



ART EXHIBIT

Miss Joan Greene

Food Survey Reveals Student Conservatism

While they may raise a storm on campus with stands that shake their elders on such issues as social attitudes, war, freedom of expression and appearance, equal opportunity and the like, American students are apparently as conservative as their forebears when it comes to food.

A food preference survey conducted on campus by ARA Slater School and College Services indicates students favor the same standard items that have been most popular through the years:

Roast beef, 90 per cent; steak 99 per cent; roast turkey, 95 per cent; fried chicken, 94 per cent; bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich, 85 per cent; hot roast beef sandwich, 91 per cent; cheeseburger, 94 per cent; hot dog, 78 per cent.

Lemonade remained the most popular beverage with a 96 per cent return. Milk was next at 86 per cent and coffee well down the line at 58 per cent.

Vegetables? If you count potatoes, they're best liked with 100 per cent supporting French fries, but only 90 per cent mashed and 88 per cent baked. Corn on the cob led the rest with 90 per cent. Spinach, despite Popeye, polled only 28 per cent favorable votes and about the best in the green area was string beans at 75 percent. Salads rated low, with tossed green salad and lettuce and tomato getting most

votes, cucumber and onion least.

Most popular dessert was ice cream, with 98 per cent support, edging strawberry shortcake at 97 per cent. Desserts least likely to succeed on ARA menus were stewed rhubarb, purple plum cobbler and rice pudding, all scoring less than 48 per cent.

Leonard Lee, ARA Dining Service Director on campus, said results of the survey would be evaluated and incorporated so far as possible in menus he serves at the college cafeteria.

Journalism Class Open To Students

Students interested in taking Fundamentals of Journalism 132 should contact Miss Lathem as soon as possible.

The course will be taught 5th periods Tuesday and Friday. The course is designed to teach the basis of news gathering, organizing and reporting. Students who are interested in journalism or any form of mass communication media should plan to enroll in this basic course.

The course is not limited to journalism students but is open to all students who have an interest in writing.

TOM-TOM

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Department Of Fine Arts Plans Production Of 'South Pacific'

Plans are underway for the spring semester production of the musical, "South Pacific."

The musical is being presented under the joint leadership of the Fine Arts Department.

Tryouts have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Center. The week preceding tryouts will be devoted to rehearsals for parts. Mrs. Marian Thornton and R. G. Pick of the Music Department will be available to play for interested students during that week.

The musical, the second to be presented at East Central, will be presented April 5-8 in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Center.

Both singers and dancers will be needed for the production. Students interested in participating should contact Bruce Peterson, drama instructor; Ovid Vickers, English instructor; or any member of the music faculty.

Set and program designs will be prepared by Mrs. Linda Burroughs, art instructor, and the art students.

Artist Gives Private Showing

Joan Green, a sophomore art student, is conducting a private show this week.

A number of Miss Green's works are on display in the lobby of the Fine Arts Center. Miss Greene plans to transfer to Mississippi State College for Women where she will pursue a major in art education.

Recreation Center Opens; SBA Sponsors Activity

The new recreation center opened Jan. 4 with a number of men students participating.

The center, an original idea of the Student Body Association, will be open Monday through Thursday from 5-9 p.m. The center will be run by students for the students. At present it includes three pool tables and equipment.

Located in the old gym the recreation center offers on campus entertainment for the students. At present only men students are allowed to use the facility, but in the future women students will be allowed to make use of the recreation center.

This is but one of the many projects of the SBA which is the students' voice in the operation of the college. Beginning second semester the SBA will set up regular office hours where students who have suggestions for needed improvements can go by and discuss their ideas with the officers. The SBA office is a newly renovated room on the second floor of Newton County Hall, the old music building.

Petitions Available For Who's Who

Petitions for the annual Who's Who election will be available Jan. 26 in the office of the Dean of Students.

Nominations will be accepted for Mr. and Miss ECJC, May Queen and class favorites. Nominations will be completed by Jan. 29.

Election day is set for Feb. 2 with run-offs scheduled for Feb. 4.

EC Students Apply For Winter Graduation

Twenty-three students have applied for graduation at the completion of this semester. There are five candidates for certificates in intensive business and four candidates for the Associate in Science and eleven for the Associate in Arts degrees.

Candidates for certificates in Intensive Business are: Beverly Jean Hollingsworth, Brenda Gail Hollingsworth, Janice Sue Joiner, Brenda Gayle Rigdon, and Diane Wansley.

Candidates for Vocational certificates are: Ronald Cole Arthur, Rodger O'Neil Puckett, Joe Doug-

las Thompson, William W. Fisher, and Bobby J. Knowles (Killed in recent wreck. The certificate will be issued to his closest of kin).

Candidates for the Associate in Arts degree are: James Francis Sampsell, Jr., Jimmy Ray Nelson, Judy Clair Mitchell, Willie Lee Thomasson, Ralph Edwin Gordon, Robert A. Strebeck, Kenneth Allen Brown, Ronald H. Thorne, Ernest R. Wilkerson, Charles W. Cooksey, and Rodis Earl Shealy.

Candidates for the Associate in Science degree are John Dennis Nowell and Robert Duval Rogers.

OPENINGS AVAILABLE TO BAND STUDENTS

Students interested in participating in the stage and concert bands next semester should contact Gilbert Sommers, director, as soon as possible.

A number of openings are still available in both bands. The bands are open to all students who have a desire to participate in them.

East Central Junior College EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Fall 1970

Period	Time
Tuesday, January 19, 1971	
2	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
3	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
6	1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Wednesday, January 20, 1971	
1	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
8	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
4	1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Thursday, January 21, 1971	
7	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
5	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

All Vocational Course Exams will be given Thursday, January 21, 1971 from: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Fund. of Journalism 132, Survey of Agriculture 104, Design I, Design II, Arch. Drafting 354, Descriptive Geo. 223, Slide Rule, Reading, Surveying 312, Filing 262 and First Aid 202 exams will be given on the last regular class meeting.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — Leonard Lee, manager ARA Slater Food Services, celebrated his fifth anniversary with ECJC recently by entertaining students and staff with a steak supper. Shown cut-

ting the anniversary cake is Dr. Charles V. Wright, president of the institution, and receiving the first slice is Lucy Young, Student Body Association president. Mr. Lee is shown looking on the cake cutting.

Gone With The Wind

As I sit here at one o'clock a.m. writing, it seems I would say how the minutes do fly or how the hours have flown, but that is nothing compared to the speed of time in years. There on my wall I see a calendar which tells me it is 1971. Even with this definite proof, I find it difficult to believe it has been 1970 a whole year.

The change of the decade is like the ending of a book. For ten years we have been living and reading a book. We have read a story hardly believable, yet true because we have made it so. Now we have reached that part of the book where a new life begins with the creature resulting from the ending of that book.

Every book ends with a beginning to another. Thus the story continues until it is necessary that some new character replace the old. So, we cannot look at this change as the end, but as the beginning.

The book we have to read for the next decade will be determined by no one other than yourself. Then it is an individual responsibility to write an acceptable story of life.

Each year is a chapter, each month is a paragraph, and each day fills one sentence. All are essential to the finished product. So, the immediate confrontation is 1971. What are we going to do with it? Perhaps you have made resolutions hoping to strengthen this chapter in your life. It is entirely up to you to carry out those resolutions for there is no one to force you to do so.

You may say you will sit back and just skim this book, but someday you will read it all. Besides, times marches on—'71, '72, '73, '74, . . . Numbers are fleeting things. Someday these numbers will run out. What then? Will your story be finished?

New Recreation For EC

Well boys you finally have that recreation center you have waited for so long. You had come to think EC was too backward to think of recreational relaxation. They've pulled through again.

With the building of the new gymnasium, the old gym is being put to usefulness. The courts are being used full time for basketball games between the students. Also, there are two ping pong tables on the stage part of the old gym. These are kept occupied also. Guess what has been put in the old football dressing room? Pool tables. Can you imagine that?

The pool room is open from 5 to 9 p.m. each evening. Unfortunately for the girls, the pool room is open only to the men students. But you girls don't really mind that, do you?

You knew all along that you would get something like this sooner or later. You should be glad it was sooner instead of later.

The Beginning Of The End

Here comes the end of another semester. About all there is left is final exams. Then we will know exactly where we stand. Make the best of what you have left by making the highest score possible on these finals.

Some are expecting to graduate with the end of this semester. They may look at it as the end. Others are expecting to enter EC. To them it is only the beginning. There is still the majority who expect to graduate with the completion of the spring semester. It's all the same however you may look at it.

What I am trying to say is that we are about to enter a new phase of our college challenge. What we make of it will greatly affect the remainder of our lives. Let's jump right into the situation ahead of us and see what we can make of it. To those of you who are leaving, we are happy to see you go but not really in that manner. Yet we are sad because we are losing a part of ECJC.

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"This semester I'm bridging the communication gap."

Art Festival Sponsors Annual Competition

Entries are now being taken for the 1971 Mississippi Arts Festival which will continue through Feb. 1.

All resident or native Mississippians are eligible for participation in the competition. There are two divisions in the competition — senior, adults and college students; and junior high school students.

The categories include short story, word limit of 2,500; formal essay, 2,500 words; informal essay, 2,500 words; poetry, one long poem of more than 30 lines or six short poems in a group; and drama, for stage, film, or television. Minimum playing time 30 minutes.

Rules governing the contest are as follows:

1. Only unpublished work is acceptable.
2. Author retains all publication rights.
3. In the event of subsequent publication, the Festival requests that reprint rights be reserved for it.
4. The Mississippi Authority for Educational Television reserves the right, not the obligation to adapt for television production any of the winning entries. The author must assign in writing to the MAET, or their authorized agent, whether in whole or in part, the unlimited domestic or international distribution for broadcasting by non-commercial or ETV stations or networks.
5. Please keep a copy of entry. No manuscripts can be returned.
6. Submit no more than one entry in each category.
7. Entry fee for each entry is \$1.
8. Manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced, on one side of paper.
9. A separated detachable title page must accompany each manuscript, stating:
 - A. Name and address of writer. Writer's name must not appear anywhere else.
 - B. Title of manuscript, poem, group of poems.
 - C. Current school, if any.
 - D. Division and category entered.
10. Title should be repeated in the upper right hand corner of each page of the manuscript.

Awards will be \$100 in cash to each of the five first place senior winners and \$25 in cash to each of the five first place junior winners.

Entries should be sent to Literary Competition, 1447 Douglass Drive, Jackson, Miss. 39211.

Judges for the competition include Ellen Douglas, Greenwood; Berry Morgan, Port Gibson; Dr. Evans Harrington, University of Mississippi; Dr. Laurence Perrine, Southern Methodist University; and June Havoc, artistic director, Repertory Theatre of New Orleans.



SBA REPORT — The newly created recreation center is partially credited to the creativity of the Student Body Association. Although girls are not allowed in the rec center at present, SBA President Lucy Young, and Dean of Students Denver Brackeen, strike up a game after hours with other SBA officers looking on the fun.

Ramblings

by Cris Morgan
Executive Editor

Here's another gripe, but this one is legitimate. Someone has stolen the **Tom-Tom** sign that was recently put up over the door of the **Tom-Tom** office. It's not really so bad that someone has stolen the sign, but we haven't another blueprint. We are proud we have someone on the staff who can make signs to please even a thief. She really feels flattered that the thief thought it was unique enough to steal. I cannot imagine what anyone besides the chains it hung on could possibly want with it.

On the other hand, it was very beautifully done in walnut and bright yellow and was certainly capable of attracting the eye of a thief. So, thief I really can't blame you for it at all. We should never have tempted you with it. Thanks thief. You have let us of the staff know you are proud enough of the **Tom-Tom** that you would like to have something by which you can always remember it. Also, thanks for making us realize the real value of that sign. Maybe we could start a successful business selling them if we could only find Julie Smith and a paint brush.

By the way, if any of you should see this sign in the ditch somewhere, please bring it back. As a reward we might let you keep it for a few days. After all this, you couldn't help but be proud of that.

A time to laugh and a time to sow; So goes the precept of old. But those who sow now may later weep; For what you sow now, you must later reap.

The last day had finally come. Thinking of all I was to do during the Yuletide season, I rushed from my last class and up three flights of stairs to relieve my room of my luggage. Up two flights and yet another to go, but here comes a cherry bomb ready to blow.

My happy thoughts were suddenly ended as I turned a corner and saw a little red cherry bomb come merrily bouncing down to my feet. I turned away quickly, ready for a blast. Luckily, the cherry bomb only burned out. I never did find the fellow who gave me just a Christmas gift. He didn't even stay long enough to say "Merry Christmas."

Thinking of life's problems as if they really mattered; When with a boom the peace is suddenly shattered.

It seems that some of our students are celebrating the Fourth of July ahead of time. They always seem to be celebrating something, like National Potato Day or Two Weeks After Christmas Day. A favorite method of celebrating is planting a cherry bomb or M-80 in a hallway and then putting a lighted cigarette on the fuse. This is not so bad. At least they wait until the early morning hours so as not to interrupt anyone's studying. After they have set their little toy, the culprits nonchalantly stroll back to their hideouts to await the explosion.

I'm not kidding. When one of those things go off, you hear all kinds of remarks and most people don't care who hears them. After everyone threatens the culprits with bodily harm, everyone settles back into an apprehensive slumber. Now if they are really brave, the jokers will set off another one, or if they want to be ironic, they simply drop a large object in the hall and wait for the reaction. It's nerve shattering. A victim lies in bed just listening for the slightest sound of someone setting another bomb. When someone drops a book, it's almost too much.

Occasionally, one of the jokers is unmasked. I hear tell that one who was recently unmasked is doing well in his new job. So, beware! The hunter may become the hunted.

G. M.

Selective Service Inducts 100 Sequence Registrants

Selective Service registrants in the 1971 first priority selection group with a random sequence number



SHERRI WHINNERY
Former Student
Wins Scholarship

HATTIESBURG — Sherri Regina Whinnery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whinnery, Carthage, has been named recipient of a scholarship for 1970-71 at the University of Southern Mississippi awarded by Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Adams, Jr., of Jackson.

Miss Whinnery is a graduate of Walnut Grove High School and East Central Junior College, receiving an A.A. degree. While at ECJC, she was elected to Phi Theta Kappa, junior college academic honorary fraternity, and to the Hall of Fame.

At Southern she is a junior, majoring in home economics, and a Dean's List scholar.

of 100 and below will be eligible for induction in January, says Col. James L. Davis, Mississippi state director, Selective Service System. The ceiling for calls for the next several months is expected to remain at 100, he added.

The Department of Defense set the January 1971 draft call at 17,000 men. The Mississippi call is for 192 men.

Under Selective Service policy, men in the extended priority selection group of 1970 must be ordered for induction during January, February, and March, ahead of those in the 1971 pool. Those who are in the extended priority group are those registrants with a 1970 random sequence number reached by their local board, but who have not been called for induction. The highest number reached in 1970 was 195. Registrants in the 1971 pool are those who reached the age of 19 during 1970, received their lottery or random sequence number at the July 1970 drawing and have not received deferments or exemptions from service.

National Selective Service officials said the random sequence number ceiling for January was set at 100 to avoid difficulties experienced in 1970 in delivering sufficient numbers of inductees in the early months of the year. Last year, Selective Service set a RSN ceiling of 39 for January, and moved it up to 60 for February, 90 for March, and 115 for April. The RSN ceiling reached 195 in August, 1970, and remained there for the rest of the year.

Who's Who Petitions Due

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THE LEARNING PROCESS — IN TYPE!
Members of the Tom-Tom staff listen intently at the University of Southern Mississippi as R. B. Gandy, (right) communications faculty, explains the physical makeup of a printed page. The scene took place in the workshop of The Student Printz,

award-winning campus newspaper. Listening are Donna McCraw, Sandra Welch, both of Union; Cris Morgan, Lake; Julie Smith, New Orleans, and Harvey Willis, Decatur.

(USM Photo Service)

Conducts Numerous Tours

ECJC Choir Presents Television Program

The ECJC Choir has completed a very busy first semester with several public appearances during the month of December.

The choir members began their annual tour of the high schools Dec. 4 with concerts at Edinburg, Carthage and Scott Central. Dec. 8, they sang at Newton, Forest and Morton High Schools and completed the tours Dec. 9 with concerts at Noxapater and Nanih Waiya.

A concert of Christmas music was given by the choir at the Union Presbyterian Church on Dec. 16. On Dec. 17, they traveled to WTOK-TV station to video-tape a Christmas program which was played on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Marian Thornton, choir director, invites all persons interested in music to register second semester. Several events of interest will be participated in, including the State Junior College Choral Festival, which will be held on East Central's campus, March 6; the campus-wide musical, "South Pacific" to be given April 5-8; and a concert of selections from "The

Messiah" by George Handel.

Mrs. Thornton stated that there will be some vacancies in the Col-

legians and would like for all interested persons to contact her as soon as possible.

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TEAM REBOUNDING

Week Ending December 18, 1970

No. Games	School	Total Rebounds	Ave. Per Game
9	Hinds	440	48.8
6	Gulf Coast	276	46.0
8	Pearl River	354	44.2
9	Copiah-Lincoln	396	44.0
7	Northeast	308	44.0
10	Mississippi Delta	425	42.5
9	East Central	356	39.5
3	Northwest	116	38.6
10	East Mississippi	369	36.9
9	Holmes	326	36.2
10	Meridian	359	35.9
10	Southwest	345	34.5
9	Jones	291	32.3

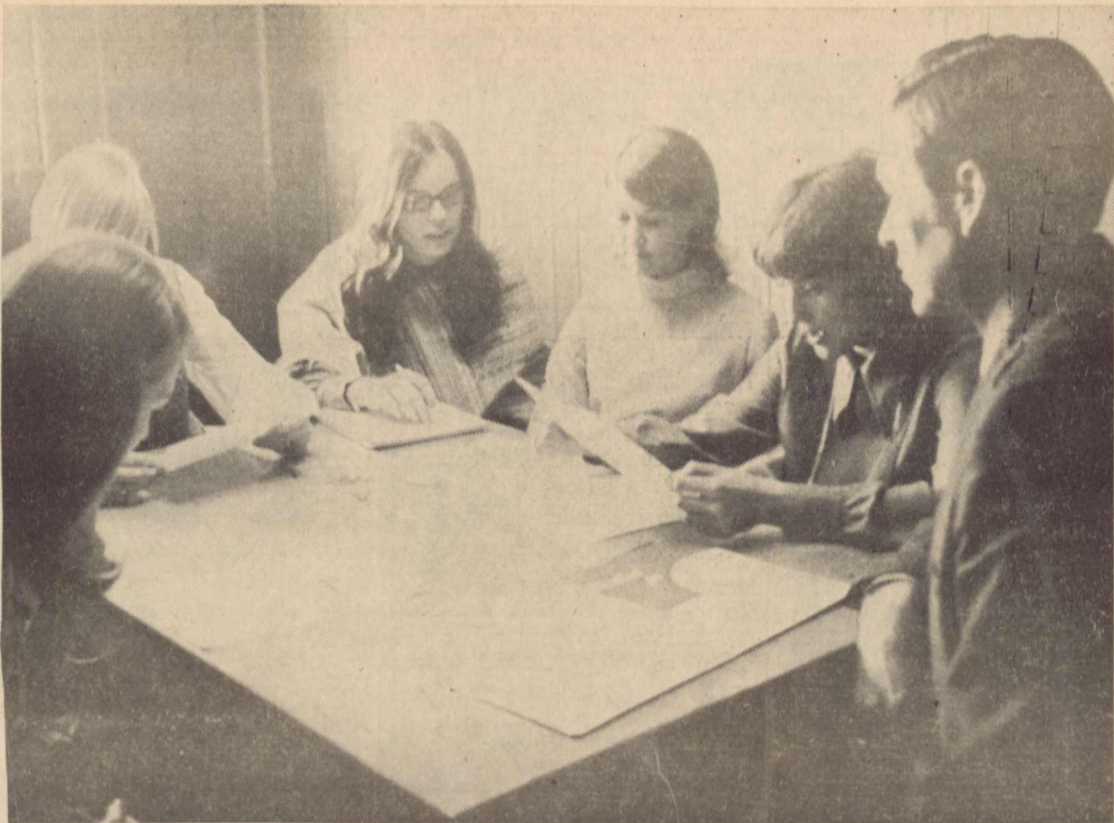
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MISSISSIPPI JUNIOR COLLEGE CONFERENCE
TEAM SCORING

Week Ending December 18, 1970

No. Games	School	Total Points	Ave. Per Game
7	Northeast	634	90.5
3	Northwest	251	83.6
10	Southwest	815	81.5
10	Mississippi Delta	811	81.1
9	Copiah-Lincoln	706	78.4
9	Hinds	696	77.3
9	Holmes	659	73.2
6	Gulf Coast	437	72.8
9	East Central	617	68.5
8	Pearl River	543	67.8
9	Jones	599	66.5
10	Meridian	654	65.4
10	East Mississippi	645	64.5

Itawamba Not Reporting



SBA PLANS—The Student Body Association has recently moved to a new location. The SBA office is now located on the second floor of the old music building. The office has been renovated to accom-

modate the SBA. Beginning second semester, SBA officers will be available for consultations with students who have suggestions for improvements of East Central.

MISSISSIPPI JUNIOR COLLEGE STANDINGS — WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 18, 1970

SCHOOL	Games Won	Games Lost	Pct.	Pts. For	Ave. per Game	Points Against	Ave. per Game
OVERALL*							
Hinds	9	0	1000	698	77.5	570	63.3
Northeast	8	0	1000	705	88.1	541	67.6
Gulf Coast	6	0	1000	438	73.0	330	55.0
Northwest	4	1	.800	435	87.0	392	78.4
Mississippi Delta	6	2	.750	643	80.3	546	68.2
Copiah-Lincoln	6	3	.666	710	78.8	683	75.8
Holmes	5	4	.555	659	73.2	626	69.5
Meridian	4	5	.444	587	65.2	622	69.1
Pearl River	3	4	.428	461	65.8	488	69.7
East Mississippi	3	6	.333	654	72.6	694	71.1
Jones	2	6	.250	522	65.2	593	74.1
Southwest	2	6	.250	669	83.6	706	88.2
East Central	2	7	.222	690	76.6	830	92.2

*Itawamba Not Reporting

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SCHOOL	Games Won	Games Lost	Pct.	Pts. For	Ave. per Game	Points Against	Ave. per Game
NORTH DIVISION:							
Mississippi Delta	4	0	1000	323	80.7	268	67.0
Northeast	3	0	1000	243	81.0	177	59.0
Northwest	2	1	.666	253	84.3	235	78.3
East Central	2	3	.400	363	72.6	445	89.0
East Mississippi	1	3	.250	295	73.7	317	79.2
Holmes	1	3	.250	254	63.5	260	65.0
Itawamba	0	3	.000	190	63.3	217	72.3
SOUTH DIVISION:							
Hinds	3	0	1000	225	75.0	169	56.3
Gulf Coast	1	0	1000	69	69.0	58	58.0
Copiah-Lincoln	4	1	.800	356	71.2	342	68.4
Meridian	1	2	.333	206	68.6	213	71.0
Southwest	1	2	.333	233	77.6	248	82.6
Pearl River	0	2	.000	138	69.0	151	75.5
Jones	0	4	.000	245	61.2	302	75.5



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Nominations Open For Hall Of Fame

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

Nominations for membership in the 1971 Hall of Fame may be made until Monday, Feb. 8, and any student or faculty member may nominate any student he feels meets the stated qualifications.

