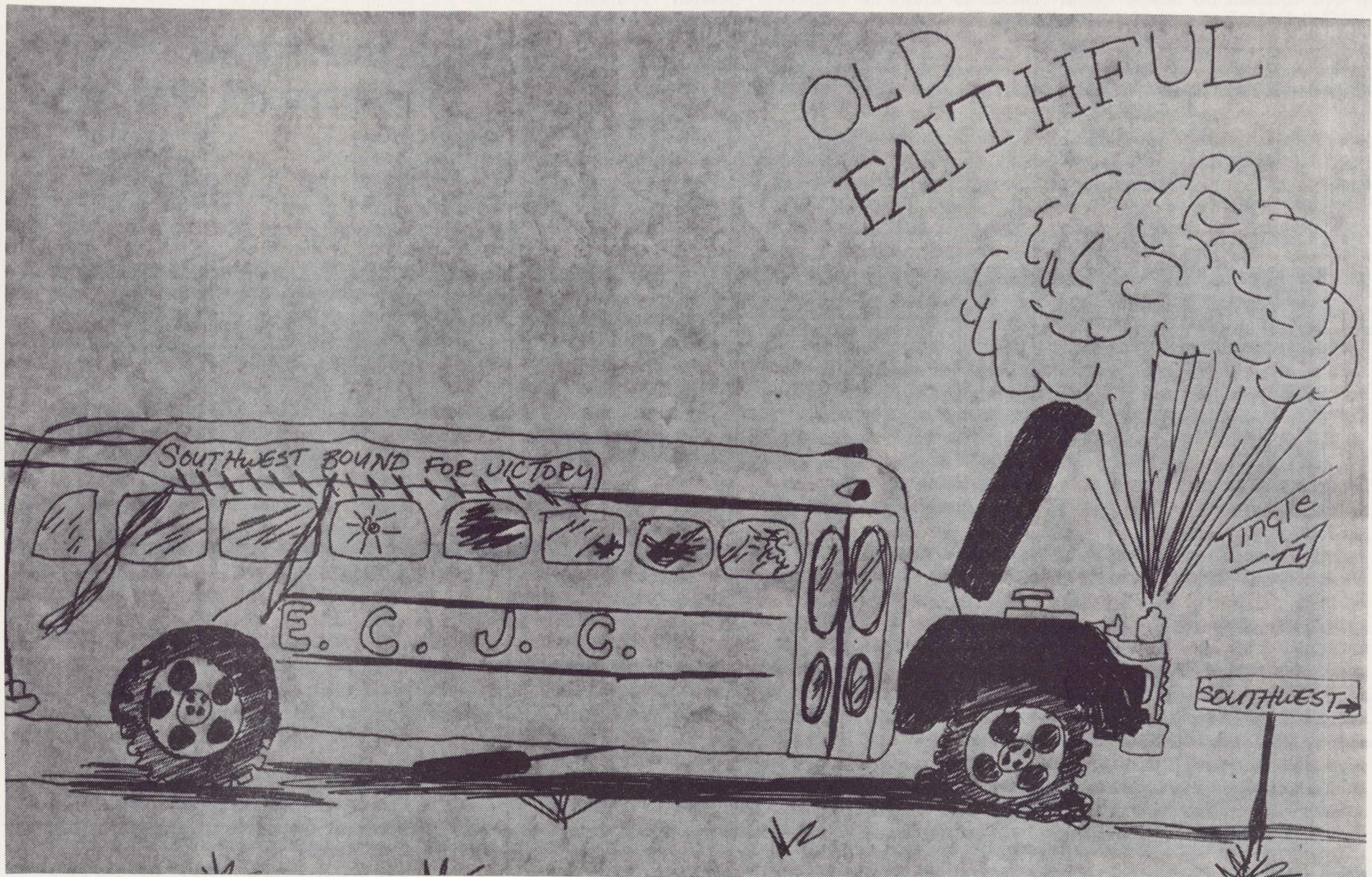
Environment: The President pointed out to Congress the achievements during his Administration so far: establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency, new air quality standards, and a beefed up Refuse Act to stop water pollution — with more

than 160 civil suits and 320 criminal actions, filed in 1971.

"The most striking fact about environmental legislation in the early 1970's," he said, "is how much has been proposed and how little has been enacted . . . The need for action in these areas is urgent. The forces which threaten our environment will not wait while we procrastinate." He pledged to include new proposals in his environment message, due the first week in February, and more than triple the 1973 environmental budget over 1969's level.

Education: President Nixon recalled his two-year old proposals related to higher education: "student assistance measures to ensure that no qualified person would be barred from college by a lack of money, a National Institute of Education to bring new energy and new direction to educational research, and a National Foundation for Higher Education to encourage innovation in learning beyond high school. These initiatives are still awaiting final action by the Congress. They deserve prompt approval."

He also pointed toward new directions in career or vocational education. "Too often vocational education is foolishly stigmatized as being less desirable than academic preparation," he said. "And too often the academic curriculum offers very little preparation for viable careers . . . The unhappy result is high numbers of able people who are unemployed, underemployed, or unhappily employed on the one hand — while many challenging jobs go begging on the other." The President promised to propose "an intensified federal effort to develop model programs which apply and test the best ideas in this field."



Dorm Mother Tours Germany, Switzerland, France; Describes Christmas Vacation To Reporter

By GLENDA WATSON
Tom-Tom Reporter

Mrs. Desma Kilpatrick kept quite busy over the past Christmas holidays, and every second was brimming with breathtaking sights and thrills.

It all began December 17, when she boarded a plane in Jackson to Atlanta. In Atlanta she flew Delta to New York where she waited until 3 a.m. for that exciting last stretch across the ocean to Germany. Destined for Frankfurt, the plane landed instead in Cologne, Germany, because of fog. Everyone was bussed then to Frankfurt, and she finally reached

Stuttgart, Germany, where her Linda's and Allen's on Dec. 23. The next day, they all left by car for Switzerland. Along the road, were daughter Linda and son-in-law, Allen Kitchens are stationed in the service. As she related her experiences of the trip and the account of the town, I began to create a visual picture. The autobahns, or four lane highways were quite lovely. The buildings and apartment houses were very tall, so they could utilize the space efficiently. In some places, twenty people lived in one apartment. The city of 700,000 lies between two hills, one of which is Degerlock

Hill. As one descends this hill, he sees vineyards leading to the city which adds to the European charm of the decorative cobblestone streets. To complete the image, now add a castle, namely "Schloss Platz", built about 1300 and an old church in the courtyard. This castle was the home of King Ludwig and his dignitaries.

Later they went to Banhauff, a train "depot" station. The trains, run by electricity, were very quiet. The station housed a theater, florist shops, a post office, and several gift shops.

On the twenty-first they returned to Frankfurt to pick up some

of Allen's relatives from Vicksburg. They were also in store for a lot of thrilling scenery. Christmas dinner and gifts were all at small houses where people stop to pray as they journey. Soon they approached an old castle on a rising hill overlooking a Swiss city. Hohenzollern Castel, about 150 years old was quite stately. In the Queen's room, the floor was composed of two thousand different varieties of wood in small squares. Beautiful old paintings lifted the darkness of the old walls. It was as if you yourself were the past. Shepherds and their flocks dotted the rolling hills. They spent two nights in Hotel Paix in Lucerne, Switzerland. Buildings were very near the street and the city was quite decorative. Being Christmas Eve night, it took them until 8:30 to find a place to eat. Mrs. Kilpatrick noted that everyone seemed devoted to their families and observed all the holidays.

Still traveling, they left Kreins, Switzerland for Mt. Pilatus, 7,000 feet above sea level. This proud rock pyramid is the characteristic feature of Lucerne. The summit may be reached by bus in twelve minutes or by cable car, gliding over lush green forest and fertile meadows. On the top one finds restaurants and hotels. Christmas Day was spent here, just sight-seeing, eating, and taking in all the fresh cold air. Their journey back to Germany began on the 26th. At Olten, Switzerland, was a castle on a high hill that had a covered bridge of shingles which led to the city. Next they stopped by Basel, the second largest city in Switzerland, noted for its museums and cathedral.

Ice lay along the highway topped by a silken cloud of fog and climaxed by the magnificent Swiss Alps which rested in view from the road. The crooked road was periodically lined by fruit trees, orchards, and quaint homes were seen clustered on surrounding hills.



Mrs. Kilpatrick

They stopped in Nuremberg for lunch.

On the 27th, they visited a crystal factory and purchased several pieces of gorgeously cut glass. The next trip in store was to Paris. Having snowed on Dec. 29, the fields were white and the air, refreshing for the beginning of their trip. Eight hours later they arrived in France. The first morning in Paris, they tour the Louvre and gazed all its valuable paintings. Versailles, where Louis XIV built his incredible castle and elegant gardens, was no ordinary sight either. Notre Dame was next on the agenda. Here they viewed lovely pieces of sculpture and the sanctuary where services were being held. After dinner they climbed halfway up the Eiffel Tower and because Paris is lighted from 9-11, they could view Paris in all its splendor and grandeur from the famous tower.

New Years, they went down the Champs Elysees which was decorated quite unusually. Even the bare trees along the street were decorated. In front of the Champs Elysees, they saw the Arc of Triumph. On January 2, the party returned to Germany where Mrs. Kilpatrick spent the next few days. She left Frankfurt for New York on Jan. 9 and got to Jackson Jan. 10.

I'm sure Mrs. Kilpatrick won't forget this marvelous vacation for a long time. She might not have acquired a European accent, but she did acquire a lot of memorable experiences.

VALENTINE SURPRISE

Robert Hannah, member of the Warrior football team, takes time to shop for a Valentine treat for his girl from the large selection of candies at

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Religious Emphasis Week Activities Begin With Assembly Today

By PATRICIA REESE
Tom-Tom Reporter

"Putting It All Together" is this year's well chosen theme for Religious Emphasis Week. The faculty and Student body of EC are definitely trying to "put it all together"; to show that young people and adults can work together in a religious endeavor that will affect and hopefully enrich the lives of everyone who is in some

way connected with EC.

Religious Emphasis Week will be observed February 14-17, 1972. Each year it is sponsored by the Student Body Association. Assisting the SBA with the plans is a faculty committee composed of Denver Brackeen, dean of students, Gladys Bryant of the Baptist Student Union, Mrs. Jessie Everett of the Business Department, Rudolph Mayes and Ovid

Vickers, both of the English Department; Raymond McMullan, academic counselor, and Lucille Wood of the Physical Education Department. Activities planned for the week include a special assembly, discussion sessions and coffee houses.

To "kick off" Religious Emphasis Week there will be a special assembly in the Huff Auditorium. All students are asked to be present. The guest speaker will be Rev. Keith Tonkel of Jackson.

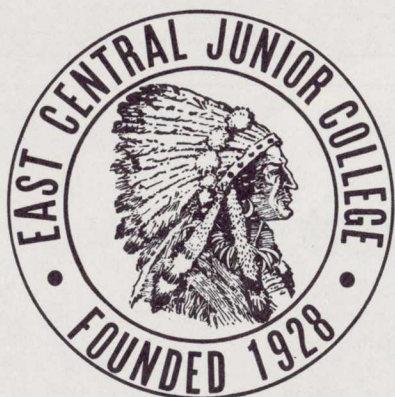
Discussion sessions are to be held February 15, 16, and 17 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Speakers for those days will be Jack Stack of Meridian, Joe McKeever of Jackson, and Rev. Fred Fowler,

pastor of the Clarke-Venable Baptist Church of Decatur, respectively. Stack will speak Tuesday, third and sixth periods. McKeever is scheduled to speak Wednesday, fourth and seventh periods. Rev. Fowler, who visited the Holy Land during the Christmas Holidays, will show a filmed account of his trip Thursday, second and fifth periods. Teachers are encouraged to take their classes to the sessions or students may attend individually if they wish.

Coffee House activities are scheduled for Monday and Thursday nights from 7 - 9 p.m. The speaker for Monday night will be Rev. Tonkel. Entertainment for Thursday night will include musical groups representing both Clarke

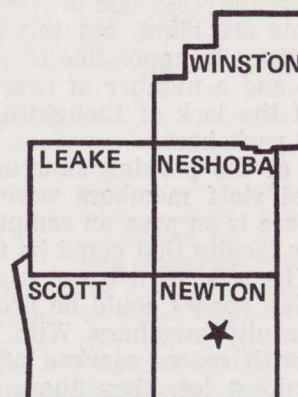
College's Baptist Student Union of Newton and Mississippi State University's Baptist Student Union of Starkville. There will also be entertainment from among the student body of EC and various other activities are planned. Refreshments will be served at each Coffee House.

The success of Religious Emphasis Week depends on the cooperation of everyone concerned. The week is filled with activities planned for student participation. If you are one of those who thinks EC is a dull place remember, only we (the faculty and student body) can change it. Get involved. Not only does this promise to improve our character, but also the character of the school as well.



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President Receives Honor Two Silver Beavers Given In Meridian

Meridian — Dr. Charles V. Wright, president of East Central Junior College in Decatur, and Fred Daggett, Jr., of Meridian, a 36 year employe of South Central Bell Telephone Company, Tuesday night received Silver Beaver Awards, the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Scout leader by a local Council. Both men have outstanding records of leadership and faithful service to Scouting.

The Choctaw Area Council's First Distinguished Eagle Scout Award was presented to N. D. Brookshire Jr., president of Brookshire Dairy Products Co., Inc. of Meridian. The award was established in 1969 by the Boy Scouts of America and is presented only to Eagle Scouts who earned the rank of Eagle as a member of the Boy Scouts of America a minimum of 25 years previous to nomination. Brookshire received his Eagle award in Troop 1, Meridian. He has served very effectively in almost all Scouting positions in the Council.

The awards were presented at the annual Scouter Appreciation and Eagle Recognition Banquet of the Choctaw Area Council held in the Hamasa Temple.

The 31 members of the 1971 Eagle Scout Class were introduced by their sponsor and each boy received an Eagle Neckerchief.

Another highlight of the evening was the recognition of the 1971 Class of 31 Eagle Scouts named in honor of J. M. Cole of Union Miss. Cole, manager of Compress of Union has served on the executive board of the Choctaw Area Council continuously since 1946 and was its president in 1956. He also holds the Silver Beaver Award.

Scoutmasters from the Choctaw area were introduced at the banquet. Among those recognized was Shelby Harris, scoutmaster for the Decatur troop and ECJC faculty member.

C. H. Sorrels Jr., master of ceremonies, in stalled the 1972 officers. They are Billy Battle Crooks, vice president and director of Southern Television Corp., president; James E. McGinnis Jr., of Meridian, Robert Weir of Newton, Dr. Ivan Parker of But-

ler, Ala., vice presidents; David Williams of Meridian, treasurer; and commissioner, Grey Cobb of Meridian. New Board members are Johnny Blanks of Quitman Cecil Brunson of Meridian, A. L. Cahn of Meridian, Glen DeWeese of Meridian, Mel Ellis of Meridian, Capt. W. P. Gatewood of Meridian, Robert O. Majure of Quitman, Richard Meyer of Meridian, Dr. Richard Riley of Meridian, Allen Spencer of Philadelphia, Jack Stack of Meridian, J. Cliff Watts of Meridian, Edgar Woods of Scooba, Dr. Charles Wright of Decatur.

Smylie Gebhart of Meridian, Georgia Tech's All-American Defensive End, was guest speaker. Gebhart, an Eagle Scout, was introduced by Gray Cobb who was one of Smylie's Scoutmasters.

Over, 3,700 boys are now active in Scouting in the six counties of the Choctaw Area Council and 1,500 adults are actively involved. The Council officials especially recognized these adults and their time and talents.

Intramural Basketball Tournaments Begin

ECJC Girls' Basketball Intramurals began last Monday in the Round Robin Tournament.

Team captains are Glenda Watson, Rita Gibbons, and Debbie Bates. There are about 30 girls participating in intramurals.

The tournament will continue through this week. The games are scheduled to be played two days after school. On Monday, Glenda Watson's team defeated Debbie Bates' Team. Everyone is encouraged to come and see who the over all winner will be.

Tom-Tom Staff

Meeting at

3:30 p.m. Today

In Paper Office



Honor

Dr. Charles Wright receives the Silver Beaver Award from his wife, Mrs. Katherine Wright.

Musical Under Production

By DEBBIE FULTON
Tom-Tom Reporter

Production is underway for the spring musical "Annie Get Your Gun".

At the present not all of the characters have been cast, but those that have been cast are Annie, Mary Sanders; Little Girl, Lynette Herring; Charlie Davenport, Clark Measles; Dolly Tate, Nennette Leatherwood; Foster Wilson, Dewayne Dent; Little Jakie, Lawanda Aurette; Nellie, Lynn Mills; Jessie, Suzanne LeCren; Minnie, Jerry Ezelle; Col. William F. Cody, Gordon Smith; Mrs. Little Horse, Betty York; Mrs. Yellow Foot, Betty Sockey; Pawnee Bill, Ricky Reeter; Chief Sitting Bull, Von Dean Dawson; Mrs. Ferguson, Debra Shoemaker; Mrs. Ernest Henderson, Beth Heard; Mrs. Sylvia Potter, Melinda Nanney.

The musical will be presented in the Fine Arts Auditorium on March 21 through the 24th. Tick-

ets will be on sale at a later date.

Editor States Policy Concerning Letters

All letters to the editor must be signed. Names will be withheld on request. The staff reserves the right to edit letters in situations which would involve libel or slander. Letters should be placed in a sealed envelope and given either to the editors or the sponsors.

Students Enjoy New Dormitory

By WINDELL CARTER
Tom-Tom Reporter

Everyone is enjoying life in the new dormitory.

This was a great move for everyone who lives in it. Moving from rooms with three to rooms with two people in them was a welcomed change. There is also greater convenience in the use of bathroom from baths that everyone on a hall used to private baths for four people. Another improvement is that everyone has his own private study table with study light. This enables studying without the light bothering one's roommate if he is trying to sleep.

Now that the color television has been installed everyone is enjoying it also. There is always someone in the lounge relaxing and watching a favorite show. The new dormitory is really wonderful, and everyone appreciates living in it.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

February 14-17, 1972

February 14

Assembly 3rd period

Speaker—Keith Tonkel

Coffee House—7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Newton Hall

February 15

Discussion Sessions—3rd and 6th periods

Discussion Leader—Jack Stack

February 16

Discussion Sessions—4th and 7th periods

Discussion Leader—Joe McKeever

Film—"3"—Fine Arts Building 8:00 p.m.

February 17

Discussion Sessions—2nd and 5th periods

Discussion Leader—Fred Fowler

Coffee House—7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Newton Hall

In Our Opinion—

Parking Space—A Problem

A major problem confronting college officials is the parking situation. With the increase in enrollment has come an increase in the number of automobiles on campus.

Our parking spaces are severely limited; faculty members have headaches trying to find a place to park because of the limited size of the faculty parking lot.

A number of students persist in parking their cars on the street by the west side of Newton County Hall. Perhaps the students are blind, but this is a street not a parking area. It is literally impossible to see around cars parked on this street and a number of near accidents have occurred because of the lack of thoughtfulness on the part of students who park here.

Some of the parking situations could be alleviated if faculty and staff members were given personal parking spaces. There is an area on campus that is seldom used by students or faculty that could be utilized for this particular purpose. The west mall is not used by students to any extent. Parking spaces could be provided on one side of the mall for faculty members. With parking being permitted here and with spaces marked off in the already existing faculty parking lot, then there would be more parking places for student cars and the streets could be left open and perhaps a serious accident could be avoided.

Of course, until the parking problem is solved, consideration and thoughtfulness on the part of automobile owners would help to prevent accidents and frustrated individuals.

To paraphrase an old saying — "Think before you park."

Destruction — No;

Misinterpretation — Yes!

In the last issue of the Tom-Tom, there appeared a great deal of discussion on Who's Who. Many people felt the paper was criticizing the entire election, but it was not meant in that manner.

Interest in elections, and other activities on our campus is failing. Please notice, I said our, because it belongs to you and me. We "can make it or break it" as the saying goes. The last issue was trying to make people realize how much more we need to give to our campus.

The motto of the Tom-Tom is "toward a bigger and better East Central Junior College." To bring alive major issues is the sole purpose of editorials, polls, or other such columns in this paper.

If you felt the Tom-Tom meant its last issue sarcastically as Editor of this paper, I apologize for misleading you. We, the members of the staff, are extremely sorry that our efforts were misinterpreted.

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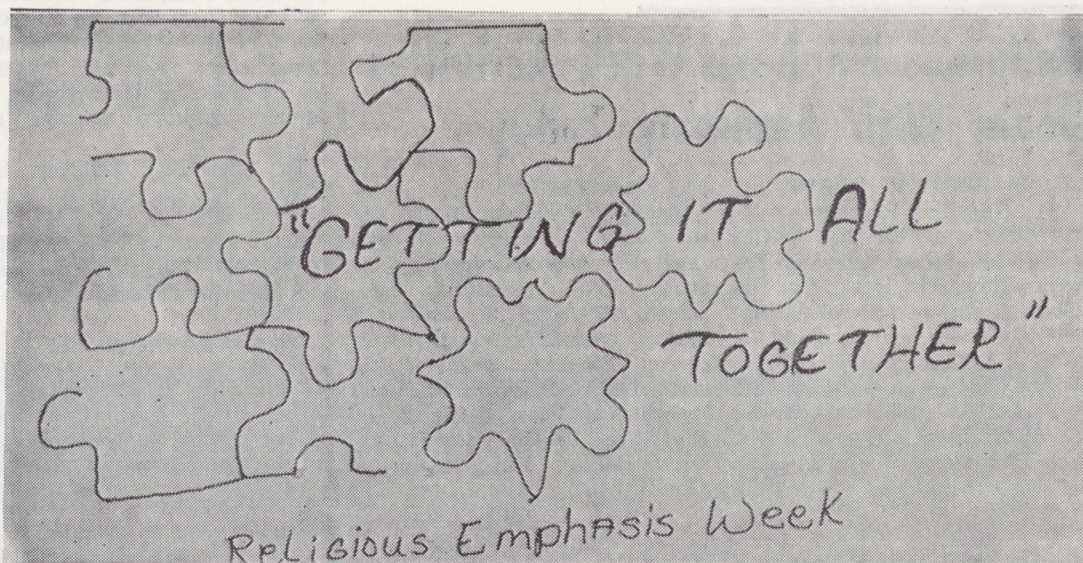
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Campus Viewpoint

Student Looks At Draft Lottery

By DICK GRAHAM
Tom-Tom Reporter

The following is a fictional, yet very real situation concerning a young man whom we shall call Charlie.

Charlie was born in 1951 in a small, conservative town in Benton County, Iowa. When Charlie was twelve, his father, a Marine veteran was killed in Vietnam while on voluntary reenactment. His mother was an invalid, having been confined to a wheel chair since Charlie was a baby. As a result, he and his two older brothers spent their weekends through high school working to help support their family. This money, plus the government compensation given at his father's death, allowed Charlie's family a meager, yet substantial living. By the time Charlie had reached the age of seventeen, he was the only one of the three brothers remaining at home, the others having joined the armed forces to further their educations and earn a steady income, part of which still helped support the family. These two checks coming each month and the two less persons to support, lifted a lot of burdens from Charlie, and he was finally able to quit working and enjoy the feeling of financial security. As his leisure time increased, he began participating in activities at his high school, becoming particularly interested in an organization of young people called the Young Americans for Freedom. He participated in a few of their gatherings, but never joined because of some of their radical viewpoints. He was, however, greatly influenced by their peaceful nature, and began formulating viewpoints of his own towards war and peace. Near the end of this senior year in high school, Charlie's oldest brother was killed in Vietnam, while serving in the infantry within ten miles of where his father had died. In a flurry of emotion, Charlie vowed never to serve in or support any facet of the armed services, and to help end the war peacefully.

On his eighteenth birthday, Charlie registered for the draft, unwillingly yet knowing it was the law. Three months later, the lottery was drawn and June 6 was number eight. This left Charlie with three choices: He could either allow himself to be drafted into something he didn't believe in, leave the country and forfeit his citizenship, thus never being able to see home again, or become a draft dodger and run around the country waiting to be caught. Fearing the seriousness of these alternatives, Charlie remembered something his father had told him when he was a child afraid of the dark. His father said, "When something scares you and your legs want to run, ask yourself why first. Your

fear will probably vanish, and you'll feel foolish for being afraid."

Charlie then began asking himself why. "Why should I have to be drafted if I don't believe in war? Why should I be treated as a criminal merely because a man pulls a slip of paper, with my birthdate on it, out of a box and interprets its order of appearance as meaning I have to be drafted, and I disagree? Why should a citizen in a democratic society have to risk his life because someone else says so?" Charlie decided not to run, but

rather to stand up for his beliefs and refuse to serve. Charlie is now serving a 2-5 year prison sentence in a federal prison in Leavenworth, Kansas, for evading the draft. Charlie didn't believe in war. Charlie asked why. Charlie kept his vow, and is paying for his beliefs.

A summary? You write your own. Just remember, Charlie represents thousands of United States taxpaying citizens, who stand up for their beliefs and pay for their honesty, whether the issue be politics, prejudice, or morality.

Dorothy's Discoveries

Won't You Be My Valentine?—Please!

By DOROTHY COCHRAN
Tom-Tom Columnist

I don't suppose there is anyone on campus who doesn't know what day it is: February 14th — St. Valentine's Day.

All of us are aware that this day has been set aside for friends and lovers to express how they feel for one another. But do you know the legend behind the first Valentine? Then allow me to tell you about it.

It was during the third century A. D. that the first Valentine was sent by a young Roman. His name was Valentinus. He had been imprisoned by Emperor Claudius II and sentenced to death because he'd given aid to Christian martyrs.

As the legends goes, while he was awaiting the execution he became friends with the blind daughter of the jailer and restored her sight. The night before he died Valentinus penned a farewell message to the girl who had meant so much to him and signed it, "From your Valentine."

Valentinus was put to death on the 14th day of February and was buried in what is today the Church of Praxides in Rome. By his graveside a pink almond tree, a symbol of abiding love, is said to have bloomed.

Thus the name of Valentinus has travelled down through the ages of time as the word which means affection among friends and love among sweethearts.

The tradition of Valentine's Day is celebrated in the United States and Canada by the exchange of cards among school age children during the party often given by their parents. However, some of the cards are sent through the mail and are signed, "Guess who?"

Men often send their wives or sweethearts boxes of candy and flowers instead of a card. The candy box is usually in the shape of a heart and tied with bright red ribbon.

My favorite celebration is carried on in the country of Great Britain. In the town of Norwich,

a young suitor will secretly leave a basket of gifts on his loved one's doorstep. Then he'll knock on the door and run away. That's a new idea, fellows!

Meanwhile in the country of Italy the young unmarried girls of Sicily arise before the sun and stand by their windows until a man passes. Each girl believes that the first man she sees, or someone who looks like him, will become her bridegroom within the year.

Did you know there were many beliefs and customs connected with Valentine's Day? The oldest of these beliefs is that the birds choose their mates on February 14th.

The English hold to the superstition that it's bad luck to bring snowdrops into the house before Valentine's Day if unmarried girls in the home hoped to be married before the end of the year.

A girl will write all the names of her boyfriends on bits of paper and roll each name in a piece of clay. The clay is then dropped into water and the first to rise is to contain the name of her true valentine.

Some girls pin five bay leaves on their pillow on Valentine's Eve. One is in the center and one at each corner. It is believed they'll dream of their future husband if the charm works.

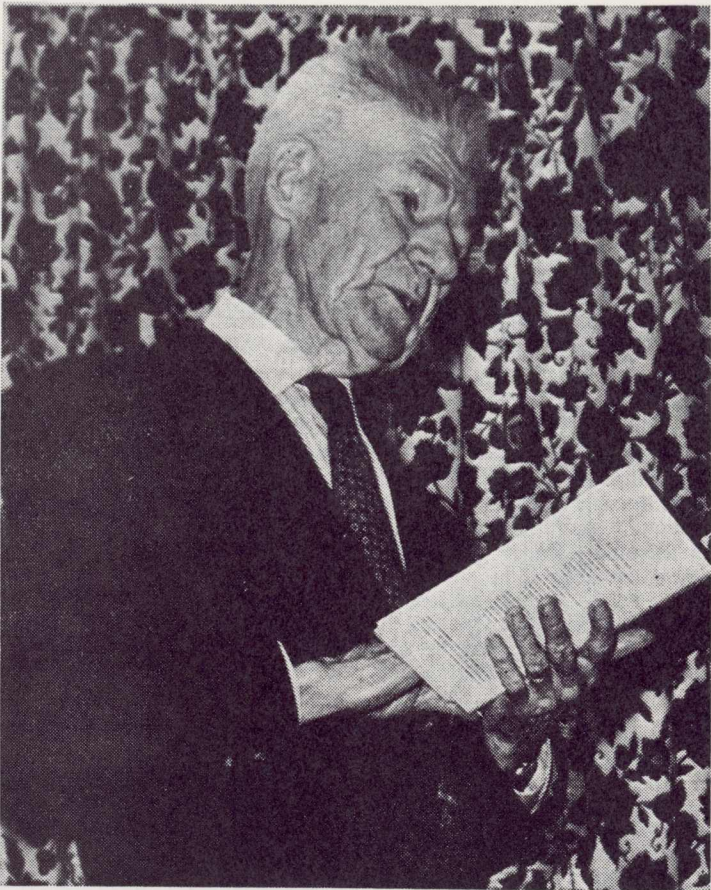
In Derbyshire, England, young girls rise early on February 14th and look through their keyhole, hoping to see two objects. If only one is seen she has little hope of being married that year.

Still others strike their forehead with a folded rose petal. If it is cracked, she knows her Valentine loves her.

After marriage Robert Herrick had this to say of the bride:

**She must no more a-maying
Or by rosebuds divine
Who'll be her Valentine.**

The oldest valentines in the United States date back to the early 1700's. They were written with German script and probably (See Discoveries Page Three)



Local Author

Leo Horan, retired lawyer and author, explains poems from his latest book, *Beauty In A Breeze*, to the journalism class.

Reads From Book

Writer Tells Philosophy To Journalism Students

By LIBBY HORTON
Tom-Tom Reporter

"Every journalist must know the theory of the three I's to succeed in his field — every story must be tersely written, be typographically correct and be tolerably true."

This is the advice given to the journalism class by Leo Horan, retired lawyer and author. Horan and his wife Kate Gallaspy Horan were recent speakers in the journalism class.

Referring to himself as an octogenarian with nothing more than experience to back up his statements, Horan defined a journalist as "one who writes for the purpose of informing others."

He explained to the class that almost all news is slanted — but slanted for a definite purpose.

After tracing briefly journalist history, Horan read and explained

a number of his poems from his most recent publication *Beauty in a Breeze*.

Others authored are *Trapper Man*, *Culture of the Clan* and *The Kneeling Stranger*. He and his wife, Kate, co-authored a novel of the south called *Brown-Skin Girl*.

Horan urged the class to always uphold good taste and to not go against one's principles just to be able to publish an article. He pointed out that the author of *Peyton Place* had to go against principles and insert certain situations in order to make the book a best seller. He said that it was better to abide by principles than to "sink into the shadows of dreamless dust."

Asked when he began his career as a writer, his wife piped up and said, "Leo began writing love letters and poems to me when we were just children."

In Depth Review

Apathy Reason For Non-Participation; Boredom Kills Student Population

Less than 1 per cent of the student body responded to the Who's Who poll conducted by the Tom-Tom.

It is, therefore, seemingly safe to say that apathy is a major contributor to the decreasing number of students taking part in elections of any kind. East Central's campus is deteriorating from lack of interest. True, we hear students complain of nothing to do, of boredom. Why? Because we as students, are stagnant. We fail to try to create an interest in an activity.

Several years ago, the campus was constantly buzzing with activity. There were dances, banquets, speakers, visiting shows, coffeehouses, etc. Today — nothing. Why? It seems that students do not want these activities. Or if we do, we do not make our wishes known. Has the automated age — the age of the push-button and the "Boob tube" made our generation an apathetic one? Can we not be happy? Can we not enjoy "plain old" entertainment anymore? Have we forgotten what real pleasure and enjoyment are? Are we too sophisticated for fun?

It seems that young people of today have lost their creative touch. We are bored because we don't have enough imagination to find something to do. Our parents didn't have TV and the most exciting movies were old Westerns — nothing to compare with the modern "Love Story," "Dirty Harry," "Dr. Zhivago," etc. But they had fun. They enjoyed life. Why? How could they do without TV; without the advantages that we have? They enjoyed life because they knew how to live. They were interested — interested in living.

Think of your high school days. How many things did you participate in? More than at EC, right? Why? You were secure in knowing the people involved. You didn't have to make an effort to meet someone now. You felt you were a *somebody*. Why not be a *somebody* at EC, too?

Anything worthwhile in life takes effort, constant effort. Living takes effort — maybe not conscious effort, but effort nevertheless. If our muscles should suddenly decide to quit working, we would die. Our hearts are muscles. Without the heart a per-

son cannot live. Without an interest in our society, we cannot live — really live.

Society's future is resting in our hands. Are we going to make it better than those before us? Or are we going to let it deteriorate?

There are many opportunities for advancement at East Central. There are numerous organizations that one can join — but joining isn't enough. There must be interest and participation for the activity to function. One does not expect a plant to grow without water and fertilizer; neither does an organization succeed without interest and participation.

There are activities to be undertaken, to be sponsored if interests in these activities are expressed. Before we can have a plant, we must plant a seed. Before we have an activity, we must express an interest in that activity. We must be willing to pro-

mote it; to make it grow.

Religious Emphasis Week activities begin today. The committee has worked hard to provide excellent speakers and entertainment for this activity. It cannot be a success without participation on the part of the student body. Will it be a success? The answer lies in your hands.

In a few weeks nominations will open for Student Body Association positions for 1972-73. Now is the time to begin considering who the best possible candidates are? Now is the time to begin making plans for campaigns and for the promotion of your candidate. These positions are important ones; they should be filled by the best qualified students. Will there be active participation in this important election? Again the answer lies in your hands.

What do you say? The future lies in your hands.

A Look At 'Oldie'

What Is Love — Answer?

Love is a funny thing; people sing about it, laugh and joke about it, but very few people really ever discuss it.

Girls see love in many different ways, but how do boys see it? I asked some boys what color they thought love was.

Many see it as green. They feel that there is a lot of envy involved in love.

A majority of guys said that love was blue for "sadness." They felt that love meant total caring.

The words femininity, gentility, and togetherness were usually mentioned after the color pink. These guys would probably be classified as sexist by the Women's Lib. So beware of a guy who thinks love is pink.

All guys who felt that love was white claimed that it stood for

purity. If you run into a guy of this type, be prepared for a very idealistic relationship.

The guys who thought of love in the "jolly" colors of yellow or green appear to have a very happy outlook on life.

And how do I feel? I think love is like a rainbow.

What is love?

Love is two people walking in opposite directions on a street, but being side by side the whole time.

Love is being away from your boyfriend or girlfriend for a year but never being away from them for a second.

Love is confusing, isn't it? Next time someone tells you he loves you, try asking him what he means — and think about what it means to you.

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DISCOVERIES—

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were made by nuns and monks.

Today the popular Valentines have fancy covers decorated with flowers and paper lace. They open to reveal words of friendship, a sentimental verse, or a simple message of love.

A child's card may read:

Roses are red.
Violets are blue.
Sugar is sweet
And so are you.

Teen-agers prefer the modern cards with the simplest ways of saying things.

I love you . . . And I don't say that to just anybody.

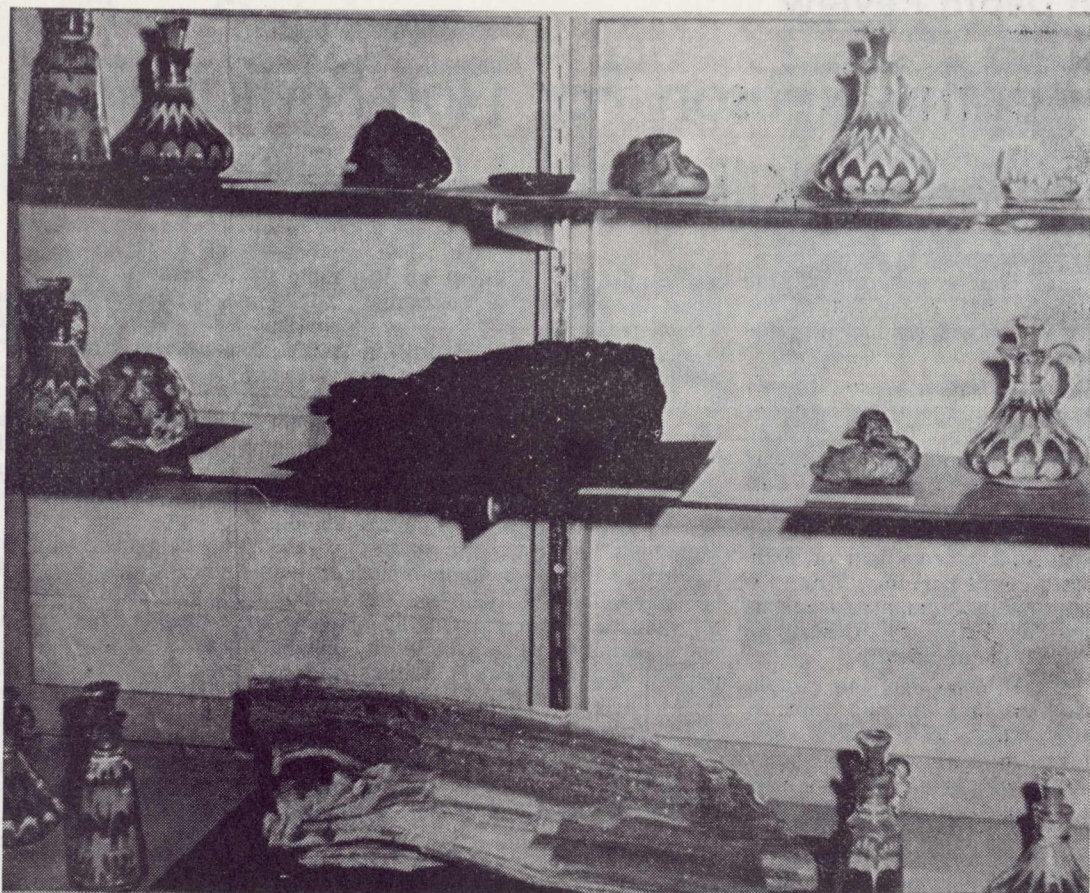
Still others may read:

No wishes are more special
No thoughts more warm and true,
than those that fill this Valentine Especially for you.

However, my very favorite is from the book of Philippians, chapter 1, verse 3. It reads:

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.

This is the day of love, so tell someone you cherish that you love them. And won't YOU be MY Valentine??



Exhibit

A new exhibit of rocks and minerals is on display in the showcase in Burton Library. Students and faculty members are encouraged to view the display.

Blalocks Exhibit Talent

Sand Art On Display In Burton Library

By MARCELLA SAVELL
Tom-Tom Reporter

People! Don't say that you have no reason to go to the Library because now you do. There is something new in the showcase.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Blalock from Little Rock have been kind enough to display some of their bottles, arrowheads, and some other interesting rocks.

The Blalocks have two children, a son, Kim, and a daughter, Cherry. Their son, Kim, got the family started in this hobby of sand art. Any bottle they could find was used at first. But now, since they've started selling their work, they buy pretty unexpensive bottles.

The family is a member of the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society. They have travelled to Fort Worth, New Orleans, and Atlanta for the national shows. They have also exhibited their work at numerous small shows in Texas, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and North Carolina. They were also honored at a craftsman show at Tennessee Hillcrafters.

The sand for the bottles is collected locally. The natural color

sands were collected in Newton, Neshoba, Lauderdale, Leake and Noxubee counties. The green sand came from Choctaw County, Alabama. They show their arrowheads at the Choctaw Indian Fair, they also demonstrate how to make the sand bottles. They sometimes work 18 hours a day and can sell all the sand bottles

they can make up during this time.

Mr. Blalock says this isn't how he makes a living, though. He is also a rural mail carrier. Sand art and arrowheads aren't their only hobbies, either; they have many. Mrs. Blalock makes pretty wire flowers and other ornaments. Their son is an art education major.

Love—Ageless Phenomenon

The modern generation claims to hold a monopoly on that super groovy commodity called LOVE, says Suzy Carter in the USCLA Daily Bruin.

Love is immortalized in love-ins, on posters and buttons, and in the attitudes of the younger generation. It's what we are supposed to make instead of war. It's groovy. But we of the in-generation cannot take out a patent on love.

Back in the days of old, when knights were bold, they were bold because they were in love.

They killed dragons and even each other to win the affections of the beautiful maiden.

What were the simple joys of maidenhood? In the days of Camelot, it had a lot to do with love. To observe her handsome knight battle to his death over her was one of the simple pleasures of a maiden's life.

The passage of time brought new love generations. One of the colonial ringleaders of the love bag was Hester Prynne, who wore a scarlet letter to prove she wasn't ashamed of being in love.

Mrs. Simmons Serves As Seminar Leader

Mrs. Alyne Simmons has recently been named a seminar leader for the National Phi Theta Kappa meeting to be held at American University, Washington, D. C., June 4-11.

Mrs. Simmons teaches freshman English and World Literature. She also serves as sponsor for the Phi Theta Kappa here on campus.

Eric Sevarid, CBS News National Correspondent, will be a banquet speaker and Roger Hilsman, professor of government at Columbia University and former assistant secretary of state for Far Eastern Affairs, will be the keynote speaker.

Phi Theta Kappa members from all over the nation will be present for this week long program. Any member to participate will receive a special certificate.

Phi Theta Kappa is made up of students having a 3.5 grade point average.

REVERIE

By JAN WILLIAMS
and
RITA GIBBON

Pondering vainly in my mind the thoughts of a crystal covered Utopia filled with equitable communication amongst its inhabitants, whose boundless love reaches the many underlying crevices of the universe.

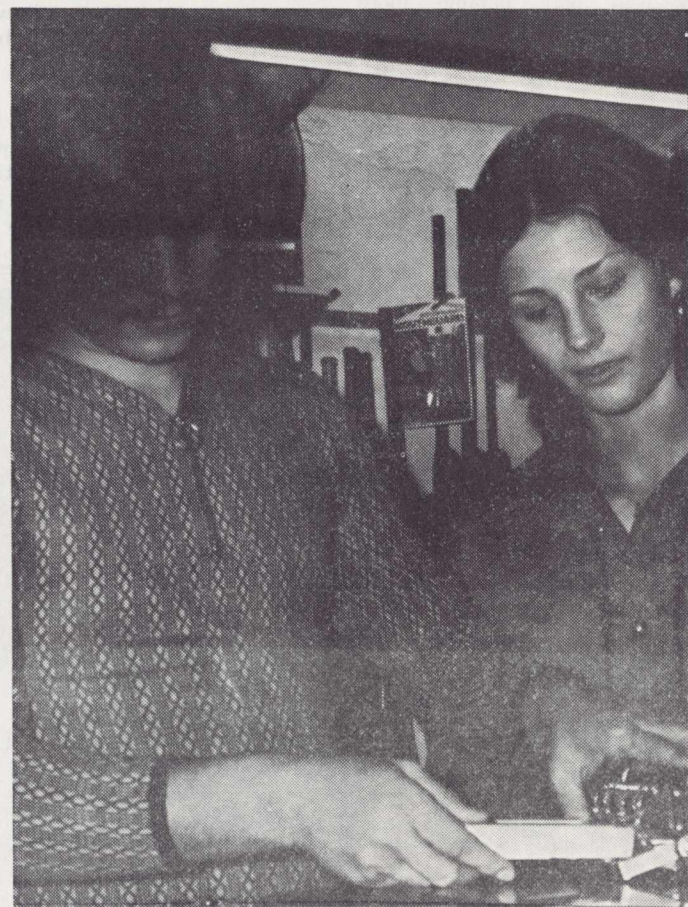
Oh! Will my eyes ever behold such beauty, such splendor?

Wait, is this a fantasy? Is this what they call Heaven? Oh God! Will I behold this place only in reverie?

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AGELESS—

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Now England ladies cursed and muttered under their breaths and finally went back to their samplers.

Actually, the greatest love generation of all time was the super-square generation of our parents. It was the generation that produced Sinatra and Crosby and practically invented candlelight, mood music, sherry and the moon.

It was the generation of the love movies, when the handsome lover came home from the war. It was when popular music had a one-track mind. People were singing, "Falling in Love with love," "If I loved you," and "People will say we're in love."

Those days ushered in the era of the bobbysoxers. It was Elvis urging his fans to "Love me tender." I was rock and roll to the moan of "I'm in love, I'm all shook up." It was the era of dancing cheek-to-cheek subtly.

Love is groovy. But love is a part of history. The day George Washington chopped down the cherry tree, he was trying to impress a girl.

"Father, he said, 'I cannot tell a lie. I'm hung.' And love was launched in the promised land.



Attend Religious

Emphasis

Activities

A Look At The Past

Old Activities Die From Lack Of Interest

By PAULA HOLLINGSWORTH
Tom-Tom Editor

Today, students complain that there is nothing to do here on campus. Why? Because every year students choose to complain instead of participating in activities, and they die from lack of interest.

In the past, students looked forward to Senior Day, Freshman Day, Junior Senior Banquet and Dance, Sadie Hawkins Day, Assemblies once a week, and Extramurals. This year we lose another activity, Baccalaureate services.

On Senior Day classes let out and students served as hostesses to visiting seniors on campus. Every department created an exhibit for display, and the school furnished an hour long program. Lunch was furnished the visiting schools and a basketball game served as afternoon entertainment. In one way or another, every student on campus participated. This made it a success.

Freshman Day was long remembered by both Freshmen and Sophomores, for this was the day the sophomores officially welcomed the freshmen to East Central. Freshmen were dressed in ridiculous garb while mastering sophomores made them sit on the floor, eat without aid of silverware, and other such duties. The day ended with the freshmen marching through Decatur. It was fun, because everyone participated.

Sadie Hawkins Day was the day all the fellows dreaded. Everyone participating would line up in front of the campus. At a signal the girls would chase the boys across campus; if they caught them, the boy would take the girl to the show. The race usually took place in the after-

noon before date night. Those who didn't participate, enjoyed watching their friends race. It was fun because the students participated.

The intramural program was once a great success here. Counties played each other in baseball, volleyball, touch football, basketball and track. Trophies were presented to the winning teams. It was a success because students participated.

I have described only a few of the activities which were once a part of campus life. I am not saying that I feel we should automatically install all these activi-

ties on the calendar for this year. Today students, campus life, and circumstances have changed. Religious Emphasis Week and May Day are our large yearly events. Don't let them die also!!! They can be a success if students participate. If students show more interest in the activities planned, slowly (Yes, slowly, because they slowly left. It won't be an overnight change) there will be an increase of activities. Perhaps we will not benefit from them, but we can leave this campus assured that we help promote interest, which will help the school and students in years to come.



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Warriors Receive Football Awards

By MIKE KASKIE
Tom-Tom Reporter

After closing a successful 1971 campaign, the following East Central players received awards: The most outstanding offensive lineman, tackle Sam Carter. The most outstanding defensive lineman, Walter Eiland. The most outstanding offensive back was quarterback Freddy Bagley, and the most outstanding defensive back was Floyd Triplett.

Those selected as permanent team captains were Steve Moorehead and Freddy Bagley.

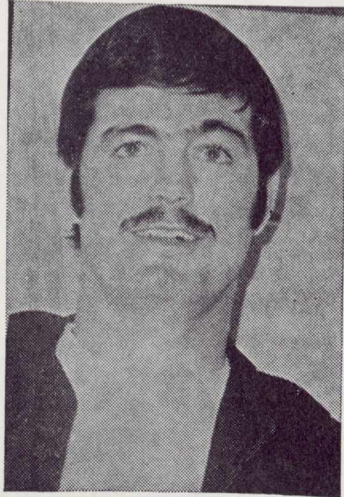
In the annual North-South Junior College All Star game, those representing East Central included Tommy Williamson, Steve Moorehead, Sam Carter, James Carter, and Walter Eiland, who was also selected as the most outstanding Carville Howard, and Lanzy Russell.

Mike Howell, Thomas Billups, standing defensive player in the game.

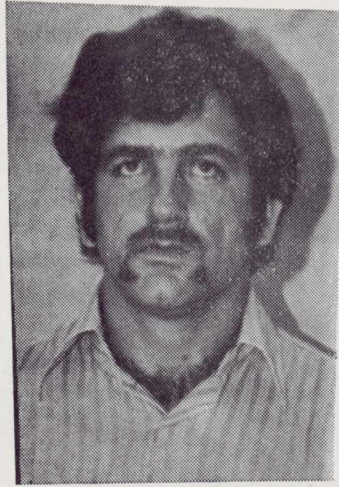
On the All-State team which was selected by the coaches around the state were Tommy Williamson, Freddy Bagley, Walter Eiland, Sam Carter, James Carter, and Floyd Triplett.

