



EAST CENTRAL'S HIGHEST HONORS--Mr. and Miss East Central Junior College went to Steve Breland and Jessica Harpole of Philadelphia.

Who's Who winners named

by Rhonda Johnson

Jessica Harpole and Steve Breland won East Central's most coveted titles in the recent Who's Who election.

Miss ECJC is Jessica Harpole from Philadelphia. Jessica is Medical Records Administration major who was also a sophomore Homecoming maid. She is active in intramurals, a member of the SBA Spirit Committee, and the Hospitality Committee.

Mr. ECJC, Steve Breland, also hails from Philadelphia. Steve is a Business Administration major and plays Varsity football for East Central. He was selected as an All-State and All-Star in football.

Ken Carter, a Liberal Arts major from Louisville, was selected as Most Handsome. He is a member of the Varsity football team and Varsity baseball.

Chosen as Freshman Favorites were Janice Brock, Cindy Pennington, Carla Massey, Todd Gregory, Mike Land, and Mickey Vance.

Janice Brock of Newton is majoring in Child Development. She is a member of the ECJC Players, Collegians and the choir.

Carla Massey, a Liberal Arts major from Noxapater

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14 students maintain 4.0 1st sem.

The Honor Roll for the Fall Semester has been released by Registrar Frank Reeves. A total of 112 students maintained a B or better average. Of this number, 14 had a 4 point (all A) report. Thirty one maintained a 3.5 to be named to the Dean's List, and seventy seven received honorable mention for a B average (a 3 point).

President's List: Debbie Jo Akins, Bobby Glenn Cleveland, Retha Melissa Goldman, Steve Carlton Hillman, Bobby Ray Huddleston, Jr., L. Joyce Johnson, Danny R. Killens, Deborah Ann Livingston, Carla Jo Massey, Lloyd Brian Ousterhout, Randy Kent Richardson, Sue N. Savell, Sherry Lane Vance, Perry Glenn Winstead.

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Rowell, Hugh Carroll Strebeck, George Swanson, Natalie Ruth Thompson, Emily Juanice Thorne, Teresa Ann Warnock, Elizabeth A. Williams, Jo Ann Wright, Judy Lynn Yarbrough.

Honorable Mention: Sue Ann Armstrong, Susan Babb, Teresa Gail Blocker, Thomas Stuart Brand, Steven Terrell Breland, Susan Denise Brittain, Belinda Gale Burnham, Gina Marie Callahan, Irene Chapman, Robert Dwayne Chisolm, Shannon K. Cleveland, Troye Lynn Craig, Amanda H. Dees, Edward Lee Dowell, Lucy Karen Duncan, Mary E. Eichelberger, Nelda Wyndell Evans, Lisa Mary Everett, Alice Faye Flowers, Pamela Kay Franklin, Regina G. Gibbs, Robert Eugene Goldman, Dawnn Chaney Gorum, Eddie D. Gregory, John Todd Gregory, Lou Ann Harper, Jessica Lea Harpole, Richard Lee Harris, Gerald Lee Hatch, Mildred Ann Hollingsworth, Karen Elizabeth Hurst, Sara Francis Irons, Cheryl Jones, Levera Kidd, Linda Anne Killen, Bernard Parker Lindsay, Deborah Ann Livingston, Teresa Ann Lofton, James Wayne McCorkle, Michael Dee McDonald, Charles F. McDowell, Jean Mills, Dane Preston Mor-

gan, Bobby Dirk Mowdy, Elmer Matthew Mullins, Brenda Sue Munn, Allen Keith Muse, Jay Brian Norris, Stephen Douglas Ogletree, Kenneth Rene Osteen, Cindy Lou Pennington, Sheila Rene Pryor, Donna Clare Reynolds, Pamela Zoe Rudolph, Ida

Lorene Russell, Tammy Maria Russell, Donna G. Savell, David Mark Sharp, Kathryn Ann Simpson, Janice Layne Smith, Kathryn Irene Stamper, Pamela C. Steverson, Patti Jean Stone, Daniel Vernon Strebeck, Sharon Lee Tingle, James Nordan Uelischey, Mickey

Wayne Vance, Terri Kaye Vance, Theresa Gayle Walton, Christopher Robin Warnick, Patricia France Warren, Marty Kevin Weaver, Teresa Kaye West, Terry Jerome White, Rhonda Lynn Whitehead, Judy Lynn Wolverton, Lynda Lee Wolverton.



MAINTAINING A FOUR POINT AVERAGE for first semester were [standing] Bobby Huddleston, Danny Killens, Perry Winstead and Bobby Cleveland. Seated are Randy Richardson, Sue Savell, Debbie Akins, Retha Goldman, and Steve Hillman. Not pictured are Joyce Johnson, Deborah Livingston, Carla Massey, Lloyd Ousterhout, and Sherry Vance.

WARRIOR SPORTS

Warriorettes beat Jones for 9-4 record

After two weeks of rest the East Central Warriorettes upped their South Conference record to 4-1. Their only loss was to Southwest earlier in the season.

The Warriorettes played Southwest the first game after the holidays. At half-time the score was E.C. 31 and Southwest 24. With ten minutes left in the game, the score was 48-39 with E.C. in the lead. At one point, E.C. led by fifteen points. Tammie Tadlock, starting point guard, left the game with a foot injury. But the late scoring of Pam Lee, Charlene Jones, and Carla Halley kept the E.C. girls in the game and ran their overall record to 9-3. The final score was ECJC 66 and Southwest 60.

The second game was with Meridian, also played in E.C.'s home gym. East Central girls played without starting point Tammie Tadlock. Their poor shooting caused this to be a low scoring game and Meridian came out on top. The score was Meridian 46-51. Pam Lee, whose game average is 20.4, could only come away with 10 points. Charlene Jones fell below her season average by scoring only 13 points. The big plus for E.C. was rebounding of Sheila Ward.

This was not a conference game but dropped E.C. to 9-4 season record.

The third game the Warriorettes took on the defending State and Region VII Champs, Gulf Coast on their home court, Tuesday night and came away with a big conference game win.

With the score tied 55-55 all with four seconds to go, East Central's Pam Lee was fouled and made both free throws to give E.C. the win. The same thing happened last year at Gulf Coast but the free throws were missed and E.C. went into overtime and lost. But that was not to be this year as Pam Lee shot 100% from the free throw line.

East Central showed more balance by having four girls score in double figures. Tadlock had 11 points, Halley had 10, Jones with 13, and Lee with 20. The team made 19 out of 21 free throws.

The big loss suffered by Gulf Coast puts E.C. and Utica in the lead for the South-half Conference.

The Warriorettes then made the cold journey to Jones Junior College. In this game, East Central had a cold shooting percentage and were not mentally alert. At half-time the score was 25-22 with the Warriorettes in the lead. After time ran out at the end of the game, the score was 49-49. East Central pulled out a victory by scoring 15 points in five minutes. The final score E.C. 64, Jones 59.



Girls Intramurals in Action

Win 3 of last 5 games

Men collect 10 wins; 3 losses this season

The Warriors record now stands at 10-7 as the Warriors have won three of their last five games.

East Central was lead by Jim Duce and John Burkes in the 103 to 96 victory over Southwest. Duce led the Warriors with 36 points, and Burks added 26 more. Hilton Harrell of Southwest had 30 points for the night.

In East Central's 72 to 40 win over Meridian Junior College, every member of the team scored. Wade Stowers hit for 20 points and

Jim Duce made 17 points. No Meridian player scored in the double figures.

Gulf Coast beat East Central by a score of 89 to 68. Gerry Brazzle led the Warriors with 14 points. Leading scorer for Gulf Coast was Barry Bargonier with 24 points.

Jones topped the Warriors 113 to 89. Although John Burks had 34 points and Jim Duce added 26

more, it was not enough to outscore Jones with their excellent fast break and their tight zone defense.

The Warriors returned to their winning way with a 98 to 91 victory over Co-Lin. Four Warriors were in double figures. John Burks had 29; Kim Duce, 18; Wade Stowers, 17; and Billy Joe Patrick, 14. It was a very exciting game all the way, and a spectacular slam dunk by Wade Stowers turned on the crowd. With three minutes remaining E.C. went into the Four Corners Offense led by Phil Shepard. This iced the game for the Warriors.

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Intramural Standings

MEN'S LEAGUE

Nader's Raiders	3-2
Rif Raf	0-5
I Kappa Keg	2-3
Bad News Bears	1-3
MS Modulators	3-1
L'ville	3-1
Chocolate Snow	1-3
Packers	4-0
Jailbirds	2-1
Faculty	3-1

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Sassy Girls	2-1
Bionic Women	2-2
Hands Off	0-2
Stompers	3-0
I Kappa Keg	3-1
E.C. Combination	1-1

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GET OUT YOUR
PANTY-HOSE, DUDES!

The Mess East

Central Pageant

will be held Feb. 9

See Mrs. Alice

Pouncey for details.

Rough Action in boys' intramurals sends many players to the floor.

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March 13-17th

Brock, Vance capture lead roles in 'Sound of Music'

by Sue Savell

Janis Brock of Newton and Joe Vance of Lake captured the leading roles of Maria and Captain Von Trapp as a result of tryouts held for E.C.J.C.'s production of "The Sound of Music."

Other cast members include: Shannon Cleveland (Sister Berthe) - Union, Ada Boggan (Sister Margaritta) - Decatur, Melodie Measells (Mother Abbess) - Morton, Jean Mills (Sister Sophia) - Philadelphia, Judy Wolverton (Fran Schmidt) - Philadelphia, Julie Goodwin (Liesel) - Newton, Senita Dearing (Louisa) - Union, Barry Phillips (Rolf) - Forest, Regina Gibbs (Elsa) - New-

ton, Gale Boss (Ursula) - Decatur, Gary Jones (Max) - Morton, Richy Hosey (Herr Zeller) - Forest and Sue Savell (a Postulant) - Union.

Members of the Nun's Chorus include: First Soprano: Lou Ann Harper, Natalie Thompson, and Mary Wade; Second Soprano: Gail Gallop, Gayla Folsom, Jessica Harpole, Regina Moore, Judy Russel, Emily Thorne, and Jane Weaver; First Alto: Teresa Blocker, Belinda Burnham, Debra Higginbotham, Ann Hollingsworth, Velma Posey, Patti Reed and Sheila Thrash; Second Alto: Angela Hardy, Dink Hight, Lucy Hurst, Carol McFarland, Brenda Munn, and Jackie Walters.

According to Director Bruce Peterson, those students who participated in the tryouts were a "very talented group" - the largest group to tryout since he and chorus director, Bob Heritage, have been working together. Peterson also added, that because the group was so talented, it took longer to cast the musical than ever before.

The "Sound of Music" will be staged during the week of March 13-17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased the first two weeks of March. General Admission will be \$3.00. East Central students will be admitted free, but they must reserve a seat.



Friday,
February 3,
7:30 P.M.

'Miss
ECJC'
pageant
slated

Sixteen of East Central's prettiest girls will vie for the title of Miss ECJC and the right to represent East Central in the Miss Mississippi pageant in August.

The event is scheduled for February 3 at 7:30 in the

Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets for the event will be on sale at the door. Adults will pay \$2.00, and students \$1.00. The I.D. cards will not admit students free of charge to this event.

Friday afternoon the contestants will attend a tea served by the Home Economics Department. After the tea, the contestants will be interviewed by the judges and they will participate in the swimsuit competition. The swimsuit part of the program will not be open to the public.

Phi Theta Kappa members will serve as ushers for the event. Entertainment will be provided by a male vocal group under the direction of Mr. Heritage.

Judges for the pageant will be Mrs. Joan Henderson, Mr. Raymond Henderson and Mr. Johnny Barlow of Vicksburg and Mrs. Glyn Hankins and Mr. Bill Hankins of Jackson.

Cindy Hamil wins acclaim as published poet

by Patti Roebuck

Said the Robin to the Sparrow:

"I should really like to know why these anxious human beings rush around and worry so."

Said the Sparrow to the Robin:

"Friend, I think that it must be

That they have no Heavenly Father

Such as cares for you and me."

The above poem was composed by one of E.C.'s own, though she is not an anxious human being. There may be a poet in all of us, but we don't know it. The author of the above knows it, but she is quite modest for one so accomplished.

Cindy Hamil, a freshman from Carthage, is the young lady of whom I write. Cindy recently won third place in Seventeen magazine's national poetry competition.

At the beginning of first semester, Cindy sent in a poem to Seventeen. The first competition consisted of twenty winners, who had to write another poem and compete in a state competition. Cindy met with the Publications Committee of Seventeen, read her poem to them and preceeded to win the competition! But, that wasn't all, she won third place in national competition!

Twentieth Century American Authors to be published

ed within the next two years, jumped on Cindy's talent next. A New York publisher read a book of Cindy's poetry and selected six to be published in this prestigious volume. Cindy went through all the legal aspects, getting a lawyer

and signing contracts for her royalties. Cindy will receive \$375 and 10% of all royalties from the book.

Hamil is majoring in Speech Education. When asked how she got started writing poetry, Cindy replied, "A friend influenced

me. How jealous that friend must be. "I always write mainly about God and friendship," says Cindy.

She has written a small book of poems, which she calls "My Doodle Book", from which I have taken an example, which I have enjoyed, to share with you.

If We Were Really Wise

I saw tomorrow marching by

On little children's feet;
Within their forms and

faces read

The prophecy complete.

I saw tomorrow look at me
From little children's eyes,

And thought how carefully we'd teach

If we were really wise.

The poem that began Cindy's success was most likely her first, but the one that gained her recognition of success is **Steadfast Heart**. Seventeen awarded Cindy with a plaque engraved with her poem on it.



EAST CENTRAL'S POET-IN-RESIDENCE is Cindy Hamil a freshman from Carthage. Her talent has already won her national acclaim and the honor of inclusion in the anthology Twentieth Century American Authors.

Steadfast Heart

by Cindy Hamil

I've dreamed many dreams that never came true.

I've seen them vanish at dawn;

But I've realized enough of my dreams, thank God,

To make me want to dream on.

I've prayed many prayer: when no answer came,

Though I waited patient and long.

But answers have come to enough of my prayers

To make me keep praying on.

I've trusted many a friend that failed,

And left me to weep alone,

But I've found enough of my friends true-blue

To make me keep trusting on.

I've sown many a seed that fell by the way

For the birds to feed upon,

But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hand

To make me keep sowing on.

I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain

And gone many days without song,

But I've sipped enough nectar from the roses of life

To make me want to live on.

Steadfast Heart will appear in **Seventeen** in either the February or March issue. I'm sure all of Cindy's fellow E.C. students will look for it, I know I will. After all, we can say we knew her when . . .

Who's Who Results...

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men's Women Council and was on the President's List.

Cindy Pennington is in Pre-nursing. Cindy is from Decatur and participates on the Varsity Basketball team and Tennis.

Todd Gregory of Carthage is a Business Administration major. Todd participates in intramurals.

Mike Land, Physical Education major from Louisville plays Varsity football.

Pre-Med. major Mickey Vance hails from Newton. Mickey is a member of the Collegians.

Sophomore Favorites include Lucy Duncan, Senita Dearing, Shannon Cleveland, Tim Davis, Tommy McCool, and Jimmy Shepherd.

Lucy Duncan of Philadelphia is a Liberal Arts major. Lucy is a member of the French Club, the Fashion Squad, and participates in intramurals.

Senita Dearing, of Union, is majoring in Social Work. Senita is Secretary of the Sophomore class, Secretary of the ECJC Players, and was chosen Freshman Class Favorite.

Elementary Education major Shannon Cleveland is also from Union. Shannon served as Head Cheerleader, Secretary of SEA, and Vice-President of the Sophomore class. Shannon was also selected as Homecoming Queen and a Beauty in the scholarship pageant. She received the Women's Intramural Award for participating in intramurals, and was named in Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. Shannon is also a member of the SBA Spirit Committee and Hospitality Committee.

Tim Davis, of Sturgis, is a Liberal Arts major. Tim is a member of the French Club, ROTC, and participates in Varsity Baseball and intramurals.

Tommy McCool is also a Liberal Arts major hailing from Louisville. Tommy is a member of the French Club and participates in intramurals and Varsity Baseball.

Student Body Association President Jimmy Shepherd is an Industrial Engineering major from Newton. Jimmy serves as Secretary of Alpha Alpha Epsilon.

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SOPHOMORE FAVORITES for the Wo-Hi-Lo are [left to right] Jimmy Shepherd, Senita Dearing, Tim Davis, Shannon Cleveland, Lucy Duncan and Tommy McCool.



FRESHMEN FAVORITES are [seated] Janice Brock, Micky Vance, and Cindy Pennington. Standing are Todd Gregory, Carla Massey, and Mike Land.

Breland signs scholarship with Miss. State 'Dawgs

Steve Breland has signed a grant in aid football scholarship with Mississippi State University and has enrolled there this semester so that he can participate in spring training.

Steve, a guard, was selected as a member of the All State team and participated in the Junior College All Star Game in December.

In the recent Who's Who election, Steve was elected Mr. ECJC.



ECJC Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Jackets, T-Shirts, Etc. All Available in the College Bookstore



A.R.A. OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

In honor of the 12 years of A.R.A.'s service to the East Central Campus, Mr. Lee baked a gigantic birthday cake for the student body. Dr. Wright presents cake to the Student Body Association Officers Judy Russell, Judy Wolverton, and Jimmy Shepard

Coleen 'Dink' Hight reigns as "Miss ECJC"

Coleen "Dink" Hight, freshman from Philadelphia, was crowned Miss East Central Junior College in the recent Scholarship Pageant.

Named as Beauties (all freshmen) were: Debbie Livingston, who also received the \$100 scholarship, of Louisville; Angela Hardy, Philadelphia; Lisa Haralson, Conehatta, and Lisa Everett, Decatur.

The girls voted Shannon Cleveland of Union as Miss Congeniality.

"Dink" received a \$500 scholarship and will represent East Central in the Miss Mississippi Pageant this summer. "Dink" is a Liberal Arts major and serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Women's Council. She is a member of the Collegians, Choir, and I Kappa Keg. "Dink" was sponsored by the ECJC Choir. For her talent presentation, "Dink" sang "Barbara."

Debbie Livingston, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, is a Business Education major.

Angela Hardy, a Home Economics major, was sponsored by the Collegians. Angela participates in the Choir, Collegians, Modeling Squad and Intramurals.

Lisa Everett was sponsored by the Tom-Tom and is majoring in the Liberal Arts. Lisa is a member of the Choir, Collegians, Modeling Squad, and Intramurals.

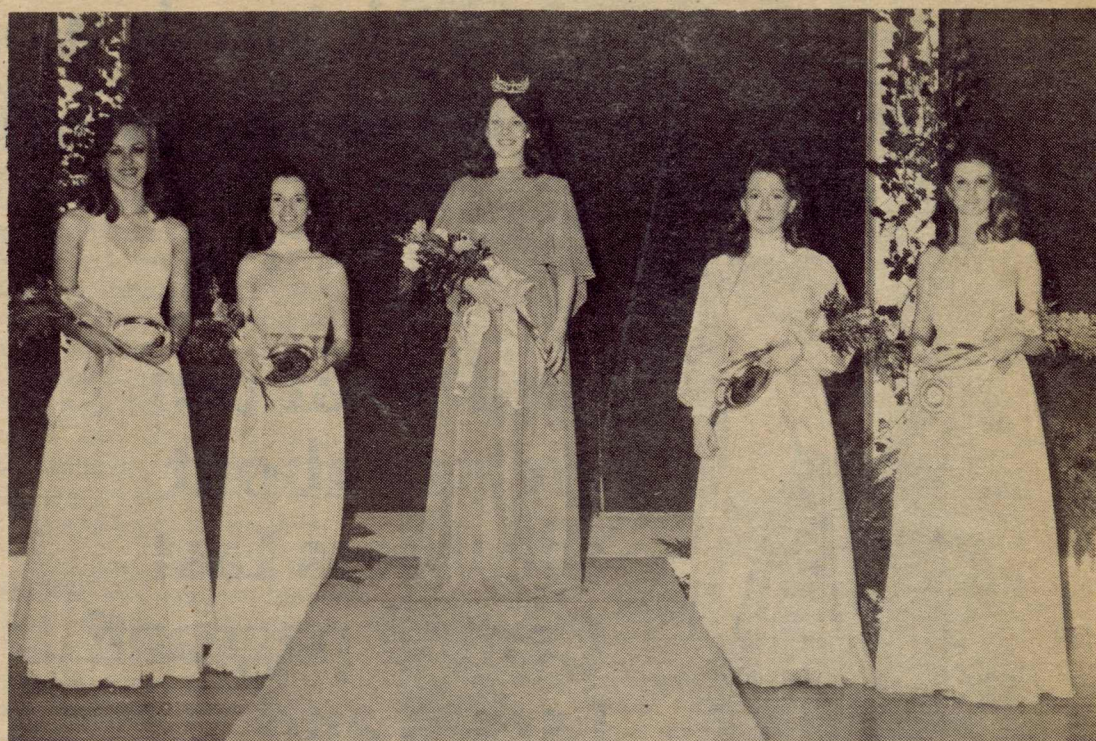
Lisa Haralson, a Pre-Nur-

"Dink" Hight [center] was crowned Miss East Central in the Beauty pageant. Debbie Livingston second from right was first alternate. Beauties [from left] were Angela Hardy, and Lisa Haralson, and [far right] Lisa Everett.

sing major, was sponsored by the Fashion Squad. Lisa, who was on the Dean's List, was also a Freshman Homecoming Maid.

Others participating in the pageant were: Mary Evans, Hickory; Ada Boggan, Cheryl Newell of Decatur; Julie Wright, Louisville; Regina Gibbs, Newton; Rita Gayle Smith, Union; Dean Collier, Walnut Grove; Gayla Folsom, Carthage; and Ann Hollingsworth and Janice Smith of Forest.

Patrons of the Scholarship Pageant were: Bank of Central Mississippi, Carthage; Bank of Forest, Forest; Bank of Philadelphia, Philadelphia; Decatur Exchange Club, Decatur; Decatur Lions Club, Decatur; Newton Chamber of Commerce, Newton; Newton County Bank, Newton, Newton; Peoples Bank of Miss., Decatur; Peoples Bank of Miss., Philadelphia; Peoples Bank of Miss., Union; The Carthage Bank, Carthage; and the Citizens Bank, Philadelphia.



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Celebration is next year....

College to observe 50th birthday

Plans are being made for East Central's fiftieth anniversary, which will be celebrated next year.

A faculty committee headed by Mr. Ovid Vickers, is hard at work on ideas for the celebration. Among suggestions being considered are a special Spring Festival honoring alumni

who were members of Who's Who through those years.

Another idea under consideration is having former Homecoming Queens and football captains honored at homecoming next year.

A decal is being designed to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary. The decal will

be printed on all "mail outs" from the campus and on campus supplies also.

The faculty committee would appreciate any suggestions from members of the student body and other members of the faculty.

On the planning committee are: Mr. Ovid Vickers, chairman; Dr. B.J. Tucker, Mrs. Ann Burkes, Mr. John Adcock, Mr. Bruce Peterson, and Mrs. Lois McMullan, and Mrs. Carrie Ann Alford.

We'll Show & Tell

Disgruntled because your club activities haven't been in the student newspaper? If you'll tell us, we'll report your news and even try to make a picture of some special occasion. After all, it's YOU that we want to make happy.

FASHION SQUAD

Fashion Squad members are [first row] Donna Reynolds, Shelia Hartness, Judy Russell, Janet Goforth, Lisa Haralson, and Debbie McDaniel; [third row] Robin Hamrick, Angela Hardy, Pam Burkes, and Cheryl Newell.

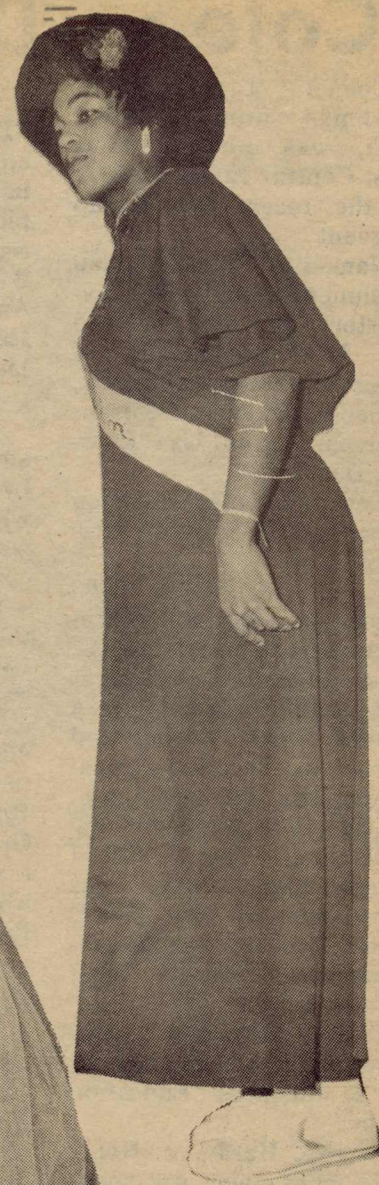


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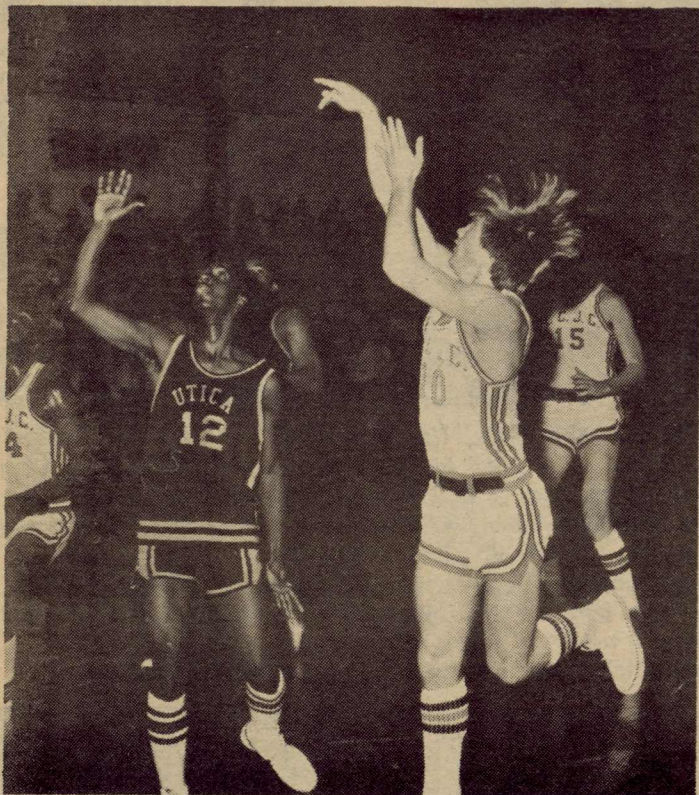
**"A picture is worth a
thousand words!"**



**And what can
we say about
the 'Mess East
Central' pageant?
Ladies and
gentlemen here
they are !**



WARRIOR SPORTS



Phil Sheperd puts up two for E.C.J.C.

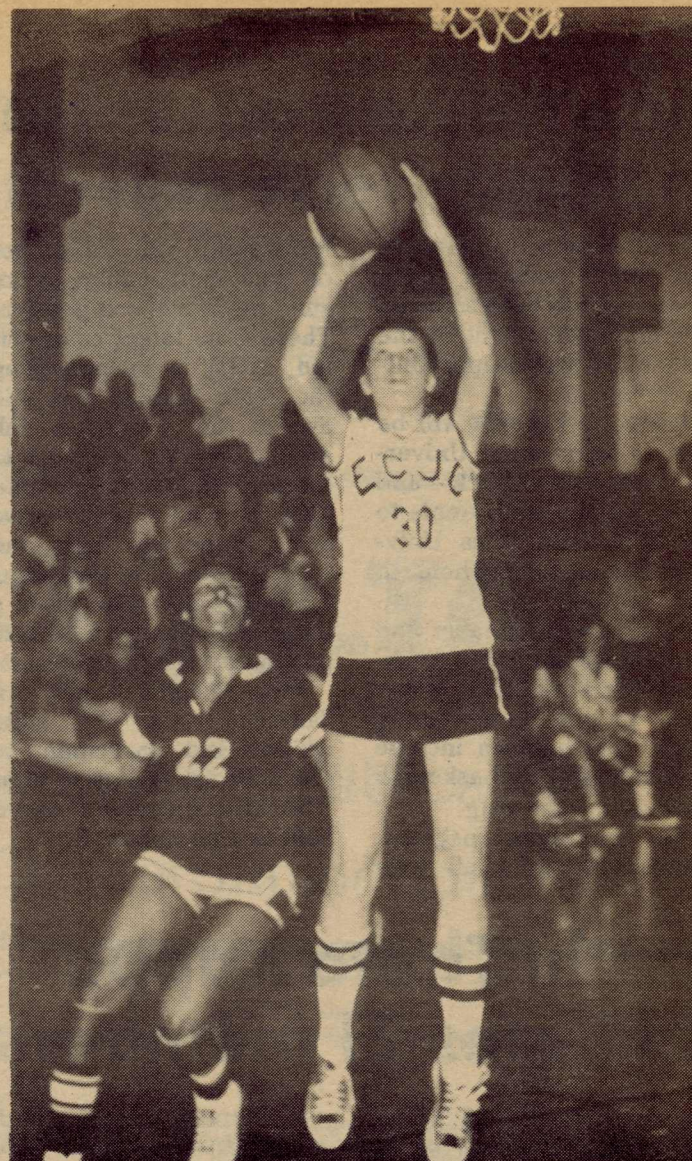
Lady Warriors eliminated from State tourney

East Central's lady Warriors went to State three years in a row. In 1976 they captured first place in the state winning over Itawamba Jr. College, who had gone two seasons without a loss. Last year they fell in the state finals to Gulf Coast who went on to win Region VII and placed seventh in the National Tournament. This year East Central entered the South Division Tournament at Hinds Jr. College as the number two team and finished the same.

The first game for East Central was against Jones. East Central was never behind in the game and handed Jones a defeat 78-48. Freshman starters Lee, Halley and Jones combined to give East Central 57 of their 78 points.

Game number two was with Utica. Utica was the only team in the South to defeat East Central two times in regular season play.

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Pam Lee gets two more points.

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE 1978 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

March 2	Tuesday	Clarke	There	1:00
March 6	Monday	Clarke	Here	2:30
March 9	Thursday	Clarke	There	1:00
March 14	Tuesday	Mississippi Delta	There	*1:00
March 17	Friday	East Mississippi	There	*1:00
March 30	Thursday	East Mississippi	Here	*1:00
April 3	Monday	Clarke	There	6:00
April 8	Saturday	Holmes	There	*1:00
April 12	Wednesday	Clarke	Here	2:30
April 14	Friday	Mississippi Delta	here	*1:00
April 18	Tuesday	Holmes	Here	*1:00

* Denotes Doubleheader

IST winners travel to Booneville

On March 11-12, the winners of the Individual Sports Tournament will travel to Northeast Junior College to compete statewide against other junior college winners.

The champion for both checkers and chess is Mike Gully of Philadelphia. Football winners were Steve Shelton and Steve Moore both of Philadelphia. The

Johnson of Decatur and Perry Winstead of Union. Gary Akins of Philadelphia copped top honors in 8-ball.

In Table Tennis singles, Troy Eichelberger of Louisville took the championship. Renee O'Steen and Lloyd Outerhout both of Morton will represent E. C. in the Table Tennis doubles. The snooker championship went to Mark Cravens of Louisville.



Winners of the intramural tournaments are: (front row) Steve Shelton, foosball; Rhonda Johnson, spades; Gary Atkins, 8-ball; (back row) Floyd Ousterhout, ping pong doubles; Troy Eichelberger, ping pong singles; Mike Gully, chess and checkers; Steve Moore, foosball; and Renee O'Steen, ping pong doubles.

Intramural BB Records



Men's League

Packers	7-1
MS Modulators	6-2
L'ville	6-2
Chocolate Snow	5-3
Jailbirds	5-3
Nader's Raiders	4-4
I Kappa Keg	2-6
Bad News Bears	1-7
Rif Raff	0-8
Faculty	7-1

Women's League

Stompers	5-1
Sassy Girls	5-1
I Kappa Keg	4-2

Bionic Women	2-4
E. C. Combination	3-3
Hands Off	1-5

[Hands Off & EC Combination forfeited out of Tournament competition]

Julie Wright is contestant in Miss Universe pageant

Julie Wright, a nineteen year old freshman from Louisville, has been selected as a state contestant in the 1978 Miss Mississippi Universe Pageant.