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

Each nomination must be accompanied by a list of the nominee's qualifications and-or positions of leadership. This must be placed in a sealed envelope and mailed to the TOM-TOM office or handed to Linda Lathem, TOM-TOM sponsor. Every nomination must be signed by the person making the nomination. A person can nominate more than one individual.

The deadline for presenting nominations is 3:20 p.m., Feb. 8. Members will be featured in the 1971 **Wo-He-Lo**.

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Sunshine Theme Set

Rev. Bryson Opens Religious Activities

By JULIE SMITH
Staff Writer

"Let The Sunshine In" is the theme for Religious Emphasis Week to be held Feb. 15-18, Lucy Young, Student Body Association president, has announced.

Kick-off for the week will begin with a special assembly with Rev. Harold Bryson of Carthage, guest speaker. Musical entertainment will be provided by ECJC students at this assembly.

Tuesday, Feb. 16, Rev. Mark Killam will be speaking in the Fine Arts Auditorium third, fourth, and sixth periods. Rev. Killam is pastor of the Methodist Church of Union.

Wednesday, Paul Brown, art instructor at Clarke College, will be the guest speaker. Brown will speak third, fourth, and sixth periods.

Thursday, Mrs. Dorothy Cook, assistant editor of the **Winston County Journal** of Louisville, will speak second, fifth, and seventh periods.

Each night during this week, the SBA is holding a Coffee-House in the old Choral room in Newton Hall, located behind the Administration building. The Coffee-House will open at 7 p.m. nightly. Guest entertainers from colleges and high schools plus our own students will fill each night with fun and fellowship. Any student or students who

would like to perform at this Coffee-House should contact Lucy Young.

Religious Emphasis Week is for every student regardless of denomination. The SBA working along with faculty advisors — Ovid Vickers, Lucille Wood, Mrs. Jessie Everett, Rudolph Mayes, Rev. H. G. Winstead, Gladys Bryant, and Dean Denver Brackeen have tried to compile a week of religious emphasis that all students at EC will enjoy.

You are encouraged to attend and participate during this week to make it a great success. The faculty is invited and encouraged to bring their classes to the meetings.



Ethridge Receives Ph. D. In History During January

Richard C. Ethridge, history instructor at East Central Junior College, was conferred a Ph.D. degree in history Jan. 27 by Mississippi State University.

Dr. Ethridge's dissertation is entitled "Mississippi's Role In The Dixiecratic Movement."

Maintaining a 4.0 average in doctoral work, Dr. Ethridge is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, national scholastic history society. He is also a member of Phi Gamma Mu, national honorary scholastic social science fraternity; and Eta Sigma Phi, national classical languages society.

A member of the East Central Junior College faculty for 10 years, Dr. Ethridge received his B. A. degree with distinction from Mississippi College, his M. A. from Mississippi State University; completed further advanced graduate work at the University of Southern Mississippi; and his Ph.D. from Mississippi State University.

Dr. Ethridge is a member of the Mississippi Education Association, Mississippi Historical Society and

Local Artist

Opens Show Series

Nann Clark, local artist, will begin a series of art exhibits by local artists to be displayed on campus.

Miss Clark, art instructor at Union High School, will have an exhibit of her paintings and pottery on display in the lobby of the Fine Arts Center during the week of Feb. 8-12.

Clarke-Venable Baptist Church of Decatur. He was named ECJC's "Teacher of the Year" in 1964-65.

A native of Meridian, he is married to the former Virginia Marble of Edinburg, and they have three daughters.

Players Set Tryouts For 'South Pacific'

Plans are being made for the ECJC Player's production of the musical, "South Pacific" this spring.

Tryouts will be held from 3 p.m. — 5 p.m. Wednesday and from 3 p.m. — 10:30 p.m. Thursday. Anyone may try out regardless of whether a member of the Players or not. Scripts and song books may be checked out after January 27.

Mrs. Marian Thornton, from the choral department, Bruce Peterson, drama teacher, and music students will help anyone interested in working on a song for tryouts.

The Players will see "Plaza Suite" Feb. 15 at the Meridian Little Theatre. Contact Mr. Peterson if you are interested in attending the performance.

Candidates Announce For '70-'71 Positions In Campus Elections

A number of students have announced their candidacy for positions to be filled during campus elections Tuesday.

Much of the previous apathy pointed out by coed Debbie Crowell seems to have demished.

Candidates for Miss ECJC are Wanda Blackwell, Lucy Young, Melinda Stewart, Barbara Sue Ezelle and Barbara Bonds.

Candidates for freshman favorites include Melinda Nanney, Annette Brignac, Judy Clark, Gail George, Brenda Wolf, Betty Nester, Ben Dance, Randy Davis, Freddie Bagley and Jack Evans.

Candidates for sophomore favorites include Cindy Cornelius, Karen Cooper, Wanda Comans, Susan Shoemaker, Debbie Pearson, Sarah Segars Bingham, and Meline Dowling, Thomas Toney, Mark Hatcher, Larry Snowden, George (Junior) Moore, R. L. Gilmer and Jimmy Dance.

May Queen candidates include Debbie Harvey, Wanda Duke, Gwyn Hardin, and Paula Hollingsworth.

In the running for Mr. ECJC are Joe Lee Anthony, Mickey Sessions, Joe Fondren and Keith Dooley.

Candidates for most handsome include Joe Tadlock, Bill Barham, Frankie Burt, John Owen Sanders, Ralph Brown and Larry Hardy.



STUDENT APATHY—ECJC coed Debbie Crowell points out the lack of interest shown by students in the forthcoming cam-

pus elections. Some honors have only one name entered while several have none.

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In Our Opinion . . .

Show Pride—Participate

One of the most common complaints the students have about East Central is there is nothing to do. The reason for this is because when there is something to do almost no one participates. There are numerous activities sponsored by the school but only a few students take part in the activities or attend them.

A show was held in the Fine Arts Auditorium last week and only seventeen people attended. Two of these seventeen were not even students. There are also other activities that it seems no one cares to attend. School dances, pep rallies, student elections, student art shows, school plays, and other activities are sponsored by the school. These activities are not put on for the benefit of the school, but instead they are for the student's benefit.

These activities are designed to allow the student to develop his outside interests, his abilities, and to further his understanding of the world he lives in.

Their purpose is to help the students to take pride in their school, to demonstrate their school spirit, and to show others that we are proud of our school and of the abilities of our fellow students. It is only through full participation of all students that a school can have a good school spirit. Take pride in your school; participate in its activities.

Thomas Toney

Your Opinion Counts

In past elections students have neglected the opportunity of voting. Certainly the task is not large, therefore, there must be some reason for this negligence.

It is either because of ignorance or indifference that this is happening. Actually, it cannot be one without being the other. If a person is ignorant of the fact that it is his duty to inform himself and to displace his middle-of-the road attitude, then he is surely too indifferent to vote. Indifference is the result of ignorance.

History informs us that the struggle for the voting privilege was long and hard, and a prized possession once conquered. The right to vote is rated amongst the highest symbols of freedom. Why is it that today, when the privilege of voting is practically universal, no one realizes the importance of it?

During the past decade the struggle to bring the voting age down to eighteen has also been a long hard one. Teenagers have contested the right of society to hold the privilege and at the same time send them to foreign fields to preserve the right to vote for the older citizens. Should these teenagers fight for something they cannot have themselves? All through the many debates this question has been brought out. Voting and fighting a war accomplish practically the same thing. They both determine the form of government. There is one major difference in the two. Voting is a privilege; fighting a war involves the draft. To avoid war, many times the issue could be prevented at the polls before it really begins.

Time has proven that the older generation has allowed the voting privilege to go unused. It is time for the younger generation to show them just what the voting privilege really means. The best way to do this is to use it.

In national elections, the number of registered voters who vote is very low. The problem is the same here at East Central. Usually around fifty per cent of the students vote. This is outrageous. Certainly everyone would like to have a part in selecting someone to represent these years spent at East Central. The process is simple. If you are too lazy to vote here, you will surely be too lazy to take the time and go to the trouble of going to the courthouse to register and then having to go to a precinct to cast your vote.

If you think it your privilege to choose not to vote, you are certainly wrong. There is no way to force you to vote but you are doing yourself and your country an injustice by passing the opportunity. The vote is for the betterment of society and mankind. If you do not vote you may cause harm to be brought to your friends. Just as it is your duty to the nation and your fellow citizens to vote, it is also your duty to East Central and your fellow students to do so here.

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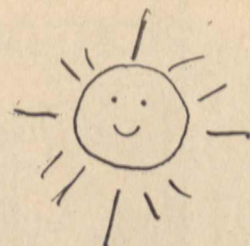
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NEXT DAY--



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Student Voices

Students Protest Weather;
Turn Purpose Into Good Time

By Donna McCraw

East Central another Jackson State? Would you believe East Central finally got around to demonstrating? Not about peace in Vietnam or academic policies, but of all things the weather. We have finally joined Berkeley, Ohio State and Jackson State. I don't think too many students were actually worried about how they would get home, but with final exams coming up everyone wanted a holiday or something wild to happen. So East Central staged a happening.

Record Number
Sign For Band
Participation

"Forty students have signed up for second semester band," states Gilbert Sommers, director.

"This is the largest enrollment in second semester band in a number of years. There are still places available for students who are interested in becoming a part of the band."

Students who would like to become a part of the band should contact Sommers as soon as possible.

A large group of Sophomore and Freshmen boys formed in front of Dr. Wright's home and started chanting, "We want to go home." Being Thursday night they were soon joined by the Sophomore girls arrayed in shower caps, curlers, and pajamas. It would have just been a mere visit to Dr. Wright's house to discuss the weather had not the police arrived on the scene to break up the riot. After the crowd met with Dr. Wright, who said that a decision would be made in the morning the girls went back to their dorm. As boys would — they stayed to tell the freshmen girls what happened. The freshmen girls started screaming from their windows, "We want to go home." The policemen told the crowd to disperse but it had the opposite effect. While the authorities worried that the crowd meant to destroy property, the students began to shoot fire crackers in the street.

Everyone was having such a good time, they forgot the original "We want to go home" and started other chants such as "Send the basketball girls to their tournaments."

As the noise grew louder, the Newton county sheriff and the highway patrol were called to the scene of the crime. All East Central lacked was the National Guard! But who can say we lacked the National Guard when half the boys on campus belong to the National Guard.

What kind of reviews did our disturbance get? Ben Dance called it the most exciting thing to happen on campus. Karen Cooper from Carthage described it as "wild". Alan Parkes thought it was great. Mary Lynn Rhodes said, "It was necessary to unite the campus." Vance Carslyle called it a typical event of EC Students.

Whatever the disturbance was, the campus thoroughly enjoyed its RIOT.

Students Discuss Registration

☆ Need More Signs

☆ One Day Could Suffice

By CRIS MORGAN
Executive Editor

Registration seems to have gone smoothly again. This is always a very tiring and seemingly unendurable experience. There were not as many gripes about the process as there has been in the past. It seems to be unanimous that the process was about complete as possible. The main gripe was about the time element.

Results of a survey show that most of the students thought the registration was as fast as any other way. They also said that the lines were not as long and that the process was more organized. However, there were a few constructive criticisms.

Benjamin Patrick thought there should have been some directional signals set up to keep the students in the right line. He also mentioned that there was no way to know when you were through. Signs that were placed were not descriptive enough to tell the purpose. For instance, who would know that the Admini-

strative Assistant was there to measure your head for a cap at graduation.

Sandra Measels said that if everyone had followed the schedule set up, it would have been much easier on the ones working and also on the students.

Thomas Toney believed the whole process of registering could have been done in one day. It might have rushed the administration, but everyone could have stayed out another day.

Paul Cook believed the sophomores should have had the privilege of registering last, instead of having to come back to college a day early.

Lois Bell believed that a little more help along the line would have made the process much quicker.

Jerry Wooten said there were some places like the one where the schedules were being checked that should have had several working in order to move the line on.

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PASTORAL SCENE—A mural painted on an office wall is the work of a former student Roy Baker. Calling himself 'Sir Roy', Baker painted the scene on the wall of an office belonging at that time to Ovid

Vickers of the English Department. Baker, no longer a student, but a recognized artist, leaves behind a memory on an office wall.

Auditions Set At USM

Six Flags Conduct Talent Search

On campus from Missouri to Georgia and Oklahoma to Mississippi, WANTED posters are going up. No, this is not the traditional 'wanted' posters, but, there is a three state alert for these much sought after individuals.

The much sought after individuals are college students, no, that is not enough, just to be a college student, they must have talent.

The search is on by Six Flags as they seek to staff the many places in the crackling live entertainment at Six Flags Over Texas, Six Flags Over Georgia, and the all new, Six Flags Over Mid-America in St. Louis.

The alias that these people go by are singers, dancers, actors, comedians, instrumentalists, bands, ventriloquists, folk groups, magicians, square dancers, and a host of others which might qualify them to be a part of the summer entertainment at one of the Six Flags locations.

Six Flags is looking for all kinds of talent. From operatic tenors to zany comedians, or anything that will make the audiences smile.

Students who qualify could be part of the live entertainment at any one of the Six Flags locations.

Six Flags emphasizes, they are not auditioning experience — they are auditioning talent.

Those accepted could work in the rousing Crazy Horse Saloon Show, in the cast of Sing Out! America in the Southern Palace Music Hall in Texas, or in the exciting new country and western show; in Georgia students could be a part of the Rambling 'Round Georgia or A Roma Romp, both of which will be presented in the exciting Crystal Piston; in St. Louis become a member of the Stars & Stripes Salute! or perform in the nostalgic, delightful saloon show — or work in the numerous other performing areas in each of the three parks.

Six Flags performers have the opportunity to participate in a scholastic recognition program. And to catch some important eyes, as the top talent scouts check the parks regularly.

Anyone that is WANTED, has a price on his head. Six Flags performers are paid a weekly salary while having a most enjoyable season performing.

College Auditions for Six Flags for the Mississippi-Louisiana Area will be held on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Friday, Feb. 12, 1971 beginning at 1:30 p.

m. The site on the USM Campus will be the University Union Ballroom.

According to William E. Kirkpatrick, Director of Student Activities, this is the third time the Six Flags auditions have been held at Southern. Each year a record number of collegians from the two state area come to Southern for this audition.

Registration for the auditions is 30 minutes prior to the auditions, in the University Union Ballroom.

Collegians in the two state area are urged to take advantage of this outstanding opportunity.

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Student Expresses Idea On Old Office Wall

By WANDA HARRIS
Features Editor

His real name was Roy Baker, but he called himself Sir Roy, perhaps for the same reason that he turned in a theme to Mr. Vickers, written on a cardboard box. Originally from Louisville, Sir Roy attended East Central from 1954 to 1956.

As a student at East Central, Roy associated very well with fellow students and was particularly determined in athletic ventures. On one occasion he entered a state junior college track meet at Perkinston, although East Central had not officially joined the meet. He won first place in the pole vault, but failed to bring home the trophy, because East Central had not entered the meet.

Major Without Department
Sir Roy was an art major, al-

though at this time East Central did not have an art department. He drew cartoons for the "TOM-TOM", and he painted a great deal on his own. He painted a mural, which is still on the wall in the old "TOM-TOM" office. At that time the office was occupied by Mr. Vickers. Roy worked on this mural at night for one week, and during that week he lived and slept in the office. He did another painting entitled "THE MUSICIAN", which still hangs in Mr. Vicker's office. He did not graduate from East Central, mainly because he was more interested in art than prescribed curriculum.

Poetical Talent

In addition to his talent for art, Roy had a talent for writing poetry. His poetry was written mainly for enjoyment and in a "down to earth" style. The following poem was written by Roy Baker:

ONCE FRIENDS

I went back to the place today
Where I was bred and born and raised and played.

I somehow hoped to find Yesterday
Sitting in a rocking chair,
On the front porch of the old house,
Patiently waiting for his child to visit him.

But there were fields where forests were,
And now a forest where we grew cotton,
And I hoped those pines were not straining as hard
To live off that same land as we did.

The Smith boy down the road;
I had last seen him as a baby,
And I was soon going to meet him and his pregnant wife,
And visit in his home a second time.

It's been eighteen years worth of time since.
I grew up and went away in it.

My father died in it.
My mother grew old in it.

It mattered not to time

Whether the fields grew cotton or peas or trees.

But more of a measure

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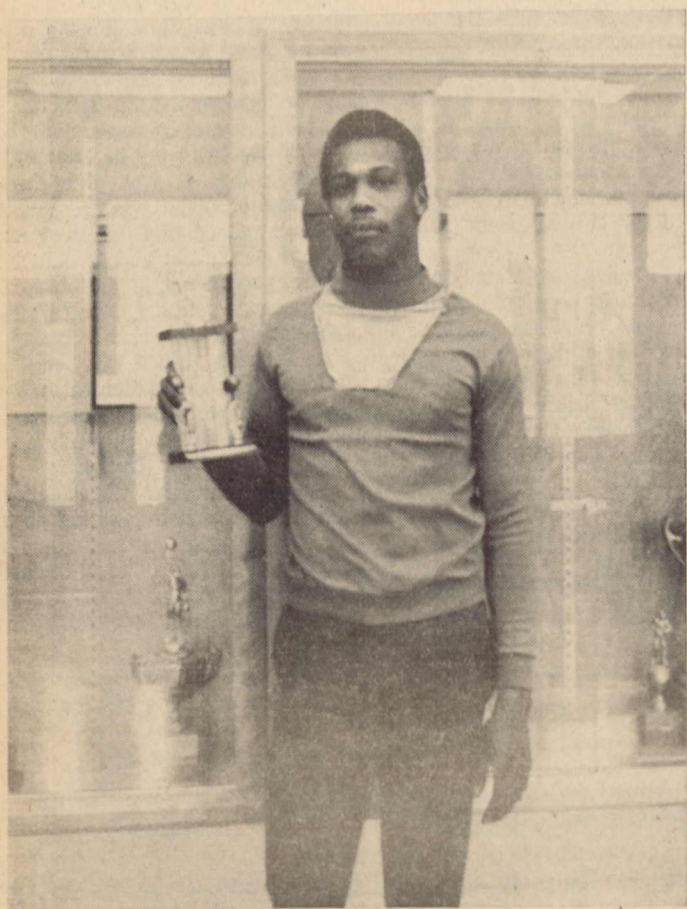
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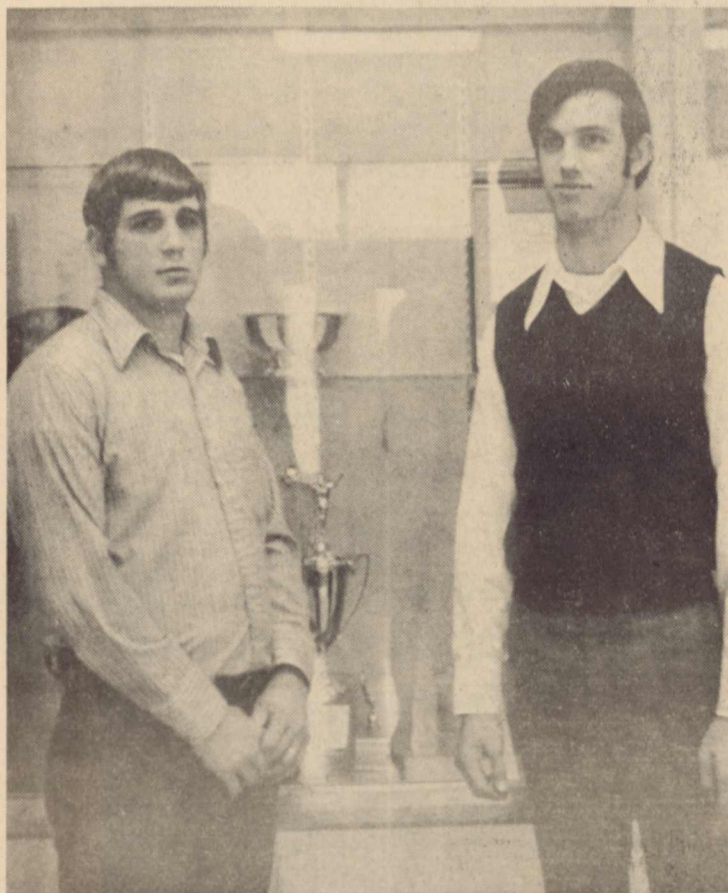
Howard Triplett



JAMES CARTER



HOWARD TRIPLETT



CO-CAPTAINS—Elected as permanent co-captains of the '71 Warriors are Keith Dooley and Mickey Sessions.

BAKER—

(Continued from Page Three)

That time did something with itself,
More important than myself,
Was the sea of pines standing,
Green though shivering under a December sky,
Surrounding and protecting the old well,
That my father and a hired man dug.

Time is ours only in increments—
A minute and a breath against eternity.
The search for yesterday is futile,
But you can look at a tree and see where time goes.

I had been given equal time to change,
As had the old place.
But I had probably changed more than it had.

So for now, I was perhaps as much a stranger to the old place
As it was to me.
And it would take us a while to get re-acquainted.

After leaving East Central, Roy attended Mississippi College and got a degree in art. He has had several exhibitions of his work in Jackson and Memphis, and has had cartoons published in several national magazines. He worked with the Gordon-Marx Advertising Agency until last year. However, he and two of his friends, who are also artists, have now started an agency of their own.

Roy is married to Lena McGee of Chunky, and they have three sons.