Many of the East Central football players are under consideration for scholarships or have been

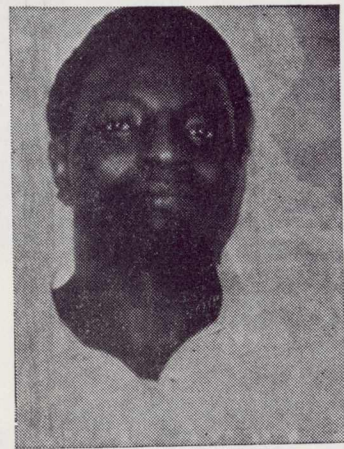
contacted by various senior colleges. Those include James Carter, Sam Carter, and Floyd Triplett by the University of Texas at El Paso; Tommy William, Memphis State University; Walter Eiland, Jackson State College; Steve Moorehead, University of Richmond. Other Warriors who have been contacted by senior colleges include Freddy Bagley, Rex Webb,



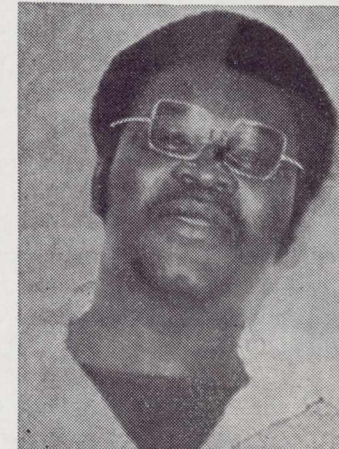
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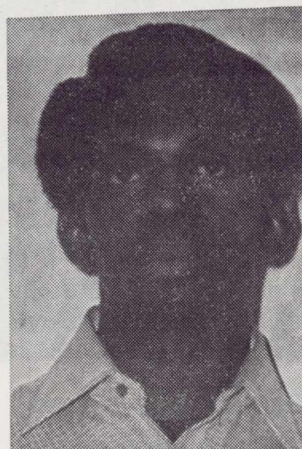
Williamson



Eiland



Sam Carter



Triplett

Calendar Of Events

The activities calendar posted in the dean of students office reveals a number of events during the next few weeks.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the events being provided for their entertainment.

February 14-17—Religious Emphasis Week (see lead story for details.)

February 17—Tougaloo College representative, Student Center.

February 18-19—County Band Clinic, Fine Arts Building.

February 24—Home Economics Field trip to Barn Theatre.

February 28—Meridian Little Theatre production of "A Man for All Seasons."

March 1—Campus Crusade for Christ—film on Expo '72

March 6—Journalism banquet, Gordon Room.

March 21—Representative from the University of Southern Mississippi, Student Center.

March 20-24—Production of the musical "Annie Get Your Gun." Fine Arts

March 23—Representative from the University of Mississippi, Student Center

Mrs. Crapps Reviews Life

Mother, Daughter Share Experiences Of Attending Same College Both Look At Comparisons, Contrasts Of ECJC

By GLENDA WATSON
Tom-Tom Reporter

A glimpse into yesteryear was revealed as a former East Central Junior College student told of her life here in 1938-40. It contrasts quite vividly with how her daughter, Diane Crapps, now a graduating sophomore at ECJC sees it.

Mrs. Woodrow Crapps, formerly Miss Bessie Mae Armstrong, of Morton graduated from Morton High School in 1938 and enrolled at ECJC. After graduating from ECJC, she enrolled at the University of Southern Mississippi majoring in elementary education. She taught first at a two-teacher school, Henry Grady in Rankin county; later at Harperville for five years; Branch for ten years and then began teaching at Morton where she is still a dedicated teacher.

When she enrolled at ECJC, the fees were \$150 annually, including board each month being approximately \$15. There were no commuter buses and it took a long time in cars to get to the college. Cars were not allowed on campus, even though few people had access to one. Because of this, students usually stayed over on weekends. There were two dormitories, one for the boys, Neshoba Hall, and one for the girls, Jackson Hall. The bottom floor of Jackson Hall was a dining hall. There were four girls to a room and the only phone was in Mrs. Jackson's room. It could only be used with permission. There were no kitchen privileges and no dryer, hair dryer or sewing machine.

"There was one iron in our dorm. Everybody had to bring their own ironing boards. Since we had no kitchen privileges, we went to the basement and made chocolate candy by the heat of the iron," she continued.

Also, there were no dates except lobby dates, couples still

were not allowed to hold hands. Study hours were 7-11 p.m. and on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. When lights were out the main switch was flipped to make sure no one stayed up. Mrs. Crapps stated, "I kind of got homesick on Saturdays and once I called my Daddy to come get me."

Campusments were frequent. There was no visitation between rooms during study hours. "Once I got campused when I brought some books from the Library for another girl and when I stuck my hand in the door to give them to her. Mrs. Jackson was right behind me. I couldn't even go to town then!" she remembered.

No one had radios. They had a piano in the lobby and after supper every night, everyone gathered around and sang and held vespers. On Sundays, one was required to attend both morning and evening services unless ill. Every morning, the dorm mother gently tapped on the doors and announced, "Morning Watch,"—this devotion was held in the Baptist Church before the sun rose.

"Yes, the rules were concrete," she added. "You couldn't even ride in cars unless you were with your parents!"

"ECJC published an annual but no newspaper. Student opinions weren't accepted or expressed. There was no maid, but then there was no room check. Also there were no required ID cards. The dining hall was family style. Eight to twelve people sat around a table and a plate was passed around to serve."

Basketball and football were strongly supported, but there was no bus to transport students to games. Mrs. Crapps stated laughingly, "Once I remember we all caught the train at Decatur and went to Ellisville. We thought we had been to New York!" She also said that whenever it snowed, the train couldn't come through to

bring the coal they needed for steam heat. They had heat only in the morning and at night, not during the day. Everyone dressed warmly. When asked about "dares" students took, she said the one she remembered most vividly was in a cafe. One of her friends ate a table napkin soaked in catsup.

"No student loans were available either," she said. "Most of the kids worked." She remembered the teachers, too, as all being so nice, but the one she admired the most was Mrs. Stella Newsome. "That was the most wonderful woman there ever was." Incidentally, Mr. Andy Miller was their maintenance engineer.

The two highlighting events of the school year were "freshmen week" and "May Day." Freshmen week, by the way, did last an entire week. "We all had to wear a big green 'F' on our foreheads, and they skinned those boys' heads. We had to wear anything the sophomores told us to and bow to them every time we saw them. Some boys had to wear their pants buttoned up the back and we all had to carry our books in a pillowcase. It was really bad when we had to attend EC's first football game like that!" May Day was basically like it is now, except it was held out of doors; there was no mall then, just open street and everyone sat under the trees.

"I guess the curriculums offered were about the same," she said, "except there was no vocational shop. Dr. L. O. Todod was president then. Requirements were about the same."

After listening to her story it is evident that ECJC has changed, and for the better. Mrs. Crapps' opinion of junior colleges was quite high and she recommended it for students. Her daughter Diane plans to graduate from EC, attend Southern, majoring in elementary education, and

teach, just like her mother. When Diane was asked if her mother had had an influence on her plans, Mrs. Crapps spoke up, "From the first day in school until the day she graduated, Diane had no plans for college. I told her she didn't have to go but she'd have to work. She decided she'd go one semester at EC and see how it was. After that, she liked it, and decided to continue her education."

Someday, when Diane is teaching, maybe she'll get to look back and tell of her experiences at ECJC as it was in 1972. After listening to her mother, she seemed mighty glad there had been a few changes made since 1940.

She looked up and said, "I sure would like to be able to go up town after 5 p.m., though." Inevitably there will continue to be change.

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Musical: Example Of Women's Lib; Features Over Fifty ECJC Students

"An early example of women's lib" is the description Bruce Peterson, director, gave the soon to be presented play, **Annie Get Your Gun**. The musical will be presented four nights, March 20, 21, 22, and 23, with each performance to start at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Sanders plays Annie Oakley, the sharpshooting whiz of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. An illiterate Ohio lass performing miracles with a squirrel rifle, she is snapped up by Buffalo Bill, falls in love with the male sharpshooter of the group (Danny Dansby). Unfortunately for his affections, she shoots better than he does. But in the end Cupid's bow wins out over Annie's gun.

Mary Sanders, 18-year-old business major from Carthage, plays the part of the love sick sharpshooter. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sanders, and lists as her interests music, and all types of sports. **Annie Get Your Gun** is Miss Sander's first performance and she said "I hope it is a success." When asked how it felt to play the part of Annie Oakley she replied, "It's fun, Annie and I have a lot in common personality wise. I only hope we do well."

Co-starring with Mary is Danny Dansby. He plays the part of Frank Butler, the male sharpshooter and Annie's love.

A sophomore from Quitman, Danny plans to pursue a career as a speech major. He has performed in three other East Central productions **The Man Who Came To Dinner**, **South Pacific** and **You Can't Take It With You**.

Concerning his part in the play, Danny states, "the character, Frank Butler, is a complete reversal for me personally, that is what makes the part challenging for me."

The rival Indian fighters and showmen, Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill, are also important parts of the cast.

Buffalo Bill is portrayed by Gordon Smith. Gordon, who is majoring in art, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith of Little Rock. He lists as his hobbies drawing, music, and girls.

This is not the first production in which Gordon has performed.

Ricky Rector plays the part of Pawnee Bill, Buffalo Bill's chief rival.

Ricky is a native of Morton and is majoring in speech. He is the 20-year-old-son of Mr. and

Mrs. Lewis Rector and plans to attend Mississippi State College upon graduation from EC in May. Ricky lists as his hobbies fishing and music.

No western is complete without Indians, and Chief Sitting Bull, Von Dean Dawson, leads the Indians in this show.

Von Dean, who is also a sophomore, is majoring in psychology. He is the son of Mrs. Theda Dawson of Louisville. Von Dean says he enjoys writing as a hobby.

Von Dean also performed in the fall play, **You Can't Take It With You**.

Mentioned are only a few of the fifty students, who in one way or another are working on the production of **Annie Get Your Gun**.

Some of the costumes to be used in the play are actual theatrical outfits rented from New York. The East Central Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Sommers will provide music.

All students are reminded to pick up tickets in advance. Student ID's will be needed and students must attend on the night of the ticket. Additional tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for students.



Sophomore Betty Link has been selected the first Miss Tom-Tom.

THE FIRST

Paper Features Betty Link As First Miss Tom-Tom

By PAULA HOLLINGSWORTH
Tom-Tom Editor

Graduation is fast approaching and a large number of students will be leaving East Central. One of these students is Betty Link. This week the **Tom-Tom** has chosen Betty to be Miss Tom-Tom of February.

Miss Link, who is from Sebastopol, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hampton Link. She graduated from French Camp Academy, where she was Miss French Camp Academy, Most Intellectual, Head Cheerleader, Homecoming Maid, and a Beauty. Miss Link also received the DAR and Most Outstanding Teenager Awards.

While at East Central, Miss Link has been very active in school activities. She was in the top ten in the beauty pageant and is on the Women's Council, where she serves as Fire Chief, and Room Inspector of Newsome Hall. Betty also serves as President of the ECJC Players and vice-president of the SEA. She is now working as assistant director of the play, "Annie Get Your Gun".

Upon graduation, Betty plans to pursue her major in speech at Delta State College in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Miss Link lists as her hobbies playing the piano, working with children, and writing poetry "no one ever reads".

We would like to give the reader a chance to enjoy some of Betty's writing. The following is a Betty Link original:

Happiness is a gentle breeze
Strong enough to move a single leaf.

Happiness is a laughing child
Who can laugh at nothing.
Happiness is a fleeting
glimpse

Of grandma and grandpa's
affection.

Happiness is a smile that
Conquers a fear.
Happiness is acceptance of
one's self.
Happiness is only being happy
when making someone
else happier.

Save Cigarette Packs To Buy Machine For Kidney Patient

Help save a life.

East Central students have the opportunity to do something to help someone else. Students or faculty who smoke Salem, Winston or Vantage are asked to save their Cigarette packs and deposit them in a box in the Student Center.

These packs are being returned to the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company who in turn helps purchase kidney machines for patients who are unable to acquire the machines on their own.

East Central students, along with the workers at US Motors are attempting to collect 10,000 packs which will buy a machine for a patient in St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson.

If you smoke Salem, Winston or Vantage, please drop the empty pack in the box in the Student Center. Help someone live.

Home EC Club Attends Le Barn Rouge Theatre

The Home Economics Club of East Central attended the Le Barn Rouge Theatre in Jackson recently.

Those attending saw "Send Me No Flowers," a comedy. Mrs. Pouncey, sponsor, and ten girls made the trip.

This trip was made possible by the selling of cookbooks and candy during first semester.



The Tom-Tom



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Win Second Class

Judge Calls Paper Readable; Suggests Several Improvements

"The **Tom-Tom** is a very readable paper," states Bonnie L. Blackmore, Associated Collegiate Press judge.

"Its strengths are in layout, and in news-headline writing. With some minor work on editorial page features, and on sports, it will easily become a first class or All-American paper," Miss Blackmore continued.

The **Tom-Tom** received a second class rating in national competition, failing to achieve first class rating by 45 points. The paper was judged along with papers from all over the United States which are published as frequently as **The Tom-Tom** and are from institutions of relatively the same size as East Central.

Papers are judged in five categories. These categories are coverage and content, writing and editing, editorial leadership, physical appearance, and photography.

Concerning coverage and content the Associated Collegiate Press points out that "a successful school newspaper informs students, faculty, parents and alumni and any interested reader about all significant aspects of school life and community developments related to the school."

Related to **The Tom-Tom**, Miss Blackmore said, "The **Tom-Tom** has fairly good coverage, but the paper would benefit from more reporter-originated stories such as features, speech reporting, reports of classroom developments, interviews with interesting and-or im-

portant campus personages.

Suggestions for improvements on the editorial page include "try more variety on the opinion page polls, reviews, opinion column on timely topics."

The Associated Collegiate Press officials pointed out that the image of the college paper has changed from the image of the 1920's when "papers capitalized school achievement, and generally ignored or 'sweetened' serious problems. Most staffs considered administrative policy beyond the realm of their commentary. Editorials usually dealt with pride in school achievements, suggestions for student projects, the virtues of study and obeying rules, minor behavior problems and moral truths."

For Vo-Tech Students

VICA Organizes Statewide; Elects ECJC Student

The statewide junior college VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) is being organized with East Central represented by Marsha Williams as state secretary.

The organization of this club began in December when Marsha Williams, Willie Moppet, Frank Rigby, Pace Guthrie and Willard Clay represented EC at the State organizational meeting. State officers were elected and a state constitution adopted.

East Central has begun the organization of a VICA club. During a recent meeting, a constitution written by a committee composed of Marsha Williams, Frank

Rigby and Willie Moppet, was approved. Officers were also elected at this meeting.

Officers of VICA are Canoy Thomas, president; Don Oxner, vice president; Debbie Fulton, secretary; Danny Durham, treasurer; Gary Cheatham, parliamentarian, and Wayne Parker, reporter.

All vocational-technical students are urged to join VICA. The officers believe that VICA has much to offer its members. All students interested in becoming members of the organization should contact one of the officers.

Editorial Comments . . .

Dorm Students Express
Need For Tissue Supply

To race down the hall to relieve tensions and find the toilet paper dispenser empty is the most frustrating situation a girl can endure.

The East Central girls' dorms have greatly improved during the year, yet they have one huge flaw—the toilet paper. Where does all our paper go? From approximately 9 p.m.-9 a.m. the dispensers are empty. Mothers of dormitory students must find it odd to see their daughters buy toilet paper to use through the night.

Sanitation Department, HELP!!! What can we do to deserve toilet tissue in the mornings? Alas, toilet tissue in any color would be so sweet.

Campus Unconcerned
For Student Elections

On this campus there seems to be little if any involvement in campus politics. Nobody wants to get involved, instead they are willing to sit back and let other people run it.

These very same people are then heard to say they don't like this or that about the campus or how the campus is run. This is not a right they hold because if they were really concerned they would have voted when there was an election on campus.

During the last election it seemed for a while that there were not going to be enough people nominated to even have an election. However, when visiting other campuses during an election, there is an air of excitement everywhere. If East Central could only get some of this same spirit? Due to this lack of interest it does not seem like much of an achievement to be elected to some position.

It is hoped that when we have our Student Body Association election that everyone will be a part of it and make it an exciting election and not another humdrum one.



Dorothy's Discoveries

Fill Your Life With Four-Letter Words

By DOROTHY FAYE COCHRAN
Tom-Tom Columnist

As I pause to talk with a group of students here on East Central's campus, I find the conversations flowered with unusual four letter words. Some of the words are not very appealing; nevertheless, some of the kids and some of the instructors think it's cute to talk this way.

I find it hard to believe that anyone could find this kind of language admirable. However, if an alien from another planet were to land here at EC the first greeting he'd hear would be, "How the hell are you?" Not, "How are you?" or even "Hello," but a very colorful, "How the hell are you?"

I have even talked with some students who tried to watch what they said around me because as one boy put it, "She's a Christian." I'm not sure if he meant it as a compliment or an insult. However, I feel I must clear the air about one thing. Just because I claim to be a Christian, doesn't mean that my life is bare of four letter words. I hear them everyday, everywhere I go. I even use these words to my advantage whenever I get the chance.

But there is a very big difference in the four letter words I use and the four letter words some of my friends use.

I am not out to impress anyone. If they can not accept me as I am — as my natural self — then I'm afraid we're not going to get along very well together. Nor do I feel selfconscious. This lack of confidence in oneself is advocated by columnist Ann Landers as the cause of cussing without even realizing one is doing it.

I must disagree with her in part. In Matthew 12:34 this reads: . . . for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

I believe that no matter how hard we try to fake it off, our

true self will shine through. The way you feel will be revealed in the twinkle of your eyes, the smile on your lips and most important, the words you say. And do beware of the words you say for once they leave your mouth they can never be recalled and even though sticks and stones may break my bones, words do hurt me, too.

But I have strayed away from what I'd started to tell you about

four letter words in a Christian's life. These words are love, kiss, kind, Lord, good, able, care, hope, work, fair, with the greatest of these being love. (I Corinthians 13:13)

Love is the center of my life and God is LOVE.

I'm happy to say my life is filled with four letter words. Is yours?

Campus Viewpoint

EC Students Move Toward
One Thing They Condemn

By FAYE COCHRAN
Tom-Tom Columnist

The most common thing heard on the campus of East Central Junior College is a complaint. Someone complains about the rules; someone complains about their grades; while, someone else complains about the lack of something to do. However, the most common of these complaints is directed toward the teachers.

"They're old folks," one will say. "What do they know?"

"They don't have our problems," another will add. "How can they understand?"

If you'll stop for a moment and look at the subject objectively, I think you'll see that here at this college we have some teachers to be very proud of.

Just last week an instructor took one class period and devoted it to a communication session. The kids rapped about their problems, and he rapped about his. Before the hour was over, students and professor had a better understanding of each other. There was no need for arguments and harsh words. The key to this discussion

was communication. Both parties were willing to listen, to give, and to take the remarkable thing about this session was the teacher began the talk himself and was willing to allow the student to voice his views without trying to change them. In turn the student did not try to change the views of the teacher.

The result ended with the students learning their feelings were not a new experience; their teachers had once felt the same way and were willing to help them if they possibly could.

Not all the classes on campus are limited to one subject. Some of the history classes discuss modern events along with the events of the past. Some of the English classes are devoted to general airing of opinions instead of the textbook topics alone. Meanwhile in some of the other classes, the professors enjoy remembering the by-gone days as related to current days.

How many of the other colleges are willing to take such an interest in the students?

In many of the larger schools (See VIEWPOINT Page 3)

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Selective Service Issues Changes Concerning Policies, Men's Rights

The Selective Service System issued its last major group of Regulation changes Friday, March 10, and thus ended more than two years of almost constant reform in draft policies and registrant rights.

The Regulations issued today concern procedures for personal appearances and appeals, among other subjects. Today's action by Selective Service Director Curtis W. Tarr removes the administrative hold on personal appearances and appeals which has been in effect since late 1971. Tarr had directed the 4,100 local draft boards to suspend action on most requests for personal appearances so that registrants would be afforded the procedural rights incorporated in the 1971 amendments to the law.

The Regulations, which became effective March 11, 1972, set a 15-day time limit following the mailing of a Notice of Classification card in which a registrant must request a local board personal appearance or an appeal. When he demonstrates that his failure to respond within the 15 days was due to reasons beyond his control, his local board may grant an extension of the 15-day period. The new Regulations also require local and appeal boards to give a registrant at least 15 days notice of his scheduled personal appearance before his local or appeal board. Another change announced today gives a registrant who is under a long postponement of induction the right to receive consideration from his local board for a reopening of his classification to hear claims for exemption, deferment or conscientious objector status.

The new Regulations also allow a registrant to have up to three witnesses appear in his behalf at his local board personal appearance, require that a quorum of the members of the local board be present, entitle him to 15 minutes for his presentation, and state that his local board must furnish him with the reasons should he receive an adverse decision on his classification request.

A personal appearance before a quorum of his state appeal board and, when the vote of the state appeal board is less than unanimous, the Presidential appeal board, also are provided for by the new Regulations. These boards also must furnish the registrant with the reasons should he receive adverse decisions on his classification request. He is not allowed to have witnesses appear in his behalf before appeal boards.

The Regulations issued today were republished for public comment in early January in accordance with a 1971 amendment to the draft law which requires that all changes in Selective Service Regulations be "proposed" to the public by printing them in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days in advance of the effective date. During the 30 days, public comments were received and evaluated.

The more than two-year period of major reform in draft policies began in late 1969 when President Nixon directed Selective Service to institute the lottery system for determining who would be called into military service. Then, in April 1970, the President authorized the phasing-out of occupational and paternity deferments. At the same time, he asked Congress for authority to phase out undergraduate student deferments and to establish a Uniform National Call procedure for inducting men into the armed services. In the fall of 1971, Congress ap-

proved these requests and also authorized several new procedural rights for registrants. These 1971 amendments to the Military Selective Service Act required implementing Regulations, and these have been issued in two parts—the first on December 9, the second today.

Commenting on the issuance of this last major package of Regulation changes, Draft Director

Curtis W. Tarr said:

"You can characterize the pre-1969 Selective Service as a state and local system with very little national uniformity. I believe that the draft today is rapidly being transformed into a national system and that one of the major goals of the President is being achieved by providing a draft system with universal equity as the guideline."

— LETTERS TO EDITOR —

Student Asks Permission To Extend Dance Curfew

Editor, The Tom-Tom:

As a concerned student at ECJC, I feel that I must express my feelings on the dance to be given by the Freshman class in honor of the sophomores. As members of the Freshman class, we have each been asked to give \$3 to cover the costs for the dance, yet we aren't allowed to have the dance any later than 11 p.m. on Thursday night.

During this year many of the football games have started quite

late, and the girls came in the dorm long after 11 p.m. When we request that the only dance of the year be held later than 11 p.m., we are turned down. This is inconsistent. If we have been able to stay out past 11 p.m. because of sports events, what is wrong in staying out later than 11 p.m. for the only dance given throughout the entire year?

Will the administration consider this request, or will the students be turned down?

Name withheld on request

Baptist Student Union Keeps Student Members Busy

By GLENDA WATSON
Tom-Tom Reporter

East Central's Baptist Student Union has always kept its members active and doing things which give them purpose in helping others to find purpose in life.

These students have found many opportunities to serve. Two such students are Wayne Herrington of Philadelphia and Jackie French of Noxapater. Their applications to the 1972 BSU Student Missions Program were accepted after receiving approval by a local committee, state committee and an interviewing committee. There were only twenty-six positions in the state to be filled.

There are three types of summer missions programs — the home mission board in the states; the Pioneer Summer Missions in Northwest United States, and the student summer missions which involve positions around the world.

Qualifications for applicants require persons to be 18-25 years of age who have completed 60 semester hours and who are mature Christians active in Southern Baptist Churches. Also they must be leaders and active workers in BSU and campus activities. They should be in good physical and emotional health and possess adaptability and common sense. This program is strictly student sponsored. Money is raised by students over the United States in order to fly all the state missionaries to their fields and back. In the current year, costs will amount to \$12,300. Each school has a goal to reach and East Central's is \$500.

Wayne's destination will be Hawaii. There he will be involved in general mission work including backyard Bible study, preaching, leading music, playing piano, survey, visitation, child

and youth ministry and personal witnessing. There will be a total of fourteen students from over the United States participating from June 8-Aug. 17.

Jackie was chosen to serve on the Nevada team where sixteen men, two women, and a director will erect a church in Carlin Nevada. This, too, is from June 8-Aug. 17.

Viewpoint—

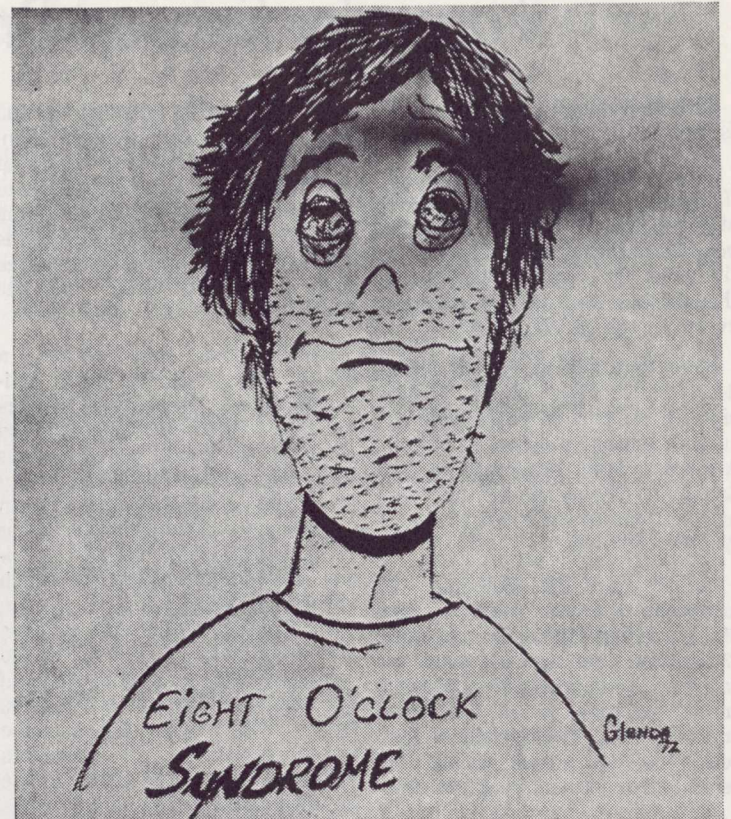
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you're known only as a name or number on a roll book. Here at EC the teachers strive to know you personally, help you over your stumbling blocks, and make learning something more than a chore. They have a unique quality, too. They can accomplish these things without making you feel they are trying to baby you as you were treated in grade school. Their help is available; it is up to you to take advantage of it.

However, down through the ages of time the younger generation has blamed its worries and problems on its parent generation. Did you ever think of what would happen if suddenly the persons over thirty disappeared? Very few of us could get along without them, yet we condemn them instead of giving them the praise they deserve.

Slowly, but surely, one day we'll be filling their shoes. Will we be able to cope with the younger generation condemning our every move? With the guidance the teachers of East Central are offering, the now generation will progress successfully.

It's true. The students of EC are headed toward the one thing they condemn the most: adulthood!!



English Faculty Attends Many Curricula Meetings

By PATRICIA REESE,
GLENDA NICHOLS
Tom-Tom Reporters

The English Department of East Central has not only been busy teaching but attending meetings around the state and the southeast also.

On Feb. 5, Mrs. Carrie Alford, Mrs. Alyne Simmons, and Ovid Vickers attended the Mississippi Junior and Senior College Conference on English which was held at Hinds Junior College. Mrs. Simmons was a member of the panel that discussed "The Teaching of Literature." Miss Verbie Lovorn of Mississippi College discussed American Literature. Dr. George Poole of Tougaloo College discussed Black Literature. Dr. Mariah Butler of Delta State discussed English Literature, and Mrs. Simmons of East Central discussed World Literature.

On Feb. 12, Mrs. Alford, Ovid Vickers, and Rudolph Mayes attended an English Consortia sponsored by Meridian Junior College. The Consortia was held at Perkinson Junior College. It consisted of English teachers from five Mississippi Junior Colleges. The meeting was centered around teaching the exceptional student (both honor courses and remedial courses).

On Feb. 24-26, Mrs. Simmons, Rudolph Mayes, and Ovid Vickers attended the Seventh Annual Southeastern Regional Conference on English in two-year colleges in Chattanooga, Tennessee. At this meeting, Mrs. Simmons acted as recorder for a multi-media presentation on "The Literature of Appalachia." Mayes served as chairman of a session on "Film as Composition." Vickers was overall chairman for the conference. He presented a wide variety of guest speakers, panel discussions, workshops, and other presentations.

When asked "what impressed them most about the meeting?" Vickers replied, "I was most impressed by a panel of students from St. Petersburg Junior College who gave their reactions to an honors program they had been part of. They were very bright and articulate young people, and made one realize that, regardless of what we are led to believe, young people are capable of taking their rightful place in this country in the future."

Mrs. Simmons was impressed

with "the professional way in which the meeting was planned and the way it was executed. I was also impressed with the multimedia presentation of Appalachia, and Dr. Anthony Quigley's book, **April is the Cruellest Month**, reviewed with a filmstrip and a folk singer."

Mayes commented that he was impressed to see "people teaching in other junior college having the same problems and situation as we do at ECJC. You could identify with these people rather than at a national conference. I also enjoyed the discussion groups where people who are skilled in this area participated."

Red Cross Aids Those In Need

If Clara Barton and those who helped to found the American Red Cross were alive today they would still recognize the humanitarian concepts through which the organization was created in 1881. But they would be startled, perhaps, to see how the Red Cross they originated has adapted those basic concepts to meet the rapidly changing spectrum of human needs that exist in the year 1971.

East Central students and faculty have an opportunity this month to help carry on this worthy cause. Contributions to the American Red Cross may be given to Gail Fulton or Linda Latham, campus Red Cross chairmen.

When people describe the Red Cross, they sometimes talk vaguely about coffee and doughnuts for servicemen, about blankets and mattresses for fire victims, and perhaps about the Blood Program. Nothing could be further from the truth. Times have changed, and so has the Red Cross. In fact, the Red Cross has always been a pioneering organization in the field of meeting human needs. In the United States, this concept was quickly expanded to include disaster relief and social service for the armed forces. Over the years, the Red Cross has pioneered in first aid training, in providing services that were the forerunners of county health services, and in providing psychiatric aid to returning veterans.

Contributions are needed to carry on the work of the American Red Cross. Disaster may strike anywhere, and then the Red Cross must go to work.

Tornado: Season Brings Warnings To Mississippians

The Mississippi tornado season is here.

Climatologist for Mississippi, E. J. Saltsman, today warned Mississippians that the months just ahead constitute the period of peak activity for the vicious twisters (although they can and do occur in every month of the year).

More than half of the 359 tornadoes which have struck Mississippi in the past 20 years have occurred during February, March, April and May, according to Mr. Saltsman, who works for the Commerce Department's National Weather Service.

In 1971, said Mr. Saltsman, 41 tornadoes touched down in the State, causing 118 deaths and over 17 million dollars in property damages, compared with a 20-year annual average of 18 tornadoes and 14 deaths. Twentyeight of last year's twisters struck during the usual four months of peak activity.

The Climatologist released the statistics in connection with SKY-WARN, the annual campaign to save lives from tornadoes conducted by the National Weather Service (the former Weather Bureau) and its parent organization, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Mississippi's crop of tornadoes in 1971 was a 1916-1971 record year for tornadoes in Mississippi; the 18 days with tornadoes exceeded the previous high of 17 days in 1965. There were 41 tornadoes in 1971, as compared with the previous high of 30 tornadoes in 1966. The total of 118 deaths from tornadoes in 1971 was exceeded during 1916-1970 in 1936 by 224 deaths, and in 1920 by 135 deaths. In 12 of the 55 years, 1916-1970, there were no deaths from tornadoes in Mississippi.

The most destructive tornado period in 1971 occurred Sunday, February 21, within 5 hours from about 3:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. It was the first time in Mississippi history that more than one thousand persons were injured from tornadoes. Three powerful twisters and a lesser fourth one brought death and destruction to the Mississippi Delta region. They traveled

at speeds up to between 50 and 55 miles per hour along a combined path of 340 miles long that varied in width from one-fourth to more than one-half mile. Using an average width of three-eighths of a mile, it is estimated that the total devastated area was 128 square miles.

Despite this grim record, a NOAA disaster-survey team estimated that timely warnings, averaging 50 minutes in advance, saved about 40 lives. The estimate was made by comparing ground covered, with similar factors for an "unwarned" disaster — the great Tri-State Tornado (Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana) of 1925, which killed 689 persons.

The balance of the 1971 twisters was comparatively minor with no deaths except on May 9 when in the Singleton community, 9 miles north of Carthage, a 2-room home was demolished. Its occupants were injured, and a woman, age 75, died later.

For comparison, some informa-

tion is given on the devastating tornado season of 1966. Then in 7 months, February through July and November, on 14 days, Mississippi was hit by 30 tornadoes which killed 58 persons and injured 532. From one tornado, 57 persons died, and 504 were injured. This was the one that touched down Thursday, March 3, 1966, south of Learned at 4:22 p.m., moved through Jackson and on into Alabama with some skips; disappeared about 8:15 p. m. The hardest hit sections were a short distance outside the Jackson city limits and damages in Mississippi totaled about 18 million dollars.

Climatologist Saltsman says that tornadoes are among the most difficult of all natural disasters to forecast, because they are so erratic and abrupt in onset. Nevertheless, he adds, "something about our National preparedness program appears to be working. During the past 20 years, both tornado reports and population density have increased by 30 per

cent and 40 per cent, respectively. However, the national yearly average of fatalities from tornadoes has stayed about the same."

When YOU SEE A TORNADO and there is time, telephone the nearest police, Civil Defense, or National Weather Service Office, telling them what you saw and heard; your name, location, ad-

dress and phone number. Take shelter, do not leave it until the storm threat is past; then phone reporting what happened, direction of movement, etc. Keep calm, stay away from damaged areas unless you can render assistance. WHEN A TORNADO APPROACHES, YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE!

TOURNAMENT BEGINS

Boys Conclude Season In Intramural Sport

By MIKE KASKIE
Sports Editor

East Central boys concluded their intramural season Thursday with each team playing 5 games. The first place team was Winston County with a 4-1 record, then Newton II with a 4-1 record, Neshoba county with a 3-2 record, Scott county with a 2-3 record, Leake county with a 2-3, and Newton I, 0-5.

High scorers for each team included Rash of Winston county with a 17.3 average, Blackburn of Newotn II with a 19.3 average, Howard of Neshoba with a 18.3 average, Bagley of Scott county with a 25.3 average, Dickens of Leake with a 17.8 average, and Moffit for Newton I with a 19.2

average.

Teams will now compete in a double elimination tournament for the championship.

Warriors Begin Football Season

By DAVID CHAPPELL
Tom-Tom Reporter

The East Central Warriors have begun their spring training in football for next season. Returning freshmen and high school series of drills and scrimmages.

The Warriors went to Co-Lin Junior College to play in a scrimmage game. The Warriors scored one touchdown and Co-Lin did not score at all. The coaches decided to lengthen the time in order to give the players more practice. In the overtime play, Co-Lin scored twice.

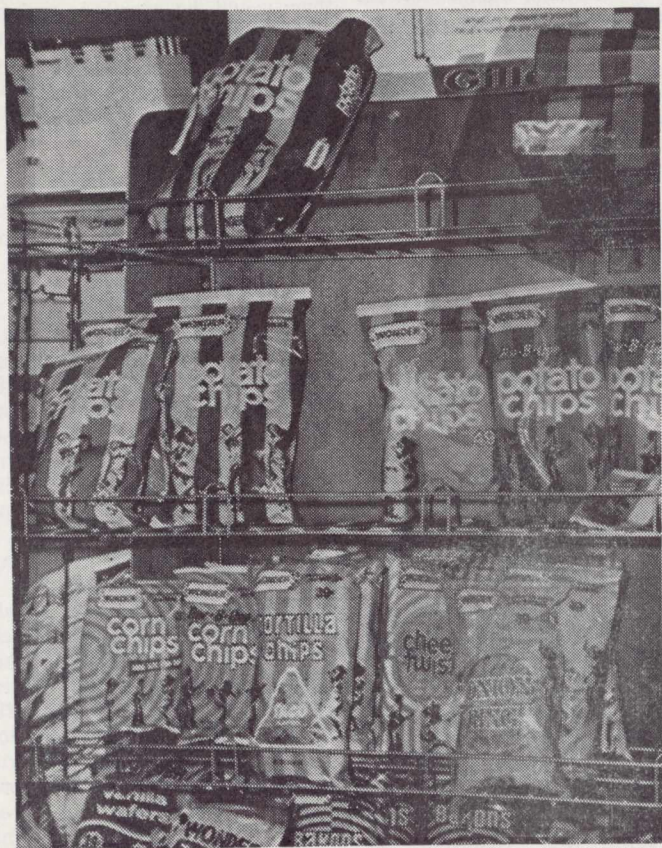
Coach Pouncey says that he feels the boys are showing great determination, and they are putting forth great effort. He says that things are looking good and that they will be ready for next year.



Newton II won the men's intramural play-off. This team defeated the Winston ball team.

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Ag. Students Visit Experiment Farm

"One hundred pounds of blood must circulate through a cow's udder to produce one pound of milk," stated the director of the experiment farm at Newton.

The agriculture feeding class under the instruction of John Lovett recently visited the farm to see what type of feeding is being

done for the top producing dairy herd at the farm.

The students were able to see the dairy animals as they were being prepared for the afternoon milking session. The farm has two top production herds, one Holstein and the other Jersey. The students were informed that the

Jersey herd is now outproducing the Holstein herd.

The field trip included a visit to the silo and a look at the latest in silage equipment. Procedures for mixing feed to produce the greatest yield of milk were also discussed.

The trip also included a tour of the surrounding fields and a discussion on the advantages of short-chopping oats for periods of extreme cold or extreme dry weather.

A modern automated milking parlor is now under construction at the farm and will allow one man to milk 100 cows single-handed. This facility will allow six cows to be in the barn at one time.

Once the modern milking facility is completed, the ag students plan to return and see the operation in full swing.



Close Analysis of Feed



Right Mixture of Feed is Important



Ag students look over new facilities at the Experiment Station





12 Month Curriculum

Welding: One Vocational Program; Offers Excellent Training, Jobs

Welding is but one of the many programs being offered in the vocational department of East Central Junior College.

A 12 months course, welding is designed to train a man in welding and to teach him the basic skills of arc and acetylene welding.

In addition, instruction is given in blueprints and how to read them. Instruction for building equipment trailers and any kind of steel construction is taught.

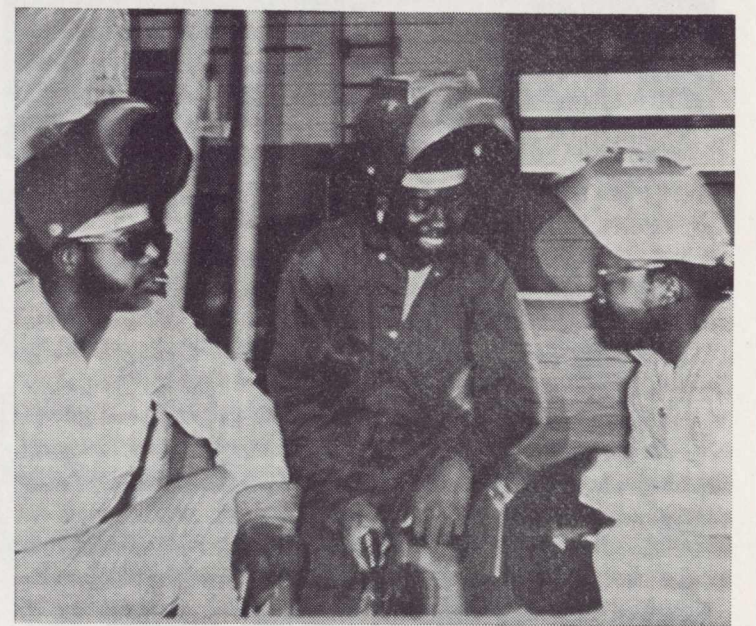
At present, there are 17 students enrolled in the welding course. Former students in the program have left East Central only to find well-paying jobs in industry. Some are working in Meridian. Litton Industry, on the pipe lines. There is always a big demand for good welders.

Night classes in welding are also being conducted on Mondays and Thursdays. There are 12 students enrolled in the course which runs for three hours each night.

These courses are designed to give the basics of welding. The course lasts for four months and the trainees may take an advanced course in welding.

At present the welding students are working with aluminum construction, head gate and squeeze shoots for cattle, and constructing benches to go on the campus.

Any questions concerning the welding curriculum should be addressed to Wilard Clay, welding instructor.



Journalism Class Attends Workshop; Visits MSCW Campus, Columbus

By JEAN JOHNSON
LIBBY HORTON
Tom-Tom Reporters

The Journalism class traveled, by way of the East Central van, to a Journalism workshop at Mississippi State College for Women in Columbus.

The class, consisting of a group of ten persons, six girls and four boys, arrived in time for the evening meal in the college cafeteria on Friday. This was also a time for some socializing, which was especially entertaining for the men students.

Saturday proved to be the big

day of the workshop. Dr. Wilson, head of the Journalism Department, carried the meeting with a very informative and impressive talk. According to Dr. Wilson experience in any field of media is helpful to a journalism student. Photography, also, is important to a good journalist. Dr. Wilson talked of his expectations of a radio station based on the MSCW campus, which would broadcast to the general public in addition to the campus. Plans for a campus television station are also being considered. He said MSCW is looking toward the future. The meeting was brought to a close with a question and answer session.

Some of the students attended a production of the Drama Department entitled, *Aesop's Fables*. This play was especially edu-

cational for the children who attended.

MSCW accommodated the girls with rooms and meals. Dr. Wilson made his home available to the boys.

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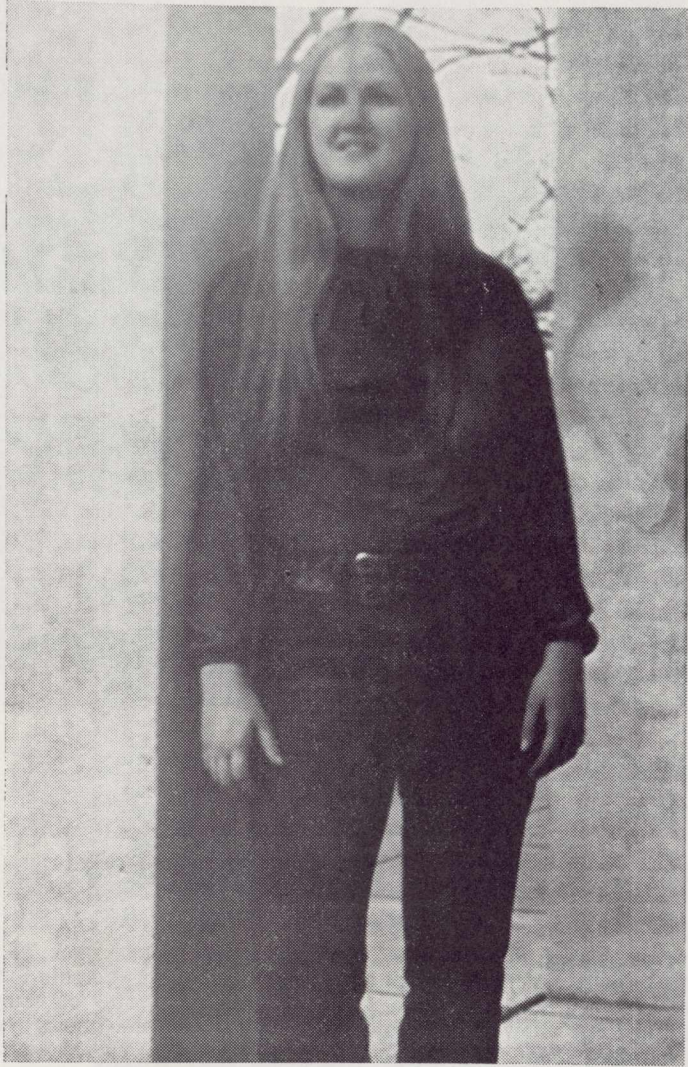
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Newton, Miss.



Miss Tom-Tom Mary Sanders, freshman from Carthage, is the second Miss Tom-Tom

Mary Sanders Is Miss Tom-Tom For April

By Paula Hollingsworth

"Outgoing in a sweet shy way" is how one East Central student described Mary Sanders. Mary has been selected Miss Tom Tom for the following month.

Miss Sanders, who many students know only as "Annie Oakly", is from Carthage. The five-three beauty is a graduate from Leake Academy, where she held many honors. Miss Leake Academy, Most Athletic, Senior Class Favorite, President of the Library Club, and a member of the Leake Academy choir were

only a few.

Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sanders and she lists as her hobbies, basketball, swimming, and horse-back riding.

At present Miss Sanders is majoring in Intensive Business, but she is considering a change of her major.

Whatever Mary does in the future will probably be a success, and the 1972 Paper Staff takes this opportunity to wish Mary Sanders the best life has to offer.

Annual Art Festival Begins April 24 With Concert

The fourth annual Festival of Fine Arts will begin at 7 p.m. April 24 in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium at East Central Junior College.

The opening concert will be the sophomore recital by Nenette Leatherwood and Clark Measels. Miss Leatherwood and Measels are both talented vocalists who have started in the musicals SOUTH PACIFIC and ANNIE GET YOUR GUN. They are soloists with the East Central Junior College Choir. Their program will consist of a mixture of serious and light works.

On April 25, the ECJC Choir and Band will present their annual program that will consist of music of such a nature that all attending will find something to enjoy. The choir program will be made up of sacred and secular works. The band portion of the program will be made up of the full concert and stage bands.

On April 26, the community chorus from Newton will present a program of music that will be both sacred and secular.

For the sacred portion of the program they will sing portions of THE ELIJAH by Mendels-

sohn; the latter part of the program will be made up of songs from musical shows. This program will be under the direction of Clark Adams of Clarke College.

The final presentation will be a Readers Theatre under the direction of Bruce Peterson. This program will be the presentation of plays that will be read using lighting as the only props.

Annuals Arriving On April 25th

The annual staff is happy to announce that the annuals will be arriving on the 25th of April.

After assembly on that day everyone will be able to pickup their yearbook in the annual office located in Newton Hall. There will be no charge for these as the cost was included in everyone's tuition fee.

The annual staff hopes that everyone will enjoy reliving some of the events of the year as a lot of hard work went into the construction of this annual.

Awards Day Scheduled April 25th

Awards Day will be held April 25 with numerous presentations being made to East Central students.

The following memorial awards will be presented:

Alatha Chaney Alumni Memorial Award for English, given by Mrs. E. L. Chaney, Hickory, Miss., in memory of her daughter, Alatha Chaney, to be presented by Ovid Vickers.

Jack B. Mayo Alumni Memorial Award for Phi Theta Kappa given by Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Mayo in memory of their son, Jack B. Mayo, to be presented by Mrs. Alyne Simmons.

Dr. Edwin Miller Alumni Memorial Award for Medical Services, given by Mr. J. A. Miller in memory of his son, Dr. Edwin Miller, to be presented by Mr. George Mason.

The W. A. Coursey, Jr., Alumni

Memorial Award for Engineering, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coursey, Sr., in memory of their son, to be presented by Shelby Harris.

The Earline Wood Alumni Memorial Award, given by Miss Lucille Wood in memory of her sister, Earline Wood, and presented by Miss Wood.

The Opal McMullan Dickinson Alumni Memorial Award for Elementary Education, given by Mr. and Mrs. Marion McMullan in memory of their daughter, Opal, and presented by Mrs. Graham.

The Sara Carr Deaton Alumni Memorial Award for Secretarial Science, given by Mrs. Dorsey Carr of Louisville, and presented by Mrs. Jessie M. Everett.

The Andrew F. Webb Memorial Award for Football, given by Arno Vincent and presented by Coach Ken Pouncey.

The Howard Sessums Alumni Memorial Award for Basketball, presented in memory of Howard Sessums by his former teammates and presented by Coach Joe Clark.

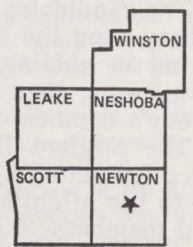
Citizenship Award will be presented by Denver Brackeen.

Mrs. Ruth Hull Home Economics Memorial Award will be presented by Mrs. Pouncey.

Other awards to be given are: Journalism Awards, Miss Latham; French Club Awards, Mrs. Rowell; ECJC Choir Singers Award, Mrs. Thornton; Wesley Foundation Award, Mr. Vickers; Secondary Education Award, Mrs. Graham Women's Intramurals Awards, Miss Wood; ECJC Drama Award, Mr. Peterson; Delta State Scholarship Award, Mr. Rives; Mississippi State Scholarship Award, Dean Tucker.



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Debbie Pawlik of Hazlehurst, a honey blond freshman in nursing at the University of Southern Mississippi, won the coveted title of Miss Universe Mississippi in ceremonies at the Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi Saturday night. The daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Stephen R. Pawlik, Debbie is five feet seven inches tall and

measures 35-25-36. She will represent Mississippi in the Miss USA pageant at San Juan, Puerto Rico, in May, and hopes to represent the United States in the Miss Universe contest later in the summer. Cabrini Bratton of Pass Christian placed second Saturday night, and Patricia Steele of Biloxi was third.