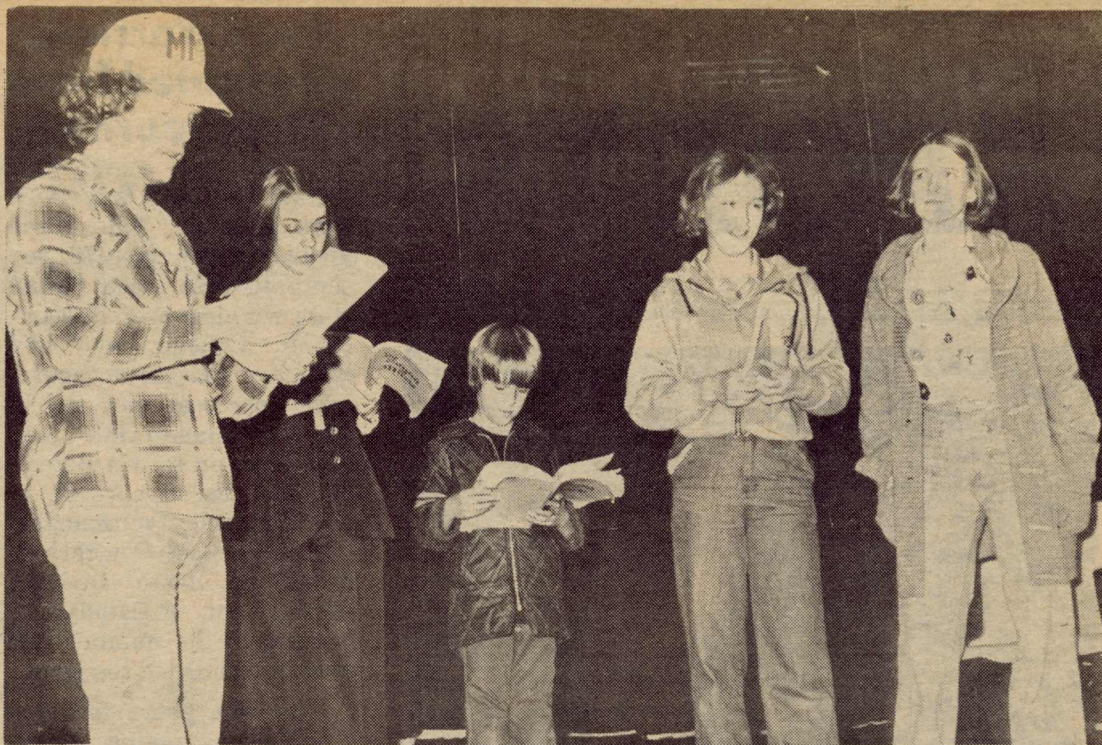
The state Pageant will be held at Mississippi University for Women March 4 and is the official state finals to the Miss USA Miss Universe Pageant to be held in May of 1978.

Julie is a cheerleader and a member of the ECJC Modeling Squad. She was a maid in the homecoming court. Her hobbies include drawing, playing basketball softball and singing.

At the state pageant, contestants from all over

Mississippi will be judges on poise-personality, swimsuit and formal competition. There is no talent competition. MUW is co-sponsoring the state pageant and will award the winner a full scholarship for one year to the university. Among other gifts the winner will receive are a round trip flight and ten days stay at the national finals, jewelry, \$100 cash, a crown, banner, a 16x20 portrait and gift certificates.

Miss Leigh Tapely of Jackson is the 1977 state winner and participant in the national televised Miss USA-Miss Universe Pageant held in Charleston, S.C.



REHEARSING FOR "SOUND OF MUSIC"

Rehearsing a scene from the "Sound of Music," to be presented March 13-17 by East Central Junior College, are: (from left) Gary Jones of Morton, who will appear as Max; Julie Goodwin of Newton, Steve Deaton of Decatur, Alicia Pouncey of Decatur, and Senita Dearing of Union, who will all portray Captain Von Trapp's Children.

Tickets are \$3.00 each and can be obtained by sending a check or money order to: Tickets, Box 16, East Central Junior College, Decatur, MS, along with a stamped self-addressed envelope or instructions to hold your tickets at the door.

All seats are reserved. Get Your tickets early as there is limited seating available.

Phi Theta Kappa initiates 21 members

Phi Theta Kappa added twenty-one students to its membership in initiation ceremonies held Monday, February 20, at 7 p.m. in the Gordon Room.

The new members include: Debbie Adkins-Philadelphia, Telecia Beckham-Union, Bertha Bishop-Decatur, Patty Calvert-Collinsville, Al Caskey-Newton, Bobby Cleveland-Union, Dean Collier-Walnut Grove, Retha Goldman-Philadelphia, Lisa Haralson-Decatur, Joy-

ce Johnson-Union, Linda Killen-Union, Debbie Livingston-Louisville, Carla Massey-Noxapater, Elmer Mullins, Jr.-Biloxi, Pat E. Nelson-Union, Donna Savell-Decatur, Theresa Walton-Union, Teresa Warnock-Vicksburg, Elizabeth Williams-Little Rock, Perry Winstead-Union, and Judy Yarbrough-Newton.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Hunter Cole who serves as Associate Director of National Phi Theta Kappa.

LADY WARRIORS....Continued

East Central lead at times in the game by 10 points, but Utica always seemed to get the lead. As time was running out, East Central was a one point lead, Utica was called for walking Carla Halley was fouled with one second in the game and the one point lead was the difference.

East Central couldn't do anything right in the final

game with Southeast. They suffered from poor shooting, ball handling, and poor play in general. Pam Lee was the only player to score her game average for the year; she lead with 21 points. Charlene Jones scored 11 and Carla Halley 10.

Ginny Ott and Dawn Ash burned the nets for 21 points each and East Central fell 75 to 52.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

Now is the time to assemble rosters for Intramural Softball which will begin March 1st.

Entry forms may be picked up in the Activity Center Office. The deadline to enter is February 24th.

Anyone interested in officiating intramural softball see Mr. Glen Hicks.

Dorothy Mathis selected Band All-State

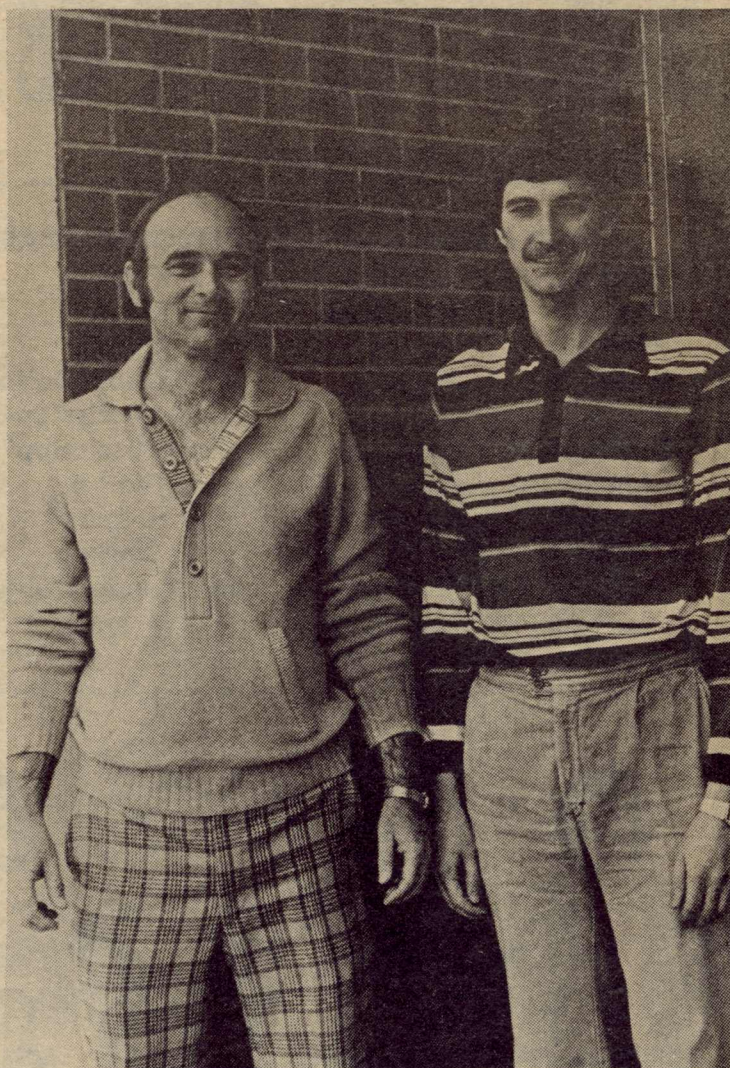
Dorothy Mathis of Morton recently qualified for the Junior College ALL-State Band.

The only one chosen from east Central, Dorothy placed first chair in Bass Clarinet section.

The Junior College ALL-State Band includes band students from all sixteen Mississippi Junior Colleges. Everyone selected held a practice session at Holmes Junior College the week before Christmas Holidays. The concert was held on Jan. 25 for the Legislators at the Capitol Building in Jackson.

They went on to Atlanta on Jan. 28 to present a concert for the Southern Division of College Band Directors Association at their convention.

Dorothy is a sophomore and President of MENC (Music Education National Conference). She is also a member of the ECJC Marching Band and Concert Choir, and the ECJC Pit Orchestra for the musical "The Sound of Music."



ALPHA ALPHA EPSILON SPEAKER

Maury Gunter (left), a consulting engineer in Newton talks with Steve Hillman of Carthage, President of Alpha Alpha Epsilon engineering society at East Central Junior College. Gunter was the feature speaker at the Alpha Alpha Epsilon meeting last week and talked to the students about the advantages of becoming a professional engineer, emphasizing the benefits derived from belonging to a professional engineering society.



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PTK members off to national convention

A week of fun and sun awaits several Phi Theta Kappa members who plan to leave Tuesday, April 4, enroute to the National Convention in Orlando, Florida.

The group, accompanied by sponsors, Mr. Rudolph Mayes and Mrs. Sara Heard, will stopover in Pensacola, Florida on Tuesday and continue the trip to Orlando on Wednesday. While in Orlando the students will be staying in the Orlando Hyatt

House where the convention activities will be held.

Events scheduled during the week, besides the election of National officers, includes a tour of Cape Kennedy and Florida Jetty Park Beach, an awards banquet and dance, and a day at Walt Disney World. The students will also be attending various meetings in an attempt to gain insight into the National Theme of "Man

Alive-Can He Survive". Speakers during the week include Fred Haise, who will speak on "The Role of Space in Man's Survival," and Richard Johnson, Manager of Training and Development at Walt Disney World,

who will speak on "Disney Science and Technology."

While these students are on their way to Florida, a bus of Phi Theta Kappa members from junior colleges across Oklahoma are scheduled to arrive in Decatur

Tuesday night where they will be guests of the college until their departure Wednesday morning.

Those attending the National Convention from East Central will return from Orlando Sunday, April 9.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Sue Savell, a sophomore from Union, has been awarded a \$100 Scholarship from the Neshoba-Newton Counties chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, a women teachers organization.

Sue plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi to major in journalism and English secondary education.

At East Central Sue is editor of the **TOM-TOM** and a member of Phi Theta Kappa which she serves as secretary. She is a member of the ECJC Players and has taken part in productions of "Every Body's Secret" and "Sound of Music." She was selected to the East Central's Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

Tentative plans for ECJC cheerleader camp told

Tentative plans are being made for a cheerleader camp to be held this summer on the East Central campus. A minimum of 50 participants will be necessary for the camp to be held.

The camp is for both junior high and high school cheerleaders. It is open to individuals as well as to groups.

July 17 through 19 are the

dates for the commuting camp. The dorms will not be open. Classes will be held daily from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Included in the \$15 camp fee will be an East Central tee shirt, insurance while in transit and on campus, a noon meal each day, and trophy or awards.

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Teachers, kids play musical roles

If you've seen any of the rehearsals for the musical "The Sound of Music", you might be wondering who those adorable kids who play the Von Trapp children are.

Those kids are the product of our own East Central faculty. They are Sherri McMullan, Amy Pouncey, Alicia Pouncey, and Steve Deaton.

Sherri is the ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McMullan. Mr. McMullan is a counselor and Mrs. McMullan teaches Mathematics. Sherri plays the part of "Gretel", the youngest of the Von Trapp children and hasn't had stage fright. Sherri plans to attend E.C. and follow in Mom's footsteps and teach Math. Her favorite section of the musical is in the last act when the Von Trapps climb the mountain to "Climb Every Mountain".

Amy Pouncey is the nine year old daughter of Coach and Mrs. Ken Pouncey. Coach Pouncey can be found on the football field and Mrs. Alice Pouncey in the kitchen. When asked if someone had to "twist her arm" to be in the production, Amy replied, "I wanted to be in all right!" Amy wants to be a nurse and attend E.C. She plays the part of "Marta".

Alicia Pouncey's parents can be found in the same place as Amy's. If you haven't already figured it out, the two girls are sisters. Alicia is "Briggita", the child who is surprisingly candid. Alicia admits to having the "jitters" every now and then. She is twelve

years old and plans to be a veterinarian.

Steve Deaton is the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Deaton. Mr. Deaton teaches science and Mrs. Deaton is a secretary. Steve portrays "Kurt" and isn't a bit nervous. Steve's favorite

part is when the Captain blows his whistle for the children to stand in line at attention. He wants to be a mechanic.

The kids have all agreed that the big kids have been treating them right and that most have been pretty nice.



The children in the "Sound Of Music" were Sherri McMullan, Alicia and Amy Pouncey and Steve Deaton



The Bridal Show held all the trappings of "The Real Thing."

Spring/Summer bridal show held

If you are planning that special day, I hope you didn't miss the Spring and Summer Bridal Show presented by the ECJC Fashion Squad and The Wedding Belle of Jackson held recently on campus.

The ECJC Fashion Squad Models who participated in the show were: Pam Burkes, Lucy Duncan, Lisa Everett, Janet Goforth, Donna Reynolds, Angela Hardy, Robin Hamrick, Lisa Haralson, Lynn Harkins, Debbie McDaniel, Cheryl Newell, Terri Walton, Denice Rector, Judy Russell, and Julie Wright.

Escorts for the event included Ken Carter, Ernie Coward, Kent Ozborn, Perry Winstead, and Jimmy Shepherd.

Shelia Thrash and Dink Hight presented the Wedding Music. Melanie Hunter of Philadelphia served as Flower Girl. "Mothers-of-

the-couple" were Mrs. Billy Burkes of Philadelphia and Mrs. James. B. Everett of Decatur.

The Bridal Fashions were from The Wedding Belle of Jackson. Men's formal wear were from Randall's of Jackson, and bride's and bride-maid's bouquets were from Alford's Flower Cottage of Philadelphia and the Wedding Belle of Jackson. The wedding cake was furnished by Union Bakery and the flowers were by Mrs. Martha Graham.

Door prizes were provided by Gale's American Shop of Decatur, White's Gift Shop of Newton, Randall's Formal Wear of Jackson, Stuart C. Tune's Photography of Newton, Breland Building Supply of Philadelphia, and The Wedding Belle of Jackson.

Models manicures and hairstyles were by the ECJC Cosmetology Department.



Lisa Everett models bridesmaid gown.



WINNERS of the Phi Theta Kappa talent show for faculty members were Mrs. Martha Graham, Mr. Ovid Vickers, and Mr. Bruce Peterson. Dean Denver Brackeen made the presentation.

Shirley Townsend....

First female enrolls in masonry course

Whoever said "a woman's place is in the kitchen", didn't know Shirley Townsend.

Not only is Shirley the only woman enrolled in bricklaying at East Central, she is also the first woman to take the course. Another interesting thing is that her husband, Marzett is also enrolled in the course.

Shirley and Marzett have four children ages 6, 10, 12, and 14. Their children wanted to know why Mother wanted to lay bricks. Although she confessed the primary reason was for the money, Shirley added, "I like outside work better than inside and I have something to show for my work."

Mrs. Townsend has held a variety of jobs including: secretary, grocery clerk, bookkeeper, and sales lady, but says that bricklaying is much easier than either of these. She likes it better.

Marzett seemed to like the

idea that his wife was bricklaying along with him. "A woman goes to college for four years and works for peanuts," he said. Bricklaying pay is from \$4.00 to \$4.50 an hour and may get up to \$7.50 to \$8.00 in this area and \$10.00 in other areas.

The Townsends are taking the 12 month course and will receive a certificate at the end of that time. They must then start off with a one year apprenticeship. They laughed that it was doubtful that they would work as a team.

Shirley said that it takes a good instructor to teach a woman and that none of the other 12 males in the class held any prejudice against her. She claims she can hold out all day and can do anything the rest can do.

Mrs. Townsend added that if her husband hadn't started the course, it was doubtful that she'd have done it on her own.

Vacancy on cheerleader squad requires election

A vacancy on next year's sophomore cheerleading squad will require an election. Sharon Hunt, a cheerleader from this year's freshman class, will not return to East Central next year. A replacement for her must be selected by the judges.

The selection will be made on April 11. Any present freshman who is interested in trying out for the position which is open should contact Mrs. Pitts, cheerleader sponsor.

Returning cheerleaders for next year are Julie Goodwin and Rita Gail Smith. Cheerleaders for next

year will receive \$70 per semester toward tuition.

Freshman cheerleaders will be selected on the same day, April 11.

All candidates will begin practicing at 10 o'clock. They should be ready to present one high school cheer. This year's cheerleaders will teach them an East Central cheer.

The three freshmen cheerleaders and one sophomore cheerleader will be selected by judges who will rate them on poise, interview results, skill in doing cheers, and quickness in learning the new cheer.

-CORRECTION-

In the last issue of the Tom-Tom, it was inadvertently printed that "Dink" Hight was selected as "Miss ECJC" "Dink's" correct

title is "Miss East Central Junior College". Jessica Harpole is "Miss ECJC".

Julie Wright's name was accidentally omitted from the list of contestants.

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WARRIOR SPORTS

Girls' Basketball - the the success of Coach Wood

At East Central, one year the football team may have a good season or the boys basketball team may have the winning year, but there is one sport that consistently has a top team. That is the

women's basketball team. That success is due primarily to the coach, Lucille Wood.

Miss Wood was selected this year to coach the South All-Star team in the first women's Junior College All-

Boys Intramural BB Champions, left to right, (front); Glen Beard, Carl Wilbanks, James Moore, Steve Shelton, Steve Watkins, (back) Steve Combest, Ricky Harrison, Bill Dickens, John Muse, and Tommy McCool.

Star Team.

Since 1966 when women's basketball was organized on a limited basis, Miss Wood's teams have achieved a 116-52 record. They were State Champions in 1970, 1973, and 1976. In 1976 they were North Division Champs and in 1977 placed second in the State.

Miss Wood is a native of Louisville, where she graduated from high school. She has an AA degree from East Central and a BS and MA from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Miss Wood has an obvious concern about the success of "her players". It is important to her that the girls do their best scholastically, as well as do their best on the basketball court. She stresses good sportsmanship as an important attribute in her players. She is a constant inspiration to the girls to develop to their full potential in every facet of life.

Three players who have played at East Central are on the first team of senior colleges today. Diana Lyons, a member of last year's team, is playing for the University of Southern Mississippi and is one of their key players. At Jackson State, Evelyn Bender and Jeanette Barnes are starting players. These girls attribute much of their success today to the leadership given to them by Miss Wood.

Girls' team...

High honors reach 4 members of BB team

East Central Jr. College women's basketball players and their coach received many outstanding honors for themselves and their school during their 1977-78 season. Four players were honored for their outstanding play and leadership.

Pam Lee, freshman forward, from Neshoba Central, was the number one choice of the South division coaches as the outstanding player. Pam finished the season as the number three scoring player in the state with a 21.1 average.

East Central's freshman center, Charlene Jones, from Forest was chosen to the All-Region VII first team and because of her outstanding play in the Region VII Tournament at Cleveland, Tenn., made the All-Tournament team. On the State level, she was chosen to the second team All-State. She ended her first season of play with a 16.0 scoring average and 10.6 rebound average.

On a team loaded with freshmen starters, another honor went to freshman Carla Halley from Morton. Carla had a 11.3 scoring average and 7.2 rebound average and was selected Honorable Mention All-State.

East Central's Tammie Tadlock was chosen to play in the first Junior College All-Star Game at Holmes Jr. College. Tammie, the point guard, is the one who put the

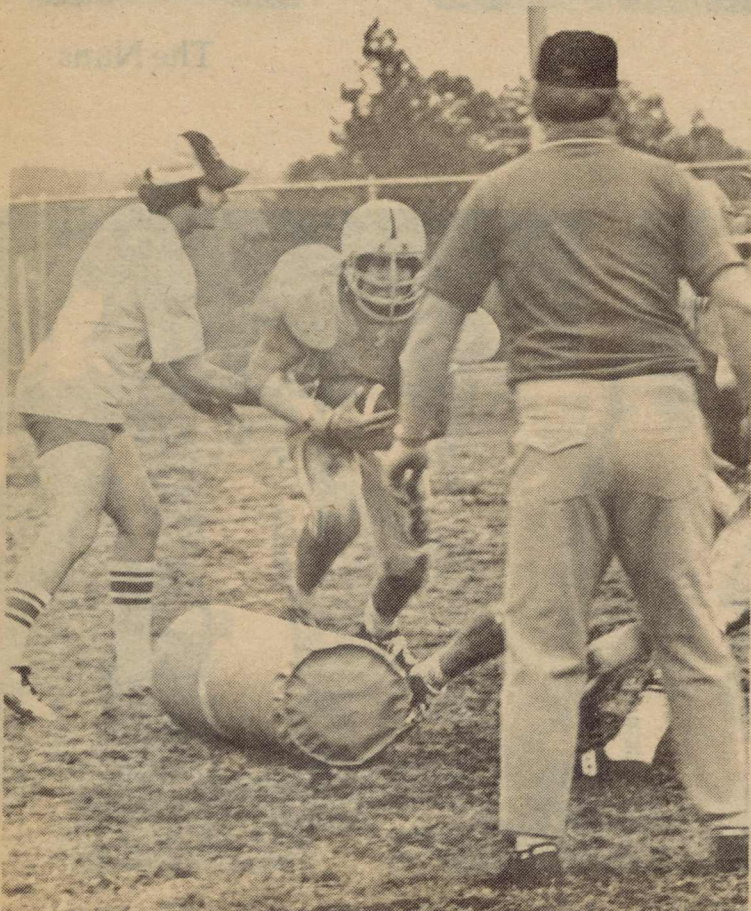
go into the team for two years.

The players didn't just go away with all the honors. Their coach, Lucille Wood, was chosen as one of the coaches for the first Jr. College All-Star Game. In another first, Miss Wood is one of the top twenty-two Jr. College coaches in the nation competing for the first Kennedy Enterprises, Inc. sponsored Jr. College Coach of the Year. Miss Wood is one of the two coaches chosen from Region 3 of AIAW. Region 3 in AIAW consists of Miss., Ala., Ga., and Fla.

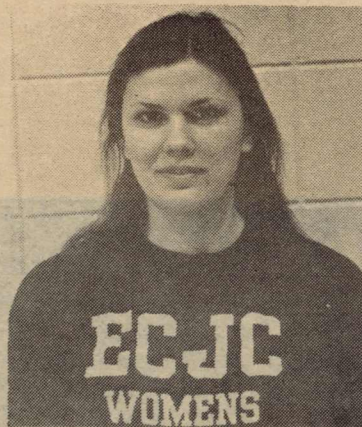
Her coaching record at East Central since 1966 is 118 wins and 52 losses. Her teams have won three state championships, a North division championship, second in the state and has been in the State play off the last three years in a row plus two Region VII tournaments. All of this was done with players from Newton, Leake, Neshoba, Winston, and Scott counties.

Miss Wood stated, "I am pleased with all the honors these players have received this year. I know this will serve as a motivating force for our freshmen to be even better next year. Lee, Halley and Jones could give us that solid sophomore foundation for next year. With some hard work, they could make me forget Bender, Barnes and Lyon of 1976".

All student awards will be given at the All Sports Banquet in April.



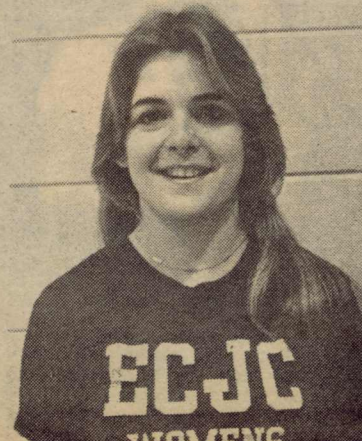
Although the weather has been far from ideal, spring training and tryouts have gone smoothly.



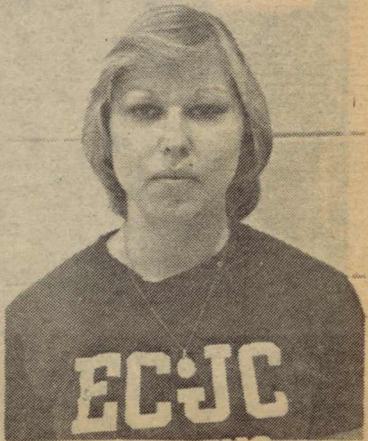
Pam Lee



Charlene Jones



Carla Halley



Tammie Tadlock

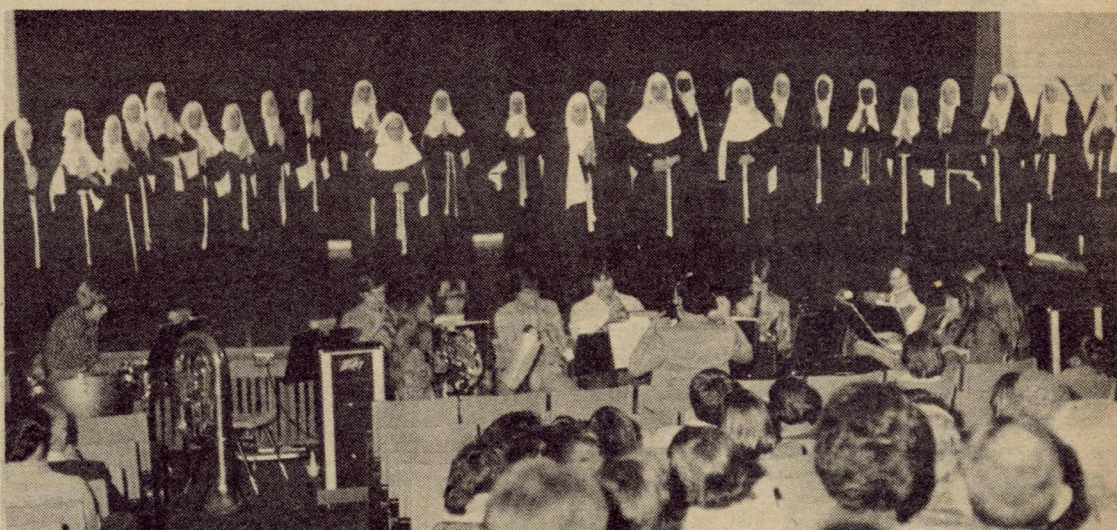
SCENES FROM THE SOUND OF MUSIC



Julie Goodwin and Mike McDonald



Julie Goodwin
and
Janis Brock



The Nuns



Sherri McMullan, Mike McDonald, Julie Goodwin,
Gary Jones, Amy Pouncey, Alicia Pouncey, Senita
Dearing, Steve Deaton, Judy Wolverton.

Three students named to ECJC Hall Of Fame

The Tom-Tom proudly announces the naming of Shannon Cleveland, Danny Killen, and Jo Ann Wright to the 1977-78 Hall of Fame. To be named to the Hall of Fame is one of the most prestigious honors on the East Central campus. Pictures of the winners will be hung at the entrance to the auditorium.

The criteria for selection are (1) leadership, (2) extra-curricular participation, (3) scholarship and (4) character. A faculty committee makes the selection from nominees from both the faculty and the students. There is no set number of Hall of Famers; the number of selections varies from year to year.

Shannon Cleveland, of Union, has been active in many activities on campus. She served as head cheerleader and has shown her leadership abilities in the SEA, intermurals, and other activities. Shannon was homecoming queen this year and was a beauty in last year's Miss East Central beauty pageant. In this year's pageant she was selected Miss Congeniality.

One of the nominations for Shannon stated: "I wish to nominate Miss Shannon Cleveland for selection to the Hall of Fame because of

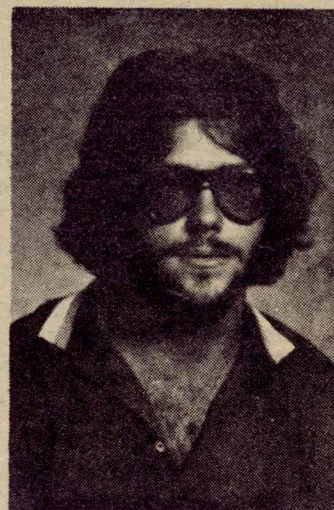
her many outstanding activities and participation in several facets of campus activity. I have had to deal with her during her two years at East Central, and I consider her to be among our outstanding students. Therefore, I feel she is most worthy of this honor." Miss Cleveland has maintained a 3.280 grade point average during her first three semesters at East Central.

Danny Killen, also of Union, is president of Phi Theta Kappa, Vice president of the Engineering Club, and a leader in ROTC. One nomination for Danny stated: "Danny has been an outstanding student while at East Central...His grades are reflective of such."

Jo Ann Wright, of Decatur, was a December graduate of East Central. Jo Ann is an English major who participated in the French Club, Phi Theta Kappa, choir, ECJC players, Collegians, Tom-Tom staff, Wo-He-Lo staff, and band. In last year's Miss East Central Beauty Pageant, Jo Ann was named Miss Congeniality. A nomination stated: "Jo Ann was very active in student life at ECJC. While maintaining a 3.7, she participated in a multitude of activities."



Shannon Cleveland



Danny Killen



Jo Ann Wright

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Awards Day program is today

One of the most prestigious events of the school year, Awards Day, will be held Tuesday, April 25, during third period in the Huff Auditorium. It is on this day that those students who have excelled in the various fields of study are recognized.

The majority of the Academic Awards are based on the student's grade point average in a particular subject, while others such as the Player's Award are

voted on by the members of a particular organization.

Academic Awards to be presented include: the Tom-Tom Editor Award, Delta State University Scholarship, Citizenship Award, Ruth Hill Award for Home Economics, French Award, Player's Award, Secondary Education Award, Freshman Math Award, Frank E. Leatherwood Award for Biological Sciences, Singer's Award, Sophomore ROTC Leadership Award, Fresh-

man ROTC Leadership Award, J. Andy Miller Award for Freshman Engineering, Freshman Chemistry Award, Outstanding ROTC Leadership Award, and the Most Promising Journalism Student Award.

Memorial Awards to be presented include: the Opal McMullan Dickerson Award

for Elementary Education, Sara Carr Deaton Award for Secretarial Science, Charles E. Pennington Award for Business, Dr. Edwin Miller Award for Medical Services, Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Award for Speech, Women's Intramurals Award, Altha Chaney Award for English, Earline Wood Award for

Women's Basketball, Jack B. Mayo Award for Phi Theta Kappa, Andrew F. Webb Award for Football, W.A. Coursey, Jr. Award for Engineering, William S. Griffin Award for Intramurals, and the Howard Sessums Award for Men's Basketball.

ECJC graduate to speak

by LILLIE HARRISON

East Central Junior College has scheduled graduation exercises for May 5th at 8:00 p.m.

Approximately 208 students will receive degrees and diplomas from East Central this year. Since there were no mid-term graduation exercises, 30 vocational students and 5 academic students will receive degrees from mid-term.

There are 120 academic candidates for degrees in May and 53 vocational students.

The guest speaker for graduation exercises will be Dr. Gerald Walton. Dr. Walton is the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Mississippi. He is a graduate of East Central.

The graduation exercises will be held at the football stadium if the weather permits. If it rains, the exercises will take place in the large auditorium.



TOP 5 ACTING AWARDS

[L to R] Ada Boggan, Gary Jones, Regina Gibbs, Richy Hosey and Julie Goodwin.

(see story, additional picture page 5)

Exam Schedule

by DEBORAH HARRIS

Exams for the 1978 spring semester will be held during April 28-May 2.

On Friday, April 28, periods 2, 7 and 4 will be held at 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m. respectively.

Monday, May 1, the 3rd, 8th and 1st period exams will take place at 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. and 1:13 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. respectively.

The final exams will be on Tuesday, May 2, for the 6th

and 5th periods. The 6th period exam will be at 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and the 5th period from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m.