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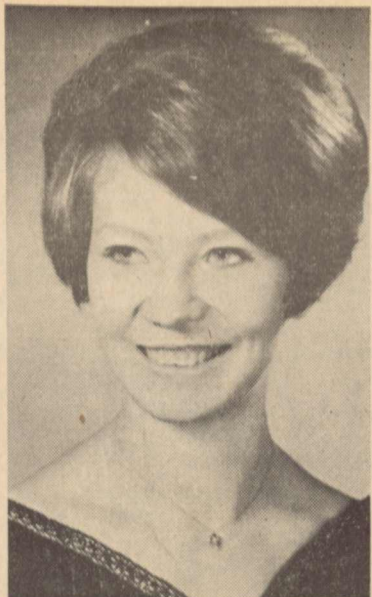
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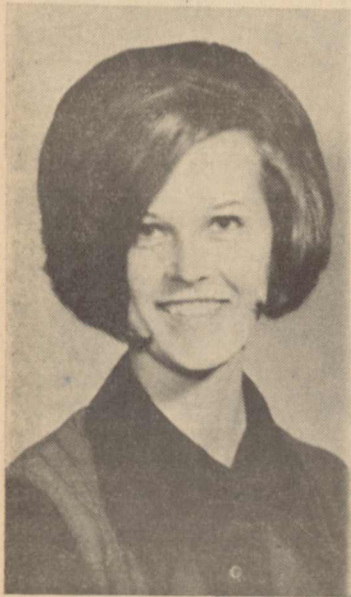
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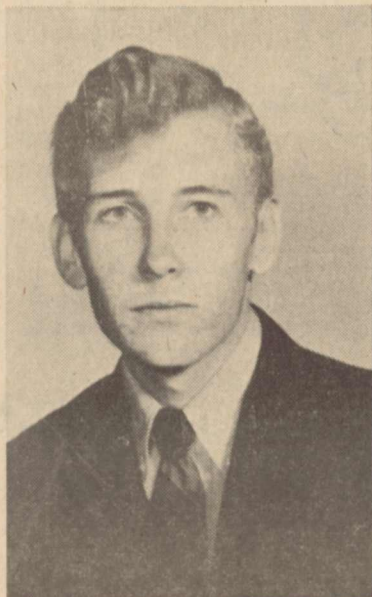
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CRIS MORGAN

Governor Urges Students To Attend Prisoners' Day

Governor John Bell Williams has called upon every Mississippian, both young and old, to "show the American people are solidly behind the effort to get the U. S. prisoners freed from POW camps in Southeast Asia," by attending a special "Free the Prisoners Day" program scheduled for Monday, Feb. 22, at the City Auditorium in Jackson.

In his appeal to the public during a called press conference, the Governor especially called on college students throughout the state to show their support for the program through their attendance at the Feb. 22 activities.

Williams announced that H. Ross Perot, young Texas billionaire and data processing tycoon, would be the principal speaker at the meeting. Perot has focused attention on the plight of American prisoners through his humanitarian efforts, at his own expense, in their behalf.

In addition to Perot's appearance, Major Fred Thompson, an Air Force pilot released from a POW camp in 1968, will also speak.

Other activity will include the

presentation of the "Pageant of Flags," a dramatization of the history of the American flag by cadets from the Naval Air Training Station in Pensacola, Fla.

At the press conference, Williams showed his desire to have good representation from the college and university campuses of the state by naming Dave Bell, president of the Student Body Association at Mississippi College in Clinton, as statewide student coordinator.

Bell congratulated the Governor for his interest in having students involved in the movement.

"This is one area where students are united," said Bell. "We can make a marked improvement on efforts being made to free POW's and students can do their part to help."

Also appearing at the news conference were Col. Mickey Walker of the Mississippi National Guard Association, and Frank Smith, vice-president for Mississippi Power and Light Co.

The "Free the Prisoners Day" is being sponsored by the National Guard Association, with support from business firms and civic clubs.

Religious Emphasis Week Schedule

Monday . . . 3rd period assembly . . . Rev. Harold Bryson

Tuesday . . . 3rd, 4th, and 6th periods . . . Rev. Mark Killam

Wednesday . . . 3rd, 4th, and 6th periods . . . Paul Brown

Thursday . . . 2nd, 5th, 7th periods . . . Mrs. Dorothy Cook

Rev. Bryson will speak at a special assembly of all students in Huff Auditorium, Rev. Killam, Paul Brown, and Mrs. Dorothy Cook will speak in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The SBA is sponsoring a Coffee-House each night, 7-9 p.m.

Four Sophomores Enter Hall Of Fame

Four sophomores have been selected for inclusion in the 1970-71 Hall of Fame.

Selected for this honor are Wanda Blackwell, Debbie Harvey, Cris Morgan and Paula Simmons.

The Hall of Fame is the highest honor awarded an East Central student. Hall of Fame members are selected by a special faculty committee from nominations received from faculty and students. Selections are made on the basis of leadership, character and academic excellence.

Union Graduate

Miss Blackwell is a physical education major from Union. During her freshman year at East Central, Miss Blackwell was a member of the Student Education Association, an active participant in Women's Intramurals in which she received the Sportsmanship Award and placed 1st in badminton singles and 2nd in badminton doubles. She participated in extramural volleyball and basketball, was a member of the varsity tennis team and a participant in May Day.

During her sophomore year, Miss Blackwell has been a member of the SEA, Phi Theta Kappa - Bake Sale Committee; treasurer-Student Body Association; chairman decorating committee at homecoming;

served as vice president and team captain of Women's Intramurals. Miss Blackwell serves as physical education assistant and is a member of Religious Emphasis Week Committee. She also serves on the election committee and participates in extramural volleyball and basketball and varsity tennis.

P. E. Major

Miss Harvey is a physical education major from Forest. During her freshman year at East Central, Miss Harvey participated in the Student Education Association, publicity chairman; Phi Theta Kappa, Tom-Tom staff, Baptist Student Union; extramural volleyball and basketball teams and varsity tennis team. She was elected team captain and outstanding basketball player in Women's Intramurals. In extramural basketball, Miss Harvey made 11 junior college team and all Gulf Coast junior college team. She also participated in the May Day Program.

During her sophomore year at East Central, Miss Harvey is serving as social chairman of SEA, communication chairman of Phi Theta Kappa, secretary and member of Baptist Student Union, sophomore chairman of the Women's council, sophomore representative of the Student Body Association. She

is presently serving as president and team captain of intramurals, and is a member of the Religious Emphasis Week Committee. Miss Harvey is a member of the extramural volleyball and basketball teams and varsity tennis team.

Paper Editor

Morgan is presently serving as executive editor of *The Tom-Tom*. A graduate of Lake High School Morgan plans to major in journalism at the University of Southern Mississippi. He is an active participant in the Baptist Student Union and French Club. Morgan is also a member of the stage band. During his freshman year he served as reporter for *The Tom-Tom*.

Music Major

Miss Simmons is a music major from Louisville. She has served as accompanist for the choir for two years and played in the band one year. During her freshman year, Miss Simmons served as accompanist for the musical "Oklahoma". She is presently serving as vice president of the Music Educators National Conference and Phi Theta Kappa. She is president of the Wesley Foundation and a member of the Collegians and Bel Cantos.

Pictures of these students will be on display in the entrance to the auditorium.

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Who's Who Contest Features Lucy Young, Mickey Sessions

Lucy Young and Mickey Sessions captured highest honors in the annual Who's Who contest conducted recently.

Other Who's Who personalities include Joe Tadlock, Most Handsome; Gwyn Hardin, May Queen; Wanda Duke, Maid of Honor. Sophomore favorites include Barbara Sue Ezelle, Cindy Cornelius, Karen Cooper, Joe Lee Anthony, Mark Hatcher and Larry Snowden.

Elected as freshmen favorites are Betty Nester, Judy Clark, Annette Brignac, Jack Evans, Freddie Bagley, and Ben Dance.

Miss Young is a graduate of Morton High School. At Morton she was active in athletics and was honored in Who's Who. Here at East Central she is a member of the Baptist Student Union, was elected a freshman favorite, and now serves as the first girl president of the Student Body Association.

Mickey Sessions, of Forest, has been active in student life at East Central. He is a member of the Warrior football team and was elected permanent co-captain of the team. Mickey has served as president of both his freshman and sophomore classes.

Miss Hardin, a graduate of Sebastopol High School, was a cheerleader, in the junior and senior plays, in the Beta Club, FHA and Library Club. Here at East Central, she is a member of the ECJC Players and the Home Economics Club.

Miss Duke is a graduate of Provine High School where she was a member of the annual and Palladiar staffs.

Tadlock of Forest was a member of the F-Club and Beta Club. He was also active in sports and has continued to be here at East Central.

Miss Ezelle graduated from Decatur High School where she was a member of the honor clubs and the annual and paper staffs. Here at East Central, she is a member of the ECJC Marching Band, the Student Education Association, choir and Phi Theta Kappa.

A graduate of Tecumseh High School, New Carlisle, Ohio, Miss Cornelius, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the spirit committee. She is president of the sophomore Women's Council. Miss Cornelius participates in volleyball, tennis and softball. She was a dancer in ECJC Player's production of Oklahoma.

Miss Cooper is a graduate of Carthage High School. While at Carthage, she was active in sports and was a member of the Future Homemakers of America. Miss Cooper was selected sophomore maid in the 1970 Homecoming.

Anthony, a graduate of Sebastopol, is a member of the spirit committee. He was elected Student Body Association Representative for his sophomore class.

Hatcher is a graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, where he was active in football and track. He was a participant in the junior and senior plays and is now a member of the ECJC Players.

Snowden is a graduate of Hickory High School. While at Hickory, he was very active in the athletics department.

Miss Nester was very active in athletics at Lake High School. Miss Nester was in the Beta Club and on the publications' staffs. She was valedictorian and received the English and typing awards. Miss Nester served as Freshman Maid during the 1970 Homecoming.

Miss Clark of Philadelphia is a member of the Freshman Women's Council and is an active participant in numerous campus activities.

Miss Brignac is a graduate of Forest High School where she was in the Future Business Leaders of America, the F-Club, and the Future Homemakers of America. She participated in the junior and senior plays. Miss Brignac was also very active in sports and has continued to be so here at East Central.

Evans is a graduate of Decatur High School where he was in the junior and seniors plays, Beta Club and Student Council. He was elected vice president of his freshman class at East Central.

Bagley, a graduate of Forest High School, was elected Mr. Forest High School. He was named All-Little Dixie quarterback and Most Valuable back of the Little Dixie Conference. Bagley is a quarterback for the Warrior team here.

A graduate of Philadelphia High School, Dance, served as vice president of his sophomore class. He was selected to attend Boy's State. At East Central, Dance is serving as football manager.

Art Contest Opens During March

AT LAST!

Here's your chance to be an artist. In March, the Art Department is having a "Found Art" contest. "Found Art" is some kind of art you can find lying around, like an old shoe, or a bottle broken in an interesting pattern, or a wire bent into a design.

There will be monetary prizes awarded to the best "Found Art" objects. So start looking — see what you can find lying around campus or in an old pile of junk. Remember the contest starts in March. There will be more about it in the next issue of *The Tom-Tom*.

Equalization . . .

Mass Confusion?

The trend is to equalize. Yet, the result will be to tear everything established as common farther and farther apart. It almost seems as if the once growing trend to be different is ceasing to be of any importance. The people are becoming one big mess. With this, the group as a whole will be easier controlled by a smaller faction.

Nations are reaching out after one another trying to reach a state of equalization. One nation cannot stand the thought of another pulling ahead, but at the same time, there is an overall rebellion against imperialism. Either the two nations are trying to disarm one another or they are running an armaments race as the U. S. and Soviet Union are now doing. At the same time, the masses are crying for peace.

Even on a much lower level, there is evidence of this rat race for equalization. We see businesses using every means possible to forge ahead of their enemy—the one producing at a cheaper rate. The masses are crying out at the price of living, yet prices soar higher. One envies another's wealth and is desirous of that man's initiative to make and create wealth. Yet, he does not desire to work for it.

Of course, these trends are leading to socialism, but since the United States is doing it, it is not referred to as socialism. Instead, it has become the new democratic society. There is such a thing as a society that is too democratic. A society of this kind tends to completely dull the minds of the people, causing them to want a change. This is what has happened in the government, as well as in the colleges and other institutions showing unrest.

Since the society has existed at a perfect state, most people have lost interest in the affairs of these otherwise important institutions. Because of his unawareness, these freedoms are taken away from him. Too late, he realizes they are gone. This is the state we are living in now. Since he has slept too long, he can do nothing about it but live with his misery. Conditions were much better as they had been—existing in the same plane but at different levels.

Perhaps we should follow the advice given in the "Ten Rules of Conduct" attributed to Abraham Lincoln. These ten rules are the following:

1. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
2. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
3. You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.
4. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
5. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred.
6. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
7. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
8. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's independence and initiative.
9. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn.
10. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

Let's Free Them

Young collegians on college and university campuses throughout Mississippi will have the opportunity to stand united and make their voices heard around the world as they participate in "Free the Prisoners Day" Feb. 22, in Jackson. All college students in the state have been invited to attend the 2 p.m. program at the City Auditorium.

Texas philanthropist Ross Perot, who has journeyed across the globe seeking to relieve the distress of Americans held prisoners by the North Vietnamese, will be featured speaker. Perot has been acclaimed as one of the most dynamic and moving speakers on the contemporary scene.

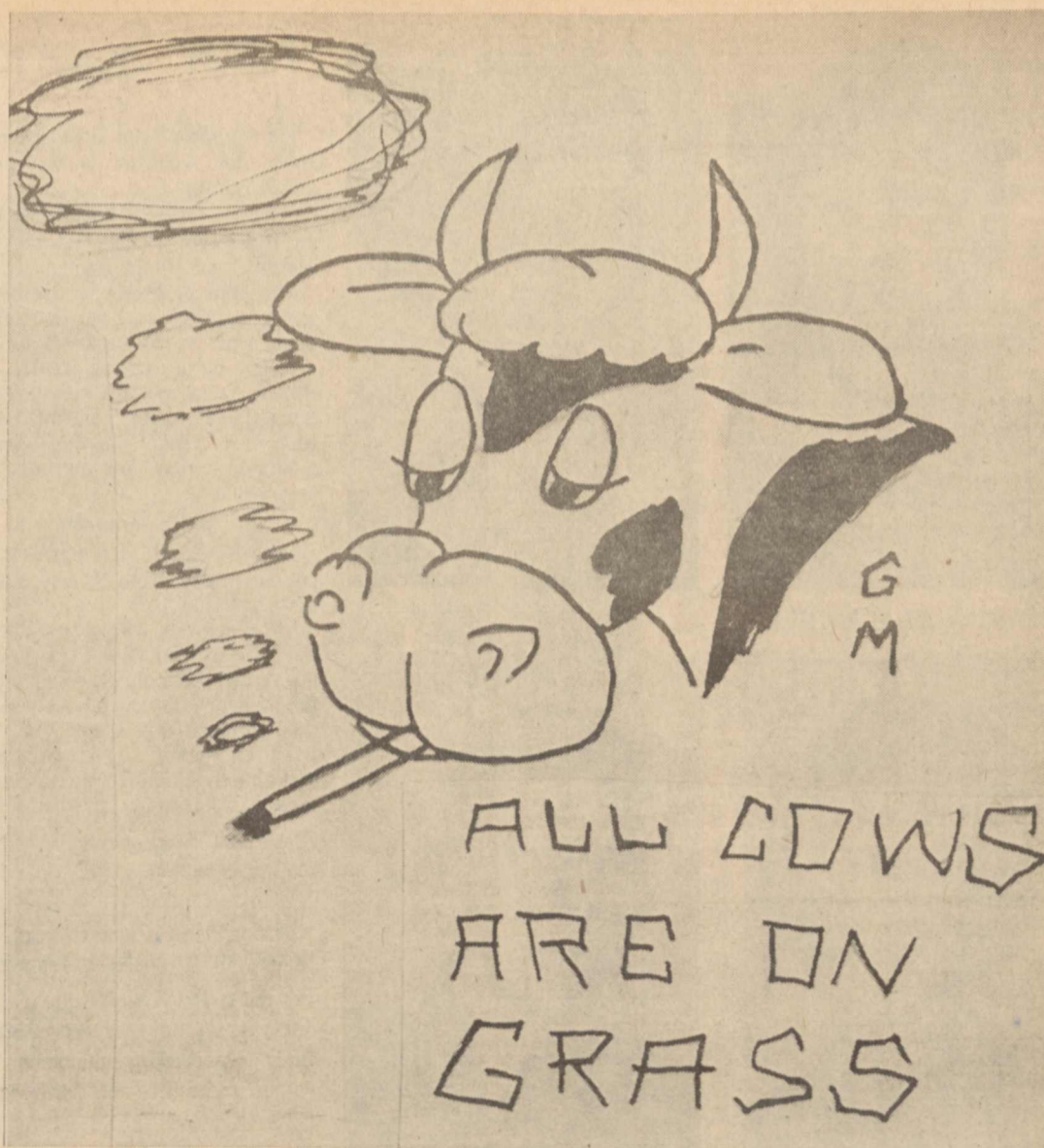
Business leaders and governmental officials are offering full support to the event, which is sponsored by the National Guard Association of Mississippi. Success of the venture, however, will depend solely upon public participation. It is not government policy but a display of public outrage at POW treatment that will force the North Vietnamese to conform to international conventions regarding military prisoners.

We must commit ourselves to continued prayers for the prisoners and letters to the North Vietnamese.

"Free the Prisoners Day" offers a chance for the people of this state to express themselves as a people, rather than simply as individuals. Just how much we do care will be shown by the energy we put into the event.

Perot himself has been dedicated to the cause of the American P.O.W. since long before the issue first became a national concern. He organized the "United We Stand" movement to mobilize support for efforts to improve the treatment of American servicemen who are now prisoners in Southeast Asia.

In 1969 he attempted to take food and medical supplies to North Vietnam for distribution among the prisoners only to have his plane turned back before reaching the country. Last year he took American newsmen on a tour of Vietnam—its army camps, its prisons—and talked with North Vietnamese held prisoner in the south. His contribution as one man has made it much easier for many others to work to assist our men



Student Voices

Visitors Show Lack Of Maturity; Gymnasium Space Insufficient



By Donna McCraw

Country boys show city hicks! By the attitude displayed by the Meridian fans Monday night, it was really a wonder they would come this far in the sticks to see a basketball game. But come they did, filling half the bleachers. A person has to give them credit for their large amount of school spirit. You would think that a commuter college would have a harder time trying to get a pep squad bus filled.

Whoever wrote the sign "You Can Take EC out of the country, but you can't take the country out of EC!" certainly showed a lack of maturity when they put it on our gym wall. Did they really expect EC students to let the signs, degrading our school, stay on the wall? I believe all evidence of our new gym having once been a cow pasture has been removed.

Every student, I have asked, is very proud of the new physical education building, but most have the same gripe. They would like to

see a set of bleachers on the opposite side. When the ECJC Warriors played Meridian last Monday night, quite a few visitors and students were left standing on the side lines. No one left during the game so most remained standing throughout the game.

Another reason for getting another set of bleachers is to stop any fight that might occur when a heated fan decides to settle the game with fists. An incident almost occurred Monday night with EC

and Meridian sitting on the same side.

It was really a beautiful sight seeing the gym filled. Remember last year in the old gym when no one came to the games. The attendance started improving when Mr. Peterson started giving pop tests on the games. More people started coming this year when they found out how good the Warriors really are. The close ball games with EC winning 73-72 are really something to watch. Why not come out to the next home game?

Midwestern Teenager States Good Things About Pot

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from an Ann Lander's Column from a student on drugs.

Dear Ann Landers: Your letter against pot last week was a joke. If you dried-up creeps want kids to believe you, why don't you tell the

truth? I have yet to see a single letter in your column telling the GOOD things about pot. Why is that? I'll tell you why. Because you are a bunch of fuddy-duddies who are trying to scare us kids to death. Well, it won't work. Most of us know more about pot than our parents and teachers put together.

I'm a 16-year old girl who lives in a medium-size Midwestern town. I have been smoking pot at least once a day for nearly two years. It hasn't hurt me at all. In fact it has done me a lot of good. Not only is pot smoking a pleasurable experience, but it has expanded my consciousness and opened my eyes to the beauties of the world.

Grass has NOT dulled my mind. It has sharpened it. My thinking is clearer now than it ever was. I am more aware of things I never noticed before. Objects that used to look small now look large. When I smoke, I see mental images in color instead of black and white. I used to be too shy to speak up in a crowd. Now I am a brilliant conversationalist. I can talk on any subject. People listen spellbound. At this very moment I am stoned yet I am 100 per cent lucid. I am expressing my innermost feelings brilliantly. When I finish this letter it will be a masterpiece.

If you fail to print it, I will know you are a Communist. In Russia, they present only one side of a story — the side they want people to believe. I'll be watching and waiting. — The Truth Will Win.

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Former Student Describes Teacher As Extraordinaire Person . . .

By BILLIE WATSON
Tom-Tom Staff Writer

Author's note: On the faculty of East Central Junior College, there is a new Ph.D. We read about it in the last edition of THE TOM-TOM. I did not go up and interview him to see how it feels to be a full-pledged Doctor of Philosophy. I chose instead to reminisce over three semesters of work, just completed, under Richard C. Ethridge.

He is not six feet tall but he casts a mighty long shadow. And he packs a powerful wallop in the class room.

At 35, he is certainly a very young man to possess a doctorate. But then, Dr. Ethridge is no ordinary man. A better word would be EXTRAORDINAIRE!

To be a student in his classroom is to become a part of the adventure of his life. His whole life has been myriad episodes of color and action.

Versatile Man

I guess he's done just about everything. At least there's no way to put into capsule form experiences which, as he shared them with his students, only scratched the surface.

For instance, he was a member of the National Guard before he was old enough to shave. He married at a very early age so that now he has a lovely, practically grown, family including a daughter who will be college bound this fall.

Dr. Ethridge did not have time for high school. He really has made up for it though. The first year he went to college, he earned over 50 hours.

Profound Lecturer

As a teacher, his lectures are profound! I should never advise anyone to enroll in one of his classes just to pass the time of day.

Last January, he inherited a few students from Mississippi State. He informed everybody, "I have taught at Mississippi State and I teach the same course here, at East Central, that I taught at State." Undoubtedly, he did.

There were days I thought my hand would surely fall off from taking notes in *Western Civ.* It never did. I felt sure I couldn't possibly survive another test in history or government. I am still around.

Students Stay Awake

Nobody ever fell asleep in Room 101 when he had the floor. His humor was full of punch and sometimes it set us back on our heels. His rich background and broad understanding gave vent to some uproariously funny stories. This kept all of his students wide awake and wondering what would come next.

Throughout time there have been many men who have had aspirations. When one such man mixed his aspirations with determination and hard work they culminated in a coveted title — DR.

Will he stop, now, and rest on his

laurels? Knowing my former teacher, I have an idea that this is just one more step upward on his ladder of success.

Probably, this is just a hint of even greater things to come for Dr. Richard C. Ethridge!

Student Comes Home

Roommate Inspires Teacher

By BILLIE WALTON
Tom-Tom Staff Writer

Starting second semester, Linda Latham took her place as teacher of the Fundamentals of Journalism class. Actually, she has come back home to ECJC. It hasn't been too long since she, herself, was a student here.