Election Today

Ten Seek SBA Offices For 1973

Spring has made her annual appearance on East Central's campus once more. This year she brought with her the buds of new leaders and new ideas. Among these are the candidates for Student Body Association.

Joe Massey, Keith Everett, Joe Buddy Madden, Britt Dickens, are the candidates for SBA president; Dick Graham seeks the office of vice-president; and Paula Hollingsworth and Susan Tingle are making their bid for secre-

tary. Candidates for treasurer are Jimmy Mowdy, Johnny Middleton, and Libby Horton.

Each of the candidates seems to feel EC needs a change. They are willing to work toward that change if you are willing to put your faith in them and get them elected.

A successful campaign is not waged by one, but by many supporters. **The Tom-Tom urges you** to question each of the candidates personally and decide which

one is the most capable one to serve the students of EC.

After all, it is the students' votes that will put one of these into office. It is their duty to serve with the student's best interest at hand.

Get involved. Find out what the platform stands are. Make a decision. And vote!!

Remember, if you don't vote, don't complain!!

Editorial

Opinions-

Vote Shows Students Care

Today is the time when students can again show their enthusiasm in their school activities. From 8 to 3 the polls are open to all students for voting in Student Body elections. Every student has a few free minutes during the day when he could vote, and everyone goes through the student center at least once a day. There are no good reasons for not voting!!

The elections which are in progress today are for members of the 1972-73 Student Body Association. These positions should be filled by reliable young men and women, who the students know will speak out for their convictions. Before casting one's vote, one should consider which candidate will represent the students in the best manner.

The candidates in this election may be few in number, but they need the support of the students, not just in voting, but in holding the office. It is the student's duty to cast his vote, then support the office holder, whether he was one's candidate or not.

The Student Body Association is the student's best chance for reforms. It is this association that brings matters to the attention of Dr. Wright and other faculty and board members. A member of the SBA is a friend to the students and faculty alike. He or she cares for the school and the principles for which it stands.

Have you voted yet? If your answer was no, then think of your responsibility as a student of this office. Students feel changes are needed. Well, this is the way VOTE!!!

Notice The Beauty Of Life!

Everyday there is something in life I think I want, and I guess this is a feeling everyone has. Let's think back on everything we've done today and count the times we've said "I wish I had that" or "I wish that was me."

People feel "the grass is greener on the other side of the fence" and "the shoe fits better on the other foot." They aren't happy with the things in life they have; a home, a family, friends, and most of all a chance to live.

As I look from my window, I notice a part of life that I take for granted. Dogwood trees are in full bloom and the old magnolia has just put on a new growth of leaves. Birds sing almost continually and one may even see a lizard on the ground below. A smell of spring fills the air, but we never have time to notice. When I do notice it is with awe and respect that we could have a world so beautiful in which to live.

Our campus is extremely pretty this time of year, but how many students have noticed? Did you? Or was it you who threw candy wrappers all over the mall? Was it you who got cigarette ashes all over the Fine Arts carpet? Notice the beauty of life. Please! Let's appreciate and keep what we have.



Dorothy's Discoveries

We've Come A Long Way, Baby!

It was nearly a half century ago that East Central Junior College was established. To be exact, the college was founded in 1929 and had an enrollment of 24 students. Today over 700 students attend East Central.

Within the course of these years East Central has seen many changes. Modern buildings have been built, better dorms have been built and, believe it or not, the rules have been changed. So many of us have complained about the restrictions we are under, but those before us had it harder.

In the 1932-33 catalogue, these were the rules listed for boys—"Profanity, drunkenness, smoking, gambling and boisterous conduct are strictly prohibited; no visitors allowed in the dorm after 7 p.m. except by special permission and boys are asked not to loaf on the streets nor spend any unnecessary time in town."

The girls had it even harder with their rules—"No borrowing or lending of clothes; girls will be allowed to go to town two afternoons per week, chaperoned by a teacher; playing cards, dancing and boisterous conduct are strictly prohibited."

Today's students would smother under such a close watch. Our freedom may be limited, but it

is not as bad as it was then.

Today we're facing a parking space problem. Several years ago cars were not allowed on campus. Because, and I quote the catalogue, "Nothing is more demoralizing than for one or two boys to have cars here and be on the road every afternoon uselessly burning gas at the expense of parents. Most trouble in discipline among students is caused directly or indirectly by going out in automobiles."

Those few who were given special permission from their parents to have cars had to leave them with the administration and were not allowed to use them when they chose to.

Parents were also encouraged not to give their children much money, "as there is very little need for money here."

That has changed drastically within the last twenty years. The cheapest text book one can buy now is around six dollars, then the most expensive was only four dollars.

Those few of you who stay in the dorms over the weekend should be praised according to the rules in 1939. Parents were encouraged not to allow their children to come home often. The administration felt that it would

interfere with school work. Nevertheless, there was no rule forcing the student to stay on campus because everyone knows "all work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy."

The annual staff should be hailed with honor for the work they've done. However, the first **Wo-He-Lo** was handmade. Most of the pictures were drawn in and very few photographs were available.

However, the annual was spiced with colorful poems by the faculty and students. Here are two as examples:

This song ain't got no moral,
This song ain't got no end,
Only to tell you my little ones,
That there ain't no good in men.

He was my man, but he done me wrong.

Nora Rogers.

My girl is very pretty,
And merry as a lark,
But I have to feed her onions
So I can find her in the dark.

L. C. Miller

The times have changed and are continuing to change faster with each passing day. It may hold true that EC needs some changes, but I think you will agree with this statement, "We've come a long way, baby."

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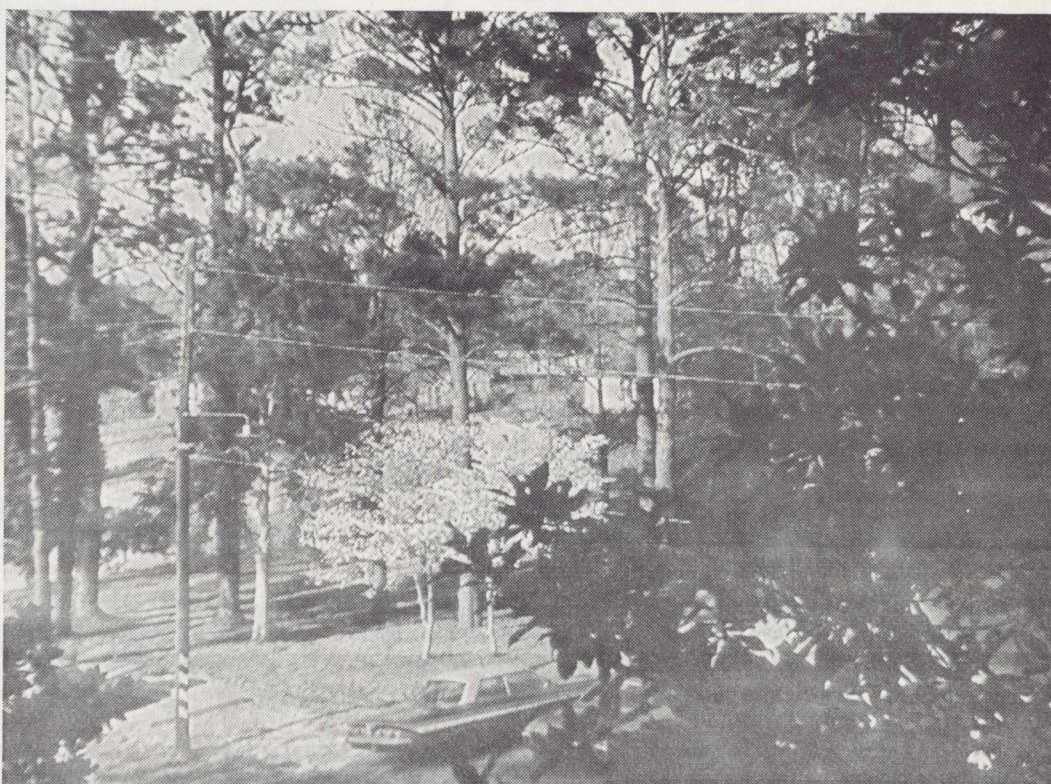
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The Beauty Of Life!



Library Display

French Instructor Exhibits Traditional Objects

By MARCELLA SAVELL
Tom-Tom Reporter

Everyone likes to learn about traditions from other countries. Mrs. Elisabeth Rowell has helped make this possible at East Central.

Mrs. Rowell has put some of her own things on display in the Library. By looking at these beautiful objects, one can learn a lot about the French tradition.

On the top shelf of the display case, one can admire the heirloom sterling silver forks and spoons. In France, the forks are set on the table or the table cloth protector with the tines turned downward. They do this because the pretty design is on, what Americans call, the backside of the forks and spoons. There are also some dessert forks of silver and vermeil. Also on the top shelf, there is a sterling silver Baby Timbale and spoon and fork which were used by Mrs. Rowell from the time she was one year old until her marriage. On the bottom of the Baby Timbale, one can see the number '3'. This was Mrs. Rowell's number in the boarding school she attended in France. All of her things had the number '3' on them at her school. Next to this,

one can see a beautiful Mother-of-Pearl and silver bookmark.

On the middle shelf, there is a Basque tablecloth and napkins and bamboo silverware. The tablecloth silverware is used for informal occasions. However, we Americans would probably save them for a very, very special occasion. The Ecu Tea Service, next to the table cloth, is made of Metrs. Metrs is half cotton and half linen. It is hand embroidered with brown and yellow feathers.

There are also some glass coasters. Each coaster is hand embroidered for the drink that each country is noted for, and with the men in their country's costume.

On the bottom shelf of the case, are pure linen sheets and pillow cases. They are hand embroidered with Venise lace and medallions set in. They are also initialed. When one is sick at home and receives visitors, this sheet is used to cover the bed linens. It is embroidered along the sides and the top.

The display is really too beautiful to describe in words. Students and faculty members are encouraged to go by the Library and view the display.

Twenty-Five Members Recently Initiated Into Phi Theta Kappa

Twenty-five members were recently initiated into the Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at East Central.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honor fraternity and certain qualifications must be met before a student can be inducted. He is required to obtain a grade point average of 3.5 if a freshman and 3.4 if sophomore. After becoming a member, he must keep a 3.0 to retain his membership.

The initiation ceremony was held at the Fine Arts Center. President Jack Evans and the other officers participated in this event. The new students who gained official membership into Phi Theta Kappa are Janet Barham, Chee Chee Barnes, Gary Beckham, Melinda Bullard, Danney Clearman, Stephanie Cook, Barbara Deaton, Richard Eakes, Jackie French, David Gibbs, Dorothy Herrington, Paula Lee, Judy Lyle, Sandra Mason, Pam Pettit, Carol Sessums, Mary Terrell, Valerie Russell, Donna Skinner, Kent Strum, Sue Tingle, Iva Jean Watkins, Kenneth Watkins, Marshall Winstead, and David Wright.

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Students Analyze Play

The following are reviews by students of "Annie Get Your Gun."

Has Mixed Emotions

While attending the East Central production of "Annie Get Your Gun," I experienced two very different emotions. The two emotions are normally not associated; however, in this case, I feel that they belong together. These emotions were those of delight and total disgust. First, I shall explain the feeling of delight. The play was prone to be a success long before the performers from this college read their first line; therefore, the success or failure rested squarely upon the shoulders of the actors and actresses. Those chosen for leading roles became the bearers of the burden of success, and they bore their burdens well.

Danny Dansby, as the character Frank Butler, carried on like a real trooper despite a cold that surely must have hampered him greatly. He gave a performance that, while by no means was perfect, certainly yentertained the audience and bought himself the admiration of all.

Mary Sanders, in the role of Annie, certainly displayed a talent that I did not expect to find on so small a campus. Her portrayal of Annie brought me not only immense enjoyment, but also an immense admiration for

her. In a nutshell, "she stole the show."

The supporting cast gave performances that could be rated from good to poor and the music definitely left much to be desired; however, all seemed to try their hardest and give their best. To them I can only say thank you for a most enjoyable evening.

The emotion of disgust was supplied not by the participants of the play but by those few students who came not to applaud but to harass. These few students first made themselves apparent very early in the evening when they booed Gilbert Sommers when he first came on stage to lead the orchestra. This action was not only very unnecessary but also very uncouth action. For most of these students uncouth behavior is probably not an exception but a rule. A brief time later these kibitzers made their presence known once more by laughing at and adding to, the obvious frustrations of the dancers. To these students who were blue-jean-clad and unkept-looking, may I extend my sympathy and say thank you for showing me that the world is not nearly perfect and until these chosen few grow up there is no danger of it becoming so.

Annie Get Your Gun Declared A Success

The East Central Drama and Music Departments presented an excellent production of Irvin Berlin's *Annie Get Your Gun*.

Mary Sanders' superb portrayal of Annie Oakly was the highlight of the show. Her expressions, dialect, and emotions transformed her into Annie.

Lynette Herring's cameo role was humorous. Her child-like manner and old-fashioned costume accented the first act.

Danny Dansby has an excellent voice and his wedding duet with Mary was one of the best numbers done by the cast. He gave Frank Butler the strength and vigorosity the part needed.

Buffalo Bill; Gordon Smith, Pawnee Bill; Ricky Rector, and Sitting Bull; Vondean Dawson had great character portrayal. These three young men were a great addition to the play.

Candy Gainer was one of my favorite cameo characters. She brought humor to a drab dance

routine. The costumes were beautiful. They made the players look their parts.

The dances were long and sometimes their pyramids looked shaky. To me some of the routine did not relate to the rest of the play. They held no importances to the plot.

The overture was long, very long. By the time the play started, everyone was too tired to watch. The band added to the music. Teresa Mills, who played the organ, did an excellent job, as did Mrs. Thornton on the piano.

Overall the characters did an excellent job. Their hard work and long hours were clearly seen in the ease the play was produced. The response of the audience showed the approval of the time and effort put into this production. The cast should be greatly acknowledged for the success of the play.

In Minnesota

Phi Theta Kappans Attend National Convention

The National Phi Theta Kappa Convention for 1971-72 will be held in Rochester, Minnesota, April 12-15.

Phi Theta Kappa members from many of the junior colleges throughout the United States will attend this convention. The theme for the convention this year is "State of the Nation 1972-Forward Responsible Contributory Citizenship."

One of the highlights of the convention will be a campaign to choose favorites for the Democratic and Republican nominations for President. Featured as

speaker this year will be Senator Walter Mondale of Minnesota. Other featured items on the schedule include a tour by the delegates of the world - famous Mayo Clinic and the International Business Machines.

The entire chapter at East Central has been working hard raising funds to allow many of the members to attend. A few of the members have helped with the administering of the ACT test that is given at East Central to high school students. The chapter also sponsored the mum sale at Homecoming.

Stadium Plans In Progress

East Central will soon be blessed with a new football stadium. It is expected to be installed on or before July 1st of this year.

The home side will be changed to what is now the visitors' side. An elevated walkway will lead to the bleachers. The home side will seat 2500 people, and the visitors' side will seat 1107 people. Imagine having enough room to move!

New walks will lead to the new home side and possibly a new ticket stand will be built. A cyclone fence will enclose both sets of bleachers. The old bleachers which are on the present home side will be moved to the new baseball field. E. C.'s making progress!

Remember: Don't sit on the wrong side. Home side and visitors' side will be reversed.

Apathy Kills School Spirit

By JOE MASSEY
Tom-Tom Reporter

There have been several articles in the school newspaper, the **TOM-TOM**, this year that have compared the class of 1972 to those of a generation or so ago. It seems that the classes of past years have demonstrated far more school spirit than our class and recent classes have shown. These articles always ask the question, "Where is the school spirit of yesterday?"

I believe the school spirit has died of a disease called apathy. Apathy is the disease that kills an individual's interest in everything. There are two reasons why apathy has infected so many of us here and only one cure for it. The first reason is that some of us are here because we are expected to be. All of our lives our parents have told us we must go to college. So, to please our parents, here we are. With no purpose other than this, we cannot generate any enthusiasm within ourselves that can be passed on to others. We are, therefore, left open to infection by apathy.

The second reason for lack of interest in student affairs and college life in general can best be expressed in the words of a Student Body Association officer. He said, "A student has no freedom and no voice in the rules of the school. No one listens to us."

It is a fact that all the junior colleges in the state have more liberal rules for their students than we do. Just recently Scooba revised their dormitory rules for

women. At present the female students there can enter and leave the dormitory at will before 9:00 every night. On Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday they are allowed to stay out until 11:30. They may leave for their dates at any time after classes and are not required to sign out.

The administration did not come to the students and give them privileges. The students had to go to the administration.

This brings us to the cure for apathy. The student body must work together toward a single goal. One cricket in the night disturbs no one. All the crickets together can be heard all across the country-side. So it is with people. One person cannot be heard as well as all the voices united. There are many examples of this such as a choir, a group of cheerleaders, or the fans at a football game. You see, the cure is really quite simple. The student body must band together and overcome this disease. If we don't, we could all someday sit back, uninterested, and allow someone to take all that really matters to us, our freedom; because we could not be bothered by our surroundings. Now is the time to become interested. If there is something that we feel is not fair or a rule that is outdated, talk it up — say it out loud. If it is repeated often enough and loud enough, it will be picked up by others and will snowball. You can be sure that this will bring results which will be seen in system changes and that school spirit which we are

Rules Need Changing

By DICK GRAHAM

It is common knowledge around East Central that a number of Victorian rules governing student behavior still exist, yet no one seems to be able to do anything about changing them. I believe the best way to change any law, is to present it to the public and petition for its change.

The first and foremost rule in need of change, is the smoking restriction concerning girls, that is, girls aren't allowed to smoke in the student center. I would like to point out that this rule isn't in the student handbook, yet young ladies are to abide by it. Unwritten laws? Reminiscent of aristocratic ages when laws

existed in the minds. Democracy must prevail. Isn't that what your mothers were saying when they campaigned for women's rights? "You've come a long way, baby!"

This rule defies progress, it is a shining example of ultra-conservatism. To expect a rule such as this to exist in these times, is to mock progress, and progress has been the symbol of America since the establishment of the constitution. Granted, some things must remain the same. I surely wouldn't advocate removing all laws, but to deny constitutional rights is immoral and illegal. Please, Administration, wake up, "The times, they are a' changing."

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Judy Winstead Is Miss Tom-Tom

By JUDY HOLLINGSWORTH
Tom-Tom Editor

This issue **THE TOM-TOM** has chosen Judy Winstead as Miss Tom-Tom.

Judy, who is the 20-year-old daughter of Mrs. Nettie Foster and the late Mr. Waddell Winstead, is from Edinburg. In high school Judy was active in basketball, FFA, and the choir. She also was chosen Most Cheerful

her senior year.

Here at East Central Judy is by no means unknown. Her cheerful ways and never ending smile have made her a friend of all.

While at East Central, Judy has been in the choir, and two of its musical productions; "South Pacific" and "Annie Get Your Gun."

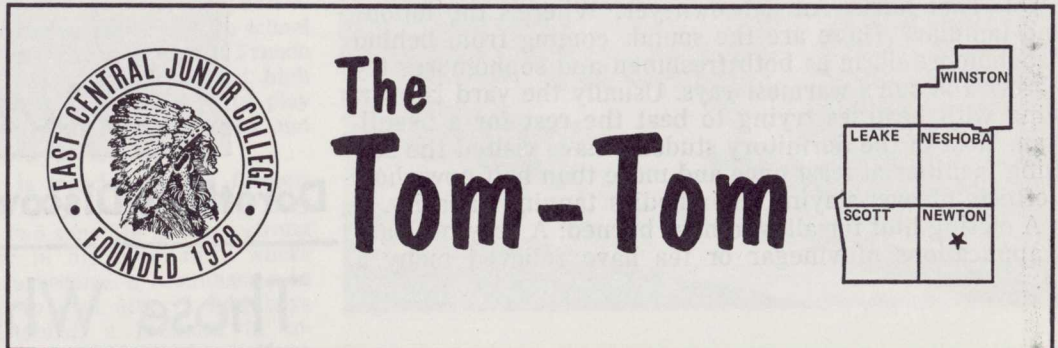
Judy lists as her hobbies, playing tennis and basketball, riding

horses and talking.

When asked about her future, Judy said, "I would like to be a physical therapist, or work in a field where I can work with people." At present, Judy is a physical education major.

Upon graduation from East Central, Judy plans to attend Delta State College and pursue her major.

Everyone wishes Judy the best of luck!!



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Miss Tom-Tom Judy Winstead is this week's choice.

ECJC Players Present Awards Night 1972

By FAYE COCHRAN
Tom-Tom Reporter

East Central's annual Academy Awards was held Wednesday night, April 19, in the Fine Arts Building.

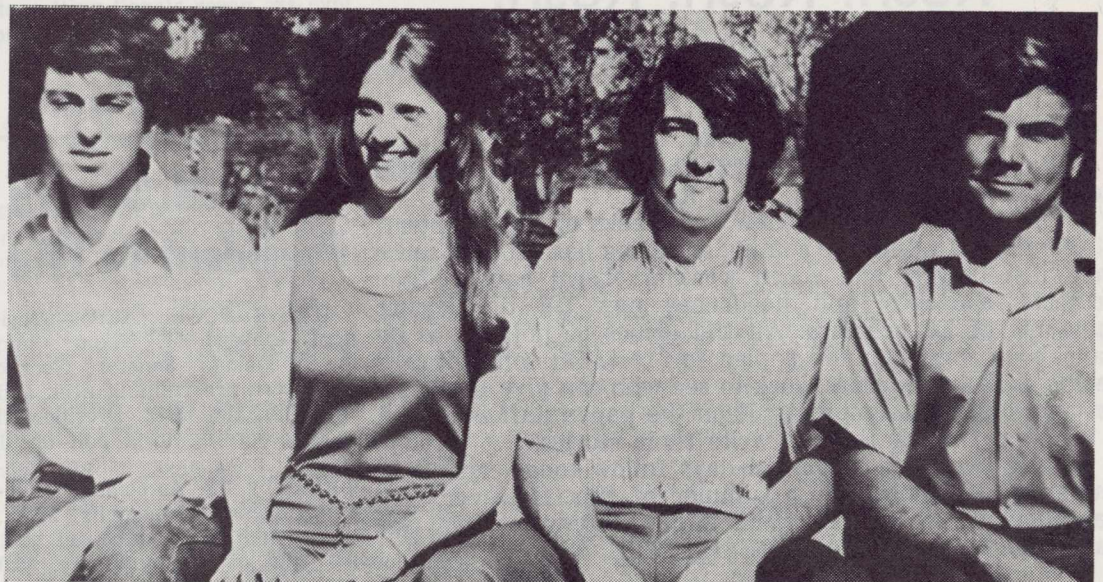
The formal affair was attended by anxious spectators and cast members.

Many were nominated for the awards; unfortunately, only a few were chosen. Those receiving awards are Jennie Thompson, stitch in time saves nine; Vickie Sullivan and Jeanith White, best committee members; Travis Hardy, Doc Crenshaw, Mike Kaskie, best stage hand; Beth Fulcher, Junior Gammill, best dancer; Billy Gilmer, best chorus member; Candy Gainer, best walk on; Vondean Dawson, best line; Melinda Nanney and Rickey Rector,

best minor role; Rhonda Kelly and Windell Carter, best character role; Mary Sanders, congeniality; Lynette Herring, best supporting actress; Mike Kaskie, best supporting actor; Mary Sanders, best actress; Robert Barnett, best actor.

Two special awards were given by Diane Herring, a former EC student and the first one to receive the best character role award. These awards were the actor's patron saint. Mary Sanders and Danny Dansby were the recipients.

Entertainment for the night was furnished by Clark Measles, Candy Gainer, Mary Sanders, Danny Dansby, and Billy Gilmer. Refreshments were served in the lobby following the presentation of the awards.



New SBA officers for 1972-73 are from right to left, Britt Dickens, president, Guy Nowell, vice-president, Susan Tingle, secretary, and Johnnie Middleton, treasury.

SBA Attends State Convention

By PAULA HOLLINGSWORTH
Tom-Tom Editor

"To help future the powers of student government" was the purpose of the spring convention of the Student Council Association of Mississippi held April 17 and 18 in Jackson.

All thirteen Mississippi Junior

Colleges were present including ECJC, that was represented by Richard Easkes, 1971 SBA President, Mike Anderson, 1971 SBA vice-president, Britt Dickens, 1972 SBA President, Guy Nowell, 1972 SBA vice-president, Susan Tingle, 1972 SBA secretary, and Johnny Middleton, 1972 SBA treasurer. Dean Brackeen accom-

panied the group on their trip. New officers for 1972-73 were elected and a visit to the Mississippi House of Representatives and Senate rounded out the trip.

The group arrived back on campus late Tuesday afternoon. The new members of the SBA count this trip as a valuable assist to their new duties.

Two Faculty Members Join East Central's Teaching Staff

By VICKI LOVETT
Tom-Tom Executive Editor

Two faculty members have been added to East Central's staff during recent months.

They are Alfred H. Bailey and Harvey Trapp. Bailey is now teaching related studies in the vocational department and is completing the year begun by Jimmy Crane. Trapp is completing the year for Wallace Bedwell who retired because of ill health. He is teaching accounting and business law.

Bailey went to East Central Junior College, Southern University of Tennessee, Memphis State University. He is now working toward a masters in industrial and occupational education.

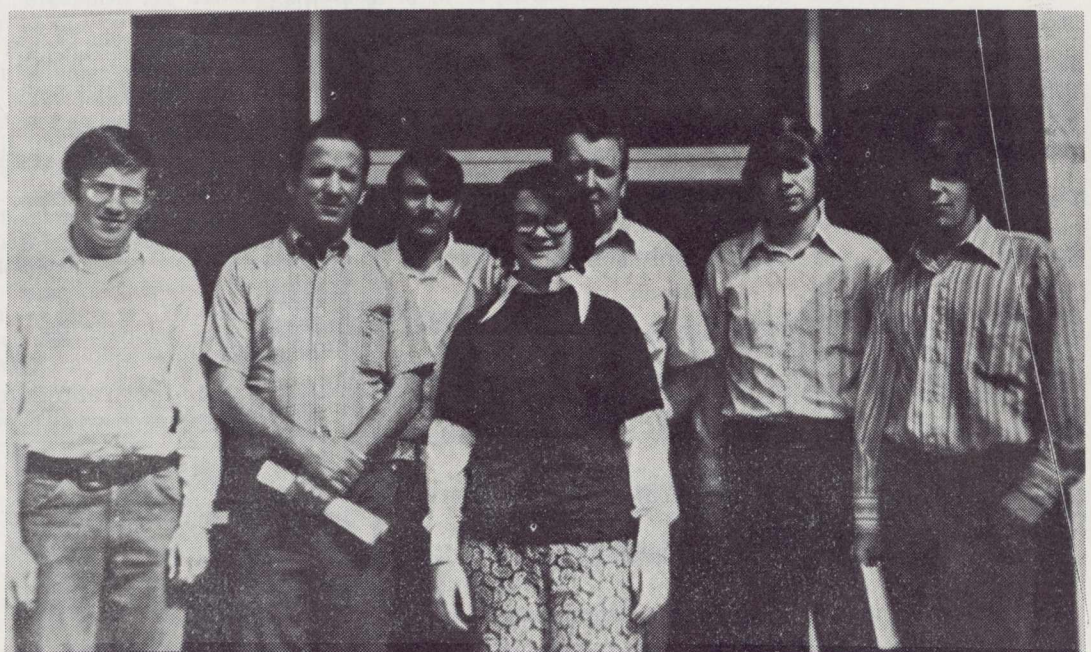
Bailey taught three years at Meridian Junior High and seven and one-half years at Memphis High School.

Prior to coming to East Central

this semester, Trapp was a student at Mississippi State University.

He is a former graduate of ECJC and while he was attending EC he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, vice president of Future Business Leaders of America and secretary-treasurer of the projection club. Trapp left East Central and served four years in the Air Force.

In 1962, Trapp worked for a credit company in Meridian. And from 1963 to the summer of 1970 he was a bookkeeper and general manager of several auto dealerships. He returned to school in 1970 at Mississippi State. While at MSU he was a member of several honorary fraternities, Beta Alpha Psi, national accounting fraternity; Beta Gamma Sigma, business and industry; Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic fraternity.



VICA Officers

Newly elected officers for the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America are, left to right, first row: Wayne Parker, Canoy Thomas, Debbie Fulton, Gary Cheatham, second row, Don Oxner, Williard Clay, sponsor, and Dan Durham.

Editorial Opinion—

Oh! Not A Burn?

Oh! That hurts! Am I brown yet? Where's the lotion? Sound familiar? These are the sounds coming from behind the sophomore dorm as both freshmen and sophomores try to absorb the sun's warmest rays. Usually the yard is overflowing with beauties trying to beat the rest for a beautiful tan. Most of the dormitory students have visited the sun bathing facilities at least once and more than half now show the effects of over-staying their bodies tanning capacity.

A closing hint for all who have burned: A very hot bath and applications of vinegar or tea have relieved many a burn.

Rush! Rush! Rush!

Rush, Rush, Rush!!! Run to the library, run to class, back to the library!!! Rush, Rush, Rush!!!

Does this sound like your last weeks at East Central? Students are finding the coming of spring has brought more than just flowers and warm weather. Term papers, final projects, speeches, and headaches now fill the leisure moments of EC scholars. All the gripes of nothing to do have been forgotten for a plea for rest. On some days it seems as if the teachers work to see who can give the hardest and longest assignments. Even the paper staff is having a problem finding time to write their stories.

Only twelve more school days follow today, and then students will depart for a summer of fun. However, students haven't time to stop and think of summer days. Get back into the rat race and RUSH, RUSH, RUSH!!!

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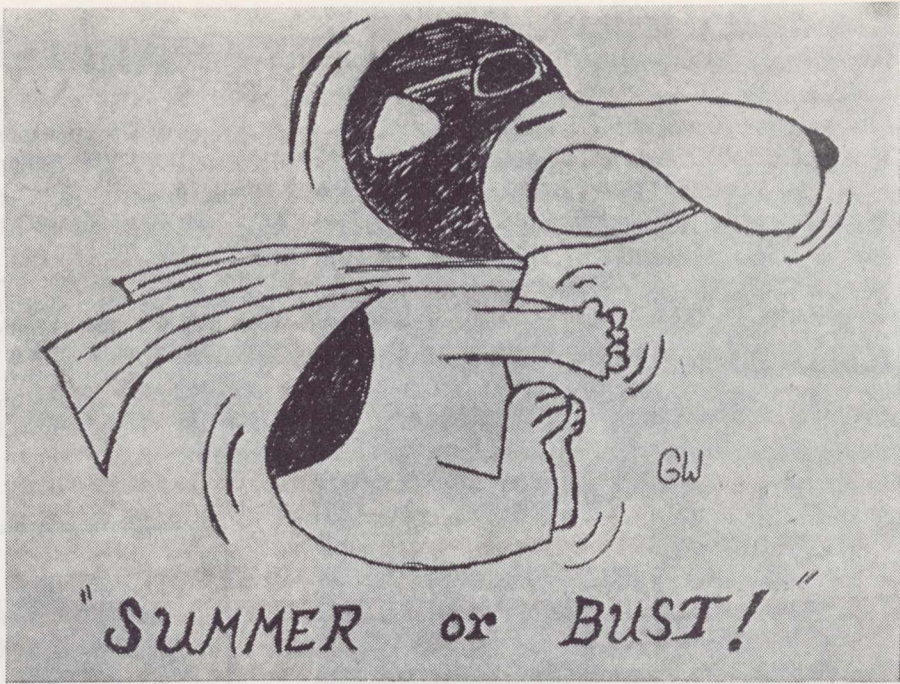
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Dorothy's Discoveries

Those Who Love Are Never Alone

By FAYE COCHRAN
Tom-Tom Columnist
I saw these words "Those who love are never alone" written on a poster in the room of a friend

recently. At first, it was just another poster. It was only a picture of a young girl in a long white dress running endlessly along the seashore. The waves

from the ocean crashed on nearby cliffs and erased her footprints. To me she appeared to be searching for love; not a possessor of love. However, a closer look at the painting revealed the message behind those words.

Man often overlooks the greatest gift he could possibly have until it has wandered just beyond his reach. And that gift, the greatest gift of all time, is love.

Few people stop to think of the meaning of love. Love is . . . Love is many things. It is putting others before yourself; doing something without expecting a reward or praise; holding back a criticizing word that may do more harm than good; being able to forgive an forget and then forget what you forgave. Or as I read in a newspaper a few weeks ago: Love is being able to say you're sorry.

Yes, love is many, many things. Love is infinite. It is like the circle of a wedding band; it has no beginning, no end.

Those who love are special. They are special in the sense that they are never without a friend; never without a joy, even in a sad moment; never alone. There is always someone with the person who has love. Perhaps it is not necessarily a physical being, because love knows no distance. That is why lovers can be heard to say, "Even though we're apart, we're together."

I now see in the picture a young woman racing toward love. By her side cupid, as a guide, leads. Or have I mistaken cupid's wings with the wings of an angel from God? Is not God the grandest of all loves?

I can now see the true meaning of the poster: Faith leads our footsteps; hope guides our dreams; and love is constantly by our side to make sure we reach our journey's end.

St. Paul sums it up best in I Corinthians 13:13 "Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love."

Sometimes the obvious is the least to be noticed. It happened to me when I first looked at this particular poster; it can happen to you.

If we overlook things in life and someday fate passes us by, there is always one thing we can count on: LOVE. God is love. Those who love are never alone because Jesus is always there. He never fails.

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ECJC Participates In Poll

Nixon-McGovern Run Close Race; President To Win In November

MINNEAPOLIS (ACP)—President Richard M. Nixon and South Dakota Senator George McGovern are running neck and neck in the 1972 Presidential race, according to a poll of 91 college newspaper editors conducted by the Associated Collegiate Press, Minneapolis, Minn. Although each received 23.1 per cent of the total vote, 86.9 per cent of the students believe Nixon will win in November.

Senator Edmund Muskie came in third in the total vote with 16.5 per cent, but most of the students (69.3 percent) said he would receive the Democratic nomination. However, only 2.2 per cent said he would win in

November.

Senator Hubert Humphrey has a chance at the Democratic nomination according to 14.3 per cent of the students, and 11 per cent thought McGovern would be nominated.

George Wallace, whose strength was shown in the Florida and Wisconsin primaries, did not receive any votes from any of the editors.

Forty-four per cent of the students identified themselves as Independents or having no political party; 40 per cent said they are Democrats and the remaining 16 per cent are Republicans. The percentage results, by party:

	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	All
Chisholm	8.1	14.2	5.0	7.7
Humphrey	10.8			4.4
Jackson	2.7		2.5	2.2
Kennedy	10.8			4.4
McCarthy	2.7	7.1	12.5	7.7
McGovern	29.7	14.2	20.0	23.1
Muskie	21.6		17.5	16.5
Hughes			2.5	1.1
Lindsay			7.5	3.3
Paulson			2.5	1.1
McCloskey	2.7		2.5	2.2
Nixon	10.8	50.0	25.0	23.1
Ashbrook		7.1		1.1
No Answer		7.1	2.5	2.2

I think _____ will receive the Democratic nomination:

	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	All
Humphrey	21.6	14.2	7.5	14.3
McGovern	18.9	14.2	2.5	11.0
Muskie	56.7	63.9	82.5	69.3
Kennedy	2.7	7.1		2.2
Don't know			7.5	3.3

(None of the other candidates received any votes.)

I think _____ will win in November, 1972:

	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	All
Nixon	89.2	100	80.0	86.9
McGovern	10.0			4.4
Humphrey			5	2.2
Muskie			5	2.2
Don't Know			10	4.4

The poll was conducted in March, prior to the Wisconsin primary, with 200 ballots mailed to a selected representative sample of college newspaper mem-

bers of ACP, representing daily, weekly and monthly newspapers in schools of all enrollments throughout the nation.

Former Student Sets Goal High; Mayo Named Apollo Special Asst.

By GLENDA WATSON
Tom-Tom Reporter

Richard E. Mayo, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Mayo of Decatur, really set his goals high. Mayo, a 1955 graduate of East Central and later of Ole Miss, has been named special assistant for the Apollo Crew System Division at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston.

Mayo has been affiliated with NASA since 1959 when the organization was located in Virginia. With a degree in chemical engineering, he was involved first with Echo Balloon. Many projects followed: Mercury, Gemini, Apollo. Mayo was the manager later of the Lem Environmental Control System before the moon shot. He was sent to Cape Kennedy and placed in charge of all the astronauts' equipment, spacesuits and checking the condition of this material. He had to make sure "all was go" before the astronauts were launched.

Before the moonshot, I was told by Mayo's father, Mayo was making the necessary "checks". The shot was scheduled for July 20, 1969, and the astronauts were to

wait until the following morning before walking out on the moon. Mayo was talking to astronaut Neil Armstrong about the walk and mentioned that they should go ahead and make the walk on the 20th because it was Mayo's birthday and wedding anniversary. Armstrong patted him on the back and replied that he just might get that present. They made the first moon walk on July 20, 1969.

Mayo has received many commendations for his outstanding work at NASA. Two of these read: Certificate of Commendation for outstanding efforts of management of Design, Development, and Delivery of Portable Life supporting systems and spacesuits of the Apollo 15 Mission.

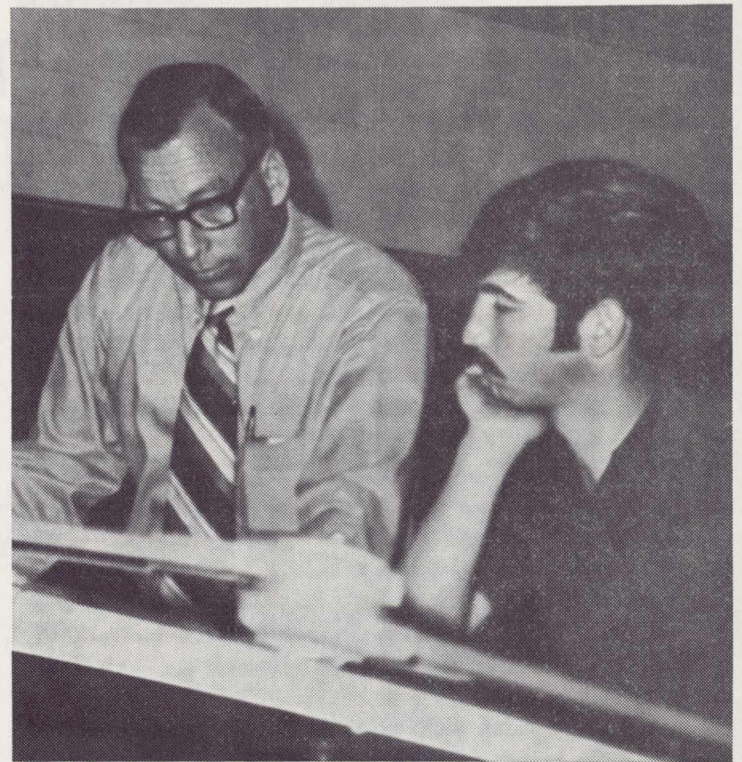
Also: For outstanding contributions to Apollo Progress through professional competence and personal dedication which were significant factors in the success of the first manned lunar landing mission, July, 1969.

Presently, Mayo is being sent by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to school

at Stanford University in Stanford, Calif., to study management. However, young Mayo was called to be present at the Apollo 16 mission coming up in the near future.

While in Decatur, Mayo was valedictorian of his high school class, is a charter member of Phi Theta Kappa which he helped organize at ECJC and where he served as president his sophomore year. He was the publications photographer in high school and college and played French horn in the band. During high school, he was selected to play in the Lions All-State Band and traveled to Mexico.

He is married to the former, Betty Addy of Decatur, and they have two sons. He is also a strong leader in his community where he has become a scoutmaster in order to lead other bright boys to establish a foothold in tomorrow's world. Richard Mayo has set a fine example for today's youth to follow. If they all choose this path, it will undoubtedly be an even finer world for his sons and the adults of tomorrow.



Drafting

Instructor Chester Clark goes over plans with drafting student.

Drafting Helps Students Find Good Occupation

By VICKIE LOVETT
Executive Editor

Drafting and design technology is an eighteen month program designed to train people to work as draftsmen.

One-half the work is done in drafting, one fourth in general education and one-fourth in drafting related as math and science.

The broad course offers courses in several areas of drafting, mechanical drawing, pipe-electric and sheet metal drafting, map and topographic, structural drafting, architectural drafting, machine drafting.

The program is designed to give the student exposure to areas he can follow, the type of drafting which he likes best and at the same time offers greater variety of job opportunities.

There is a great demand for students in this field and it is open to women as well as to men.

East Central's department is one of the best equipped in the state and has the most modern of equipment. The college has its own blue print machine and a student can reproduce work to find out the quality of his work.

Surveying equipment is available to fit to parties to get field notes for map class, a panagraph for enlarging and reducing drawings a planimeter for measuring

aerial photos, and three sets of reference materials and ample storage space.

Drafting is one of the cleanest and most enjoyable professions. Usually the work is inside and some can even do it at home.

PAPER WINS AWARD FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

The Tom-Tom won second place in photography at the recent spring conference of the Mississippi Junior College Press Association.

Other schools winning awards are Pearl River Junior College, The Dixie Drawl; Northwest Junior College, The Ranger Rocket; Hinds Junior College, The Hindsonian; Meridian Junior College, The Talon; Wood Junior College, The Breeze; and Holmes Junior College, The Growl.

Overall awards went to Northwest Junior College, first place; Holmes Junior College, second; and Pearl River Junior College, third.

Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, was host school for the conference which was attended by approximately 100 paper staff members from all the public junior colleges and one private junior college in the state.

Sophomores Bid Farewell To ECJC

By DICK GRAHAM
Tom-Tom Reporter

Congratulations sophomores! After two years of midnight manias, Mardi Gras, 7 a.m. breakfast, and countless trips to Chunky, you've finally made it! You're graduating!

On to bigger and better things: Southern, State, Ole Miss . . . You'll finally be your own boss! Concerts every week! Stay out as late as you want! Somewhere to go on weeknights! Thousands of people!

Thousands of people? . . . Say, the classes are going to be awful, B16 . . . You know, it sure was nice having mom's cousin for an English teacher . . . I wonder if the football coach knows my uncle used to be the sheriff? Oh, yeah, no more dilapidated dorms! Air-conditioning! Beds with decent mattresses! Hot water! I wonder what people do on Tuesday nights? Sure will be hard to meet girls without a cafeteria mall . . . At least the food will be decent! And you can find an open restaurant within walking distance! All the classroom buildings are brand new! . . .

I wonder how hard it will be to get in the musical there. I suppose I'll have to study more often. Say, I remember that first semester. Man, were those chicks nervous! Come to think of it, so was I.

Hmm, maybe I'm gonna miss this place . . .

The final roll call . . . William Mack Allman, Thomas Michael Anderson, Tyrone Anthony, Freddie Bagley, Barry Bailey, Mitsy Bailey, Jimmy Bal-langer, Betty Gardner Barnett, Frank Robert Barnett, Elizabeth Renee Barrett, Larry Mack Blackburn, Carl Blocker, Stanley Steve Bounds, Bobby Jack Breazeale, Danny Melton Breland, Joe N. Brown, W. Ralph Brown, Jr., Janis Lou Bryarn, Dewayne Burton, Charles Lloyd Calvery, Mary Jane Carpenter, Windell Charles Carter, Thomas Brooks Chatham, Hilliard David Cotton, Carol Ann Crapps, Susan Diane Crapps, Lynda Dale Crawford, Richard Creel, Allen Lamar Cullen, Daniel B. Dansby, Richard Eakes, Johnny B. Emmons, Jack Evans, Beverly Fisackerly, David Faulkner, Elizabeth Ann Fulcher, Alvie Dixon Gammill, Jr., Marsha Jean Garvin, Ricky Glenn Goforth, Mary Annette Goss,

Donna Grady, Rodney Emory Graham, Hollis Heather Hagedorn.

Also, Cheryl Ann Hatch, Kenneth Marshall Hawkins, George Wayne Herrington, Bettye Joyce Hollingsworth, Gary Lee Holmes, Mary Gean Hudson, Thomas M. Johnson, Stephen Regis Kaskie, Sheila Sue Keene, Donna Gayle Kemp, Elsie Lenora Kelly, John David Kennedy, Michael Killens, Larry W. King, Nenette Leatherwood, Kathy Lynn Lindsay, Elizabeth Ann Link, Vicki Lovett, David Mabry, Sandra Mason, Milton Mason, James Morris May, Jr., Sandra Lee Measels, Mary Lynn Mills, Pamela Jane McAdory, Kathy McElhenney, Michael McKee, Jimmy McMillan, Betty Lynn Nester, Glenda Mar-quetta Nichols, Martha Anne Pace, Wilson Ray Perry, Charles W. Phillips, Robert Earl Pierce, Carol Brooks Poole, Robert E. Porter, Thomas Truitt Posey, R. T. Purvis, Jr., Patricia Delois Reese, Danny Rhodes, Dwight Guentun Rigdon, Sharon Rigby, Clyde Wayne Risher, Margaret Regina Roach, Sam William Rogers, Michael Wayne Rucker, Kenneth David Ryals, James Coyt Sanders, Marcella Savell, Charles N. Scarborough, Vivien Scoggin, Dewayne Sharp, Jeff Steven Shaw, Ronnie Shoemaker, Norris E. Sulusser, Dewanda Jean Smith, Gordon Wallace Smith, Julia Ann Smith, Ronald K. Smith, Betty Sue Sockey, Cynthia Kay Stamper, Hulet Duane Stokes, Vicki Lynn Sullivan, Bruce Lynn Taylor, Cheryl Thornton, Bonnie Pearl Tisdale, Judy Darlene Townsend, Terry Tullos, Nancy Wall, Harold Dennis Walton, Larry Wash, Glenda Watson, David Louis Weaver, Randall Blake Webb, William Webb, William Earl Wheeler, Jeaniñh Laura White, Holland Ray Wright, Jr., Jerry Allen Wyatt, Betty Lynn York, Margaret Rebecca Young.

Candidates for intensive business certificates are Mary Lynn Bagley, Deborah Rae Bates, Beverly Blackwell, Wanda Brooks, Patsy Lynn Burkes, Kathy Cannon, Sherrye Chaney, Judy Ann Clark, Sue Elizabeth Collier, Barbara Gail Croxton, Frances Evelyn Foster, Judy Ann Gary, Mary Elizabeth Mahaffey, Patricia Gale Holt, Susan Marshall, Janie Mayes, Tena Connie Pace, Pamela Lynn Parker, Mrs. Pamela Phillips, Pamela Regina

Puckett, Jenny Lynn Robinson, Mary Sanders, Judy Marie Sistrunk, Ann Smith, Jennifer Lynn Thompson, Daphne Ann Thornton, Deborah Sue Thornton, Linda Gwynn Tolbert, Senita Ann Valentine, Deborah Helen Vance, Wanda Kaye Westberry, Donita June Wilcher, Kathy Diane Williams, Judy Wooten, Robbie Ann Wooten.

Candidates for vocational certificates are Ray Addy, Shannon A. Burns, Larry Harold Fricke, Danny Clarence Gressett, Harry Holt, Forest Dewey Johanson, Carol Wilbur Mayo, Terry Nowell, Jimmy Dale Page, James Pierce Rainer, Eddie J. Shaw, Mike D. Sharp, West Sockey, Marvin Thames, Larry Lee Waddell.

ANNUALS AVAILABLE AFTER ASSEMBLY

Students may pick up their annuals immediately following assembly tomorrow.

Faculty members may pick their annuals up in the academic dean's office. Vocational students will pick theirs up in the vocational office. Other students may pick theirs up in the annual office located in Newton County Hall. Freshmen are asked to report to the outside door facing the Fine Arts Center to pick up their annuals while sophomores are asked to report to the front door of Newton County Hall. Annuals will be available to students from 10:45 a.m. until 1:20 p.m.

The annuals will be formally dedicated in assembly tomorrow. A dedication tea will be held in the Fine Arts Center Lobby from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon. All students and faculty members are invited to come by for the tea.