On April 27, all two semester hour course exams will be given during regular class meetings.

All one semester hour courses will be given at the last regular class meeting.

On May 2, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., all vocational course exams will be given.

Should any conflict in schedule arise, the students can contact the registrar.

Peggy Smith of Decatur, Tamara Sammons of Louisville and Gwen Dickinson of Newton. The sophomore selected was Brenda Munn of Neshoba Central.

The girls were judged on form, smile, spirit, jumps, voice, and eye contact.

Le Cercle Francais supper

by ALLEN K. MUSE

The Le Cercle Francais of East Central Junior College closed out its 1977-78 year, Wednesday, April 12, with a picnic-barbque held at the home of Dr. Shelby Harris.

The 14 members and one visitor were treated to a carport barbque from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Dr. Harris served as chef for the event, and Madame Elisabeth Rowell, the club sponsor, acted as hostess.

After the meal, the members presented Madame Rowell and Dr. Harris with gifts to show their appreciation.

Following the gift presentation, the group toured the beautiful backyard and patio of Dr. Harris' home.

Summer school rules

by LILLIE HARRISON

The schedule for the 1978 summer school session at East Central has been released by the Registrar, Frank Rives.

Registration for the first five weeks of the summer session will begin on May 29. The second five weeks will begin July 3.

Any student wishing to attend the summer session may carry two courses and six semester hours credit

each five weeks. All courses except laboratory will meet two hours per day, five days a week.

There will be approximately 200 students attending summer school at East Central for the 1978 summer session.

All students interested in attending summer school at East Central should contact Mr. Rives or go by the front office and pick up a schedule.

Concert Choir presented in Spring Concert

by CAROL McFARLAND

The spring Choir Concert was held as part of the week of activities preceeding dead week.

Twice a week, for three weeks, the ECJC Choir has held mass choir rehearsals in the Fine Arts Auditorium preparing themselves for the annual Spring Concert.

The choir divided the

program into 2 sections. Part 1 is secular with such songs as "Chose Something Like a Star" by Randall Thompson and "A Jubilant Song" by Norman Dello Lois. Part 2 includes sacred songs like "Come, Soothing Death" by J.S. Bach and "Let Thy Holy Presence" by P. Tschesnokoff. Solos will be sung by Ada Boggan, Lucy Hurst, and Janice Brock.

New cheerleaders named

ECJC cheerleader tryouts were held for the 1978-79 school session on Tuesday, April 11 in Huff Auditorium.

There was a total of 15 freshmen and four sophomore girls who tried out, of which four freshmen and one sophomore were selected. Judging the girls were Mr. Ovid Vickers, Mrs. Sara

Heard and Mrs. Jessie Everett.

It was necessary for the sophomores to tryout because of a vacancy left on the cheerleading squad by Sharon Hunt of Philadelphia, who will not return to East Central next year.

Freshmen selected were Melinda Roebuck of Union,

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First Five Weeks - Beginning May 29, 1978 - Schedule of Classes

FIRST PERIOD --- 8:00 A.M. --- 10:00

Business: Intermediate Typewriting 1113, Section 101

Education: General Psychology 1513, Section 103

English: English Composition 1113, Section 105
English Literature 2323, Section 107

Mathematics: Fundamentals of Mathematics 1423, Sec. 109

Music: Survey of Music 1113, Section 111

Science: Chemistry 1214 (lecture), Section 113

**Biology 1133 (lecture and lab), Section 115

Physical Science 2213, Section 117

Political Science: Am. National government 1113, Sec. 119

**Biology 1133 Classes begin at 7:30 A.M.

SECOND PERIOD --- 10:30 A.M. --- 12:30 P.M.

Business: Intermediate Shorthand 1213, Section 201

Education: General Psychology 1513, Section 211

English: English Composition 1113, Section 215
English Literature 2323, Section 215

Mathematics: College Algebra 1313, Section 217

Applied Music: Class Piano 1511, Section 219

Class Piano 2511, Section 221

Class Voice 1711, Section 223

Class Voice 2711, Section 225

Science: Chemistry 1214 (laboratory), Section 227

*Physics 2323 (lecture and lab), Section 229

**Biology 1133 (lecture and lab), Section 231

Social Science: World History 1113, Section 233

*Physics 2323 ends at 12:45 **Biology 1133 class will end at 12:45

Second Five Weeks - Beginning July 3, 1978 - Schedule Of Classes

FIRST PERIOD --- 8:00 A.M. --- 10:00 A.M.

Business: Advanced Typewriting 2113, Section 102

Speech: Speech 1113, Section 104

English: English Composition 1123, Section 106

Mathematics: College Algebra 1313, Section 108

Science: Chemistry 1224 (lecture), Section 110

**Biology 1143 (lecture and lab), Section 112

Physical Science 2223, Section 114

Sociology: Intr. to Sociology 2113, Section 116

Marriage and Family 2143, Section 118

**Biology 1143 class will begin at 7:30 A.M.

SECOND PERIOD --- 10:30 A.M. --- 12:30 P.M.

Business: Advanced Shorthand 2213, Section 202

Education: Hm. Growth & Dev. 2523, Section 210

English: English Composition 1123, Section 204
English Literature 2333, Section 206

Mathematics: Trigonometry 1323, Section 208

Science: Chemistry 1224, (laboratory), Section 212

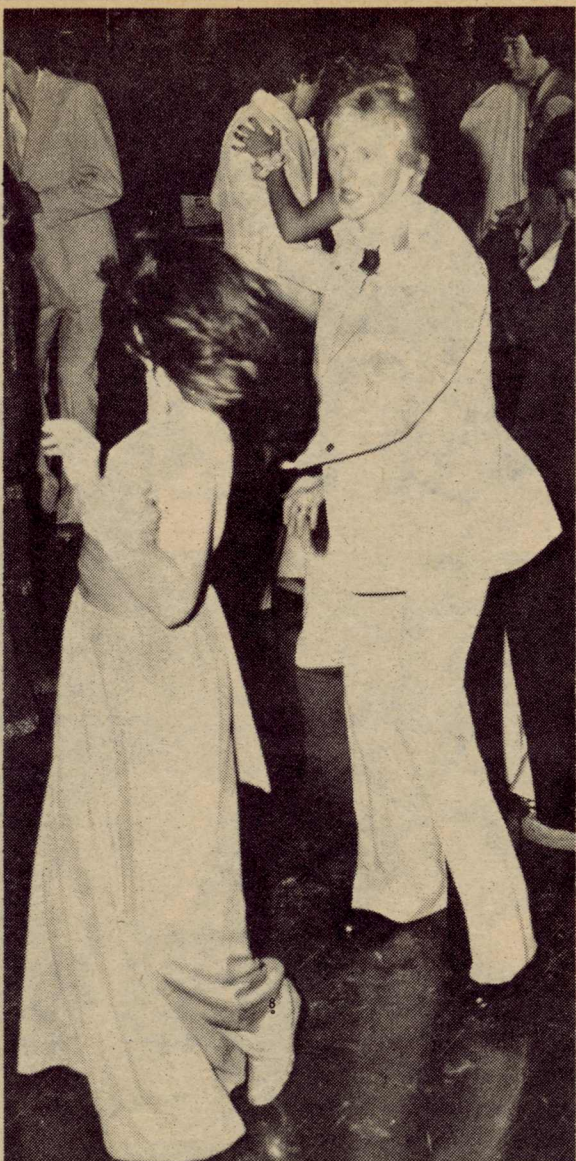
*Physics 2333, Section 214

**Biology 1143 (lecture and lab), Section 216

Social Science: World History 1123, Section 218

*Physics 2333 will end at 12:45 **Biology 1143 will end at 12:45

**They
could
have**



**danced
all
night**



'Femininity' stands out in day's fashion

This year's Spring and Summer fashions may be functional but there's no doubt as to their femininity.

The colors are splashes of soft pastels adorned with ruffles, ribbons, lace and bows. However, despite the emphasis on "feminine" the body is more than often lost among this season's look of loose and fluttery, a bonanza for the little woman clever with a needle because of the absence of fit. It's the era of the limp look.

For the modern woman who looks for functional and comfortable clothes, there are a number of trousered suits, albeit a feminized version, with jackets that can be worn with a skirt or dress. In fact skirts seem to be the going thing, wrap-around, tiered, slender and straight, gored, and pleated.

To offset the trouser suits

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To offset the trouser suits and skirts are utterly feminine, frilly, filmy blouses in a vivid color or pure white, tying at a low line or worn with a stringy black tie.

Dresses for daytime strike a new unsophisticated look with loose tops, imitably bloused more or less, with sleeves oscillating between the batwing, deep raglan, or fullness gathered into cuffs.

Lengths are mainly as you like it, but you won't be seeing many knees since most lengths will fall around



The fashion squad models the latest in spring fashions [Left to Right] Lisa Everett, Angela Hardy, Julia Wright,

Janet Goforth, Lucy Duncan, Judy Russell and Cheryl Newell.

mid-calf.

The heat of the Summer will show the return of last year's sundress, with handkerchief trim, spaghetti straps and the elasticized bodice.

Shorts are returning in longer lengths, among the favorites, the "safari short" which rides about three to four inches above the knee. The "hotpants" look, however, is dead.

For topping shorts, bathing suits, or etc., tropical prints in bright colors are in, often toned down with pastel t-shirts and pants.

Despite the return to looser styles the bathing suit

for "78" is brief. The "77" mailot, made only for the perfect figure, will return as will the barer forms-held together by a few cleverly placed knots.

Honor students return from trip to Florida



Phi Theta Kappa Members set off to Florida for the National Convention. They are [Left to Right] Mrs. Sara Heard, Lucy Hearst, Danny Killens, Retha Goldman, Debbie Livingston, Teresa Warnock, Judy Yarborough, Sherry Vance, Bobby Cleveland, Randy Richardson and Terri Walton.

by ALLEN MUSE

Twelve members of East Central's Phi Theta Kappa recently returned from the Phi Theta Kappa 60th Annual Convention held at the Orlando Hyatt House in Kissimmee, Florida, April 6-8.

The members and their sponsors, Mrs. Sarah Heard and Mr. Rudolph Mayes, departed East Central at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 4. They planned to stop and spend the night at Pensacola. After a slow trip, they arrived in Pensacola around 5:30 p.m.

The group left Pensacola about 8:00 the next morning and headed for Kissimmee. After a long, tiring trip, with few stops, the group arrived in Kissimmee about 7:30 p.m.

The next day, Thursday, was filled with many activities. These ranged from registration to the first and second General Sessions. The day was also made by special meetings, speeches, and presentation of national candidates.

Friday's special events included a tour of Cape Kennedy, NASA, and Jetty Park Beach. The evening was filled with the Awards Banquet, and the Phi Theta Kappa dance.

Saturday held the Third General Session, a trip to Disney World, and the installation of new officers.

After a very tiring convention, the group departed Kissimmee early Sunday morning and arrived at E.C. about 7:30 p.m.

Players stage their own 'Academy Awards'

The E.C.J.C. Players staged their own "Academy Awards" program Monday night in the Fine Arts Auditorium and several students left as winners.

Serving as Mistress of Ceremonies was Regina Gibbs who serves as President for the Players organization. Special entertainment was provided by Julie Goodwin and Barry Phillips who re-created their Sound of Music roles as Liesl Von Trapp and Rolf Gruber in the musical number "Sixteen Going on Seventeen."

Because of lack of recognition in the past, the Awards Committee decided to spotlight six outstanding crew members that had contributed to the success of the dinner theater and the spring musical. Recipients of the "Outstanding Crew Member" awards, all of whom worked with the production of *The Sound of Music*, were: Donna Reynolds, who served as hostess and house manager, Judy Deel and Dale Triplett, who served on the costume committee, Deborah Perry, who served on the props committee, Shelley Pudas, who was in charge of hairstyles, and Gail Goss, who served as assistant director for the musical and dinner theater. Perhaps one of the hardest jobs for the committee was in selecting the Best Line from the musical and the dinner theater. However, they did come up with two winners: Kim Townsend for "Animal crackers-what a show!" from *And the Villain Still Pursued Her* and Mike McDonald for "I'm Friedrich. I'm fourteen. I'm a boy." from *The Sound of Music*.

Awards presented specifically to actors from the musical included: Best Song-"Climb Every Mountain" by Melodie Measells, Best Dancer-Tanya Allen,

and Best Nun-Lucy Hurst.

Best Cameo, given to an actor with a walk-on part, was awarded to Gayla Folsom for her portrayal of the maid in *And the Villain Still Pursued Her*.

Senita Dearing received one of the most coveted awards, for the Most Congenial Player. This award, which is voted on by

the Players themselves, recognizes the individual thought to have contributed himself, both in support and friendship, to his fellow Players.

Receiving a standing ovation for their performance as the Von Trapp children in *The Sound of Music*, were Amy and Alicia Pouncey, Sherri McMullan,

and Steve Deaton who were named Honorary Players.

As a culmination of the awards program, five Outstanding Actor Awards, selected by Mr Bruce Peterson, were awarded to Richie Hosey, "Arnold" from *Crawling Arnold*; Julie Goodwin, "Liesl Von Trapp" from *The Sound of Music*; Ada Boggan who

performed the part of "Peggy Moore" in *Everybody's Secret* and of "Sister Margaritta" in *The Sound of Music*; Gary Jones, who played the part of "Tony" in *Impromptu* and "Max Detweiler" in *The Sound of Music*; and Regina Gibbs, who portrayed "Winifred" in *Impromptu* and "Elsa" in *The Sound of Music*.



OTHER PLAYER AWARDS

First Row L to R Kim Townsend, Alicia Pouncey, Mike McDonald, Gale Goss, Shelly Pudas, Judy Deel and Gayla Folsom. Second Row L to R Dale Triplett, Debra Perry,

Tanya Allen, Lucy Hurst, Senita Dearing, Donna Reynolds and Melodie Measells. Third Row L to R Steve Deaton, Amy Pouncey and Sherri McMullan.

PTK elects new chapter, state pres.

Phi Theta Kappa recently elected new officers for the 1978-79 school session.

Randy Richardson was elected to take over Danny Killens' position as State President while Bobby Cleveland will preside as Chapter President.

Other officers included: Vice-President, Terry Walton; Secretary, Lisa Harrelson; Treasurer, Teresa Warnock and Historian, Patty Calvert.

The Home Economics Club has been busy during the second semester sponsoring the Mess ECJC pageant, touring the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Jordan, and visiting the Decatur Shirt factory.

The Boystone Shirt Factory is located east of Highway 15 in Decatur. The factory is one of the main employments of Decatur, employing between 100 and 150 employees from local areas.

Meeting in the main entry of the factory, the Home Economics Club assembled and began touring the plant. The guide was an office employee of the factory. The club members began at the front where workers were busy sewing the shirts together. Next, they saw how the shirt is finished and trimmed for storage. Near

the back they saw the new patterns and styles for the

up coming year.

Mrs. Alice Pouncey is the

sponsor of the Home Economics Club at East Central.

Home Ec. students visit factory, home

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Calendar

FALL SEMESTER

AUGUST 22 -- Semester begins -- Dormitories open at 8:00 AM

Orientation and Registration begins at 1:00 P. M.

AUGUST 25 -- Regular class schedule

AUGUST 31 -- Registration closes

DECEMBER 16 -- Semester ends

SPRING SEMESTER

JANUARY 3 -- Semester begins -- Dormitories open at 8:00 AM

Registration begins at 9:00 AM

JANUARY 4 -- Regular class schedule

JANUARY 11 -- Registration closes

MAY 5 -- Semester ends

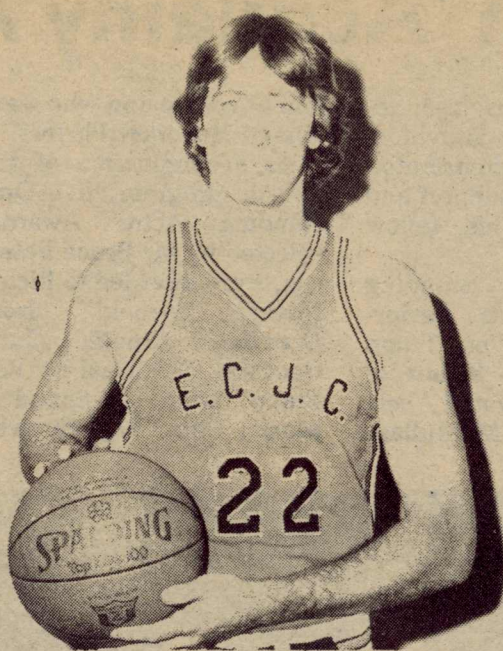
R.G. Fick retires after 27 years

by PERVIS FISHER

Professor Robert G. Fick, music instructor at East Central will retire at the end of the summer session after over twenty-seven years of service to the college.

Mr. Fick began teaching at East Central in 1951.

After learning to play the piano at age 13, Mr. Fick later studied the piano in college. Having enjoyed his years of work at East Central, Mr. Fick says he is now ready for a rest.



Duce and Burkes are 'Dream Team' members

James Duce, from Chatachooche, Florida, and John Burkes from South Leake, were named to the second team All State team.

Duce averaged 18 rebounds and 22 points per game, while Burkes' average was 24 points per game. Duce scored a total of 528 points this year; Burkes scored 576 points.



Sophs, Frosh tie in Class Day

The results of the Sophomores vs. Freshmen Class Day, which was sponsored by the Sophomores, resulted in a big fat tie in overall competition.

In Sack race competition, the sophs hopped to victory. Members of the winning team included: Dale Worrell, Jessica Harpole, Tim Davis, Lucy Duncan, Ricky Turner, and Lucy Hearst. The losers representing the Freshmen were: Jerry Dearing, Lue White, Chuck McDowell, Dianne Ball, Randolph Lions, and Sandra Walker.

Sophomores Gary Harthcock and Dianne Calhoun copped top honors in the Piggy Back Race while Sophomore Ronnie Heron ran a close second.

The Three-Legged Race also racked up points for the Sophomores when Steve Shelton and Jerry Sloan came in first. For the Freshmen, Julie Goodwin and Rita Gayle Smith ran in a close second.

The sophs also defeated the Freshmen in the Ball Race. The winning team was made up of Steve Watkins, Tanya Allen, Kent Ozborn, Lucy Hearst, David Underwood, Gina Callahan, Hilton White, Dianne Calhoun, Steve Combest and Troy Lynn Craig.

Sophomores Ronnie Heron and Jimmie Steadman won the Wheelbarrow Race and Freshmen Jerry Hatch and Bobby Cleveland came in second.

In Egg Race Competition, the Sophs carried the winning egg. Egg runners included Kent Ozborn, Patti Warren, 'Peanut' Stewart, Gina Callahan, Gail Goss, Cheryl Newell, Ernie Coward, and Gary Jones.

Sophomore Danny Killens ate his way to victory in the Banana Eating Contest. The remaining banana eaters were Steve Moore and Eddie Gregory who didn't finish their bananas.

The freshmen made a quick comeback with the Ballon Race in which they successfully busted their hastily blown up balloons. The winning team was

Barry Phillips, Ada Boggan, Mickey Vance, Brenda Munn, Andy Talbert, Pam Rudolph, Rodney Kelly, Janet Shaw, Ken Carter and Julie Wright.

In the Car Relay the Freshmen won the first round and the Sophomores won the second round. The final honors went to freshmen Kenny Whitfield, Dan Alfono, Kim Webb, and Lee Alliston who defeated Sophomores Timmy Hamil, John Muse, Gary Harthcock, and Sonny Bennett.

The Freshmen took away all places in the softball throw. Jim Duce and Mark Killens placed first and second respectively while Marie Bowie and Brenda Waggoner placed for the women.

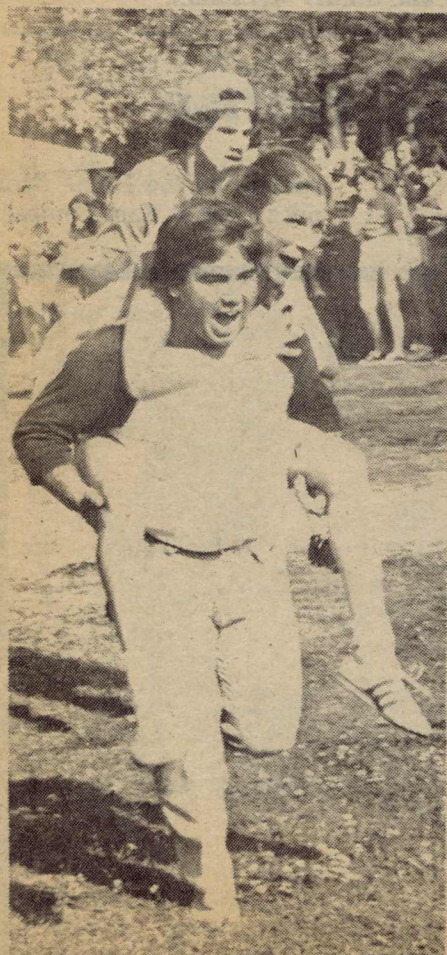
Freshman Richard Boswell took first place in the Frisbee Throw and Sophomore Robert Scoggin placed second.

Sophomores won both rounds of the String Relay with minor difficulties. Winners were Regina Gibbs, Ricky Turner, 'Peanut' Stewart, Tanya Allen, Tim Davis and Tommy McCool.

The Soph girls defeated the Freshmen girls in the final Tug 'O War competition. Winning team members included Teresa Parker, Tammie Tadlock, Troy Lynn Craig, Shelia Pryor, Dianne Calhoun, Shelia Ward, Patti Warren, Karen Hicks, Gayle Goss and Alice Steele.

The Freshmen and Sophomore boys' competition was declared a tie when the rope broke. Representing the Sophomores were: Danny McDonald, Sonny Bennett, Danny Killens, Timmy Hamil, J.D. Holloman, Steve Combest, Jerome Brown, Harold Hughes, Billy Mayes, and Troy Eichelberger. The Freshmen were: Ken Riggs, Lee Aliston, Dan Alfono, Kenny Whitfield, Mike Land, Kim Webb, Gary Brazell, Andy Brewer and Ken Carter.

Sponsors of the Sophomore Class are Mrs. Martha Graham and Mr. Ovid Vickers.



ATHLETIC AWARDS BANQUET



Football Awards
Troy Eichelberger and Harold Hughes



Tennis Awards



Boys' Basketball



Baseball Awards



Girls' Basketball

Robinson names four basketball signees

Coach Herman Robinson announces the signing of four players for next year's basketball team. Two of the signees are from out of state, and two are area players.

Darrel Hoskins, 6' 1" guard from Neshoba Central scored 530 points during his senior year for a 17.1 game average. He averaged 10 rebounds per game.

James Craig, 6' 5" center and forward, is a graduate of Louisville High School. He scored 440 points and

averaged 20 points per game. His rebounds averaged out to 16 per game.

Ricky Stewart is a 6' 6" forward from Vigor High School, Mobile, Alabama. He scored 520 points for an 18 point average. He also captured 16 rebounds per game.

Ronald Townsend comes from Tallulah High School, Tallulah, La. He is a 6' 5" forward. Scoring a total of 330 points, he averaged 15 points and 14 rebounds a game.



Baseball team at work

WARRIOR SPORTS

with a 5-1 record...

Bionic Women win softball league

The Bionic Women won the ECJC Girls Intramural Softball regular-season championship with a 15-0 shutout over the CB Allstars on Field I yesterday.

The win gives the Bionic Women a 5-1 overall record going into the first round of the championship tournament.

The Bionic Women erupted for 12 runs in the first inning and coasted the rest of the way to their third consecutive victory.

Julie Wright pitched a superb game in shutting out the Allstars on only seven hits.

Wright led off the game with her fifth home run of the year and then hit her sixth homer on her second time at bat in the first inning. Sylvia Hodges hit a fourth inning homer, her second of the year.

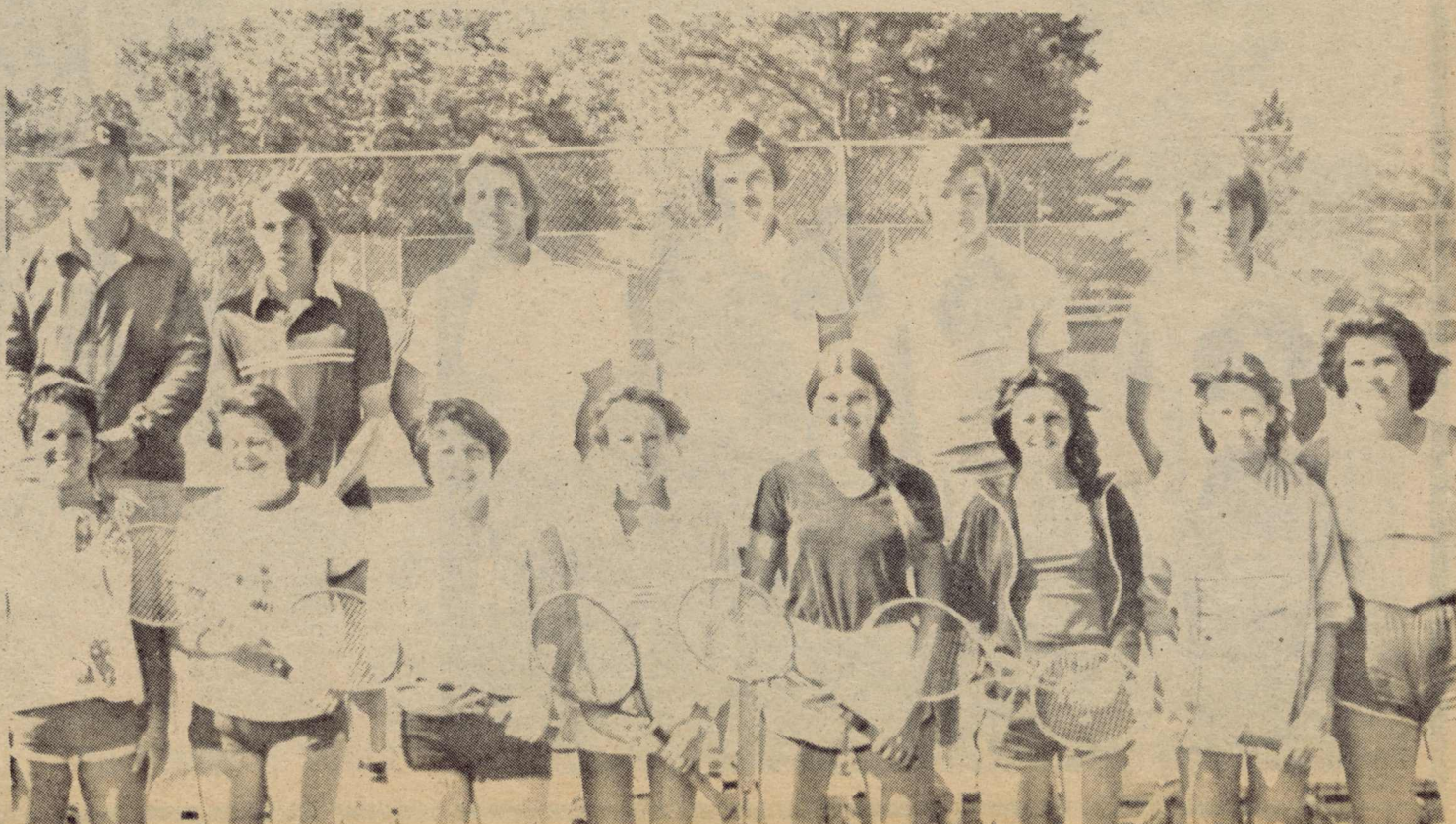
It was a well balanced attack as every one of the Bionic Women reached base at least once.

The loss dropped the Allstars' record to 2-5. The Bionic Women, now 5-1 overall, will face the Misfits, 0-6, in the first round of the single elimination tournament beginning next week.

Nineteen New Football Recruits Signed On As New Warriors

Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	School
Ricky Smith	SE	6'0"	166	Forest
Eddie Cox	LB	6'1"	210	Montgomery, Ala.
Robert Hull	FB-DE	6'2"	208	South Leake
Bob Holland	DE	6'1"	193	Neshoba Central
Charles Welch	DHB	6'1"	161	Louisville
Ricky Murray	QB	5'10"	169	Lake
Wayne Stewart	RB	5'10"	159	Lake
Greg Hawkins	DT	6'0"	210	Morton
Douglas Battle	MG	5'10"	179	Forest
Ronnie Henry	SE	5'9"	161	Neshoba Central
Jim Thomas	LB	5'11"	190	Union
Dave Mullins	TE-LB	6'0"	180	Louisville
Ronnie Mella	OG	6'1"	221	Houma, La.
Thomas Barnes	LB	6'0"	185	Noxapater
Tony Lyles	DT	5'10"	237	Forest
Charles Hickman	RB	5'9"	166	Naiah Waiya
Willie Hannah	RB	5'10"	171	Louisville
Sidney Massey	C	6'0"	172	Noxapater
Terry Thrash	DHB	5'9"	153	Decatur

Tennis Team



Angela Hardy presides over homecoming in 50th year

Angela Hardy, a sophomore from Philadelphia, has been elected to reign as Homecoming Queen for the festivities that will honor East Central's fiftieth year.

Angela was a school beauty last year and was a member of the modeling squad. This year she is a flag girl with the band and is an accompanist for the Collegians.

Julie Goodwin of Newton will serve as the Maid of Honor. Julie is from Newton. She is head cheerleader and is a member of the **Tom-Tom** staff.

Sophomore maids are Carla Halley, Linda Killen, and Rita Gayle Smith.

Carla is from Morton. She is a member of the ECJC Women's basketball team and last year was freshman maid in homecoming.

Linda Killen of Union, was freshman class president at East Central last year.

Rita Gayle Smith of Union is a cheerleader and is editor of the **Tom-Tom**.

Freshman maids are Leisa Richardson, Pam Hatcher, and Pam Sinclair.

Pam Hatcher is from Noxapater and is studying intensive business at East Central.

Leisa Richardson is a graduate of Union High School and a former Miss Neshoba County.

Pam Sinclair attended Louisville High school. She is a member of the ECJC Flag Corps.

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Honoring the Class of '28

October 7th Homecoming will be 'something special'

Plans are being formulated for a festive homecoming for East Central Junior College on Satur-

day, October 7.

According to Denver Brackeen, Dean of Students, "We hope to

make this one special, because it is the 50th anniversary of the college."

Preceding Homecoming Day, there will be a campus dance on Thursday night. A live band will provide the music in the recreational center. All students will be required to wear dress clothes.

On Saturday, October 7, there will be a homecoming parade through Decatur at 2:00 p.m. An invitation is extended to each local organization to participate.

Each club and organization on campus will have an entry in the parade. There will also be floats and antique cars. Dr. Shelby Harris, chairman of "the 50th Anniversary Parade" stated, "This will probably be the largest parade in the history of East Central Junior College."

The first enrolled class of the school in 1928 consisted of 23 members. The surviving 19 members have been invited as special guests for the festivities. A reception in the Fine Arts Building at 3:00 p.m. will honor them. In charge of the reception is Mrs. Ann Burkes, Mrs. Gail Wood, Miss Gloria Johnson, Miss Lucille Wood, Mr. Bruce Guraedy, and Miss Carla Massey.

The Alumni Business Meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building, followed by the Alumni Banquet at 5:30 in the cafeteria. The Alumni Association and Denver Brackeen are in charge of these arrangements. The class of 1928, along with the classes of 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, and 1978, will be recognized at the banquet. The new alumni officers will also be elected during this banquet. The committee in charge of decorations of the



ANGELA HARDY will reign as Homecoming Queen on Oct. 7.

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"dumb blonde beauties" are gone...

Beauty pageant contestants say rewards are worth the efforts

by Susan Mihalic

What are you really winning when you enter a beauty contest? Confidence, new friends, recognition and--occasionally--a title are only a few of the answers that twelve campus beauties gave.

"You meet people from other schools that you knew by name but not personally, and you get to know them," said Janet Hardy, this year's winner of the Miss Neshoba County pageant.

"It's good experience," added Neshoba County Junior Miss, Cindy Fulton. "You learn to work with other people."

"I'll get to travel," said Brenda Billie, 1978-79 Indian Princess. This fall, she will go to the Miss Indian America pageant in South Dakota.

Debbie McDonald, a former Miss Neshoba County and Philadelphia's reigning Miss Hospitality, commented, "You're somebody special if you can get up in front of a crowd at a pageant. The experience helps you to be more at ease when you're in a crowd under normal circumstances. In the state pageant, I also got to know more about myself."