Graduating with Sebastopol's class of '67, she then came to East Central Junior College to embark upon her college education. She recalls that during her first semester she was not very happy with the college. As she, however, began to become acquainted with the teachers and administration she began to like college and East Central.

Friend Starts Career

Her first brush with journalism came when her roommate, a member of *The Tom-Tom* staff persuaded her to write a story. That story was the spark that set the journalism fire going. Miss Latham was named managing editor and eventually co-editor her sophomore year.

When the time came to go to a senior college, she chose, from several available scholarships, the one that would carry her to the University of Southern Mississippi.

Once there, she pursued her interests in journalism as *Entertainment Editor* on *The Student Printz*. She devoted much of her time to covering newsworthy events on the campus. A number of her articles have appeared, also, in *The Clarion-Ledger* and other newspapers.

Works In Publicity

Actually, this energetic young woman holds down two jobs at EC. Her other position is that of Public Relations Director and that is what brought her back here. ECJC needed someone to send out publicity releases on students and events to the news media.

Having almost completed the requirements for her B. S. degree in English and journalism with a minor in education, she welcomed the opportunity to return to her alma mater.

"I really enjoy this job, and, too,

I hope we can build the journalism class and get more students interested in journalism because it is a good field," she said.

Plans Future

A charming person, her eyes light up when someone mentions her plans for the future. No, her heart is not set, just now, on a vine-covered cottage with pretty pink flowers in its window boxes. Rather, she looks forward to getting her masters degree in communications. This summer will see her starting work on it.

When queried concerning her views on Womens' Lib, she expressed her feelings candidly and with much perception. "The woman has a place to fulfill in today's world, just as much as man does, and I don't think a woman should be denied a position of importance if she is capable of fulfilling that position; but still I enjoy having a man open the door and offer to carry packages for me," Miss Latham said.

TwentyTwo Make Semester Honors

Three freshmen and six sophomores made top honors in the academic honor roll for first semester.

Janice Irene Bulkin, Nenette Leatherwood and Cheryl Ann Thornton are freshmen who made special distinction.

Sophomores making special distinction were Debbie K. Crowell, Jackie Edwards, Billie Glenn Lindsey, Paula Simmons, Janet Marie Stampley and Gerald Taylor.

Vocational students who made special distinction include Ronald Arthur, Paul Bailey, Virgil Brown, Shannon Burns, Willie Hardy, Harold Hicks, Tyler Lewis, Bobby McDaniel, Benjamin May, James Rainer, Riley Sistrunk, Joe Thompson, and Albert Whitehead.

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ECJC Graduate Recalls

College As Best Anywhere

What Say We Have A Go At It With A Closed Mind?

Editor's Note: The following is an article written by Jim McGregor, a former East Central Junior College student. McGregor is now employed by United Press International in Montgomery, Ala.

Attention fathers!

To what college or university should you send your son if you want him to become a great athlete?

According to a recent poll conducted among editors of 97 college newspapers, the boy should attend Notre Dame, Michigan State or the University of Alabama — in that order. (The Tide can't seem to get away from that number three rating.)

The results of the poll, in which many other questions were asked, are published in current issue of McCall's Magazine under the heading, "What the College Catalogues Won't Tell You: A Student's Eye View of the American campuses."

Other Southern schools fared quite well in the poll, although "well" may be the improper term to use.

The University of Mississippi was third in the category, "What College Gets the Most Attractive Girls." The Rebels trailed UCLA and the University of Texas. Radcliffe was voted the school with the least attractive girls.

The University of Virginia was "honored" as the school that has most drinking. Bob Jones University (South Carolina) was voted the "most square" and — according to the poll, the University of Miami has the "dullest girls." However, the University of Miami was also

voted the school where students can live in the greatest physical comfort.

The University of California at Berkeley and Antioch College of Ohio appear to be mentioned most in the poll. Both schools finished high in such categories as most liberal schools where students have the greatest voice in running the campus, the sloppiest-looking boys and the sloppiest-looking girls.

Other schools taking top honors were Brigham Young, most conservative; Berkley, most liberal; Harvard, best-dressed boys; Vassar, best-dressed girls; Harvard, best school for a boy who wants to become a millionaire, a distinguished statesman, president of the United States or marry a rich girl.

According to the poll, a girl is most likely to find a husband at Michigan State, Ohio State or UCLA. She is least likely to find one at "any Catholic women's college." The campus editors feel that the best wives are produced at Vassar, Smith, Wellesly and Northwestern, while the best husbands attend Harvard, Princeton or Yale. (As a graduate of East Central Junior College in Decatur, Miss., I resent that assumption.)

With a closed mind, a great deal of pride in the Southland and no small amount of prejudice, I would like to add a few categories to the

poll and revamp some of the existing categories.

Best School for an Alabama Student to attend: Any Alabama school.

Best Thing for an Alabama Student to do after Graduation: Stay in Alabama.

Best Place to Become a Great Athlete: Any SEC school.

School that Produces the Most Refined, Cultured and Intelligent Citizens: Any Alabama — or Mississippi — School.

Best School in the Entire World: EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE.

I told you my poll would be biased.

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Night Classes Begin

Vocational Programs Climb In Enrollment

Since July, 1970, there have been 22 different adult vocational programs conducted at EC.

Beginning with second semester this year, programs in welding, machine shop, electricity, refrigeration, and air conditioning have been taught at night. There are 62 men presently enrolled in these courses.

After much demand from the women of the surrounding area, for the first time at East Central, there are classes being offered at night for women interested in learning shorthand and typing. Forty-seven ladies registered and immediately following registration, there were considerable more women wanting in this class. There is consideration

to establish another class.

Also in the very near future book-keeping will probably be offered. This is an opportunity at East Central for adults to obtain further education at night. These students attend class one or two nights a week according to the program they are engaged in.

More information concerning the adult vocational programs can be obtained by contacting Mr. O. L. Newell in the Vocational Technical Center.

Cast Named For Musical

The cast for the musical "South Pacific" to be presented April 5-8 has been selected.

The cast includes Nennette Leatherwood, Nellie; Clark Measels, Emile; Bonnie Lovorn, Ngana; Dan Jordan, Henry; Lynn Mills, Little Girl; Gloria Hill, Liat; Wanda Comans, Bloody Mary; Brenda Tucker, Bloody Mary's Assistant; Jason Bryan, Liet Cable; Commander Harbison, Bill Williamson; Captain Brackett, Danny Dansby; Billis, Mark Hatcher; Stewpot, Joe Lee Anthony; Private Jerome, Scottie Terrell.



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WARRIOR ACTION—The EC basketball team has succeeded in capturing a number of victories recently. R. L. Gilmer goes for two points.

Sports Talk

ECJC Tradition Changes; Visitors Cause Scene

By TOMMY SANDERS
Sports Columnist

While seeing three semesters at East Central go by I have noticed great changes being made. Girls have lost their dresses but gained campus rule. Boys have finally learned to respect a phone and listen to it when someone is speaking to them about rules. Among all the changes which have taken place, one stands out as an additive to the traditions of the school.

Those people who attended the basketball game Monday night and the previous Tuesday, better yet those who saw the games with Meridian last year know of what I am speaking. Although East Central has played Meridian only four games in its history it has become apparent that they are the bitterest of rivals. A year ago the game which was played on EC's campus developed into quite a heated argument. This seems to have set the pattern for all the contests between the two schools.

During the time that this writer has been aware of EC's sports ac-

tivities, some twelve years, the school at which its hostilities were most directed has been East Mississippi, sometime known as Scooba Tech.

Having seen these two schools meet many times in the previous two football and basketball seasons, it seems safe to say that they are taking a back seat to the rivalry which has so quickly developed between us and MJC.

At no other time have the students banded themselves together to back a sports event of so common a nature as they have at the confrontations with Meridian Junior College. There was not a person in the gym Monday night who could say he was not aware of the mountain of feeling between the two schools. Even some of the teachers became involved.

These thoughts of mine may not be as well backed as I have drawn them out to be. The test for this change in our tradition will come Thursday night when we play Scooba here. We will see what the students decide.

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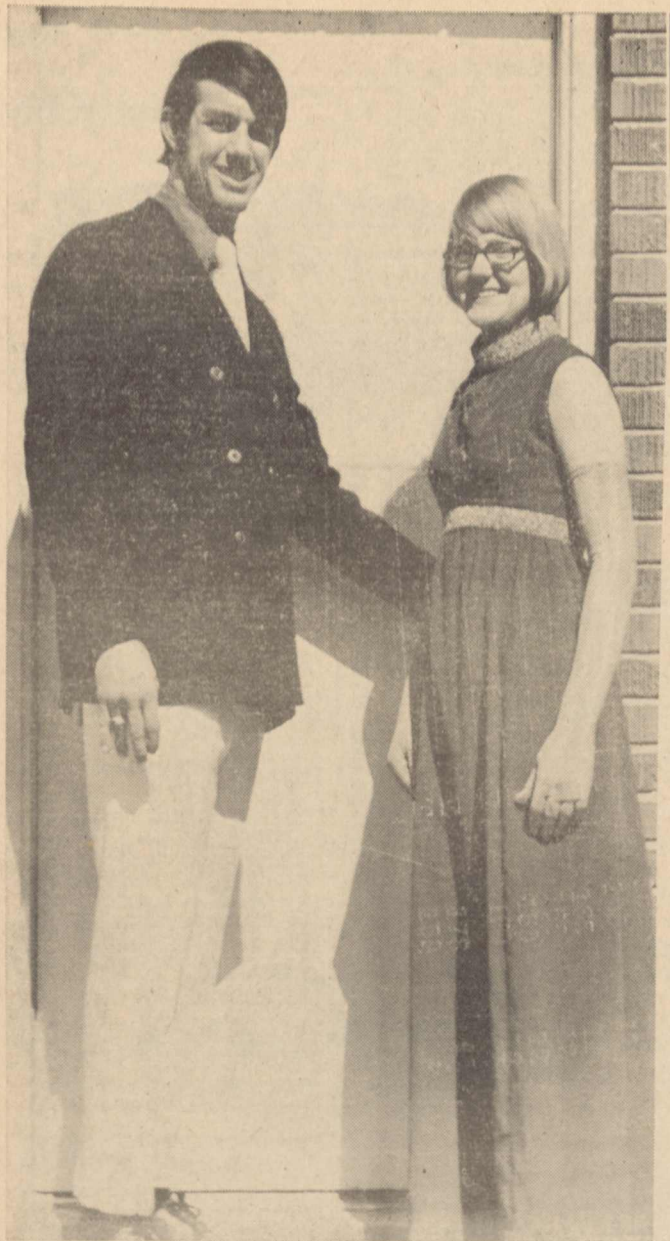
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TOP HONORS—Winning top honors in the Who's Who contest are Mickey Sessions, Forest, and Lucy Young, Morton. Sessions and Miss Young were elected by fellow students as Mr. and Miss ECJC. Sessions was elected permanent co-captain of the football team and Miss Young is president of the Student Body Association.

Dr. Jaquith Tells Truth About Drug Scene

By **BILLIE WATSON**
Staff Writer

The Albert Schweitzer of Mississippi, Dr. W. L. Jaquith, director of Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield, brought to a climax the Drug Abuse Workshop which was recently held on campus.

"Mr. Mental Helath," as he is popularly known around Jackson, is truly a legend in his own time. He is revered by the 4,500 patients and staff at Mississippi State Hospital as the Great White Father.

In 1966, he was given the First Federal Foundation Award by the University of Mississippi for his outstanding achievements and distinguished service in behalf of this state. It has been said that, probably, "Dr. Jake" has contributed more to the state of Mississippi than any other one person.

With countless thousands of incapacitated persons, from all walks of life, from every age bracket, from virtually every area in Mississippi, plus the four corners, having been restored because of his knowledge and administrative ability since his appointment, in 1949, as director, to useful, productive lives, there is no way to estimate the value or extent of his services rendered.

Speaks On Drugs

Entitled "Medical Aspects of the Drug Problem", his address depicted, with stark realism, the many phases of the drug problem, particularly as it affects the high school and college youth and the connection between experimentation, addiction, and the effects of drugs on the human mind and body.

He discussed everything from heroin (stuff, junk, snow) and hallucinogens (LSD, acid) to marijuana (grass, pot, Mary Jane).

With regard to cortical stimulants or amphetamines, he said, "They are drugs that pep you up — speed — they stimulate the brain, heart, and muscles. Some drugs can change the personality. Speed is bad about this. It can make a person paranoid. It can cause death when shot into the vein. Motor vehicle accidents occur when the visual situation is knocked out or disorganized."

LSD On State Scene

The doctor held his audience spellbound as he continued, "Drugs are around. Kids are giving up LSD around the country but its coming on strong in Mississippi. It came late but it's here. LSD is not made anymore by reputable companies. It is made 'in and

everywhere'. It is made illegally. Five forms of LSD have been picked up in Mississippi in the last six months. It's mind blowing. People have 'good trips'; people have 'bad trips'."

He warned against glue sniffing. "They don't sniff glue much anymore. Moth crystals are getting to be the big vehicle for sniffing, now. It is a very dangerous thing. It is harmful to the bone marrow, toxic to the liver, knocks out the kidneys to cause uremic poisoning and caused brain damage. There brain damage. There are people are people who are morons because they were sniffers."

Pushers Hurt Selves

Of the pushers, he said, "They're basically masochistic people who hurt themselves. Then they turn sadist — they turn on you. They would do anything to rack you up."

In a plea to young ladies, Dr. Jaquith cautioned, "if you're taking drugs at the time of birth, barbiturates or tranquilizers, the baby must be treated as an addict or it will die from sudden withdrawal; ordinary aspirin can kill a baby in the last three months of pregnancy. Eating aspirin affects the baby's

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Conquering Inner Space Is BSU Revival Theme

"Conquering Inner Space" was the theme for revival services held at the Baptist Student Center last week.

Rev. Charles Shipman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sayre, Ala., was the evangelist. He has recently become pastor after spending several years in evangelistic preaching.

Rev. Shipman is a native of Tupelo. He graduated from Itawamba Junior College and William Carey College. He attended Mid-Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

Rev. Shipman served one year as Baptist Student Director at Itawamba Junior College. While in junior college, he served as BSU president.

BSU President Frankie Moore termed the revival "a great success."

Representative Addresses Med Students Recently On Positions For Nurses

"You should aim to be the best person you can and contribute as much to society as you possibly can," Mrs. Emma Lee Richardson told Sigma Sigma Mau Tau, pre-med club members, who met on club day in Cross Science Building.

Representing the Matty Hersee Hospital in Meridian, Mrs. Richardson described areas of nursing in pediatrics, mother and maternal, surgical and psychiatric care.

"Mental illness is just like physical illness and it is invading the ranks of our little children. Now, it is only the ignorant who shun the mentally ill," she continued, "The patient always comes first."

The levels of nursing, the two year, three year, four year programs plus opportunities in nursing for men and women in Mississippi and around the country were all topics for discussion.

North Vietnamese Sensitive To Public Opinion; Texas Billionaire Requests Aid From Mississippians

By **LUCY YOUNG**
Staff Writer

"The leaders of the North Vietnamese have shown that they are sensitive to world and U. S. public opinion," Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot told the audience at "Free the Prisoners Day" in Jackson recently.

A number of East Central students along with Dean of Students Denver Brackeen attended the program in which Perot stressed the fact that the North Vietnamese government be made aware that the majority of American citizens are deeply concerned about the treatment of these prisoners. "Persistence is the key factor in getting

results from North Vietnamese government."

Perot has worked with the U. S. military and government in an effort to secure humane treatment for the prisoners in accordance with the Geneva Convention, to gain information about the missing and to improve understanding of the future of those men and their families.

Perot stated that the North Vietnamese believe the interest the people of the U. S. are showing for the P. O. W.'s is only temporary. In a short time public interest will dwindle away and the welfare of these men will be only governmental. It is the duty of

every citizen regardless of his beliefs about the war to become involved. One type of involvement

is writing to the President, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Hanoi, North Vietnam. These letters written to the President should ask in the name of humanity the following things:

- all injured prisoners be released as quickly as possible.
- the names of all prisoners be published.
- prisoners be allowed to exchange mail with their families.
- impartial inspections be made immediately of prisoners' facilities
- prisoners receive proper diet and

medical care.

"Free the Prisoners Day" was sponsored by the National Guard Association of Mississippi. Colonel Emmett H. Walker, Jr., was the presiding officer at the meeting in which the families of twenty-five known Mississippians being held prisoners in Vietnam were introduced.

In addition to the speech by Perot, Major Fred N. Thompson, United States Air Force, and a released prisoner of war, told of his experiences in Vietnam. A native of Tennessee, Major Thompson was held prisoner by the North Vietnamese for four months.

Committee Visits East Central To Evaluate Programs

By **CRIS MORGAN**
Executive Editor

A committee headed by Dr. Earl Hays of Sue Bennett College, London, Ky., will visit the ECJC campus March 28-31.

As a requirement to retain membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, each ten years an institution is required to do a self-study which is climaxed by a visit by a committee from the association. This committee will visit the campus and make suggestions on how to improve the effectiveness of the college.

Other members of the committee are President William Stallard, South Florida Junior College; W. T. Ingram, Auburn University; Earlon Williams, Angelina College, Tex.; William T. Roys, Jr., St. Petersburg Junior College, Fla.; Charles Duesner, Elizabethtown Community College in Ken.; and Thomas J. Haigwood, East Carolina University, N. C.

Dr. Wright urges the students to welcome this committee to the campus.



MAY ROYALTY—The May Queen's court includes front row, left to right, Debbie Pearson, Wanda Duke, maid of honor; Gwyn Hardin, May Queen; Mary Carol Stroud; second row, Gail Cumberland,

Wanda Comans, and Elizabeth Edwards. The Queen and her court will be formally presented during May Day ceremonies, May 2.

In Our Opinion— Coffee House—Successful

Religious Emphasis Week is over, and if something isn't done about it, the Coffee House will go with it.

Judging from the large attendance on the last night and nights previous, there should be enough students willing to continue the Coffee-House at least once a week. The turnout on the last night was more than expected. That one small room in Newton Hall was packed to the windows with a solid mass of students.

This small room was advantageous in that it gave the whole audience a feeling of togetherness. It seemed more like the students were involved in the program, thus creating interest. Everyone seemed more relaxed sitting on the floor than in chairs.

The groups that were invited to provide entertainment did just that. They got the audience in a receptive attitude causing them to carry the program along. The selection of the groups was certainly well-made.

If you would like to see the Coffee-House continued, don't be silent. Let someone know how you feel.

Arrangements could be made to continue it, even if we do have to find a new place to have it.

Does Lying Pay?

Three boys came into class about fifty minutes late. They explained to the teacher that they had had a flat tire on the way to school. She told them to space themselves three seats apart to take the test they had missed. They did so, and the first question was, which tire went flat?

Maybe the boys weren't lying, but if they were, this was a good way to catch them. The same thing happens very often here at East Central. The teacher doesn't usually find out but it still happens. This is not so amazing though. With all the new "wonder drugs," it may be possible for the aunt or grandmother to die three times.

Many students use the school nurse to get an excuse. This is a very practical way to get one, since the nurse cannot really tell a person face to face that he is lying, after being told that he has a bad case of diarrhea. On the other hand, some students who are actually sick do not go to the nurse. This is really rare since most students take every advantage of being sick to get out of class. Many times staying out late at night often results in a trip to the nurse the next morning. These just have to take the chance that she cannot diagnose their "disease."

Those students who are really serious about the matter may leave college and go home to the family doctor or go downtown to visit the doctor and complain to him a while. What they are actually doing is paying him to write them an excuse. This one class they miss could become quite expensive.

Still others go home to "mommy" to get an excuse. This is very practical since she always has a sympathetic ear. Using "mommy" is very convenient for commuters, since they are already home.

Of course, it is a very hard job to tell who is really serious and who is faking. The job involves inquisitiveness which the student doesn't care for. If you are going to miss class, you have to suffer the consequences.

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Student Criticizes Use Of Machines

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is the product of thought and consideration concerning the new interior decor of the student center.

To those of you who have not noticed, we say that the student center has, over the past few weeks,

been redecorated in wall - to - wall contemporary vending machines.

Woe be unto the man who instigated this innovation for he, whoever he may be, has incurred the wrath of the poor but honest student who inserts his last dime into a machine only to have it devoured

by some with nothing more in return than a satisfied burp!

This is a point of sentiment. Gone are the lazy days when one could take his saved-up pennies to buy a Coke. (Machines won't take pennies.)

Now upon entering the student center, one first sees the machines looming greedily before him. These sheet-metal statues stand ready to dispense week-old cakes, sandwiches, and candy; iceless Cokes; and a taste-tempting mixture of coffee and hot chocolate.

These machines have the grace of a brick, the personality of a bulldozer, and the charm of a buzz saw.

We see this as one more step in the neverending change of ECJC — from a nice school to attend, to an automated education factory where students cease to be people and start to be **NUMBERS!**

To the administration, we say "Watch It". Your desk may soon be occupied by a nice compact coldly calculating, impersonal, **non-salaried**, machine. Remember, machines don't take coffee breaks!

Poor but Honest

Miss Lucy Young Addresses Student Educators Meeting

Lucy Young gave a report on "Free the Prisoners Day" held in Jackson recently to the Student Education Association.

Members of the SEA voted to sponsor, along with the Student Body Association, petitions for the students on campus to sign asking for proper treatment of our POW's.

In other business, Wanda Duke was elected as a delegate representing East Central at the annual Student Education Association Convention to be held in Jackson, March 25-26. Lucy Young will serve as alternate delegate.

Student Voices

Location Affects Fashions; Trends Not Really New; Attire Is One's Own Thing



The outside appearance may not account for the quality of the human being, but appearances are always the first way a person is judged. Newspapers, magazines, and television commercials tell us constantly that we all should dress in the latest style. Appearances are advertised so much that everyone knows exactly what style of dress, length of hair and smell of body fits his personality. But there are still a few rules to follow for that certain look.

Clothes today must represent the exact feeling you have for that particular day. If you live at Line Prairie and are going to Jackson for the first time wear the peasant look. Overalls for boys and a pink checked gingham dress for girls will show the people of Jackson you are a "sophisticated red-neck". If you are from Jackson going to Line Prairie the opposite is true. Wear the Indian look. Although the Indians left Line Prairie years ago, it will show everyone exactly how you feel about the place without using cruel words.

East Central students are really experts in the hair line. The long hair expert of Kitchener (not the collie dog) but R. L. Gilmer said, "Everyone should grow a moustache." Following his advice have been several EC students. A dark spot has been growing under Joe Lee Anthony's nose, but he has

adopted the shaved look for the past week. Moustaches must now be out for the Sebastopol area, but they are still being worn in other parts of the five county area.