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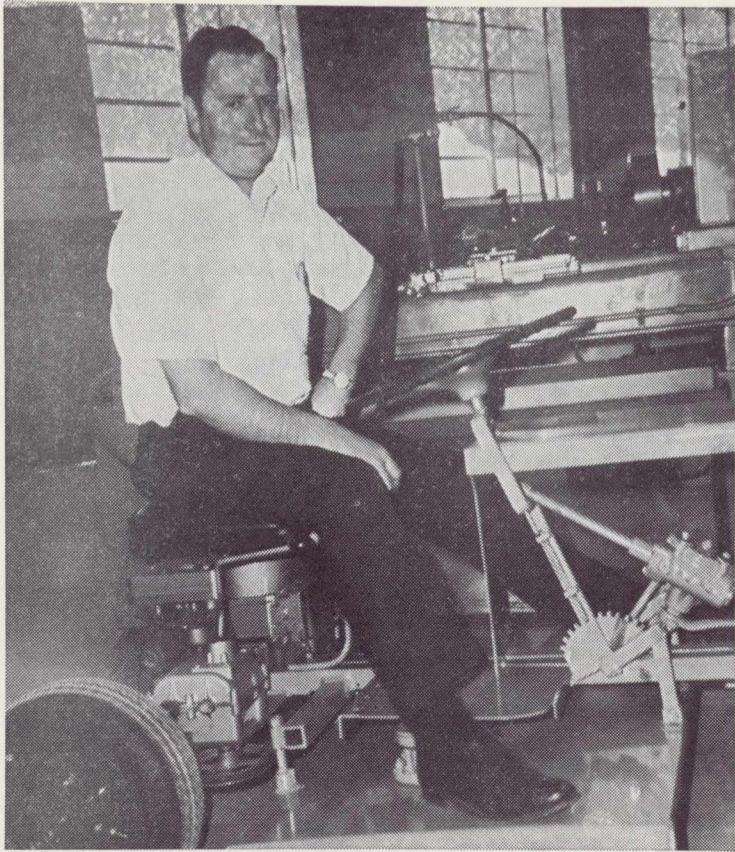
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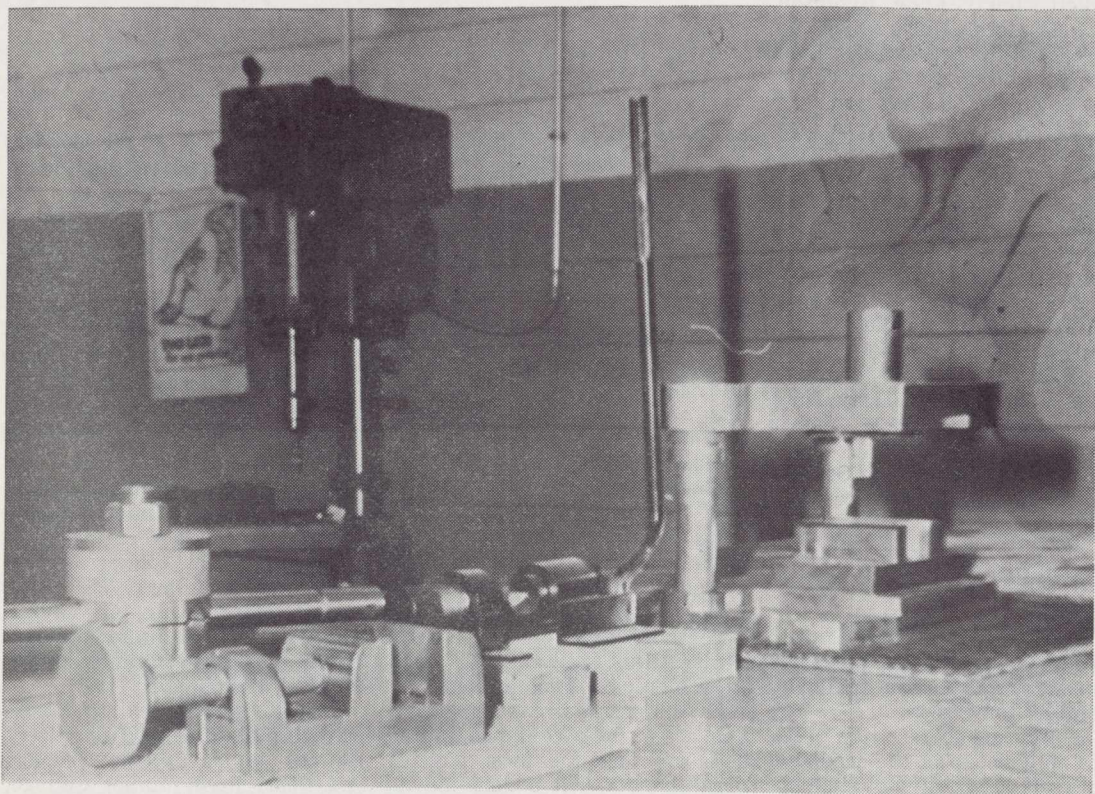
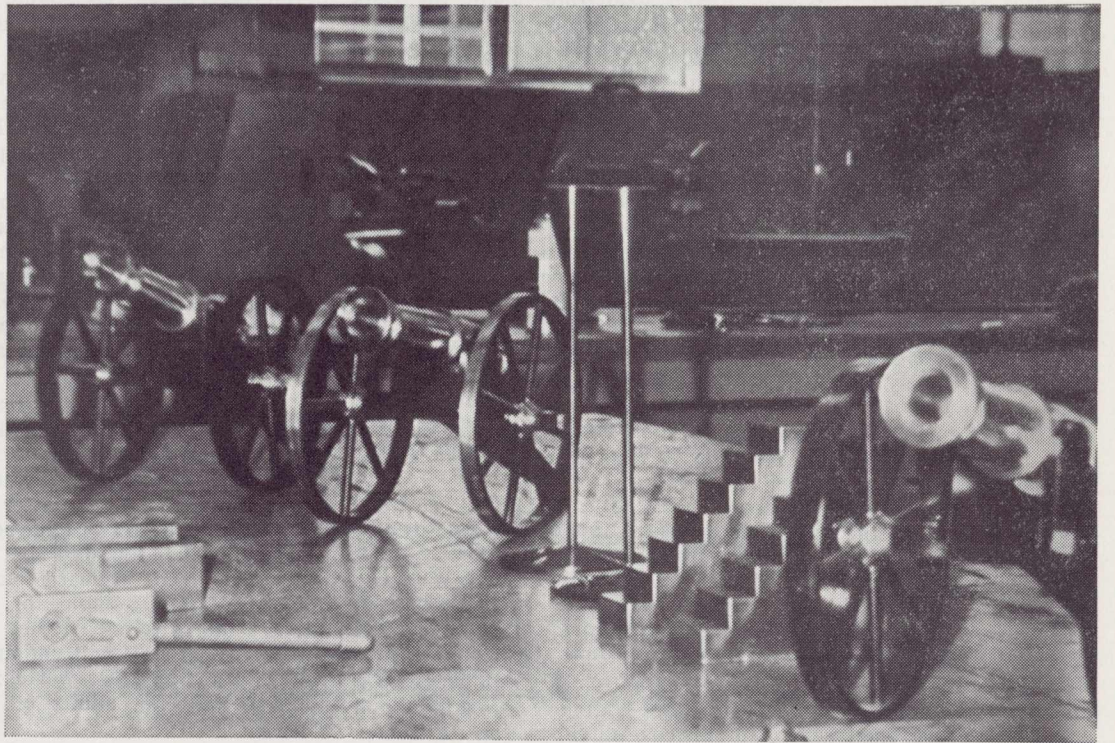
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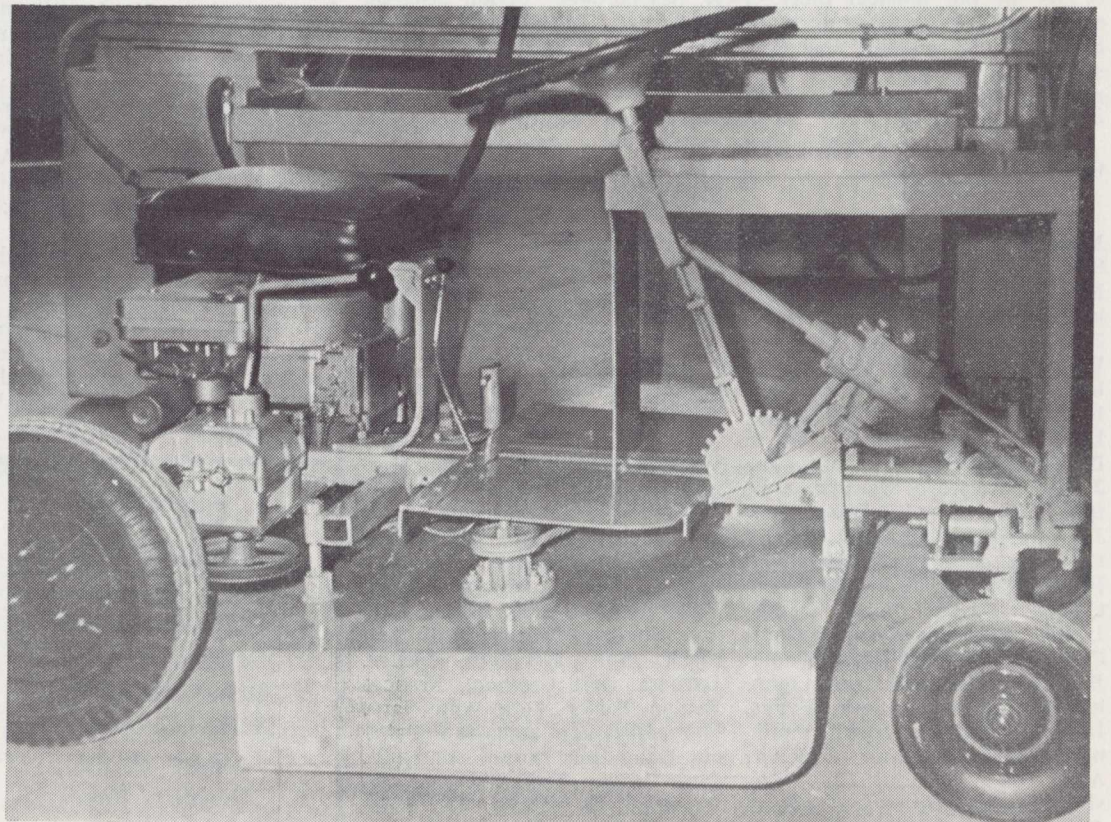


Richard Clark, machine shop instructor, rides mower made by students.

Machine Shop Offers Program Of Varied Activities, Projects



Tools made by students



Senator Stennis To Give Graduation Address

Senator John C. Stennis will make the Commencement address at graduation on East Central Junior College campus May 12. The largest graduation class in history of the institution will hear the Mississippi Senator who ranks at the top among Congressional figures in Washington.

The Senator is highly interested in better education for the youth in his home state, and aware of the need of continuing education for all ages. Recently a chair was established honoring him at Mississippi State University, of which he is an alumnus.

Participants

The Commencement rites will take place at 8 p.m. in Huff Memorial Auditorium, on the Decatur campus. Dr. Charles V. Wright, president of the junior college, B. J. Tucker, academic dean, and Frank Rives, registrar, will participate in the awarding of degrees and certificates.

Mrs. Marian Thornton of the music faculty will play Bach and Beethoven organ numbers for processional and recessional. Invocation and benediction will be said by the Rev. Fred Fowler and the Rev. H. G. Winstead, Decatur church ministers. Nnette Leatherwood will be vocalist.



SENATOR STENNIS

Wo-He-Lo: Portrait Gallery Of Old Friends

By JEAN JOHNSON
Tom-Tom Reporter

Looking back over the treasure house of golden memories, the portrait gallery of old friends, the true chronicle of happy college days at ECJC showing campus life from its every angle, one finds many cherished and beloved people to whom the **Wo-He-Lo** has been dedicated.

Taking a backward glance over the past years we find the **Wo-He-Lo** in 1938 dedicated to one of East Central's first two teachers, Mrs. W. W. Newsome, for whom Newsome Hall is also named.

In 1939 it was dedicated to W. C. Mabry who was responsible for the establishment of N. C. A. H. S. later to become what is now ECJC. The cafeteria is named for Mabry.

The dedication in 1940 was presented to W. P. Wilson who was then dean of men, and known as "Cap'n Pat."

Mrs. J. L. Jackson, Dean of Women, was the recipient of the dedication of 1941. Jackson Hall was later named in her honor.

The **Wo-He-Lo** was dedicated to Mrs. Janie Sullivan in 1942, who then taught education. Today the Student Center is named in her honor.

The 1948 **Wo-He-Lo** was dedicated to Lynn Dale Furgerson, registrar of ECJC. He is now a member of the administration of Mississippi State where he is registrar.

The 1951 dedication read "To those of our number who so gallantly answered the call to the colors, we proudly dedicate this, our **Wo-He-Lo**."

In 1952 the dedication was presented to the alumni of East Central "who with loyalty and devotion have through the years so faithfully supported our alma mater."

In 1953 it was dedicated to Mrs. Sullivan, a teacher of education; and Mrs. W. W. Newsome, English. This same year they were East Central's Silver Jubilee Queens.

After serving his first year as President in 1954, Arno Vincent was the recipient of the dedication.

In 1955 the **Wo-He-Lo** was dedi-

cated to James Andrew Miller, a man whom all admire for his friendliness and interest in the school. Mr. Miller is a familiar face to all as he makes his daily rounds through campus today.

The **Wo-He-Lo** staff of 1965 dedicated the yearbook to Miss Ethel Burton who had for 23 years been librarian at East Central.

1957's **Wo-He-Lo** was dedicated to Frank McKenzie Cross because of the "student's devotion to him and their appreciation of his untiring efforts in their behalf."

In 1958 the annual was dedicated to J. Wallace Bedwell, Head of the Department of Business Education since 1945. He has retired this year after many years of dedicated service.

The 1959 **Wo-He-Lo** was dedicated to Miss Una Harris, now a part-time instructor at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

In 1960 the yearbook was dedicated to Mrs. May R. Pennington, an instructor in English and French.

The 1962 yearbook was dedicated to Denver Brackeen, who was then basketball coach and guidance counselor. Of him they said, "His tall lanky stature, his friendly smile and his reassuring voice will travel with us over a long path lined with obstacles of life."

T. R. Mayes was the recipient of the dedication in 1963. Here at East Central he serves as an English teacher, but beyond that he is a friend of the students, whose character remains a living inspiration.

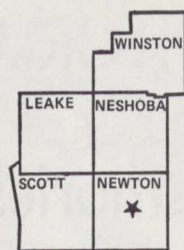
In 1964 the **Wo-He-Lo** was dedicated to Miss Erma Lee Barber and Mrs. Louella Gordon. Miss Barber was the Dean of Women and Mrs. Gordon was college Dietitian. Their attention to their duties, their undeviating concentration on their responsibility and their warm friendliness had made them seem indispensable to the college community.

The 1965 yearbook was dedicated to the 30 faculty members then on campus who had invested a total of 261 years of service in the lives of thousands of students in the five county East Central District.

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Olympia '72:

Theme For Celebration
Features Physical Fitness

Olympia '72 was the theme of the thirty-eighth annual May Day program.

Reigning over May Day ceremonies was Queen Betty Nester. Other members of the court and their escorts are Cheryl Thornton, maid of honor, Almond Ingram; Regina Roach, Keith Everett; Martha Pace, Charles Scarborough; Barbara Ware, Bill Wheeler; Jean Pennington, Chee Chee Barnes; Betty Sockey, Thurman Sam; and Mary Jane Carpenter, Bruce Taylor.

Serving as flower girls are Sherry McMullan and Penny Overstreet. Train bearers are Andy Thornton and Warren Alford. Chris Winstead served as crown bearer.

Also in the presentation were Mr. and Miss ECJC Richard Eakes and Nancy Wall. They were followed by the favorites Vickie Sullivan, Dennis Walton, Mary Gean Hudson, Ray Perry, Judy Clark, Mike Anderson, Phyllis Driskell, Larry Adkinson, Susan Tingle, David Shumake, Stephanie Cook, Joe Buddy Madden.

Presented in the May Day celebration were Al Massey, most handsome; Bobbie Gaile Knight, most beautiful; Claire Sneed, Cheryl Thornton, Janis Lee and Suzanne LeCren, beauties. Members of the Hall of Fame are Glenda Watson, Jack Evans and Nnette Leatherwood.

The program opened with a parade of the participants followed by the lighting of the Olympic Flame.

Entertainment for the festivities were a dance to "Wild West Ballet"; a song "Gonna Build a Mountain" by Danny Dansby; marching routine to "Artillery March", skating to "Puppy Love"; a dance to "Marking Time"; Rope jumping to "Our Director"; a basketball drill to "El Captain";

and a song "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing" by the choir and group.

Persons taking part in the program are Michael Barham, Carol Crapps, Jack French, Mary Hudson, Kathy Lindsey, Angela Nowell, Cheryl Thornton, Renee Barrett, Randy Davis, Beth Fulcher, Lindsey Keene, Melinda Nanney, Ray Perry, Dennis Walton, David Chappell, Randy Easom, Junior Gammill, Donna Kemp, Betty Link, Jackie Smith and Doug Young.

Also Ellen Clark, Lynette Herring, Joan Thomas, Jackie Griffin, Gayla Barver, Joyce Blount, Debbie Petty, Paula Lee, Diane Williams, Rebecca Ward, Jan Williams, Sherry McDill, Mary Terrell, Diane Logan, Nelda Savell, Beth Heard, Lucy McDonald, Becky Duncan, Paula Hollingsworth, Sue Tingle, Sherley Wright, Maxine Latham, Gloria Ezell, Donna Smith, Teresa Mills, Wanda Kuntz, and Carol K. Laird.

Others on program are Shelia Allen, Marcella Savell, Cathy Carpenter, David Chappell, and Charlotte Cannan.

Also Libby Stuart, Sharon Chaney, Deborah Shoemaker, Barbara Culpepper, Ken Carpenter, Ray Perry, Dennis Walton, Teresa Langston, Debbie Bates, Beverly Hudson, Barry Bailey, Richard Croll, Tom Johnson, Rita Gibbon and John D. McFarland.

Ushers are Jean Johnson, Libby Horton, Nita Faye Johnson, Rita Ethridge, Debbie Fulton, Jeanieth White, Lynn Mills, Pam McAdory, Cynthia Stamper, Diane Crapps, Shelia Keene, Becky Young, Lwanda Averett and Betty York served as tea girls.

Serving on the faculty committee are Lucille Wood, program; Mrs. Jessie Everett, Who's Who; Mrs. Alice Pouncey, May Queen and Court; Mrs. Susie Barnett, reception; Bruce Peterson, reception; Mrs. Linda Burroughs, decorations; Shelby Harris, decorations; Mrs. Marian Thornton, music; and Ovid Vickers, script.

Paper Selects Glenda Watson As Miss Tom-Tom

This month's choice of Miss Tom-Tom is Glenda Watson of Morton. Glenda is a graduating sophomore and plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

In high school Glenda participated in many extracurricular activities. She was in the band for five years, basketball for four years and track for five years. She was also elected Most Talented in Who's Who.

Glenda was selected for the Hall of Fame and was the recipient of the French Award. She is a member of the tennis team and is president of intramurals. Glenda is cartoonist for the paper.

Glenda lists her hobbies as tennis, horseback riding, playing the guitar and painting.



COURT—Front, Barbara Ware, Martha Pace. Seated, Jean Pennington, Regina

Roach, Betty Nester, Mary Jane Carpenter. Not pictured is Betty Sockey.

EDITORIAL OPINION—

Memories! Oh, Memories!

Memories are one of the greatest blessings we have and the memories I have of East Central, will never be forgotten.

Memories of friends and teachers who've helped me make it through this year. Memories of the dorm and things we did. Baseball, basketball, tennis, and football games, Homecoming, freshman-sophomore dance, Religious Emphasis Week, Fine Arts Week, all these and more will always make me smile.

Years from now, I'll smile to remember when the halls were flooded, the night the firecrackers went off in the hall, the times we hid from Mrs. Wagner and Miss Fulton, pillow fights, Meridian, water fights, short-sheeting, all those things we did and didn't get caught.

Some day when Susie Gingle is the fold-out for PLAY-BOY and Gayla Barber is President, we can point them out to our children and say, "I knew them at East Central," and memories will make us smile.

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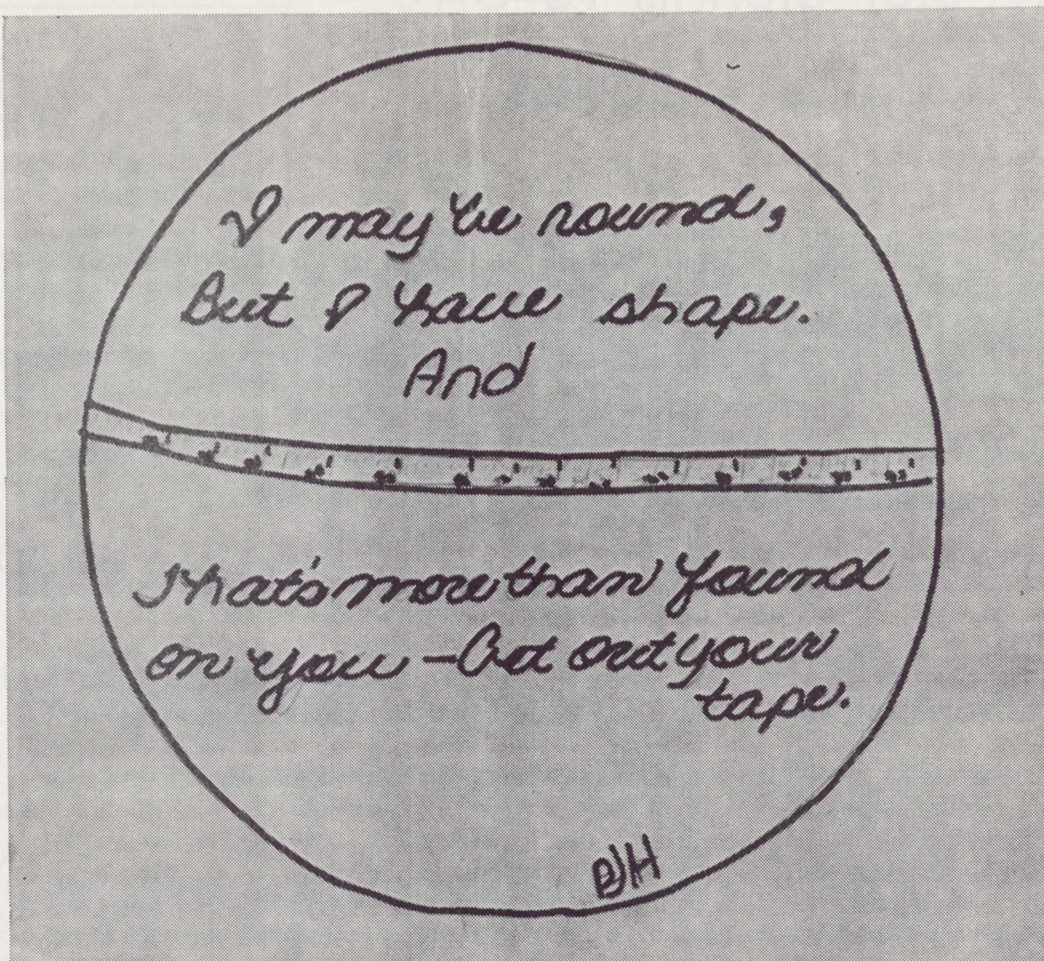
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Campus Viewpoint

On: Decision—What Then?

By DANNY MOORE
Guest Columnist

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else we will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 7:24)

I begin. There is really little reason or hope in delay; for I have considered that which must be considered; I have learned that which shall aid me in my journey. I have prepared. Have I not earned my right to venture?

At first all was dark, but now my education will surely light my path . . . lest I stumble. I am not afraid.

I have traveled for some time now. The pure gold sunlight is glistening through the treetops like a young bride awaiting the revelation of her beauty. While her eyes sparkle with love, her smile bears the full glory of her joy and anticipation.

Ah, yes! The sun! It is a flaming white ball of fire contrasted with a sky so blue that it seems to be colored with awe-inspiring emotion! The birds sing their appointed melodies as if to entertain me as I stroll aimlessly. The mood is warm and the future promises certain success.

How curious! My velvet-like road divides ahead. As I reach the fork, I must pause to decide. This world cannot deceive me, for I am a man of obvious integrity. The road to the right seems pitifully narrow and covered with thorn-studded bou'lders oddly enough labeled "Lucifer". But as the pathway ascends upward toward the horizon, there is a beautiful and pure light glaring an intense white. There is but one traveller far ahead of me who was fool enough to choose this obviously vain direction.

Surely this man was a fool, for the road on my left is paved with cool, damp clover. The red buds tickle my feet as I playfully let my toes wander among them. This avenue must surely be the better. Many are here with me as I progress. The women are sensuous and willing to "share their love." They have wine to make me dizzy with

happiness.

"Turn away and Run!" one shouts with an increasingly urgent voice. "This is wrong! Do not be trapped!"

Wrong? Wrong?!! I laugh scornfully at his overture and continue in my way. How can it be wrong? Everyone here (and the number has increased) is enjoying himself to the fullest and has seen fit to come this way with me. Things are continuing now as they've always been. However, his warnings strike fear deep within me. I have decided to consider them; but there is time. I will turn back . . . later.

On I drift as a rudderless ship glides upon a river inhabited only by a strange, almost unnatural tranquility. The warnings have now become more frequent, and I must admit not only my fear, but my emptiness as well.

There is a tremendous cliff ahead glowing red as an evening sunset on the Pacific. For fear of falling into its depths, I creep to its edge on my hands and knees.

Upon realization, my very soul is torn violently and I tremble for I feel that my doom may very well be sealed. As my eyes sweep the tortured expanse, the fervent heat singes my hair, but still I gaze in morbid fascination upon those who were before me. Their faces are cracked and bleeding and they scream at me pleadingly and tearfully as if I, and I alone, were endowed with the power to rescue them from their horror.

Now I will turn back. The tumbling rocks offer their protests as I creep downward, away from the sea of fire. As I turn to run I become even more terrified, for behind me stands the evil one himself bearing the second death! Around him are gathered his angels. I try to break through their ranks but I am stopped with such pain as I have never experienced. Through sheer desperation, I turn to the only alternative available . . . the pit.

As they close in behind me, I peer deep into the screaming mass of the eternally damned.

To my left there is a beautiful stairway descending safely into the

pit. But there is one suspended majestically directly in front of and above the cliff. He is clothed in white. His outstretched and scarred hands seem in some strange way to be relevant to my entire existence, past and present. Though he says nothing with his voice, I know he is telling me "Trust me . . . Jump, I will save you!"

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17)

Annual—

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In 1968 the **Wo-He-Lo** was dedicated to F. E. Leatherwood. "His untiring efforts, sympathetic understanding, invaluable advice and genuine unselfishness has endeared him as a teacher, advisor, and friend."

In 1968 the **Wo-He-Lo** was dedicated to the student's mothers and fathers "who, with words of love and understanding, unerring hands of guidance and helpfulness have given us opportunities in the years gone by and confidence in the years to come, for a full and wonderful life."

Because of their understanding service and contribution to ECJC, the annual staff dedicated the 1969 **Wo-He-Lo** to Miss Gladys Bryant, Student Secretary of the BSU, and the Rev. John Lambert Neill Director of Wesley — "Our friends in the ministry." The 1971 **Wo-He-Lo** staff proudly dedicated the 1971 **Wo-He-Lo** to Miss Erma Lee Barber and Mrs. Myrna Young for their untiring and unselfish devotion to ECJC.

The 1972 **Wo-He-Lo** has been dedicated to "Shelby Harris and in memoriam to Mrs. Ruth Hull, because of their unselfish devotion to ECJC. While at ECJC Mrs. Hull gave of her time and energy to publish the **Wo-He-Lo**." The 1970 **Wo-He-Lo** was also dedicated to her. "Harris has, on many occasions, given freely of his time to make extracurricular activities a success."

East Central Progresses From Yesteryear

THE TOMTOM, ECJC, DECATUR, MISS.—3

By FAYE COCHRAN
Tom-Tom Reporter

East Central Junior College has made many changes since it was first founded. It has come a long way, but it still has a long way to go.

East Central was founded as an agriculture high school in 1914 with Tom Brand as its first superintendent. Brand served in this position until 1916 when he was replaced by R. C. Pugh. Pugh held this office until 1926.

In 1928 freshman college work was added under the junior college act. At this time the institution's name was changed to Newton County Junior College. The enrollment of college students was 28.

The college buildings were a part of the Newton County Agriculture High School. The high school was located on the property of the Decatur Municipal School District. The upper high school grades remained a part of the Newton County Junior College until 1958 when they merged with the Decatur Attendance Center.

During the second session, September, 1929, the enrollment was increased to 58 students and Neshoba County joined with Newton County in the college system. Thus the name was changed to what we know the college as today, East Central Junior College.

Scott County was added to the area served in 1930. This brought the enrollment to 142 students.

Within the same year EC was fully accredited by the Junior College Commission.

East Central Junior College became a member of The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in March of 1939. The American Association of Junior Colleges, The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Mississippi College Association and The Mississippi Junior College Association are holders of membership with EC.

Today EC is serving five surrounding counties—Newton, Neshoba, Scott, Winston, and Leake. The enrollment has also increased to over 700.

In the embryonic stage of its development EC had only two faculty members, Mrs. W. W. Newsome and Robert Marshall. Today she has over 50 teachers. Five presidents have served the institution since its founding.

Liberal Arts was the only course offered in the beginning. A survey of the courses offered today will include 27 programs, in addition to the vocational education, a one-year intensified business curriculum, and several technical programs. These are a giant step from the original curriculum in Liberal Arts in which only the following were offered: English, history, Spanish, chemistry and mathematics.

Once only three buildings dotted the campus. Today more than 30 different buildings worth approximately \$4,000,000 have been added.

Among these are an air-conditioned library; women's dormitory, dining hall, and buildings designed especially for the use of science, vocational technical courses, agriculture education, fine arts, and physical education.

Curriculum, additional buildings and teachers are not the only things to change at EC. Many of the rules have been changed.

Once it was forbidden for the girls to exchange clothes. If this were true today half of every girl's wardrobe on campus would vanish.

Another rule for the girls was no card playing allowed. Again, if this held true today, the student center would be vacant of many gifted card-sharks!

The girls were also restricted to campus except for two afternoons per week in which they were permitted to go to town. However, they were accompanied by a chaperone. Thankfully, this does not hold true today.

The rules for the boys were not as stiff as those for the girls. Nevertheless, they were tighter than our rules now.

We have come far in rule-changing, but EC needs to be

brought up to date. Many of the other junior colleges have adopted the policy of allowing dates on any night of the week and not requiring anyone to sign out. Not only has it made life easier on the administration who once had to keep an eye on each student, but it has forced some of the students to grow-up by giving them responsibility.

It is true that an institution cannot be run without some rules. However, too many rules or rules of yesteryear cause friction, and friction does not provide a pleasant atmosphere for learning or teaching.

The East Central we know today has changed greatly from the EC of yesterday. Many who attended school here 20 years ago would not recognize EC today. This will hold true for us, too. In 20 years we may not believe that EC to be the same place we attended junior college. If she has not changed then someone has not been doing their job. To progress one must change. Let's pray East Central Junior College continues to go forward instead of slipping backwards.



Golly, imagine being able to tell who your dance partner is!!!



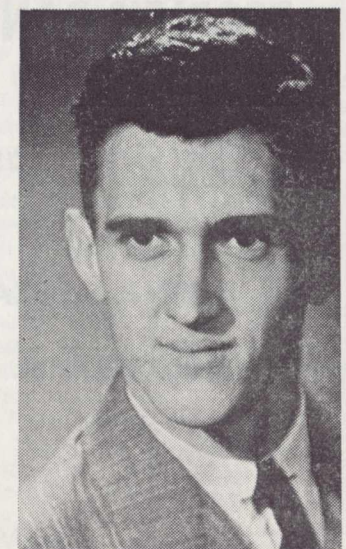
Mr. Fick takes a cool break from summer school routine.



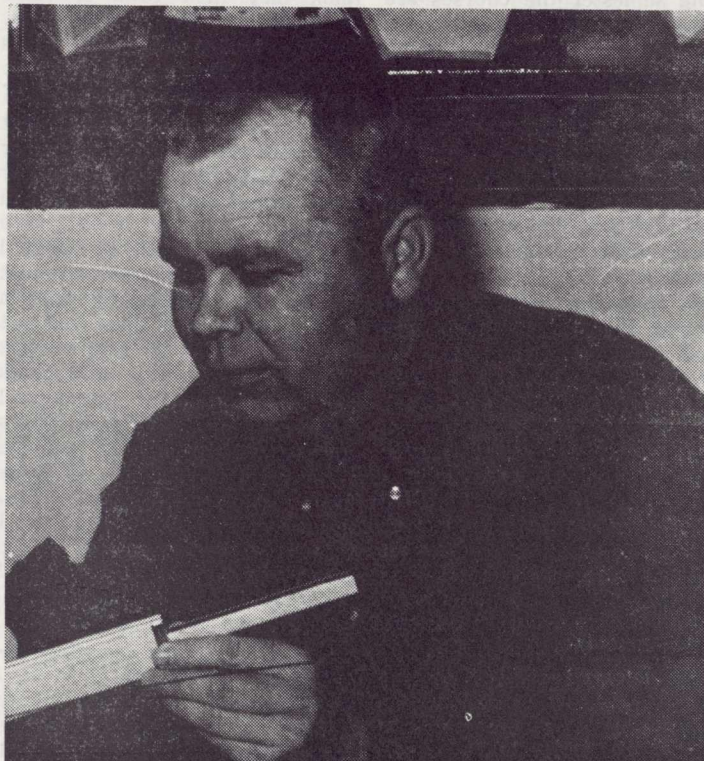
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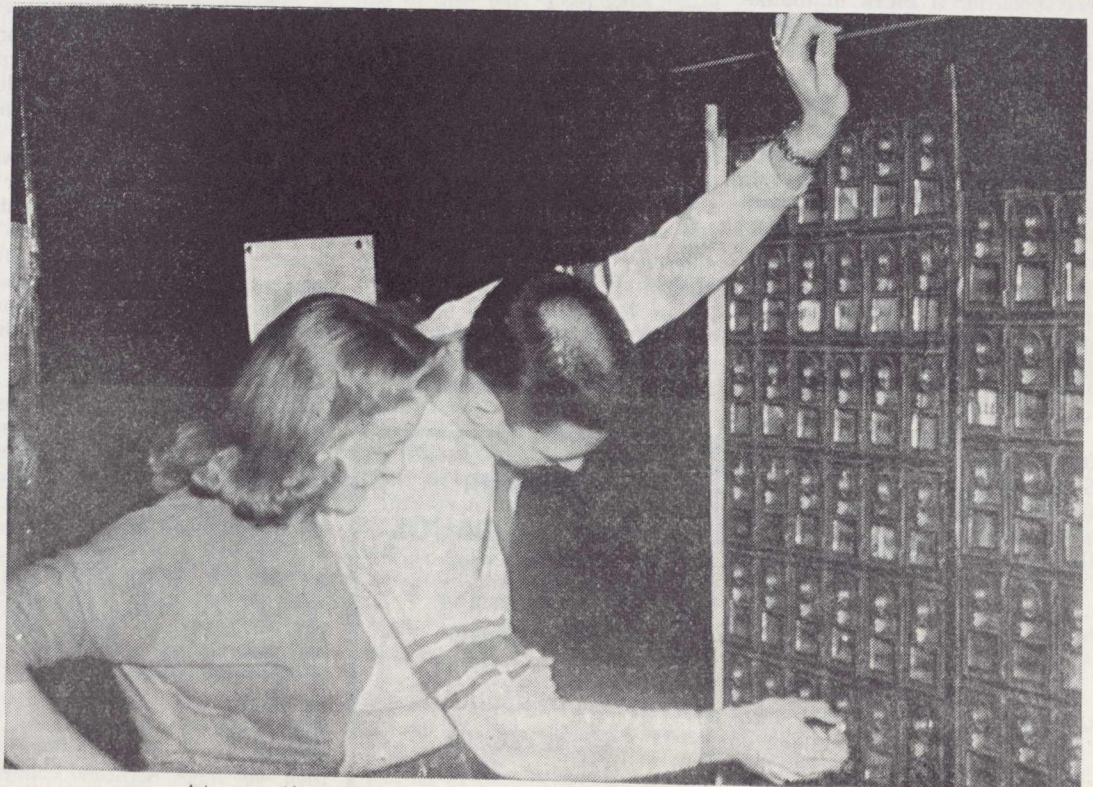
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Can you remember when Mr. Rives and Dean Brackeen were "in" with their crewcuts? Then Mr. Griffin let his hair grow out and they followed . . . Why once Mr. Mason even had some hair to brag about!!!



At one time all the mail boxes had windows in them!!!

Instructors Learn Methods For Algebraic Systems

Shelby Harris and Elliot Smith, two of East Central's instructors of mathematics, recently attended a mathematics workshop held at the Jackson Center of Hinds Junior College. Thirty-six mathematics teachers were present to discuss setting up college algebra on the systems approach.

By having this systems approach in college algebra, a student would be able to spend as much time as needed to finish the course—whether this be a few weeks or a semester or more. This is strictly an individualized program with a teacher assigned to help the student as he feels he needs help.

Miss Lurline Stewart, chairman of the department of mathematics at Hinds Junior College was the director of the institute. The course objective for college algebra is "... the student will develop an understanding of the fundamental concepts of algebra and will apply these concepts in the solutions of problems."

A second meeting was held on Hinds and Mississippi State University campus on April 8 to discuss unit objectives for the 8 units previously decided upon.

A third meeting was held April 29 at the same locations for the mathematics teachers to revamp these learning objectives and draw conclusions on the conditions of evaluations.

These participants will spend May 22-27 on Hinds campus to finalize these mathematical behavioral objectives, revise the learning objectives for each unit, and develop audio and visual materials to coincide with the unit objectives.

In addition to Harris being chairman of the mathematics department at East Central, he is currently serving as president of the Mississippi College Teachers of Mathematics. Other honorary associations to which he belongs include Kappa Mu Epsilon, Delta Iota Tau, Kappa Kappa Psi, Sigma Tau Sigma, Kappa Delta Pi, and Phi Theta Kappa. He is also listed in the **Outstanding Educators of America** for 1971.

Harris received his AA degree from ECJC in 1958, and in 1959 received a BS degree from Southern. He went from Southern to Mississippi State where he obtained his MEd degree. Since then he has done further work at Florida State, Tulane University, and Mississippi College. He has also completed resident requirement for a Ph.D. in mathematics education at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Harris has been teaching at ECJC since 1963 which also includes two years as band director. He has also taught graduate and undergraduate courses in mathematics at Meridian residence center for Mississippi State and Southern.

He has been a part time employee of Peoples Bank of Mississippi since 1956, and is presently serving as Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 46 in Decatur.

Smith attended East Central for one year. He then went to State and received his BS degree. He did further work at Southern and Jones Junior College. He then went back to State to obtain his MS degree. Since then he has done further work above a master's degree at State and Texas A. & M.

Smith's wife works as a secretary here on campus. They have three sons. One is a graduate of Mississippi State and is presently teaching in Pascagoula. One is a freshman at ECJC, and the

youngest is a freshman at Decatur High School.

Other persons who teach one or more courses in the mathematics department are Mrs. Lois McMullan and Frank Rives.

The department offers an excellent background for students planning to continue their studies in mathematics.

Home Economics Offers Classes In Clothing, Food Preparation

By LIBBY HORTON

Tom-Tom Reporter

East Central's Home Economics Department is headed by Mrs. Alice Pouncey. The classes offered to home economics majors are foods and clothing.

In the fall semester for freshmen students, a foods course is offered; and open to sophomores is a clothing course. For the spring semester the courses are exactly reversed.

In the first semester foods course, a general study of food, the preparation, and the nutritional value are all studied. Two labs per week provide time for experimentation. In the second semester foods, a more detailed study is undergone, such as, marketing, meal service, and table setting.

The freshman clothing course requires that six or more garments be sewn with certain requirements which must be met. Basic construction, how to dress, and selection of clothing are primary concerns. The sophomore clothing course is essentially a tailoring course. A more detailed study of fabric and its content is undertaken. Entertainment exercised must be met such as the Apple for a Teacher Tea given at the end of the year, receptions, or bridal showers.

The department sponsors a Home Economics Club for students with Home Economics as their major. This club is a student organization of the American Home Economics Association. Its main objective is to provide and promote professional development of college Home Economics students who are official members of the HEA.

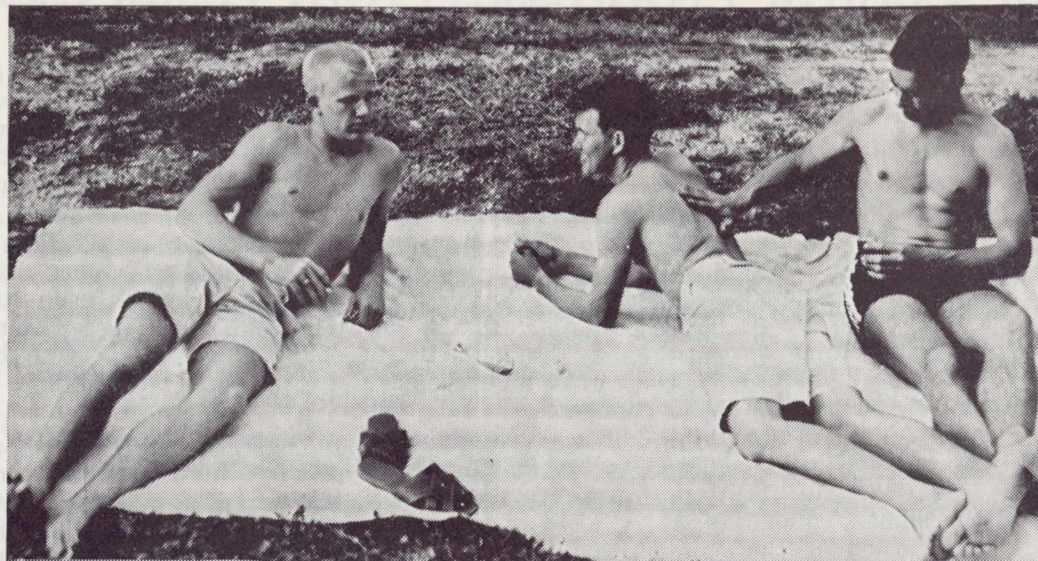
There are twelve members in the present club. They have had numerous visitors to come to speak at their meetings. One major project was a trip to the Barn Theater at the Barnett Reservoir.

A memorial award was bought and presented by former club members in honor of the late Mrs. Ruth Hull, who taught Home Economics for 16 years. Mrs. Pouncey presented this award to Mrs. Sharon Rigby of Morton in the last assembly.

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There is a fad now behind the sophomore girl's dorm for sun bathers. Here the men show they too enjoy the rays of the sun.

Wonder why EC's present male population does not partake in this same sport?

Agricultural Technology:

Program offers Varied Courses

By DICK GRAHAM

Tom-Tom Reporter

"Say did you ever notice that brick building on the hill across from the new gym? You know, that place behind the football field where everyone parks when the lot's full. What's it for anyway?" "Oh, yeah, that new looking place, Agriculture something or other. I think they milk cows or raise chickens or something there. Couldn't be too important if it's Agriculture, though. Now you take that new gym, there's a place. . ."

Yes, did you ever notice that tidy little building? Did you ever wonder what was done there, or did you just accept the cow and chicken explanation? If so, you're not noticing a couple of hundred years of technical advancement that has been putting the food in front of you ever since you put that first bottle in your mouth. This out of the way little building is the home of Agricultural Technology at East Central. What's Agricultural Technology? It's the story of the farmer's progress from mules to modern machines, the result of which you and I rely on everytime we go to the grocery store. At East Central Junior College, Agricultural Technology means John Lovett.

Lovett is a man definitely involved in his work. He is in complete charge of the Agriculture Department. In the past, he has managed farms of up to 10,000 acres and 2,500 head of cattle. For a period of time, he served as the assistant manager of the Madison County Coop, gaining invaluable experience in the coordination of many different farms. On top of this, he has a Masters Degree in Agricultural Education from Mississippi State University. All totaled, he has about 20 years working experience in his field, making him quite an authority. His experience is well utilized in the classroom over a wide range of Agricultural related subjects, amounting to about 20 classes a week. Despite his crowded schedule, he was more than happy to spend a free hour showing me around his building and explaining the functions of various labs and devices.

First stepping into the Agricultural Technology Building was a definite relief for me. The Appearance is akin to that of a modern university facility. Floors are clean and uncluttered, tables and desks are arranged neatly, and gone are the placards of high school graffiti on walls and desks, indicating the students come to learn, not to play. But, unlike a large university, the atmosphere is wrapped in the down home warmth of a man who is actively interested in his students, and looks at them as men, not boys. Someone ready to convey years of technical experi-

ence, yet at the same time spend the few moments between classes strumming a guitar among students gathered in his office.

The building houses a number of classrooms, two laboratories, and a large shop area. Of the two laboratories, one is a soil lab, used primarily for determining the lime content in the soil, and the other is a temperature control room. The latter contains a variety of devices which can control the degree of lighting, temperature, and the moisture content in the air. Thus, any number of growing conditions can be simulated, producing a convenient combination of controlled environment and close range observation. The shop area is used to teach maintenance of farm machinery. Just recently, students here have finished overhauling a tractor, despite limited time and facilities.

The overall emphasis of the Agricultural Technical Program is to teach young men the farming know-how necessitated by modern times. The farmer of the past needed only a mule and sweat, today's farmer needs the combined knowledge of the sciences and many mechanical skills to be successful. To best describe the aim of the program would be, using the words of Lovett, "to elevate the quality of man's living through training in Agriculture."

Opportunities for students in Agricultural Technology are varied, and unlike those of other fields, they will be forever present. People may quit driving automobiles, or building buildings, or going to the moon, but they certainly aren't about to quit eating. Thus, farmers, that is, educated

farmers, will always be in demand. Last week, Dr. Charles Lindley, Agricultural representative from Mississippi State, was visiting East Central, and I asked him what students enrolled in Agricultural Technology could do to help prepare themselves for future study at a senior college.

"The most important preparation a student can make is to begin his work with a transfer program in mind. We (Mississippi State) have a catalogue listing the courses offered here that compare with those offered at East Central. Taking these comparative courses would be very helpful towards insuring full transfer of hours. The basics, English, math, and science, are required everywhere, so a student should get these out of the way as soon as possible. Once this has been accomplished, we can work out almost any program a student desires, due to the flexibility of the College of Agriculture."

When asked his opinion of the caliber of East Central students transferring to State, he replied:

"East Central students are as well prepared as those of any senior college, and they have a definite advantage over students of larger colleges in their smaller classes and closer student-teacher relationships."

Small classes and close student-teacher relationships is what East Central is all about. When a student has the opportunities offered by John Lovett and East Central's Agricultural Technology Department, he can be expected to go a long ways towards becoming a valuable part of the backbone of America Agriculture.

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Vo-Tech Meets Needs Of Interested Persons

By **DAVID CHAPPELL**
Tom-Tom Reporter

The Vocational and Technical Education at East Central is designed to meet the needs of those who do not wish to continue their education academically. It is set up to teach a student a skill in what ever field he chooses. This training program prepares a student for a good paying and respectable occupation.

There are seven different programs under Vocational Education. The first type is The Auto Mechanic. It is designed to give the student manipulative skills, theory, and proper job practice necessary for successful employment as a service manager, parts man, and in mechanics in such areas as transmission, engine overhaul, tune-up, and front-end alignment. This course lasts 12 consecutive months. **Auto Body and Fender** is a course that trains the student in the repair of automobile bodies. Theory and practice in straightening fenders and bodies, lining up bodies, replacing glass, and learning the use of each tool are stressed. When finished with this course they are qualified to work for a well-established body shop or set up their own business. This course lasts for 12 consecutive months.

The Electricity program, which is also a 12 month course, is a fundamental course of house wiring, battery servicing, and electrical apparatus design, construction, and repair. This prepares you for numerous jobs with electrical companies, construction companies and industry, and motor repair, in addition to the unlimited opportunities for self-employment in the electrical field.

The Machine Shop, which is a two nine-month term course, prepares students for the beginning level of employment as machinists. It deals with blueprint reading, and layout of machine parts. This type of training is necessary to meet the growing need of metal-working factories in Mississippi.

The two nine-month terms of the Radio and Television course, training a student in electrical theories and their relationship to radio and television sets, receiver, and test equipment. They are usually repairmen in their own business or for some large company.

Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning, which is also a two nine-month term gives instruction concerning installation, maintenance, and re-

pair of heating and refrigeration equipment used in refrigerating plants, in cooling air and water for homes and other buildings. There is a great opportunity for these men in private business or large service agencies.

The Welding Shop teaches the basic skills, technical knowledge, and information on the different types of welding, position, and materials used. There are numerous jobs available for all kinds of welders. This is a 12 month course. A student may enter either of these courses in August, January, or May.

Technical Education at East Central is on the college level. It does not necessarily parallel any senior college courses, but instead is designed to meet needs of the terminal student. The courses in the technical training include Agricultural, Data Processing, Drafting, Intensive Business, and Secretarial Science. These courses range from one to two years.

This semester there are 192 vocational students attending day classes and 86 adults attending night classes.

At the present there are four night classes meeting on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30. These are Welding, Machine Shop, Refrigeration, and Electricity. The classes run for the regular length of a semester and cost \$40 per person for materials.

In the Business department there are also night classes which cost ten dollars and run on the same schedule as the Vocational night classes.

Any type of Vo-technical training will be given as long as there are ten or more people who wish to take it.

East Central is now a member of the new club VICA which stands for Vocational Industrial Club of America. East Central has the largest membership with 34 student members and 12 professional members. Its local advisors are Mr. Willard Clay and Mr. M. P. Guthrie.

East Central plans to go to Hinds Junior College for state wide contest in all Vo-technical areas. There will be a first, second, and third place trophy given.

Those entering the contest are J. P. Rainer, Air-Conditioning and refrigeration, Willie Maffett, Auto Mechanics, Novelli Watkins, Welding, Jimmy Daye Page, Machine Shop, C. W. Mayo, Electricity, C. H. Thomas, Radio and T. V. and Danny Durham, Drafting.

Communication:

By **PAULA HOLLINGSWORTH**
Tom-Tom Editor

East Central Junior College's curriculum is filled with many different type classes. Yet, the most necessary for the function of a normal life is the communications department.