The pageants aren't all good times, though; much hard work goes into even a high school beauty contest, let alone a state-wide production. Not only must the girls cope with readying themselves as individuals, but they must also become part of the framework of the pageant in group dance routines, for example. This does not always turn out smoothly.

Evelyn Pierce, Newton County Junior Miss, cited such a case. "After the ten finalists (in the state Junior Miss pageant) had been chosen, the remainder of us had to do a dance in our evening gowns. It was the first time that I would be seen by the audience in the dance routine. The other times, I had been in back.

"At the point where everybody was swaying, I did a tremendous turnaround and went about two yards across the stage. The front section of the audience started clapping. Tears began to trickle out of my eyes when I looked back and saw the rest of the girls doing

what was right--swaying."

Somehow retaining her poise, Evelyn curtsied--only to have the entire audience applaud, roaring with laughter. She fought the urge to run off stage, and managed to complete the routine.

In the same dance number, Decatur Junior Miss Becky Smith "messed up twice." "Everybody went one way and I went the other way. We had only one day to practice the routine. There was really no time to learn it."

In the Miss ECJC pageant, alternate Angela Hardy had a similar embarrassing experience. "For talent, I played a piano and organ duet. After I finished the piano piece, I turned around to play the organ--and they hadn't plugged it in." The organ was eventually plugged in, and she finished her song.

The days of the "dumb blond beauties" are gone, for both the Miss ECJC pageant and the Junior Miss competition incorporate academic standing into the judging. Evelyn Pierce and Becky Smith won the scholastic awards in their Junior Miss contests.

"Pageantry is a very good experience," said Miss ECJC Dink Hight. "You learn a lot about yourself, and you learn about caring for yourself."

"I believe that one should have confidence in herself, but I don't believe they should take it to the extreme of being self-centered. There's a difference."

Miss ECJC alternate Debbie Livingston agreed, saying that contests "give you a chance to gain confidence in yourself. I kept telling myself that it was all in fun, and we knew that everybody couldn't win."

Alternate Lisa Haralson countered that while the contest was good experience, she had the uneasy feeling that she was "was being judged like a side of beef. You have to go in with the attitude that there have to be losers as well as winners."

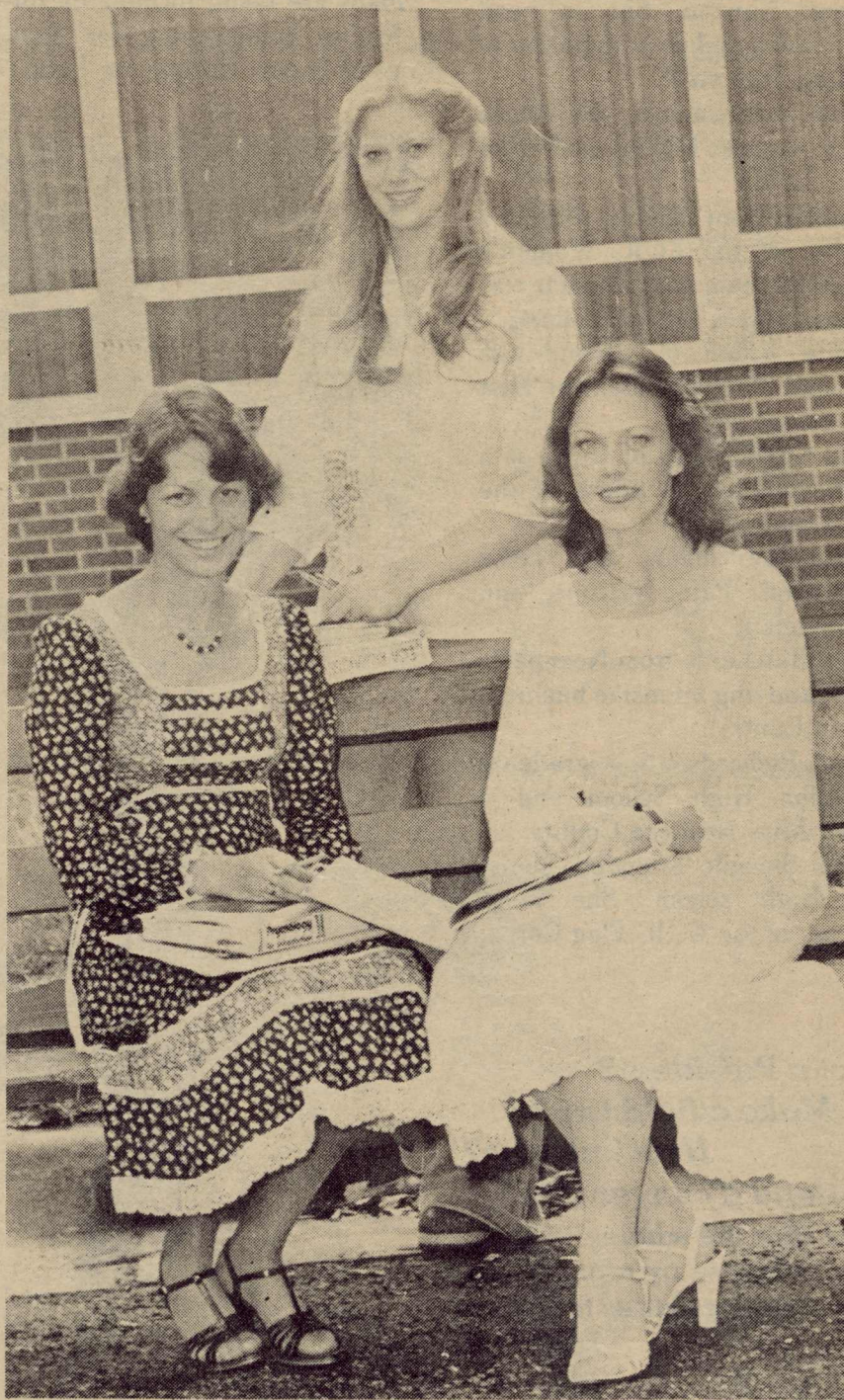
Hickory Junior Miss Cheryl Gibbon had more or less the same feeling. "In the Dairy Queen pageant, we had to stand in front of the judges for ten minutes. It was awful. Our smiles were

cracking."

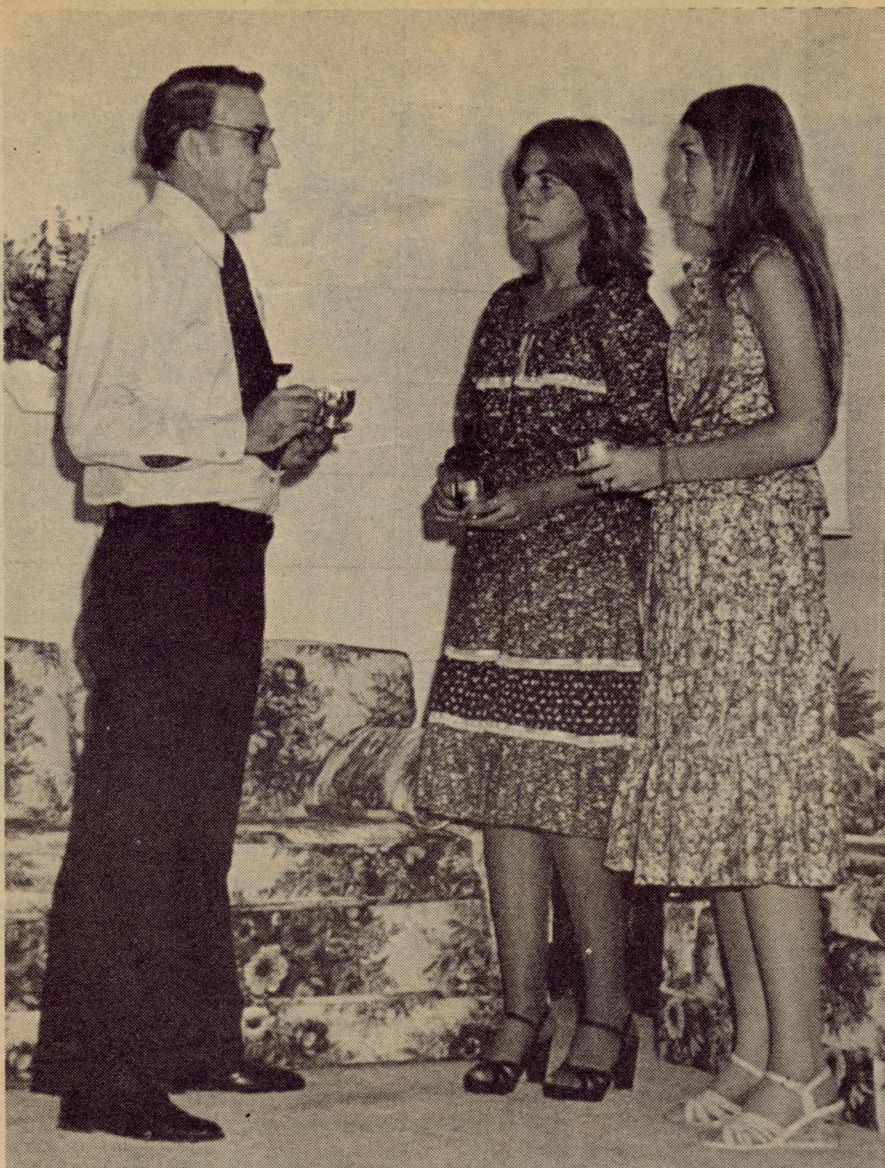
Last year's Miss Neshoba County Leisa Richardson viewed beauty contests as a time to learn. "I was scared, but knowing that my parents and friends were out there supporting me helped. It is

easier for me to face a group now, and I did have a good time. I'd say that even if I hadn't won, because I loved the activity, getting ready for different parts of the competition and rehearsing."

"...you learn a lot about yourself, and you learn a lot about caring for yourself."



AMONG THE BEAUTIES on campus are Leisa Richardson, standing, former Miss Neshoba County, Janet Hardy [seated, left] reigning Miss Neshoba County, and Dink Hight, Miss ECJC.



Admiring the beautiful silver cups which were given to the college are Mr. Ovid Vickers, 1977 sophomore class sponsor; Carla Hatcher and Kathy Keeton. Last year's sophomore class presented the school with 40 of the silver cups.

Flag corps and twirlers aid band performance

by Sharron Goodman

The 1978 East Central Junior College Marching Band is one of the best bands that East Central has ever had. The flag girls, feature twirlers, and the drum major make that a true fact even more so.

This year there are eight flag girls. They are Pam Blount, Theresa Collins, Angela Hardy, Janet Hardy, Linda Killen, Renee Moore, Pam Sinclair and Pat Sinclair.

Pam Blount is a freshman from Neshoba Central High School. Theresa Collins, flag captain, is a freshman from Philadelphia High School where she served as flag girl for three years and flag captain during her senior year. Angel Hardy is a sophomore from Philadelphia High School where she served as flag girl for three years and served as flag captain during her senior year. Janet Hardy, sophomore from Neshoba Central High School, served as flag girl two years and drum major for one year. Linda Killen is a sophomore from Union High

School where she served as a flag girl for four years; and flag captain during her junior and senior years. From Carthage High School is freshman Renee Moore, who was flag girl for two years. Pam and Pat Sinclair are both freshmen from Louisville High School. Pam was a flag girl one year in junior high and one year in high school. Pat served as a flag girl one year in junior high.

Serving as one of the feature twirlers, is Sherry Caters from Gulfport High School. She was a twirler there for two years. The other feature twirler is Iris Mitchell, who is from Lake High School and was twirler there for two years.

The drum major, Lou Ann Harper, is a sophomore from Leake Academy. Lou Ann served as drum major for East Central last year.

Mr. James Dykes, band director, says that these girls are some of the best he has ever had. He urges everyone to come out to the ECJC football games and see the half-time shows.

For academic achievement

36 receive freshman scholarships

by Nelda Evans

This year East Central Junior College awarded full-tuition achievement scholarships to 36 entering freshmen.

East Central gives the scholarships to the highest-achieving graduating white Senior and black Senior of each high school in the district. To qualify, the student must plan to attend East Central and must be recommended by his or her high school principal.

According to Dean Brackeen, students who plan to take advantage of their scholarships have to enroll in the fall semester following high school graduation. They then receive \$140.00 per semester for fall and spring.

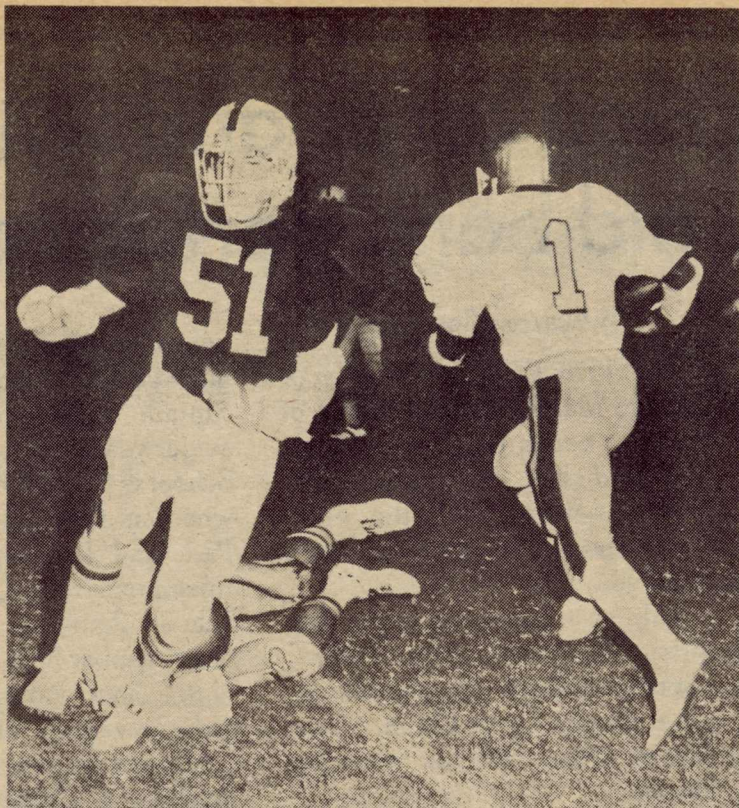
East Central only offers these scholarships to Freshmen. They

cannot be renewed for the student's sophomore year.

A listing of students receiving scholarships this year follows.

H. Randolph Adair III, Union
Brenda Billie, Choctaw Central
Annette Crudup, Forest Hill
Walter L. Deel, Scott County
Christian Academy
Johnnie Ann Evans, Thomastown
John David Griffin, Decatur
Karen Gray, South Leake
Joyce Guthrie, Scott Central
Kathryn Anne Harrison, Philadelphia
Darrel Hoskins, Neshoba Central
Fannie M. Hughes, Carthage
Bobby Ray Jayroe, Neshoba Central
Benita Carleen Jones, South Leake
Jacky Joseph Johnson, Hickory

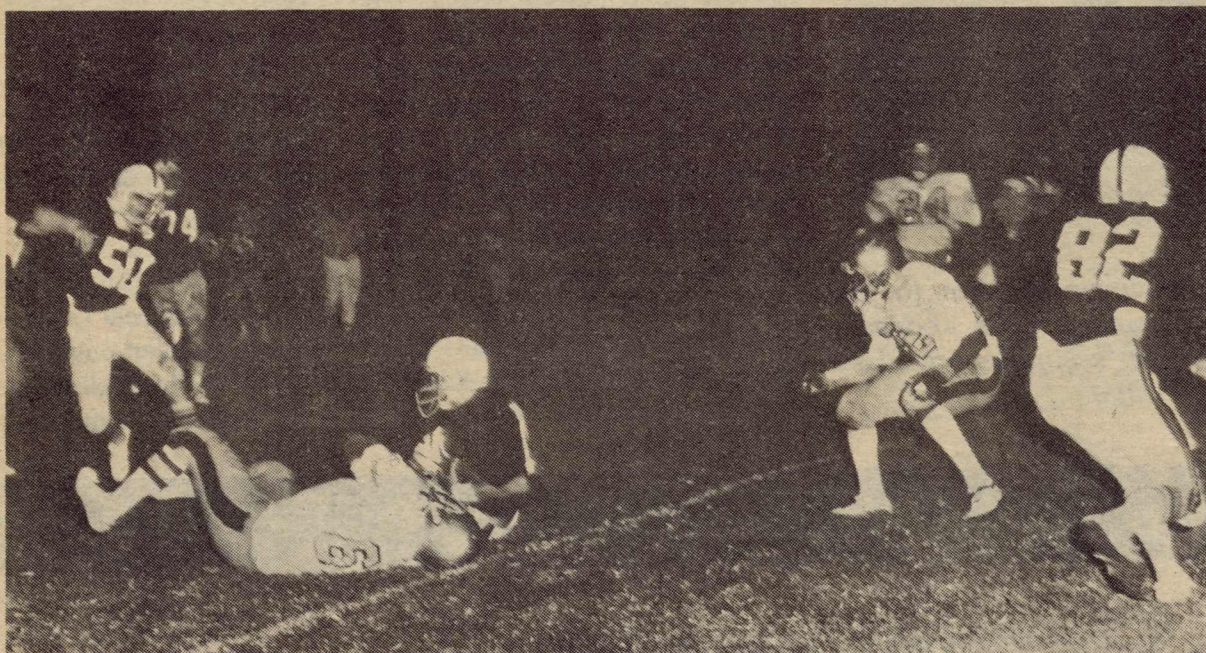
Margaret Laird, Beulah Hubbard
Stanley Lee, Nanih Waiya
Grover Lloyd, Morton
Natalia Martin, Noxapater
Frances Louise Miley, Winston County Academy
Evelyn Jeanette Murrell, Sebastopol
Patty Marie Myers, Nanih Waiya
Nail Elaine Nicks, Scott Central
Bonnie Jean Norman, Newton
Evelyn Marie Pierce, Newton
Shelton Ricks, Edinburg
Fay Russell, Union
Pamela Faye Sinclair, Louisville
Jerry Wayne Sterart, Lake
Tammy Lynn Taylor, Morton
Bobby Ray Triplett, Noxapater
Karen Marie Wall, Sebastopol
Bryan Eugene Warren, Forest
Joyce Watkins, Lake
Penny Gail Wilcher, Edinburg
Clayton Kelly Whitehead, Newton County Academy



Linebacker Andy Brewer of Philadelphia may have had a shot at the Itawamba ball carrier, but the IJC blocker took him out with a 'behind-the-back' job.



EC's second game, a 26-16 loss to Gulf Coast saw the defense make many plays like this one... there just weren't quite enough. Rusty Barrett, Warrior defensive tackle, turned this Bulldog upside down with a hit.



Jerry Hatch (41), Andy Brewer (51) and Willie Hannah combined to stop this sweep by the Gulf Coast quarter-

back in the opening home game for the Warriors, a 26-16 loss to the visitors from Perkinston.



Quarterback Mark Killens (with ball) picked up a first down scrambling out of the pocket on this play and helped the Warriors to their first win of the season, a

21-20 squeaker over the defending state champions, Itawamba. Also in the picture are Sidney Massey (50) and Mike Lee (82).

EMJC lions take first game 17-0

East Central Warriors lost their first game of the season to the East Mississippi Lions on the Lions field Saturday night by a score of 17-0.

East Mississippi's defense was successful in stopping all scoring attempts by the Warriors.

The Lions' first score came late in the first quarter after a Warrior fumble in East Central territory. The extra point was scored after this TD giving the Lions a 7-0 lead.

East Central suffered nine fumbles and lost seven, while East Mississippi lost two out of eight which is evidence that fumbles played a big part in the game.

"Our defense kept the team from being embarrassed," stated Coach Kenneth Pouncey. "The offense played, very, very poorly."

According to Coach Pouncey, each scoring drive by EMJC started within the Warriors' 30 yard line.

The Lions added a field goal in the second quarter and another seven points in the fourth quarter which brought the final score to 17-0.

CETA training program offers a second chance

by Danny Malone

Who is CETA? CETA is not a who. It's a what. CETA stands for Comprehensive Employment Training Act. CETA is a government funding for training the unemployed in skilled areas.

Enacted in 1975, CETA is a joint effort of Federal and State Governments. Monies flow thru the Department of Labor to the Governor's Office of Job Development and Training and then is distributed statewide.

The purpose of this funding is to provide equal training in the skilled areas. CETA is slanted to the out of school people whether adult or high school dropout. It is not only for the unemployed but also for the underemployed, the individual who is in a part time job situation with family obligations.

CETA is a full time 12 month training program. Students are trained and funded in a specific skilled area for 12 months. O.C. Newell, Director of CETA in this area said, "Overall 50% of the people coming out of the CETA program will find jobs, make a better living, and many of these are heads of families."

A person interested in the CETA program should start at the State Employment Service. The Employment Service will sign you up and if the Federal criterion are met then you are sent to the CETA in your area. After State requirements are met then you are eligible for CETA funds. The Federal government will pay the minimum wage for each hour of training for a 12 month period. The State will pay the tuition, books, and other supplies that are needed in the specific area of training. Students are paid on a weekly basis.

Generally, the Federal requirements are that a person be unemployed for a period of at least 2 months. Individuals may have part time jobs but their income must come below poverty level or heads of families. Individuals qualifying must not have any skills or skills that are in job demand. The basic State requirement is that these individuals have a high school diploma or they be at least 18 years of age. There are two phases of CETA in this area. One phase is in Carthage and Louisville, the other, here in Decatur. Carthage and Louisville have their own

CETA training facilities but are limited in that Carthage has only 1 skilled area of training, welding, and Louisville 2 areas of training, welding and machine shop. 15 students are in each area of training which means Carthage can train 15 students and Louisville 30 students in a 12 month period. Decatur CETA students are called referrals. Decatur has no specified CETA training facilities, so the referrals are put along-side the vocational technical students for 12 months training. Referrals have approximately the same areas of training that the vocational students have. 44 CETA referrals are on ECJC Campus this year.

Along with overseeing 15 other vocational technical programs, Director Newell has the responsibility of administering CETA in this area. Staff members of CETA consist of 1 bookkeeper, 1 basic education instructor, 1 counselor, 2 instructor's aids, and 3 shop instructors.

When asked if this was a worthwhile program, Director Newell stated, "Somewhere along the line they have missed their opportunity and this is another chance."

French Club selects Muse as leader

by Nelda Evans

Le Cercle Francais (The French Club) installed officers in their first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Officers this year include: Allen Muse - President, Evelyn Pierce - Vice President, Teri Walton - Secretary, Sharon Tingle - Treasurer, Randy Richardson - Reporter.

Club members also discussed plans for the coming year. Some of their planned activities include a homecoming float and a Christmas reception for faculty and staff. Committees to organize these functions are already at work.

Three new faculty members join EC staff

by Randy Trest

This year East Central welcomes three new members to its faculty. They are Coach David Bradberry, Ms. Elizabeth Jones, and Ms. Gloria Johnson.

Coach Bradberry, who is coaching and teaching psychology, is a graduate of East Mississippi Jr. College, and of Delta State. He was quarterback at EMJC, and was quarterback for two years at Delta State, where he was named Most Valuable Player in the Gulf States Conference. He received his Bachelor's Degree and his Master's Degree from Delta State. Coach Bradberry comes to ECJC from Warren Central High School in Vicksburg, where he was a teacher and assistant coach.

Ms. Jones, a Meridian native,

received her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from Jackson State. She comes here from the Meridian school system. She teaches Human Growth and Development I, and is an assistant academic counselor.

Ms. Johnson, a native of Morton, has taught at Morton and Charleston, and has been an assistant librarian at Meridian Junior College. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Mississippi Valley at Ittabena, and her Master's Degree in Library Science from Ole Miss. She comes here from Jackson, where she was employed by All-State Insurance Company and is replacing Ms. Johnnie Bolton as an assistant librarian.

Home Ec club plans year

The Home Economics Club, sponsored by Mrs. Alice Pouncey, met on Tuesday, September 12, to elect officers and to discuss upcoming events.

The members have elected the following as their officers: Pres. - Robin Hamrick; Vice-Pres. - Cindy Harris; Secretary-treasurer Cindy Fulton; reporter - Clara Gainey; and scrapbook chairperson - Melissa Thompson.

Discussions included club projects, trips to be made plans for programs, homecoming parade entries, and club dues, which are \$1.50 per semester. Co-chairpersons for the parade entries are Cindy Harris and Cindy Fulton.

Students are encouraged to join this organization. Anyone who is interested should contact Mrs. Pouncey for more information.

When it comes to leading cheers, EC's cheerleaders are prepared

They're here again! Yes, the cheerleaders have their mouths open once more as they kick off the year with another football season.

To keep you from wondering just who they are, we will give you a run-down on each and every one, starting with the freshmen.

Much of the voice power of the squad comes from 17-year-old Peggy Smith, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John L. Smith of Decatur. Peggy has been yelling for the Warriors for a long time because she was a cheerleader at Decatur High School for three years, serving one of those as head cheerleader. She is a freshman majoring in Elementary Education. Her favorite hobby is dancing.

The blonde that keeps everyone laughing is Gwen Dickinson, the 18-year-old daughter of Mrs. Joyce Dickinson of Newton. Gwen's cheerleading experiences go way back to her junior high days when she was elected a Newton Redskin Pee Wee cheerleader. For two years she was a high school cheerleader for the Newton Tigers. As a liberal arts major, Gwen enjoys swimming, softball, and watching the Dallas Cowboys.

From Union, there is Malinda Roebuck, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Roebuck. She enjoys swimming, playing the piano, and riding horses. For two years, Malinda served as a cheerleader for the Yellowjackets at Union High School. The 18-year-old is a liberal arts major.

East Central was pleased to get Tamara Sammons of Louisville as a cheerleader. Tamara is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Sammons. She began as a cheerleader for a Pee Wee team, and from there became a high school cheerleader all three years. Her hobbies are drawing, sewing, playing guitar, and trying to ski. Her major is also liberal arts.

Brenda is a sophomore at East Central that makes the Warrior fans grateful that she tried out for cheerleader this year. She is the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Munn of Philadelphia. This will make Brenda's fifth year to be a cheerleader: one in junior high, three in high school, and this coming year at East Central.



ECJC CHEERLEADERS are: [Left to right] Gwen Dickinson, Julie Wright, Julie Goodwin, Rita Gayle Smith, Brenda Munn, Malinda Roebuck, Tamara Sammons, and Peggy Smith.



As a business education major, she enjoys all outdoor sports including tennis.

The girl with the southern accent is pretty Rita Gayle Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Smith of Union. Rita Gayle is an 18-year-old liberal arts major. She was a cheerleader for the Union Junior High Yellowjackets in the eighth grade and served again her freshman year here at East Central. Her hobbies are swimming, water skiing and playing piano.

The girl that will bring all the

male fans to the edge of their seats is Julie Wright of Louisville. She is the 20-year-old daughter of Mrs. E.S. Wright. She began cheerleading her senior year yelling for the Louisville Wildcats. Her hobbies are singing, playing flag football, softball, and modeling. This makes Julie's second year to be a cheerleader for East Central. Her major is intensive business.

Serving as head cheerleader this year is Julie Goodwin, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Goodwin of Newton. Julie's cheerleading career began when she was in the seventh grade at Newton Junior High. She was a cheerleader again in the ninth grade, school mascot (Tiger) her junior year, co-head cheerleader her senior year, and a cheerleader for East Central her freshman year. She is a liberal arts major. Julie enjoys writing, drawing, softball, and watching (or trying to watch) most other sports.

So there you have it. Now that you know a little more about each of them, it will not be so hard for you to yell along with them.

EC's Collegians begin another year



They Sing

Members of the Collegians for this year are, seated: Tamara Sammons, Cheryl Gibbons, Melissa Thompson, "Dink" Hight, Evelyn Pierce, and Tammy Taylor. Kneeling: Mickey Vance, Barry Phillips, Jeff Gibbs, Gary Rogers, Keigh Moore, and Geedie Simmons.

They Play

Instrumentalists for the Collegians are Eddie Thorne, Stan Johnson, Charles Burkes, David Walker, Barry Hicks, and Elmer Mullins. Seated are: Lou Ann Harper, Angela Hardy, and Lori Vance.



Natalie Thompson heads SEA; plans made for parade

The SEA organization met Tuesday, September 12 to discuss plans for the 1978-79 school year.

The SEA is an organization for people who are interested in going into the teaching profession. The organization is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. McMullan.

One of the things that was discussed at the Tuesday meeting was the idea of the group entering a car into the Homecoming Parade.

In addition to deciding to enter a car in the parade, the members

of SEA also installed new officers to represent the organization. In past years the SEA members have elected the officers for the following year at the end of the present year. This year the officers were installed at the beginning of the year. The new officers elected for this year are:

President--Natalie Thompson
Vice-President--Shelia Boozer
Treasurer--Lori Vance
Reporter--Patty Myers

888 enrolled

On Thursday, September 7, with one day left to register, there was a total of 686 full-time students on ECJC campus. This number is under the enrollment of last year. The grand total enrolled is 888.

314 freshmen make up a majority on the ECJC campus, which is the norm from year to year. Another majority norm is 522 academic students on campus.

CETA, Comprehensive Educational Training Associa-

tion, registered 50 students. CEU, Continual Education Units, is for those who are employed and want further training in their respective fields. CEU registered 22 students. The total evening class registration is 80.

In the fall of 1971, according to the TOM-TOM of that year, ECJC enrolled 702 full-time academic and vocational students. The enrollment usually has flexibility, and this year is an average enrollment.

Fireworks display will be part of HC halftime

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dining hall includes Mrs. Sarah Heard, Mr. Rudolph Mayes, and Phi Theta Kappa members.

Pre-game activities will feature Hinds Junior College and their "Highsteppers" at 7:30. The crowning of the 1978 ECJC Homecoming Queen will take place at halftime when the East Central Warriors play host to the Hinds Eagles. The committee in charge of the Homecoming court and halftime includes Mrs. Alice Pouncey, Mrs. Elizabeth Pitts and Mr. James Dykes. The homecoming court will be made up of a queen, a maid of honor, three Sophomore maids, and three Freshman maids, selected by student elections.

Another special at halftime will be a fireworks display. The fireworks will light up a sign that says 1928-1978 with a Warrior head in the middle, standing around ten feet tall.

The Warrior band will also perform at halftime. Their theme will be "looking forward to 50 more years". Some of their music will be the Star Wars music and music from "The Whiz".

Homecoming Chairman is Mr. Tommy Thrash. His student committee is comprised of Mickey Vance and Debbie Livingston. Larla Jordon is in charge of publicity.

Dean Brackeen urges each student and alumnus to promote and participate in this year's

homecoming affairs in honor of the occasion and to help make it a memorable 50th anniversary.

AAE chapter picks Duane Chisem Pres.

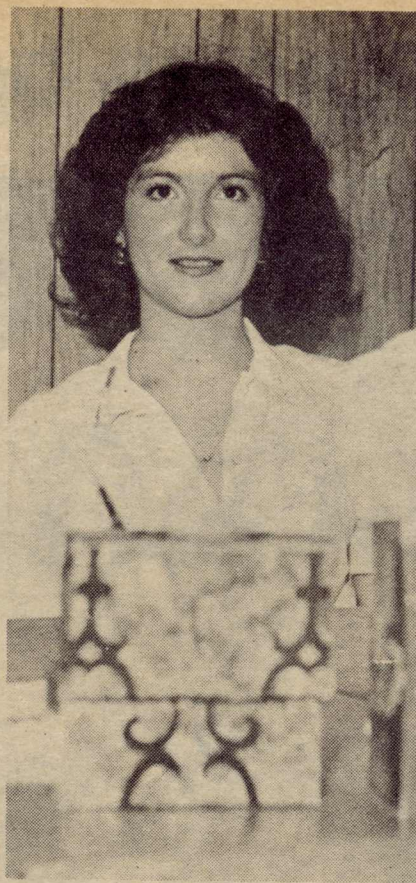
Duane Chisem of Neshoba Central will serve as president of the Alpha Alpha Epsilon chapter on campus. Alpha Alpha Epsilon is the engineering club associated with the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Other officers include Robert Goldman, Neshoba Central, vice-president; Susie Gregory, Louisville, secretary-treasurer; and Deborah Kirk, Noxapater, as reporter.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon activities for the year will include getting professional people in the field to attend.

On October 12, a professional in the Meridian Chapter will meet with the club for a dinner meeting in the Gordon Room. The students will ask questions which are relevant to their branch of engineering.

A Freshman Engineering Award will be given this year to the outstanding student in engineering.



RITA GAYLE SMITH of Union, will serve as editor of the TOM-TOM for 1978-79.