Fashion reports from Pulaski say that hair should be worn long in the back with a straight cut for boys and the girls should have the shaggy look. Since the report from Pulaski the world has followed suit particularly in Homewood where everyone has a shag. The unisex look for casual wear is definitely in. Have you noticed at the evening meal in the cafeteria that everyone wears jeans and jerseys. From the large number of jerseys it would seem EC has the largest football team in the nation.

Appearances and styles change and repeat themselves. What was once considered a shabby appearance such as wearing jeans and overalls has now become part of everyone's wardrobe. Beards and moustaches worn in our great grandfather's day have now come into style. Although some people protest the changing styles, it's the right of every person to dress as he desires. (A fact being upheld by the Civil Liberties Union on many college and university campuses throughout the nation, as well as on high school campuses). It seems we're returning to the age-old adage — "Clothes don't make a man."

Dr. Wright Gets Committee Appointment

Dr. Charles V. Wright has been appointed to the Commission on Colleges and Schools of the Southern Association. He will serve as chairman of the Committee on Admissions for Junior Colleges.

This is the fourth year Dr. Wright has served as chairman of this committee. More than 100 junior colleges have been admitted to the association since the beginning of his first term.

Dr. Wright was appointed in Dec. 1970 at the annual meeting in Atlanta.

JAQUITH—

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bloodclotting mechanism and it dies from hemorrhagic diseases.

Dr. Jaquith called it "the sad and dirty, gutty and nasty truth about drugs." Whatever it was, it had its impact on educators, high school students and college students who came from nine counties to participate in the workshop. One on a series of ten drug workshops, it was sponsored by the Division of Instruction in the State Department of Education in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, the Mississippi Junior College Association, the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and Mississippi State Hospital.

The workshop was directed by Dr. James E. Parkman, supervisor, Alcohol and Narcotics Education, State Department of Education. The speakers were all exceptionally well-qualified and well-prepared. Subjects like prostitution and crime, which are usually considered taboo in the Bible Belt, were not side stepped. As the deadly perils of narcotic experimentation and addiction unraveled, it became apparent that the only answer to the drug problem is PREVENTION.

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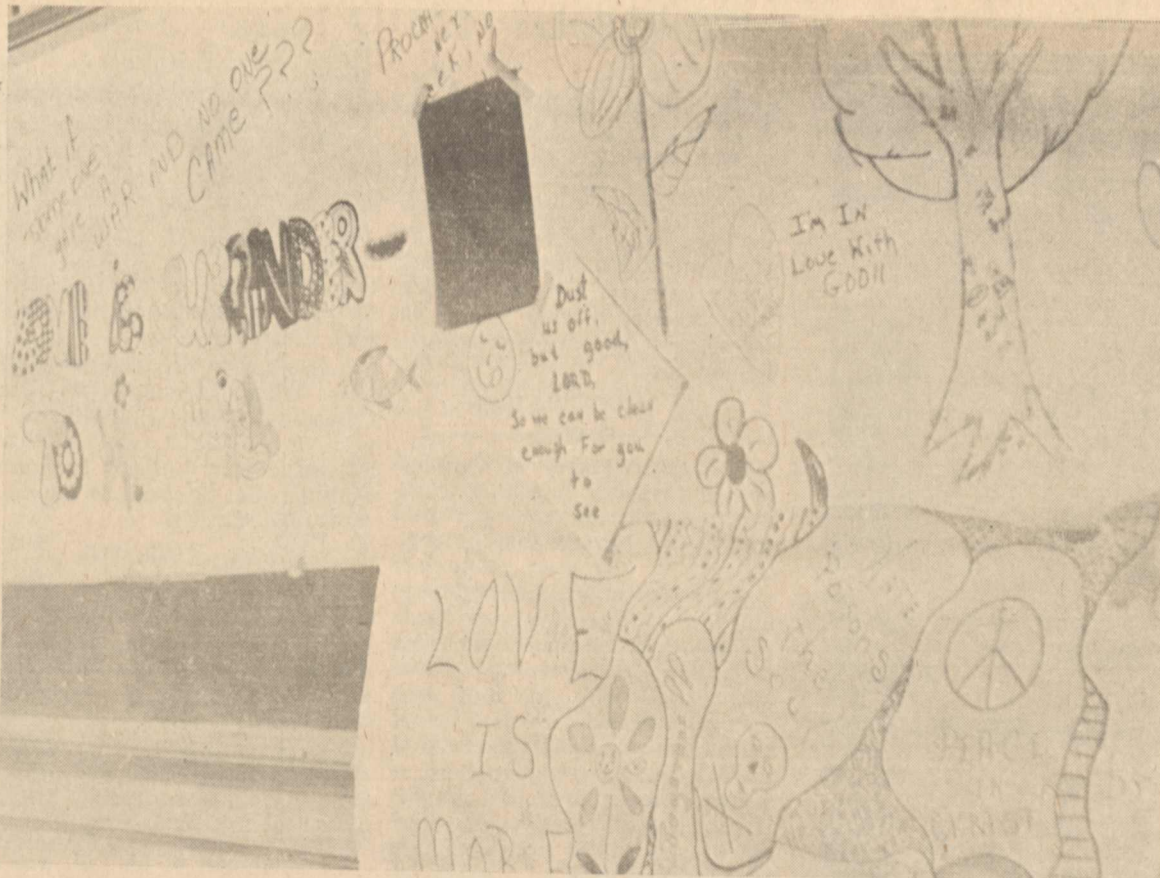
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INSTANT ENTERTAINMENT—The old choral room in Newton County Hall became a thing of beauty when a few students got together and turned it into a

coffeehouse for Religious Emphasis Week. Many students have expressed a desire to see the coffeehouse continued throughout the year.

Sports Talk

Tennis Makes Sport Scene; Women Win Intramural Events

By DEBBIE HARVEY
Sports Columnist

The weather is almost suitable for those tennis rackets to come out of hiding. Many have already gotten in some valuable hours of practice as they prepare for the fast-approaching season.

Miss Lucille Wood, tennis coach, has announced that official practice will begin March 8. Anyone who would like to play needs to contact Miss Wood as soon as

possible. This is encouraged since the eligibility of each player must be checked.

Both the girls' and boys' teams consist of six members each — first and second singles and first and second doubles. The teams travel with the baseball team and will play as many as ten matches this season which begins around the middle of March and continues until the first week of May. Anyone interested in playing is urged to

see Miss Wood immediately.

Intramural Awards

Individual basketball events were held recently for women's intramurals. Competition included basketball, golf, basketball 21, and free throw contest.

First place in basketball goes to Betty Nester and second place goes to Lynda Truesdale.

First place in basketball golf goes to Betty Nester and Lucy Young and Wanda Blackwell tied for second place.

First place in the free throw contest goes to Betty Nester and a tie for second place between Lucy Young and Martha Pace.

Awards will be presented for these events on Awards Day in May.

Intramural teams are presently participating in the badminton tournament, both singles and doubles.

Musical Promises To Be Delightful Experience

By JULIE SMITH
Staff Writer

Rehearsals for South Pacific are under way. The musical, which will run for three days in April, promises to be fun for the cast as well as a delightful show.

Nenette Leatherwood, who plays Nellie, is from Decatur. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Leatherwood. In high school, Miss Leatherwood appeared in "Henrietta VIII" and "Reach for the Stars."

Clark Measels will play the part of Emile deBasque. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Measels of Morton. Clark appeared in "The Lottery" at Morton, when he was in high school.

Danny Danby, who will play the

part of Captain Brackett, said "It's going to be a good show." Danny was in "The Singing Freshman" in high school, and he appeared in the fall play, "The Man Who Came To Dinner." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dansby of Quitman.

Wapda Comans of Sebastopol, who plays Bloody Mary, has appeared in two other plays at East Central. She was Aunt Eller in "Oklahoma!" last year, and she was Sarah in "The Man Who Came To Dinner."

Mrs. Thornton said she doesn't find it easy to compare "South Pacific" with "Oklahoma!", last year's musical. "As it (South Pacific) actually happens in World War II, it's closer to us. People can relate to it."

Ramblings

by Cris Morgan
Executive Editor

With an enrollment of 1,000 students this semester, EC is no longer that little college over at Decatur. Decatur will have to start growing if East Central plans to hide much longer.

— ECJC —

The student center is just not the same without people. The card games have faded and along with them the students have disappeared. It doesn't seem practical, but maybe the study-fever has hit East Central at last.

At last, the library will no longer be that quiet place where people go to observe the quietness of his neighbor's noise. With the music being piped in, there should be some studying quietness rarely found around here. If there is still no studying done, at least the library will be a nice place to visit.

— ECJC —

We'll just have to pay our compliments to the SBA and faculty for planning such a wonderful Coffee-House. The same goes to the students who worked on it and attended, making it a wonderful success.

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OLD FRIEND—It seems that Charlie Brown and Snoopy get in on everything including Religious Emphasis Week. This was but one of the many signs pointing to the good times had by students at the coffeehouse.

Campus Comment

Requiem For Neshoba Hall; Student Laments Destruction

By THOMAS TONEY
Tom-Tom Columnist

Long before this time next year one of East Central's most famous landmarks will be gone. Before very long, Neshoba Hall will exist only in the memory of the students who have lived there.

Construction is already underway for a new men's dormitory to be located on what was once the baseball field of East Central. The new dormitory will be a two-story building and will house 60 students.

The new dormitory will have many advantages over Neshoba Hall. It will be divided into units with four students to each. Each unit will have its own control for heating and air conditioning. Another great improvement is that each unit will contain its own bathroom.

It is indeed true that East Central needs a new dormitory for the men students, but there will be many of us who will hate to see Neshoba Hall torn down. For years this building has graced our campus with its presence. From time to time its character has changed from classroom use to its present use as a dormitory for men.

Men students of the future will never know what it was like to be classified as one of the few students who lived in "Neshoba Hall." For many of us, Neshoba Hall has been a refuge we could turn to in time

of trouble. This hall has always had its own "campus lawyer" to advise its residents on how to solve their school problems.

Even though the building known as Neshoba Hall will be gone, its memory will live on in the minds of those students who have lived there. To Neshoba Hall with its clanging pipes and its friendly atmosphere, we the residents, both past and present, bid a loud farewell.

Religious Emphasis Week Is Successful

(Editor's Note: Religious Emphasis Week which was sponsored by the Student Body Association recently proved to be quite successful. A record number of students attended the programs and unexpected interest was shown in the coffeehouse held each night. Staff writer, Mrs. Billie Watson, covered several of the speeches and reported on them for the paper.)

By BILLIE WATSON
Staff Writer

Rev. Harld Bryson of Carthage opened Religious Emphasis Week, Feb. 15, at a special assembly of all students in Huff Memorial Auditorium.

A graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, he is the author of a recently published book, *The Changeless God in the Changing World*. An easy-going manner and his casual, blond youthfulness enabled him to communicate with his audience.

The theme of Religious Emphasis Week "Let The Sun Shine In" could have easily been the title of Bryson's speech.

"The darkest places need the brightest lights. Our world is engrossed in sin and gross decay. You can live a life of permissiveness and do your own thing or you can let God be your guiding light."

"Lights don't burn without cost," Rev. Bryson continued and urged students to commit themselves to Christ and to expend their own energy in a light to influence others to Christian living.

The young minister implored the students to make a sacrifice of work and time to become real

Christians. "As it takes years of discipline and practice to become a star athlete or a musician so it does to become one of God's children," he said.

Rev. Fred Brown, art instructor at Clarke College, was the featured speaker Wednesday during Religious Emphasis Week in the Fine Arts Center.

Degrees from Mississippi College, New Orleans Seminary and the University of Mississippi plus nine years of ministerial experience and a tenure as a college recruiter qualified him to speak to the students and faculty.

Makes Chalk Talk

Sticking to the theme "Let The Sun Shine In," he sketched an illustration on a lighted chalk board while a tape player filled the auditorium with chords of "Send the Light."

Quoting from Isaiah 59:9, he said, "We search for light but behold obscurity; we search for brightness but walk in darkness."

The highlight of his talk was a personal testimonial in which he revealed the religious experience he underwent while a junior in college which proved to be the turning point in his life. During a prayer in a college student center he committed his life to Christ and the piece of puzzle that was

missing from his life found its place to give him a proper sense of direction, he said.

Quotes Poem

With a warm smile and a twinkle in his eye he closed his talk by quoting Hervert A. White's "A Living Faith."

"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 keep dreaming on.

I've prayed many prayers 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 sown many a seed that fell by the way for the Birds to feed upon,

But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hands 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.

PHI THETA KAPPA INITIATES MEMBERS

Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, national scholastic honorary, has issued invitations to 27 ECJC students.

The students are Janice Bufkin, Cheryl Ann Thornton, Freddie Bagley, Linda Bennett, Mary Carpenter, Lynda Crawford, Richard Eakes, Jack Evans, Betty Nester, Sandra Measels, Janice Pike, Sandra Smiley, Bruce Taylor, Nancy Wall, Bill Wheeler, Janice Gatewood, Jesse Moore, Thomas Anderson, Windell Carter, Terry Case, Harold Hollingsworth, Martha Pace, Patricia Reese, Joe Fondren, Glenda Watson, David Weaver, and Anna Maria Yates.

The society aims to promote scholarship, to develop character, and to cultivate fellowship, among the students of both sexes of the junior colleges of the USA.

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SPRING FEVER—Freshmen Bonnie McMullan and Rita Weems have definitely gotten a tinge of spring fever as they peer from the boat house at Ozborn's Lake. The girls are hoping for some nice warm swimming weather and some good ole sunshine for a tan.

Climatologist Lists Rules To Follow When Tornadoes Occur

The NOAA Climatologist for Mississippi has released a set of rules concerning safety in event of tornadoes.

These rules should be adhered to to aid in saving lives. More and more tornadoes are being cited in our state and near our own area.

A tornado WATCH means tornadoes are expected to develop. Keep a battery-operated radio or television set nearby, and listen for weather advisories — even if the sky is blue.

A tornado WARNING means a tornado has actually been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Seek inside shelter (in a storm cellar or reinforced building) and stay away from windows. Curl up so that your head and eyes are protected. Keep a battery-operated radio and television nearby, and listen for further advisories.

In OFFICE BUILDINGS, go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor, or to the designated shelter area.

In HOMES, the basement offers the greatest safety. Seek shelter under sturdy furniture if possible. In homes without basements, take cover in the center part of the house, on the lowest floor, in a small room such as a closet or bathroom, or under sturdy furniture. Keep some windows open, but stay away from them.

In SHOPPING CENTERS, go to a designated shelter area (not to

your parked car).

In SCHOOLS, follow advance plans to an interior hallway on the lowest floor. If the building is not of reinforced construction, go to a nearby one that is, or take cover outside on low, protected ground. Stay out of auditoriums, gymnasiums, and other structures with wide, free-span roofs.

In OPEN COUNTRY, move away from the tornado's path at right angles. If there is not time to escape, lie flat in the nearest ditch or ravine.

MOBILE HOMES are particularly vulnerable to overturning during strong winds and should be evacuated when strong winds are forecast. Damage can be minimized by securing trailers with cables anchored in concrete footing. Trailer parks should have a community storm shelter and a warden to monitor broadcasts throughout the severe storm emergency. If there is no shelter nearby, leave the trailer park and take cover on low, protected ground.

LIGHTNING is the worst killer. Stay indoors and away from electrical appliances while the storm is overhead. If you are caught outside, stay away from and lower than high, conductive objects.

Thunderstorm RAINS cause flash floods. Be careful where you take shelter.

Supplementary Education System Opens In Near Future

By CRIS MORGAN
Executive Editor

A new system of supplementary education will be installed in the near future, Dr. Charles Wright has announced.

The finances for these installations is coming from a federal grant of \$9,760. Records, tapes, and slides will be on reserve in the library.

There are four basic units of materials to be used in the supplementary system. These are the electronic listening division, study carrels with viewing screens, 16 millimeter projection equipment, and sign and chart-making equipment.

The electronic listening system is the largest division. This contains the tapes and records. The set-up will be duplicated in the music department. If needed more in one place than another, the two systems can be combined, making eight channels with 40 headphones. As it is now, there will be 20 headphones in each place. Each headphone will have four channels. Each channel can pick up a dif-

ferent selection. The headphones will be wireless, so the student can go anywhere in the library with the headphone. Later on, as the need arises, it is hoped that more equipment will be available.

The viewing screens at the individual carrels will enable teachers to further emphasize material covered in the lecture periods. This allows the student to see the material on slides at the time of his choosing. There will be two carrels with just slide projectors and two others with slide projectors on which the instructor has pre-recorded explanatory information about the particular slides. This tape will control how long the student may look at the picture, whereas on the others the student may view a slide as long as he desires.

The projection system will be located in a designated place equipped with this purpose in mind. This is the first step toward supplementary material or getting films shown outside of regularly scheduled class meetings. There will be a regular projectionist who

will receive instructions from the individual instructors as to which film is to be shown. These films will be watched by the students at a choice of several periods they will be shown on a certain day.

The sign and chart-making material will be used by instructors, clubs, and sponsors of extra-curricular activities. The teachers will use it to make charts and illustrations for lecture. Clubs and outside activities will use it as a media of informing the students about meetings and activities of that particular group.

Tapes, records, and slides will be used in much the same way that books on reserve are presently used. The teacher will tell the students that more information on a particular subject is on a certain slide, tape, or record in the library. The student will then go to the library and check out a wireless headphone and tune it to the channel on which the person at the desk is playing it, or in the case of slides take it to the individual carrel.

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Players Present Spring Musical; Tickets Available In Music Dept.

Tickets for "South Pacific" are available in the office of the chairman of the Department of Fine Arts.

Students may obtain tickets by presenting their ID cards and faculty members may receive tickets by presenting their activities cards to R. G. Fick prior to the week of the performance.

The musical opens at 7:30 p.m. April 5 in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Center.

Members of the cast include Ronnie Lovorn, Noana; Lynn Mills, Jerine; Dan Jordan, Henry; Nettie Leatherwood, Nellie Forbush; Clark Measles, Emile de Beogue; Wanda Comans, Bloody Mary; Scottie Terrell, Stewpot; Mark Hatcher, Luther Billus; Danny Dansby, Captain George Brackett; Bill William-

son, Commander William Harbison; Jason Bryan, Lt. Joseph Cable; Gloria Hill, Liat; Tommy Sanders, Adamis; Larry Hillman, Quail; Larry King, Stevens; Tommy Jones, O'Brien; Perry Everett, Johnson; Larry Cooper, Lasron; Junior Gam-mill, McCaffrey; Brenda Tucker, Lt. Genevieve Marshall; Glenda Watson, Connie Walewska; Melinda Nanney, Pamela Whitmore; Virginia Barrett, Bessie Noonan; Paula Hollingsworth, Lisa Manelli; Gwyn Harden, Dinah Murphey; Beth Fulcher, Janet McGregor; Janice Bryan, Cora MacRae; Mary Gean Hudson, Rita Adama; Kitty Wagner, Sue Yager; Karen Cooper, Betty Pitt; Elizabeth Edwards, Peggy Leigh; Judy Winstead, Dolores Rob-

erts; Becky Shannon, Jane Honnell; and Evelyn Jemison, Judy Townsend.

Bruce Peterson is serving as overall director. Ovid Vickers, English instructor, is serving as choreographer while Mrs. Marian Thornton, music instructor, is serving as vocal coach. Gilbert Sommers, band director, is conducting the orchestra.

The play which will run for four consecutive nights is a Rodgers and Hammerstein production. Admission is \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults. All persons planning to attend are urged to make reservations now since only 200 persons per night will be able to view the performance.

Miss Mississippi Addresses Students Concerning Beliefs

Miss Mississippi 1970, Chris McClamrock made an appearance in a recent special assembly of East Central Junior College students and faculty in Huff Memorial Auditorium.

Through the years the fabled beauty of womanhood has been wondrous to all the world. In America, all the warmth, charm and grace of woman is attributed by the Miss America Pageant. Miss McClamrock was chosen third alternate at the Miss America Pageant last year.

The brown-haired beauty said, "I want to come here in one form today and that is to express what Christ means in my life. I feel so humble in the honor I've been given."

Accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Marian Thornton she sang two songs. One was the theme from "Romeo and Juliet," "A Time For

Us."

Chris recounted her girlhood days in the Palmer Home, an orphanage in Columbus. "There was a time in my life when I didn't know there would be a time for me," she said.

In 1968 she was adopted by the McClamrock family of Corinth but she continued to live at the Presbyterian children's home and work with the children while attending Mississippi State College for Women. She was representing Columbus in the Miss Mississippi Pageant last year when she won the state title.

Her past, Chris stated, makes up the valleys in her life. This year she is serving as the official Miss Mississippi and these days are the mountain tops in her life.

"If you hold His hand real tight," she ended, "You'll never walk alone."



THAT'S MINE — Cindy Cornelius, Karen Cooper, Kitty Wagner and Debbie Pearson all agree that a serviceman is the kind of

guy that really is in these days. A man in uniform seems to have something going for him as far as these girls are concerned.

Men—The Superior Sex

Do you think men and women should be treated alike? Is it possible to treat women equally with men? "After all men and women are different, you can't treat them alike," people argue.

Legislation has been passed giving women equal pay with all men. But shouldn't laws go one step further. Laws affecting men and women as separate sexes should be rewritten; if they do not treat men and women equally.

If all persons were liable for military or jury service, for instance, men and women could claim exemption because they have dependents. Women able to serve would relieve the men for whom the draft is now a real hardship. There is no reason why women should not be drafted, although few women in the United States would like to serve in the army. But it is only right that women share the responsibility.

The Israeli Army drafts all boys and single girls at the age of 18. Girls who marry during their draft terms, as 3 out of 10 do, go into the reserves. Pregnant women and mothers are excused, but women officers in the regular army get 4 months fully paid leave beginning with the ninth month of pregnancy. Israeli women soldiers have fought in bloody battles in the past, but they are now assigned to handle paperwork, communications and medical services in units with men.

Women are physically superior to men in every way. Their life expectancy exceeds men by several years. Men have more strength but women are in far better health than her male counterpart. A woman has the same physical ability to be a construction worker as a man.

What job is there today in which woman is not capable of handling? Some people say that there are some places ladies can't go. But it is common knowledge that most men's rooms are cleaned by women attendants. Society has fixed ideas about whether a job should be done by a man or a woman. Most peoples' reasons for why the job can only be done by a male are quite lame. Such as women cannot be truck drivers because they would have worked as telephone operators during night shifts for years.

What about ECJC? Recently the all girl SBA opened a recreation center. The center is available to boys only. Why? Are girls incapable of lifting a cue stick?

The reason most women need to be liberated is because they have made slaves of themselves. Some women fear that men will quit acting like gentlemen, if they get jobs that pay well or participate in baseball or horseracing. Women should realize their capabilities and enjoy the many job opportunities and recreations available.