The communications department is composed of English, speech, reading, and journalism classes. This is one curriculum which students have always been most aware of its existence, because students are drilled on the use of good speech habits.

The Journalism Department is one of the newest and fastest growing departments on campus. Even though students know this department exists they hardly realize its duties.

The Journalism class is made up of students who have an interest in writing. Throughout the year they work hard on both the paper, the **Tom-Tom** and the annual, the **Wo-He-Lo**. This year the students have published 14 papers and an annual. Members of the class have also covered events for county papers.

East Central offers students a beginning and advance course in the principles of Journalism. These classes cover news reporting, headline writing, advertising, copy writing, proof-reading, and layouts. Students also gain valuable experience from work on both of East Central's publications.

1971 has been a year of advancement for the Journalism Department. Linda Latham, sponsor of publications, was accorded membership in both the Mississippi Press Women's Association and the National Press Women's Association. The class attended workshops at Meridian Junior College, Mississippi State College for Women, University of Southern Mississippi, and the University of Mississippi.

During the year the class has heard speakers such as Turner Catledge, former editor of the **New York Times**; Dr. Harold Wilson, head of Mississippi State College for Women's Department of Journalism, R. B. Gandy, University of Southern Mississippi's Communications Department and Leo Horan, local author.

East Central was also chosen as the site of an annual fall Conference of the Mississippi Junior College Press Association. In the spring, Jones Junior College hosted the Association. At the annual awards banquet held at this conference, East Central won a second place award in photography with the picture "young fan". Not only has the class participated in programs with other Junior Colleges, but with the administration also in group discussions.

With each new semester this class shows an increase in enrollment. Perhaps in the near future, the Journalism Department will be one of East Central's largest departments.

Four dedicated teachers compose the English Department, Mrs. Carrie Ann Alford, Mrs. Alyne Simmons, Thomas Mayes, and O. S. Vickers.

Vickers, who has been with the English Department the longest, has studied at both George Peabody College and the University of Southern Mississippi. He also coached the dancers in the recent musical, **Annie Get Your Gun**.

The youngest member of the English Department is Mrs. Alford, a graduate of Mississippi State University. Mrs. Alford has only been with the department since 1969.

Mrs. Simmons is a friendly face on campus. A graduate of Mississippi College, Mrs. Simmons has been at East Central since 1958.

She is serving as sponsor for Phi Theta Kappa and is a seminar leader for the National Phi Theta Kappa meeting to be held June 4-11.

Mayes, who is a former East Central student, has been teaching here since 1958. His understanding ways have helped many students.

During the year, members of this department have attended meetings such as the Mississippi Junior and Senior College Conference on English at Hinds Junior College, and English Consortia sponsored by Meridian Junior College at Perkinson Junior College, and the Seventh Annual Southeastern Regional Conference at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Twenty-four hours of English are offered by East Central. These classes include English Composition, English literature, American Literature, and World Literature.

Throughout past years, the English Department at East Central has proven itself to be one of the strongest programs offered.

The Speech Department is headed by one of the best known teachers on campus, Bruce Peterson. During the year, Peterson teaches classes of basic speech, advanced speech, fundamentals of theater, and oral interpretation.

A student need not be a speech major to enroll in a speech class; they make excellent electives.

The basic and advanced speech classes are for the purpose of improving students' speech and helping them gain self-confidence. Oral interpretation, which is offered in the fall, involves reading literature, drama, and poetry aloud. Performance is also stressed. A favorite spring course is Fundamentals of Theater. It is a survey course involving aspects of theater production; play producing, casting, and etc. Upon finishing this course a student should be qualified to produce a play.

"The theater was only a hobby of mine, really I began at Mississippi State University as a horticulture major. I was going to be a landscape designer, and become rich", said Peterson "I also swore

I would never teach school, now I find it most rewarding". Peterson has been at East Central since 1967. He is active on campus in that he is sponsor of the East Central Players and director of the plays.

The Players, who number about 50 people, work on East Central's productions. Any student may join. In the words of a famous commercial, "Try it you'll like it".

The biggest social function of the year is the East Central Players' Award Night. The Players are responsible for the program and the awards, which range from dressed up gourds to tin foil-covered coke bottles. The formal occasion is ended with refreshments.

Last, but by no means least, is the Reading Department. Mrs. Martha Graham is the head of this department. Four classes of reading are offered at East Central: one class of reading improvement and three classes of speed reading.

Reading improvement tries to teach students better reading habits or methods and give them practice in reading. Usually with course completion, a student can double his or her reading rate.

Speed reading also gives the student new reading habits and hopefully changes his attitude about reading. A course of speed reading may triple a student's reading rate.

In reading there are no outside assignments. Students learn through films and the other equipment in the room. This way the control of the rate is maintained.

Mrs. Graham, who has been at East Central for 5 years, was an East Central student. She has also attended Mississippi State University.

Many students have been helped by both the reading classes and the kindness of Mrs. Graham.

By now, it should be quite plain how much work the Communications Department does, and how many students it comes in contact with. Perhaps now one will also agree that it is most necessary for the function of a normal life.

Organizations Give Programs Of Interest To Students

By **MIKE KASKIE**
Tom-Tom Reporter

With the many growths and improvements at East Central over the past few years, there have been many activities for students formed on our campus. The scope of these programs is wide enough to include almost all of the East Central students, allowing everyone to take part in making EC a better place to live and attend school.

The first activities which come to mind are sports. East Central offers varsity sports in football, basketball, baseball, and tennis. The football team is coached by coaches Ken Pouncey and Willie Coats. The basketball coach is Joe Clark. Baseball is coached by Willie Coats and tennis by Lucille Wood.

Then there are several extracurricular clubs provided on campus by the school for the enjoyment and enrichment of the students.

The first of these is the Agriculture Club whose purpose is to acquaint the members with the opportunities in the field of agriculture. Students majoring in any field of agriculture are eligible. The club is sponsored by John Lovett.

Next is Alpha Alpha Epsilon, whose purpose is to promote the social and economic welfare of the engineer, and to make further study of the industrial arts opportunities to allied fields. Anyone majoring in pre-engineering or industrial arts is eligible to join. The

club is sponsored by Shelby Harris.

The Baptist Student Union on our campus seeks to reach students for the Christian life through worship, Bible Studies, missions, conferences retreats and personal witness. The activities are promoted through the Baptist Student Center located across the street from the campus. The Director of the B. S. U. is Miss Gladys Bryant.

The ECJC Players are the dramatic group at East Central. The purpose of the organization is to provide an opportunity for those interested in dramatics to participate in various types of plays and programs. The Players are sponsored by Bruce Peterson.

The Phi Beta Lambda of East Central attempts to cultivate a better understanding of business principles among its members. All business students are encouraged to join. The organization is sponsored by Mrs. Jessie Everett.

The Home Economics Club strives to teach its members to use the tools and techniques of the Home Economics field and to stimulate interest in that field. The organization is sponsored by Mrs. Alice Pouncey.

The M. E. N. C. organization is for students interested in music education. The organization is affiliated with the Music Educators National Conference and is sponsored by Mrs. Marian Thornton.

The purpose of the Phi Theta (See Organizations Page Six)

Physical Ed:

By **GLEND A WATSON**
Tom-Tom Reporter

Among East Central's many assets is its Physical Education Department. Heading a very capable staff is Miss Lucille Wood. Miss Wood graduated from Louisville High School and later received her B.A., M.A. Also she has received her M.A. in Guidance from the University of Southern Mississippi and has her residence on a doctorate. Her first years in the teaching profession were spent on Co - Lin Junior College campus. Here she coached college tennis and high school basketball. She has since then contributed 15 dedicated years to East Central. Besides P.E. classes and other lecture classes, she supervises the May Day celebration, intramurals for women, and extramurals including varsity tennis. Two new courses have also been added to the Physical Education curriculum this year. They are Individual Sports and Recreation Leadership, both being inclusive for men and women Physical Education majors. Sectioning of the women's P.E. classes for next year was discussed, where girls would be placed in P.E. classes according to ability.

The department here strives to reach the full width of Physical Education. Coach Ken Pouncey takes care of the football aspects of the program. Pouncey, a 1957 graduate of Enterprise High School, also graduated from Jones Junior College in 1959, and the University of Southern Mississippi in 1967. In 1968, he received his masters at Livingston University. During his six years at East Central, he has also witnessed various changes. The football field was transferred to its present location from the site of the Vo-Tech building. Anticipated for future use on the field are, new lights and bleachers. Participants in men's athletics now enjoy the use of a beautiful new athletic dorm with color T.V. The new physical education building provides fine dressing facilities, including a new dryer and washer. Pouncey said he anticipated a fine upcoming season which will open with Hinds next year.

This time of year, baseball's in full swing. East Central, now has access to a new baseball field where East Central fans can get the full enjoyment and excitement of many games to come. Although no scholarships are offered for baseball players, more and more emphasis is being placed on the baseball program in the junior college. Coach Willie Coats assumed the role of East Central's baseball coach, as well as assistant football coach. He is quite proud of the new field and says his team is a "hard working one." There are only four sophomores. Coach Coats graduated from Stonewall High School and the University of Southern Mississippi where he played football and baseball. He also has worked on his masters. His first coaching jobs took him to Clara High School in Wayne County for four years, Seminary, two years, and Lumberton High School for four years. He has been employed at East Central Junior College for two years.

Coach Joe Clarke, dormitory supervisor, basketball coach, and supervisor of men's intramurals, is a graduate of Linwood High School, East Central Junior College, Livingston University, and received his masters at Mississippi College. Previous experience has been at Zama High School, 1957-60, and Edinburg High School, three years. Clarke has coached nine years for East Central Junior College. Clarke says the only basic change in the junior college basketball is integration. "The league is a lot tougher and limitations are set to allow only participants from around the community. This allows the

Valuable asset
To Campus

audience to be in closer identification with the team. Usually 15 to 18 boys go out and we have very good facilities." Clarke added that participation in men's intramurals was excellent and the spirit was very high.

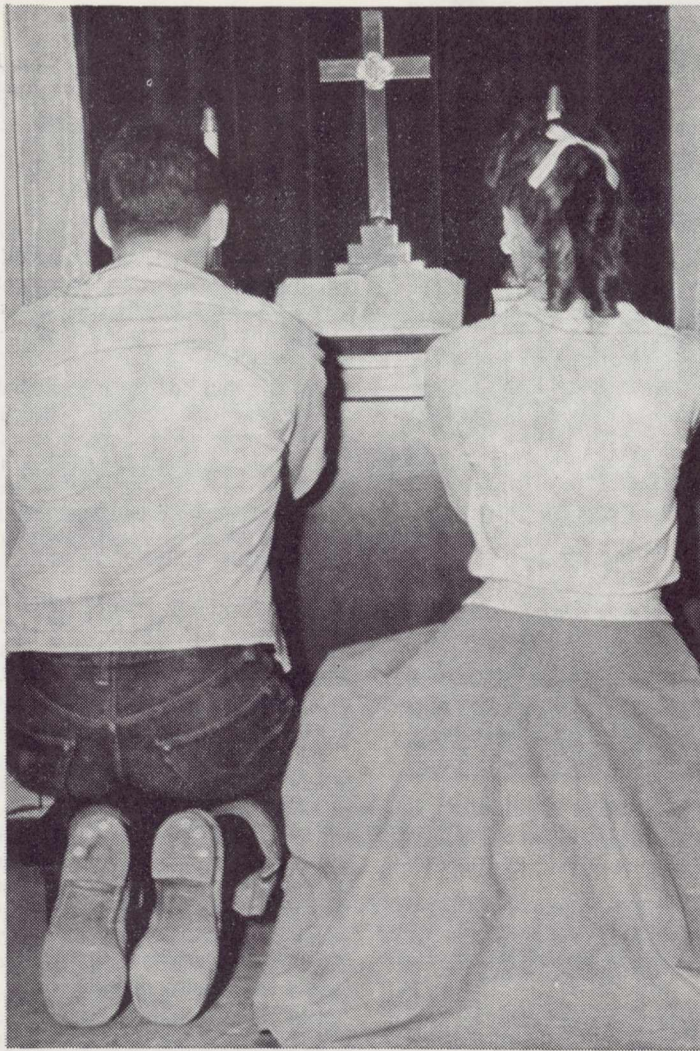
Obviously, East Central wants to meet the needs of its students in athletics as well as in other areas. Football, baseball, tennis, men's and women's intramurals and extramurals all allow an adequate choice. And as if these weren't enough, ECJC has recently formed a golf team to meet with a strong interest in the sport. Coached by coaches Coats and Clarke, the organization shows promise.

East Central Junior College is always ready when it comes to competition and why not, with the skill, dedication, and hard work of these fine faculty members and athletes who never hesitate to put their best foot forward to rank their college high on the list.

Warriors Have Difficult Season

East Central suffered a long-hard season this year. From the start EC was unable to get as many practices in as they would have liked.

The Warrior team this year was made up of mostly freshmen and inexperienced players, the team did as well as can be expected. There is a good chance for East Central having a No. 1 baseball club next year.



Maybe this is one area we fall short in today. Not much interest is held in the Man upstairs. If we really turned all our problems over to Him, then we would be able to get along better together. Is there anyone left who is not afraid to stand up and be counted as a Jesus Believer???

EC Finishes Season With Wins

EC took the last five tennis matches in a row to finish the season on a winning note. The three losses for the year were the first three matches of the season. These came as result of a double loss to Hinds and a single loss to Meridian. The split matches were with Meridian and Jones. EC defeated Jones, Southwest,

Co-Lin and Co-Lin and Perk.

This year's tennis squad consists of only two sophomores with tennis experience. These players are Glenda Watson and Bill Wheeler.

Miss Wood had only praise for this year's squad. "It is a credit to the players at EC to compete

against students from other schools with high school experience. We do not have a school in our district that plays tennis and playing against former Meridian, Murrah, Central, Laurel and Gulf Coast players shows some of the competition we were against."

Boys Record

	WINS	LOSSES
No. 1—Singles David McWhorter	Meridian, Southwest, Jones Perk, Co-Lin, Meridian	Jones, Hinds, Hinds
No. 2—Singles David Blount	Southwest, Jones, Co-Lin Hinds, Meridian	Jones
No. 2—Singles David Shoemaker	Meridian	Perk
No. 1—Doubles Ronnie Fedrick Bill Wheeler		Meridian, Hinds, Hinds
No. 1—Doubles Ronnie Fedrick David Shoemaker	Jones, Jones Co-Lin	Southwest, Meridian
No. 2—Doubles Mike Brown Jimmy Hurdle	Jones, Perk, Hinds, Perk	Meridian, Southwest, Jones, Co-Lin, Hinds
No. 2—Doubles Mike Brown Bruce Taylor		Meridian

Girls Record

	WINS	LOSSES
No. 1—Singles Glenda Watson	Southwest, Co-Lin	Hinds, Meridian, Jones, Jones, Hinds, Meridian
No. 2—Singles Rita Gibbon	Meridian, Southwest, Perk, Co-Lin, Meridian	Hinds, Jones, Jones, Hinds
No. 1—Doubles Donna Harrison Judy Clark	Southwest, Jones, Jones, Co-Lin	Hinds, Meridian, Perk, Hinds, Meridian
No. 2—Doubles Jeanne Williams Judy Sistrunk	Hinds, Meridian, Jones, Jones, Perk, Co-Lin, Meridian	Southwest, Hinds

Organization—

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Kappa is to promote scholarship, to develop character, and to cultivate fellowship among superior students. This organization for honor students is sponsored by Mrs. Alyne Simmons.

The Student Education Association is to give the student practical experience teacher - teacher and teacher-citizen relations. The Student Education Association is sponsored by Raymond McMullan and Mrs. Martha Graham.

The Sigma Sigma Mu Tau of East Central strives to present programs on pre-medical vocational opportunities, conduct tours of surrounding hospitals, and obtain information from schools that would be of interest to the pre-med student, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau is sponsored by George Mason.

The Student Body Association, the supposedly governing body of our school, is sponsored by Denver Brackeen. The duties of the Student Body Association include supervision of student elections and other duties designated by the constitution.

The Wesley Foundation, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, is a fellow of college students, regardless of denominational relationships, desiring to enrich their Christian experiences. The meetings are held in the rooms above the student center and the sponsor is Rev. H. G. Winstead.

To conclude the list of extracurricular activities of the students of East Central are the publications of our campus.

The Tom-Tom is the official campus newspaper, published semi-monthly. Staff members get experience in business as well as journalism. Anyone interested in working for the paper staff should contact Paula Hollingsworth, the editor or the sponsor, Linda Latham.

The East Central annual, the Wo-He-Lo, is the pictorial record of school life on the campus each year. The Wo-He-Lo is sponsored by Linda Latham.

With all of these activities on our campus, it is almost impossible for everyone not to get involved. There is something for everyone's interest, so take part in campus clubs.

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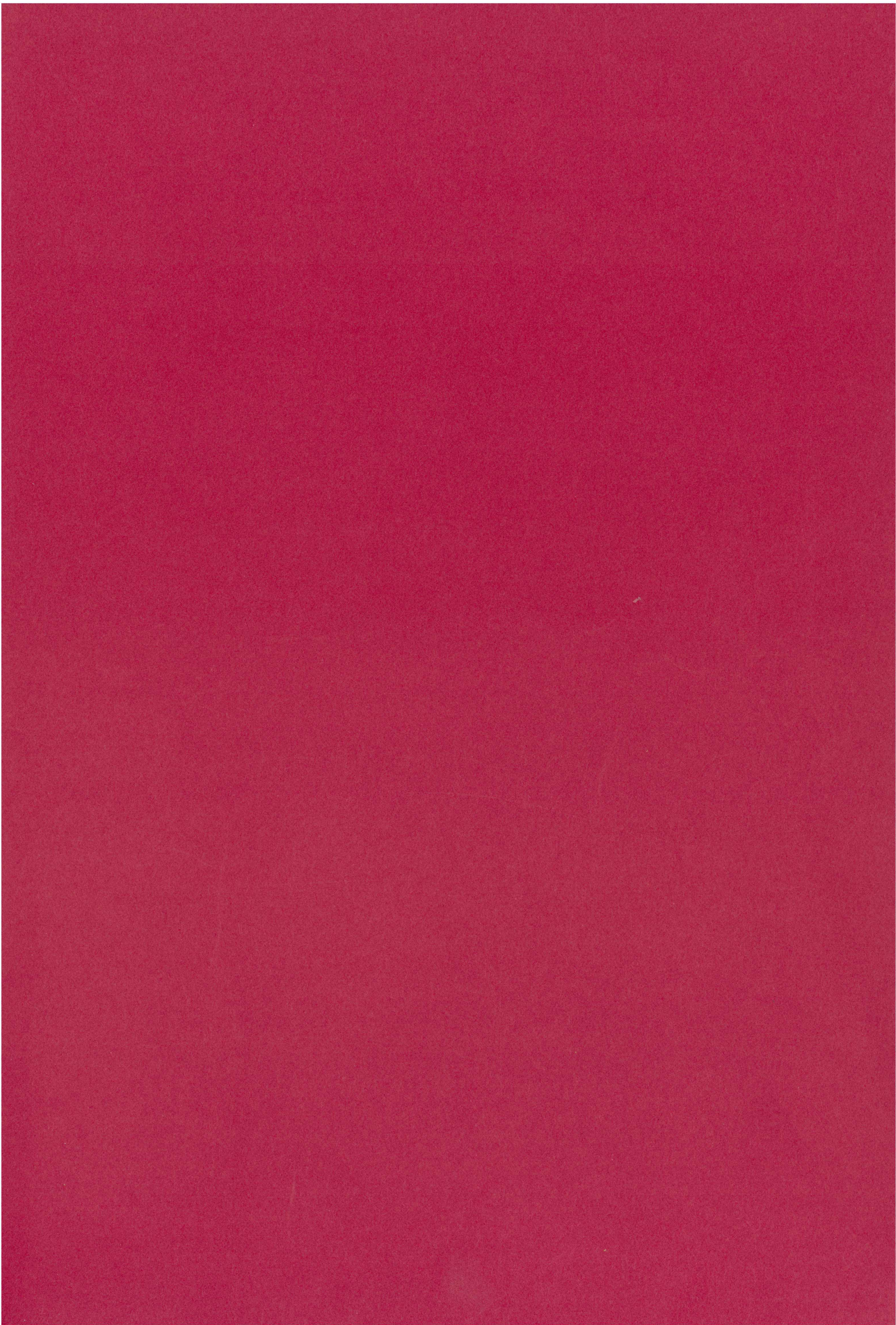
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Local Valedictorians Receive Scholarships



LOCAL VALEDICTORIANS ARE—First row: Guy McGee, Doanne Wooten, Leonard Barrier, Ann Carpenter, Jeanne Gilbert, Kay Measels, Susan Johnson, Jane Hollingsworth, and Gail Keller.

Eleven valedictorians are attending ECJC this year. Each has received a scholarship of \$170. Although the majority of them are of the 'inferior' sex, male chauvinists can take comfort in knowing that minorities are in this year.

Billy Everett is a pre-pharmacy major from Scott Central High School. In addition to serving as editor on the student newspaper, he was a member of the Beta Club, the FFA, the Glee Club, and the Library Club. Sportswise Billy was on the football, basketball and track teams; he was chosen All Conference Fullback.

Ann Carpenter, a graduate of Forest High School, is majoring in elementary education. She was a member of the chorus, the FHA and the FJA and served as reporter for the Beta Club. Anne was awarded the Mark and Edith Weitzenhoffer Scholarship. She is also a member of the Forest Hall Of Fame.

Jeanne Gilbert is a math major from Lake High School. She was a member of the Beta Club, serving as secretary for two years and as vice-president for one year. She also belonged to the school

paper staff, the FHA, and the Drama Club. Janice also served cheerleader as well as a basketball letterman.

Janice Kay Measels is a graduate from Morton High School. She was a member of the French Club, the Choral Club, and the Drama Club. Janice also served as vice-president of the Beta Club and editor of the school annual.

Gail Keller is a music major from Beulah Hubbard. She has served as both secretary and treasurer for the Beta Club, and was also a member of the band and the annual staff. Gail belonged to the basketball, softball and track teams. In basketball, she was All District, All South State, and Girl's State.

Dianne Becham Wooten, an English major from Edinburg High School, has received awards in English, typing, algebra and U. S. Government. A member of the FHA and the Glee Club, she also served as editor of the annual. Dianne played basketball for three years.

Leonard Barrier is an English major from Neshoba County. He was a member of the Beta Club,

the annual staff and the school paper staff. In a poetry contest Leonard received an honorable mention.

Susan Johnson is pre-med major from Decatur. She was a member of the band, the chorus, the FBLA, the FHA, the Drama Club and the Science Club; she also held the offices of secretary of the Beta Club and President of the 4-H Club. Susan was chosen Most Beautiful, Best All Around Girl, Most Courteous and Most Likely To Succeed.

Jane Hollingsworth is a sociology major from Union. She belonged to the Beta Club, the Science Club and the Music Club. Jane was chosen Most Beautiful and Most Intellectual, an unusual combination.

Guy McGee, from Scott County Christian Academy, is a liberal arts major. During high school, he was a member of the chorus, the annual staff, the school paper staff, the Beta Club, the FFA and the 4-H. He also served on the football, basketball, and track teams. In Who's Who elections, Guy was selected Most Talented and Most Likely To Succeed.



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Clubs Play Important Part In ECJC Life

The East Central Band sponsored by Mr. Sommers will have a new look this year with the Centralettes, their new overlays on the uniforms and their new hats. The Band plans to take three football trips to Hinds, Pearl River, and Jones, and will perform at the home games. The Band needs more members. All students who are interested in the band are urged to join. Credit is given and there are also scholarships available at \$85.00 per semester. The Band meets four days a week, Monday through Thursday, 8th period. If you are interested and want to join, get in touch with Mr. Sommers, Mr. Fick, or Dean Brackeen.

The Student Body Association is sponsored by Dean Brackeen. The officers are Brit Dickens — president, Guy Nowell — Vice president, Susan Tingle — secretary, and Johnny Middleton — treasurer. The officers met before school started and made some plans for the year. The homecoming dance will be October 15. The executive council positions are not complete. Two sophomore representatives, two freshman representatives, one representative from the Women's Student Organization, one representative from the Men's Student Council, and one representative from the VICA will be elected.

The Student Education Association, which is sponsored by Mr. McMullan, has not yet completed the election of their officers for this year. Last spring Mr. McMullan and the Association had talked about a few tentative plans for this fall, but they are not complete. September 9 the Fall Leadership Conference was held at Primos in Jackson and the officers of the Student Education Association were urged to go to talk over plans.

The Student Education Association held its first monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 5 with 30 people attending. The meeting was called to order by President Sue Tingle. Sue discussed the purpose of the SEA organization and outlined projects for the coming year. Fundraising projects for the year were discussed and membership dues were set.

Officers elected last semester were as follows: President, Sue Tingle of Philadelphia; Sophomore Vice-President, Paula Lee of Philadelphia; and Secretary, Dianne Williamson of Louisville.

New officers were also elected at the meeting on September 5. Gloria Hollingsworth from Scott Academy was elected Freshman Vice-President. Jeanne Gilbert from Lake was chosen Treasurer. Charlotte Ganann from Carthage was chosen the Historian. Regina Cullen of Carthage was elected to serve as reporter. Bobbie Gail Knight was appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee by Sue Tingle.

Supporting the East Central Warriors as cheerleader squad for this fall are as follows: Kay Murphey, Jarie Ezelle, Jeanne Williams, (sophomores), Gloria Cleveland, Gaid Fondren, Sandi Vallas, Ramona McKee, (freshmen), and Joyce Blount, sophomore.

Kay is from Newton and was a cheerleader in her senior year at high school and also was a Cheerleader at EC last year.

Jarie is from Decatur and was a cheerleader for two years in high school and also was a cheerleader at EC last year.

Jeanne, head cheerleader this year, was a cheerleader for three years in high school and a cheerleader at EC last year. She is from Philadelphia.

Gloria is from Union and has been a cheerleader for two years. Sandi is from Decatur and has been a cheerleader for two years.

Ramona is from Philadelphia and was a cheerleader for one year at Leake Academy.

Joyce is from Decatur and has been cheerleader for two years.

Mrs. Linda Burroughs is the cheerleader sponsor.

New Faculty Members Join Staff

ECJC would like to welcome two new faculty members: Mr. Towle and Mrs. Griffin.

Mr. Towle was at Mississippi State as a graduate assistant before he came to EC. He taught at the Columbia Military Academy in Tennessee. He also taught Organic Chemistry at the Columbia State Junior College.

Mrs. Towle's family is a bit scattered. His wife is here with him in Decatur, but his son (a Chemical Engineer), lives in Columbia, Tennessee.

Mr. Towle will teach all the Chemistry classes here and he says his classes are filling up fast.

Mr. Towle likes East Central. He said that EC is more like a family unit to which he now belongs. He also said the school was built like a "T" and he felt he was in the middle of things.

Mrs. Griffin, whose husband is business manager, previously worked for IBM. It was here that she got interested in Data Processing. She also taught at Meridian Junior College.

Mrs. Griffin's husband is the Business Manager here at EC. They have three children; David Dianne and Kim. David is eleven and attends Bolar Middle School; Dianne is eight and attends the Attendance Center; Kim is their new baby of four months. The Griffins attend the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Griffin is an alumnus of EC. She got her BS degree at Mississippi State. She also got her Masters Degree there. She did additional study at Mississippi Southern and Mississippi State.

Cheerleaders Selected



WARRIOR CHEERLEADERS — Front: Moni McKee, Left to right: Gloria Cleveland, Gail Fondren, Jarie Ezelle, Sandi

Vallas, Joyce Blount, Jeanne Williams, and Kay Murphey.

How To Kill Time

"I wish I were home!"
 "I'm bored!"
 "Where's the fun of college?"

Sound familiar? If it does, then take a good look at yourself. Where are you? Sitting around? Well then, GET BUSY!! East Central offers the student body many ways to kill leisure moments. Do you need an example? Well, then

There are many clubs on campus. Many deal with a certain field such as the Agriculture Club, which meets every Tuesday, third period. Any student majoring in any field of agriculture is eligible and Mr. Lovett meets with this group.

Under Mr. Harris's guidance the Alpha Alpha Epsilon meets every Tuesday and anyone majoring in pre-engineering or industrial arts is eligible for membership.

Do you play a musical instrument? The band meets four times a week and Mr. Sommers would welcome any interested student. A scholarship is given for playing in the band. Also connected with the band are the Centrallets, the flag drill team. Mr. Fick leads the drill team.

Together Mr. Fick and Mrs. Thornton direct the choir every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday third period. The choir makes several trips during the year and performs for the student body on occasions.

The East Central Junior College Players present our two annual plays. Any students interested in dramatics are urged to see Mr. Peterson. They are welcomed, aren't they Mr. Peterson?

The French Club acquaints students with activities of their French peers through audiovisual programs and meetings with French-born people. This organization, which has as its main events of the year an annual Christmas Party and a Spring Banquet is sponsored by Mrs. Rowell.

Mrs. Everett and Mr. Bedwell sponsor Phi Beta Lambda and all business students are urged to join.

MENC is for student interested in music education and is affiliated with the Music Educators National Conference. MENC is sponsored by Mrs. Thornton.

The Wo-He-Lo is the yearbook, and is sponsored by Mrs. Graham. They meet every Thursday at 6:15. The Tom-Tom also needs staff members. Any student who is interested in working on one of these publications should see Mrs. Alford or Mrs. Graham.

The Baptist Student Union is open from 9:00 - 8:00 Monday through Thursday and from 1:00 - 2:00 on Fridays. Miss Bryant welcomes students of any denomination to stop by and relax.

Wesley Foundation, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the room above the Student Center. The Wesley Foundation is sponsored by Rev. H. G. Winstead.

Students may also enjoy girl's extra-murals, football, girl's basketball, tennis, baseball, or seen Dean Brackeen about starting your own club.

To all the clubs that I have failed to mention, I'm sorry. There are quite a few which aren't listed. So you see, East Central isn't dead. At least not yet, and it won't be if students participate.

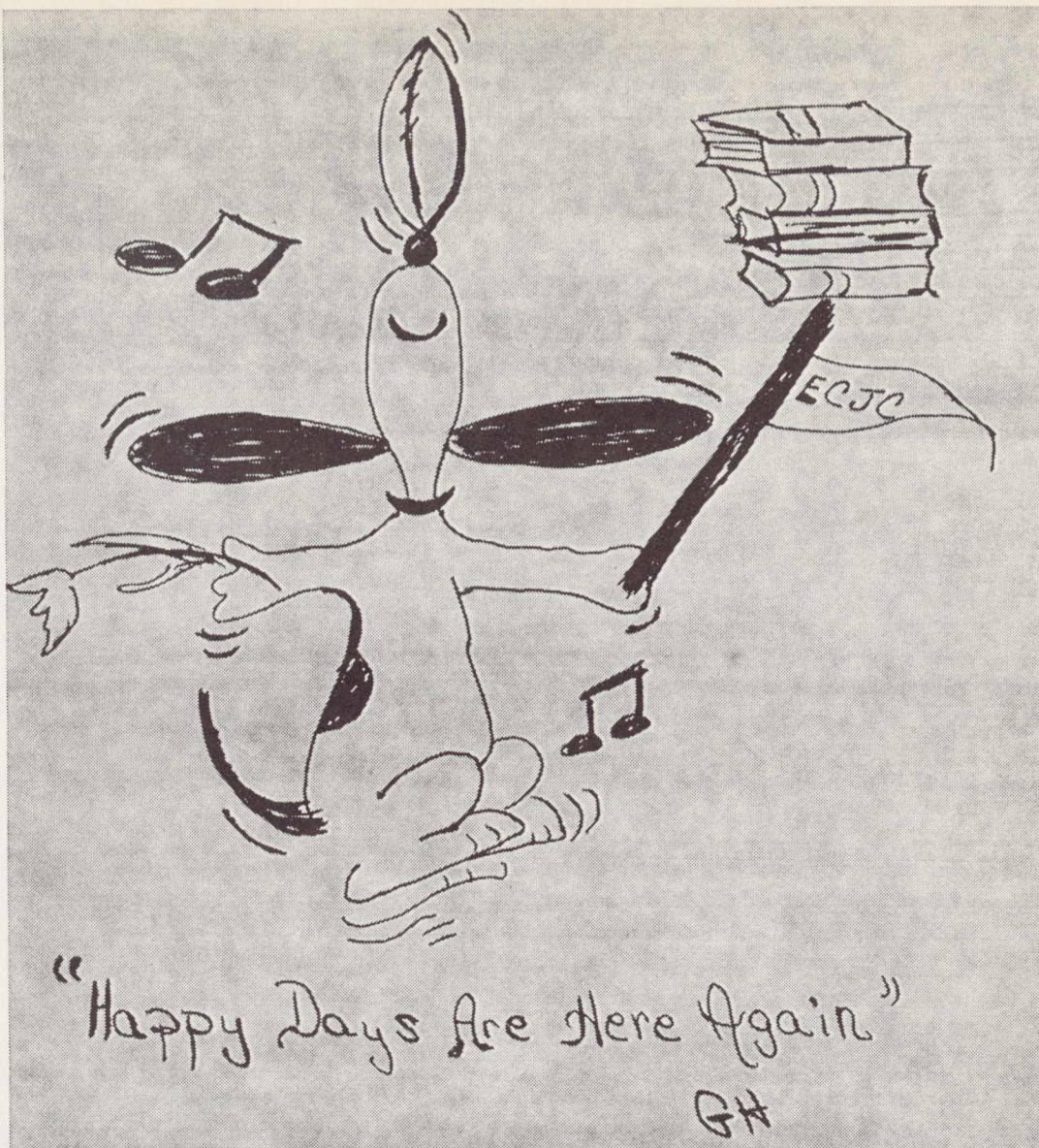
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ONE SMALL VOICE . . .

By Melinda Bullard
 Feature Editor
 Review In Depth
A Clockwork Orange
 (Anthony Burgess)

By now almost everyone has seen, or at least heard of, director Stanley Kubrick's latest epic since 2001 -- **A Clockwork Orange**. The voice speaks for itself; it is a bitter, violent, but beautifully made film which follows the book very closely. But it is the book which was the basis for the movie, and therefore it is the book which should be examined in detail.

Briefly, **A Clockwork Orange** seems to be another science fiction shocker, something which resembles 1984 or Brave New World. It is the story of a 15 year old hoodlum, Alex, whose chief delights are robbery, murder, assault, and Beethoven. Eventually he is arrested, imprisoned, and — cured. Alex is given a treatment which produces violent sickness whenever he becomes emotional. He can no longer do wrong, for he is physically repelled by evil.

That is the surface story. But there is another one, which takes the simple elements of the plot and forms an intricate, fascinating tale of philosophical and religious horror.

Alex the teenage mobster is not a mere evil creature; he is the product of generations of subtle brainwashing. He has a smug distaste for the government, for the old, for women. He dislikes drunks and liquor, preferring milk spiked with hard drugs. His speech is a unique blend of Russian and English slang, though he lives in Britain. Alex believes that all his actions are dictated by none but himself, but actually he is a puppet at the command of rigid, almost traditional, habits.

Once he is "cured," Alex becomes even more helpless in the face of the era in which he lives. Now every twinge of emotion, every flicker of excitement, is denied him. Joy, anger, love, bring on serious illness, and even the passionate strains of Beethoven's **Ninth Symphony** bring him agony instead of pleasure.

But greater than any of these

is the freedom of choice which is now denied him. He does not choose to be good — he is forced to be good. Alex is pious and God-fearing out of necessity rather than out of desire. It is this which disturbs the prison chaplain on the eve of Alex's release and it is this which forms the heart of the book. While Alex was bad by choice, he might have been saved by choice. But when he was good by force, he could not be saved — there was no choice left. This, then, is the foundation of **A Clockwork Orange's** philosophy. Alex is a "clockwork orange," something which seems organic but is really mechanical. And not only he, but his people and his world are all "oranges," going through the motions of living but actually not living at all.

They are the living dead, conjured forth in a different but nonetheless chilling story.

PICTURES ARE MIRRORS

WHICH REVEAL THE SOUL OF THE WRITTEN WORD.

The Campus Bookshelf

The Secret Woman by Victoria Holt. This is another love-mystery-murder story which most girls thoroughly enjoy. And, believe it or not, the end really is a surprise.

The Possession of Joel Delaney by Ramona Stewart. This one centers around the occult, but is just a little too mild to be really scary.

Love and Wisdom by Richard G. Hubler. The life of Solomon is told by Nathan the prophet in this book. It's good, but it places too much emphasis on Solomon the all-too-human man rather than Solomon the Biblical monarch.

The Day of the Jackel by Frederick Forsyth. In this book a spy sets out to assassinate de Gaulle. It's fiction, but reads very much like truth.



EXECUTIVE STAFF of the **Tom-Tom**: Mike Kaskie, managing editor; Paula Hollingsworth, Executive Editor; and Dick Graham, Assistant Editor.

Computers Come To Campus

By MELINDA BULLARD

Science fiction, that marvelous branch of literature which has often foretold the not-to-distant future, has in recent years heralded the use of ingenious "electronic brains" — computers. The sixties saw more frequent use of these fascinating, rather awe-inspiring machines, and the seventies might be accurately described as "the age of computers". Now in keeping with the electronic and technical demands of the decade, ECJC has provided for freshmen this year a program of study centered around data processing and an "IBM system 3" computers.

Installed at an approximate cost of \$112,000, the System "3" uses both a console and peripheral equipment, which is located at a distance from the console. The computer has a card read punch which reads 300 cards per minute, and can punch 80 columns per second. Its chain type printer operates at a rated speed of 200 lines per minute. Supplemental equipment, such as test sound machines, can be added. Three levels of computer language, COBOL, RPG, and FORTRAN, are used in programming and processing.

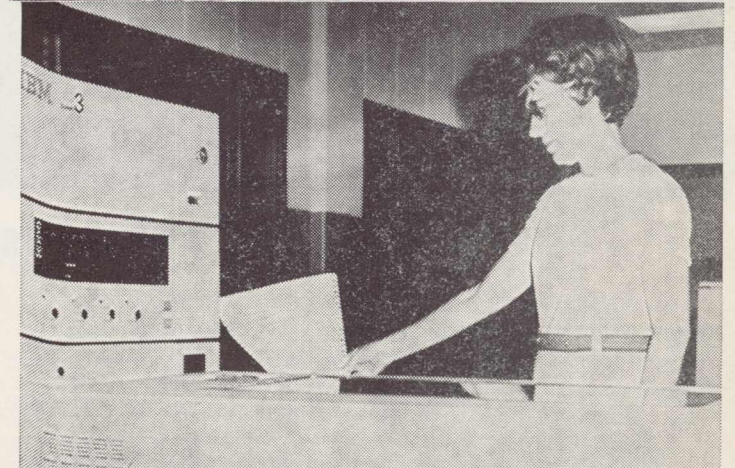
Under the direction and sponsorship of Mrs. B. L. Griffin the two year program leads to an Associate in Arts degree for both men and women. Freshmen entering this program would enroll in introduction to data processing, unit record equipment, and supporting mathematics and business courses. Sophomores would enroll in COBOL programming I and II, system analysis design, and related subjects.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of a career in data processing is the excellent financial capabilities involved. A skilled technician may begin at \$4000 to \$6000 a year with salary increases readily available. As supervisor of a programming team, or manager of an entire computer operation, he can earn between \$10,000 and \$20,000 annually, and at times more.

Science fiction is notoriously famous for its stories of mad computers which assume control of the world. But that is merely fiction, in reality computers are the wire-and-circuit assistants of today, helping America to perform with speed the often burdensome tasks of a modern technology. And ECJC, slowly but inevitably has jumped on the band wagon with the rest.



Mrs. Griffin Operates Computers



Mrs. Tannehill Named Public Relations Director At ECJC

Mrs. Jane W. Tannehill of Union has accepted the position of Public Relations Director at East Central Junior College, Decatur, effective August 14, it was announced by Dr. Charles Wright, President of the college.

Mrs. Tannehill comes to East Central experienced in the newspaper field. Having served as Society and Women's Editor for the UNION APPEAL for the past four years, she has won first place honors in state competition in feature writing, news writing, editorials, women's news page, display advertising, and page make up. This year she won national honors for her women's news page and display advertising.

A native of Laurel Miss., Mrs. Tannehill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Homer Walters of that city. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, where she received a BA degree in English and Business Commerce. She is married to Editor-Publisher Jack Rhea Tannehill. They have one son.

For her accomplishments, Mrs. Tannehill has twice been selected for inclusion in "Outstanding Young Women of America". She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, Union Home and Garden Club, Present Day Club, Jaycee Wives Club, Mississippi Press Women, and the National Federation of Press Women.

CHOIR ENROLLMENT IS INCREASED

"Mah, May, Mee, Moh, Moo!" Warmups for the East Central Singers began the first day that the choral organization met with 47 members, the largest enrollment in several years. Officers elected to serve the Choir for the school year are: President, Mary Sanders; Secretary-Treasurer, Rita Gibbon; Librarian, Teresa Mills; property chairman, Max Ingram.

The Singers are working to fulfill two major performance commitments the first semester, that of entertaining the North Mississippi Industrial Development Association at the Miss. State University on October 26 and a Christmas T.V. program on WTOK TV in Meridian. Performances will be set for High School tours at a later date.

Mrs. Marian Thornton and Mr. R. G. Fick are Directors of the Choir.

Agriculture Courses To Be Taught

W. A. Brock, Superintendent of the Coastal Plain Branch of the Mississippi Experiment Stations, at Newton, and Dr. Charles Wright, President of East Central Junior College, Decatur, announce an arrangement whereby the staff of the local experiment station will teach basic courses in agriculture at the junior college.

To begin the program, T. G. Sanders, Assistant Animal Scientist at Newton, will teach the Animal Science course, and John McMillan, Assistant Agronomist at the station, will teach the Basic Soils course. These gentlemen both hold specialized masters degrees and have adequate experience in their fields.

Courses in agriculture will begin this week. Two additional basic courses will be taught in the spring semester, beginning in January.



Miss Sherri Lynn McMullan, beautiful daughter of our Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McMullan, was only four when she won the Newton County Little Miss contest.

Mr. and Mrs. McMullan tried to keep her from possible disappointment at the state contest, but when she entered she had very high hopes. Sherri once again walked away with the crown and flowers. After she had won Miss La Petite she said, "Mommy and Daddy, you said that I probably wouldn't win, but I did."

Sherri Lynn was also contestant in the world contest in New Orleans.

Players Organized

For East Central speech majors this might not be such a trying year. Each one has a "big brother" or "big sister" to turn to if a problem comes along.

This practice was once used by the SBA for the entire student body. But like many traditions, it had been discontinued.

Bruce Peterson, ECJC speech instructor decided to revive the custom. He assigned each of the

five freshmen speech majors as a "little brother" or "little sister" to the sophomore speech majors.

Amy Peoples serves as Sylvia Lowry's big sister. Candy Gainer is Linda Justice's big sister. Sandy Vallas has a big sister — Teddy Joe Hall. Denise Horton is Lynette Herring's little sister. Ricky Rector is Louis Crenshaw's big brother.

Wo-He-Lo To Cover Entire Year

The editors of the 1972-73 Wo-He-Lo, the college annual, are working for an annual that will be bigger and better than ever before.

Unlike the previous annual, this year's Wo-He-Lo will cover nine months of college life. This extended coverage will include spring sports, May Day, and graduation, which were not in last year's annual.

Color pictures will be another first for the Wo-He-Lo.

Jean Johnson and Libby Horton, the annual editors who are both Decatur Sophomores, attended a workshop for annual editors, at Biloxi June 18-23. In morning and night classes, they learned how to produce a better annual. The areas of annual production which were emphasized were copy, layout, design, photography, covers, and themes.

The sponsor of this year's Wo-He-Lo is Mrs. Martha Graham.

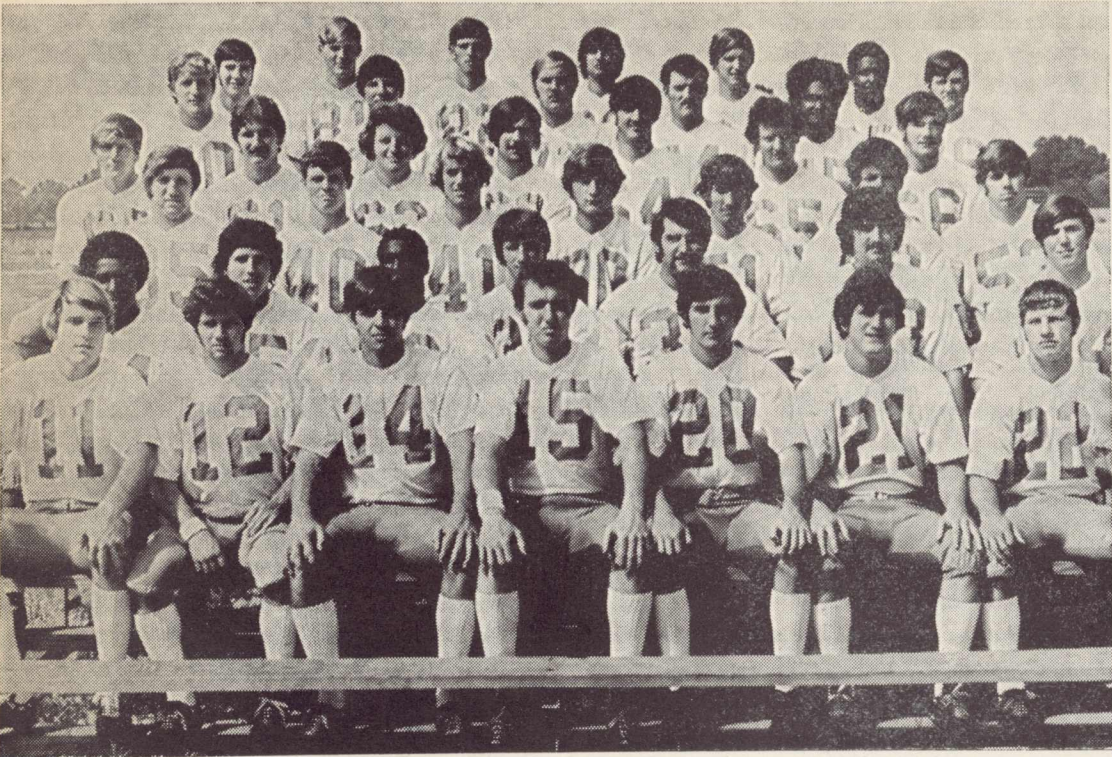
The annual staff meets on Thursday night at 6:15. Any interested student is encouraged to join the staff.



Jean Johnson, Editor

Meet Scooba Thursday Night

Warriors 1-2 For 1972 Season



1972 - 73 Warriors

From left to right—First row: Robert Hannah, Randy Dilly, Charlie Killens, David Shumake, John Kirby, Danny Myrick, Rodney Denson. Second row—Kenneth Overstreet, Charles Reeves, Lee Evans, Joel Cockrell, Guy Nowell, Steve Harber, Marvin Lindsey. Third row: Ricky Dilley, Davis Kelly, Ken Gordon, Larry Risher, Jimmy Fanning, Mike Moorehead, Scottie Crawford.

Warriors Return 15 Lettermen

This year East Central's football team will have fifteen returning lettermen. This will give them more experience than last year, especially in the offensive line, but they will not have quite as much depth as last year.

The lettermen: Pete Lucovich, Hickory, wide receiver; Bob Smiley, Forest, offensive guard; Timmy Irons, Union, offensive tackle; Jerry Johnson, Twin City, offensive tackle; Mike Moorehead, Union, middle guard; Eddie Bethune, Newton, defensive tackle; Larry Gamblin, Louisville, defensive end; Don Culpepper, Philadelphia, line backer; Windel McElhenny, Decatur, tight end; Davis Kelly, Louisville, linebacker; Ken Gordon, Forest, free safety; Robert Hannah, Forest, strong safety; Guy Nowell, Philadelphia, tail back; David Shumake, Philadelphia, quarter-

back.

Chris Rowell, a Newton sophomore, played at Millsaps College last year.

All of these men have had a lot of football experience. This should be an important factor in leading the East Central football team to victory this year.

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Warrior Schedule

Thursday, September 21—East Miss.	Home
Thursday, September 28—Miss. Delta	Home
Saturday, October 7—Northeast	There
Saturday, October 14—Perkinston	There
Saturday, October 21 (Homecoming)—Holmes	Home
Thursday, November 2—Itawamba	Home
Thursday, November 9—Jones	There

ALL HOME GAMES BEGIN

AT 7:30 P. M.

By Ricky Rector
Sports Editor

Thursday night was East Central's first home ballgame, and it proved to be a good starter for the home schedule. Early in the ball game East Central took control with a 52 yard pass from David Shumake to Pete Lucovich, and Don Culpepper booted the PAT. Next the Warriors went in with Ricky Dilly from Forest running the ball from 16 yards out. East Central went for two points to get a more substantial lead. David Shumaker of Philadelphia and Robert Hanna, of Forest, got the two points for the Warriors. Shumake and Ricky Dilly scored the last two touchdowns, both on runs from 8 yards out.

Don Culpepper's PAT attempt was good on both accounts. East Central did quite well in the rushing department with a total of 252 yards for the night. Ricky Dilly was on top with 96 of those yards, and Guy Nowell was close behind with 85 of 252 yards.