Johnson is ECJC band President

Stan Johnson of Louisville was elected President of the Warrior Band for the coming year.

Other officers elected were Bud Warren of Philadelphia, vice-president; Lori Vance of Lake, secretary; Pam Blount and Scott Lewis of Philadelphia, Librarians; Jackie Wilson of Carthage, Uniform chairman; and Jeff Spears of Philadelphia and Renee Hollingsworth of Lake, reporters.

Charles Burkes of Philadelphia was appointed Sargent at Arms.

Students don't read papers

Fewer than one of two East Central Junior College students read a daily newspaper according to a recent survey by the journalism class.

A national survey shows that if the student reads a paper rather than watches television for news, he is probably better informed than those who camp in front of the tube.

According to Peter Clarke, co-author of the survey, tv viewers apparently do not retain political and governmental news seen on the screen.

He credited greater detail and repetition in newspapers, plus, a reader's ability to control how fast he is exposed to each story as factors favoring print media's effectiveness.

The survey was conducted by the University of Michigan researchers who questioned more than 1,800 persons in 25 states.

Fun, work both part of EC band

The 1978-79 Warrior Band has now challenged the ECJC administration and student body for more....Yes, they want more scholarships, more uniforms, and more participation.

When the band students arrived Monday, August 21, they were told that more money had to be budgeted for their use of scholarships. Then, later that week of band camp, uniforms were given out. There had been a rumor that there might not be enough uniforms....It wasn't just a rumor.

So, they had two strikes against them before they had even begun. Now it seems as though the minuses are being covered by determination, co-operation, and participation on the part of the administration and students.

With ECJC celebrating its fiftieth year, the Warrior Band, boasting fifty members, has now caught up with the years. The band is still looking for members who want to dedicate themselves to the work and fun that it requires to join this organization. If you are interested in the possibility of joining the Warrior Band, please see Mr. Dykes or talk to any band member.

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- 2:00 P.M. Parade
- 3:00 P.M. Reception in the Fine Arts Building for the Class of 1928.
- 4:30 P.M. Evening Meal for the Students
- 4:30 P.M. Alumni Meeting in the Fine Arts Auditorium
- 5:30 P.M. Alumni Banquet
- 7:30 P.M. Kickoff - East Central vs. Hinds JC
- Half-time Crowning of the Queen

A special occasion deserves a special welcome. Therefore, we extend to our many friends and alumni a special WELCOME to this 50th year Homecoming. East Central Junior College has had the privilege of serving many who have come its way in this period of time. Many changes have taken place and great strides have been made. New programs, new faculty and new buildings have all been welcome but the basic purpose of education and training remains fundamental to our existence.

We hope you enjoy your visit with us and express to you our appreciation for your interest and support. You are always welcome.

Dr. Charles V. Wright

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Angela Hardy heads Homecoming

by Rita Gayle Smith

Reigning as this year's Homecoming Queen is Angela Hardy of Philadelphia. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Hardy. Angela is a sophomore majoring in fashion merchandising.

Her activities at East Central include the Collegians, member of the fashion squad, ECJC Players, ECJC Band, Flag Corp, and intramural softball. Last year, Angela received the honor of being selected as a campus beauty.

Julie Goodwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Goodwin, will serve as maid of honor. She is a sophomore from Newton, majoring in liberal arts.

At EC, Julie has been a cheerleader for two years, serving as head cheerleader this year. She is active in intramural softball and flag football. She is also a member of the TOM-TOM staff and was a bat girl for the varsity baseball team last year.

Julie serves as vice-president of the Players and received an outstanding acting award for portrayal of "Liesl Von Trapp" in ECJC's musical "The Sound of Music".

Chosen as one of the three

sophomore maids is Carla Halley from Morton. She is a special education major at East Central.

Carla has played varsity basketball for two years, where in the 1977-78 season, she received all-State Honorable Mention. She was sports editor for the TOM-TOM her freshman year. Last year, she served as freshman homecoming maid.

Linda Killen, another sophomore maid, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Killen of Union. She attended Union High School and majors in accounting at East Central.

Linda is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, ECJC Band, Flag Corp, Sonny Montgomery Advisory Council, ECJC Players, and also the modeling class. She serves as social chairman of the sophomore dorm.

As a freshmen, Linda was class president and chairman of the freshman dorm.

Rita Gayle Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Smith, is also a Sophomore maid. She is from Union and majoring in liberal arts while at East Central.

This is Rita Gayle's second year as cheerleader at EC. She also is a member of the modeling class and



participates in intramural flag football and softball.

Last year, Rita Gayle was a bat girl for the varsity baseball team. This year she serves as the editor for the TOM-TOM.

Pam Hatcher, from Nanih Waiya, will represent the freshman class as homecoming maid. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Hatcher. While at EC, she is majoring in Intensive

Members of the Homecoming court: (seated, left to right) Pam Sinclair, Julie Goodwin, Angela Hardy, Pam Hatcher; standing: Carla Halley, Linda Killen, Rita Gayle Smith, Leisa Richardson.

Business.

Pam is a member of BSU and the modeling class. She also plans

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Mickey Vance heads SBA

by Sharron Goodman

The ECJC Student Body Association officers for the 1978-79 session are Debbie Livingston, Carla Massey, Brenda Munn, and Mickey Vance.

Debbie Livingston, secretary, is from Louisville. She is a graduate of Winston Academy where she won a business award, the professional women scholarship and a ECJC achievement scholarship.

Carla Massey, vice-president, is from Noxapater. She is a graduate of Noxapater High School where she played basketball and ran track for two years. She was also an ECJC achieve-

ment scholarship winner and the salutatorian of her senior class.

Brenda Munn, treasurer, is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, where she played basketball, ran track, and was a cheerleader. She was also a member of the drama club, history club, Beta club and FHA.

Mickey Vance, president, is from Newton. He is a graduate from Newton County Academy where he played basketball, football and worked on the annual staff and the paper staff. He was a recipient of the citizenship award, also.

The main purpose of the SBA is

"to serve as a body line of communications to the administration", says Dean Brackeen, Dean of Students. When a student has a complaint, he should take it to one of the SBA officers and they will take care of it.

The SBA is also responsible for planning activities for students. Many activities were scheduled for the very beginning of the school year, such as watermelon cutting, Collegians performance.. Other activities include the homecoming dance, religious emphasis week, the Christmas dance and the spring prom...

HOME EC CLUB OFFICERS were recently selected for the 1978-79 year. They are: (back, from left) Melissa Thompson, Historian; Robin Hamrick, President; Cindy Harris, Vice-President; (front) Cindy Fulton, Secretary-Treasurer; Clara Gainey, Reporter. Sponsor of the Home Ec Club is Mrs. Alice Pouncey.



Winning is no. 1 goal in powder puff

by Joey Tidwell

What ever happened to the saying that girls are made of sugar and spice and everything nice? Well, the saying might hold true everywhere except for the intramural football field.

You might think that those sweet and innocent little girls wouldn't put all they had into winning; however, winning is listed as the Number One priority.

With names like Athletic Supporters, Hot Legs, Lucky Ladies, Sidewalk Strutters, A'Misses, you can surely expect a treat by coming to watch these girls play.

Can you imagine Janet Hardy going out for the long bomb or Vicki Myers blocking Kathy Harrison or Patti Reeves calling signals? Well, you just might get a glimpse of the action if you would come down to the footfield and watch one of their games.

Then another aspect to the games are the coaches. They are just as bad as the girls when it comes to wanting to win. Some of the coaches include Chip Bryant, Dan Dooley, Rodney Hayer, Bud Tyler, Roy Sloan, or Keith Major. If you come to the games, you would get as much entertainment from the coaches as the players.

It would be the understatement of the year to say these games are just entertaining. If you find yourself with nothing to do one afternoon, come on down to the intramural field and catch a glimpse of the action.

Homecoming Court

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to participate in intramural basketball.

Leisa Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Richardson of Union, is also a freshman maid. She is a liberal arts major.

Leisa plays intramural flag football and is a member of the ECJC Players. She was elected house chairman of Jackson Hall.

Our last freshman maid is Pam Sinclair of Louisville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Sinclair. She plans to major in elementary education.

Pam is a member of the ECJC Band, Flag Corp, and BSU. She also plans to participate in intramural sports.

Flag Football results

The 1978-79 intramural flag football season began at East Central on September 12. This year East Central has six male teams and seven female teams. The standings of these teams as of September 22 are as follows:

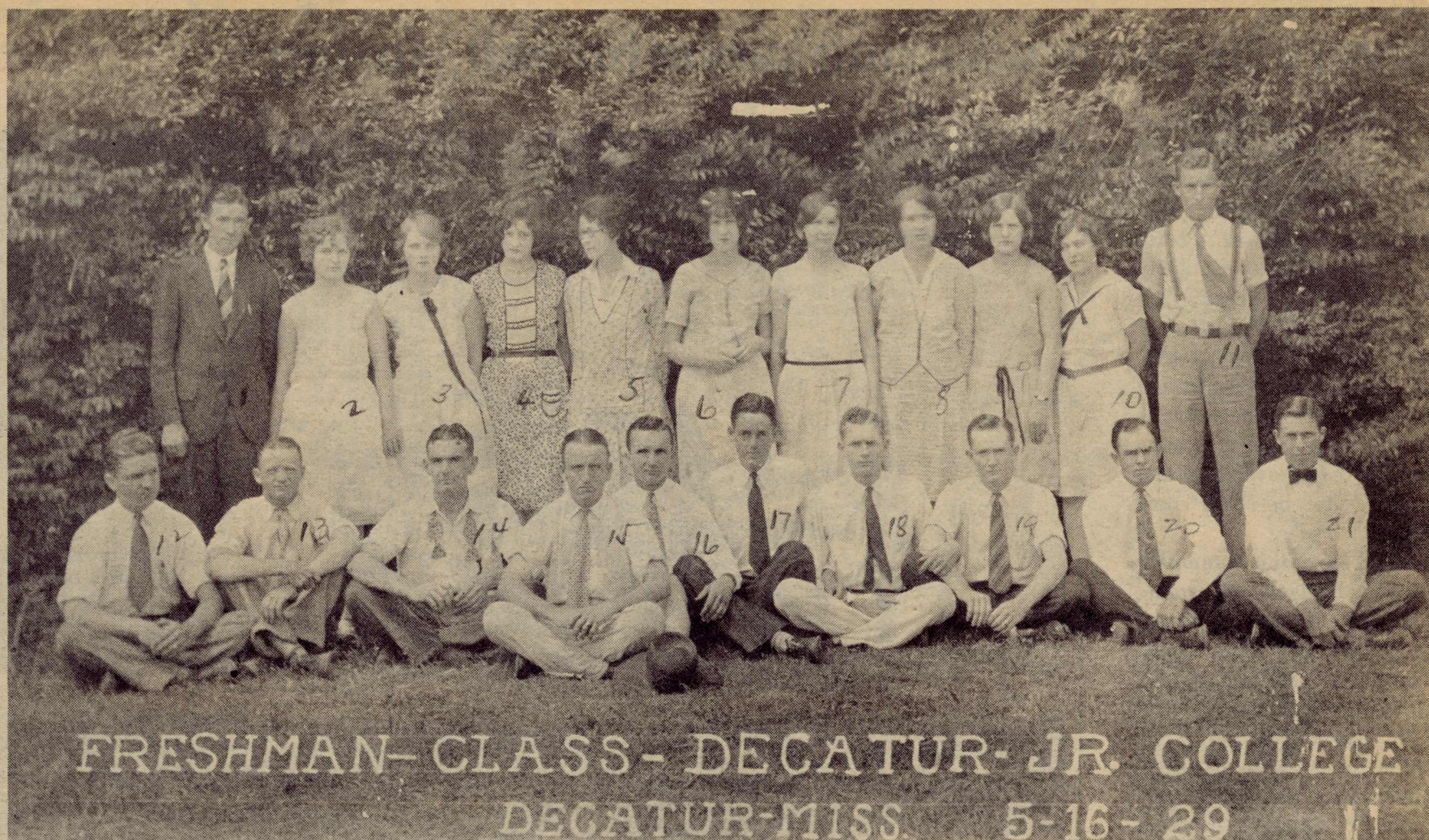
WOMEN

	Won	Lost
A'Misses	3	0
Sidewalk Strutters	2	0
Misusers	1	1
Athletic Supporters	0	1
Lucky Ladies	0	1
Dallas Cowgirls	0	1
Hotlegs	0	2

MEN

	Won	Lost
No Names	1	0
Incredible Hulks	1	0
Trogans	1	0
Bad News Bears	0	1
Rockets	1	1
Dirty Dozen	0	2

There are approximately 160 of East Central's students participating in flag football.



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The BSU is very excited about the year ahead. There are more regular members than ever before and the year promises to be an exciting one.

BSU is involved in many activities during the year:

On Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 6:45 Vespers are held. This is a time of sharing God's word and fellowshiping with one another.

The members of BSU are very excited about this year's BSU choir that meets every Tuesday night from 6:00 to 7:00. The musical this year is called Festival of Praise. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Marion Thornton, will travel and perform this musical at several of the churches

in the five county area.

On Thursday nights we will have a puppet ministry practice starting at 6:00. This is something new to the BSU and perhaps many people will get involved. Bible study for October will be at 6:00, Oct. 5 and 26, with Rev. Clyde Little, pastor of Forest Baptist Church as leader. His subject will be "How to Grow As A Christian."

It is never too late to get involved in BSU. When school is really getting a student down, BSU is the place he can go to be in good fellowship with the Lord and his fellow Christians.

"Cast all your anxieties on Him, for He cares about you."

I Peter 5:7

Barry Phillips is new president....

Players begin production plans for fall, spring

Barry Phillips has been elected president of the ECJC Players. Assisting him are the following officers: Julie Goodwin, Vice President; Evelyn Pierce, Secretary; Cindy Hamil, Publicity Officer; and Sylvia Hodges, Play Reading Chairman.

The players also elected a play reading committee to represent the Student Body in selecting a play for the Dinner Theater, to be held sometime in November, and the musical to be held next semester.

The members of this committee are: Sylvia Hodges, chairman; Julie Wright; Susan Mihalic; Phyllis Leflore and Allen Muse. This committee also includes all of the 1978-79 elected officers of the ECJC Players.

Club members also discussed many activities it will be involved in during the coming year. Some of their activities include the Homecoming parade, the Dinner Theater tryouts and the musical in the spring.



Lori Vance plays the piano and Cheryl Gibbon sings at an afternoon concert.

"Thank you, Father, for all sophomores"

Freshmen rules, Day were parts of school

by Randy Trest

Freshmen at ECJC who may think that they are having a hard time adjusting to college life should consider themselves lucky compared to their counterparts of a few years ago.

One long standing tradition here which was finally discontinued was the activity of shaving the heads of male freshmen. Soon after the beginning of the school year, freshmen men would line up and have their heads completely shaved.

Another East Central tradition which has since been abolished was an annual activity known as Freshman Day. Freshman Day was set aside for freshmen and others who had not been officially initiated into the student body, with the exception of veterans.

Freshman Day was held each year on a day designated by a secret committee composed of sophomores, and lasted from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The rules were expected to be followed by every member of the freshman class, who were recognized as "the lowest form of human species on this campus".

A specific schedule was set up

for Freshman Day, in which the main events were listed.

*4:30 a.m.----First Call

*5:30 a.m.----All Freshmen meet on football field for entertainment (provided by Freshmen)

*6:30 a.m.----Breakfast - All Freshmen must attend.

*7:30 a.m.----All Freshmen class officers meet in front of the auditorium with tooth brushes, soap and water.

*8:00 a.m.----Classes will begin - lucky break for Frosh.

*3:30 p.m.----Kangaroo Court, Sadie Hawkins Day Race, Snake Dance downtown.

*5:00 p.m.----Freshman Day ends.

The Freshman Day rules were as follows:

1. All freshmen must have their handbooks at all times.
2. The freshmen class officers will lead the freshman class in the singing of the Alma Mater at breakfast and lunch.
3. All freshmen will attend classes with their books in a pillowcase.
4. All freshmen will enter all doors backwards.
5. Any request by a sophomore will be obeyed, unless it involves

vulgarity, obscenity, or unreasonableness.

6. All freshmen will sit on the floor to eat, and without use of silver except a knife.

7. When the freshman is asked to "Sound Off", he will immediately sing the Alma Mater.

8. No freshman will enter a class until all sophomores have entered

9. When freshmen are asked to sing the sophomore song, they will proceed: "We are freshmen, we are freshmen, we are nuts, we are nuts, happy little morons, happy little morons, that is us, that is us."

10. Any freshman caught playing his radio without the presence of a sophomore will be put on the black list.

11. Before conversing with any sophomore, freshmen must address the party as "Mr." or "Miss" Sophomore.

12. Freshmen must not sit in chairs at any time except in class.

13. Freshmen must do anything a sophomore asks if it aids in the appearance of the college campus

14. Freshmen must not walk on sidewalks and must hop on one foot if it is necessary to cross a sidewalk.

15. All freshmen will rise when a sophomore enters a room.

16. No freshman will stay in his room more than 15 minutes at a time.

17. All freshmen must attend all meals, especially breakfast.

18. All freshmen must have a coat hanger with them to hang their troubles on.

19. All freshmen must recite the Freshman Day Prayer upon request: "Thank you, Father, for all sophomores."

20. Freshmen must pick up any piece of trash they find on the campus and must have with them at all times a paper sack to put the trash in.

21. All freshmen who do not wish to recite the prayer may recite the Gettysburg Address or the prologue to the Canterbury Tales or take a bite from a raw potato and swallow.

22. Freshmen will dress in whatever outfits sophomores decide they should wear.

Although Freshman Day was a source of humiliation to freshmen, the majority of students, sophomores and freshmen alike, accepted it as a school tradition, and considered it to be a lot of fun.

School's first annual is a record of day-to-day life

*"Miss Rogers has a new permanent"
"Miss Alder bought a new dress"*

by **Sudie Kay Bassett**
and **Nelda Evans**

Ever since the founding of East Central Junior College, then Newton County Junior College, the annual or yearbook has recorded the activities of student life.

What was that first yearbook like? Well, it was certainly different from today's **WO-HE-LO**.

The 1929-30 annual was bound in cloth and resembled a scrap book. Inside, each page is handwritten in pen. The few illustrations are also hand-drawn.

Rather than giving certain events individual pages, the original annual lists a day-by-day account of each month. Some of the important things noted follow.

East Central opened its doors officially for the first time on Sept. 9, 1929, even though the college commission did not agree to give full credit for college work until April 28, 1930.

Registration was September 3, on which day this notation is found in the yearbook apparently referring to the food: "Starving to death and getting fatter all the time."

Within a few days, tryouts and

ball practices were held. On Sept. 20, Decatur played Wesson in the first football game.

Going home was not mentioned until Sept. 24. It appears to have been a welcome relief to get to go, since most students only went home once a month.

On Oct. 1, the Beauty Contest was held at the county fair and the winner was a student, Gladys Nester.

Mr. Bassett and the band boys arrived, "a great addition to our school", on Oct. 2.

Test day was Nov. 22. The end of the first term brought dismissal for Thanksgiving.

February was a busy, exciting month. The State school committee was on campus seeing to the new building program. Work began on campus. Workmen cleared trees and prepared sites for new buildings. Finally, the contractors revealed the blueprints for the addition.

Student activities abounded. Miss Alexander sponsored a play, "Diamond Necklace". The first Who's Who was held. There were class stunts performed. A college hiking club and a dramatics club were organized. The orchestra made its debut. And someone held a Roman Wedding in the

chapel.

The Ides of March did not deter the hustle and bustle of campus activity. The Quartet sang over WCOC. There was a State Tournament at Wesson. The Commerce club, chaperoned by Miss Alder, met at Gilbert Louis Oliver's home. Miss Newsome chaperoned a Latin club party at Glenn Coursey's house.

And then...the college students and 12th graders of Decatur went to Chancery Court...as spectators.

Societies held try-outs for oratorical contests. Winners were: Philomathean---Woodrow Motley and Hermean---Jewel Harris.

The Hermean and Prentis Societies gave an April Fool's Party on March 22. And finally--Spring Holidays!

May started winding the school grind down. Miss Roberts and Mr. Bassett gave a recital. Rev. Gary Parkes delivered the Commencement sermon May 11. Oratorical contests were held. Professor R.C. Pugh delivered diplomas. Toxey Hall delivered an address. Howard Clark and Jewel Harris gave the salutary and valedictory addresses, respectively. Brown Williams delivered the address at the Alumni Banquet. And so it goes...

Not only did the "annual staff" record the everyday events, but they also gave such revelant things as: The first cool day, note of each day that it rained, "Miss Rogers has a new permanent", and "Miss Alder bought a new dress".

Next came the class section. Class pictures appeared with mottos for each student. Each picture was taped into place. The same procedure was used for Who's Who snapshots.

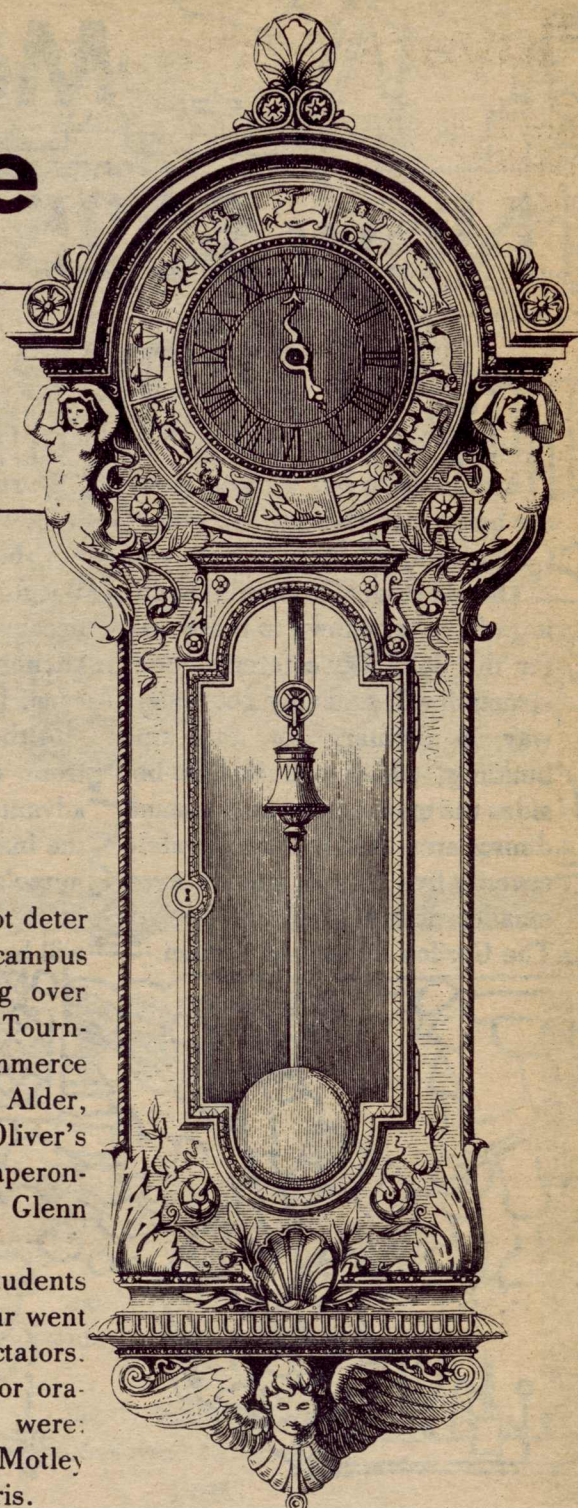
Class officers of the 22-member class were:

President-Lee Busby
Vice-President-Loyd Majure
Treasurer-Ola May
Reporter-Lucille McMullan
Sponsor-Mrs. W.W. Newsome

Most clubs and groups had a page on which they gave a description of the organization and a list of the members.

Finally, in the back of the book, one finds newspaper clippings from local papers reporting events concerning the college.

As compared to today's yearbook, the first annual may seem a bit backward, primitive, or even comical. But at least, it was a beginning.



Sigma Sigma Mu Tau serves pre-medicals

by **Anna Lewis**

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau got its name from a French word which means Student Society of Medical Technicians. It is an organization for those students who are interested in professions in the field of medical services.

The club held its first meeting September 19 in the Science Building. Presently, there are sixteen members who elected officers as follows:

President: Cindy Kennedy from

Noxapater High School, Noxapater. Freshman, Major: Pre-med Secretary-Treasurer: Ann Hollingsworth from Scott Central High School, Forest. Sophomore, Major: Occupational Therapy.

Program Chairman: Jeff Spears from Neshoba Central High, Philadelphia. Freshman, Major: Pre-Med.

Club sponsor for Sigma Sigma Mu Tau this year is Mr. George Mason.

More construction

New \$325,000 cafeteria will go up in place of Home Ec building

According to Dr. Wright, plans are being made to improve Mabry Cafeteria.

The old Home Economics building will be torn down to make way for the \$325,000 cafeteria. Construction will probably get underway in January for the new building, which will include besides the main eating area a small dining area that will accommodate seventy-five people and an even smaller dining room for twelve. The Gordon Room will remain.

During construction of the new

cafeteria back doors must be used for the students' entrance. Dr. Wright terms this "undesirable" because it would be near the kitchen entrance and the disposal cans.

Although they will be separate from the cafeteria itself, one advantage to the building will be the installation of restrooms. The nurse's office, presently located in the Home Economics building, will be moved to rooms above the

Student Center.

The cafeteria is the latest in a series of buildings erected during Wright's administration. Others are the gym, the agriculture building, the Vo-Tech building, additions to the science building, Neshoba Hall, Scott Hall, Newton Hall, the library and the Fine Arts Auditorium.

"You like to think that every one of the buildings have benefited the college," said Wright. "To move the band hall into a

structure like we have now was an accomplishment. As for the library, we outgrew the old one.

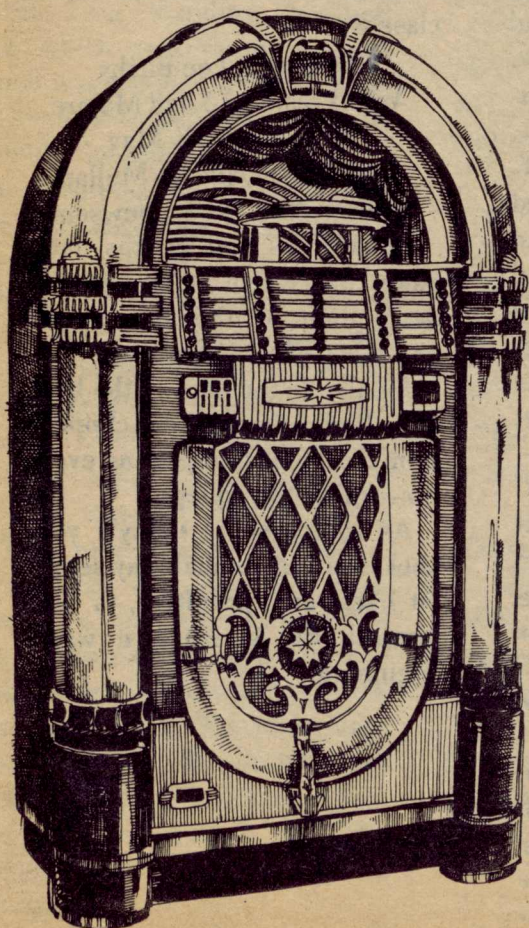
"The old gym is constantly in use. At any given time when you walk in, you'll see a group of students playing. We must have some kind of entertainment for our people."

Wright is already looking ahead to building a new Student Center and apartments for married students, calling the present apartments "minimum."



There were chaperones to the movies....

...and the food was served 'family-style'



Can you imagine being accompanied by a faculty member to see **Saturday Night Fever**--or any movie, for that matter--and going directly back to the dorm after it's over? Or how about having your social life restricted to one date per week?

East Central has come a long way since these archaic rules applied to girls until 1955. Of course, the movies weren't as "stimulating" then, perhaps...if a group of students were chaperoned to the likes of **The Road to Morocco** and **Casablanca** by only one teacher then, with today's movies it would take armed guards. Maybe that's why this practice was stopped.

Another obsolete regulation is that girls couldn't ride in cars outside Decatur. How did they go to Meridian?...They didn't.

East Central, however, wasn't as stodgy as it may seem. In a time when many junior colleges

prohibited dancing, EC held dances.

Too, the college has always had a strong dramatic program, featuring such impressive productions as **Elizabeth**, **the Queen** and **Our Town**. In 1970, EC became one of the first colleges to present

a musical.

Additional traditions that are no longer observed include an assembly program every Tuesday in the auditorium, which would highlight a speaker or some form of activity.

And in the cafeteria, "Pass the corn," or "I'd like some more tea, please," are comments that were often heard. Why: It will surprise most students to know that around 1950, food was served family-style, with six to eight students seated at individual tables, bowls of food on the table. One student would be assigned every so often to wait on that particular table.

Since the food was served family-style, it stands to reason that it would be grown more or less "family-style". When EC opened, one could work his way through school by working on East Central's farm--which supplied food for the cafeteria.



Warriors come back to take two in a row

by Allen K. Muse

After a slow start, the mighty EC Warriors have fought back to take back to back victories and even their season record at 2-2.

In their last two outings, the Warriors have squeaked by Itawamba 21-20, and up-ended Copiah-Lincoln 18-7.

In the game against the Itawamba Indians (the defending State Champions), the Warriors had to come from behind twice before they were able to down their opponent. EC had an early 9-0 lead, but two touchdowns put

IJC ahead 12-9. Alex Ealy caught a Killens pass and the Warriors jumped past IJC 14-13. The Indians regained the lead at 20-15, but a late fourth quarter TD by Killens gave EC the edge it needed to pick up the victory.

The outcome of the EC-Co-Lin game was never in doubt. EC's offense rolled up 18 points, the defense kept the Wolfpack at bay, and the Warriors glided in for the second victory of the year. Co-Lin managed one touchdown, but that wasn't enough to slow down the Warriors.



The band gets ready for homecoming.