Donna McCraw

Sick Of Ecology? Abolish It

The word today is ecology. Everyone is about to wear the relatively new word out. Things could go much easier without it. About the best way to get rid of it is to solve our environmental problems.

Too many people are doing a large amount of talking and very little acting. It seems to be unanimous that we want clean air and water, but few realize that they are the ones who will have to secure them. The only thing hindering the solving of these problems is man himself.

The American public is willing to fight pollution, but not with money. That is sacred. More than likely, the public uproar will defeat a measure forcing car manufacturers to install exhaust-free mechanisms in cars, simply because it will hurt this high-flying, dirt-cheap economy.

Rather than money though, the real problem is trying to convince the people that they must preserve this life. All through life, a better life is desired. Now that the chance has come to preserve that life we are about to blow it.

You may spend half of your life preparing to be better able to cope with yourself and the world during the last half. If your preparation does not include some improvement of your surroundings also, then you will have to contend with an out-dated world. This could make you as much or more unhappy as living without a few of life's material conveniences.

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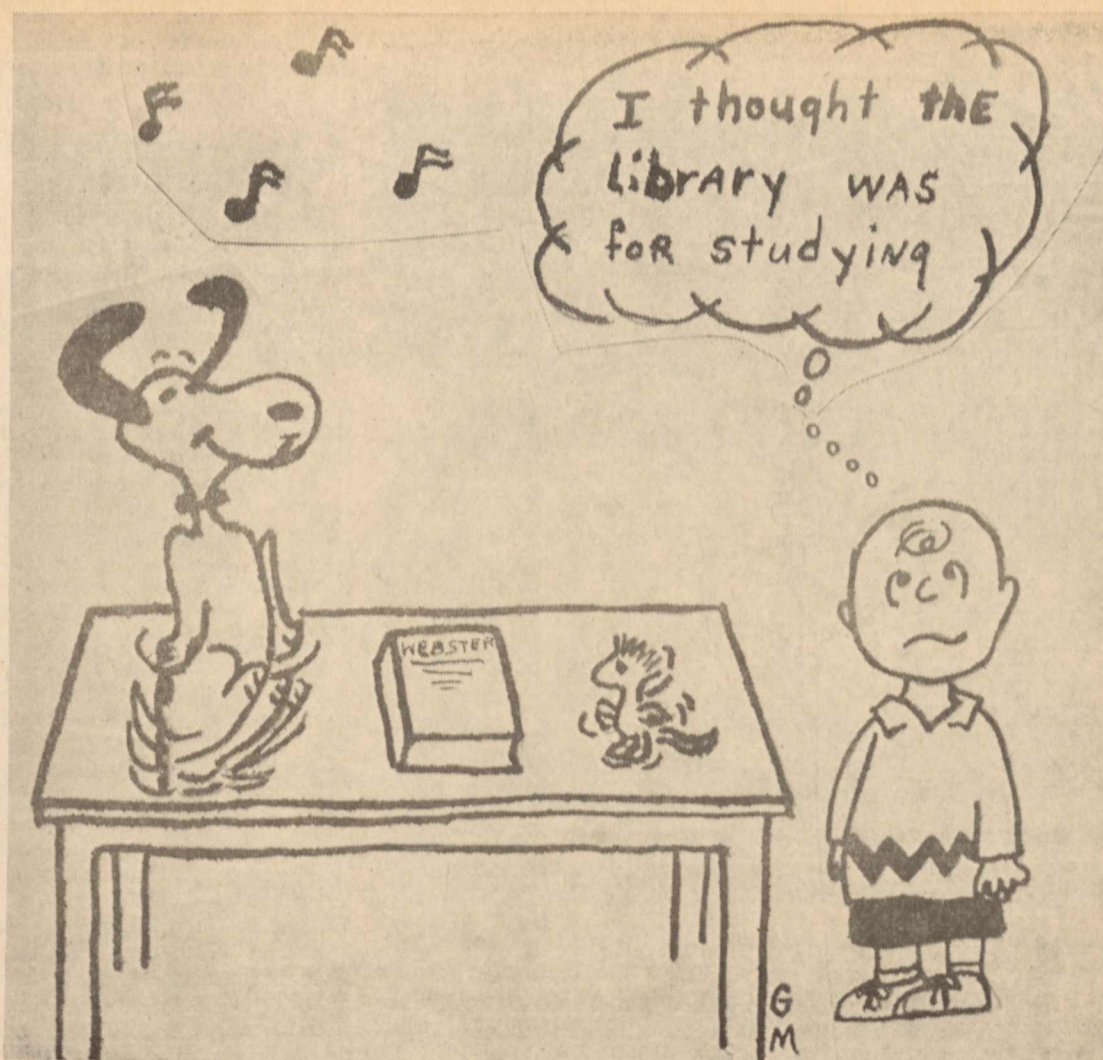
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By DONNA McCRAW
Business Manager

The Baptist Student Union revival with the theme "Conquering theme "Conquering Inner Space." Rev. Charles Shipman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sayre, Alabama spoke during the four evening services at the BSU Center. A tall, conservatively dressed man, Rev. Shipman's appearance didn't betray his astonishing beliefs. Rev. Shipman believes in the presence of demons and evil spirits.

Since the Salem witchburnings, most Christians have discounted the presence of spirits other than the heavenly hosts and Satanic followers. Rev. Shipman told of an occasion in Kentucky where he helped cast demons out of a young woman. He stated the woman spoke in 9 languages, although she admittedly only spoke English. One of the demons was actually seen by Rev. Shipman as he (are demons male or female?) came from the woman,

ran into the chair and went back into her body.

The minister quoted the scripture in the **New Testament** which tells of Jesus casting demons from an individual. Supposedly Rev. Shipman has done the same. Larry King, a freshman from Edinburg, agrees with Rev. Shipman, "I think everything Rev. Shipman said is true." Some of the students who attended the services believed and some did not. Kenneth Thrash, a freshman from Sebastopol, said, "I think it's hard to believe and I don't really believe it myself." R. L. Gilmer stated that he did not believe any of what Rev. Shipman said concerning demons.

The president of the BSU, Frankie Moore, said, "I feel that Brother Shipman has experienced the supernatural realm in other parts of the United States and has related them to us by the simplest way he knew how. I realize that the experiences he has had with evil spirits are rare in our section of

the country which makes it hard for us to believe."

Most of the people who went to the meeting came away with doubts. Larry Hillman said, "Who am I to say that they don't exist?" A sophomore from Beulah Hubbard, Allen Harrison said, "I can't say I believe in them but on the other hand I can't say I don't believe in them." Dennis Walton from Edinburg said, "It's sort of unbelievable."

Few were willing to fully agree with Rev. Shipman. Some interpreted his statements to a normal view on the subject. Tommy Sanders said, "I do believe there is such a thing as an opposite force to God, not as strong, but just as there are spirits that are good there are spirits that are evil."

Johnny Pair from Philadelphia agreed and disagreed with Rev. Shipman. Johnny said, "I believe there is an evil spirit but I don't believe there are witches and demons except for Mr. Peterson."

Hunter Addresses Campus Comment Vocational Faculty

Dr. E. Max Hunter, head teacher-trainer of the Industrial Technical Education at the University of Southern Mississippi spoke to an In-service meeting of the Vocational Technical Center here at ECJC March 3.

The In-service meeting is one in which a person like Dr. Hunter speaks on a specified subject. Dr. Hunter presented a program on safety and liability in school shops based on actual cases involving a variety of shop mishaps. His primary objective was to create a constant awareness in order to prevent shop accidents in Mississippi.

The main topics discussed by Dr. Hunter were the meaning of safety, causes of accidents, types of injuries, reasons for neglect, and a report on actual cases resulting from neglect.

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Spring Has Finally Sprung; Students Collect Clover

By THOMAS TONEY
Columnist

Once again warm weather has returned to the Southland. The sun is shining brightly, the trees are budding, the birds are singing, and the clover is growing.

With this coming of warm weather, many new sights that had formerly been missing are now appearing on our campus. The benches on the mall are full of young couples taking advantage of the weather to get a first-hand view of the birds and bees. The men students are once again wearing short sleeve shirts and the pantsuits so favored by the girls on campus are disappearing and the mini-skirt is once again supreme.

The baseball team is trying to wear out the baseball field and Miss Wood's tennis players are constantly battling it out on the tennis courts. Mr. Mason's and Mrs. Heard's lab classes in both biology and botany are trying to tear the

buds from the trees and the clover from the ground for use in their lab experiments.

It is hard for the instructors to keep the attention of the students from wandering outside the classroom. Most of the students would prefer to be out in the sunshine, and if the truth were known, it is felt that most of the instructors would also.

The coming of spring is truly a beautiful time of year. After being shut in all winter people are in the need of some fresh air and sunshine. Spring is the time of year when a young man's thoughts turn to love and who can help but feel young at this time of year.

For those of you who have not taken advantage of this weather, you must do so now. Who knows, tomorrow it may be cold again and your chance will be gone.



FRENCH CHARM—Whatever it's called, Mrs. Elisabeth Rowell, French instructor, has her allotment of it. A native of Normandy, France, Mrs. Rowell is both student and teacher at East Central Junior College. A lady of many talents she is an inspiration to her students.

Registrar Lists Changes In Academic Programs

Dates for the opening of summer school have been announced by Frank Rives, Registrar.

The first session will begin June 7 and close July 9. Second session will begin July 12 and end August 13.

There have been some changes in fees from previous years. Total expenses for a boarding student for both semesters will be \$227.80. Per five week term, expenses for a commuting student are \$50. For boarding students, the cost is \$113.

EC Adopts Change In Class Schedule

ECJC has decided to have the early semester schedule next year.

This means the fall semester of the 1971-72 school term will begin August 23 and end Friday, December 17. Following Christmas holidays there will be an additional week of holidays. Second semester will open 8 a.m. on January 10, 1972.

Spring holidays will begin Friday 24 and last until April 3. The MEA will meet March 27-29 which is Monday through Wednesday. This holiday will continue through the rest of the week, giving a whole week for these holidays.

Graduation will be May 12, 1972.

50, which includes fees of \$50, board of \$50, and a room for \$13.90. For the girls, \$2.75 will be charged for air-conditioning.

Brochures are now available with course listings. Additional courses will be added if the demand is sufficient. A survey will be taken of the student body later this semester to determine whether or not more courses should be offered.

By **BILLIE WATSON**
Tom-Tom Staff Writer

An enchanting French accent and a gracious manner have endeared Mrs. Elisabeth Rowell to French students at East Central Junior College.

It all started about four years ago when Mrs. Rowell, then a bookkeeper, answered the phone at the place of business in Newton where she worked. The caller was Dr. C. V. Wright and he had heard of Mrs. Rowell. He was also looking for a French teacher. The conversation resulted in Mrs. Rowell being named to the post.

Four thousand miles separates Mrs. Rowell from her native hometown Normandy, France. Romance played a major part in her move to America and to Newton.

During World War II, she led the exciting life of translator for the Army Exchange Service in Paris. She also worked as a translator for the Coca-Cola Co. in Rouen. While at Rouen she was invited to a dance by the commanding officer of the company which was stationed in a chateau on a nearby hill. It was August, 1945. At the dance, of course, she met many handsome young Americans. There was one who stood out, though, and it was his heart she won when she answered him in English. His name was Olen Rowell and he was from Decatur, Miss. Their wedding was in the big, old church at Envermeu which was famous for the historical trek Joan of Arc made through it.

Apparently, Mrs. Rowell had not heard the story that in America the streets are paved with gold because she said it was an inner struggle for her to make the decision which would carry her away from her mother and her country. The young war bride arrived in Newton, April 17, 1946.

She still maintains a close relationship with her family members in France. She and her mother and sisters correspond weekly and she has been back to visit.

Last summer her son, Chris, a senior and a star athlete at Newton, toured Monte Carlo, the Pyrenees and Monaco. While in

Monaco, it was his good fortune to be seated near the Royal Box of Prince Rainer and Princess Grace at a concert in the Court of the Palace. Chris brought his mother a silver and blue cloisonne-baked enamel bracelet which she wears occasionally. It bears the coats of arms of the cities along the Riviera and is sentimental link to her early life in France.

Mrs. Rowell's cosmopolitan background adds an interesting dimension to her French class. Her students learn to work with French verbs but they also become acquainted with the historical and human side of French.

As a teenager, she lived with families in England for three years to learn the English language. She has travelled in Belgium and has seen much of America.

The truly unique thing about this person is that she attends school at EC as a student while she also teaches.

"I think EC is a good junior college. The teachers are very good and very fair; the majority of the students are eager to learn," she said. She enjoys teaching here and hopes to further her education.

Her philosophy of life is an inspiration to those around her, "I love to live; I love to be involved with young people; I love to learn. You're never too old to learn."

She is sponsor of **Le Cercle Français** at EC and its members can attest to her abilities as a cook. Every year, to the Christmas party she brings Buches de Noel — Yule Logs — which she prepares by a special French recipe.

She belongs to the Music Lovers Club in Newton and is a communicant of St. Anne's Catholic Church.

Her hobbies include cooking, gardening and needle work.

Besides her husband and son, Chris, she has another son Michel, a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, who teaches

industrial drawing in the Meridian High School.

Whatever role she is playing — that of homemaker, mother, wife, churchworker, club member, student, teacher — Mrs. Elisabeth Rowell plays the part and plays it well. Her students enroll in her class primarily to learn French but it is highly probable that they will benefit from the other facets in Mrs. Rowell's personality and come away with a few valuable lessons in life besides.

Administrators Attend College Convention

Dr. and Mrs. Wright, Dean Brad Tucker, and B. L. Griffin attended the American Association of Junior Colleges convention held in Washington, D. C. from Feb. 28 - March 2.

At noon Tuesday, the junior college residents had lunch with the Congressional delegation in the Capitol Building. This luncheon was located just down the hall from the bomb explosion in the White House.

French Students See Original Films

Mrs. Rowell showed films of different events during her son's recent trip to France to the French classes recently.

The films were of festivals and celebrations in all parts of France, and the famous places there such as the aqueducts built by the Romans and an ancient stadium made of stone. Christopher, Mrs. Rowell's son showed the films.

See "South Pacific" April 5 - 8

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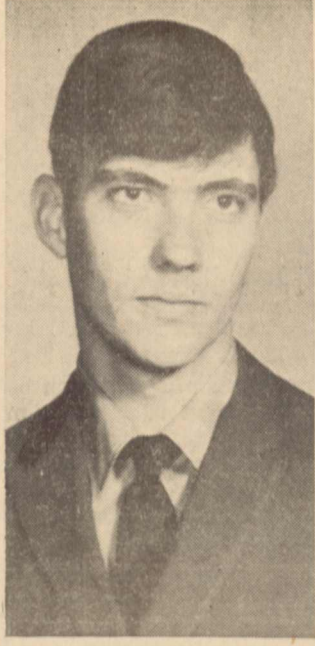
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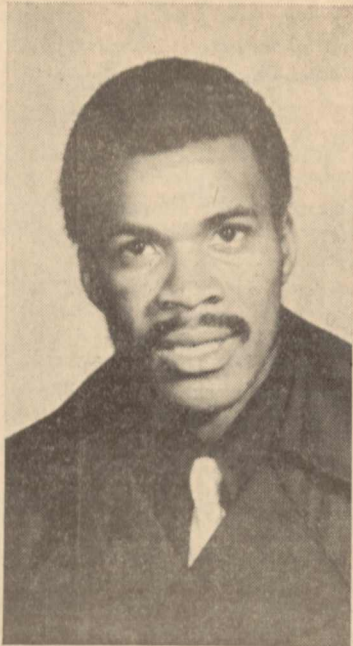
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Fondren Makes All-State Team, Gardner, Gilmer Gain Mention

Joe Fondren has been named to the All-State team for the 1970-71 season.

Jeff Gardner and R. L. Gilmer both received honorable mention.

These three players were selected by the basketball coaches of the Mississippi Junior College Association.

Five players were chosen from each division, with only one player, Sammie Cole of Meridian, emerging as a unanimous choice of the "coaches. In addition, thirteen players from the North Division and twelve players from the South Division were listed as Honorable

Mention this year.

Making All-State were Wilbert Beard, Northwest; Jimmy Brad-dock, Northeast; Willie Brown, Northwest; Joe Fondren, East Central; and Jimmy Hutton, Mississippi Delta — North Division. Selected as South Division All-Staters were Sammie Cole, Meridian; Charles Jones, Gulf Coast; Freddie Jordan, Pearl River; Doug Murray, Southwest; and Pete Stone, Hinds.

Making honorable mention were Durwin Carpenter, Holmes; Jimmy Childers, Mississippi Delta; Charles Duball, Mississippi; Jeff Gardener and R. L. Gilmer, East Central;

Ronny Johnson, Northeast; Charles Marshall, Itawamba; David Peacock, Holmes; Larry Reno, Northeast; Mickey Rivers, Holmes; Ted Rogers, Northeast; Roy Williams, East Mississippi; Charles Willis, Itawamba; Wade Evans, Hinds; Bill Gordon, Gulf Coast; Reggie Jones, Southwest; Bryan Hoda, Gulf Coast; Reggie Jones, Southwest; Lemuel Kelly, Meridian; Harry Mayberry, Copiah-Lincoln; Leonard Moore, Randy Shelton and Freddie Townsend, Hinds; Scott Varnado, Southwest; and Gwin Young, Copiah-Lincoln.

NATIONAL WEEK AT ECJC LIBRARY

"You've got a right to read. Don't blow it" is the slogan for Library Week which is this week.

The library here at East Central will have a display this week. There will be posters ordered especially for the week. If you don't go to the library any other time, do so during Library Week.

Dr. Wright Heads Evaluation Group

Dr. Charles Wright served as chairman of an evaluation committee of Brunswick Junior College in Brunswick, Ga. on March 7-10.

There were eight others on the committee. This was an evaluation which climaxed that institution's self-study program.

A committee of this type will be visiting the EC campus Monday through Wednesday of next week. Dr. Earl Hays of Sue Bennett College in London, Ky. will head the committee.

Faculty Members Attend Recent MEA Convention

Shelby Harris and Linda Latham represented the East Central Junior College faculty at the recent meeting of the Mississippi Education Association in Jackson.

As representatives of The ECJC faculty, they attended the Delegate Assembly at Provine High School where they voted for state officers for 1971-72. Mrs. Anne Hardy, Hinds Junior College MEA, was elected as vice president — president-elect.

A number of resolutions were voted on and passed by the delegate assembly. It was announced at the assembly that MEA will meet on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 26-28, 1972 instead of on Thursday and Friday as in previous years.

Mrs. Ruth Hull represented ECJC at the Junior College sectional meeting of MEA. Mrs. Hull was elected secretary of the organization for the coming year. She succeeds Mrs. Margaret Strickland of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Wesson.

—RAMBLINGS—

With Cris Morgan

Executive Editor

A backstop has been constructed on the northeast end of the practice football field. This was constructed for softball for P. E. classes and after-school playing by the students. Also, construction is to be restarted this week on extra tennis courts to be located south of the present ones. These are more efforts to offer the students more outside activities.

Are we to believe that Mr. Lee has fenced off a garden spot between the cafeteria and Jackson Hall, or that the area is to be a prison for all the naughty girls that have too many reps? It must be the latter, since it would be very convenient to feed them from the back door of the cafeteria.

While on a recent business trip to Washington, D. C., Dr. Wright visited with "Fishbait" Miller, who is Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives. Mr. Miller has the

job of presenting the President of the U. S. to his audiences of TV and other official appearances. Mr. Miller is a graduate of Perkinson Junior College.

Also, while in that area, Dr. and Mrs. Wright visited with relatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

This is a correction. In the last issue of *Tom-Tom* I made the mistake of saying we had 1,000 students enrolled here at East Central. Actually, there are only 999 students here. The mistake came as a result of classes changing while I was trying to count the students.

Have you ever tried putting the newspaper to music? If not, go to the library and try it. That might be a new experience. Don't worry about having to listen to the same song too often. The music will play through 700 songs before repeating the first one.

East Central Junior College Tennis Schedule

Month	Date	Day Of Week	Opponent	Location
March	22	Monday	Hinds	Hinds
March	25	Thursday	Jones	Jones
March	30	Tuesday	Southwest	Southwest
April	5	Monday	Co-Lin	East Central
April	6	Tuesday	Jones	East Central
April	22	Thursday	Southwest	East Central
April	23	Friday	Co-Lin	Co-Lin
April	27	Tuesday	Hinds	East Central
April	30	Friday	Perk	East Central
May	3	Monday	Perk	Perk
May	7	Friday	State Tourney	Bt'field Park-Jackson

Boys participating are Frankie Moore, Dale Holley, Charles Waggoner, Bill Wheeler, Kermit Thames, and Wayne Comans.

The girls team consists of Wanda Blackwell, Lucy Young, Glenda Watson, Gail George, Lynda Truesdale, Jackie Blount, and Debbie Harvey.

LETTERS

Coed Laments Conditions Existing In Jackson Hall

Editor, THE TOM-TOM

During the past several weeks, our dorm, Jackson Hall has been plagued by a money phantom. It is no longer safe to go to the bathroom without locking your door. It is almost impossible to conceive that such a heartless menace would leave a fellow - dormer penniless. Whoever it is must have a problem, either moneywise or psychological. They have had just as much opportunity to put back the money

as to take it; but such a person probably never considered that.

I must admit things were going a bit too nicely around the old dorm. As a matter of fact, when I came to East Central, the atmosphere was so warm and friendly, what I completely disregarded my parents' final warning, "Better lock your door." But now, I understand . . .

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LOVE?—Nenette Leatherwood as Nellie Forbush and Clark Measels as Emile de Becque rehearse for a love scene from the Rodgers and Hammerstein production of "South Pacific." Tickets are available in the Fine Arts Department from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.

Promises Success

"South Pacific" Opens In Full Swing Tonight; ECJC Players Present Second Musical

By **DONNA McCRAW**
Business Manager

Love invades the South Islands when the U. S. Navy lands on a tropical island. The island abounds with palm trees, grass huts and hula girls. Giving the hula girls competition for the male population are the pretty Navy WAVES.

Ensign Nellie Forbush is a sweet, innocent girl who joins the Navy to see the world. Of course, the Navy does its part to show the girls a good time by sending them to a South Sea Island inhabited mostly with men. Nenette Leatherwood, a graduate of Decatur High School, plays Nellie Forbush. Majoring in music and voice, Nenette said, "I'm really enjoying playing Nellie. I like to think Nellie and I have a few things in common."

The WAVES join the island living by attending a party where Emile de Becque, a mysterious planter, meets Nellie. Clark Measels, a graduate of Morton High School, plays the handsome Emile de Becque. Majoring in music Clark plans to attend Mississippi College after graduation from EC.