East Central corrected the mistakes of the Hinds game in the game against Northwest, reducing their fumbles and intercepted

passes to zero. Northwest lost the ball three times, once on interception and twice on fumbles. Northwest scored one time with a pass to member Ricky Suratt. Boyd Cole ran for the two points, making the final score East Central Junior College 28, Northwest 8.

	HINDS	EC
First Downs	12	13
Passes	3-6	6-29
Fumbles	1 lost	4 lost
Interceptions	3	1

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
RETURNS TO ECJC

After a year's absence, girls' basketball extramurals will return to the East Central campus. Eight games are scheduled with four at home and four away, and one tournament in addition to the regularly scheduled games. All eight games will be played on week ends.

The games will be played by the National Division of Girls and Women's Sports Regulations. The most obvious rule of the DGWS is that there are five players going full court.

Competition, unlike previous years, will be limited to other junior colleges. In recent years East Central had competed with senior colleges such as MSCW.

Other state junior colleges participating in girls' extramural basketball programs are Holmes, Meridian, Hinds, Co-Lin, Southwest, Pearl River, and Perkins-

A LETTER
FROM THE PLAYERS

To the new students here at E.C. I offer one of the most challenging and wonderful opportunities at this college. I offer you the E. C. Players.

This group of students, headed by Mr. Bruce Peterson, has developed into one of the most active groups on campus. Don't get me wrong. This is not just a clique of academically superior students, but of those who take pride in being individuals and are willing to work hard as a team.

During the last few years they have presented such performances as, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "South Pacific," "You Can't Take It With You," and, "Annie Get Your Gun."

The players meet Tuesdays at 3:30 P.M. at the fine Arts Center, on the same days that other clubs meet. As I said, Tryouts are not limited to any one sect of students, but are open to anyone who thinks he has what it takes. Oh yes, unlike most things in life, no experience is necessary. Who knows, you may become another W. C. Fields or John Wayne, which ever you choose.

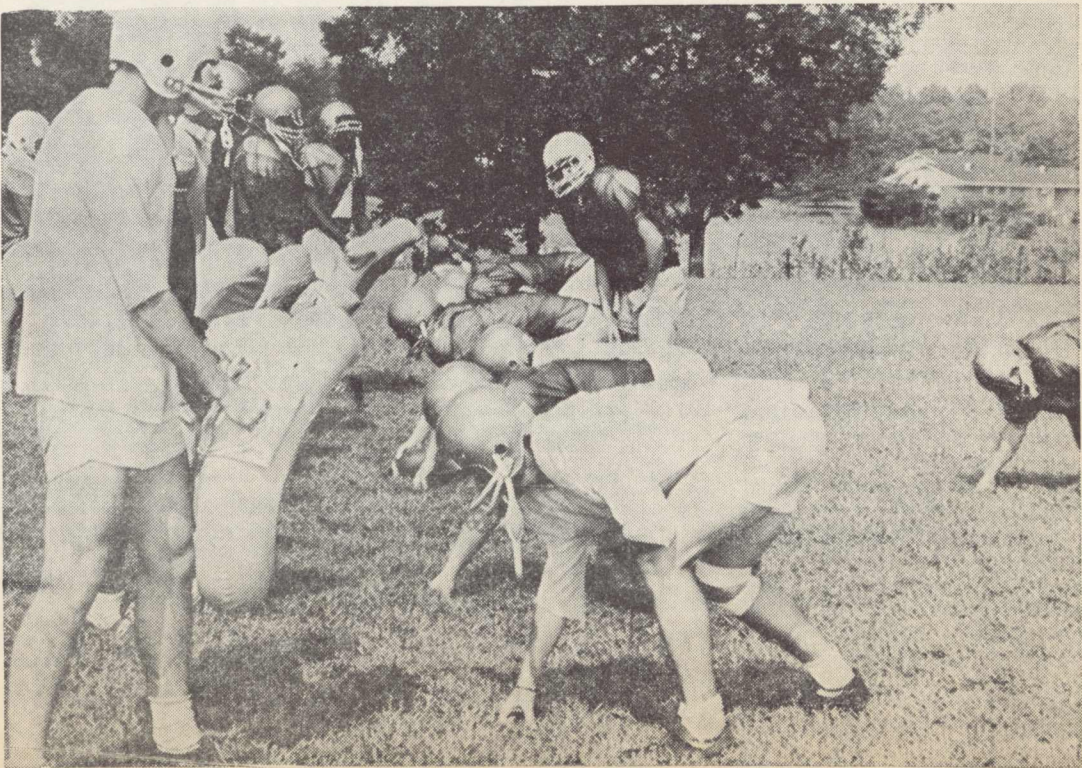
Warrior Starting Lineup

OFFENSE

TE—Wendell McElhenny
RT—Jerry Johnson
RG—Gene Reed
C—Scotty Crawford
LG—Bob Smiley
LT—Timmy Irons
SE—Pete Lucovich
FL—Charles Reeves
TB—Guy Nowell
FB—Ricky Dilley
QB—David Shumake

DEFENSE

LE—Chris Rowell
LT—Bostice Baxtrum
MG—Mike Moorhead
RT—Eddie Bethune
RE—Larry Gamblin
RLB—Don Culpepper
LLB—Davis Kelly
CB—Pete Lucovich
CB—Joel Cockrell
FS—Ken Gordon
SS—Robert Hannah



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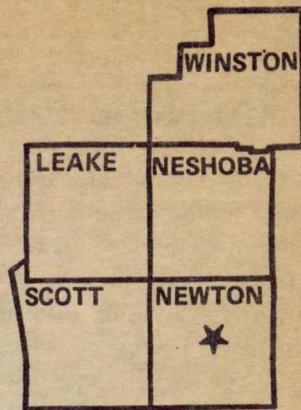


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Stephanie Cook Reigns Over EC Homecoming

Committees Plan For Homecoming

This year Mr. Rudolph Mayes is the faculty chairman for the Homecoming festivities. Six committees were appointed to assist Mr. Mayes in the plans for Homecoming. The six committees consist of Courts Committee, Registration Committee, Parade Committee, Decoration of Dormitory Committee, Decoration of Dining Hall Committee, and the Welcome Committee. Each works independently of the other.

The Court Committee is planning the ballgame's half-time activities.

The Parade Committee is working out ideas for the parade. The committee is handing out slips of paper so that the different clubs, dormitories, etc. can designate what their entry in the parade will be. The parade will be held at 4:30 P.M. on Saturday, October 12.

The Executive Council of the Alumni met on September 12. They started making plans also. The Council elected an alumnus of the year which is Dr. William Lamar Weems. Dr. Weems is originally from Forest but he is now at the University Medical Center in Jackson. Dr. Weems will be recognized at the Alumni Homecoming banquet. The classes of '72, '62, '52, and '42 will be recognized also.

The ECJC Warriors will be playing the Holmes Bulldogs for Homecoming. The game will start at 7:30 P.M. Saturday, start at 7:30 P.M. Saturday, October 21.



STEPHANIE COOK
--ECJC's 1972 Homecoming Queen--

Males Outnumber Females at ECJC

Enrollment at East Central reached an all-time high this semester with total enrollment of 771 students. This number includes all day pupils, both academic and vocational; part-time students who are enrolled in less than twelve hours; and night students.

Although there is an increased enrollment, the greatest increase is in night class attendance according to Registrar Frank Reves.

The day time enrollment is 547, with 210 sophomores and 337 freshmen. Of this number the males outnumber the females 391 to 238.

Vocational enrollment is 78. Night students number 138.

On October 21, East Central Junior College will celebrate its 1972 Homecoming. The Warriors will be playing against Holmes Junior College. The crowning of the Homecoming Queen and the procession of maids will be the highlight of half-time activities.

Representing the freshmen class are Gayle Hardin, Rhonda Barnes, and Gloria Hollingsworth.

Gayle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hardin of Sebastopol. She is a graduate of Sebastopol and is majoring in Art. While in high school she was a cheerleader, a class officer, in the Who's Who, a member of the Beta Club and FHA. Also, she is in the Who's Who in High Schools and received the Outstanding Teenager Award.

Rhonda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burdell Barnes, is a liberal Arts major from Philadelphia. While in high school she was a cheerleader, class officer, selected as a beauty and cutest. She was a member of the Beta Club and Pep Club.

Gloria, an English major from Lake, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Hollingsworth and is a graduate of Scott County Christian Academy. In high school she was elected Miss SCCA Most Courteous, Most Versatile, Best Personality, Most Athletic, and a class officer for two years.

Here at East Central she is an SBA Representative and Freshmen Vice-President of the SEA.

Representing the sophomore class are Frances Carroll, Jarie Ezelle, and Phyllis Driskell.

Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carroll, is a Business major from Morton. While in high school she was on the annual staff, Editor of the school paper, member of the French Club, Chorus, Band, and

the Beta Club. She was selected as a class favorite and 4-H Allstar.

Jarie, and English major from Decatur, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ezelle. In high school she was Junior Maid, a beauty, selected for Girl's State, a Class officer, class favorite, Associate editor of the annual, a member of the Beta Club, paper staff, FBLA, FHA, Band, a majorette, Chorus, and a varsity cheerleader. Here at East Central she is also a cheerleader.

Phyllis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.O. Driskell, is a social work major from Union. While in high school she was a majorette, Junior and Senior Maid, Miss Hospitality, Miss Union High School, and selected to the Union Hall of Fame.

Maid of Honor for the Homecoming Activities is Susan Tingle.

Susan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tingle, is an English major from Philadelphia. In high school she was a member of the FHA, Library Club, Student Council and Who's Who.

At East Central she is a member of the French Club, SBA representative last year and secretary this year, a freshman maid, and Freshmen class favorite.

Last but not least is East Central's 1972 Homecoming Queen, Stephanie Cook.

Stephanie, a medical technology major from Carthage, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Cook. While in high school she was Co-editor of the Paper Staff, a member of the band, a majorette, a member of the Beta Club, FHA, selected for Girl's State, a class officer and Salutatorian.

At East Central she was Freshmen maid and favorite.

Sophomores Led by Everett

The Sophomore and Freshman students have elected the 1972-1973 class officers. A few of last years officers were re-elected and are entering their position with experience. Both Sophomore and Freshmen new officers are a very distinguished group who obviously are capable of doing all and more that is expected of them.

The Sophomore class has six new officers. The most important office is held by Keith Everett from Decatur, who is President.

David Shumake, a tennis, foot-

ball, and water sports fan from Philadelphia, is the new Vice-President.

Louisville's Paula Hollingsworth was elected Secretary. Paula is a Journalism major interested in horseback riding and sewing. She is editor of the Tom-Tom.

Phyllis Driskell, Treasurer from Union, is to be a social worker. Her other interests include tennis, water sports, and horses. Phyllis, Miss Union High School, was a majorette for four years.

Mary Sanders, a music major from Freeny, is the Sophomore class Student Body Association Representative. Mary is interested in horse-back riding, swimming, singing, and playing musical instruments. She won last year's Best Actress Award and was Miss Tom-Tom.

Jerry Johnson, a football player from Twin City, is the male Student Body Association Representative, last year Jerry was president of the student council and vice-president of the Student Body.



THE 1972-73 SOPHOMORE class officers are Keith Everett, Phyllis Driskell, Paula Hollingsworth, Mary Sanders, David Shumake and Jerry Johnson

Epidemic Rages in Cafeteria

A mysterious disease called "glass-a-phobia" has struck the cafeteria. At the last estimate, three hundred and fourteen glasses had been lifted from the cafeteria. At this rate students will have to furnish their own drinking utensils for the last sixteen weeks of school, because the cafeteria will be out of glasses. So please don't walk out with the glasses and return those in your room. Let's help the cafeteria cure "glass-a-phobia."

ECJC Students Back Nixon's Re-election

In face of the upcoming presidential election, the Tom-Tom has conducted a student poll to determine the students favorite choice for president and to obtain opinion on political issues affecting the election of the President.

For President, 98% of the East Central students picked Richard Nixon, leaving a mere 1% for George McGovern and 1% for others. When asked whom they thought would win the election, 100% of the students interviewed picked Nixon as the probable victor. When asked which candidate they believed would carry the 18 year old vote, 72% of the students picked Nixon, 26% picked McGovern, and 2% were undecided.

Strangely enough, only 6% of the students interviewed had decided to work actively for the candidate of their choice. The majority were contented with exercising their voting right.

East Central students were then questioned about the credibility gap concerning the campaign promises made by each candidate. 58% replied that Nixon's plans were believable with 48% agreeing that at least half of his plans were believable. When asked about Mr. McGovern, a whopping 78% agreed that McGovern's campaign promises illogical. 18% of the students agreed that at least half of McGovern's plans made sense with only 4% declaring his promises workable.

Three domestic issues were indicated by EC students as being critical in determining who would be the voters choice in November. These issues include expenditures for defense, inflation and the economy, and tax reforms, including (1) guaranteed annual incomes, (2) elimination of capital gains taxes, and (3) higher estates taxes.

Then the three international issues declared most important in the forth coming election were: the war in Indochina, Israel vs. the Arabs, and the strength of the dollar on the world market.

Finally, the students were given a list of public interest groups including big business, labor, women, blacks, youth, and ethnic groups. From this, students picked the group they thought most likely to "swing" the election. Labor was chosen as the most powerful group, followed by the youth in determining the outcome of the election.

To summarize, Nixon was definitely the students choice for president. The majority of students agreed that McGovern is not being a realist in making campaign promises, while Nixon is viewed as considerable more sensible. The most important issues to the everyday student are the economy within the country and the United States foreign involvement on the international scene. East Central students pick labor as the most important force in the up-coming election, followed by the vote of the youth in this country.

This poll was conducted by the TOM-TOM editorial staff. Because of the length of the interview required to complete the poll, only 100 persons were interviewed, and the percentages were figured from this number.

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Toward a Bigger and Better ECJC

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SBA OFFICERS for 1972-73 are Guy Nowell, vice-president; Johnie Middleton, treasurer; Susie Tingler, secretary; and Britt Dickens, president.

Student Government Day Announced by Lt. Gov.

Lieutenant Governor William Winter today added his endorsement to National Student Government Day, which has been set by Presidential Proclamation as Tuesday, September 26.

In a letter written to student body president Britt Dickens, Winter offered congratulations for "the good work being done by young people in student government in Mississippi today."

"As a leader among students at your institution," wrote Winter, "you represent the brightest promise for a better tomorrow in our state."

The Lieutenant Governor joined the President in recognizing the role of student government in American educational institutions. He quoted the Presi-

dential Proclamation, saying "one of the clearest lessons of the past decade in America is that students want and deserve an appropriate voice in their own affairs, and that education can be better when they have such a voice."

Winter declared that "it is my hope that you will not hesitate to call on me or any member of state government if at anytime we may be of service to you or to those whom you represent." The letter was sent to presidents of all public and private junior and senior colleges in the state and the presidents of the Mississippi Intercollegiate Council and Student Council Association of Mississippi.

Contemplations by Paula

In the hussle and bussle of student life, one seldom has the time to sit and contemplate on life, much less write his feelings down. But this week, due to a shortage of terrible school problems, save the glass-a-phobia, I'd like to share with the students a couple of my more creative moments.

Happiness

Happiness is walking hand in hand with someone you love And knowing that he cares some too.

Happiness is making someone smile

When they are feeling blue and sad

By letting them know they aren't alone.

Happiness is seeing a small child laugh

After he has fallen down and gotten up again.

But most of all, happiness is knowing you're wanted.

How?

How do you tell a mother her only son is dead?

What is there that can be said?

That he was brave? That he died without pain?

Will that make everything the same?

You can say your sorry, but so is she

But tell me, what good would apologies be?

"Don't cry mam," don't cry, how oh how can that be me?

How can I say that when she sees me,

The pain in my eyes, my broken heart, he saved my life,

Now I have to go and tell his wife.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review in Depth: Death Be Not Proud (John Gunther)

Occasionally one runs across, quite by accident, a book that is so moving, so beautiful, and so inspiring that life seems a little sunnier for having read it. Such a book is *Death Be Not Proud*.

It is a memoir, a father's retelling of his son's desperate and unending struggle to live. The hero is Johnny Gunther, a sensitive, unusually bright boy of seventeen, who at the peak of life died of an inoperable brain tumor. But the events of his death are not the book's main concern; Johnny's intense desire to live, to grow, to learn ---and the courage with which he faced the inevitability of his death---is.

The book could be mushy, overly-sentimental, melodramatic, or gushy---but it is not. *Death Be Not Proud* is well written, with a straightforward style touched ever so lightly with pathos. It is quiet and gentle, and reads softly, without harshness. Perhaps that is its crowning attribute---that it is easily read, yet so difficult to put down.

"Death, be not proud, though some have called thee mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so: For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow die not, poor Death; not yet canst thou kill me." (John Donne) This was Johnny's unfaltering philosophy, one which never failed him, even when his ultimate end came. This was the core of Johnny's soul, and the center of his life. This was his battle song.

This book is one to read, to cherish, and to treasure.

THE Campus Bookshelf

An Odor of Sanctity by Frank Yerby. This is one of Yerby's better novels, something in the tradition of his *Goat Song*. A tale of ninth century Spain, it's rather long, but good, and worth the effort of reading it.

The Creep by Jeffrey Frank. This book is a total surprise. It's the fascinating psychological narrative of a terribly lonely, introverted young man in New York City. It's short, very interesting, and easy to read, but it is not what one would call an everyday type of novel.

Red Sky at Morning by Richard Bradford. By now almost everyone's seen the movie, but why not read the book as well? A promise: it's as good as, if not better than, the film.

Mr. and Mrs. Bo Jo Jones by Ann Head. Probably this one will interest more girls than boys, since it's very romantic, even mushy. But it's fairly well written and has several hilarious passages, so it's not entirely a waste of time.

Ben by Gilbert A. Ralston. One word effectively describes this book: yuch-h-h!!! If the thought of an army of rats devouring people alive turns you on, this book is for you.

Government Releases Information Concerning Student Loan Applications

1. If you received a Guaranteed Student Loan after June 30 and before August 19, 1972, the Federal Government will pay the interest for you until the loan principal is due for repayment, provided the Supplemental Application Form (OE Form 1260) was fully completed and the educational institution recommended that you need a loan the interest subsidy will be paid, regardless of family income, even though the loan may be disbursed after August 19, 1972.

Emergency legislation, passed on August 19, 1972, and effective until March 1, 1973, makes it possible for lenders to make loans under the same regulations that governed the Guaranteed Student Loan Program prior to June 30, 1972.

The program enables you to borrow money directly from a bank, credit union, savings and loan association or other participating lender. The loan is guaranteed by a State or private nonprofit guarantee agency or insured by the Federal Government.

You may borrow up to a maximum of \$1,500 per academic year. (In some States the maximum is \$1,000 per academic year and lenders must adhere to State regulations.) You may borrow up to a total of \$7,500.

If your adjusted family in-

come is less than \$15,000 per year, the Federal Government will pay the interest on the loan while you are attending school and until the beginning of the repayment period. The repayment period begins between 9 and 12 months after you leave school or complete your course of study.

2. You are eligible to re-apply for either a new loan or an additional amount if, after June 30 and prior to August 19, 1972, you:

A--were denied a loan because, based on an analysis of your need, the school made no recommendation

B--were denied the interest subsidy, although your family income was less than \$15,000

C--waived the interest subsidy in order to get a loan

D--receive an insufficient amount as a result of the school's analysis of your need.

3. If you are eligible to receive a subsidized loan under the present rules, the Federal Government has no objection to your using the proceeds to repay a prior unsubsidized loan received during the interim period (after June 30 and before August 19, 1972).

You may normally take 5 to 10 years to repay the loan. However, the minimum monthly payment of \$30 may reduce the repayment period, depending upon the size of your loan. Repayment may be deferred for up to 3 years while you serve in the military, Peace Corps, or VISTA; or for any period that you return to full-time study. You may borrow under this program if you are enrolled or have been accepted for enrollment at least half-time:

-in an eligible College, University, or Hospital School or Nursing (including many Foreign Schools) as an undergraduate or graduate student.

-in an approved Vocational, Technical, Trade, Business, or Home Study School.

You must submit an affidavit declaring that the loan will be used only for education purposes. This affidavit (OE Form 1260) must be notarized or signed by a person having the authority to administer oaths or affirmations.

For further information contact:

Your regional office of the U.S. Office of Education, State Guarantee Agency, Lender, or Student Financial Aid Officer.



LEADING THE FRESHMAN class as officers this year are Charlie Killens, Gayle Harden, Gloria Hollingsworth, Patsy Muse, Randy Dilly and Tommy Joe Munn.

Freshmen Elect New Slate of 6 Officers

Charlie Killens is the Freshmen President. He is a football player from Union.

Randy Dilly is a Pre-med football player from Forest. He is the new Vice-President. Randy was awarded the Babe Ruth Award, was Mr. Forest High School, student body president, and class favorite.

Patsy Muse, the new Reporter from Union, is interested in embroidery, crocheting, and music. She was Salutatorian and Humanities Award winner.

Sebastapol's Gayle Hardin is Secretary. Gayle is an art major interested in sewing, drawing, and reading. She was Salutator-

ian, Most Beautiful, Most Talented, class favorite, Neatest, and was Most Outstanding Teenager.

Gloria Hollingsworth, an English major from Lake, is the S.B.A. representative. Gloria was Miss Scott County's Christian Academy and first runner-up in Scott County's Junior Miss.

Tommy Joe Munn, a Business Administration major from Decatur, is the S.B.A. representative. He is interested in all sports. Tommy was Salutatorian, president of the student council, president of the Beta Club, and lettered in football and basketball.

All State JC Choir Now Being Discussed

A proposal to start an All-State junior college choir was presented by Foster Hollingsworth of Holmes Junior College.

The purpose for this choir is:

1. To provide an incentive of excellence on the part of each individual choir member.

2. To utilize further the program music which is prepared prior to the Junior College Choral Festival.

3. To let the public know the kind of music used in the State Junior Colleges.

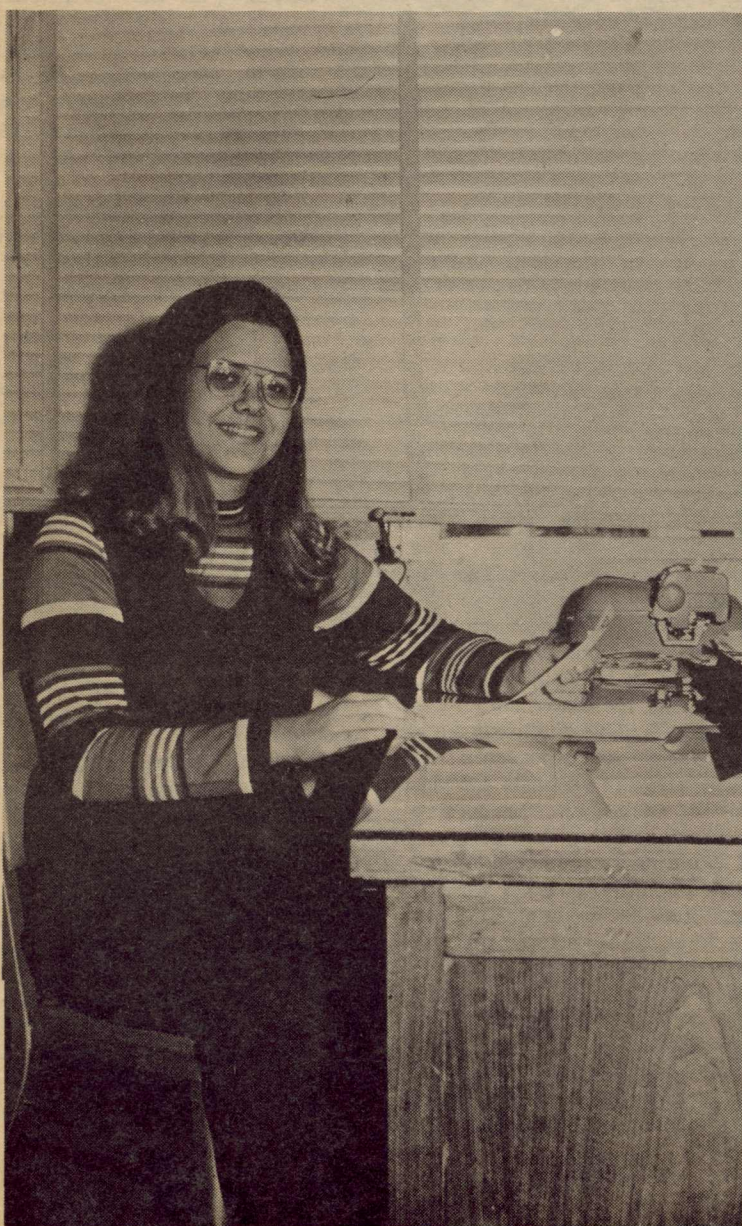
4. To let the public see the talent of our state supported junior colleges.

5. To acquaint the public with the ability of our junior college choir directors.

New rules were passed by the 1972 choral festival. One rule is that no less than four and no more than eight singers will represent each junior college. The director of music from each college will hold auditions to choose the representatives from their school. School travel costs for the purpose of a general audition will be negligible. One rehearsal a week will be held.

The all-state will perform one or two concerts. The choir also hopes to perform for the MEA occasionally.

The participants from ECJC will be picked by March 24. Mr. R. G. Fick and Mrs. Marion Thornton will be selecting the students that will enter the choir.



AMY PEOPLES
1972-73 President of BSU

The Baptist Student Union sponsored by Mrs. Bryant, elected Amy Peoples, a member of the Carthage First Baptist Church, as their president for this year. She is a sophomore and is majoring in speech. Other officers and committees have not yet been elected.

Amy Peoples, the new president, would like to 'invite every student on East Central's campus to get involved in the BSU program. The only membership basis is your participation. The BSU simply teaches the student how to maintain the Christian life on the college campus. So be sure to come over any night at 6:00 for fellowship and worship with Christian friends.'

The BSU will have a program or fellowship at 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. They will also have a weekly Bible study in the dorms. The BSU Center hours are 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. A Baptist Faculty Dinner is planned for September 26.

The BSU Fall Retreat was held at Lake Tiak O'khata in Louisville September 22 - 24. The speakers, Dr. Harold Bryson, Nell Magee, and Rev. David Kendall, spoke on the theme 'One in the Spirit.' This retreat was planned for fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

The BSU will soon be getting a new 1972 Dodge Mini Bus. The bus will be blue and white with an AM-FM radio, air conditioning, tinted glass, and super padded seats. The bus will be used to take trips to conventions, retreats, mission conferences, tours, and also to go to churches to conduct week-end revivals and Sunday services.

Mrs. Rowells Summers in France

Mrs. Rowells, our French instructor, took on France this summer complete with its multi course meals, gold and silver ornate churches, narrow roads built for ox carts, and of course the Eiffel Tower.

A war bride, Mrs. Rowells was actually a tourist in her native land. While she was there she paid special attention to the life style of the French people.

"As I only stayed twenty-one days last time five years ago, I was not able to get a fair picture of life in France, neither did I travel very much. But this time I covered as many issues as I could. By hunting around, looking and questioning, I was able to understand the oddities of the laws in a somewhat socialistic society, the progress of industry, banking, transportation, television and communication in general.

"By living all the time with different members of my family, I got back in the old eating habits. There I will enlarge a little by saying that true to the old form, people take at least an hour and a half for an ordinary meal which is served in at least three courses with changing of plates between courses. The food is simple but varied and it is taken slowly while members of the family discuss topics and situations. It usually ends with a demi-tasse of strong black coffee and more conversation before work is resumed. This does not mean that no work gets done, people who work in stores and offices seldom leave work before 7 p.m. and those who reside in the rooms back and above their own store follow the same schedule.

"Housewives do their shopping daily; they go to the butcher shop,

the fancy pork and hors d'oeuvre store, the bakery, the grocery, the vegetable and fruit store and sometimes to the cheese shop and the pastry shop. There are a few supermarkets in large towns, but very few yet. In most villages of importance or town, there is an outdoor market on a given day. There one can buy anything from baby geese, to food, to clothing items.

Of course Mrs. Rowells did not spend all her time studying the life-style of the French. She did what tourist do. She toured.

"To show the diversity of my experiences, I visited the Renaissance castles along the Loire River, some famous Gothic and Romanesque churches and some very quaint and gold decorated Basque churches.

"During a three weeks trip to the South I saw the extinct volcanoes of Massif Central, the shrine to the Virgin Mary in Lourdes and many points of interest in the Pyrenees Mountains.

"With my eighty-two year old mother we climb way up in a little train leaving France but arriving on Spanish soil at La Rhune. We also visited the beaches of the Atlantic, St. Jean de Luz, Biarritz, Hendaye, and passed the Spanish frontier to go to spend a day in San Sebastian, Spain.

"Before returning home, I spent three days in Paris and visited the familiar places as well as the Louvre and other famous places. At my niece's apartment where I stayed I had a view of the Eiffel Tower when opening my eyes in the morning."

Like all tourists Mrs. Rowells went equipped with a camera and photographed everything

from sunflowers to ox carts.

"I snapped pictures of the mailman, on foot carrying mail in a large pouch, dressed in his pale blue uniform, then again mothers pushing along high preambulators with one or two children inside. Again I caught young ladies riding small motorcycles in heavy traffic on their way to work. In quite a different mood, as I was in Southern France, I was able to picture an oxen team pulling a cart full of hay.

"I am planning to get all my pictures, films and maps together and supplement them with a recorded tape to share my experiences with anyone interested in my wonderful trip."

Anyone interested in knowing more about France today might like to try on "Oui" magazine that made its premier this month.

French Club is Organized

Le Cercle Francais was organized September, 1972 for those who were interested in the French language and France. About twenty-five people attended and they elected the following offices: President-Phyllis Driskell, Vice President-Keith Everett, Secretary and reporter-Susan Johnson, Treasurer-Pat Gordon. A Homecoming float committee, food committee, and help committee were also appointed.

At the next meeting, planned for sometime in October, Mrs. Rowell will show some slides of French life.

Vickers Heads Faculty Club

Ovid Vickers was elected last year to serve as president of the Faculty Club. O.L. Newell and Mrs. Linda Burroughs were elected vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

East Central's Faculty Club is affiliated with both the Mississippi Education Association and the Mississippi Junior College Faculty Association as a separate unit. The Faculty Club is represented in the Delegates' Assembly of the MEA each year by the number of delegates to which its membership entitles it.

Membership of the Club consists of all regular members of the teaching staff, administrative staff, and service staff who pay their dues.

Denver Brackeen is chairman of the Program Committee. Committee members include Chester Clark and Mrs. Sara Heard.

Mrs. Cecil Barnett is Social Chairman. Mrs. Alice Pouncey and Bruce Peterson are members of the committee.

O.L. Newell, Miss Lucille Wood, and Thomas Mayes were appointed to the Financial Committee.

Mrs. Jessie Mae Everett is chairman of the Legislative Committee; Mrs. Desma Kilpatrick is member-at-large.

There are three types of club meetings, problems meetings, informational meetings, and socials. Three meetings are scheduled for each semester.



NEWSOME HALL, Sophomore girls' dorm, elected as officers: Sue Tingle, president and Mary Sanders, vice-president. (Front). Other officers are Barbara Young, religious leader; Teresa Mills, Civic League chairman; Jan Williams, treasurer; and Paula Hollingsworth, secretary (back).

Sophomore Dormitory Officers Are Named

Sue Tingle was elected President of Newsome Hall, the sophomore girl's dorm. Her duties will be to preside over all the meetings, to assist with elections in each residence hall, and to represent the Women's Council on SBA.

Sue is majoring in Social Science. Next year she plans to go to Mississippi State. Her hobbies are reading and swimming.

Mary Sanders was elected house chairman. She can call a meeting at any time she sees fit to do so. She shall represent the association on all public occasions. She shall also appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

Mary is majoring in music. She plans to go to Southern next year. Her hobbies are horseback riding, swimming and basketball.

Paula Hollingsworth was elected secretary-treasurer. Her duties will be to keep a record of all the meetings and to keep scrapbook. She shall execute all necessary correspondence. She has charge of all funds and shall pay out such funds when instructed to do so.

Paula is majoring in Journalism. She plans to go to Mississippi State second semester. Paula likes to do "dumb stuff that nobody else thinks of doing". She likes to ride horses, working on the paper and having a good time.

Teresa Mills was elected Civic League chairman. Her duties are to check the rooms for room check. She also acts as fire chief. She is planning a fire drill at 3:00 a.m.

Teresa is a piano major. She plans to attend Mississippi State. She likes fast motorcycles, fast cars, fast airplanes, and fast football players; not necessarily

in that order. She also enjoys participating in the Centralets.

Jan Williams was elected Social Chairman. It is her duty to lead in social affairs of the organization and to inspire and perform such acts of courtesy as should be performed by the women students.

Jan is majoring in special education. She plans on going to State next fall. Her hobbies are playing the piano, dancing and reading.

Paula Lee and Barbara Young were elected Religious Chairmen. They shall appoint people to lead religious activities with the coeds in the dorm. They shall assist in maintaining a sense of spiritual values.

Paula is majoring in secondary education. She plans to attend State. Her hobbies are playing the piano, sewing, and reading.

Barbara is majoring in liberal arts. She plans to attend State. She likes to cook and do things around the house.

Diane Williamson, Candy Gainer, Jackie Griffin, and Jeanne Williams were elected Wing chairmen. Their main duties are to cut the light out at 11:30 each night.

Diane is majoring in elementary education. She plans to attend State next fall.

Candy is majoring in speech. Next year she will go to Southern. She likes to sing, walk in the rain, read, and act.

Jackie is in data processing. She will go to Valley State. She likes to cook and dance. Her past time is spent talking.

Jeanne is a home economics major. She will go to state next fall. Her hobbies are sewing, tennis, skiing, and cheerleading.



ELECTED AS OFFICERS of Jackson Hall, Freshmen girls' dorm, were Patricia Lindsey, council leader; Susan Cosgrove, secretary; Deborah Dunn, treasurer; Judy Denman, social chairman; and Nancy Wally, religious leader.

French Serves as Missionary

"I took a chance. It was something I had always wanted to do and I felt led," said Jacky French, sophomore from Noxapater. Jacky served for eleven weeks as a student missionary in Reese Valley, Nevada.

This summer was the first time the local Baptist Student Union had sent students. Wayne Herrington, who served in Hawaii, was the other student chosen.

Requirements for selection included being passed by a screening committee, consisting of local BSU members, Mr. Mayes, and Mrs. Burkes, and being passed also by an executive committee, consisting of state BSU presidents and director, and Reverend Ralph Winters.

Eighteen students from Mississippi went to Nevada where they built a church, reconstructed two others, held a summer camp, coffee houses, and Bible school. The group was under the direction of Reverend Laverne Inze, the only Mississippi missionary in Nevada.

Jacky said he missed the comforts of home because there was no running water or electricity. During the eleven week period they slept in a converted out-house on sleeping bags. The people in the community lived between four and eight miles apart, and each home had its own generator and well.

"Sure I got depressed at times and would have liked to run" said Jacky, "But, I always felt needed." He also said, "I'd go again if I had the chance."

When asked what impressed him the most, Jackie replied, "that the whole summer was not a mountain top experience. Everyone was human. The Nevadians were open people, who didn't hide their feelings. They were honest to both themselves and God. During the week of the summer camp, out of 375 boys and girls there, decisions were made."

This summer was an experience Jacky will never forget.

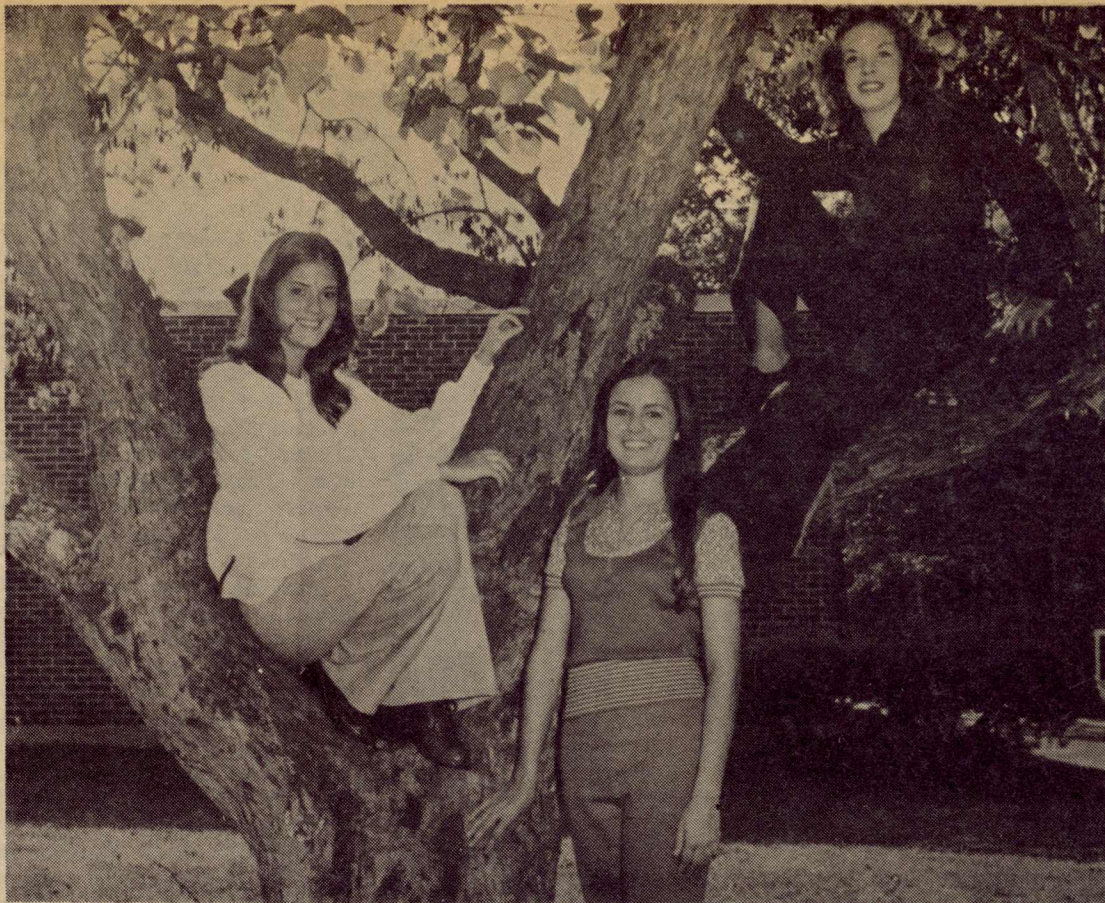
Herring Leads EC Wesley Foundation

The officers of the Wesley Foundation this year are president-Lynette Herring, co-president-Debbie Fulton, vice-president-Travis Hardy, secretary-Patty Davis, treasurer-Terrell McKay, and program chairman-Debbie Bagwell.

The Wesley Foundation plans to have a movie or program every month if possible. All the programs are chosen by the student members. They choose topics that they feel need to be talked about. This year they are planning to go to different churches to give programs.

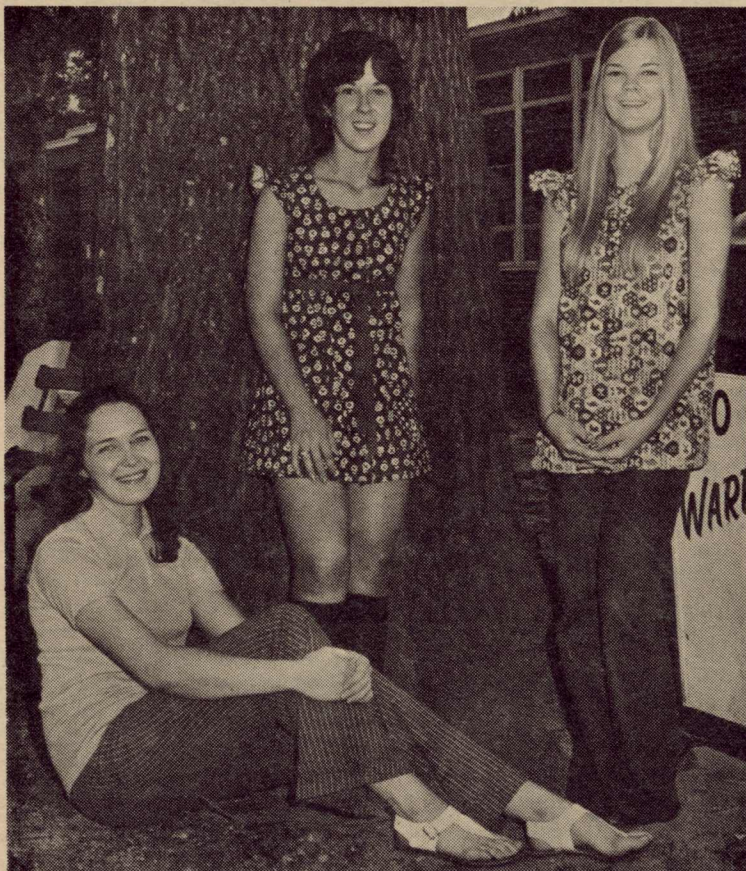
In the spring of the year a retreat is planned for the group. This will be a time for relaxation and fun. Last year they went to the coast and stayed for a few days.

These activities are paid for by the Methodists. But Rev. Winstead, the Wesley Foundation's sponsor, said "is for all denominations. We strive to be ecumenical." The club meets every Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.



SOPHOMORE MAIDS for Homecoming are Jerry Ezelle, Phyllis Driskell and Francis Carroll.

1972 Homecoming Court



REPRESENTING the freshman class are Gloria Hollingsworth, Gayle Hardin, and Rhonda Barnes.



SUSAN TINGLE
HC Maid of Honor

'Father of the Bride' to be Fall Play

The E.C. Players have announced that the fall play will be, "Father of the Bride." This play will consist of a cast of 20. This does not include make-up lights, prop, and other back stage operators.

In this play Mr. Banks learns that one of the young men he has seen occasionally about the house is about to become his son-in-law. Daughter Kay announces the engagement out of a clear sky. Mrs. Banks and the two boys are happy, but Banks is in a dither. The groom-to-be, Buckley Dunstan, appears on the scene and Banks realizes that the engagement is serious. Buckley and Kay don't want a big wedding. Just a simple affair with a few friends! We soon learn, however, that the "few" friends idea is out! Then the trouble really begins. The guest list grows larger each day, a caterer is called in, florists, furniture movers and dress-makers take over, and the Banks' household is soon caught in turmoil-not to mention growing expense. When Kay, in a fit of temper, calls off the wedding, despite more last minute cries, everyone's patience snaps. But all is set right, the wedding, despite more last minute cries, comes off beautifully, and in the end the father of the bride is a happy, proud man, glad that it's over but knowing too that it was worth all the money and aggravation involved to start his daughter off so handsomely on the road of married life.

Dean Tucker Attends W'kshop

Recently Dean Tucker attended a regional meeting on higher education programs, sponsored by the Bureau of Higher Education of Washington, D.C., at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia.

Representatives from colleges in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Mississippi were present at the workshop, which was held September 6 and 7. Representatives from Washington included Dr. Paul Cornell and Miss Audrey Dickinson. A majority of junior colleges were represented at the meeting.

The workshop centered around discussions of Title III of the Higher Education Act, Part E of the Educational Professions' Development Act, and Title 4-D of the Higher Education Act, as well as new developments in the programs funded by these acts.

Night Classes Held for Adults on Campus

Registration for the night classes at East Central Junior College began August 28 and ended on September 8.

These classes are set up for adults who want to learn new skills or improve their present skills in a certain vocation.

Services for these classes are provided by ECJC for people who have dropped out or completed high school and desire to return to school. College credit is not given after the completion of a course, but a certificate is issued if a successful

completion of each semester's work is obtained.

Any person from the age of 16 or above is qualified for night courses.

This year East Central has the largest group of adults it has ever had, and these expert adult programs will continue to grow.

All facilities and equipment are now being used Monday-Thursday nights.

The classes being offered and the enrollment of each is as follows:

Refrigeration and Airconditioning-21 Electricity-29; Short-hand-9; Beginning Typing-17; Advance Typing-20; Bookkeeping I-28; Bookkeeping II-7; Auto Mechanics-8; Welding-9; and Radio and TV-9.

All of these classes are met in the vocational building and meet on certain nights from 6:30 until 9:30. The classes being offered for two nights per week are Auto Mechanics, Welding, Radio and TV, Refrigeration and Airconditioning, Electricity, and Bookkeeping I. All other classes

meet one night per week.

Courses now being operated aren't the only courses that can be offered. Almost any course that can get ten people to enroll in, will be offered.

Courses are being taught by daytime instructors, in some cases, and in other cases are being taught by qualified teachers from other schools.

Each teacher is paid by East Central Junior College, which is reimbursed in full by the State Department of Education's vocational division.

Warriors Fall to Scooba, Beat Delta 27-0

Leading in rushing department was Ricky Dilley with 80 yards and Guy Nowell second with 72 yards.

Leading in tackles by a wide margin was Culpepper with 9 tackles and 4 assists. Gordon was second in this department with 8 tackles and 2 assists. Kelly was right with Gordon with 7 tackles and 3 assists. Gordon also intercepted 2 passes to Culpepper's one.

In the game against Mississippi Delta, East Central showed up better in several aspects of the game. When the Warriors came on the field the fans gave them a big cheer of faith. Well, it may have worked, because the Warriors won the toss and this started them on their way. When Delta kicked off, the ball went out of bounds. They had to kick over, five yards deeper this time. The kick went to Warriors' Ricky Dilly who broke four tackles to put the ball on about the forty yardline. This helped the spirit. Also we opened up with the running attack that worked quite well. With Guy Nowell and Ricky Dilly leading the running attack East Central moved very quickly to the fourteen yard of Delta. Pete Lucovich helped move the ball down a fine reception but then the drive stopped. Don Culpepper came in to kick, and he put the Warriors on the board with three points. East Central was leading three to zero and had done so in four minutes.

East Central then kicked off and stopped Delta deep in their own territory. The defense proved to be ready, and Delta had to kick the ball after no first down. Lucovich received the punt for the Warriors and was held to a few yards on the return. The Warriors stayed with the running game and began to move the ball just as before. But the Warriors were stopped at the twenty where they attempted a field goal. This was no good. Delta took over on the twenty yard line, first down and ten yards to go.

The Warriors defense prove their dominance again, stopping the Delta offense cold. Although East Central didn't score in the first quarter, the Warriors defense held strong. At the end of the first quarter, it was East Central 3 and Delta Valley 0.

In the second quarter East



East Central in action against arch-rival Scooba.

Central was stopped by a fumble and was forced to punt the ball. The Warriors soon got the ball back after the Trojans could not move it and were forced to kick. The kick went to Ken Gordon who called for a fair catch at the 49 yard line of East Central's. The Warriors sparked a good drive to get the ball down to the fourteen yard line. Then quarterback David Shumake took the ball in for a T.D. Don Culpepper's extra point was good, and the Warriors led 10 to 0.

East Central soon had the ball again after the Warrior defense proved to be tough. An attempted field goal by the Warriors was blocked by Delta but East Central recovered. When East

Central come out passing, Delta's David McNeal intercepted to give Delta the ball. Delta takes over on the twenty yard line. Being unable to move the ball again, Delta was forced to punt to the Warriors. East Central was soon faced with a fourth and one situation. Shumake took the ball on the keeper to give the Warriors a first down. The Warriors failed to score and the half ended.

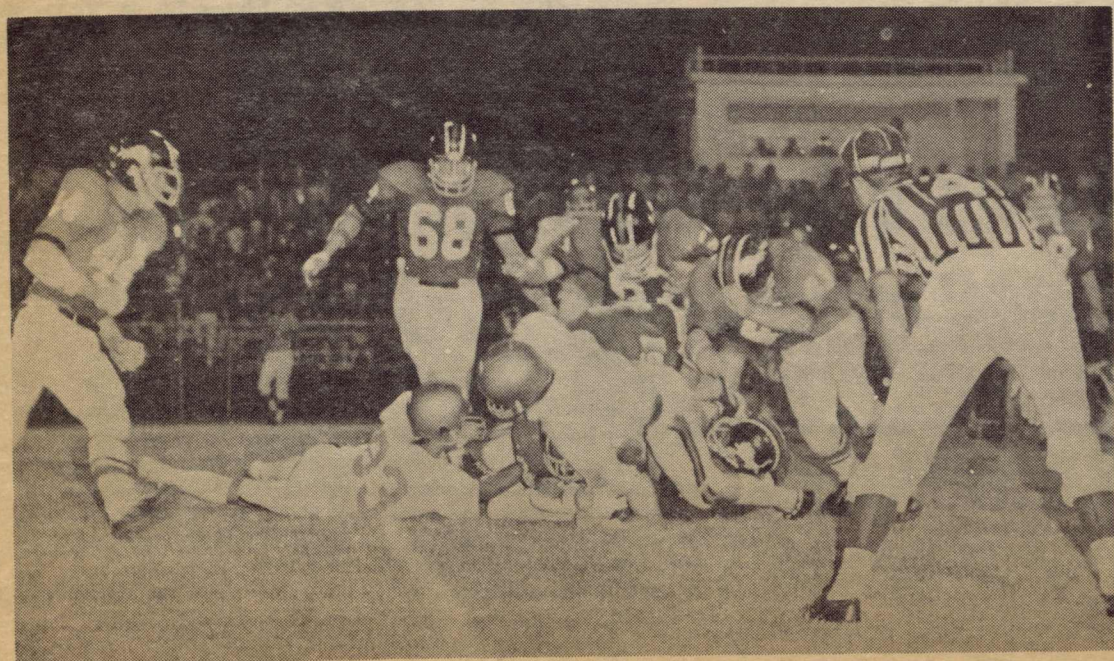
East Central kicked off to start the second half. When Delta went to the air, Joel Cockrell intercepted for the Warriors. The Warriors drove the ball down the field where Guy Nowell took it in for the TD. Don Culpepper's kick was good, and the Warriors led 17 to 0.