Mr., Miss ECJC 1938-1978

1938 Elizabeth McNeil-Philadelphia	1953 Shirley Upton Don Acton	1967 Ramona Ford-Philadelphia Johnny Mac Wall-Decatur
1939 Janie Grady-Union Klein Noel-Hillsboro	1954 Sue Yarborough-Louisville Henry Crocker-Sebastopol	1968 Sandy Puckett-Forest Stanley Salter-Philadelphia
1940 Margaret Harborough-Louisville Shields Sims-Columbus	1956 Lena McGee-Hickory Charles Hope-Atlanta, Ga.	1969 Sandy Smith-Decatur Sam Nowell-Philadelphia
1941 Doris Wiggins-Philadelphia Olen Smith-Louisville	1957 Nan Barrier-Union Johnny Biggs-Hickory	1970 Deborah Pierce-Decatur Gary Gordon-Forest
1942 Grace Crane-Lake May Johnson-Lena	1958 Hallie Jean Frazier-Louisville Clyde Hills-Forest	1971 Lucy Young-Morton Mickey Sessions-Forest
1943 1944 1945 1946	1959 Jackie Dodson-Harperville Bill Joyner-Forest	1972 Nancy Wall-Jackson Richard Eakes-Philadelphia
1947 Betty Lynn Johnson-Walnut Grv. Rex Gordon-Union	1960 Jane Richardson-Carthage Randy Miles-Union	1973 Suzi Tingle-Philadelphia Britt Dickens-Carthage
1948 Jo Houston-Philadelphia Paul Simmons-Morton	1961 Linda Lea-Philadelphia Billy Wayne Baucum-Newton	1974 Gloria Cleveland-Union Steve Quinn-Louisville
1949 Martha Woodward-Louisville Woodley Chandler-Philadelphia	1962 Jan James-Atlanta, Ga. Sonny Lott-Forest	1975 Lynn Russell-Decatur Eddie Golden-Forest
1950 Ouida Eldridge-Philadelphia Rayford Jones-Philadelphus	1963 Betty Sigrest-Harperville Van Lucas-Newton	1976 Cheryl Hicks-Hickory Alan Baker-Brewton, Ala.
1951 Louise Ware James Madden-Forest	1964 Linda Comans-Newton Johnny Freeman-Forest	1977 Jane Hunter-Decatur Jeff Chapman-Montgomery, Ala.
1952 Patsy Cleveland-Decatur Sam Thomas-Philadelphia	1965 Linda Epting-Forest Rodney Cochran-Newton	1978 Jessica Harpole-Philadelphia Steve Breland-Philadelphia
	1966 Nancy Johnson-Philadelphia Tommy Matthews-Forest	

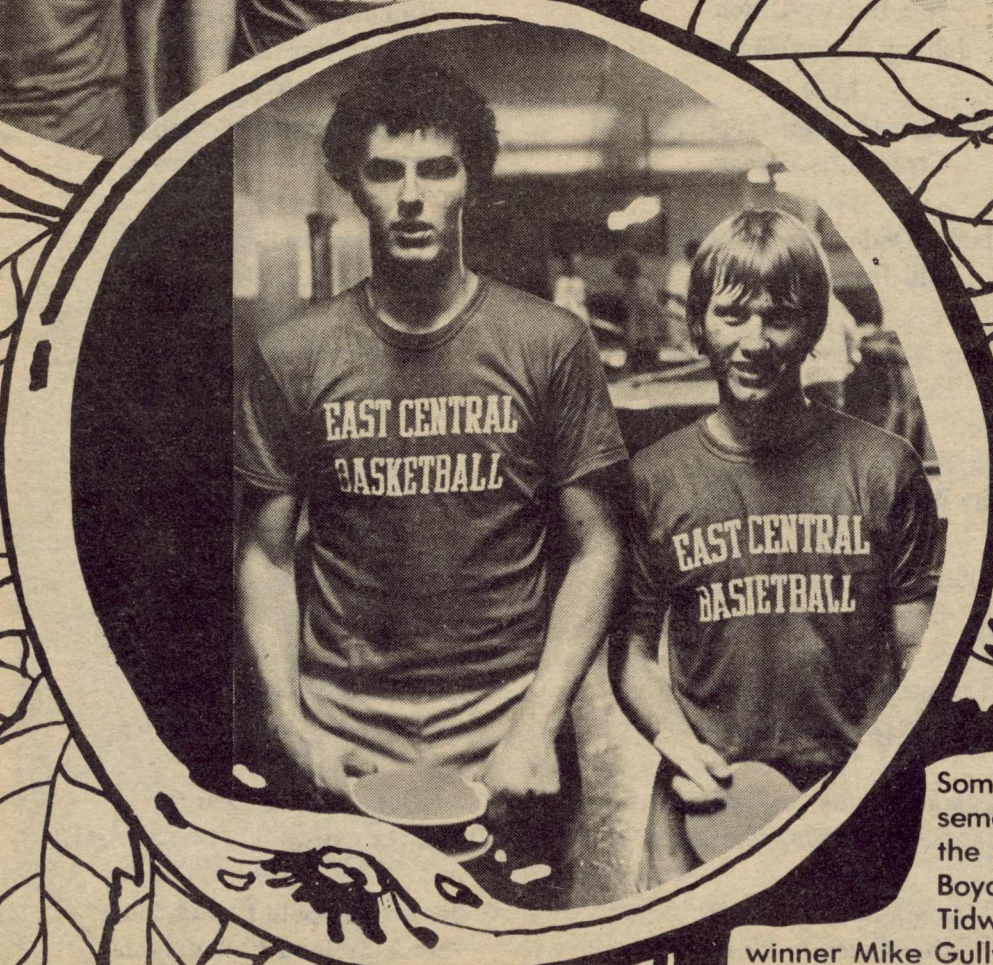
How do like them apples?

The first semester individual tournaments were held at East Central Junior College from September 17-22. A large portion of East Central students participated in these eight events. As many as eighteen people tried to win the championship in some events. The events, with their winners,

are listed as follows:

Chess-Mike Gully
Freethrow-Jody Tidwell
Horse-Skippy Lathem
Ping Pong (singles)-Boyd Burrage
Ping Pong (doubles)-Ronald Townsend and Phil Shepard
Pool-Daniel Amis
Snooker-Mark Cravens
Spades-Steve Watkins and Jody Tidwell

These individual tournaments are held semesterly at East Central.



Some of the winners in the first semester's competition were: (from the top) ping pong singles winner Boyd Burrage, spades champs Jody Tidwell and Steve Watkins, chess winner Mike Gully, ping pong doubles winners Phil Shepard and Ronald Townsend, and Daniel Amos, eight-ball champion.

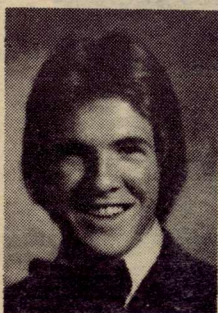
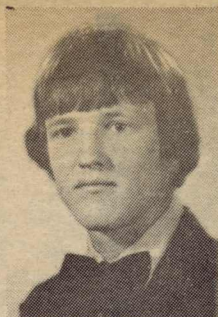
Twelve named to J.C. Who's Who

Twelve outstanding East Central Students have been named to *Who's Who in American Junior Colleges*.

Receiving the honor are Bobby Cleveland, of Union; Julie Goodwin, of Newton; Debbie Livingston, of Louisville; Carla Massey, of Noxapater; Brenda Munn, of Philadelphia; Barry Phillips, of Forest; Randy Richardson, of Union; Rita Gayle Smith, of Union; Mickey Vance, of Newton; Teresa Walton, of Union; Teresa Warnock, of Vicksburg; and Perry Winstead of Union.

Criteria for selection to this group include scholarship ability, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to the school, and potential for future achievement.

Pictured from the top row, left to right are: Bobby Cleveland, Julie Goodwin, Debbie Livingston, Carla Massey; second row: Brenda Munn, Barry Phillips, Randy Richardson, Rita Gayle Smith; third row: Mickey Vance, Teresa Walton, Teresa Warnock and Perry Winstead.



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They're everywhere!!!

Cricket invasion is an unsolved mystery

by Randy Trest

Where they came from and their reason for coming at all remain mysteries. But one thing is all too clear. The crickets are here!

They lurk in dark corners and outside doors. They are always near, as if waiting for something known only to them. They seem to have infiltrated every building on campus. In the dark of night, their constant chirping can be heard - a sound capable of driving men to the brink of insanity and beyond.

No building, room, side walk, or parking lot seems to be safe from their presence. They apparently number in the millions. They are everywhere, ceaselessly lurking,

watching, and waiting.

Where did they come from? Why are they here? What can be done about them? Is this the beginning of a worldwide takeover, possibly in retaliation for the mass destruction of countless crickets throughout the centuries? Is this the end of human domination of the world? Is nature striking back? Will insects rule the earth? For now at least, the Great Cricket Invasion seems destined to remain an unsolvable mystery about which one can only speculate and hope for the best. But they are apparently up to no good, and they are undeniably here, lurking everywhere. Beware the campus crickets!



For enrichment

Library receives federal grant

East Central Junior College Library will receive a Federal Library Grant of \$3906.00 this year.

One of many educational grants under the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, this is a Title II-A Grant. The Title II-A is a basic library grant.

To be eligible for a grant a college must maintain its level of spending for library books and materials. Other basic qualifications are the college must be accredited and a nonprofit institution.

A Title II-A Grant is restricted from being used for salaries, equipment, religious and/or sectarian materials, and expendable supplies.

The Department of Education divides the grant monies equally among those colleges who are eligible which determines the grant amounts.

Enrichment of the ongoing intake of library materials is the purpose of the Title II-A. It is not a handout and every college is not eligible although a great number of colleges do take advantage of the grant.

East Central's Library will purchase \$15,906.00 worth of books and materials this year and \$3,906.00 of that is the Title II-A Grant. The grant is not a major portion but it is a sizable amount.

According to East Cen-

tral's Librarian, Mrs. Ann Burkes, the average retail price of a book is \$13.00. This is up from last year about \$1.50. East Central being a nonprofit institution, receives an estimated 23.55 percent discount from some of the book wholesalers but not from all.

In spite of inflation, staying eligible for Title II-A has enabled East Central Junior College to enrich its library with needed materials from year to year.

Sophs elect Shepard pres

Sophomore class officers are as follow:

President: Phil Shephard, Madden, MS, Vice-President: Carol McFarland, Decatur, MS. Secretary: Linda Killens, Union, MS, Treasurer: Carla Massey, Noxapater, MS. SBA Representatives: Barry Phillips, Perry Winstead, Sponsors: Mr. Ovid Vickers, Mr. Bruce Peterson

Freshman Class Officers: President: John Harrison, Forest, MS, Vice-President: Mona Tucker, Forest, MS., Secretary: Pam Hatcher, Nanihwayia, MS, Treasurer: Krista May, Newton, MS. Sponsors: Dr. Shelby Harris and Mr. Bob Heritage



Working on the French Float for the Homecoming parade were (left to right) Randy Richardson, Clay Scoggin, and Mrs. Rowell, French instructor.

Dr. Wright invited to foreign policy briefing in Washington

Dr. Charles V. Wright, president of ECJC, recently attended a series of meetings in Washington, D.C., for Junior College presidents.

"I, along with two other Junior College presidents---Dr. J. Hayden of Gulf Coast Jr. College and Dr. Billy Thames of Copiah Lincoln Jr. College---at the invitation of the Department of State, attended a foreign policy briefing," reported Dr. Wright.

Dr. Wright stated, "It was a very educational experience. The Secretary of State welcomed us at a 9:00 a.m. assembly on Monday, October 2. The remainder of the day, we listened to various people from the State Department and tried to get a clear view of our part in foreign relations."

The meetings covered such controversial subjects as trade, tourism, human relations, and mainly education.

"When we say that the United States' relationship is good with another country, what do we mean? It may be good as far as trade, but bad in the armaments issue," said D. Wright. "There is no way to make a list of nations who are either friendly or unfriendly to the United States. One must look at all aspects."

One session Dr. Wright attended was concerned primarily with the Middle East. "In one small country alone," quoted Dr. Wright from his notes, "99% of the women are illiterate as are 60% of the men. Some countries are rich as far as

the monetary situation, but poor in education. They send their people to the United States so they can be

Supervisors to meet on ECJC campus

by Lillie Harrison

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors will hold its Annual Fall District Meeting here on the ECJC campus. The meeting has been scheduled for the 19th of October.

Dr. Wright, President at ECJC will act as host for this meeting. All County Supervisors, members of the legislature, Chancery Clerks and Board Attorneys from the Junior College district are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Highlights of the meeting will include a presentation on county employee records and administration, an open discussion on matters affecting county government, and a discussion which will lead to the adoption of the MAS legislative program.

Items on the program include an educational program conducted by the Center for Government Technology, a discussion of the Comprehensive Employment Training act by the staff of MAS, and a discussion of the legislative program for MAS by all those in attendance.

Dinner for these members will be served in the Gordon Room in the ECJC Cafeteria.

teachers there."

According to recent figures, the number of student visas issued by the U.S. has risen from 67,000 in 1970 to 92,000 in 1976. Fifty percent of these students are Asians. There have been increases in students from Venezuela, Nigeria, Iran, and Japan.

But then comes the question---where does our responsibility to these people stop and start? "The problems caused come from lack of understanding our language or customs," Dr. Wright declared. "For instance, the Saudi Arabian students in one Jr. College in Florida demonstrated so much that the college is considering limiting the number of exchange students it will accept next year."

U.S. students who go to foreign colleges also find difficulties. Many get in trouble with the law for things that would be no or little offense here. Some who travel alone just disappear. "There is not a lot the American Consul in that country can do for you if you break another country's law," said Dr. Wright.

"The Conference was educational and interesting to us," Dr. Wright said. "But the main thing that happened there is this. At one time, Junior colleges were not recognized as very important. Now, if the Department of State feels we (the Jr. colleges) have a definite roll to play in relationships with other countries, we have made great strides in Junior Colleges."

EC is a family tradition

Father, mother, daughter share day in school

At one time or another, most students have asked their parents to help them with homework...but few parents have asked their children for assistance with their studies.

However, this type of "role-reversal" situation does not seem unusual to three students at East Central---Richard, Barbara and Cindy Harris.

A retired Air Force Master Sergeant, Richard Harris decided to return to school last fall with his daughter, Cindy to mark the beginning of a totally new career.

"After being out of school a person wonders if he can succeed if he returns to school," said Harris, a liberal arts major. "After returning, I don't find that

school has changed. Some of the subject material is different from high school, and some of the terminology is different."

Cindy, who will attend Brigham Young University next year, added, "The only way you can get anything higher is to go to college. There's no way you can get ahead in common labor."

"The three of us going to school is not anything unusual to me," said Mrs. Harris, an elementary education major, "but I've met a lot of surprised people. We've always done a lot of things together---that's why I started---they encouraged me."

"The hardest part about starting was quitting my job, because that was income. I've always liked school, and I'm not afraid of classes or tests."

"I had completed one career," Harris said, referring to his decision, "and unless a person continues to progress in some pursuit, then I feel he is not fulfilling his potential."

According to Cindy, the experience seems to have bound their family even more closely together. "We study together, assist each other, and we pitch in to help Mom with the housework. Since she's a student, too, now, she can't do it all by herself."

Adjusting to returning to school has created no problem for the Harrises. "We are students like everyone else," Harris continued. "We expect and receive the same treatment. It's a joint effort, although individual."

Even though they have not run into any difficulties, Mrs. Harris did relate a slight misunderstanding:

"Someone asked my husband if he had a daughter that went to school here, and he said 'yes.' They began describing her---and they were describing me."

Perhaps the confusion has been less than it could have been because of their schedules. Despite having some of the same teachers and subjects, they have thus far managed to avoid being in the same class.

The Harrises have two sons currently attending Decatur High School, David, a senior, and Steven, a freshman. Where will they go to college? In keeping with family tradition...East Central, of course.

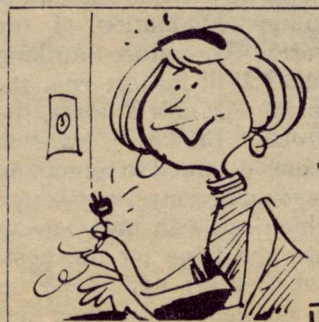
Ms. Kerlee leads elem. music w'shop

by Lynn Eimers

An annual event on the East Central Junior College campus is the elementary music teachers work-shop for District I. The workshop is to be held this year on Monday, October 16 in the Fine Arts Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The guest clinician for the work-shop will be Ms. Twyler Kerlee, music consultant for the MacMillan Publishing Company from East Central.

Students attending the morning sessions are members of the music for children class and the music majors.



Check Regularly For Dangerous Frayed Electrical Wires

Mrs. Alice Pouncey

Winning in 4-H work isn't new to her

by Rita Gayle Smith

"As a teacher, wife, homemaker, and mother of three, I am constantly aware of the skills and learning acquired in my 4-H work," says Mrs. Alice Pouncey of Decatur.

Mrs. Pouncey was honored by being selected as a state winner in the 4-H Alumni Program this year. She attended the 1978 State Convention August 9 at Jackson where she was recognized for her contributions to the 4-H program, made first as a 4-h'er and later as an adult. She was awarded a large plaque. The convention was sponsored

by the Olin Corporation of Little Rock, Arkansas.

"Through 4-H club work, I learned very early that for one to succeed in anything, one had to develop good work habits, have some system of organization, and to be able to accept responsibility," Mrs. Pouncey stated.

She was a 4-H member in Clarke County for 10 years, during which she won many awards. In 1957, she was elected as secretary of the State 4-H Council and was selected as a 4-H All-Star. In 1958, she won a trip to National 4-H Congress and a \$400 scholarship with her home economics 4-H record.

Mrs. Pouncey represented Mississippi at a leadership conference at Camp Minwanca, Michigan, during the summer of 1958. She received one of the highest awards in 4-H in 1959, by being selected to attend the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.

"I certainly know that 4-H Club work has been the major influence in my life as well as in my chosen vocation," said Mrs. Pouncey.

For the past seven years, she has been an instructor of home economics and psychology at East Central Junior College. Before this, she taught school at Enterprise and Beatrice, Ala.

Mrs. Pouncey is still very active in 4-H. She presently serves as a volunteer 4-H leader for the Friendship 4-H Club. Her club is very active in the community pride project.

She is also a member of the Decatur United Methodist Church where she serves as chairman of the Children's Division, director of Vacation Bible School, Sunday School teacher, coordinator of Family Life Activities, member of the Council of Ministries and Administration Board, and member of the East Central Junior College Wesley Board of Directors.

It's something special

Who are these cheerleaders?

We yell. We giggle. We get made fun of. We get picked on. We are always there, giving out support whether the team is winning or losing. We are the cheerleaders.

The girls in the audience think we are highly flirtatious. The boys admire us for our short skirts. Does anyone realize why we are really out there?

Being a cheerleader has more to it than what is usually seen. Sure, it is rewarding, but it is also a lot of hard work.

Yes, I did say hard work. How do you think those sloppy signs get made? When they fall off the wall, who do you think hung them there in the first place? How do you think we mess up on so many cheers? That takes hard work!

Seriously whether you see it or not, we try to put our best into everything we do. Of course, sometimes it becomes monotonous, but that wears off fast (there just isn't time for it).

Think of how many games you've seen where those cheerleaders stood in rain or freezing cold. Regardless of the weather, they were more than likely smiling, laughing and still yelling their heads off. Why? I doubt if anyone knows that answer.

Although the cheerleaders don't actually play in games, they consider themselves part of the team. They share the feeling of wins and losses as much as anyone else does.

Being a cheerleader is something special. You

make friendships with fellow cheerleaders that could last a lifetime. You meet other people also as you go from game to game.

So please don't think of the cheerleaders as "prissy pots". Instead, be proud that they're your cheerleaders.

New books at the Library

Best Sellers

Illusions - R. Bach
Bloodline - S. Sheldon
Gnomes - W. Huygen
If Life Is A Bowl of Cherries-
What Am I Doing In The
Pits? - E. Bombeck
The Complete Book of Running - W. Dyer

Fiction

Storm Warning - H. Patterson
Shall We Tell The President:
J. Archer
The Singing Wind - J. Wehen
100 Great Science Fiction
Short Stories--

Non-Fiction

The Man Who Broke Purple
by R.W. Clark
The Complete Book of Car
Maintenance - N. Hirsch
Letters to Mamie - D.D.
Eisenhower
Muhammed Ali Retrospec-
tive -H.J. Horn



Marty Pace and Robin Hamrick boogie on down at East Central's homecoming dance. The dance featured a break away group of David and the Giants, George Mills and Johnny Hosey Band.

Tucker, Rives Brackeen at Ole Miss for confab

by Randy Trest

On October 2-3, Dr. B.J. Tucker, Dean of Academics, Mr. Frank Rives, Registrar, and Mr. Denver Brackeen, Dean of Students of ECJC attended the 45th Annual Mississippi Junior-Senior College Conference held at the University of Mississippi.

The schedule of events for this conference was as follows:

Monday, October 2, 1978

9:00 Registration & Coffee
10:00 Opening Session
12:15 Buffet Luncheon
1:30 Afternoon Session
3:00 Seminars
5:00 Sardis Lake Outing

Tuesday, October 3, 1978

7:30 President's Breakfast
8:30 Coffee
9:00 Section Meetings
11:00 Business Meetings
Committee Reports
Adjournment

Field trip to Ellisville School

by Lynn Eimers

A field trip of great interest was taken to the Ellisville State School for the Mentally Retarded. The trip was sponsored by the East Central music department on Tuesday, October 10. Twenty-two students from the music education classes and three music faculty members went to observe music therapy classes in session at the Ellisville school.

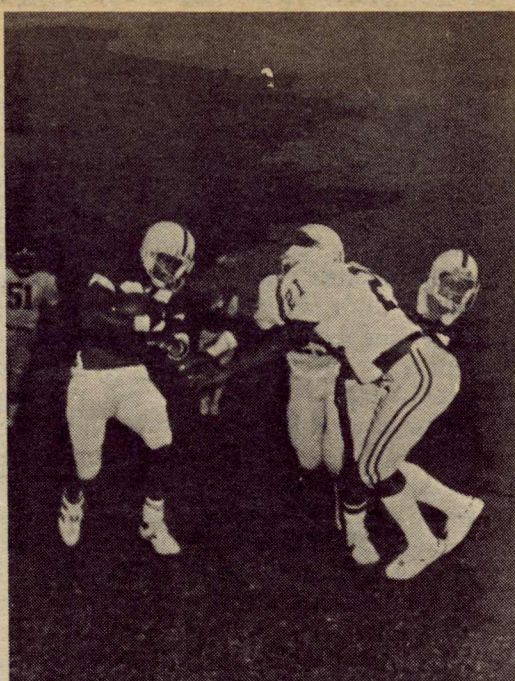
In preparation for the trip, Mrs. Alice Pouncey, a psychology teacher at East Central was invited to the

music for children class and the freshman music class on Monday, October 9 to discuss the many levels of mental retardation and the possible causes of this condition. Mrs. Pouncey mentioned specific cases at Ellisville that were of special interest, such as one resident of the infirmary who did not develop because of a malfunction of the thyroid.

Ms. Photine Balahos, chairman of the music therapy department of the state school acted as tour for the day. The points of interest visited by the East Central group were: music sessions

for middle aged women, middle aged men, small children in wheelchairs and for the blind. The students also visited the adult vocational rehabilitation building where all types of handicrafts were being made by the residents, the separate dormitories for women, men, and wheelchair residents, a co-educational dormitory for epileptics, and a dormitory for children with multiple handicaps such as a combination of deafness and blindness. Other stops were made at a greenhouse where the resi-

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It was a glorious Homecoming night for the Warriors on offense and defense as they completely dominated Hind's Eagles 43-13. East Central will try to solidify it's second place hold in the rankings with a win over Southwest Saturday night.

'Born-again' Warriors run their winning streak to four in a row

by Allen K. Muse

Looking like a team that has been reborn, the East Central Warriors have extended their winning streak to four games by downing Coahoma 16-12, and crushing Hinds 43-13.

In their 16-12 victory over Coahoma, the Warriors had to depend on their defense and the accurate field goal kicking of Greg Hawkins. Hawkins was good on tries of 31, 26, and 22 yards. In addition to Hawkins' field goals, Willie Hannah scored a touchdown on a one yard run.

Wes Collins was EC's leading rusher, gaining 65 yards on 15 carries. Alex Ealy led all receivers with 76 yards on 6 catches.

The following week, the invincible Warriors capped off a successful 50th Anniversary Homecoming with a 43-13 pounding of the Hinds Eagles. The Warriors were able to capitalize on the errors of a bumbling Eagle team and show Hinds how the game is played.

Hinds picked up the first points of the night when they recovered a fumble at the Warrior 10 yard line. E.C. countered with its first points of the night when Greg Hawkins connected on a 28 yard field goal that made the score 7-3. From this point on, it was the Warriors all the way!

On the first play following the Warrior kick-off, Mike Land recovered an HJC fumble on the 10 yard line. Two plays later, EC scored its first touchdown of the night on a four yard run by Willie Hannah. Hawkins' PAT made the score 10-7 Warriors.

Two plays after the next

Warrior kick-off Rusty Barrett recovered a HJC fumble and the Warriors were back in business. They wasted no time in scoring their second touchdown when Theodore Ealy went over from the one. Hawkins made the score 17-7. But the Warriors didn't stop here! Mark Killens connected with Alex

Ealy for nine yards and the third Warrior TD. EC retired to the dressing room at the half break carrying a 23-7 lead.

After an exciting half-time, EC came out ready to go. The Warriors proved they were ready by going on to score three more touchdowns before the evening was over.

Theodore Ealy scored his second TD of the night on a four yard run. A Hawkins kick made the score 30-7. Ricky Parker scored the second Warrior touchdown of the half when he ran the ball 12 yards to pay dirt. (The above touchdowns were set up by blocked punts by Mark Kilpatrick and Jim Thomas, respectively.) Bobby Davis ended the Warrior touchdown spree with a three yard TD run. Ronnie Mella made the PAT and EC's score stood at 43.

Hinds managed one more touchdown late in the 4th quarter, but all their other attempts were in vain as EC roasted the Eagles 43-13.

Ellisville Trip

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There were many varied reactions from the students and teachers of East Central. The expression heard most often at the close of the day was thankfulness to be normal, and appreciation for the state supported school and the skilled workers who give their time and care for these residents. Students take part in "horti-therapy", and the infirmary in Lakeview where patients are confined to hospital beds who were in various stages of growth mentally and physically from "vegetable" existence.

Women's Intramural Football

	won	lost	tied
A'Misses	5	1	0
Sidewalk Strutters	5	1	0
Athletic Supporters	4	1	0
Misusers	2	3	0
Lucky Ladies	3	3	0
Dallas Cowgirls	0	5	1
Hot Legs	0	5	1

Men's Intramural Football

	won	lost	tied
NoNames	5	0	0
Trogans	3	0	0
Incredible Hulk	2	2	0
Rockets	2	3	0
Bad News Bears	1	3	0
Dirty Dozen	0	4	0

Ladies open play Nov. 6 at Holmes

East Central's women's basketball team will open the season Monday, November 6 at Holmes.

The first home game will be played Thursday, November 9 against Meridian.

Coach Lucille Wood stated, "The freshmen have been doing well in practice. It will be just a matter of getting used to playing together." Ten freshmen and three sophomores comprise the 1978-79 women's roster.

The team record last year was 17 wins, 11 losses. They finished third in the state. In

Cleveland, Tennessee, the Warriorettes won the first round game of the Region VII tournament. Charlene Jones made the All-Region VII team during that tournament. Region VII is composed of teams in Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky.

During half-time of the girls' game November 9, the "Sweet Georgia Browns" from Morton will perform. This is a group of approximately 40 fifth and sixth grade girls who perform musical ball-handling routines.

1978 - 79 ECJC LADY WARRIORS

No.	Name	Class	H.S.	Coach
12	Ester Thomas	Fresh	Louisville	Allan Goodin
13	Bobbie Collier	Fresh	South Leake	Robert Dorman
14	Velma Smith	Fresh	Union	Mike Noblitt
15	Carla Halley	Soph	Morton	Ray Riley
21	Faye Russell	Fresh	Union	Mike Noblitt
22	Charlene Jones	Soph	Forest	Haywood Reeves
23	Jo Lynn Elkins	Fresh	Morton	Ray Riley
24	Cheryl Gibbon	Fresh	Hickory	Richard Harris
25	Faye Quinn	Fresh	Noxapater	Johnny Pair
30	Joyce Watkins	Fresh	Lake	Bernie Kirkland
31	Shelia Gilmer	Fresh	Carthage	Britt Dickens
32	Mona Tucker	Fresh	Forest	Haywood Reeves
33	Irma D. Johnson	Soph	Scott Cen.	Sammy Pace

Mangers: Skippy Latham - Freshman - Sebastopol
Jo Ann Darby - Freshman - South Leake

Coach - Lucille Wood

EAST CENTRAL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 9, Meridian, Here
Nov. 13, M.C. JV's, Morton
Nov. 17 & 18, Tourney, Gulf Coast
Nov. 20, 21, Tourney (men), Here

Volleyball season starts

by Jody Tidwell

Volleyball got underway last Thursday when Bad Co. defeated the Spikes in the men's division and Turner's Terror defeated E.C. Network in the coed division.

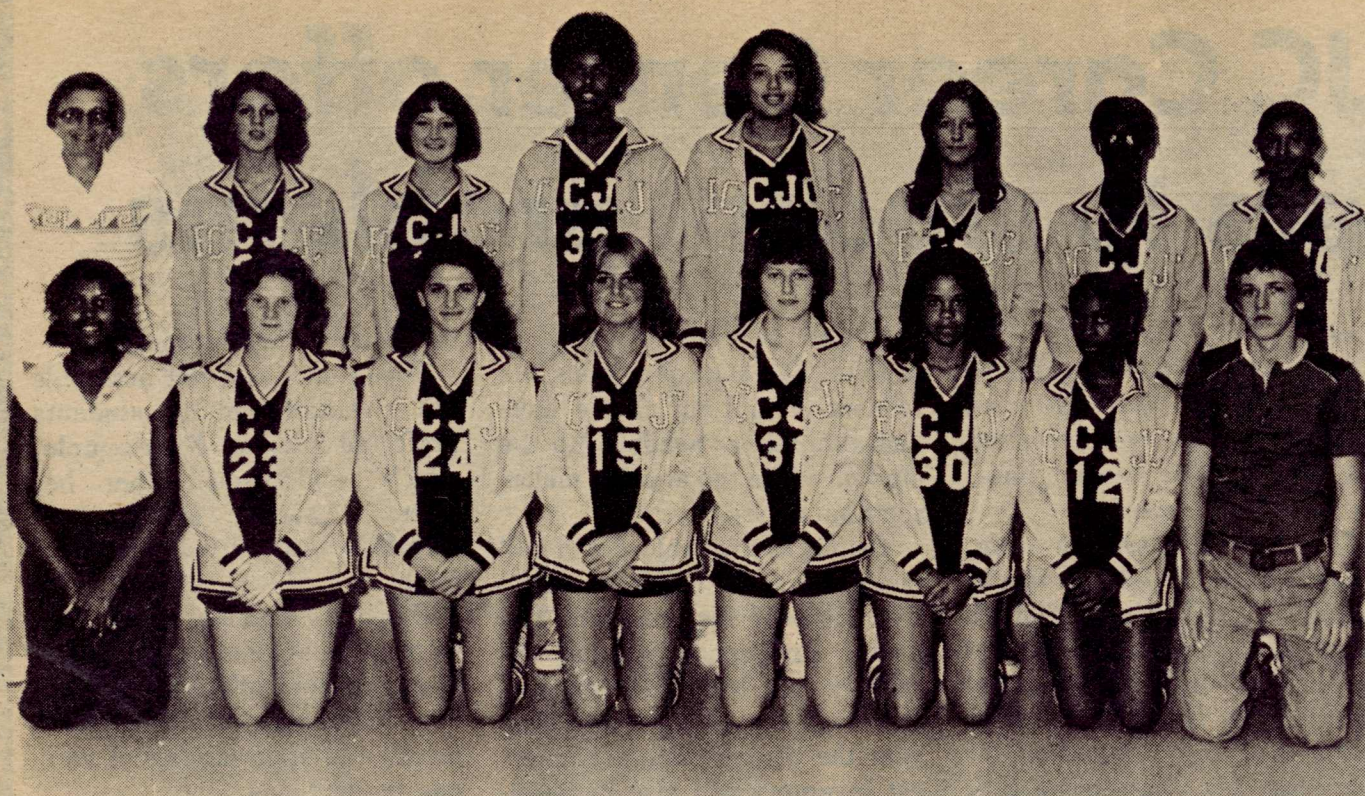
The men's division consists of five teams: Spikes, Bad Co., Cash's Disco Daddies, No-Names, Rigor Mortis TJS.

The coed division consists of five teams: Turner Terrors, Warren's Team, E.C. Network, E.C. Rejects, Rowdy Bunch.

The regular season of flag football teams ended Tuesday and tournament play began Wednesday. The No-Names clinched the regular season title by defeating the Trojans 20-12 last Thursday. In the women's division, the A'Misses and Sidewalk Strutters ended the regular season in a tie for first place.



Spencer Tracy was the only actor to win two Oscars in a row—for Captains Courageous in 1937 and Boy's Town in 1938.



THE WARRIORETTES

[1st row] left to right--Jo Ann Darby, Mgr., Jo Lynn Elkins, Cheryl Gibbon, Carla Halley, Mona Tucker, Joyce Watkins, Esther Thomas, Skippy Latham, mgr.; [2nd row] Miss Wood, Faye Quinn, Velma Smith, Irma Dean Johnson, Charlene Jones, Sheila Gilmer, Faye Russell, Bobbie Collier. Not pictured Brenda Billie and Kathy Keeton.

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Dinner Theatre slates four one-act plays

by Julie Goodwin

Tryouts were recently held for parts in E.C.J.C.'s Dinner theatre. There are four one-act plays which will be given at 7:00 p.m. on November 29-30 at the college cafeteria.

The first play is **Let's Make Up**. The cast includes Julie Wright as Marilyn; Rita Gayle Smith as Jean; Chuck McDowell as Dick; Barry Phillips as Johnny; and Guy Broome as the bellboy.

Terror Walks Tonight will be the second play on the agenda for the night. The cast includes: Jamie Satcher as Lester; Craig Gordon as Willie; Julie Goodwin as Estelle; Gwen Dickinson as Mrs. Harrison; Cindy Reynolds as Miss Woods; Randy Adair as Harold; Sylvia Hodges as Paula; and Patti Reed as Miss Hillman.

The third play will be **Them Next Door**. Portraying the characters are: Charles Parker as Booker; Shelia Whitten as Gen-

ny; Pervis Fisher as Alvin; David Fowler as Henry; Debra Higginbotham as Berta; and Janet Shaw as Brace.

Bringing up the finale is **Dark Brown**. The characters are: Susan Mihalic as Mrs. Collins; Renee Hollingsworth as Miss Tasher; Krista May as Jenny; Tammie Roland as Bella; Jackie Wilson as Fred; Melody Measells as Mrs. Persophelous; and Randy Trest as Arthur.