The Islanders show the Americans how to enjoy life. One of the islanders is Bloody Mary who sells souvenirs to the tourists. Bloody Mary

learns English from the sailors, appropriately her language contains some of EC's favorite phrases. Bloody Mary gets her spirit from Wanda Comans. A graduate from Sebastopol, Wanda played Aunt Eller in "Oklahoma," EC's first musical.

As you would expect a South Island is filled with dancing girls. Two of these are Marygean Hudson and Karen Cooper. Marygean can be remembered from her role as the dancing snowman in the third grade. Karen said, "The dancing is fun, but it's hard to get the steps together."

The sailors complicate the topical paradise with their ideas of love and business. One of those more interested in business than love is Luther Billis. Played by Mark Hatcher, Luther is a resourceful American sailor who enters big business on the islands. Comparing the role of Luther to his previous role of Matt Cole in "Goodbye My Fancy", Mark said, "I like this part better because it's more like me."

Commander Brackett is the head of the Navy population. A strict individual, he believes rules are meant to be obeyed. Played by Danny Dansby, the role of Brackett

is a very disagreeable one. Danny said, "Captain Brackett is the same kind of person as Mr. Woolcott is in 'The Man Who Came To Dinner.'"

Captain Harbison played by Bill Williamson is Commander Brackett's flunky. Although the Captain doesn't always agree with Commander Brackett, he always backs

him up. Capt. Harbison is strictly Navy, which means he is constantly after Luther Billis's get rich quick schemes. Bill Williamson is a newcomer to EC's stage, but he has had several major roles in productions at Mississippi State. Majoring in speech and theater, Bill said, "I really like dramas better, but South Pacific is a lot of fun."

A South Sea Island paradise filled with hula girls, music and lovers, what more could you ask for! Go see "South Pacific" on stage in the Fine Arts Auditorium opening at 7:30 tonight and continuing through Thursday.

Courses Undergo Standardization

Under new organization, the junior college academic deans have decided to have uniform course numberings for all transferrable college courses.

This standardization of course numbers will make it easier on curriculum advisors in junior colleges as well as aid the senior institutions in evaluating transcripts from junior colleges.

The course will have a four digit number. The first digit indicates the year it is generally taught. The third digit indicates the semester the course will be taught and the last is the amount of hours that particular subject carries. The abbreviation before the course number will be the abbreviation of the department.

The ECJC catalog will have a face-lift next year. Course descriptions will also be revised.

Display Feature Changes At ECJC In Recent Years

A special display was constructed in the Student Center display case recently for the benefit of the Southern Association Evaluation Committee.

The display was constructed to illustrate what changes have taken place at EC since the committee last visited.

Two carousel slide projectors containing 140 slides and 80 slides make up the display's prime attraction. The projectors change slides automatically showing structural additions and student life on campus.

Also on display are architectural drawings of the new Physical Education, Fine Arts, Vocational Technology and Agriculture Buildings.

There is a slight disagreement as to whose idea the display is. However, many people seem to believe it was originated by Dr. Charles Wright.

Publication Names Athletes To List Of Outstanding Men

Four East Central Junior College students have been chosen to appear in the 1971 edition of OUTSTANDING COLLEGE ATHLETES OF AMERICA.

Selected for inclusion are: Keith Dooley, Union; David Culpepper, Newton; Mickey Sessions, Forest; Joe Tadlock, Forest.

Announcement of their selection was made by the Board of Advisors of OUTSTANDING COLLEGE ATHLETES OF AMERICA, an annual awards volume published to honor America's finest college athletes.

Coaches and athletic directors from individual colleges and universities across the nation nominated the winning athletes on the basis of their displayed abilities, not only in athletics but also in community service and campus activities.

Other criteria for those selected for OUTSTANDING COLLEGE ATHLETES OF AMERICA included strength of character, leadership

both on and off the playing field, and scholarship.

According to the late Coach Vince Lombardi, those chosen as Outstanding College Athletes distinguish themselves because necessary traits for leadership have been learned on the playing field.

These traits, Lombardi said, are "sacrifice, self-denial, love, fearlessness, humility, and the perfectly disciplined will."

Star Quarterback Johnny Uritas said this year's Outstanding College Athlete winners can be looked upon with esteem "because they know what hard work and determination can bring to them and their loved ones."

Biographies of all Outstanding College Athletes of America will be included in the 1971 edition to be published in July.

The program's Board of Advisors is chaired by James Jeffrey, Executive Director, Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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ECJC Students Still Adhere To Ideals Expressed By Older Generation

By **BILLIE WATSON**
Staff Writer

How do the students at East Central Junior College feel about marriage? With so many new ideas spreading over the nation's campuses how do students here really feel toward the tradition?

Everyone will agree that the college youth of today are not loaded down with Victorian inhibitions. These days, say sociologists, relationships between young men and women have a special state of being. They are marked by a sense

of trust and openness. It is not that the young people are rejecting moral standards, rather, they are searching diligently for standards that are higher and more meaningful.

Premarital sex was not invented by this generation. Marriage, the cornerstone of civilized society, remains as important as ever with the youth, especially with students at ECJC. This fact was supported by a recent survey conducted by two students in Mrs. Billie Cork's Marriage and Family class.

One hundred students were polled. The questions were (1) Do you consider engagements necessary? (2) How long do you consider an engagement should be? (3) How would you know that you are ready to spend your lifetime with one specific person? and (4) What do you think is the most important fact in a couple's readiness for marriage?

To get a good cross-section of ECJC students, both boys and girls were questioned. The poll included several races and both the youngest and the oldest students.

Ninety-eight per cent of the students favored engagements. Most felt an engagement should last six months. Some felt it should be longer — a year and a half, for instance. Some thought it should be only about three months.

The youth of today have inherited a marital institution that has evolved over centuries to meet specific needs such as procreation, ascription of status, division of labor and distribution of property. It was not originally designed to provide personal fulfillment and romantic love. Yet, that is what everybody, including ECJC students, expects of marriage today.

How does one know it's really love? Authorities say there is no final answer to the question. One "is in love now". One cannot know love in a future sense. Love must continue to grow or it dies, after being buried in frustration, resentment, and even hatred.

The following quotes from the (See Marriage, Page Four)



BONNIE & BUNNY—Bonnie Lovorn agrees that the Easter Bunny in Crawford's 5 & 10 is almost as large as she. Bonnie, a freshman at East Central, is a member of the cast of "South Pacific" which opens tonight and continues through Thursday.

In Our Opinion— Permissiveness Reigns In Nation

As tradition has placed it, revolt against the established custom is frowned upon. However, with the upbringing of new social standards and a totally new way of life this tradition is losing its hold on the minds of the firm believers in this nation.

In previous cases, when someone committed a crime that would in any way be harmful to the lives of the people, he would be sentenced quickly. In our present court procedure, the case lays too heavily upon the minds and consciences of the jury and court.

Many disruptions are passed as commonplace and receive very little attention. It is illegal to carry a gun in public, but recently at the opening of the capitol of the Republic of New Africa in Bolton, Miss., many of the participants carried guns. Few efforts were made to restrain these people. The fact that they were non-violent does not stack-up with the fact that they carried guns.

These people were not to be looked at as ordinary people. Their dissatisfaction with our way of life was so great that they had a desire to establish a new nation. Omitting the fact that they were black and also the belief that to restrain them would have been discrimination, these people gave the most abrupt display of revolt ever evidenced by this and many previous societies. If they believed it was their right to do this criminal act, they have to be wrong. They have outwardly shown their desire to establish a separate nation within this nation, and according to the Constitution this is treason.

This act was looked upon as being childish and premature. At least this is how it appears, since no one has voiced disapproval of these actions. Actually, this simple move was really nothing. Compared to the total plans which have been drawn up for many years, this was only one minor step. These plans were released several years ago. Naturally everyone passed it as a mere form or method of dissent. After the action in Bolton, maybe they were not premature at all.

Proposed plans for this RNA include the complete take-over and control of five southern states. These are Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, and South Carolina. Why not Florida? Perhaps there was a reason for this omission.

One reason could be that since Florida would be disjoined from the remainder of the U. S. by the new "nation," take-over of that state would be relatively simple at a later date. Another reason could be that Florida is the location of President Nixon's resort. Since RNA officials planned on and did ask Nixon for support it would have been very unwise to disturb his "playhouse." The third reason for this omission of Florida could have been because of its location. Strategically located, as Florida is, many people would be smart enough to link this take-over with Communism. This is the last thing they want us to believe.

Furthermore, this link could also be linked with a threatened take-over of Berkeley, Calif., during 1971. Well-informed believers in California believe Berkeley might well become a second Cuba. This could be one of the most aggressive fronts of world Communism and, at the same time be located in one of the most strategic areas militarily in the nation.

The amazing thing about these revolts, though, is not the revolts themselves, but, instead, the fact that no one is trying to resist them. We have reached a state of permissiveness which will allow practically anything to go unopposed. This could certainly be detrimental to our nation and governmental system.



By DONNA MCGRAW

"It is forbidden to kill; therefore all murderers are punished unless they kill in large numbers and to the sound of trumpets." Recently two mass murders were committed. One in a beautiful home in California and the other in a ditch in Vietnam. The trials have ended and in both cases the verdicts were guilty. Charles Manson and his three women followers were sentenced to death in San Quentin's gas chamber. Should the death of one person justify the killing of another?

In the United States many people feel that the death penalty is a just punishment for the premeditated murder of another person. The eighth Amendment of the Constitution states that no cruel or unusual punishment can be used to punish crimes. Who can say what agony or mental cruelty a person will suffer knowing he will soon

Student Voices

To Kill Or Not To Kill? That Is The Question

be legally killed? **Ralph Brown**, a freshman from Forest, feels that you should be punished by death when you commit a premeditated murder. **Melissa Heard** agrees saying, "If they would enforce life imprisonment it would be sufficient, but murderers get out too soon."

Lt. Calley has not yet been sentenced but he faces the same possible execution that Manson does. Many of the students on campus feel that Manson should be given the death penalty but Calley should go free. Both men are murderers according to their juries. Were the lives of Americans more valuable than the Vietnamese?

Jerry Crawford, a freshman from Decatur, said, "Capital punishment creates more problems than it solves. I don't see the logic in killing someone because they have killed someone."

Debbie Fulton from Philadelphia

said, "It's against my principles. I think they should be punished but not killed. You're committing the same crime when the death sentence is given."

Sympathy is with Lt. Calley. Hopefully he will not be given the death sentence, although he committed the same crime.

Mrs. Burroughs, art instructor at EC, says, "The Army has made a huge mistake in condemning only one man. He is being made the scapegoat of the entire incident."

The public says, "Capital punishment is bad but it's the only way to prevent murders." Why can't there be another way to prevent murders? On an average the murderer sentenced to life imprisonment is paroled in 10 years. If the United States would enforce the verdict its juries delivers there would be no need of a death penalty.

Campus Comment

Men Suffer Discrimination At Hands Of Women Students

By THOMAS TONEY
Tom-Tom Columnist

The school year of 1970-71 has seen many improvements in the restrictions placed on the women at East Central. While conditions placed on the women students have improved, conditions for the men students have remained the same. In many ways, women students have it much better than men students.

Several of the women students have haircuts like men, but men students are not allowed to have long hair like many of the women. Men students are not allowed to wear shorts to class but women are allowed to wear culottes that are much shorter than any shorts that the men would dare wear.

Dormitory conditions are much better in the girls' dormitories than

in the men's dormitories. The sophomore girls' dormitory is air-conditioned and the new part of the freshmen girls' dorm is air-conditioned. Both of the dorms for girls have television sets. The boys have two sets, also, but most of the time they are inoperative. When they are working, one has to sit on the floor to watch them as there are only four chairs. Also, girls have washers and dryers in their dormitories. This is unheard of in men's dormitories.

One of the most important complaints the men students have is over the dress required to attend school dances. Men are required to wear a coat and tie, but the girls are not required to wear dresses. Girls are permitted to wear slacks or either culottes. It seems only fair that if the men must suf-

fer to wear a coat and tie that the girls should be required to wear dresses.

The biggest and most common complaint the men have concerns the dormitory supervisor. It takes forever to get anything fixed in the men's dormitories. It seems that the men should have a full-time supervisor whose job it would be to see that things run smoothly in the dorms.

The only advantage the men have gained is the new fence around the freshmen girls' dormitory to keep frivolous girls from attacking the men students who happen to walk by. Women's dorms have certain hours that men may visit in the lobbies. Shouldn't men's dormitories have the same rules and regulations? This, too, could be a job for the supervisor.

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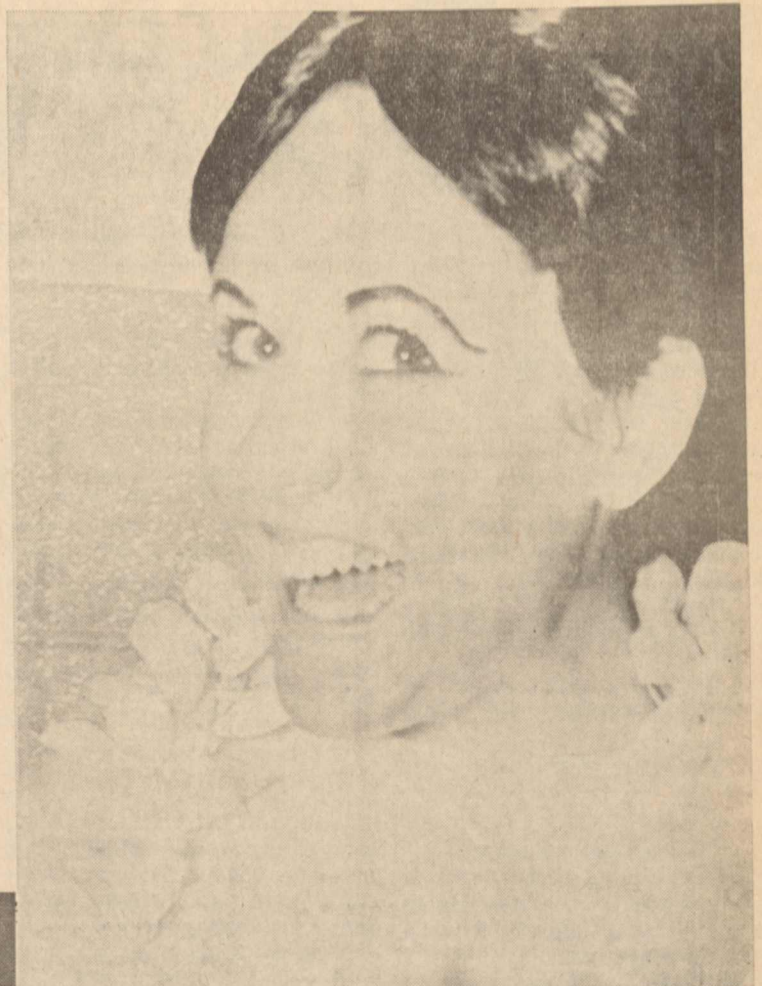
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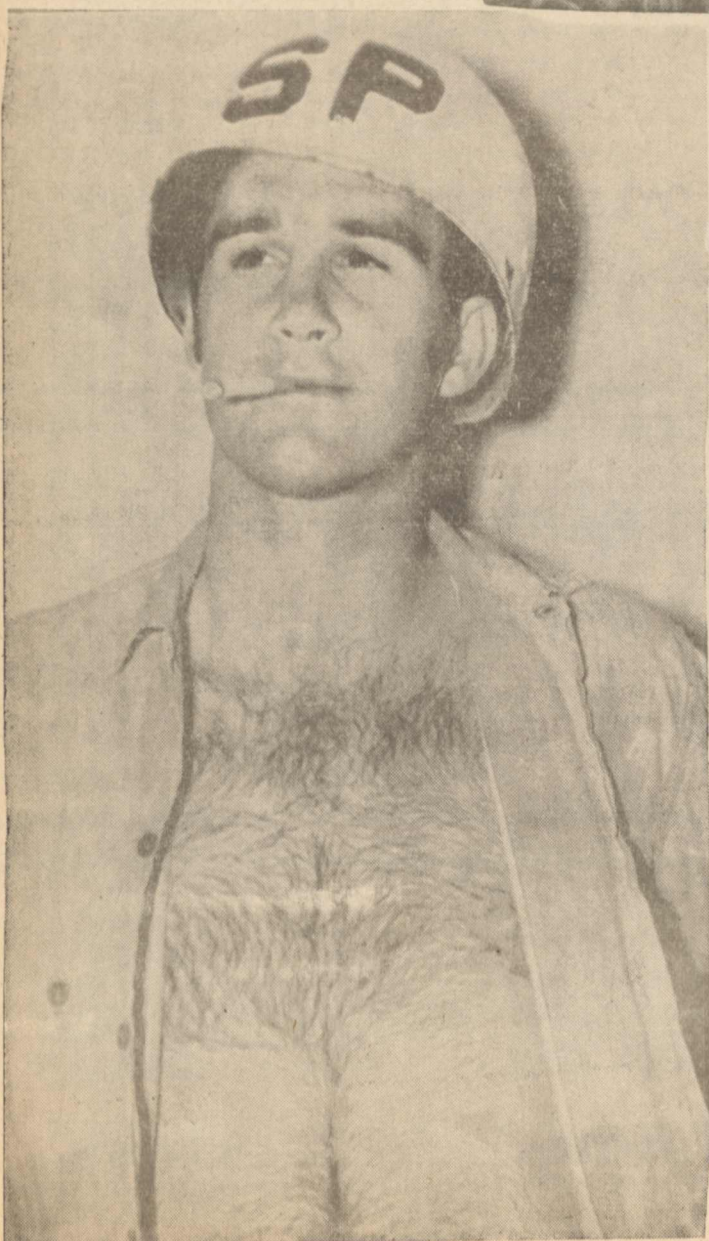
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The Children

Warriors Play Two Games; Win One, Lose One

East Central's baseball team has played two games this far. They have won one. EC led Utica in a 4-3 game, but got defeated by Southwest in an 8-2 game.

In the game against Utica, Danny Lindsley was starting pitcher. He pitched for six innings before being relieved by Thomas Billups for the last three. Billups received credit for the win. Allen Harrison was leading hitter with three hits. He made one double and two single hits. Freddie Bagley had two singles. Coach Coats said, "the boys played a good defensive game with no errors."

In the second game EC lost to Southwest. Lindsley was again

starting pitcher. He pitched over five innings before being relieved by Allen Harrison. Harrison pitched the remainder of the game. EC scored first in the first inning. They scored in the second inning making the score 1-1.

The score remained the same until the fifth inning when we made a few errors. They scored three runs. We got five hits in all, made six errors, and played a poor defense. Lindsley was losing pitcher. Jimmy Ray Williams was leading hitter in the game with one run batted in.

Both of these games were south division games. There are 14 more games left to play.

MARRIAGE—

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students imply that 'love' is the best yardstick in determining whether a given couple can make a relationship meaningful — "I would know that I was ready to spend my lifetime with one specific person when I met the right girl and she was the ideal dream girl of my life," "I would know because I would be in love," "I would know when she dominated my every thought. Everything I did would be for her and when I started really trying to make something of myself in order that we could spend a lifetime of enjoyment together without any financial or other problems." However, one did venture to say, "I'll know I'm ready if the girl has lots of money."

Girls answered the same question like this — "I would know I was ready when I could think about the person as much as myself," "I'll be ready when I can share and sacrifice for the happiness of a marriage and when I am ready to settle down and quit wanting to go out every night to a flick — That's why I'm against teen-age marriage." Another one said, "I'll be ready when I know I love him. I can put the other person's well being before my own."

A girl's important dreams, her goals and the fulfillment of these are dreams of love. By loving, she is able to discover what and who she is. Authorities say that boys marry because they need a relationship with a member of the opposite sex to make their life complete.

These same authorities say that

some of the youth marrying today are very mature and have well-defined life goals which include early or student marriage.

In answer to the question, "What is the most important fact in a couple's readiness for marriage?" The answers ran: "Maturity!" "One should be ready to accept responsibility and be ready to overcome the obstacles in the future," "Seriousness in concerning the rest of your life," "More important than 'Can he or she make me happy' is 'Can I make my partner happy?'," "Love", "Love and understanding," "a bond of love and trust and affection," "Each partner should be willing to give up his or her family for each other."

Someone once said that falling in love is not trivial, but it is easy. The important thing is taking that I love and making it grow into something rich, and deep, and lasting.

Love is a quality which blooms from personal interaction between man and woman. If the relationship is good, open, and honest it will develop into a union where each partner enlarges the life of the other, both as individuals and as a unity for creation.

So, there is a lot of talk about free love and trial marriage around the country. It is good to know that at ECJC the old institution of marriage is still respected. Both pre-engagement rings and engagement rings are popular. Wedding bells ring throughout the year for ECJC students, but especially is this true at Christmastime and right after graduation.

Ramblings

by Cris Morgan
Executive Editor

The campus is officially organized now. With stop signs on every corner and intersection, traffic should be less confusing. However, this did devalue the stop sign. With so many around the campus already, no one will have reason to steal them off the highways for use as decorations in the dorms.

Perhaps Mark Hatcher could tell everyone just what goes on in haunted houses. He seems to have had first-hand experience with the excitements they offer many students from EC. Balls-o-fire!

The films being shown in the window in front of the Student Center are the ones that are used as propaganda in recruiting high school seniors for college. Someone must be afraid we are going to leave before graduation.

I am sure the Players are glad to see another season of practice come to an end. They have put much time and effort into the play, so it's bound to be extra good. Make sure that you allow one night this week to see it. After all, they are doing it just for you, decorations and all.

Well, you can be yourself again. The Evaluating Committee has gone and will not return for ten years. Everyone must have put forth a special effort to give a good impression because all reports seem favorable.

Someone must have been very impatient to eat supper the other night. It was either that or they smelled something good cooking for supper. Their impatience cost the college a glass door.

Blackfriars Present Play For ECJC Students

Mississippi State University Blackfriars Drama Society will present Abe Burrows' two act comedy, CACTUS FLOWER. Directed by Dr. Dominic J. Cunetto, it will be presented April 22 in Huff Memorial Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Cast in the leading character roles are David Cardwell, Mary Jo O'Leary, Sandy Smith, former ECJC student, and Dennis Johnsey. While David and Dennis are newcomers to Blackfriars, Sandy and Mary Jo are both familiar to MSU audiences. Of the six other actors in the play, five are making their first appearance at MSU.

David Cardwell, junior speech major from Starkville, will don the character of Dr. Julian Winston, an affluent Park Avenue dentist. Sandy Smith, portraying the character of Toni, is familiar to MSU audiences for her performance as Corrie in last year's dinner theatre presentation, Barefoot in the Park. Her most recent role was that of the hunchback sister in the Blackfriars' fall production, The House of Bernarda Alba.