The Warriors get the ball for one play again before the third quarter was over. In the fourth quarter Delta fumbled and East Central recovered. Minutes later East Central's Ricky Dilly took the ball over for the final score of East Central's 27 points. The Warrior defense did an excellent job, holding the undefeated team Delta to very few yards and no score.

Homecoming

EAST CENTRAL vs. HOLMES

Saturday, Oct. 21
Ya'll Come !!!!!



Warriors get tough against Scooba.

East Central suffered a heart-breaking defeat at the hands of the Scooba Lions Thursday night in a quick paced game displaying plenty of offensive action, despite the low point total of 7-3.

EC won the toss, electing to receive and defend the north goal. During the first two minutes of play a rash of mistakes by both players and officials kept the crowd on it's feet attempting to follow the action.

Moments before the Kick off whistles stopped the proceedings and Scooba was docked five yards for delay of game. When play was resumed Scooba kicked and the ball bounced out of bounds on the thirty five and was promptly returned for another attempt, five yards deeper. The second kick was dead center, taken by Ricky Dilley on the Warrior 45 for an eighteen yard return across midfield to the Lion's 47. On the second play from scrimmage East Central fumbled, recovering, but suffering a loss of down and no gain following an incomplete pass, Steve West punted for the Warriors, putting the ball into the end zone.

The Lions took over on their own twenty. Running without a huddle, the Lions suffered three quick losses, fumbling on the third and thirteen. An alert recovery brought up fourth down, with quarterback Charles Morgan dropping back to do the punting chores. Ken Gordon grabbed the punt on his own forty-five, but was dropped almost immediately for a short return.

Dilly And Nowell Led
Offense

The Warriors then showed the first smooth offense of the night, moving downfield on the strength of running backs; Ricky Dilley and Guy Nowell. The Warriors picked up two first downs before being stopped by a holding penalty. They had to punt on fourth and long yardage on the Lion's forty.

West's punt bounced off the hands of Scooba's back, James Wriley, on the seven and rolled into the end zone, followed by Wriley and a host of warrior defenders. Wriley fell on the ball, and was tackled immediately by Warrior Ken Gordon, the official in the play signaled a safety, and the East Central fans were treated with their first score of the game, only to have it taken away before they could get back to their seats. The referee's ruling was a touchback, since the force of the ball carried it into the end zone.

Following a quick time out to clarify the situation, the action continued with a first and ten for the Lions on the twenty. The Lions then powered their way upfield behind the running of halfback Joe Sparkman. They crossed midfield for the first time with three minutes left in the first quarter.

Turnovers dominated the action again, as the ball changed hands twice, due to fumbles, before the buzzer sounded to end the first quarter, with the Lions in possession on their own thirty-three.

CULPEPPER KICKS
FIELD GOAL

With seven minutes remaining in the second quarter the Warriors gained possession on their own thirty-seven, following a ten yard return of a Lion's punt,

Ricky Oilly and Guy Nowell combined efforts with quarterback Charles Killens to move the ball within field goal range, inside the twenty. Don Culpepper stepped back and put the first East Central score on the board.

Following the kickoff Scooba bounced back with a strong drive into Warrior territory, using a passing game that picked its way to the Warrior thirty-five yard line. On third and six, quarterback Morgan faded back and floated a bomb to split end Larry Vick. Defending Warrior Don Culpepper made a nifty one handed interception on the four to end the Lion's first threatening drive.

The Warriors failed to move the ball and were forced to punt from their end zone. Scooba came back with two quick passes to flanker Earl Wilson and split end Vick, putting the Lions in field goal range with five seconds remaining in the half. The field goal attempt fell short and the Warriors retained possession at the buzzer.

The second half opened with Scooba sporting a new quarterback and a fired up defense, forcing the warriors to punt on every series until the waning moments of the period, and passing into the warrior secondary consistently. Ken Gordon, Warrior free safety, finally put the clamp on the Lion's passing game by intercepting stand-in quarterback Duane Taylor twice in two minutes, showing the Lion's ariel attack. The Warriors offense mustered its first strong drive of the half with one minute remaining in the third quarter, following a Lion punt to EC's 6 yard line. Ricky Dilly ran the ball into safer territory, picking up a first down at the buzzer.

The fourth quarter began on a sour note for the Warriors with quarterback Killens fumbling for a loss, followed by a screen pass for a ten yard loss, bringing up fourth and fourteen. To top it off, the punt was partially blocked, falling inside the fifty giving the Lion's good field position.

With starter Charlie Morgan in the quarterback slot again, the Lions moved inside the forty, quickly picking up a first down on the Warrior thirty-four. The Warrior's offense held and Scooba turned over possession on the thirty-two following and incomplete pass to wide receiver Don Miller.

Once again the Warriors were faced with the problem of possession inside their own forty, and the Scooba defense finally capitalized on the situation. On third and eight Warrior quarterback Killens fumbled and Scooba defenses guard Stanly Rawson recovered on the thirty, giving the Lion's their deepest penetration of the night. With seven minutes and thirty seconds remaining on the clock, quarterback Morgan hit flanker Ed Walker in the end zone for a thirty yard score. The point after was good and the Lions led 7-3.

The stunned Warriors couldn't rally a sufficient offense to threaten the Lions from this point, and the ball changed hands repeatedly inside the Warrior fifty. Neither team capitalized on errors or penalties. At the final buzzer the score stood. Scooba Lions 7, East Central Warriors 3.



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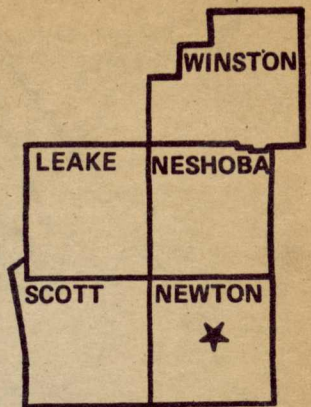
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Homecoming to Honor Dr. Lamar Weems

Parade and Banquet will Highlight Sat. Activity

By Melinda Bullard

Various special activities have been planned for the celebration of East Central Jr. College's 1972 Homecoming, according to Mr. Rudolph Mayes, faculty chairman in charge of Homecoming preparations. The festivities, which include a parade, an alumni banquet, and the crowning of a queen, are under the supervision of several capable committees.

The parade, scheduled for 4:30 Saturday, October 21, will feature Queen Stephanie Cook and her court: Gayle Hardin, Rhonda Barnes, and Gloria Hollingsworth, freshmen maids; and Frances Carroll, Jarie Ezelle, and Phyllis Driskell, sophomore maids. ECJC's band and cars representing campus clubs will be other attractions. Prizes will be awarded for the best parade entries.

A banquet for the college alumni is also on the Homecoming agenda, with entertainment provided by the EC music department. A plaque will at that time be presented to Dr. William Lamar Weems, alumnus of the year; and the classes of '72, '62, '52, '42, and '32 will also be honored. The ECJC Development Foundation, dedicated to the growth of the college, will be recognized for its untiring efforts.

A football game pitting the Warriors against the Holmes Bulldogs Saturday night will serve as an exciting backdrop for the crowning of the Queen at halftime. An appropriate program of music by the band and the Centralettes is planned in addition to the coronation of the Queen and her court.

Homecoming Schedule

4:30---Homecoming parade
5:15---a business session of alumni in the Fine Arts Building auditorium; the election of officers
6:00---alumni banquet
7:30---football game, ECJC vs. Holmes; the crowning of the Queen during halftime



DR. LAMAR WEEMS

Selected as "ECJC ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR"

East Central Junior College

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI

Alumnus Of The Year Award

William Lamar Weems, M.D.

WHEREAS, Dr. William Lamar Weems attended East Central Junior College from September 1949, to May 1951, and was awarded the Associate in Arts Degree and is therefore an alumnus of the institution, and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Lamar Weems graduated as valedictorian of the class of 1951 and received Special Distinction in extracurricular activities and served as Editor of the student newspaper, the TOM-TOM.

WHEREAS, Dr. William Lamar Weems attended the University of Mississippi, Millsaps, and graduated from Baylor University in 1956 with his M. D. Degree and served in Resident University of Mississippi Medical Center from 1959-1964 and Massachusetts General Hospital from 1964-1965.

WHEREAS, Dr. William Lamar Weems has established himself as the Most Outstanding Medical Doctor in the field of Urology in the South.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN BY ALL MEN THAT Dr. William Lamar Weems is hereby proclaimed as the East Central Junior College Alumnus of the Year for 1972, and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN THAT as Alumnus of the Year for 1972, Dr. William Lamar Weems is given formal recognition by the presentation of the accompanying plaque at the regular fall meeting of the East Central Junior College Alumni Association.

Dr. Lamar Weems, a native of Forest and presently a member of the Faculty of the University of Mississippi Medical School, has been named East Centrals "Alumnus of the Year" for 1972.

He attended East Central from 1949 to 1951. During that time he received special distinction in extracurricular activities. Dr. Weems, editor of the Tom-Tom, was class Valedictorian in 1951.

In the summer of 1951 he attended the University of Mississippi. Dr. Weems received his B.A. Degree from Millsaps College in the year 1952.

Nanette Weaver of Ackerman became the wife of Dr. Weems in 1953. They had four additions to their family; Suzelle, Judy, Scott, and Robin.

At Baylor University College of Medicine, he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Scholastic Honor Society, was editor of the yearbook, and president of third year class. In 1956 received his M.D. Degree.

The new Dr. Lamar Weems began his internship in Shreveport, Louisiana at the Confederate Memorial Medical Center. After leaving his internship there he joined the Air Force. Dr. Weems was a Cap-

tain at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois.

He returned to Mississippi in 1959 where he began his residency in General Surgery and Urology. His residency in Urology was completed at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

At the University of Mississippi College of Medicine and the University of Mississippi Medical Center he has been continuing his services from 1965 until today. The doctor is Associate Professor of Surgery, Chief of the Division of Urology, consultant at the United States Veterans Hospital, and consultant for the Mississippi State Hospital.

Dr. Weems accomplishments, services, and present-day duties to the public form a long list. He is a member of the following associations: Diplomate, American Board of Urology, American Urological Association, Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Society of University Urologists, American Fertility Society, Southeastern Section of the American Urological Association, Mississippi State Medical Association, American Medical Association, Mississippi State Urological Association, Southern Medical Association.

His honors form a still longer list. Some of his honors and titles are as follows: selected "Best Faculty" by the Medical School Class, 1969; past President of the University of Mississippi Clinical Associates; Faculty Advisor, University Hospital House Staff Association; President Elect, Mississippi State Urological Association; President, Board of Directors, Magnolia Speech School for the Deaf, Medical Advisory Board; Mississippi Kidney Foundation; Mississippi Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society; and Vocational Rehabilitation Division of Mississippi, State Department of Education.

Dr. Weems is Chairman of the Commission on Education, Wesley Methodist Church; a member of the Administrative Board, Wesley Methodist Church; a member of the faculty Senate at the University of Mississippi College of Medicine; and a member of the Committee of Education and Science of the Southeastern Section of the American Urological Association.

This 1972-1973 year at East Central Junior College, the faculty, students, and past alumni give our congratulations to Dr. W. Lamar Weems, our Alumnus of the Year. His services and love to people all over the United States will certainly always be remembered by his first attended college.

WELCOME ALUMNI



VOTE!

Exercise Your Right to Vote

The majority of students on this campus are both capable and eligible to vote in the upcoming presidential election. But a large number of students will fail to do so, why?

By a recent poll taken by members of the Tom-Tom staff, it was discovered that most students are in favor of re-electing President Nixon. The right to vote is one of the greatest rights we as American citizens have. For years our ancestors looked forward to election day. It was the day to remember, the day the common man was elected a president. What is an election day today? Election day is the day nothing regular comes on TV. It's the day when your favorite radio program is interrupted so some weird guy in a deep voice can say, "Have you voted? Do your civic duty. America needs your vote."

It's a pity that Americans still don't feel the same about voting. Instead of a drag, voting should be an honor.

In the upcoming election young people can influence who becomes our next president, but only if we vote. So smile as you vote. Be proud of yourself, of your country, and of the president you elect.

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Review in depth...

One Small Voice

BY MELINDA BULLARD
Review in Depth: Judas My Brother
(Frank Yerby)

I'm not sure what the critics have to say about this book, but as far as I'm concerned it's highly controversial---and even repulsive.

Briefly, Judas My Brother, is the story of a wealthy young Jew, Nathan, who happens to be the exact double of Christ in every way except personality. This concept of twins-and-yet-not-twins forms the background for the book---which sets out to prove coolly and meticulously, that Christ's miracles were nothing of the sort.

Actually, insofar as style is concerned, the book is good. It's well written, excitingly told, and beautifully plotted. It could have been an excellent book, but for the shameful slurs it throws at the Christian religion. This, then, is the glaring fault of Judas My Brother. Yerby takes a superior, nose-in-the-air attitude toward religion in general, and Christianity in particular. His hero, Nathan, although a son of a most devout family, becomes an atheist because misfortune seems to haunt his footsteps. It is Nathan, who by supposedly "mortal" means, "helps" Jesus

perform his miracles. It is Nathan who comes to realize that "Christ is not Christ, but a man only."

It would seem that Nathan is only another name for Yerby himself, that the author could just as easily have done the deeds of his fictitious hero. And though the book's preface states that the story is purely fiction, yet on every page Yerby appears to say, "This not only could have happened, this probably did happen."

Perhaps some may maintain that I am narrow-minded, and that I have no right to condemn a book simply because I do not agree with its philosophy. Yet, no one can be completely objective, especially when religion is concerned.

I did not enjoy Judas My Brother. And I can feel only pity for its author---pity, and mild disgust.

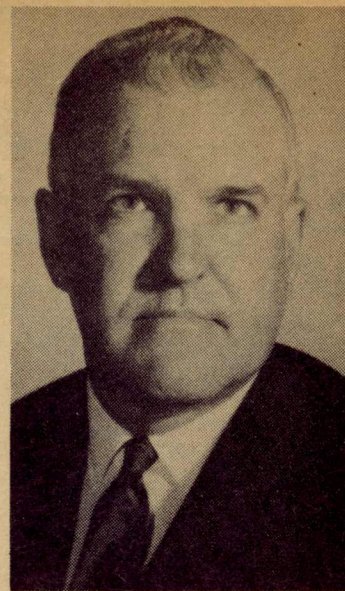
THE Campus Bookshelf

WE HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IN THE CASTLE by Shirley Jackson. This book can only be described as weird. It's not uninteresting, and toward the end even makes a little sense, but it's still weird---and extremely scary.

FAR FROM THE MADDENING CROWD by Thomas Hardy. Since this is considered a classic, most people tend to refrain from reading it. But, believe it or not, it's very good; and the philosophy Hardy expresses in it is endearing. It is neither difficult to read nor boring.

THE FOUNTAINHEAD by Ayn Rand. This extremely long book is dedicated to the ideal of complete individualism, and is the story of Howard Roark, a young architect of the '30's, who refuses to compromise in his work or his personal life. It's fascinating, strongly told; and one cannot help but sympathize with Roark---though his ideals are very liberal.

THE TERMINAL MAN by Michael Crichton. Anyone who has read THE ANDROMEDA STRAIN knows of the ability of the author to tell a good yarn. But this book is neither far-fetched nor science fiction; it is based on actual medical practices which Crichton as a med student observed. It makes great reading.



Doctor Wright Welcomes Alumni

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, members of the administration, faculty, and staff, I express to you our sincere appreciation for your interest. Your return to the campus for this Homecoming event signifies your past stay and participation of the educational program left you with many fond memories. We hope this visit will renew those memories and you will be able to see members of the faculty and your student friends that perhaps you have not seen over a period of time.

Many good things continue to happen to East Central Junior College. Our head count enrollment for this year is the highest ever and even though our full time day enrollment is down just a little, our night program continues to increase. Our programs become more diversified and we feel that our service to this five county area becomes more and more of greater value.

During the past six years the college has enjoyed a one and three-fourths million dollar building program, and I know as you have toured the campus, you have found many changes taking place. These changes have provided many greater opportunities for our students. These changes have been made possible by the support of our Boards of Supervisors in the five county district and through the appropriations from state legislation with some federal money being used as matching monies.

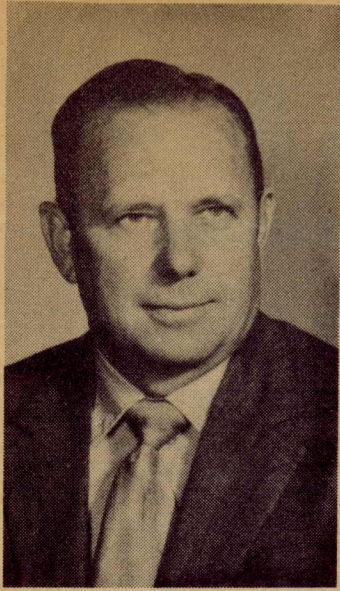
We sincerely hope that your stay on this campus will be an enjoyable one and that you continue to follow the progress of our athletic teams, the achievement of our many fine students, and the progress of the college in general.

Sincerely,
Charles V. Wright
President



For over 25 years, the funds for these programs has been entirely voluntary--by governments and private organizations and individuals who support UNICEF. During most of those years, an important and growing source of UNICEF's income has been the Trick or Treat collection on Halloween. The coins which are dropped into the familiar black and orange cartons by US citizens add up to millions of dollars (almost \$3,500,000 last year) for UNICEF's world wide child care efforts.

Please, Trick or Treat for UNICEF.



Dean Tucker Recieves PhD.

East Central Academic Dean, B. J. Tucker recieved his doctorate in education from Mississippi State University in May of this year. He began his doctorate in 1967, doing his residency in 1968 and 1969. He attended Mississippi State University.

Dean Tucker's disseration was entitled "An Analysis of Revenues and Expenditures in the Mississippi Public Junior College."

Dean Tucker also received his bachelors and master degrees from Mississippi State. In addition, he also attended the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Texas.

Dr. Tucker belongs to two prestigious organizations: Phi Beta Kappa, which is the national organization for men in education, and Phi Kappa Phi, which is a scholastic fraternity.

Dean Tucker's undergraduate major was agriculture. He joined the East Central staff in the summer of 1951 as a teacher of agriculture, and became the Dean of Academics in 1961.

Dean Tucker maintains his interest in agriculture on his small farm east of Decatur where he raises registered angud cattle.

Dean Tucker is president of Decatur's Exchange Club.

Enjoys Kids...

Mr. Les Watches over E.C.J.C.

by Dick Graham

His cap tipped up, eyes twinkling, East Central's nightwatchman Leslie Langham moves about campus wearing a smile of satisfaction.

"I enjoy working with kids. I've met a lot of fine young men and women here and I think the world of 'EM' said Mr. Les.

To the student, he is Mr. Les, a person with a greeting on his lips, ready to share a yarn or lend a hand. Walking his rounds, engaging in informal chatter with the students, Mr. Les represents a friend rather than a watchdog. Unlike many security officials, who are often feared or avoided, Mr. Les is a welcome sight on campus, enjoying the company of young people, showing a genuine interest in their future, believing they "aren't just a bunch of kids going to hell. These kids are our countries next leaders."

Concerning his philosophy of life, Mr. Les said: "When you forget you were a kid once yourself, you've messed up. While I've been working here I've never had the first boy talk back at me. They're a good bunch of people, and I have a lot of faith in them."

Mr. Les, a native of Little Rock, Mississippi, has been at East Central since 1965. Over the years he has become acquainted with quite a number of students, and enjoys bumping into Alumni in various places.

"One of the best points of this job," said Mr. Les, "is whenever I go off to Meridian or Jackson, I'll be walking down the street and hear someone holler at me. It'll be some fella I can't even remember, but he'll

recognize me and stop me to say hello."

When asked to share some of his wilder moments, Mr. Les chuckled and replied: "I remember one night a couple of girls over in the dormitory decided to scare one of their friends so they put stockings over their heads and snuck into the gal's room. 'She liked to hit the ceiling! She raised a big rucus so I come a runnin'! She told me there was little people in her room, and she wasn't going back until they were gone! That gal had the whole dorm looking for little people, with the two culprits right out front! Well, I told her someone was just trying to scare her, but she wouldn't have it. She called her parents and they came down and ate me up for letting boys in her dorm! I explained it all, and they finally understood."

"Yessir, and I remember a time the boys all started a rumor that they were gonna have a panty raid. All the officials were up half the night, and the boys never intended to do a thing. I'll tell you, though, those boys are always keeping me busy running from the back door of the girls dorm to the front! I need another man for that job!"

"Everything aside now, I really enjoy working with these kids, I want you to be sure and thank them for me, 'cause they've treated me fine and I appreciate it."

And thank you Mr. Les, we appreciate you. You've been a friend when we're in need countless times and we are all grateful. We thank you for your faith and consideration, and look forward to your continued presence.



Shirley Savell, East Central's lady bus driver.

Shirley Savell Earns Her Tuition by Driving a Bus

By Janey Smith

On East Central's campus we have Newton County's youngest female bus driver. Shirley Savell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Savell, is a first for Decatur High School. Shirley, a freshman majoring in Liberal Arts, claims that driving a school bus is "doing dumb stuff."

When she was asked why she took up this "female liberationist" occupation, she said, "In the twelfth grade, I was kidding around about driving a school bus. Somebody said that if I wanted a bus, it would be fun and I could use the extra money for college." She plans to continue at North Texas State University where she will be majoring in Special Education.

Many complications arose at the very beginning. Most people felt a girl could not handle the responsibility of a bus route, but Shirley did manage to get an application. The reference from her neighbors allowed her to enter the school the summer for all Newton County bus drivers.

The first of school consisted of lectures by Mr. Lynn Mayfield. Mr. Mayfield lectured on the correct way to drive a school bus and how to handle the young passengers. He also stated that the only time a child was killed in Mississippi while leaving a school bus was during the absence of a flagman. The new drivers were given rules such as not getting over forty-five miles an hour. Also, all of the bus drivers are required to keep a record of everyone that rides the bus in the morning, a record of gas, oil, and mileage.

That afternoon, the old bus drivers or "old pros" as they are called, took the new drivers driving. The old pros demonstrated the techniques of handling a school bus.

Shirley said that there was only one other female in the school and the boys did not having the girls along at all.

On the second day the new bus drivers drove through an obstacle course. This included six poles set up six feet longer than a school bus apart. The new drivers had to weave for-

ward and backward through the poles. Afterwards, the instructors took the new drivers on a test drive.

The last day everyone took a written test on rules and safety. If a person passed the tests, he got a certificate from the School Bus Training School but not necessarily a bus route. The certificate only recommended to the school board. It was left up to them whether or not she drove the bus. After a summer of suspense, Shirley was notified that she had been given a bus route.

Her first day with her bus was her most exciting. Shirley found out her brakes were out the hard way. When she left the bus garage her brakes were fine, but when she turned into the school she ran straight up a bank, missing a tree by three feet. She came back down the bank and nearly hit a car.

There are many responsibilities in driving a school bus. Every morning Shirley has to check the oil, water, brakes, tires, and wipe off the back windows and front mirror.

Even though it is fun, Shirley says next year is another matter.

Campus MENC Elects Officers

The first meeting of the Music Educators National Conference was organizational. The officers were elected and the purpose of the club was discussed. The officers are as follows: Valarie Russell, Decatur, President; Teresa Mills, Louisville, Vice President; Rita Gibbons, Hickory, Secretary-Treasurer; and Barbara Bridges, Forest, reporter.

A studio recital was given during the second meeting for the members of the M.E.N.C. Eight piano and voice students performed. A picnic was given by Mr. Ficks at his home Monday night, October 9. The club is sponsoring a float in the Homecoming parade.

Classes Select Faculty Sponsors

Sponsors for the freshmen and sophomore classes were elected by the individual class in recent class meetings. Elected to advise the sophomore class were Raymond McMullan and Mrs. Martha Graham. Freshmen sponsors are Bruce Peterson and Mrs. Linda Burroughs.

Mr. McMullan, from Decatur, is the Academic Counselor and also teaches education. He has been at East Central since 1968. Mr. McMullan recieved his A.A. from East Central, his B.S. and

M. Ed. from the University of Southern Mississippi, and is currently working on his Post Masters at Southern.

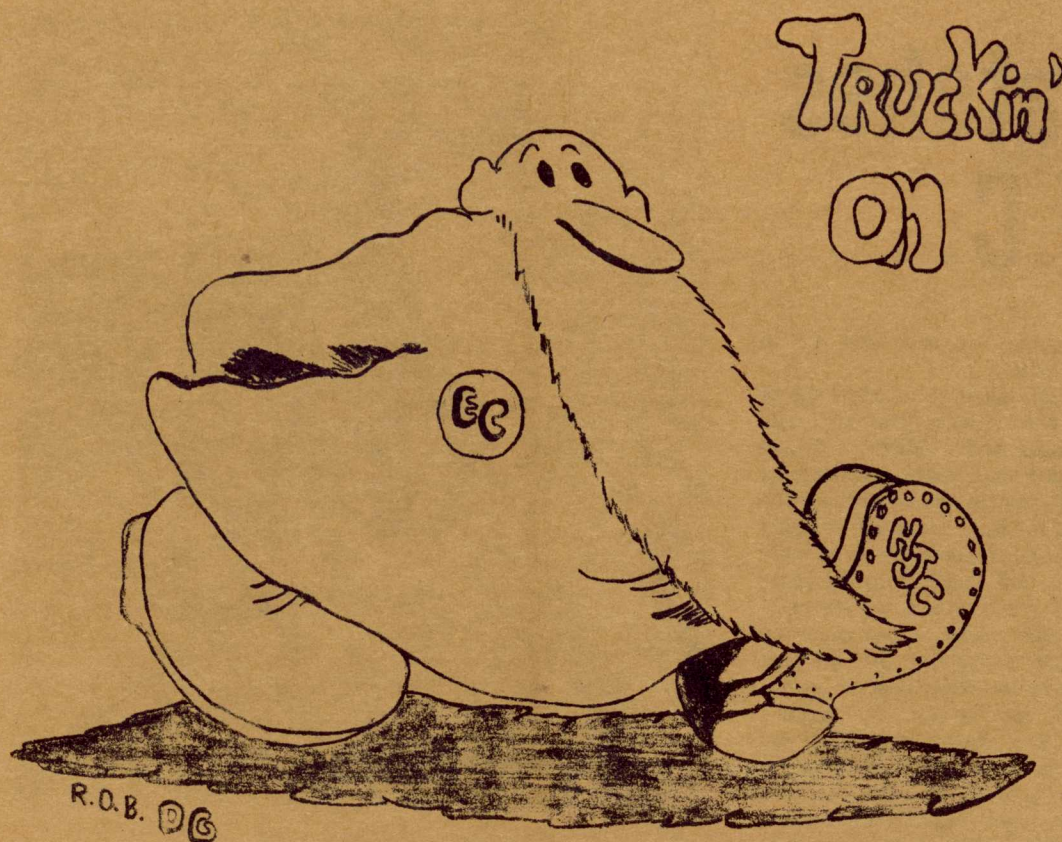
Mrs. Martha Graham has been at East Central since 1967. She received her A.A. from East Central and her B.S. and M. Ed. from Mississippi State. She teaches reading and Human Growth and Development. She lives in Decatur.

Freshman class sponsor Mrs. Linda Anne Burroughs, of Union, is the art instructor and

cheerleader sponsor. She received her A.A. from East Central, B.S. Ed. from Mississippi College, and has futhered her education at the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi College. She has been at East Central since 1970.

Mr. Bruce Peterson is affiliated with the speech and theatre department. He received his B.A. from Mississippi State University and his Masters from the University of Mississippi in 1971. He has been at East Central since 1967.





Men's Intramural Program

The Men's Intermural Flag football program is again underway at East Central. The five counties in the East Central district will be represented. The games will be played on the PE field beginning next week, and regulation flag football rules will be followed in each game. The coaches include Jimmy Wright, Scott County, Jack French, Winston County, Neil Smith, Neshoba County, Donnie Fredrick, Leake County, and Alan "Heavy" Brunson, Newton County.

Members of the team include:

Winston County
Jack French - Coach
 Jerry Coward
 Troy Coward
 Dell Coward
 Benny Cherry
 Stacy Morris
 Keith Donald
 Steve Quinn
 Mike Kemp
 Ammon Ingram
 Art Eichelberger
 Heze Chancellor
 Danny Waltmon
 Al Massey
 Hoyt McKay
 Mike Caraway
 Tony Fulton

Newton County
Alan "Heavy" Brunson - Coach

Ricky Strait
 Burnell Simmons
 Dwayne Carmichel
 Bobby Joe Chamblee
 Tommy Harthcock
 Murray Weems
 David McWhorter
 Ralph Jordon
 William Chapman
 Paul Chance
 Richard Stamper
 Joe Carucci
 Gary Barrett
 Mike Harrison
 Jack Thames
 Keith Jenkins
 David Blount

Leake County
Ronnie Fredrick - Coach
 Britt Dickens

Mike Brown
Larry Waggoner
David Chamblee
George Jones
Mitchell Crouther
Joseph Crouther
Jerry Graham
Jimmy Hurdle
George Serio
Jack Jones
Danny Moore
Stan Whittington
Harold Johnson
Kenny Hillman
Keith Shepard
James Herman Gainey
Billy Wilbanks

Scott County
Jimmy Wright - Coach
 Ricky Rector
 Louis Crenshaw
 Mike Hydrick
 Tommy Webb
 Bob Rogers
 Rusty Rogers
 Johnny Middleton
 Billy Patrick
 Deril Jones
 Mike Kaskie
 Gerald Majure

David Tadlock
David Chaney
Lindsey Keene
Mike Horn
Rodney Tadlock

Neshoba County
Neil Smith - Coach
 David Hatcher
 Butch Baxter
 Eddie Mooney
 Jimmy Mowdy
 Eddie Tucker
 Del Tichnell
 Eugene McCrory
 Sammy Cumberland
 Terry Wilkerson
 Ricky Melton
 Perry Willis
 George Parker
 Bob Peebles
 Al Fulton
 Steve Cumberland
 Mitchell Barrier
 Kent Warren
 Mark Howell
 Tim Burt
 Marshall Winstead
 Steve Barnett
 Danny Durham

BSU Purchases New Bus

The Baptist Student Union at East Central has been presented the keys to a new 1973 fifteen passenger Dodge Maxi-bus to be used in their ministry of outreach and christian education.

The bus is being made possible by the Baptist Churches in the five county area of East Central. Interested friends are making their contributions also.

Many meaningful opportunities will be made possible for students because of this means of transportation. It will take them to conventions, conferences, and retreats in the state and beyond. Students will use it to go to churches to conduct Sunday services and week-end revivals. The BSU singing group will be using it to sing over the area.

The first long trip the group will take will be to the State Baptist Student Convention in Gulfport, and then to Youth Night

in Jackson. In the spring there will be mission tours and conferences to New Orleans and Fort Worth. A trip to Glorieta, New Mexico, for a Foreign Missions Conference will come in the early fall.

Both students and the director are happy and grateful for this means of transportation that will help them share their christian faith and testimony in so many places.

The Transportation Committee who was responsible for making the purchase of the bus are all members of the Area Baptist Student Work Committee. They are: Mr. L.E. Cliburn, chairman, Neshoba County; Rev. Fred Fowler, treasurer, Newton County; Rev. Holmes Carlisle, Scott County; Dr. Harold Bryson, Leake County; Rev. Vernon May, Winston County. Dr. R.J. Reynolds of Newton is the Chairman of the Area Committee.

Warriors Top NE 19-3

Meet Holmes at Homecoming Sat.

By Rick Rector

The win over Northeast put East Central in the top spot by a whole game. The team that is running second is Delta. The Warriors have already proven their Superiority over this team about two weeks ago on our home field.

In the game against Northeast the Warriors had to depend on the running game. Guy Nowell and Ricky Dilly were the men to watch in the backfield. Each had 120 yards rushing. East Central did try the passing game in which David Shumake completed 50% of his passes, or 4 of 8, but gaining only 39 yards. Shumake's primary receivers for the night were Pete Locovich and Charlie Reeves. East Central had a total of 292 yards to Northeast's 131 yards. Northeast had to depend on the ground game also, since they only completed 1 out of 10 passes attempted. The defense proved to be as strong as they were last week when the Warriors did not let Northeast in to the endzone a single time.

East Central made some mistakes, primarily fumbles. Fumb-

ling five times, lost three of those fumbles. Northeast gave up the ball only once by a fumble which was picked up by Don Culpepper. East Central's Eddie Bethune managed to upset Northeast with the only pass interception of the night. The Warriors punter, John Kirby, did a fine job of keeping them in the hole with his 40 yard punt average.

The scoring plays came in the first and last quarters. Northeast got on the board first with a field goal from 40 yards out. Later in the first quarter, Guy Nowell took the football in for East Central and Don Culpepper's PAT was good. At the end of the first quarter the score was the Warriors 7, Northeast 3. Neither team could move the ball again until the fourth quarter when Guy Nowell broke the ice with a 5 yard run to score for the Warriors. Ricky Dilly did his share also to put points on the board with a 6 yard run. The final score was East Central 19, Northeast 3.

The warriors have a good shot at the title with only four more games left.

EC Beaten by Perk, but Remains in #1

Perkingston, a member of the Southern division took EC's spirits down, but they did not move the position on the charts. The Warriors are in first place now with Delta whom we have beaten already and Holmes Junior College. The Warriors have three games left and still have a good shot at number one. This game

against Holmes is important because EC are tied with them in our division. Perkingston is third in their division, but they represented the south quite well with their 43 to 9 win over the Warriors last week. The Warriors just could not get going and lost a hard battle. EC's only touchdown was a 63 yard pass from David Shumake to Lee Evans, and the fieldgoal was made by Don Culpepper.

Perkingston had been rated number one and ran into some hard luck and fell to third in their division. With a little luck and much hard work East Central could come through number one. This is possibly the biggest game of the season.

Girls' Intramurals

In girl's intermural volleyball action, Newton County is undefeated, having beaten both Neshoba and Scott Counties. Neshoba has won one game, Scott, one and Leake has yet to score a victory.

This year instead of electing captains and picking a team, the members will be from the same county. Captains from each county were elected, Sherri Carroway is Winston County's captain. Sylvia Culberson was elected from Neshoba, and Vickie Harvey is the Scott County captain.

The members of the various teams are:

Newton County: Rhonda Culpepper, Billie McCrory, Gail Keller, Debra Shoemaker, Denise Horton, Jo Munn, and Cherry Scoggin.

Neshoba County: Judy Denman, Annette Duncan, Susan Cosgrove, Sylvia Culberson, Renee Willis, Deborah Dunn, and Carol Ayers.

Scott B: Lynette Herring, Charlotte Wooten, Kay Measells, Debra Franklin, Rose Jenkins, and Jennie Thompson.

Scott A: Vickie Harvey, Beverly Gaddis, Jeanne Gilbert, Dianne Bates, Gloria Hollingsworth, Pam Parker, and Susan Myers.

Leake County: Sherry Wilcher, Patricia Lindsay, Debra Luke, Judy Thornton, Rita Dickinson, Mary Moore, Pam Poole, and Pat Foster.

SEA to Award Sr. Scholarships

The Student Education Association plans to give a scholarship to the outstanding sophomore member of SEA who intends to continue his studies in education at a senior college.

Although plans are indefinite at this time, Raymond McMullan, SEA advisor, says that the scholarship will be awarded in the spring to the SEA member who has contributed most to the organization and who shows an earnest desire to become a teacher. Both secondary and elementary majors will be considered for the award.

Funds for the scholarship will be provided by selling Christmas cards.

The SEA has a membership of approximately 30 students. Other projects, in addition to the scholarship drive, include being in charge of the registration of alumni at homecoming and selling tickets for the alumni banquet.



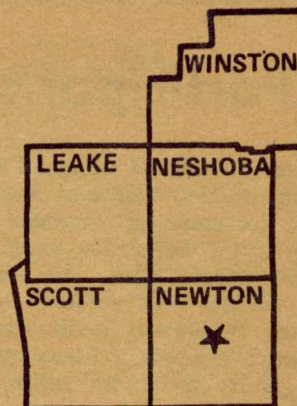
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Stage Band to Perform in High Schools

With the football season coming to a close, the marching band will hang up their uniforms only to pick up two new phases of musicianship, the stage band and the concert band. Several activities have been planned for the stage band, among which is a tour of the local high schools on November 21.

The tentative schedule includes the following schools: 9:30 a.m., Union; 10:45 a.m., Beulah Hubbard; 12:30 p.m., Newton; and 2:00 p.m., Decatur.

The programs are to be selected from the following compositions: Close to you, originally by the Carpenters, featuring Vickie Rushing and Bob Peeples as vocalists; Dot Dash, a Doc Severinsen arrangement; Rainy Days and Mondays, also by the Carpenters; One, by Three Dog Night; and California Dreaming, as performed by the Mamas and Papas.

Other numbers include: Leaving on a Jet Plane, written by John Denver; Watermelon Man; Get It On, as performed by the Mamas and Papas.

Members of the stage band include trumpets: Mark Howell, Jimmy Moore, Butch Purvis, Gail Keller, Keith Wells, Don Howle, Leslie Kuykendall, and Keith Jenkins. Trombones are: Lamar Howle, Mike Henry, and Danny Durham.

Performing on saxes are: Terrell McKay, Cathie Everett, and Sharon Eakes. The drummer is Jimmy Gaines, with Jean Pennington on piano and Eddie Tucker on Bass. The vocalists are Vickie Rushing and Bob Peeples.

The band later plans to play a concert for the student body. Any interested party who would like to play in the stage or concert band is urged to see Mr. Sommers.

SADIE HAWKINS DAY

November 29 has been declared Saddle Hawkins' Day by the Wesley Foundation.

For all students who have never experienced a Saddle Hawkins' Day, it is the wildest, most confused, funniest day of the year. Everything is backwards. The girls chase the boys and when they catch one, that is their date and the girl pays for everything.

Also on November 29 as a part of the entertainment, Edgar Allen Poe's The Pit and the Pendulum, will be presented in the Fine Arts Building. This way the girls can take the guys on a very "cheap" date, and as a big feature the guys can stay out till ten.

Wesley is planning all kinds of surprises and Saddle Hawkins Day promises to be a lot of fun. Remember girls, "Opportunity knocks but once." This is your big chance!!!



ECJC Players officers are Candi Gainer, president; Mary Sanders, vice-president; Ricky Rector, secretary; and Louis Crenshaw and Debbie Fulton, public relations.

EC Players to Present 'Father of the Bride'

On Monday and Tuesday, November 20 and 21, the East Central Players will present a three-act comedy, "The Father of The Bride." The production will be presented in the Fine Arts Auditorium, with curtain time at 7:30 p.m.

East Central Students will be admitted by I.D. cards, but must pick up tickets for the night they wish to attend prior to the opening. Tickets will be available for students and the general public in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building.

There have been several cast changes, so the present cast now include: Mr. Banks, Ricky Rector; Mrs. Banks, Linda Justice;

Kay Banks, bride, Brenda Windham; Buckley Dunstan, groom, Jimmy Gaines.

Brothers of the bride, Ben and Tommy Banks are portrayed by Don Gainer, and Louis Crenshaw. The maid of honor, Peggy is played by Mary Sanders, and the secretary, Miss Belamy, by Sylvia Lowery. The house maid is Deliah, Vicky Rushing. The boy next door, Buz, is Billy Gilmer.

Mrs. Massoula, the caterer, is portrayed by Lynette Herring, along with the moving men including Joe, Travis Hardy, and Red, Phil Broadhead, Pete is David Chappel; and Tom is Mitchell Crowthers.

Nixon Carries 5 County Area as he Steamrolls into the White House

President Richard Nixon returns to the White House for "four more years", following a landslide victory over democrat, George McGovern, lifting his political career to its ultimate point exactly a decade after his "last press conference" in 1962.

Nixon has been in politics for over 25 years, first reaching capital as a representative in 1938. After 3 terms in the house, Nixon moved to the senate in 1944. In 1952 Nixon got his first taste of the executive branch as the running mate for Dwight Eisenhower. After two terms as the V.P., Nixon ran for the president nomination in 1960 and was edged out of the white house by John Kennedy. In 1962, Nixon was beaten in his bid for the governorship of California by Pat Brown. In the face of the embarrassment of being a "two time loser," Nixon angrily told newsmen they "wouldn't have Richard Nixon to kick around anymore",

apparently ending his political career. In 1968, following Goldwater's record defeat to Lyndon Johnson, Nixon bounced back to unify the struggling Republican party, capturing the Republican Party nomination.

With Wallace splitting the ticket, and the democrats divided by the Vietnam War, Nixon stepped into the White House in 1968, achieving his highest political aspirations.

Now, in 1972, Nixon has captured the largest popular vote in history, carrying 49 of 50 states, and 521 of 538 electoral votes.

This victory is the President's last, and in his own words, "The very best one of all." With the end of the Vietnam war around the corner, after momentous trips to Russia and China, with increased concern over internal problems and less in foreign affairs, the next four years should prove to be the very best of all.

Phi Theta Kappa will Initiate 15 Members

The Phi Theta Kappa, sponsored by Mrs. Simmons, recently gave a test to several students who were given a chance to join the club.

To be a member of the Phi Theta Kappa it takes an overall average of 3.5. The members must have at least 12 hours and maintain a 3.0 average.

The test given to the students who were asked to join was made out by Marshall Winstead who is the vice-president of the Phi Theta Kappa. The test was on the Phi Theta Kappa Constitution and the By-laws.

The students who passed the test are: Joan Blackburn, freshman; Annette Duncan, freshman; Debra Dunn, freshman; Jeanne Gilbert, freshman; Roberta Wheeler, freshman; Rhonda Yarbrough, freshman; Charlotte Wooten, freshman; Beth Mayfield, freshman; Michael Barham, sophomore; Charles Crenshaw, sophomore; Randy Easom, sophomore; Jerry Johnson, sophomore; and Guy Nowell, sophomore.

These fifteen students will be initiated Tuesday, November 21. The officers will give the pledge and instructions to them. These new members will be required to pay \$12.00 for dues. The vice-president, Marshall Win-

stead, is in charge of the initiation.

The Phi Theta Kappa, composed of fifteen members and pending invitation of other qualifying students, has been meeting regularly and participating in several events. These include a successful mum sale at homecoming, decorating for the Alumni Banquet, and participating in the State Convention held at Northwest Junior College, November 5-6. Gary Beckham, Judy Lyle, Melinda Bullard, Danny Clearman, and Sue Tingle helped with the ACT tests which were given October 21. The money that they made went to the Phi Theta Kappa treasury.

Among the scheduled events for the remaining year are Honor Programs and Institute, which will be held at Beverly, Massachusetts June 6-16 and National Convention, Houston, Texas, March 29-31.

The club announces its slate of new officers for the 1972-73 school year as follows:

President, Jack French; Vice-president, Marshall Winstead; Recording secretary, Sue Tingle; Corresponding Secretary, Judy Lyle; and Reporter, Stephanie Cook.

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"Father of the Bride"

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Participation's a No-No

Students!!! Did you notice all the participation during homecoming? Many students remained on campus during the weekend and could have decorated for homecoming, but Newsome Hall received all awards for decoration, best decorated, worst decorated, first place, second place, and even third place, because it was the only building which put forth any real effort.

After Halloween, it is very evident that EC has some very creative students. Where were you Homecoming? School life is getting pretty drab when students don't even participate at homecoming.



Football Season Ends

For the Sophomore students Thursday will be a sad day, their last honest-to-goodness Junior College football game. Sure, many of these sophisticated sophomores will return to EC to boo Scooba, or cheer another great Warrior team on to victory, but it won't be the same. Next year it won't be the same if Boni gets into a fight or Teresa loses her bottoms. New faces will appear to take the places of David, Bob, Robert, Guy, Marvin, Steve, Davis, Ken, Mike, Eddie, Jerry, Don, Chris, Timmy, Wendell, Cecil, Pete, and Larry on the football team. Kay, Joyce, Jeanne, and Jerri will no longer cheer them on and Kathy, Danny, Valerie, Stephen, Charlotte, Teresa and Paula can no longer goof at half time. Even the stands will look different without the sophomores to lead students in hody-tody.

Remember that first game? Everyone eagerly awaited it, and we beat Jones. Remember how it felt, our first Junior College game and we won! David Chappell rode around dressed like an Indian, home side was the visitors' side, and the bleachers sagged when everyone stood up.

Even though Thursday is our last game, the memories will be as vivid in ten years as they are today.

"ARE YOU READY?"

Tom - Tom Goofs

No one is perfect and even tho the Tom Tom staff may, at times, feel they are, they have goofed!

Gayle Harden has been doing an excellent job as cartoonist for the paper and what did she receive in return? A misspelled name! During the Gulf Coast-EC game the Tom Tom staff accidentally gave credit to David Shoemake for a Charlie Killens pass. The Tom Tom staff humbly apologizes.

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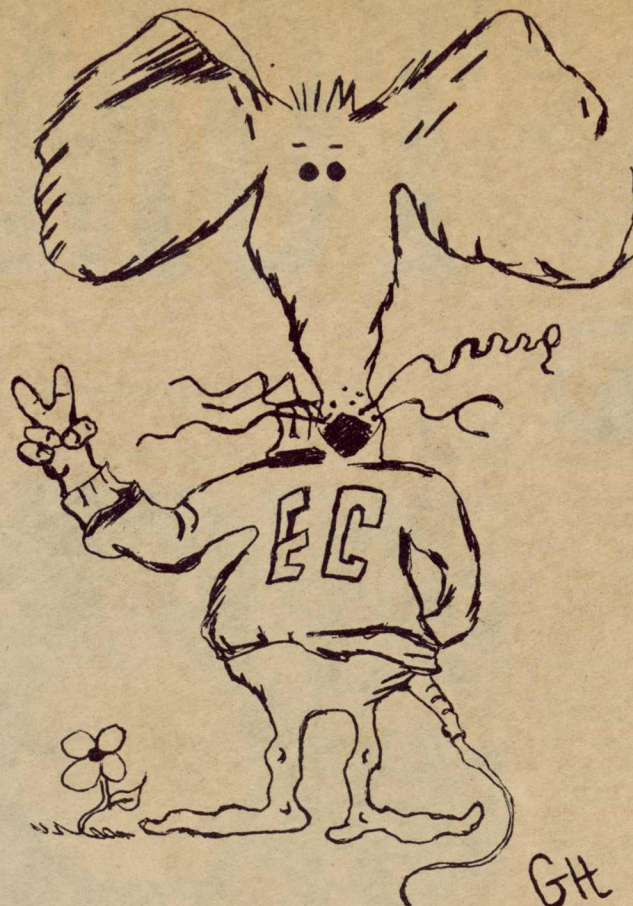
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Review in depth...

One Small Voice

The Hessian (Howard Fast)

It is very seldom that one finds a historical novel totally dedicated to a single human virtue. Yet this book is an example of such--its pages sing the praises of human compassion, and is entitled, simply, The Hessian.

The time is May of 1781; the place, colonial Connecticut. A small detachment of Hessians who have hanged a feeble-minded American as a spy are ambushed by a group of revenge-seeking colonials. The entire company is killed except the sixteen year old drummer boy, Hans Pohl, who escapes although wounded.

Hans is rescued by a Quaker family who give him medical aid. Their efforts to save him from recapture are useless, however, for Hans is discovered, tried, and three days later, hanged.

This is the basic plot--simple, sad, and terrible. The pathetic death of a harmless boy is the climax of the book. But The Hessian is much, much more than a mere tale of the Revolutionary War; it is a needle-sharp commentary on war itself, on death, duty, and man's compassion toward man.

Narrated by the village doctor, the events of Hans Pohl's capture and execution are seen in a contemplative light. The doctor is growing old, his days of passion and blood-lust are done with. No better narrator could be found than him, who sees himself in every angry face and is aghast at the hatred he reads there. (I rose to go, and Dorset walked with me to the door. "Dr. Feversham," he said, "don't judge us too harshly. You have been a soldier and you know how merciless war is." "Is war merciless?" I asked him. "Or are men merciless?"--page 568)

A good book has a message--it says something to people. But a classic possesses a universal theme, and its words ring true and strong as generations come and pass. The Hessian is a

good book--and one day it will be remembered as a classic. Tucked away within its quiet pages is the spirit and the soul of our age. ("I will read from the fourth chapter of Genesis," he said. "And Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the Lord said unto Cain, where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not; am I my brother's keeper? I know not," he repeated, closing the book. "I am my brother's keeper, and yet I know not."--page 574)

THE Campus Bookshelf

The Watch Below by James White. Survival is always a fascinating subject, but when an exceptional author takes it as a theme and builds a unique science fiction story around it, the result is inevitably awesome. White is a skillful writer, and his work is superb.

The Conqueror by Georgette Heyer. This is a novel of William, Duke of Normandy, which makes no attempt to water down the almost-legendary hero. He remains exactly as he must have been--fierce, unemotional, and born to command.