Tickets for the theatre will go on sale one week in advance. They are \$2.00 for students and \$4.00 for non-students.

Let us give thanks

EAST CENTRAL JR. COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER 1978-79

No.	Name	Class	School
20	Garry Brazzle	Soph.	Neshoba Central
22	James Duce	Soph.	Chattahoochee, Fl
12	Darrel Hoskin	Fresh.	Neshoba Central
21	Randolph Lyons	Soph.	Neshoba Central
25	Billy Joe Patrick	Soph.	Decatur
14	Gary Patrick	Fresh.	Forest
23	Shelton Ricks	Fresh.	Edinburg
10	Phil Shepard	Soph.	Leake Academy
24	Richard Stewart	Fresh.	Chickasaw, AL
30	Ronald Townsend	Fresh.	Tallulah, LA
15	Barry Upton	Soph.	Leake Academy
11	Clayton Whitehead	Fresh.	Newton Academy
Mgr.	Hilton White		Edinburg
Mgr.	Daniel Amis		Decatur
Colors--White - Old Gold - Black			
Coach: Herman Robinson			

U.S.S.R, energy, inflation are big issues says G.V.M.

by Susan Mihalic

"Everything we do in Washington affects you personally," said Fourth District representative Sonny Montgomery at last Friday's meeting with his Advisory Council.

Montgomery met briefly with nineteen students to touch on such topics as student loans and grants, the all-volunteer military, tax-break legislation and the neutron bomb.

"The three major issues facing the United States today are the buildup of the Soviet Union's strength, inflation and the energy crisis," the congressman said, adding that he could not emphasize enough the fact that what takes place in Washington affects everyone.

A supporter of the neutron

bomb, Montgomery said he felt that America could not afford to let the Soviet Union gain military dominance.

He also discussed the Equal Rights Amendment, saying that while he had voted to let it go to individual state legislatures, he had opposed its extension.

"I believe it has had enough time," he explained.

Members of the council include: Thomas Barnes, Al Caskey, Todd Gregory, Lou Ann Harper, John Harrison, Linda Killen, Phyllis Leflore, Debbie Livingston, Miriam Mars, Carla Massey, Susan Mihalic, Charletta Moore, Brenda Munn, Barry Phillips, Mary Reeves, Gary Rogers, Tammy Taylor, Mickey Vance and Perry Winstead.

New ECJC Career Center offers answers to student problems

Within the next few weeks there will be completed a room for the purpose of career information. This room, called a Career Center, will be located next door to the Counselor's offices. Students may browse through and look at materials concerning senior college curricula and career opportunities.

One of the problems faced by the junior college student is the choosing of a major and/or career field. This problem has many sides. A student may have high academic marks in all areas but may not have a preference of a major. Another student may have a preferred field but academic grades point to a different area. Where do students find

answers?

Students who find themselves faced with this problem need information. The counselors' office is the place needed information can be obtained.

East Central has two counselors available, Mr. Raymond McMullan and Ms. Elizabeth Jones. Ms. Jones is the newest member of the East Central faculty. She is from Meridian where she taught highschool for two years. Ms. Jones has a B.S. in business and a MA. from Jackson State in guidance and counseling. Among her hobbies are sewing, cooking, dancing, swimming, and tennis.

Both councilors Jones and McMullan agree that counseling is

not just for the student in trouble. The councilor helps the student to find out all the facts and alternatives available to the student while the student makes the final decision.

Testing is available which will enable students to get an objective view of his interest. The Kuder Preference Interest Inventory has been the standard test available to students. This year the Strong-Campbell Interest Inventory will also be available.

Both of these test are standard testing materials used throughout the United States. The difference is the Kuder Inventory is graded on campus while the Strong-Campbell is graded by

computer at another location.

These tests are not academic but inventories of the students preferred interest. For example, which would you rather be, Doctor, Lawyer, or Teacher. Questions are varied and thorough.

One of the books of importance in the Career Center will be the **Occupational Outlook Handbook**. The handbook covers requirements and opportunities of various career fields.

With this information, students will not have to back track at a senior college level. What do you do when you don't know what you want to do? Get some information.

Luisa Harris Stewart

Former All-American now Delta State recruiter

Would you believe that the lady considered by many to be the finest female basketball player in the nation visited our own East Central campus the other day? Well, it's true.

Lusia Harris Stewart, better known as Lucy Harris, visited East Central to recruit sophomores for Delta State University, Wednesday, October 18. While she was here, many students talked to her and even got her autograph.

Lucy is a six foot two and one-half inches tall center. She attended the Amanda Elzy High School at Greenwood.

When asked what got her interested in basketball, she said, "I've always played basketball, but I first got on a real team in Junior High. I also played on the high school team, which was pretty good. During my senior year, the basketball recruiter from Delta State asked me to come play for them after I graduated, so I did."

While at Delta State, Lucy won many honors and awards. A few of them are two time Kodak All-American choice while leading the Lady Statesmen to back-to-back national championships . . . led the nation in 1975-76 with a 31.2 scoring

average and named Most Valuable Player of last year's National Tournament . . . Delta State's Most Valuable Player her freshman, sophomore and junior years . . . led the United States' team to a Pan American gold

metal in 1975 . . . on World Games Team . . . scored historic first points in women's Olympic Basketball Competition and went on to lead U.S. to a second place finish at Montreal . . . top scorer

(15.2) and rebounder (7.0) on USA team and also led in field goal percentage (63.0).

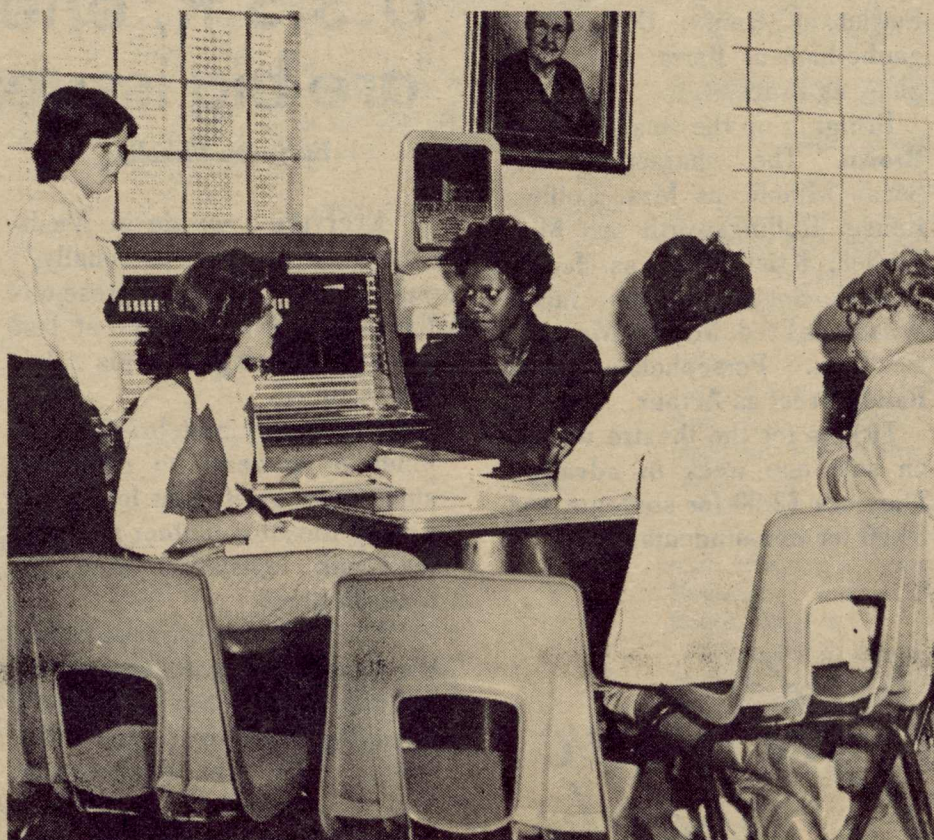
In her own best single game, she scored 58 points against Tennessee Tech. She holds 15 of Delta State University's 18 individual women's records. She scored 2,119 points in three years, including 1,060 points last year.

Although basketball took up much of Lucy's time, she had time for other things also. She was DSU's Homecoming Queen and a dean's list student. She is the seventh child in the family of nine and enjoys sewing, reading and cooking.

"Maybe in the near future, after I recruit for a while and get my master's degree" was Lucy's answer when asked about coaching basketball.

For any girl interested in basketball, Lucy's advice would be, "A girl has to be dedicated, willing to sacrifice a lot of things and plan to do a lot of hard work."

In 1976, Lucy went to China for the World University games. Why, she was even drafted by the National Basketball Association! All of this is proof enough of the uniqueness of this great woman.



Lucia Harris, center, recruits E.C.J.C. students to Delta State University.

Thanksgiving

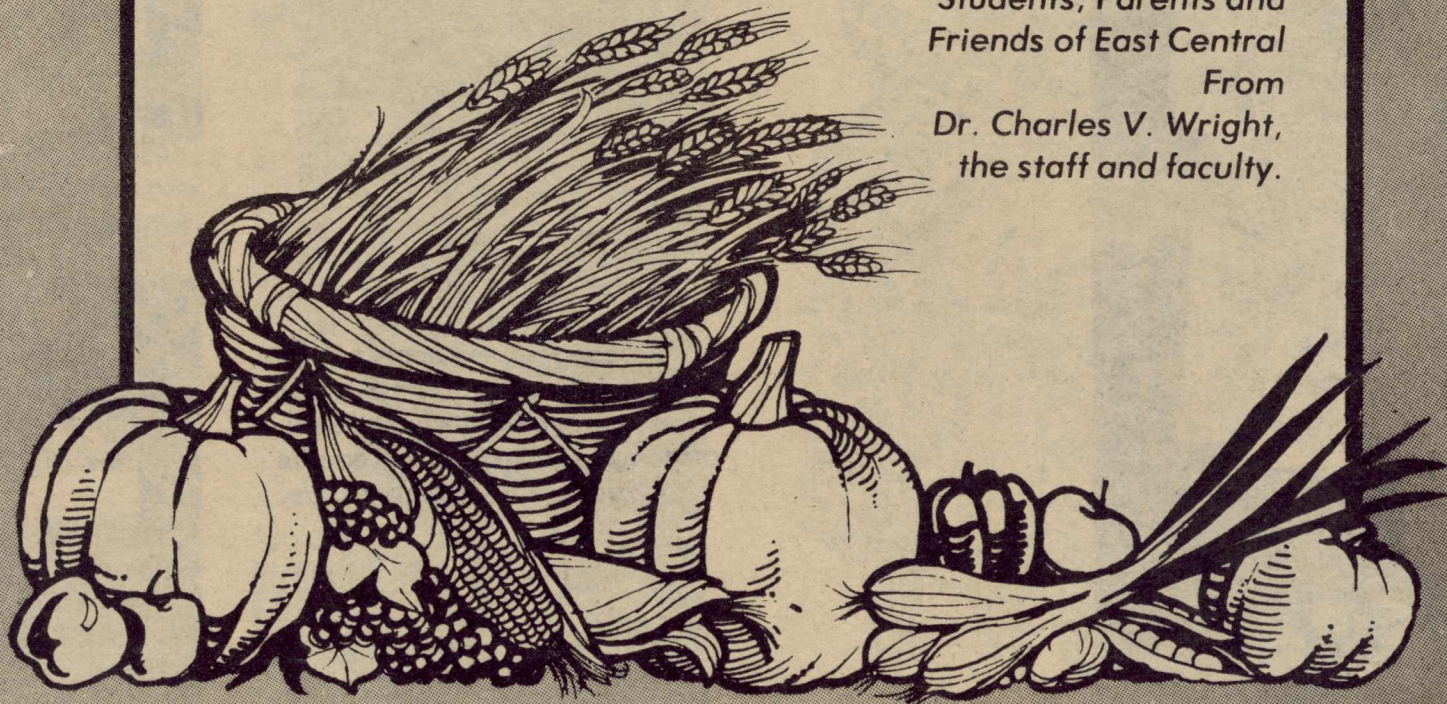


"Heap high the board with plenteous
cheer, and gather to the feast,
And toast the sturdy Pilgrim band
whose courage never ceased.
Give praise to that All-Gracious One
by whom their steps were led,
And thanks unto the harvest's Lord
who sends our "daily bread."

— *The First Thanksgiving Day*

A Message For Our
Students, Parents and
Friends of East Central
From

Dr. Charles V. Wright,
the staff and faculty.





Fashion heels and highest...

By Anna Lewis

Fashions and fads are something most people try to stay in step with. Nowadays though, it's pretty hard to stay "in balance" with fashions, much less "in step", thanks to the new style of heels.

Wooden shoes with the high spikes certainly are fashionable, they are even good for protection (all it would take is one swift kick). At the same time, it's easy to see who's coordinated and who isn't. As you walk up the stairs to class and see a young lady tumbling down them, you can

generally assume that she had a problem with her shoes. Also, have you noticed that thanks to the height of the heels that it's getting harder and harder to find short women?

One thing you can say for the shoes is that they build up the legs, that is if they don't cause you to break them first. If you can overlook fallen arches or broken ankles, shoes can certainly add a lot to your fashion wardrobe. So go ahead, step into style, but be careful. Let's try to break the record for the fewest mishaps on heels.



Sherri Cater's high heels are in better proportion with the new style of longer skirts.

Teresa Peoples seems to be doing very well with both grace and balance in her high heels, although these qualities can be difficult with the new style.



e high, higher, or those who want to stay in step



Guess whose feet? High wooden heels and rolled up jeans are the new aspect in fashion, but there's always the slight danger of getting one's heel caught in the cuff. If anyone can manage these styles gracefully it's Julie Wright.

Miriam Mars feminine apparel is accented by her attractive spike heels and dainty straps.



Response is encouraging

Movie selection is balance of popularity and price

By Randy Trest

Plans are being made to show movies at ECJC on a regular basis. The money earned from the presentations will be used to help support the band. Band director James Dykes, sponsor of the project, said that the first of these films, a special Halloween presentation of Edgar Allen Poe's **The Fall of the House of Usher**, was a success, and he is optimistic about the continued success of the movie project.

Some films are rather expensive, and it may be necessary to raise the price of admission for these. For example, the cost for a one day rental of **Rollercoaster** is three hundred dollars. An attempt will be made, however, to present high quality films at the lowest possible cost to students. Films which contain explicit sex, profanity, or violence will not be shown.

In a survey given at the movie presentation Tuesday night, students were asked to indicate the types of movies they would most like to see shown here. The results of the survey were as follows: Comedy - 56 votes, Love Stories - 49, Crime, Mystery, and Suspense - 30, Horror and the Supernatural - 33, Action and Adventure - 22, Science Fiction - 20, Music and Musicals - 18, Western and Frontier Stories - 14, Sports - 15, War Drama - 9, Espionage and Foreign Intrigue - 9, Black Heritage - 6, and Religion - 6 votes.

According to other questions asked on the form, everyone who participated in the survey said that they would like to see more movies at ECJC; no one thought that movies would not go over well; forty-nine said that the price (\$1.25) is okay; nine said that the price is too high; and when asked if they would be

willing to pay a little more for a more expensive film, forty-six said "yes"; eight said "no"; and two said "maybe".

Some movies which are now being considered for presentation are **The Apple Dumpling Gang, Rollercoaster, Two Minute Warning, My Name Is Nobody, Return To Boggy Creek, Rooster Cogburn, Cactus Flower, The Ghost and Mr. Chicken, White Line Fever, They Call Me Trinity, Trinity Is Still My Name, Car Wash, Marooned, Cat Ballou, Breakout, Casino Royal** (a 007 film), **Enter The Dragon, Support Your Local Sheriff, Butterflies Are Free, McQ, Green Berets, White Lightning, The Last Remake of Beau Geste, The Shakiest Gun In The West, and Gus**. At present, however, these films are only under consideration, and no definite decisions on certain presentations have been made.

PTK Picks Dick Mayo top alum.

Theta Xi Chapter of East Central Junior College nominated Richard E. (Dick) Mayo as Distinguished Alumnus of Phi Theta Kappa.

Dick was graduated from East Central Junior College in 1955. After completing his military obligation, he attended the University of Mississippi and was graduated with a degree in engineering in 1959. He has a year of advanced study at Mississippi State University.

Dick was employed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in 1959. While working at an earlier NASA location at Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Virginia, he was instrumental in filling an early balloon-type satellite with nitrogen gas to cause inflation after the capsule containing the balloon had entered orbit.

For a time he worked with spacesuits worn by the astronauts in space walks and moon flights. He personally suited up Neil Armstrong for his historic first moon-walk in the Apollo 11 mission.

He participated in the design of the Life Support System for the Lunar Excursion Module wherein oxygen that has been breathed is recycled to be used again. The system is designed to support life for a maximum of 30 hours. In the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission this system gave 72 additional hours of oxygen and averted tragic deaths of the three astronauts when oxygen had escaped from a ruptured container.

Presently he is Chief of the Engineering Division, NASA, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas.

Dick is married to the former Betty Addy, also of Decatur, Mississippi. They have two sons, aged 17 and 9.

Annual staff barricades new offices

The Annual Staff has moved again. For the past years, the Annual Staff has had 6 different offices. Each different building they have operated in has either been torn down or condemned.

Now, Mrs. Graham and her workers have taken over Dr. Tucker's old office. "The only way they are going to get us out of here," is to tear the whole building down!

The last Annual Office was across from the Nurse's office in the building next to the lunchroom. What was the main problem over there? According to Teresa Warnock, "that building was super cold in the winter and it got awfully hot in the late spring."

Although the new office is smaller than the old office, the staff has organized its business to fit the space. Also the location of the new office is more convenient and efficient for the members.



Staff member Martha Burton goes to work in the new annual room.

ECJC CHOIR ELECTIONS HELD

The ECJC Choir met Wednesday, October 18, and elected new officers for the 1978-79 school year.

The newly elected Choir officers are as follows:

President	Angela Hardy
Vice-President	Keith Moore
Secretary-Treasurer	Sherri Miley
Reporters	Natalie Thompson, "Dink" Hight

MEET THE CHAMPS

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MEN'S CHAMPION VOLLEYBALL [No-Names]

*Kneeling--Wayne Turner, Jody Tidwell, Bo Freeney, Steve Watkins;
[standing] Carl Wilbanks, Hilton White, Gary Cox, Gary Harthcock.*



CO-ED CHAMPION VOLLEYBALL

*Kneeling--Barbara Green, Jody Tidwell, Debbie Easterling, Tammy Taylor;
[standing] Phil Shepard, Gary Cox, Kathy Keeton, Wayne Turner, Steve Watkins.*

Warriors finish 6-3-1....

Closing win over Jones was high point

"I think we had a real good year although I hate about all the folks getting hurt," explained Coach Ken Pouncey when asked of his feelings about the 1978 football season.

The ECJC Warriors ended the season on Saturday, November 4 with a 21-16 win over nationally ranked Jones. This left the Warriors with a 6-3-1 record, which improved last year's 4-6 season.

Although this was a winning season, Coach Pouncey thought they should have done better. "At the beginning of the season, there was no togetherness of the team. As the season went on, we got to know each other better and started playing better", explained Ronnie Mella, a defensive tackle.

To have this winning season, the football players really put up an effort. Practice started two weeks before school started with two practices a day. When school started, the team practiced every day from around 3:30 - 5:30.

Now that the season is over, the players will have three weeks off, then they will start an off-season program. This will continue until around the last of January, when spring training starts.

Even though they do not have practice, they have to worry about their grades. To stay on scholarship, they must pass ten hours with a 1.5 grade point average.

Although many sophomores returned, much of this year's football team was made up of freshmen. Coach Pouncey hopes that all or many of this year's freshmen will return next year.

Even though every game is important, the last game had to be the best of all. Jones held a 9-0 record before they came to East Central. "I felt like we could beat them all along, but we had to work at it. All of the team really wanted to win," said Coach Pouncey. He added, "We had the best week of practice before that game that we had all year."

When asked about his feelings of the season, Ralph Edwards, a defensive back, explained, "I think our season was crippled by injuries toward the end, but for the last one we pulled together with everything we had."

Everyone at East Central realizes the hard work and effort put in to playing football. Without it, the Warriors could not have

possibly had the kind of winning season that everyone wanted.

4 Warriors are All-State

by Rita Gayle Smith

Chosen for the first team of All-State for the South division is Mark Killens, Alex Ealy, Ralph Edwards, and Kenneth Whitfield.

These EC football players were chosen Monday at a coaches meeting in Jackson. The coaches from all seven junior colleges in the South division selected a first team and also an honorable mention team.

All of these players are sophomores. Mark Killens, from Union, plays quarterback. Alex Ealy, from Forest, plays split end. Also from Forest, Ralph Edwards is a free safety. Kenneth Whitfield is a defensive tackle from Louisville.

Also chosen to play in the All-Star game at Tupelo on November 17, is Mark Killens, Alex Ealy, and Kenneth Whitfield. Along with these awards, Alex Ealy was also chosen "Most Outstanding Lineman" in the South division.



Selected to the All-State and All-Star football teams are: [standing] Mark Killens and Kenneth Whitfield; [sitting] Alex Ealy and Ralph Edwards.

French Club, Home-Ec add cooking to course

by Allen K. Muse

On Tuesday evening, November 14, the members of Le Cercle Francais and the Home-Ec club were treated to a cooking lesson by Mrs. Marguerite Marcangeli, and a french conversation by her mother, Madame Angela Maria Vaccri, a native of Italy and a resident of France.

Mrs. Marcangeli, a resident of Philadelphia, showed the gathering how to make raviolis, and pasta in general. Her lesson was interrupted several times by conversations in French between Mrs. Marcangeli, Madame Vaccri, who speaks only French and Italian, and Madame Elisabeth Rowell, the French Club sponsor.

Following the demonstration

the group was treated to a meal of raviolis, French-style bread, salad, and imported French cafe (coffee).

After the meal, the members of the French Club presented Madame Vaccri with an appreciation gift, and tried out their French language skills by engaging in conversations about everyday life. During this, Mrs. Pouncey and her group were given the chance to practice the art of making pasta and to exchange cooking tips and recipes with Mrs. Marcangeli.

Joining the group for the night were Mrs. Rose Bradberry, Mrs. Kaye Rowell, and little Amy Pouncey who had a grand time learning many things in French language and custom.

Library adds new books

This year at East Central Library we have received a number of new books to add to your selection. Below are just a few listed, hopefully some will attract your attention.

FICTION

Price, R.--Early Dark
Smith, W.A.--Cry Wolf
Peck, R.N.--The King's Iron
Manfred, F.F.--Green Earth
Mosher, H.F.--Disappearances

NON-FICTION

Nixon, R.M.--RN: The Memoirs of Richard Nixon
Schafer, W.J.--Brass Bands and New Orleans Jazz
Stuart, S.L.--Who Won What When
Schram, M.--Running for President
Korn, H.--Muhammad Ali Retrospective

PTK adds 10 new members

New Phi Theta Kappa members were initiated last week.

Of those invited to join this year, 10 students accepted. Those added to the list as new members this year are: Sudie Kay Bassett, Tammy Fletcher, John Harrison, Miriam Mars, Jackie Sue Mayes, Andy McGee, Barry Phillips, Cindy Pennington, Janice Smith, and Paulette Hall.

The Phi Theta Kappa fraternity is the only national honor fraternity for Junior and community colleges.

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Registration January 3rd

by Sudie Kay Bassett

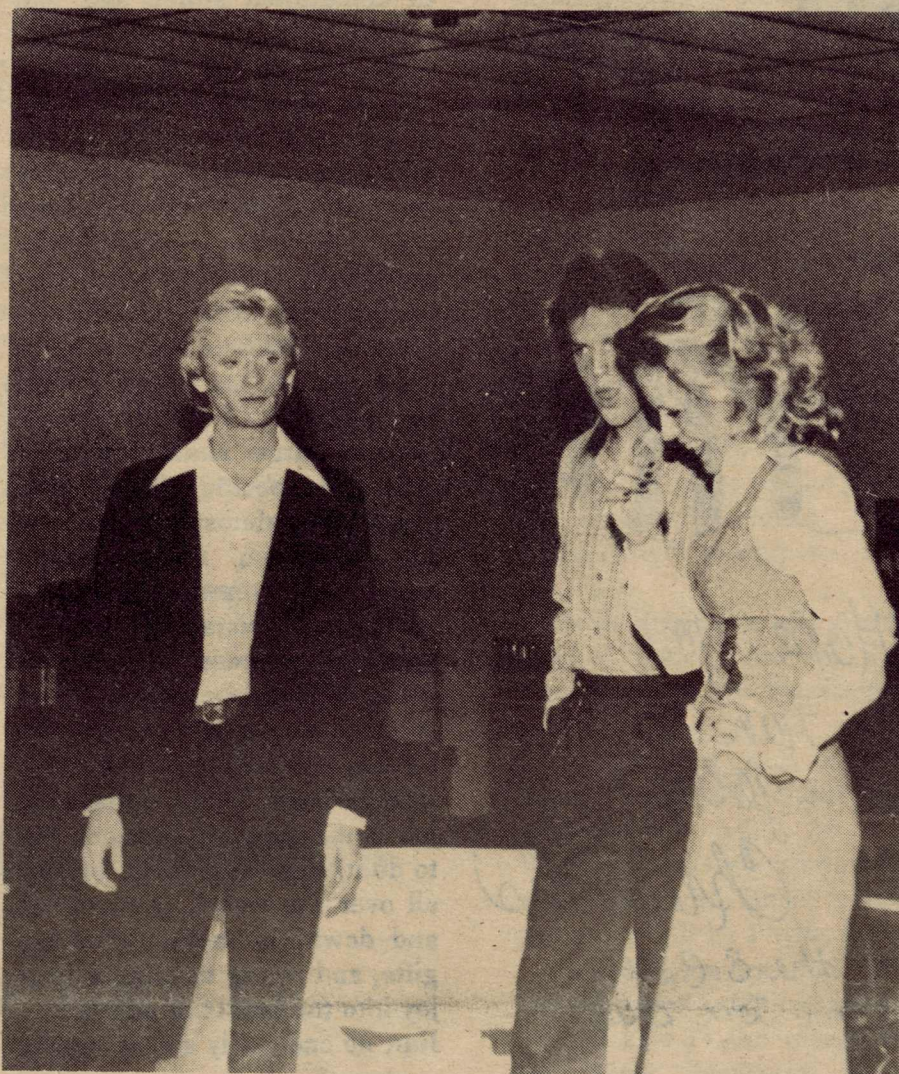
Registration for 1979 spring semester classes at ECJC will begin Wednesday, January 3, 1979 at 8 a.m.

Mr. Frank Rives, Registrar, released the following schedule.

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1979: 8:00 a.m.--General Assembly in Auditorium; 8:45 a.m.--Registration in Newton Hall for all **Sophomores** who pre-registered and filled out schedule card in registrar's office; 10:45 a.m.---Registration in Newton Hall for all **Freshmen** who pre-registered; 1:00 p.m.--Registration in Newton Hall for all **Vocational** students; 2:00 p.m.--Registration in Newton Hall for all academic students who did not pre-register including first-time and transfers.

Mr. Rives stated further, "Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 4, a late registration fee will be charged for all students other than the ones scheduled to register at that time."

The class schedule for academic and vocational students will begin Thursday, January 4. Wednesday, January 10 is the last day for registering and adding courses. Courses may be dropped as late as February.



Giggling through a dress rehearsal of "Let's Make Up" were Barry Phillips, Chuck McDowell, and Julie Wright.

Fall Plays Were Big Success

by Randy Trest

The ECJC Players Fall Dinner Theatre for 1978, composed of four one-act plays, was a huge success, and a source of enjoyment for everyone involved.

The two comedies and two dramas were well produced, well acted, and well received. Some of the plays have had offers to give presentations for nearby schools and organizations.

"Terror Walks Tonight" was presented to the Business and Professional Women's Club in Philadelphia.

Mr. Bruce Peterson, sponsor of the ECJC Players, and director of their production, said that he was very pleased with the success of the Dinner Theatre and has high hopes for the Spring Musical.

Candidates For Graduation

December 22, 1978

Air Conditioning & Refrigeration

Holifield, Jimmy L.

Automotive Body and Fender

Ealy, Alexander

Derrick, Larry J.

Massey, Bruce O.

Melton, Jerry L.

Carpentry

Turbeville, Josie E.

Cosmetology

Irby, Linda

Mullins, Terri Lyn

Electricity

Brown, James T., Jr.

Cleveland, Charles R.

Duncan, David P.

Kilpatrick, John Mark

Masonry

McCoy, Barry N.

McCoy, Thomas H.

Robinson, Aubrey L.

Smith, William J.

Townsend, Shirley Rose

Townsend, W.M.

Whitfield, Kenneth

Radio & T.V.

Barnes, Byron

Welding

Deering, Paladin

Jones, Sammie Jean

Intensive Business

Craig, Cynthia Ann

Gibbs, Donna Lynn (Secretarial)

Associate in Arts

Bassett, Sudie Kay

Blaine, Hubert E.

Brackeen, Charlie Wells

Hall, Paulette Perritt

Harthcock, Alec Gary

Turner, David Wayne

Associate in Science

Scoggin, Robert Joe



1978 WARRIORS---(1st row, left to right) Clayton Whitehead, Darrel Hoskin, Gary Brazle, Randolph Lyons, Phil Shepard, Gary Patrick. (2nd row) Hilton White, Mgr., Shelton Ricks, Ronald Townsend, Jimmy Duce, Ricky Stewart, Billy Jo Patrick, Barry Upton, Daniel Amis, Mgr.

Doesn't Get As Much Mail...

An Interview With The Man In The Red Suit

by Randy Trest

Tom-Tom: Mr. Claus . . .

S.C.: Please, call me Santa.

Tom-Tom: Santa, you've been at this job for a long time, and I suppose you know more about Christmas than any other living person. Have you noticed any major changes in the spirit of Christmas over the years?

S.C.: Oh, certainly. For one thing, the commercialism is really getting out of hand; it's appalling. Also, there seems to be a growing decline in the Christmas spirit. Many people have the attitude that Christmas is just another source of bills and expenses. To others, Christmas is nothing more than an excuse for greed. The old saying of "It is better to give than to receive" is quickly being replaced by "Gimme, gimme, gimme." And perhaps the thing that hurts me most deeply on a personal basis is the fact that the majority of people no longer seem to believe that I even exist. A thing like that is enough to give a fellow a complex.

Tom-Tom: I should think so. Have any of the modern attitudes affected operations at the North Pole?

S.C.: Most definitely. The elves have formed a union, and are constantly going on strike. Also, the quality of their workmanship is on a rapid decline. Not even the reindeer seem to take much pride in their jobs, anymore.

Tom-Tom: Does any of this ever make you want to just give up? Do you think that Santa Claus will ever retire?

S.C.: No . . . no, I don't think so. There have been times when I've become depressed and disenchanted with the whole thing, and have seriously considered throwing in the towel. But then Mrs. Claus always steps in and brings me back to my senses. She's a wonderful woman. Anyhow, I believe that the current shape of the world, and the decline of the spirit of Christmas just makes my job that much more important. I mean, someone's got to try to hold it all together, and keep the Christmas spirit alive, right? I suppose as long as there is even one person left in the world who believes in me, Santa Claus will stay in business.

Tom-Tom: That's certainly good to hear. Tell me, Santa, do



*Hope you
have a
jolly
Christmas*

*From the E.C.J.C.
Tom-Tom staff*

you feel any resentment toward the people who impersonate you in department stores and parades?

S.C.: Oh, no not at all. In fact, I consider them to be of great help. It just isn't possible for me to make many personal appearances, and I appreciate what those fellows are doing to help keep a belief in Santa Claus going.

Tom-Tom: Do you receive much mail these days?

S.C.: Well, not as much as in the past. But, I do still receive quite a large amount of mail asking for specific gifts . . . But, you know, I almost never receive any thank-you notes. Almost never . . . It's getting very hard to feel appreciated. They write and ask for presents on top of presents, but they just don't take the time or energy to thank me for them. It's enough to break a fellow's heart. This is a thankless job, but I suppose someone has to do it. Year after year, I travel all over the world, climbing up and down chimneys, delivering gifts, and trying to bring a little joy into the hearts of others . . . But, no one really seems to care

anymore . . . No one seems to care . . .

Tom-Tom: Excuse me, Santa. I can't help but notice that there are tears in your eyes. Is anything wrong?

S.C.: No, no. Please, you must forgive an old man and his sentimental foolishness. Go on with your interview. I'm all right.

Tom-Tom: Do you still use your original reindeer?

S.C.: No . . . no, I don't. Sad as it may be, only Rudolph is still in action. The rest have been retired and put out to pasture. They're getting quite old. Even Rudolph is getting on in years. His nose is growing progressively dimmer with each passing year. But, you know, he still insists on leading the team every Christmas Eve. He's really quite a trooper. He never gives up. It seems he's the only member of my staff besides Mrs. Claus and myself who really cares anymore. It became too much of a strain for the others, who are older. Pulling a fully loaded sleigh around the world is strenuous work. Of course, the reindeer now on the job are descendents of the originals, and they have the same names. But, it just isn't the same anymore.

Tom-Tom: How do you manage to remain so active yourself at your . . . well, at your advanced age?

S.C.: It is getting pretty difficult to climb those chimneys and carry that heavy bag. But, I manage to stay healthy enough to get the job done, despite my age and weight. I get plenty of rest and take a lot of vitamins. Also, I think sheer determination has a lot to do with it.

Tom-Tom: Tell me, Santa, since you are an expert on the subject, exactly what does Christmas mean to you?

S.C.: Christmas, to me, is many things. It is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ; it is a time of peace and goodwill; it is a joyous, hopeful, and peaceful state of mind. It is a time of love and brotherhood; and it is a time of caring, giving, and receiving. That's where I come in: to spread the joy of caring, giving, and receiving.

Tom-Tom: Santa, is there anything you would like to say to our readers in closing?

S.C.: I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and an exceptionally Happy New Year.

Being Santa Claus Is 'A New Experience'

ECJC has its own Santa Claus, sophomore Pat McMurphy.

At the beginning of this year's Christmas shopping season, Pat took a job with the Sears Department Store of Forest to play "Jolly Ole St. Nick".

Riding on the fire truck through Forest to Sears with a red suit, black boots, black belt, white hair and beard started the season. Some friends of Pat went to see him in action and he played the part so well, they didn't recognize him.

Between November 13 and 14, the opening days of the shopping season, Pat had said, "What do you want for Christmas" to approximately 300 kids. Pat said they asked for many of the usual toys on the market, Stretch Armstrong, Crying dolls, Kissing dolls, and other. "The most unusual thing that was asked

for," Pat said, "was a house". Some kid knew the value of a dollar.

Being Santa Claus at a department store, unusual things can happen. One mother put her toddler on Pat's lap for a picture and Pat was the one who took the souvenir home of a little wet ring on his pants.

Pat questioned all the kids about how good or how bad they had been. He got some unusually frank answers from time to time.

We asked Pat how it felt to be Santa Claus to which he replied, "You just have to put on the suit and try it yourself to know what it is really like. It's a new experience."

Playing St. Nick is not something you would want to do year round or even every year but definitely once in a life time.



Band Staying Busy

The East Central Warrior Band has been busy participating in area Christmas parades.

The spiffy band performed in Louisville on November 30. Approximately fifty units comprised that gala parade. The Warrior band played show tunes and Christmas music.

The Warrior band led Philadelphia's Christmas parade on December 5, with joyous Christmas sounds.

Rain prevented them from marching in Decatur's December 4th parade.

James Dykes, band director,

said, "Due to some parades being scheduled at conflicting times, we can't make them all. We accept invitations to perform on a first-come, first-serve basis. Where we have performed two or three years in a row, we will probably go to the other. We try to appear in as many performances as we possibly can, yet we still have to consider the student first."

The band is anticipating their three-day trip to Mardi Gras in New Orleans in February. They hope to again represent East Central Junior College well.

Campus Happenings

By Nelda Evans

Seasonal spirit is starting to show through at East Central as clubs and organizations make plans for celebrating Christmas.

The French Club has already had a party at Mr. Vickers' home last Monday, December 4. They celebrated with a traditional French Yule log.

The girls' dormitories will have their annual Christmas parties Monday, December 11. All the girls will gather in their respective lobbies to eat and have fun around the Christmas tree. Linda Killen is in charge of the sophomore party and Lisa Richardson

is in charge of the freshman party.

The Baptist Student Union invites ECJC students to go caroling with them Tuesday, December 12. They plan to gather at the BSU at 6:00 P.M.

The ECJC Concert Choir is planning a concert at 7:30, Wednesday night, December 13, in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Everybody is invited to attend.

Even the faculty is getting in on the fun. Gail Wood, assistant librarian, is chairman of the committee for the December 18th faculty brunch. This will be held from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the Gordon Room.

Christmas Fashions

As the glittering Christmas season approaches, the days and nights will be fulfilled with parties, dinners, and dancing. Have you taken a look at some of the fabulous Christmas fashions? This year you will find that the look has changed drastically compared with last year. Would you be interested in the sleeky satin look in a bright green? This would look terrific beneath the shimmering lights of the disco-teque. If you want to look wonderfully elegant, why not step into a slinky dress of velvet in a beautiful shade of emerald green, complemented with

diamond jewelry. To have the look of class, why not add a touch of glitter to the face so you may sparkle under the lights. So when you dance by you will catch his eye.

Would you be interested in taking a trip back to the 1950's this Christmas in a pleated wool skirt with a soft cashmere sweater? But don't forget the feminine lacy bobby socks with a pair of stylish loafers.

If you want the casual look, step into a pair of straight-leg jeans and a shiny satin shirt, add a terrific look with a pair of shiny, fluorescent platform shoes.

Marriage And Family Class Slates Wedding Ceremony

Nelda Evans

There is going to be a wedding in Mrs. Graham's marriage and family class.

Miss Miriam Mars, bride-elect of Hilton White announces final plans for the couple's Dec. 11 wedding.

The afternoon ceremony will take place in East Central's Fine Arts auditorium with the Rev. Danny Malone officiating.

Parents of the bride are Jimmy Butler and Wanda Thompson. Groom's parents are Barry Upton and Denise Kemp.

Wedding songs will be presented by Sheila Thrash. Teresa Warnock will accompany her on the piano.

Sheila Breedlove will serve as maid of honor for Miriam. Bridesmaids will be Lisa Haralson and Cindy Pennington.

Hilton's best man is to be Perry Winstead. Ushers and groomsmen will be Carl Wilbanks and Gary Harthcock.

Directing the entire wedding ceremony will be Phyllis Leflere.

Following the ceremony, those attending the wedding, are invited to come to the reception in the Home Economics Department in Newton Hall.

Only the marriage and family students may attend.

Now, one may ask "Is this for real?" The answer is "no".

In Mrs. Graham's words. "This wedding is just an exercise for the class in learning what goes into preparing for a wedding."

"The last couple of weddings have been very conventional," continues Mrs. Graham. "The bride and groom choose their own ceremony. Those in the wedding dress as closely as possible to the real thing. It's very convincing."

How do the students feel about participating in a "play

wedding"? "Everybody cooperates," Mrs. Graham explained. "The boys don't seem to mind any more than the girls. A few giggle and blush, but they go through with it. Some girls, as well as boys, actually shake and stutter as if it were real."

They even use a bonafied minister to perform the ceremony.

Of course, when the wedding is over, the couple is not legally married. There is no license or anything to make it legal. In other words, "They are divorced as soon as they step off the walkway," Mrs. Graham laughed.

The wedding, as well as many other life-like projects in the marriage and family class, is only a way of preparing students for things they will probably have to face one day.

Evening Class Registration Starts Jan. 4th

BY SUDIE KAY BASSETT

Registration for evening classes will be Thursday, January 4, 1979. Registration for all locations-Decatur, Carthage, Forest, Louisville, Philadelphia and ETV courses--will be held on campus at East Central Junior College. Interested students should report on that date to Room 10 in Newton Hall at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to the above time, registration for any location can be completed at the college administrative offices between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. until January 18th., 1979.

Four courses will be considered full-time enrollment. All evening classes, other than ETV, must meet 15 three hour periods in addition to Registration.



Dink Hight and Angie Hardy represented East Central at the Philadelphia Christmas parade.

Warriors Reach Mid-Way Mark Of Season

The East Central Junior College basketball team has gotten off to a slow start in their 1978-79 season. The Warriors stand at a 3-4 record as their coach, Herman Robinson, pushes them on.

The Warriors began their season by meeting the Holmes Bulldogs head on at Holmes Junior College. The game resulted in a double overtime, but the Warriors walked away with a

Five Girls Avg. Double Figures

By Sudie Kay Bassett

East Central Junior College's women's basketball team has been really on the ball this year.

Fourteen girls are on the roster and five of these have point averages in double figures. These range from 10.0 to 17.5, with Esther Thomas from Louisville leading the scorers.

"I believe the girls are making a very good showing this year. As we near the half-way mark on our schedule, I want to say that I am proud of them and believe that they will continue to keep up their good record," says Coach Lucille Wood.

The girls who have been awarded the Jaycee Player of the Week Award for their contributions to the team and the game have been: Bobbie Collier, Joyce Watkins, and Esther Thomas.

Program covers school sports

By Sudie Kay Bassett

Coach Lucille Wood has put together an anniversary issue souvenir program, covering 1928 - 1978.

"The publication represents much hard work on behalf of many people, including my sister!" said Miss Wood.

"We've tried to assemble many interesting facts concerning athletics over the years at ECJC in the hope that people will enjoy reading and some even remembering."

Various clubs are selling these programs at the ballgames and receiving the proceeds for their club.

Advertisers have been generous in their donations for this issue.

The next Warriors game was with the Meridian Eagles at Decatur. The Warriors battled through this game to come out on top with a score of 85-69. "This was the weakest team we've played, but by no means were they weak," stated Coach Robinson.

The next few games proved to be fighting defeats for the Warriors. They traveled to Florida to the Chipola Tournaments where they lost two games. Coach Robinson said that the team enjoyed the trip except for 100-91 victory under their belt.

the losses. The Warriors then lost two hard fought battles at the East Central Tournament.

Even though the Warriors have gotten off to a slow start, they have nothing to fear as far as moral support goes. This team has many loyal backers such as Dr. Ethridge who states that he will be behind Coach Robinson and the team whether they win or lose.

The Warriors have always been beaten by less than 3 points. Many of the Warrior players, as well as the coach, feel that when they have been

beaten, it was at the free throw line.

When asked about future games, Coach Robinson stated that the games could go either way but no team would go undefeated. He remarked, "In the junior college league, all the teams are a thing of the past."

As in all basketball teams, a few members of the Warrior team stand out above the rest. These people are Rickey Stewart of Mobile, Alabama, Jimmy Duce of Chattahoochee, Florida Billy Joe Patrick of Decatur, and Phil Shepard of Leake Academy.

Coach Robinson said that Rickey Stewart and Billy Joe Patrick are both playing good basketball and shooting well. Jimmy Duce is leading the Warriors in scoring and rebounding. Jimmy averages over 18 rebounds and 25 points a game. Coach Robinson also thinks Phil Shepard is handling the team very well on the court and that he plays a large role in motivating the team.

All-American Background

By Sudie Kay Bassett

East Central Junior College may be small in size in comparison to some other schools, but they have produced their fair share of big name-brand sportsmen.

The following have been Junior College All-American or Players in All-American games:

1939 - Lamar Blount - Decatur - Football All-American; 1953 - Denver Brackeen - Hickory - Basketball All-American; 1953 - Howard Sessums - Harpersville - Basketball All-American; 1955 - Wayne Tullas - Arlington - Basketball All-American; 1956 - Wilmer James - Union - All-American Football Game; 1956 - Jerry Hall - Atlanta, Ga. - All-American Football Game; 1957 - Kenneth Dunigan - Decatur - All-American Football Game; 1957 - Tommy McCullough - Philadelphia - All-American Football Game; 1960 - Billy Wayne Baucum - Newton - Football - All American; 1960 - Billy Wayne Baucum - Newton - All-American Football Game; 1962 - Robert Thomas - Philadelphia - All-American Basketball Game.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

January 3 - February 1

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| Jan. 3 | 6:00, Lucky Seven vs. The Bad Co.
7:15, Runnin Rebels vs. Hoop Cats |
| Jan. 4 | 3:45, Miller Lites vs. EC Rejects (W)
(Varsity Home Games) |
| Jan. 8 | 6:00, No Pitty Kitties vs. Meh-Ladies (W)
7:15, Lucky Seven vs. Runnin Rebels
8:30, Faculty vs. Thunderchickens |
| Jan. 9 | 3:45, Lucky Seven vs. Super Nature
(Varsity Home Games) |
| Jan. 10 | 6:00, Hoop Cats vs. The Pistols
7:15, No Pitty Kitties vs. Athletic Supporters (w) |
| Jan. 11 | 3:45, Meh-Ladies vs. Hands Off (W)
(Varsity Home Games) |
| Jan. 15 | 6:00, Thunderchickens vs. Runnin Rebels
7:15, No Pitty Kitties vs. Miller Lites (W)
8:30, Faculty vs. The Bad Co. |
| Jan. 16 | 6:00, Meh-Ladies vs. EC Rejects (W)
7:15, Super Nature vs. Hoop Cats
8:30, Faculty vs. Runnin Rebels |
| Jan. 17 | 6:00, Super Nature vs. Thunderchickens
7:15, The Bad Co. vs. The Pistols |
| Jan. 18 | 3:45, Lucky Seven, vs. The Bad Co.
(Varsity Home Games) |
| Jan. 22 | 6:00, Miller Lites vs. Meh-Ladies (W)
7:15, Lucky Seven vs. Thunderchickens
8:30, Faculty vs. The Pistols |
| Jan. 23 | 6:00, Hoop Cats vs. The Bad Co.
7:15, Athletic Supporters vs. Hands Off (W) |
| Jan. 24 | 6:00, No Pitty Kitties vs. E.C. Rejects (W)
7:15, Runnin Rebels vs. The Pistols |
| Jan. 25 | 3:45, Super Nature vs. Runnin Rebels
(Varsity Home Games) |
| Jan. 29 | 6:00, Runnin Rebels vs. The Bad Co.
7:15, Miller Lites vs. Hands Off (W)
8:30, Faculty vs. Hoop Cats |
| Jan. 30 | 3:45, Meh-Ladies vs. EC Rejects (W)
(Varsity Home Games) |
| Jan. 31 | 6:00, Lucky Seven vs. Pistols
7:15, Super Nature vs. Bad Co. |
| Feb. 1 | 3:45, Miller Lites vs. Athletic Supporters (W) |

**TOURNAMENT PLAY BEGINS ON MONDAY, FEB. 5TH
DOUBLE ELIMINATION**

Mardi Gras money....

Band To Sponsor 2nd Sem. Movies

By Nelda Evans

Seen any good movies lately? Well, EC students will certainly have a chance to see movies next semester. The band is offering a total of 10 movies to show on schedule after Christmas.

What is this for? "We are trying to make money to take the

Band to Mardi Gras," Mr. Dykes explained. "Therefore, we tried to think of a project that would not only help us but would also give the students something worth their money."

According to Mr. Dykes, it will cost between \$1800 and \$2000 for the band to go to the Mardi Gras. The school plans to give them some money and some of the other groups who put on Mardi Gras plan to help sponsor the band also. These movies will help the band get the amount needed to reach their goal.

The price to see the movies varies according to the cost of rental. "If the movie cost us \$150, we naturally have to charge more to see it," said Mr. Dykes. "Even so, we guarantee a good movie for less than you would normally expect to pay."

Mr. Dykes continued, "We usually give away a door prize, too. For example, sometimes we give away a free ticket to the next movie. Sometimes it's something else."

As previously stated, the tickets are cheaper than normal movie tickets, but one can buy them at even greater discounts than that. Any band student has tickets for sale at least 3 days in advance. These are usually less than those sold at the door.

A schedule for movies to be shown next semester follows.

Jan. 8--"Trinity Is Still My Name", Terence Hill, Bud Spencer.

Jan. 15--"Shakiest Gun In The West", Don Knotts.

Jan. 29--"Support Your Local Sheriff", James Garner, Walter Brennan.

Feb. 9--"Return To Boggy Creek", Dawn Wells.

Feb. 12--"Comedy Revue", Marx Brothers, Abbot and Costello, W.C. Fields, Woody Woodpecker, Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Speedy Gonzales, Hillbilly Bears.

Feb. 26--"Cat Ballou", Jane Fonda, Lee Marvin, Nat King Cole.

March 19--"The Ghost and Mr. Chicken", Don Knotts.

March 26--"My Name Is Nobody", Henry Fonda, Terence Hill.

April 2--"Butterflies Are Free" Goldie Hawn.

April 24--"White Line Fever", Jan Micheal Vincent, Slim Pickens, L.Q. Jones.

Wesley Choir Christmas Program

By Sharron Goodman

The Wesley Concert Choir presented its annual Fall Concert on November 16, 1978 in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The choir sang various selections such as "Follow Me", "Changed", "A Way Out of No Way", "Going Up Yonder" ...

There was also a "special features" during the concert. This part of the program emphasized various talents in the choir.

The choir has been fairly busy this year with other concerts in Noxapater and Louisville.

The director of this choir is Miss Sandra Walker, Newton, and she is doing a brilliant job with the group. The accompanists are Miss Wandra Gardner and Miss Sharron Goodman; piano, Mr. Terry Spartman; drums, and Mr. Purvis Fisher; guitar.

VICA Club elects Childress

The VICA Club is pleased to announce that a meeting was held to elect members for the 1978-79 year. Officers elected for the club are as follows:

Mike Childress, President; Dudley Winstead, Vice President; Peggy Culwell, Secretary; Chris Crapps, Reporter; Melody Greenwood, Treasurer; George Parker, Parliamentarian; Duran Jenkins, Chaplin.

This year the VICA Club has a total of thirty-three members, and it is sponsored by Mr. Adcock.



Ready for Christmas are Alice Meyers and Teresa Warnock.

WALT-FM

Carrying The News From EC

Want to hear all the news from East Central? Well, just listen to WALT every Tuesday night.

Since September 26, WALT, a radio station in Meridian, has featured news from East Central in about a one minute public service announcement.

Every Tuesday afternoon, Larla Jordon, the head of public relations calls to the radio station. A student from East Central reads all the latest news about football games, basketball games, the band activities, and other club news while the radio station tapes it to play that night between 7:00 and 7:15.

A different student does it

every week. The first week's news was done by Robin Hamrick, followed by Linda Killen, "Dink" Hight, Theresa Warnock, Leisa Richardson, Barry Phillips, Susan Mihalic, Angela Hardy, Rita Gayle Smith and Alice Myers.

East Central is one of the five area schools that is featured on WALT. They also announce news from East Mississippi, Meridian Junior College, Clarke College and Livingston University.

Anyone interested in reading the news on the radio, go by Larla Jordon's office in the Administration building.

EXAM SCHEDULE

Fall 1978

Friday, Dec. 15--2nd Period, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; 5th Period--10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 4th Period--1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 18--3rd Period -- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; 8th Period--10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 7th Period--1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19--6th Period -- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; 1st Period -- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

All two semester hour course

exams will be given on Tuesday afternoon, December 19, 1978 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

All one semester hour courses will be given on the last regular class meeting before December 15, 1978.

All Vocational course exams will be given Tuesday, December 19, 1978 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

All grades are due by Tuesday, December 19, 1978 at 4:00 p.m.

Beware Of A 'Sale'

Giving May Be Better, It's Also A Lot Harder

SUSAN MIHALIC

"It's better to give than to receive" ...everyone is familiar with the quotation that is so often associated with Christmas.

However, there is a little more to "giving" than simply walking into a store and buying a present.

For example, some people make out Christmas lists months in advance to begin planning exactly the right gift for each person. Plus, or so those enterprising souls believe, they will avoid the crowded stores in November and December by doing their shopping early.

Did you ever wonder how many of those people accomplish that almost unattainable goal? Not many. Notice the disgruntled even hostile - expression on the face of the woman behind you in the checkout line next time you go Christmas shopping. The furious frown, bared teeth and glittering eyes indicate that she probably didn't get around to her shopping early enough, particularly if her poor, cramping arms are overflowing with an assortment of presents.

Assuming that you have actually made it into a store with the intention of buying gifts...be careful, especially if a "SALE" sign is posted near the general area in which you are standing. The idea of a sale during the holiday season turns even the most mild-mannered shoppers into bloodthirsty savages.

Psychologist Lectures on "Communication"

By Randy Trest

"Lack of Communication is the number one cause of divorce," according to Rex Allman who spoke to Mrs. Alice Pouncey's seventh period Psychology class. Mr. Allman, a counseling psychologist from Meridian, is also the supervisor for outreach services for Weems Community Mental Health Center, a certified marriage and family counselor, and an ordained Methodist minister.

Mr. Allman received his bachelor's degree from Millsaps

Don't let that little mousy-looking gentleman fool you - his grandson wants the same toy truck that your nephew does, and if it's the last one in stock, he'll rip your heart out to get it.

Unless you're willing to brave the crowd - which may include fighting for your very life - you'd better come back after the sale is over and the mob has thinned out a bit.

For those of you who were defensive shoppers - quick, alert and sneaky - let's suppose that you've bought your presents and you're ready to wrap.

This may be the most difficult part of all for many. Invariably, the tape is missing, the scissors aren't where they were placed just seconds previously, or the paper you cut off isn't quite long enough for that weird-shaped box, even though you measured it eight times before you cut.

Eventually, you somehow manage to accumulate the necessary items, and begin to wrap. Only...the wrapping paper is the shiny foil kind that always - always - crinkles up and makes silver lines that strongly resemble a highway map. Of course, when you switch to the regular kind, it rips on the corners of the box.

There is a solution - take the present to the gift-wrapping section of the store...if you're a true, red-blooded Christmas shopper, you won't mind elbowing your way to the front. Or maybe, after you've been through all this, you just won't care.

College and his master's degree from Mississippi State University. He has been married to the same woman for thirty-one years and has three children, all married. He is also a grandfather.

The lecture covered the subjects of love, marriage, and divorce, and included discussions on the major causes of divorce, and on how to improve a failing marriage. The presentation was very interesting and informative, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the students.



Decorating for the holidays are Linda Killens, Gail Davis, Robin Hamrick, Julie Wright, and (kneeling) Julie Goodman and Rita Gayle Smith.

Students Caught In Budget Strain

Nelda Evans

Some of our EC students are finding themselves in very tough financial situations...especially those students in Mrs. Graham's marriage and family class.

In an attempt to point out to students "what money has to do for you and how many places you have to put it", Mrs. Graham has given each student a complete lifestyle to budget.

"They draw a slip of paper with a set of living conditions, another with a disaster, and finally one with a windfall," said Mrs. Graham. "Then they have to fill out a budget sheet making their money cover the essentials."

The budget sheet begins with the essential things, such as utilities, taxes, and insurance. At the other end of the spending list are things that may be left off if necessary. Some of these are recreation, charities, newspapers, or magazines.

One marriage and family student, Sheila Breedlove, said of her budget sheet. "It's very detailed. If this budget is anything like what would happen in a real marriage, I dread my wedding day!"

Sheila's "lifestyle" is typical

of the others in her class. In her situation, she has been married for 2 years, is renting a 3-bedroom, unfurnished house, and works at least 5 days a week for \$3.75 an hour. Her husband see Budget Strain, page 8.

Variety Of Recitals Aids Enjoyment

By Sudie Kay Bassett

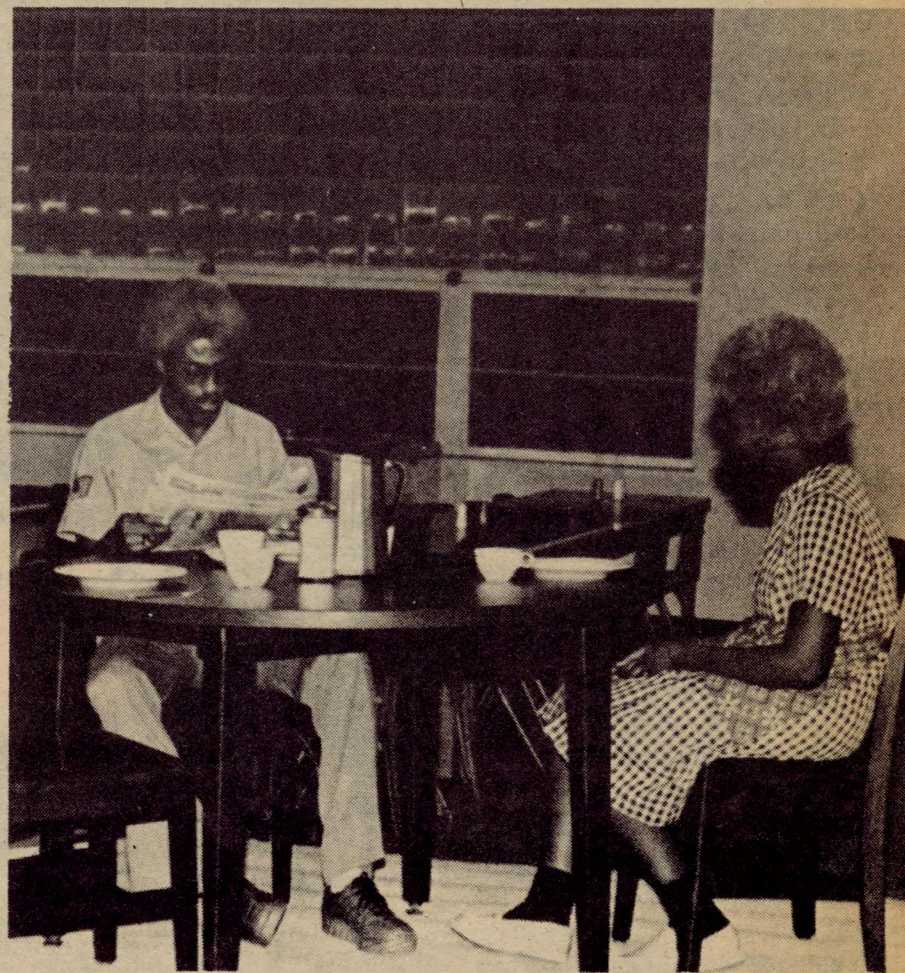
An activity of interest added to the music department for the fall semester was the monthly studio recitals given by applied music students. The half-hour programs were made more enjoyable by the variety of vocal, piano, and band instrumental numbers. Those appearing in the fall recitals were: Mary Wade, Natalie Thompson, Lou Ann Harper, Shelia McNair, Cheryl Gibbon, Sidney Hamilton, David Walker, Wandra Gardner, Julie Goodwin, Sherri Miley, Myra Murrell, Evelyn Pierce, Roy Crudup, Keith Stewart, Keith Moore, Julie Wright, and Stan Johnson.

Dinner Theatre Productions:

Actors Show Enthusiasm



Matters seem serious on the set of "dark Brown." Pictured are Krista May, Randy Trest, and Renee Hollingsworth.



Discussing issues over the Breakfast table in 'Them Next Door' were Shelia Whitten and Charles Parker.



In 'Terror Walks Tonight,' Gwen Dickinson portrays a nosey, Middle-aged woman who manages to get into everyone's affairs. Looking on are Craig Gordon, Dan Webb, Julie Goodwin and Jamie Satcher.



Gwen Dickinson and Jamie Satcher discuss today's teenagers as Andy Reynolds "Oh, Dears!" again.

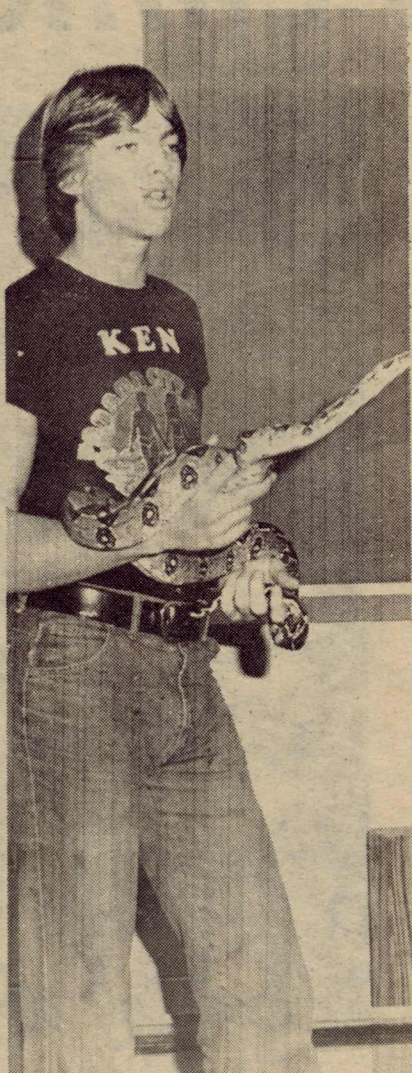
To Ken Hackman, Snakes Aren't Slithery Monsters

By Randy Trest

Ken Hackman, a freshman at ECJC, has an interesting and rather unusual hobby. He raises wildlife animals, and has a specific interest in snakes.

Ken says that he got his liking for animals from his father, a science teacher, and that he caught his first snake at the age of seven or eight. Ken has raised squirrels, rabbits, turtles, flying squirrels, birds, an alligator, an opossum, a raccoon, a great blue heron, an albino skunk, and several varieties of snakes. His snakes have included two yellow rat snakes, one red rat snake, two gray rat snakes, one of which was the world's largest living, gray rat snakes, measuring just a few inches shorter than the world's record, and a five foot canebrake rattlesnake with thirteen rattles, which he has had stuffed and mounted. Ken has occasionally put on shows with his animals to raise money for charity.

Ken once worked as a summer counselor in Florida, where he was given a boa constrictor which he still owns. The boa constrictor, now two years old, is five feet long and will reach a length of about eighteen feet when full grown. Ken also owns a very rare



Ken Hackman displays his pet boa constrictor for the speech class.

Texas checkered garter snake, of which there are only a few left alive in the world. These snakes are very valuable, but he says that he's not too worried about anyone trying to steal them.

Ken says that the secret to raising snakes is correct treatment and complete mutual trust. He also states that most people have a misguided opinion of snakes. According to Ken, snakes in captivity are basically gentle if treated with care, and snakes in the wild would rather run away than bite, and will usually attack only if cornered or if they have eggs or young nearby.

Raising snakes is not only a hobby for Ken, but he plans to make a career of it. He is taking Pre-forestry at ECJC, and he intends to major in wildlife management or veterinary medicine at Mississippi State University after finishing here. He hopes to someday receive government funds to set up extensive research on snakes.

Ken says that he lives about one and a half miles outside Decatur, and that if anyone would to see his animal collection, he would be glad to show it to him.

Budget Strain

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works part time and goes to school. He only works 20 hours a week at minimum wages. Together they are paying for a 1976 2-door hardtop car loaded with everything.

This situation already seems complicated enough, but then there comes a disaster. Someone failed to check the antifreeze in the car. When the temperature dropped to 10 degrees, the engine block burst.

To help matters a little, Sheila won first prize in a local craft show and collected \$25. She then sold the winning item for \$20.

Now with all this information, the student is supposed to plan his or her money distribution for a whole month.

According to Mrs. Graham, working out a budget sheet of this kind helps the student prepare for dealing with the real problems yet to come.

Music Theory

By Sharron Goodman

"How many times have I told you that parallel fifths and octaves are a 'no-no'?" This is a very familiar question asked by the teacher in music theory classes here at ECJC.

Music theory is the foundation courses for music majors and minors. In the freshman course, students become acquainted with the raw materials, of sound organization and learn the procedures of using the materials. In sophomore theory class, students are expected to use the skills acquired to compose pieces suggested by the teacher and also

create individual styles.

The freshmen, after one semester of drilling on intervals, scales, chords, sight-singing and finally four-part writing, have concluded that it would be easier for them to write another person's composition than to write one of their own. Yet, there is something, maybe an artistic flair, in each of the students that makes them want to create something of his own. This something should be whatever the individual creates, not anything forced on him by the teacher.

And that is part of what music theory is all about.



At the French Club party.... Mrs. Rowell, Barry Phillips, Sharon Tingle, Randy Richardson and Kathy Rickles are all enjoying a little secret among themselves.

Fifty-five contribute to choir performance

By Sharron Goodman

The East Central Junior College Concert Choir presented its annual Christmas concert on December 13, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The choir sang various Christmas songs and a few sacred songs sung earlier in previous concerts.

The choir presents a Christmas and a Spring concert annually. This group also participates in the Mississippi Junior College

Choral Festival to be held later in the school session. "The choir has grown continuously in the last few years, and boasts a membership of over fifty-five for this year," says Mr. Robert Heritage, director of the choir.

The choir deeply appreciates the support of the student body, faculty, and of the citizens of Decatur. They will not be taped on television this year, therefore, they urge everyone to come to the concert.