The Chosen by Chaim Potok. This story of two Jewish boys growing up in Brooklyn during WWII is excellent. It reminds me of Red Sky at Morning in that the characters of both books go through seemingly endless trials and tribulations to become, at long last, adults.

The Dwelling Place by Catherine Cookson. This beautiful story of a love that grew out of hate is long, but well worth the time to read it.

Thanksgiving

by Ricky Rector

One of our big holidays is coming up soon. Most of us will set down to a big family dinner, with most of our relatives there, and eat turkey and talk about various topics of which everyone is related. But, let us take a short look at where, when, and how Thanksgiving got started.

In the United States, Thanksgiving is an annual day of thanks for the blessings of the past year, observed on the fourth Thursday in November in each of the states.

The American Thanksgiving had its inspiration in the proclamation issued by Governor William Bradford of Plymouth Colony in the autumn of 1621. The Colonists observed that day of prayerful thanksgiving for the harvest by feasting on wild turkey, and the custom eventually became popular throughout New England.

Credit for the institution of a national Thanksgiving Day has been given to Sarah J. B. Hale, who campaigned tirelessly for a nationwide observance. Her editorials and letters to governors urging the adoption of the last Thursday in November for this purpose had borne fruit in 30 states by 1859. Finally on Oct. 3, 1863, President Lincoln issued the first national proclamation. The people of the U.S. have observed this holiday ever since.

East Central will be giving us a few extra days for Thanksgiving this year. So remember to be thankful for all you have, and do be careful because we want everyone to return to school after the holidays.

Go !!!
Warriors !!!



CENTRALETES FROM WINSTON COUNTY--- Left to right: Pam Kemp, Teresa Mills, Phyllis Nowell; Front row: Paula Hollingsworth, Debbie Moorehead, Emily Hisaw.

Centralettes Add Sparkle to E.C.J.C. Band in 1972

Several years ago East Central had a large group of girls, called the Centralettes, who performed with the band. They did various kinds of dancing and flag routines. This year the Centralettes were re-organized because there was a need for an auxiliary unit to add to the effect of the band. Even though the East Central band is very talented, it is small in size. The Centralettes add attractively to the size and look of the band.

The Centralettes were re-organized at the first of this semester. At first there were not very many girls who joined. Then gradually more joined until there was a total of sixteen. There are

ten freshmen and six sophomores. Only a few of these girls were flag girls in high school. Some of them were just interested in doing something of this kind.

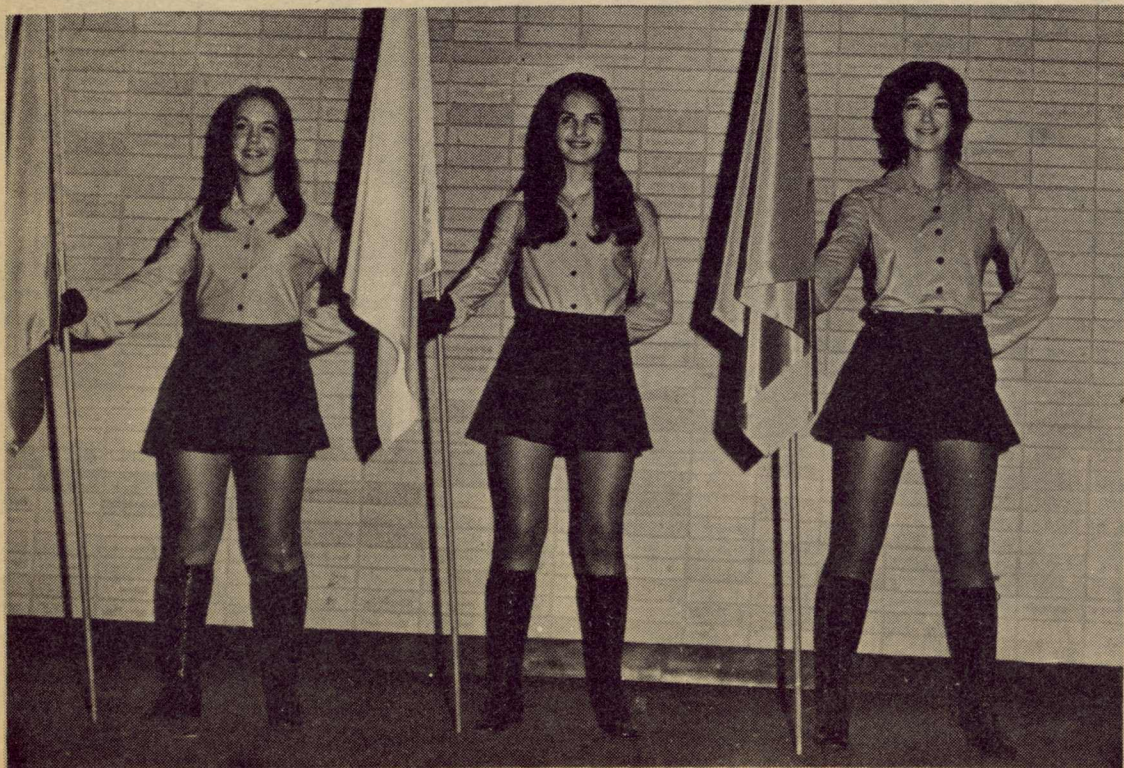
The freshmen are Jean Waggoner, who is captain of the Centralettes, from Carthage; Patricia Crosby from Lake; Debbie Moorehead from Louisville; Debbie Garrison from Newton; Rosemary McDonald from Newton; Phyllis Nowell from Louisville; Emily Hisaw from Louisville; Pam Kemp from Louisville; Susan Myers from Forest; and Vickie Reeves from Decatur.

The sophomores are Stephanie Cook from Carthage; Paula Hol-

lingsworth from Louisville; Teresa Mills from Louisville; Angela Brooks from Forest; Charlotte Ganann from Carthage; and Valerie Russell from Decatur.

The Centralettes practice very hard Monday through Thursday 8th period during band practice. Mr. Fick, who is in charge of the Centralettes, makes up the drills for them. Jean Waggoner, the captain, makes up the dance and twirl routines. For every game the Centralettes do a new routine. The majorettes perform with them.

This group of girls is a great contribution to the band and to East Central.



CENTRALETES FROM LEAKE COUNTY --- Left to right: Charlotte Hollingsworth, Stephanie Cook, Jean Waggoner.

Art Dept. Has Exhibits

The East Central Art Department has indeed been busy this year and now has its first exhibit on display in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building. The Art Department, under the direction of Linda Burroughs, is made up of seven freshmen and one sophomore, who have on display a number of drawings and designs.

The drawings consist of still life, landscapes, and small portraits. All of the drawings are done in charcoal and have been selected from each student's daily and weekly assignments. During the first semester, the Drawing Class has been concentrating on the language of art and the technical application of

that language.

The designs on exhibit are a composite of different media varying from basic pencil to ink to acrylics. The initial learnings of the design students were made up of design terms, materials, elements, and techniques. All of the works on exhibit are individual concepts of each assignment, with perspective as one of the major concerns with each drawing.

The students participating in the exhibit are: Gayle Hardin, Susan Myers, Cathie Everett, Debbie Ozbourn, Brenda Windham, Danny Breland, Mike Horne, and Debbie Fulton.

The Art Department is planning at least three more exhibits before the end of the year.

Williams is One Among the Men

It appears that East Central has its share of Women Libers. In the technical department there is a female drafting student. Her name is Marsha Williams and she is a graduate of Hickory High School.

Marsha says she really enjoys drawing and this led her into the field of drafting.

The first thought of majoring in drafting began when Marsha's high school took a tour of East Central Junior College. At first it was just a "funny idea" but the idea grew as time went by the idea took form.

Drafting is a two year course for those students interested in drafting and design. There are three forms of drafting: pipe and sheet metal, architectural, and machine drafting. Here at East

Central, a student is required to take all three courses. Therefore, they will be qualified in all three fields, but Marsha plans to go into the architectural field.

Some of the courses a drafting student is required to take are Fundamentals of Drafting, Technical Physics, Surveying, and Industrial Relations. Along with these are some more common "subjects" such as English Composition, American Government, Speech and Psychology. Quite a variety is involved in Drafting.

Drafting requires a great deal of time but it is worth it for a person who wants a career in drafting.

Marsha, who believes strongly in Women's Liberation, stresses the fact that she is not in drafting because of the boys.

Chess Club Organizes

In the beginning we had about fifteen members. We elected a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. A special committee was formed to draw up a constitution. It was really great in the beginning. But now the membership has dwindled to a desperate few and the treasurer has absconded with the funds, which totaled almost 37¢.

I am not one who complains without offering a solution. As a matter of fact, I have several solutions.

First, the members should know how to play chess. But knowing the rules is not essential. If everyone knew the rules, no one could cheat and the game would become very boring.

Second, a prize should be offered to the grand champion. Nothing elaborate, just a gold plated loving cup filled with champagne. As a consolation prize, the second place winner could be awarded a Dixie cup half full of Strawberry Fields Wine.

Third, the chess tournament should receive as much publicity from the Tom Tom as possible. Chess is about the most popular indoor sport on campus which can be played in the dorms without fear of arrest.

Fourth, people should come to the meetings. We meet Tuesdays at 3:30 in the band hall. If you can not come to the meetings, then don't expect to be invited to our Christmas party.

This Tuesday at 3:30 the chess club will reorganize. If you want

to play chess and become the Chess Champ of EC, then come. If you do not know how to play chess, then come anyway. Bring a friend! Bring an enemy! Bring a donkey! We need all the members we can get.

Human Growth Class Has a Birthday Party

Mrs. Graham's Human Growth and Development class is raising kids! They started from before birth and now they are up to three year olds. This class is observing the growth patterns of a child from before birth all the way to adolescence. Even the "guys" in the class are doing it--and enjoying it!

On Tuesday, October 31, a "birthday party" was held during the regular class meeting. It was for two and three year olds. The purpose of the party was to observe the kids and see what their likes and dislikes were.

Stuffed animals were made by Mrs. Graham and given to the six children who attended. Refreshments were served and favors were given to all the class members.

Who knows? EC's Human Growth and Development class may develop into some of America's "Ideal Parents" one of these days. And it's all credited to children.



1972 WARRIORETTES -- From left to right: Sandra Killens, Jo Munn, Billie McCrory, Annette Duncan, Silvia Cumberson, Debbie Shoemaker, back row: Rita Gibbon, Renee Willis, Debbie Donald, Sherry Welcher, Pam Kemp, and Debbie Luke.

Cagers Open Season 18th

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The lack of rebounding strength was a major cause of last year's dismal 7-17 season. Fortunately prospects look a little better this year with the addition of several tall freshmen. However, Coach Clark was a little hesitant on jumping to conclusions, stating:

"Our division is one of the most unpredictable ones around. We may have a better team one year than we did the year before and wind up with a poorer record. It all depends on how much the other teams improve. With all the vocational programs around, you find ball players 25 or 26 years old popping up, playing a season, and making contenders out of the least expected clubs."

Visiting teams are going to be in for a few surprises themselves when they step into the East Central Gymnasium this year. The foremost will be Neshoba Central standout Larry Hadley. Hadley, a 6'4" freshman, teamed with returning starters John D. McFarland and Mike Horn, will give the Warriors a tall, well-balanced middle, promising to give the opposing big men 'fits' under the boards.

Coach Clark indicated some strategy changes for the offense this season:

"We're going to play a more wide-open type of ball this year, allowing a little more free-lancing on offense than in the past. For now, we're concentrating our offense on fast breaks and picks, rather than on set plays."

Quickness is the name of the

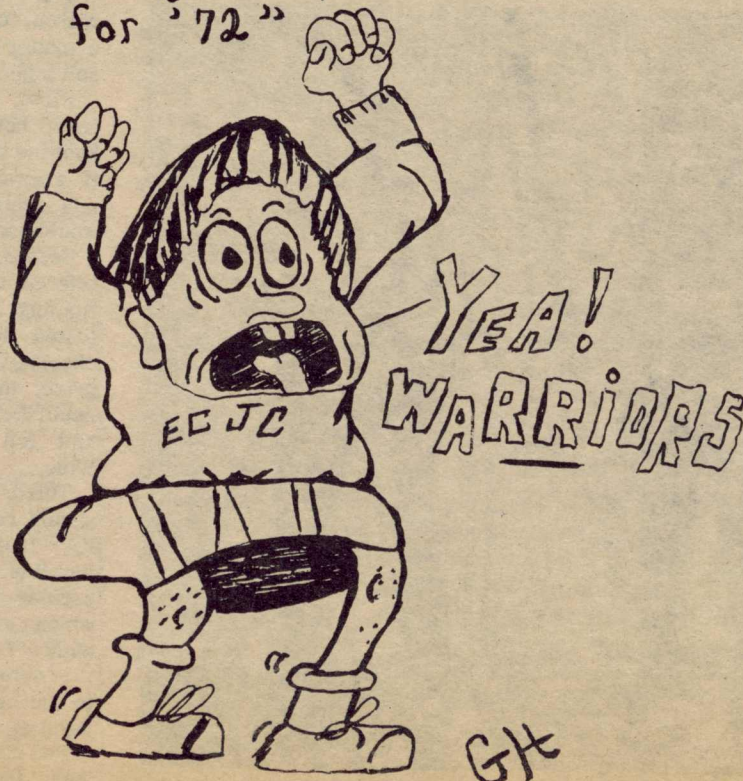
game this year, the quickest being Kenneth Russell, a returning starter from last year's squad. Russell has experience, speed, good ball handling and shoots well on a fast moving offense. A number of quick, aggressive guards are battling for starting honors, giving the warriors good bench strength. Overall depth is good, with 8 or 9 of the 12 players capable of starting. The starting lineup for the Jones

game is still tentative.

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Nov. 9 -
"Winding it up
for '72"



Warriors Wind Up Season with Jones JC

Thursday night was the last game of the season of East Central. The Warriors were up against one of the toughest teams in Mississippi, Jones Jr. College. Shumake started as quarterback letting Nowell be his primary runner. Nowell had the most yards rushing which was only 44 yards. Shumake and Killens were trying to get the primary game going, but Jones stopped it and the Warriors didn't complete a pass. Shumake had two intercepted from him, but the Warriors also got two interceptions with Ken Gordon getting one and Kelly getting the other. We got 4 first downs in the game to 17 first downs for Jones. Nowell recovered a fumble for the Warriors, but we could not move the ball. Kirby did real well in the punting department with a 40 yard average. The game was a hard one to lose, East Central couldn't score and the final score was E.C. - 0 and Jones - 22.

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EC by 13-6

In the last home game of the 1972 season, the Warriors defeated Itawamba by the score of 13-6.

At the beginning of the game the Warriors lost the toss and kicked off to the Indians. Itawamba could not move the ball on the first series of downs and was forced to punt. When the Warriors took the other, David Shumake came out passing, completing one pass in the series. It was not enough for the first down. East Central punted to the Indians.

Taking the ball on their own 25 yard line, Itawamba moved the ball for a first down. In

the next series, the Indians went to the air, and Warrior Ken Gordon intercepted for East Central giving the Warriors good field position on the Indian 39 yard line.

This series the Warriors stayed on the ground, with Guy Nowell running the ball six times. Nowell took it in for a Warrior touchdown, but the extra point was no good. After six minutes of play, the score stood East Central 6, Itawamba 0.

When East Central kicked off to the Indians, Itawamba returned the ball to the 34 yard line. After three plays the Warrior defense had thrown the Indians for a 16 yard loss. The Indians were forced to punt, but punt was fumbled and the Indians took over on the Warrior 15 yard line. After a few plays, the Indians took the ball in on a pass for an Itawamba T.D. The extra point was no good. The score was tied 6-6.

Early in the second quarter, Charles Killins came out to quarterback for Warriors. Although the Warriors were able to move a little, the score at halftime remained 6-6.

The Warriors turned to Nowell again in the second half for the winning T.D. Don Culpepper's extra point was good, and the Warriors lead 13-6.

EC Loses to Holmes 14-0

East Central's 1972 Homecoming had all the ingredients of a perfect homecoming night--all, that is, except the final score of the ball game.

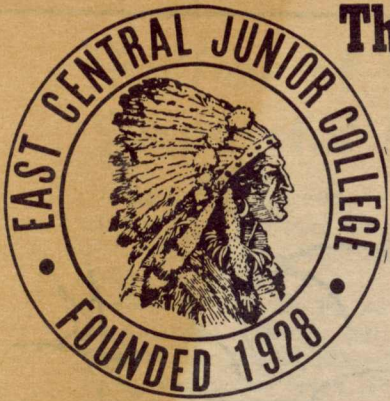
Football weather finally arrived, specklin the grandstands with bundles of color as the fans wrapped up to fight the chill. At halftime, Stephanie Cook was crowned the 1972 Homecoming Queen, while the band played "Those Were the Days." The atmosphere was Autumn and the spirits were high. Even the gridiron action seemed to be a bit more favorable with "Jack Frost A 'nippin'."

The Warriors first score came from a 10 yard field goal by kicker Don Culpepper with 5:20 left in the first quarter. In the early moments of the second period, tailback, Guy Nowell, ramblled 17 yards through a dazed Bulldog defense to make the score 9-0. Culpepper added the icing and the Warriors appeared to be headed for a romp. The Bulldog coaching staff must have spoken some strong words of wisdom at this point, for immediately the Bulldogs bounced back with a score of their own on their first penetration of the night. The score at halftime stood 10-7.

The Bulldogs came out at the half to recover a warrior fumble on the 23 and scoring on second and 8.

From this point the action diminished, with the Bulldogs in control 14-0.

With 1:30 remaining, the Warriors broke free on a 50 yard pass play from quarterback, David Shumake, to Flanker Peter Lucovich. The ball was on the Holmes 30. This last ditch effort proved futile when the Bulldogs gained possession after a long incomplete pass on fourth down.



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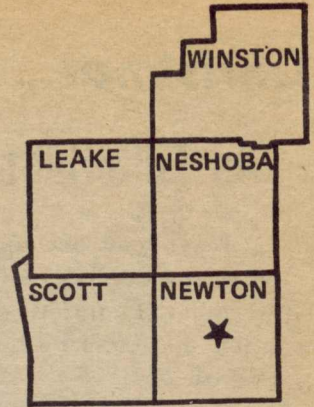
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Christmas Comes To East Central

Choir Presents Christmas Songs

The ECJC Choir under the direction of Mr. R.G. Fick and Mrs. Marion Thornton presented their annual program of Christmas music, Monday, Dec. 11.

The choir sang several selections and Mrs. Alyn Simmons read an original writing that went along with the music.

The soloist in the presentation were: Dianne Logan, Emily Hisaw, Judy Thornton, Vicky Rushing, Mary Sanders, Rita Gibbon and Bill Cumberland.

The choir and soloist were accompanied by Miss Jean Pennington on the piano.

The selections the choir did were:

Still, Still, Still, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, He is Born, In Heaven Above, Glory to God on the Highest, To Us Is Born Immanuel, O Wonder of this Christmas Night, The Morning Star, Angels We Have Heard On High, Good Christian Men Rejoice, As Lately We Watched, and Mexican Christmas Procession.

The program has been videotaped for presentation on Channel 11 television. The exact time for the show has not been released.

The East Central Choir received a standing ovation when it per-

formed for the North Mississippi Development Association at Mississippi State University on October 26. About 500 people heard the choir's performance.

The choir performed a patriotic program for which Mr. Vickers wrote the narration. Mrs. Thornton worked up all the numbers except the last, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," which was worked up by Mr. Fick.

Girls' Dorm Gives Parties

The sophomore girls held a Christmas party on December 11. This annual event was anticipated highly by the girls.

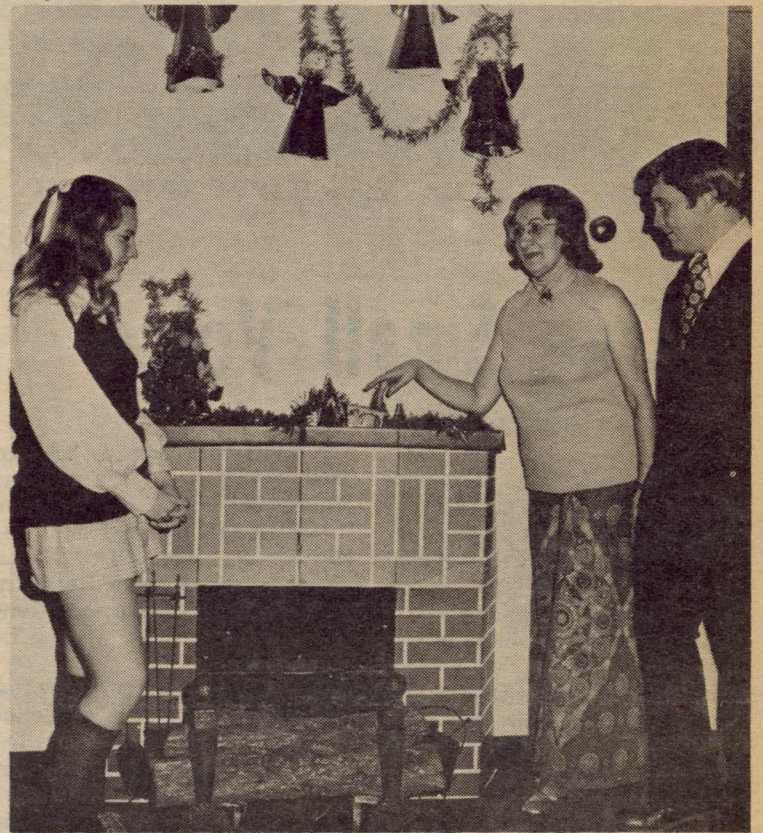
Most of the refreshments for the party were brought by the girls themselves. Some of the things that were served include candy, cookies, potato chips and punch. The punch was furnished by Mr. Lee, head of the cafeteria.

Teddie Jo Hall and Francis Carol brought the dorm a Christmas tree. It was decorated by a group of sophomore girls. Jeannie Williams was the head of that committee.

The girls drew names between roommates and suitmates. These were put under the tree and passed out on the night of the party.

Congratulations

The Paper staff would like to congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Wright on their Silver Wedding Anniversary Dec. 17, and wish them happiness in the years to come.



Mrs. Rowell, French Club Sponsor, admires decorations with members Nancy Johnson and Jack Thames.

French Club Holds Party

The French Club had its Christmas party Monday, December 4, from 3:30 til 5:30. The club who had been planning the party for several months, invited all the faculty and all the office employees. There was a very good attendance.

A welcoming committee made up of members Jack Thans, Guy Nowell, Kay McNair, and Susy Tingle welcomed the guests as they arrived.

The party was held in the lobby of the Fine Arts building. The lobby was decorated with a fire place with a nativity scene on the mantle. The tables were decorated with pine and other Christmas decorations.

Four of the girl members were dressed up as French waitresses. These girls, Pattie Jeffcoat, Phyllis Driskell, Susan Johnson, and Kay Murphy served fruit punch, candies, cookies, and French sandwiches. The main attraction was a beautiful cake made

by the clubs' sponsor, Mrs. Rowell. It went perfect with the Christmas decoration. It was made to look exactly like a log. Christmas music was played in the background.

Wesely Party

The Wesley Foundation held its regular meeting and prayer meeting Monday night, December 11. After the meeting the Wesley Foundation held its Christmas party. The members inside the club invited guests. They had refreshments and the members had an old fashioned singing of Christmas carols.

After the Christmas holidays, the Wesley Foundation will sponsor a movie on Wednesday and Thursday night, January 10 and 11. The movie has not been decided upon yet, but there will be notices up soon.



The Home Economics Club held its Christmas Party -- Mrs. Pouncey club sponsor, Becky Jolly and Susan Cosgrove serve delicious refreshments to Elizabeth Smith.

Examination Schedule December 13 - 15

	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
8:00 - 10:00	2	1	4
10:30 - 12:30	7	8	3
1:15 - 3:15	6	5	

Christmas...

An Editorial by Paula Hollingsworth

Have you noticed the look on student's faces when the holidays are mentioned? Glee! Joy! Excitement! Emotions clearly can be seen, especially when students find themselves through with exams and no F's.

This year is no exception and East Central students are filled with anticipation as Christmas quickly approaches. Trees are being decorated, and mistletoe is being hung. Students have even found time in their busy schedules to decorate rooms and dorms and buy those "special" friends a present. Most of the student body has attended at least one Christmas parade and many have told Santa their wishes for Christmas, and wishes have ranged from girls, guys, and cars to fifths or even cases of vodka, Strawberry Hill or even Bourbon.

Regardless of what type Christmas you have in mind, the Tom-Tom Staff wishes you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

One Small Voice

by-Melinda Bullard

As Christmas draws closer and closer, it's time to make a final decision as to what to give your friends and relatives. One suggestion is--a good book. In this day and time people seem to have forgotten the bookstore as a source of gifts. Yet a book, carefully chosen and with the preference and tastes of the receiver kept in mind, can be one of the most thoughtful and personal gifts to be found.

The following are good choices: New Worlds for Old, edited by Lin Carter. This is a fantasy anthology which includes stories by such renowned authors as Lovecraft, Lord Dunsany, Howard, Clark Ashton Smith, and Poe. Some of it is wierd and at times a little dry, but most of the stories are quite good. The Psalms for Modern Man, published by the American Bible Society. None of the poetic and lyrical beauty of the Psalms has been lost in this modern English version.

Once Upon a Christmas by Pearl S. Buck. A fantastic author shares stories and memories of Christmas in China and America. Anything else said would be sheer understatement.

Meat on the Hoof by Gary Shaw. An insight into Texas football

is given with humor, honesty, and intelligence. It's a Sports Illustrated Book Club selection. Meditations, selected and illustrated by Peter Max. Dylan, Shakespeare, George Harrison, and others are interpreted by one of America's most popular illustrators.

And to Each Season. . . by Rod McKuen. This is a collection of poems covering McKuen's life from childhood through maturity. It's moving, warm, and sensitive. . . nothing new, coming from McKuen.

The Songs of Paul Simon. The words and music to 59 songs made famous by Simon and Garfunkel alone are found in this book. Pictures and biographical sketches are included.

My Name is Asher Lev by Chaim Potok. A painter and his intense zeal for art provides the author with an opportunity to discuss the conflicts of medieval Jewry values and modernism. Those who have read The Chosen will remember with pleasure Mr. Potok's easily-read style.

The Upstairs Room by Johanna Reiss. This is an autobiographical account of a young girl hiding from the Nazis in Holland. Interesting, and especially recommended for young people.

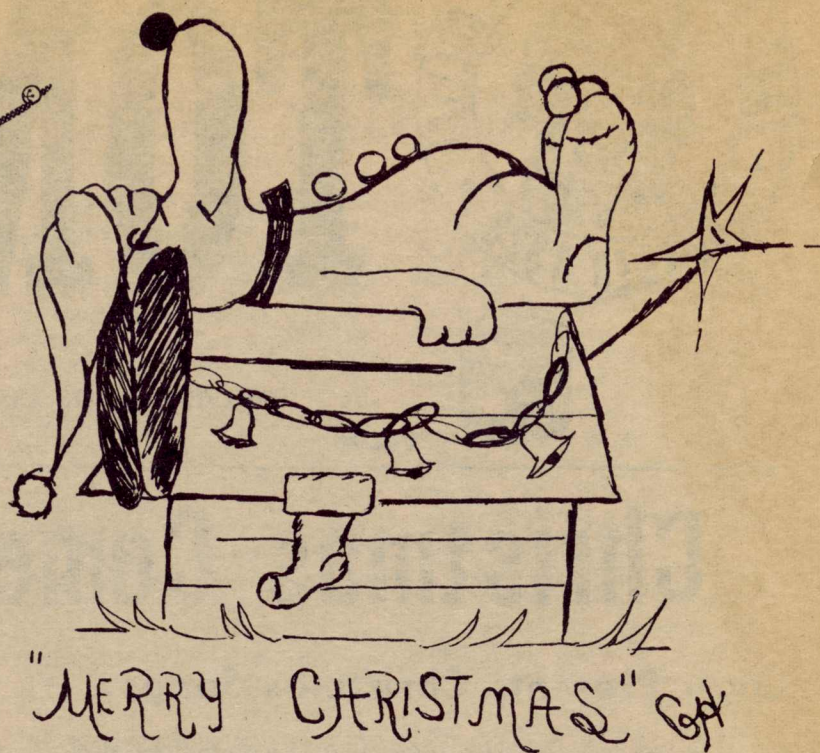
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Christmas
to each
of you
from the
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The Ageless One

by Ricky Rector

A prophecy
A prophecy of long ago
Sent from God
Born of woman
A baby
A child
The Lord will raise unto thee
a prophet
A man He will come to you
Not to condemn
But to save

This man--God's man
Will abandon the old and bring
in the new
The prophets of old knew
And yes, even the devils in
hell---they knew
So they, the prophets of old
and the devils in hell awaited
the day
That he would come
One to tempt
One to learn
From Him

So the day is set
Gabriel came
Came unto the vergin
"Hail, thou that art highly
favored
The Lord is with thee."
She was with child
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus--He would
be called Jesus
Son of the Highest

Bethlehem
Judea
You know
I know
We all know
It did come about
A lowly birth
Straw and sheep and the breath
of cows
And a rooster crows in the
night, in the stable, in Bethlehem
And shepherds did come
The star led the way and the
shepherds did follow
And the shepherds did follow

In the city of David
He was born
The king began to slay the babes
So that he may kill the one
But the babe was protected by
God
A warning
An angel comes
The land is fled
He grew
He learned
And He did preach
T'was known far and wide

He did show us the new
The vine
The water
How to be buried and yet live
The multitudes did come
And so did the twelve

But short was His stay
The prophecy
Fulfilled
Back He went
To a home in the sky He went
to Calvary
And they adorned Him
With crown
A purple robe
Hail
Hail
All Hail
The king of the Jews

Now, He request your earthly
presense
In this vapor will you decide
Destiny
And forever where you will
live or die

Then in our greed
We did write our creeds
Not thinking what was written
A warning erased from the book
A warning---The plague will
come if ye take away

The day awaits
No one knows the day, the hour
The day
The hour
The minute
But God
God in all his glory

Look for a song, there will
be none
It will be as a thief in the
night
As is least expected
When things are well

Morn; in hell
For you know
Wide is the way
But the road
Is narrow to life
Few will
Find it

You must suffer
Be apart
Stand fast
Love more
Love like
Him

But now we mold the Lord
And ask; Save us from our
social graces
Society hath no place
In the clouds
Only unity
Unity will stand

I heard a great voice
I am
Alpha
And Omega
The beginning
And
The end

I looked
Seven candlesticks
One like the Son of Man
His hair
White as snow
Eyes
Flame of fire
His feet
Fine as brass
His voice
As the sound of mighty waters

Out of his mouth
T'was a two edged sword
Could separate soul from body
I fell as dead
He laid his hand upon me
Fear not
I am the first
And
The last
Alpha
And
Omega

Behold He cometh with clouds
A trumpet
Angels
And the book of life
You will ask the stones to fall
As the hour of death draws
near

Every eye shall see the one
They that pierced Him
The sheep on the right
But most---to wailing--and
gnashing of teeth

There will be peace forever
And pain forever
And He
Will rule
Forever
Even so
Soon you will see the Ageless
One
Amen
Amen
And Amen

'Father of the Bride' was Successful Production

Although the selection of the play was not the best, the play, *Father of the Bride*, turned out to be a success.

Father of the Bride, written by Carolene Francke, tells the story of Mr. Banks, Ricky Rector, father of the bride and the problems he encounters when his daughter, Kay, Brenda Windham, decides to marry Buckley Dunstan, Jimmy Gaines. Kaos results as Mrs. Banks, Linda Justice, Ben Banks, Donnie Gainer, and Tommy Banks, Lewis Crenshaw, join in to "help" with the wedding plans. Others join into the act to turn the small, simple, wedding into a comedy. But all's well that ends well and the play does end well. Mr. Banks even has time to reminisce about years gone by and to give advice to Peggy, Mary Sanders, concerning her upcoming marriage to Ben.

The actors did a fine job. Character portrayal was extremely

good in the parts of Tommy Banks, by Lewis Crenshaw, and Mr. Banks by Ricky Rector.

Lewis offered comedy to the play and in his portrayal of Tommy he was his usual self.

Ricky Rector did a superb job as Mr. Banks. His experience in other East Central plays added greatly to this production. Ricky's departure from East Central second semester will be a great loss to the dramatic department.

Other characters include: Buzz Taylor, Billy Gilmer; Delilah, Vicki Rushing; Miss Bellamy, Sylvia Lowery; Mrs. Massoula, Lynette Herring; Joe, Travis Hardy; Mrs. Puctitzki, Denise Horton; Red, Phillip Broadhead; Pete, Lindsey Keene; Tims Man, David Chappell.

The Art Department did an excellent job on the scenery and Billy Gilmer added a nice touch by playing "Here Comes the Bride."



Head Coach Ken Pouncey presents All-State Plaques to Ken Gordon, Chris Rowell, Guy Nowell, and Timmy Irons.

Drug Conference Held

On December 6, at the Legion Hut, a conference on drugs was held for the young people of this area. It was sponsored by the Jaycees. About forty young people showed up and about seven adults who were quite qualified on the subject of mental health. Most of these people were women of the Mental Health Department in Meridian. They were very concerned with the growing drug problem in Mississippi, but they had another reason for coming. They wanted to learn from young people about drugs. These qualified physicians were very open minded and most of them had tried marijuana.

It was agreed upon very quickly by the group and the physicians that drugs such as L.S.D., Herion, Kocine, Speed, etc. were very bad and harsh penalties should remain for possession of these drugs. But then came the question of marijuana, a very controversial substance in the United States today. We broke up into groups of eight with a counselor in each group and discussed how we felt about this substance.

It was decided that almost anything can be abused, and the question was asked what is abuse. The answer was when anything starts interfering with your daily life by waking too late or absent

Weight Watchers

The Weight Watchers Program, under the direction of Miss Wood and Mrs. Pouncey, has been organized to help over-weight people reduce to their wanted size. Miss Wood gives various exercises for people to do to reduce. Mrs. Pouncey gives a list of foods to eat and not to eat.

At these meetings, one learns the proper diet plans and also the needed and required exercises.

The Weight Watchers meetings are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:00 in the lobby of Jackson Hall. A reward will be given to the people who lose the most weight, by sticking with the diet plans and exercises of the Weight Watchers program.

All people, who are having trouble with their diet plans and are over-weight, are urged to attend these meetings.

from work or school, you are abusing it because you begin to consider one thing more important than another. So we began to talk about legalization of marijuana. We took a vote and the majority of the people including the adults agreed that marijuana should be legalized with control as alcohol is. There were extremes on both sides but the majority stated the above. The particular analyst that I talked to had not made her mind up on the subject, but she did say the laws were too harsh as they stand now.

In some states marijuana is legal now for possession of certain quantities, and because of this marijuana is going through the same thing alcohol went through which is prohibition.

It was a very good conference. The only thing bad about it was there were not more people there to talk. Everyone there enjoyed this and left there just a little more informed than they were before.

Dorm Parties...

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Chairman, Judy Denman, organized the entertainment. Gail Keller sang "O Holy Night." French students Carol Ayers, Pat Gordon, and Annette Duncan sang "Sainte Nuit." A dramatic reading was done by Linda Justice as classical music was playing softly. A small group from Jackson Hall sang Christmas carols. Rita Dickinson, Sylvia Lowry, Judy Thornton, Lorraine Harpole, Moni McKee, Debi Moorehead, Jane Hollingsworth, Carolyn Ganann, and Gloria Cleveland sang several songs which included "The First Noel" and "Good King Wencelas."

The refreshments were furnished by everyone. Mrs. Wagner baked delicious cookies and candy. Mr. Lee prepared Golden Punch and onion dip. There was much potato chips, cookies, candy, cake, and finger sandwiches.

The party was over after all sang carols and Miss Walley said a closing prayer.

The girls would like to say a special thanks to Mrs. Wagner for her tireless efforts in helping with the party.

Tom-Tom Uncovers Plot

by Dean Webby

Meet Edgar X. Lax the Russian spy who has been given the toughest assignment in Kremlin history: overthrow Christmas. Lax formulated the plan and set out to complete his mission.

Step one: rename Christmas. Lax had to find a name that would be more practical and less sentimental. After hours of careful contemplation, he decided on the new name, Edgarmas. He tried unsuccessfully to place the name into circulation. But Sears refused to send out Edgarmas catalogues. Crosby refused to record "I'm Dreaming of a White Edgarmas". And so Lax tried another name, Xmas. This name became very popular, obviously because of its similarity to the original name.

Step two: destroy the Xmas spirit. It was clear that Lax must obliterate the ornate atmosphere of Xmas. To do this Lax began destroying all natural decorations. He immediately instigated a root rot epidemic among Xmas trees, holly plants, and mistletoe. After destroying all real ornaments, he replaced them with artificial ones. In so doing Lax created a totally artificial Xmas spirit void of any sentiment.

Step three: exterminate Santa Clause. To do this Lax made an anonymous phone call to CIA headquarters. He proceeded to reveal the whereabouts of a big, fat and jolly commie spy. Agents were dispatched at once. Finding the spy decked out in Russian red from head to toe, they shot him. A congressional committee appointed to investigate the incident then proved that Santa Clause was in reality a legend.

And so his plan is nearly complete. This year he bribed city officials to set up Xmas decorations a day after Thanksgiving (Boris Fenta Mint is in charge of the Thanksgiving operation).

But what about next year? Will we be celebrating Xmas in July? And what about Virginia? Tune in next week for the answers to these and more questions.

Bits & Pieces ----

In the assembly a few weeks ago a Gideon came and spoke to the student body. The Gideons are business men going about the work of God. They take time out of their work to go around to different places to speak.

The Gideon quoted the poem, "The Touch of the Master's Hand" and centered his message around this.

The Gideons carry some New Testaments to give away wherever they go. These testaments are given to people free. They are placed in hospitals, hotels, libraries, and other public places.

At the end of the Gideon's message New Testaments were given out. The students responded greatly, almost no one left without a Bible. The only thing the Gideon asked the students to do if they took a Bible was to read it and listen to its words.

Christmas Parade

The Christmas parade in Decatur took place at 1:30 on the main streets in Decatur. There were many colorful floats and features presented. The East Central Junior College Band, Centralettes, and majorettes were walking Christmas packages and threw candy to the kids that were watching. Santa Claus was also in the parade.



Christmas Dance

East Central's Christmas Dance was held on Tuesday night December 5 in the old gym on campus. The dance, featuring the Webbs from Jackson, was a real success with many students as well as faculty members attending. The Webbs have played at East Central before and are enjoyed by the student body very much. Many thanks to the school for sponsoring this dance.

On Tuesday, December 1, Dr. Wright and Dean Brackeen talked with the freshmen boys about establishing an ROTC program on campus.

So far only two boys have signed up. Unless more interest is shown, an ROTC program will not be established at East Central.

If any boy is interested in ROTC, see Dean Brackeen.

Women's Lib ?

In this age of women's lib, men seem to feel that women no longer know how to be the old fashioned women, who cooked, cleaned, sewed, and enjoyed it. But, this is far from the truth. Man has not yet lived till he tastes a Carol Stiggins' - Jeanne Williams' cupcake, a Fran Carroll pizza, or a Debbie Bagwell tuna fish sandwich. Michael Barham and Teddie Hall are well known for sewing up jeans and Stephanie Cook is almost through with a beautiful afghan. Rita Gibbon and Jan Williams are majoring in "101 ways to decorate a dorm room", plus Carol has at one time or another done laundry for half of Newsome Hall.

Choir Members

The following are members of the choir: Dell Coward, Max Ingram, Al Massey, Keith Wells, Ricky Rector, Mark Howell, Louis Crenshaw, Don Gainer, Joyce Thrash, Tom Welles, Jody Wilkerson, Bob Peebles, Bill Cumberland, Richy Lewis, Billy Gilmer, Sarah McNair, Jo Lynne Fountain, Patricia Lindsley, Judy Thornton, Jean Pennington, Sherry Wilcher, Becky Jolly, Beverly Gaddis, and Susan Tingle.

Rita Gibbon, Teresa Mills, Deborah Shoemaker, Rita Dickenson, Kanda Gainer, Debbie Moorehead, Diane Kirk, Susan Johnson, Phyllis Nowell, Jean Blackburn, Janet Smith, Valerie Russell, Teresa Vance, Emily Hisaw, Diane Logan, Barbara Bridges, Vickie Rushing, Jan Williams, Gail Keller, Kay McNair, Mary Sanders, and Margie Morgan are also choir members.



SCOTT A'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM holds championship volleyball record. From left to right: Vickki Hardy, Patsy Cummings, Jeannie Gilbert, Pam Parker. Second row: Gloria Hollingsworth, Beverly Gaddis, Susan Myers and Dianne Bates.

Volleyball Season Closes

The volleyball season has ended once again. Each team chose who they thought were the best and who helped the team the most.

Scott A's team chose Dianne Bates, Pam Parker, and Patsy Comons. Scott A won the championship game.

Leake team chose Sherry Wilcher for their all-star.

Scott B's team chose Charlotte Wooten as their all-star.

Newton's team chose Rita Gibbon, Deborah Shoemaker, and Billie McCrory as their all-stars.

Neshoba's team chose Sherry Caraway as their all-star.

Diane Bates was chosen the most outstanding player. Dianne is from Morton.

In girls intermurals and extramurals they do more than just play basketball. There is a free shot competition, basketball golf, and wall shuttle pass. In the free shot competition you see how many free shots

you can make out of 25. There are 9 different places for you to shoot from, and you have 6 chances to make it. If you don't make it on the sixth try then you have to add 7 to your score. You count every time you shoot whether you make it or not. The one with the least number of shots wins. In the Shuttle pass you see how many times you can throw a basketball in a block on the wall in thirty seconds.

The basketball and non-basketball players are separated.

Non-basketball players: Free Throw-Gloria Hollingsworth-21, Vicki Harvey-18, Jeanne Gilbert-17, and Rhonda Culpepper-17.

Non-basketball players: Basketball Golf--Gloria Hollingsworth-14, Jeanne Gilbert-17, Rhonda Culpepper-17 and Vicki Harvey-19.

Non-basketball players: Wall Shuttle Pass--Rhonda Culpepper-51, Gloria Hollingsworth-49, and Charlotte Wooten-48.

Basketball players: Free Throw

Doborah Shoemaker-19, Sylvia Culberson-19, Sherry Wilcher-18, Jo Munn-18 and Rita Gibbon-17.

Basketball players: Basketball Golf--Rita Gibbon-10, Gale Keller-13 and Sylvia Culberson-16.

Basketball players: Wall Shuttle Pass--Rita Gibbon-62, Billie McCrory-49 and Deborah Shoemaker-48.

East Centralettes Win Opening Game 78-49

ECJC girls opened their season with a 78 to 49 victory over Meridian Jr. College. Later in the season EC has games scheduled with Holmes, Gulf Coast, Meridian, and Hinds.

EC did not have girls basketball last year so all the players are inexperienced in the 5 players going full court. They also play with DGWS rules. They have 8 minute quarters. There is a 2 minute break between the quarters and 10 minutes between halves. The clock stops every time the whistle blows. For all violations, the ball is put into play from the side of the court. There is no center line violations. There is also a thirty second clock in which the offence must shoot.

The starting line up was Annette Duncan, Deborah Shoemaker, Rita Gibbon, Jo Munn, Renee Willis. Everyone on the team got to play; Gail Keller, Sylvia Culberson, Debbie Donald, Sandra Killens, Billie McCrory, and

Sherry Wilcher.

Renee Willis lead the team in scoring. Rita Gibbon lead in the number of rebounds.

This is the box score of the game.

Duncan--fg-0, ft-0, f-0, and total points-0; Shoemaker--fg-4, ft-2, f-2, and total points-10 Keller--fg-3, ft-0, f-0, and total points-6; Gibbon--fg-9, ft-9, f-3, and total points-27; Munn--fg-1, ft-1, f-1, and total points-1; Culberson--fg-1, ft-0, f-2, and total points-2; Donald--fg-0, ft-0, f-5, and total points-0; Willis--fg-13, ft-4, f-3, and total points-30; Killens--fg-0, ft-0, f-0, and total points-0; McCrory--fg-0, ft-0, f-3, and total points-0; Wilcher--fg-0, ft-0, f-1, and total points-0

At the end of the first quarter the score was 22 to 6. At the half the score was 30 to 22. At the third quarter the score was 54 to 37. The final score was 78 to 49.

Mr. Mayes Kills Deer

by Leonard Barrier

Although several faculty members hunt with muzzle-loaders, Mr. Rudolph Mayes was the first to kill a deer.

On Tuesday, October 24, after seventh period class, Mr. Mayes hurried home, grabbed his hunting gear, and headed for the Tallahala Game Refuge. When four deer came by about 3:45, he shot the first one that stopped. With one shot he killed the deer at 35 yards. But the significant thing was that he was using a Thompson Center muzzle-loader, a replica of the Hawken rifle.

The deer was a doe which weighed 62 pounds field dressed. Mr. Mayes stated, "I have no misgivings whatsoever over killing a doe. It was perfectly legal with a muzzle-loader."

Mr. Mayes has been hunting since he was a boy and has hunted practically everything. At present he prefers to hunt doves, squirrels, and deer. He has a collection of about ten guns and has killed nine deer--one with a bow, two with a .30-06 rifle, five with a shot gun, and one with a muzzle-loader. Mr. Mayes said that he, in his own words, "received more pleasure from killing the one with the muzzle-loader than from any of the others."

Mr. Mayes has hunted only two years with a muzzle-loader. Last year for the first hunt he borrowed two guns from friends. He shot at two deer but had a slow fire on one and a misfire on the other. In a slow fire there is a delay between the time the cap goes off and the

time the powder ignites. In a misfire the cap goes off but the powder does not ignite.

For the second season, Mr. Mayes purchased a gun. He shot twice at running deer but missed. During the summer he practiced probably as many as 200 shots. In this type hunting as in most everything else practice makes perfect.

Mr. Mayes bought a bullet mold and began making his own bullets. He later bought other molds and is now making and selling bullets. Most muzzle-loaders shoot two types of bullets, the round ball and the minnie ball (an elongated ball shaped like the modern-day bullet).

In shooting the muzzle-loader, a person has to measure out black powder and pour it down the bore. He then loads a patched ball (a round ball with a piece of cloth around it) or a minnie ball. With a ramrod he seats the ball against the powder. Next he must insert a cap on the nipple of the gun to ignite the powder. The cap's function is much like that of a match in starting a fire except the cap ignites with the blow of the hammer rather than by scratching.

A muzzle-loader, is limited to one shot. The loading procedure is slow, but muzzle-loaders are quite accurate when loaded correctly. Out of six shots Mr. Mayes killed five squirrels last Christmas. Costing only a few cents a round, the muzzle-loader is quite inexpensive to shoot if one molds his own bullets.

This year hunting seasons for

Mr. Mayes have conflicted with other activities. The first season opened on the Saturday of homecoming. Mr. Mayes only hunted about two hours. On the opening day of second season he had a guard drill and didn't get to hunt at all. Mr. Mayes says, "If Christmas holidays ever come, I hope I have some time to hunt without interference."

Mr. Mayes just likes to go hunting, not so much to kill. He hunts in the afternoon since classes take mornings which are the best time for hunting.

Mr. Mayes usually takes along a folding aluminum stool. He picks out a good place and sits there. He doesn't do a lot of moving around but lets the deer come to him. His method has proved well.

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Soph Players Get Jackets

All sophomore football players were awarded jackets in assembly last week.

Jackets were given to Robert Hannah, David Shumake, Steve Harbor, Guy Nowell, Marvin Lindsey, Davis Kelly, Ken Gordon, Mike Moorehead and Don Culpepper.

Others receiving jackets were Eddie Bethune, Jerry Johnson, Bob Smiley, Chriss Rowell, Timmy Irons, Wendell McElhenney, Cecil Muse, Peter Lucovich, and Larry Gamblin.

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ECJC 86 JONES 84

	FG	FT	FLS	TP
John McFarland	13	7	4	33
Larry McFarland	2	2	1	6
Mike Horne	10	4	4	24
Kenneth Russell	6	1	4	13
David Blount	5	0	3	10

ECJC 74 MERIDIAN 75

John McFarland	10	4	2	24
Larry McFarland	2	0	5	5
Mike Horne	5	4	3	14
Kenneth Russell	7	1	5	15
David Blount	1	4	4	6
Billy Wilbanks	3	3	3	9
Steve Harbor	2	2	1	4

ECJC 73 DELTA 75

John McFarland	9	0	2	18
Larry McFarland	1	1	3	3
Mike Horne	5	3	3	13
Kenneth Russell	10	1	4	21
David Blount	6	5	3	17
Billy Wilbanks	0	1	1	1

ECJC 96 EAST MISS 86

John McFarland	10	3	4	23
Mike Horne	14	8	2	35
Kenneth Russell	11	4	3	25
David Blount	4	0	3	8
Billy Wilbanks	2	4	1	6

ECJC 67 COLIN 101

John McFarland	10	1	4	21
Mike Horne	4	3	0	11
Kenneth Russell	9	2	3	20
Billy Wilbanks	3	0	3	6
David Blount	0	2	5	2
Pat Donald	2	0	0	4
Keith Everett	1	1	0	3