Mary Jo O'Leary, junior speech major from Jackson, has appeared in three previous Blackfriars' productions: Cave Dwellers, Dark of the Moon, and the title role in last

spring's presentation of Anastasia. Her role in Cactus Flower is Stephanie, the proper, starchy nurse who starts out as a prickly cactus plant and finally blossoms into the cactus flower in her first comedy part.

Dennis Johnsey, junior speech major from Corinth, plays Igor, a young man "out on his own" being supported by his father while he tries his hand at playwriting. Igor is the biggest theatre role to date for Dennis.

Sandra Clark, former ECJC student and a senior speech major from Walnut Grove, is assisting with the direction. She is a veteran of last year's dinner theatre, having played the character of Mrs. Banks. Also to her credit is a role in the recent THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA.

Others in the cast include Jo Nelle Smith, junior speech major, Guntown; Lon Rains, freshman political science major, Tupelo; Ray Jordan, freshman liberal arts major, Alexandria, Virginia; Darian Green, freshman liberal arts major, Jackson; Tom Fain, junior speech major, Tupelo; Dave Langston, freshman management major, Jackson.

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MAY QUEEN—Gwyn Hardin, Sebastopol sophomore will reign over May Day activities.

Wanda Harris Wins Award At State Press Meeting

Wanda Harris, features editor for **The Tom-Tom**, received a feature writing award at the Mississippi Junior College Press Association held recently at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Wesson.

Representing East Central at the two-day conference were Cris Morgan, executive editor; Donna McCraw, business manager; Julia Smith, reporter; and Linda Latham, adviser.

East Central will host the 1971 fall conference during October. Representatives from all public junior colleges and numerous private junior colleges are expected to attend.

Elected as officers for the 1971-72 session are Tony McMullan, Holmes, president; Tommy Nolan,

Holmes, northern vice president; Skip Holland, Perkinston, southern vice president; Glenda Terrell, Mississippi Delta, secretary; Lee Sherman, Jackson County, treasurer. Dr. James L. Rhodes, Northeast, is presently serving as state adviser.

The Ranger Rocket, Northwest, captured top awards followed by **The Hindsonian**, Hinds, and **The Radonian**, Jones, in second and third places respectively.

Workshops were held in newspapers, advertising, radio-TV media and photography. Mrs. Mary Lou Webb, Meadville, president of the Mississippi Press Women's Association, and Mrs. Marie Walker, editor of the **Fayette Chronicle**, were banquet speakers.

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Miss Wood Coordinates Activities For May Day Celebration

May Day festivities are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. May 6, 1971, in the old gym with **The American Dream** as the theme of the celebration.

Originally, the festival was started by Mrs. Stella Newsome of the ECJC faculty in the early 1930's. In former years it was the major happening of the year. There is still much pageantry, fun and fanfare connected with May Day.

A sneak preview of the program spells **GAITY**. Decorations will be in the colors of the year — Red, White and Blue. A wide range of entertainment will include a marching routine made up of 24 girls. There will be rope jumping, roller skating, twirling and tioneckling which is a Filipino folk dance. Other activities will include a soul dance and musical presentations. The program will incorporate different aspects of growing up in America.

Lucille Wood, head of ECJC's physical education department, is planning and coordinating the activities to include every girl in the girls' physical education department. With some of the prettiest girls to be found anywhere, this promises, indeed, to be a spectacular event.

"I couldn't give you a listing," Miss Wood said, "but there are 140 girls. Each will have something to do whether it's performing, serving punch, handing out a program, helping decorate or being in **Who's Who**."

The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of May Queen, Gwyn Hardin. She won the honor in a recent campus-wide election. The queen's court will be presented along with the winners of the **Who's Who** contest.

A reception honoring her royalty will be held in the student center. Punch and cookies will be served. A gigantic tiered cake will carry out the theme in red, white, and blue. "Mr. Lee really goes all out on May Day," Miss Wood said, "He

really fixes up some good food for the reception."

The excellent planning, on Miss Wood's part, and the splendid cooperation among the girls should make May Day of 1971, for everyone, a day to remember.

Miss Wood, with a tan to be envied by any jetsetter, looks more like a professional woman golfer than a teacher. She is a teacher, though, and finds her job very rewarding.

"The greatest thing," she said, "is seeing those people with limited experience in certain sports go on and make a real contribution. The great challenge," she continued, "lies in starting from scratch, giving them training and letting them see that a vocation in physical education is one which requires intelligence."

She has seen many of her students go on to find fulfilling lives in this field — girls like Crip Carter Gilbert of Andrew College in Cuthbert, Georgia, Sue Gunner of Stephen F. Austin University in Tex. and recently, Deborah Norwood of MS-

CW who made All-American.

Miss Wood's home might be in Louisville but, evidently, her heart is at ECJC. She beamed at the mention of her first and second girls' tennis teams which go undefeated this season. Two of her basketball girls, Debbie Harvey and Betty Nester, also made all-state this year.

Miss Wood has excelled in all the sports she coaches. She played basketball at Louisville and ECJC. She was elected "Favorite" while a sophomore at ECJC.

Prior to coming to serve on the ECJC faculty she was on the faculty of Co-Lin Jr. College at Wesson. She, now, has 60 hours beyond her Masters, from the University of Southern Mississippi, in guidance and health.

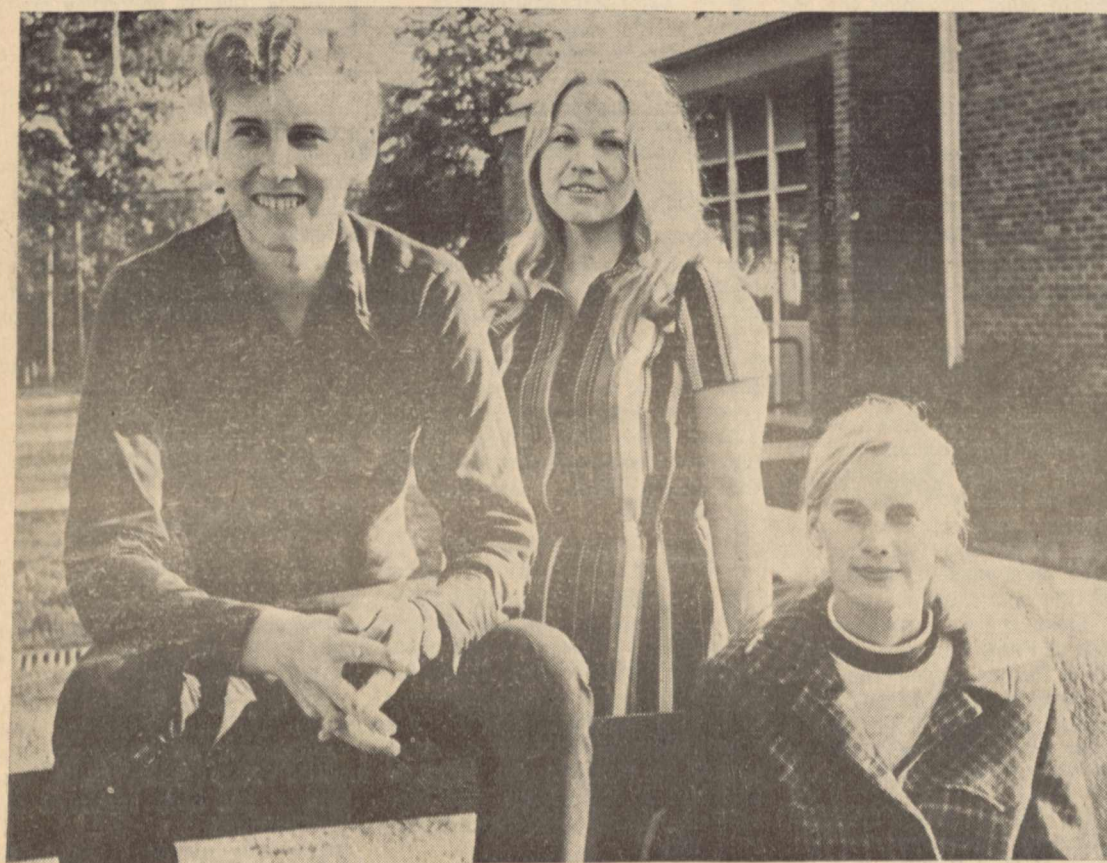
Perhaps within her 30 hours of guidance lies the secret of how she is able to stimulate her students' minds to get them started on fulfilling lives. Perhaps some of the secret does, but a larger part of the reason is in Miss Wood's inborn capacity to give of herself.

Students Attend SCAM; Committee Elects Wall

The 1971 Spring Convention of the Student Council Association of Mississippi was held April 19-20. Northeast Junior College at Booneville, Miss., hosted the convention.

Eight EC students and Dean Brackeen attended the convention. These were Lucy Young, Wanda Blackwell, Debbie Pearson, Joe Lee Anthony, Nancy Wall, Richard Eakes, Cheryl Hatch, and Mike Anderson. Debbie Pearson served as member-at-large on the executive committee this past year. Nancy Wall was elected at the convention to serve in this capacity next year.

These students attended discussions on topics relating to junior college problems. These include the financing of the student government and its activities, student interest, school spirit, student participation in activities, drugs on campus, college regulations, and the advisors role in student government. These were very relevant and beneficial topics since they deal with problems facing nearly all junior colleges. Discussions of this type help the junior colleges to compare their system to that of other colleges across the state.



REPRESENTATIVES—Conferences for journalists and student body officers were held recently. Representing ECJC at the Mississippi Junior College Press Association meeting were Cris Morgan and Donna McCraw. Nancy Wall, SBA treasurer, was a delegate to SCAM and elected to state office.



SBA OFFICERS—Newly elected SBA officers are Richard Eakes, president; Cheryl Hatch, secretary; and Mike Anderson, vice president.

In The Name Of Progress, Let's Save Neshoba Hall

Looking back at the history of East Central, you at once turn your attention to Neshoba. You look at that stately building standing there condemned and wonder just what she has done to deserve the destruction planned for her. The history of East Central began in that one building, so it's only natural that it should continue to carry it.

Just speak to anyone who has graduated from East Central and one of the things he is most likely to mention is Neshoba. This building is the only thing that has survived the past. Students, teachers, and presidents have come and gone, but Neshoba still stands. It is the one building which links the past to the present. Neshoba is the common denominator for all the many things that have happened here at East Central. Yet, this stronghold is about to be destroyed in the name of progress. Other buildings are being constructed to take its place. Can these new structures hold within them all the words and meaning expressed by the mere mention of Neshoba? Are they so beautiful they surpass the beauty of Neshoba?

If this stronghold is torn down, East Central will appear as a new college with no experience or time behind it. This is one of the distinguishing qualities desired by any institution. All the college will have behind it is memories that can never be revealed. Neshoba serves to reveal those memories to the many who will attend East Central in the future. Neshoba could be saved for those students and at the same time be put to very good use.

With a minimum of money and work, the building could be renovated into a place where visitors would feel free to come to discover the many resources available at East Central. The third floor could be converted into a museum. Many graduates of East Central have made outstanding contributions to their particular field. Many have written books. These could be on display in the museum. Space could be allotted for art works by students attending East Central. Awards won by individual students could be placed here. The trophy case that is in the Administration building could also be placed in the museum. Pictures of all the presidents, board members, and other outstanding people in the development of East Central could be hung there. The space allotted for the Hall of Fame pictures in the auditorium is about filled up. These pictures could also be hung in the museum.

The second floor could have a small stage at one end and have the rest for seating space. This could be used very often throughout the year for the many groups that gather here on campus for their meetings. This past year the coffee-house presented a problem. This second floor could solve this. This type of get-together would be held more often if the place is provided.

The first floor could be converted into a recreation center. One room could be used as a television room, another for drink and snack machines, another for ping pong tables, and another room with tables and chairs in which the students can get together and talk or play cards. This year keeping phones available for the students has been a great problem. This first floor would be a good place to have them.

To make sure the more destructive students do not destroy it, someone could be hired to stay in the building to supervise it. This person would be available at night in case anything was needed in the dorms. This building and this person would be the answer to the small student center we now have.

The cost to do this renovation would not be so great. The parking situation is no problem because there will be plenty of space over at the new dorms. If the building is torn down, in a few years everyone will be griping because they do not have these same things mentioned here. Why not look ahead, and in the name of progress, **let's save Neshoba.**

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GONE WITH THE WIND—With the passing of Neshoba, the memory of the old ECJC goes.



By Donna McCraw

In the poem "Childe Harold" Lord Byron said, "While Stands the Colosseum, Rome shall stand;" To paraphrase Lord Byron, "While stands Neshoba, East Central shall stand; When Neshoba falls, what at one time East Central shall fall."

Should the rambling, old building be preserved? Built in 1928, Neshoba Hall constituted the entire campus of ECJC. Neshoba was renovated in 1962 and now houses eighty men students. All colleges have certain traditions. East Central has its rivalry with Scooba, May Day and Neshoba Hall. But with Neshoba Hall's D-Day, one tradition will be gone.

Some people are ready to part with tradition just as some people part with their friends. Dean Bracken said, "I would like to see the building torn down and the space utilized to build something for use by the students. Particularly the space should be used for parking around the Union building, that EC plans to construct." Registrar Rives believes the present site of Neshoba could be better used for recreation. He would like to see the old gym and Neshoba torn down to provide room for a large recreation center. Of course knowing how EC operates, the new student center would probably be off limits for girls.

Many students hate to see Neshoba Hall torn down, just to make more parking space. Larry Gregory is a sophomore from Nanih Waiya who has lived in Neshoba Hall. "I think the building should remain standing but remodeled and changed into some type of recreational building. Larry says, "It's too outdated for men students to live in. I think the best thing for it would be to **make it into a museum** for the Hall of Fame and such things." Lin Scott from Newton thinks it should be remodeled because it is our oldest landmark. Every school can have a new building, but **there is only one Neshoba Hall.**

Joe Lee Anthony said, "Just as I have been told, Neshoba Hall is a landmark of East Central. It is the only existing building on campus with character. To tear down Neshoba would be a detriment to the standards and traditions set by East Central.

Former students who have be-

Student Voices

Let's Save Neshoba Hall; Let's Keep A Little Memory

come part of our faculty feel the same as the present students. Mrs. Martha Graham, reading and psychology instructor, says, "If the building is structurally sound it could serve some useful purpose and to preserve the memories people have of it." Mr. Miller, who has worked for EC, would hate to see Neshoba destroyed. The campus would not be the same. It is

one of the oldest buildings on campus and school would not be the same without it.

Neshoba Hall can be made into a recreational center and a museum to contain our Hall of Fame. To tear down a building which has served East Central since its beginning would be a disgrace to the name of East Central Junior College.

Campus Comment

Student Questions Use Of Facilities By Outsiders;

By THOMAS TONEY
Tom-Tom Columnist

Why is it that we the students of East Central Junior College must share our few recreation areas with those who are not students at this institution?

Two of the best examples of those recreation areas that are being used by other people are the old gymnasium and the softball field that is used by the physical education classes and students after school. It is common for students to be found waiting for the outside visitors to leave the gym before they can use it. For the past month college students have been playing softball after school hours. Lately they have been forced to wait until the outsiders leave before they can use the field.

It is my understanding that both the high school across the street and the junior high school have gym facilities. Why is it that their students cannot use their own gymnasiums after school? Both the practice field and playground areas at the high school are vacant after school. Why is it that these areas cannot be put into use by their students? Is it that our field here at East Central is so much better than theirs?

One of the biggest complaints voiced by students here at East Central is that there is nothing to do. The administration's answer to this complaint is that there is a gym for use by students, a softball field, tennis courts, and a pool

hall. We certainly have these things available, but as previously stated, it is necessary for the visitors to leave before these areas can be utilized by the students.

This may be one way for the school to make money. They could charge these visitors to use our recreation centers and maybe the price of room and board could be lowered. If these above-mentioned areas were for college students exclusively, we would probably have fewer students getting into trouble. This won't solve all the problems caused by students, but it would be worth the effort to find out.

Luke Resigns Board Position

T. W. Luke, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has resigned after serving on the board since 1945. He has served as chairman of the board since May 17, 1963.

Leo Lee from Ludlow in Scott county has been promoted from Vice-Chairman to fill the vacated position. Evans Lane Williams of Carthage has been appointed new Vice-Chairman.

Other new members are Garner Hatcher from Winston county and Jim Mason from Neshoba county.

Members of the board are appointed by the Board of Supervisors of each county. A supervisor, Luke appointed himself as a board member in 1945.

Ramblings

by Cris Morgan
Executive Editor

"I'm Sagittarius. What are you?"
"I'm Scorpio."
"I didn't know that. I reckon I should have though."
"My boyfriend is Scorpio also. Isn't that wonderful?"
How weird!

The conversation above may sound weird but it is very common around campus these days. Quite a few students would be in some kind of a fix if the paper failed to arrive at the library some day. Many seem to have a fear of coming out in the morning before reading their horoscope. These must have such low goals for each day that generalizations like horoscopes really set their mind on fire. I suppose they have a simple mind.

It has been mentioned that the Business Office hours are very inconvenient. As they are the office only opens early every morning or late in the evening. If the commuter has any business to tend he has to come early or stay after school. Many will be reluctant to do this, and, therefore the business will go untended. If a student has business off campus and needs cash to carry with him, he has to wait around school all day until the office opens until he can cash the check to get the money.

Since the office is there to serve the students, it would be wise to establish hours to suit the students.

After a meeting of the Players last Tuesday, a surprise birthday party was given for Mr. Peterson. Mr. Vickers, Mr. Sommers, and members of the Players attended. The amazing thing about it was his surprise when Brenda Tucker gave him a water pail and dipper. I reckon the party itself was enough to surprise him since it was a week before his birthday.

On May 3, the Players will hold an awards banquet. Awards will be presented to the outstanding actors and actresses of the year. It will be held in the Fine Arts Auditorium and will be similar to the Academy Awards for which everyone awaits so eagerly each year. It is only hoped that the ones chosen will accept, since there is no museum to send the rejected ones to.

The prom will be April 30 in the cafeteria. Music will be provided by the **Source**, the same band which played for the Christmas Dance. Dress is to be semi-formal and admission will be free to all students who have paid their class dues.

The French Club held its annual banquet April 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gordon Room. The theme for the supper was "Les Amis de la France" (the friends of France).

After the buffet supper, Hilda Edwards, club member, sang "La Vie En Rose," accompanied by Vivian Scoggin at the piano.

Attending the buffet were Dr. and Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Ruth Hull, Linda Latham, Mr. and Mrs. James Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. George Heard, Shelby Harris, Gilbert Sommers, Bruce Peterson, Jerry Crawford, Gary Tune, and Mrs. Rowell, sponsor, and members of the club.

Mary Massengale ECJC's Florence Nightingale

East Central Junior College has its own Florence Nightingale in the person of Mrs. Mary Massengale who assumed the position of campus nurse in September, 1969.

A native of Newton County she had been living in Meridian for 14 years, and yearned to return with her family to her home county. Incidentally, one of her classmates through grammar and high school was Dean of Students Denver Brackeen.

She doesn't look a day over 26 years of age but she has been married 26 years. "I've always been married," she smiled.

A burning desire to become a teacher was thwarted by the lack of a senior college in the area. Also, she was quite busy with three little daughters, Marilyn, Donita, and Cheryl.

About that time, the first non-live-in nursing program, in the area, was instituted through Meridian Junior College in affiliation with Rush Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Massengale was one of 19 accepted from 200 applicants. After a year of training she graduated and passed the state board examination. Then she was registered as an L.P.N.

Her career in nursing has been centered, largely, in Meridian where she served in the Intensive Care unit at Rush Memorial, and in the extended-care facilities, Heritage Manor and Queen City. For the past five years she has been campus nurse for Hidden Haven Summer Bible Camp at Newton. She has experience with all ages and types.

She meant it when she said, "Nursing is a fulfilling profession. What I like about this job is the age of my patients. They're a challenge. Their minds are so keen and they are so full of energy. For them it is a transitional period and it's interesting to watch them to see which way they'll go."

Being campus nurse contrasts sharply with her previous duties in the intensive care unit. "There," she observed, "the patients are critically ill. Their conditions are unstable. Emergencies are common. The nurse remains anonymous because the patients are unconscious, semi-conscious or sedated. Their cases range from cardiac arrest (heart attack) to automobile accidents. Here one can fairly well predict what will happen. Then tension of the hospital is not present."

At ECJC she has from 10 to 25 patients a day. Ailments go from minor scratches, sore throats to perforated (bleeding) ulcers. Emergencies result when students fall down the stairs or go through glass doors.

For more serious conditions the petite blonde nurse refers the patients to a physician. "My primary task is to determine if a doctor is needed — most people don't realize that antibiotics can be dangerous. In addition to an action, every drug also has a possible reaction. Therefore I leave the prescribing of antibiotics to a physician," she said.

Students sometimes have personal problems. "I like to think I am a good listener whether I am or not. That is one of the requirements of good nursing," she added.

"At the beginning of the semester the pace is relaxed. The students have less problems and are happy. When exam week comes and the pressure is on troubles soar. Then there are digestive upsets, headaches and anxieties," she said. Freshman patients outnumber sophomore patients. Sometimes members of the staff and faculty come into the clinic. They might have a cold or need a blood pressure check.

The nurse's uniform might be austere but this nurse is most capable while also feminine. She has a way of making those around feel better whether they are sick or not.

She attends class for credit which will apply toward a further degree in nursing. She described her English teacher Mr. Mayes, as "affable." She audits an English literature course under Mr. Vickers. When pressed for a one-word description of him, too, the reply was "Hypnotizing."

Her three little girls are older now. The oldest is married and lives in Memphis. Mr. Massengale is employed by Illinois Central Railroad as Mechanical Supervisor.

In their spare time they are building a brick home just outside Hickory. In its living room will hang an original painting in acrylics by ECJC student artist Glenda Watson. The nurse bought it last Christmas at the art show. "I liked it," she said.

That is how ECJC feels about its nurse, too. Everyone likes her. She is 'always there'.



MARY MASSENGALE — A friend to students and faculty alike. She's the dependable school nurse.

"Upon The Death of A Friend"

EDITOR, THE TOM-TOM:

The following is a tribute to a dear friend:

Sad how often we take things for granted until that precise moment when they are no more. Freedom, Family, Friends — they seem so constant, unchanging, and always there. Most times it takes some tragic incident for us to slow down in our busy life and thank God for what we have.

Unfortunately that time of appreciation often comes too late, we are then left to regret those things that went undone. Those apologies we never made, the praise we never gave, and the thanks we never offered.

Had my friend passed your way you probably would have never noticed. You may not have spoken, more than likely she did. There was nothing outstanding in her appearance, nothing unusual in her actions. You would have probably labeled her as being a common, everyday type person.

But then, you never knew her. Had you gotten to know her, her beliefs, ideals, dreams, how different she would seem. If you had only taken time to see what made her smile and learn how she lived you could never label this one as common, everyday type. You are the one who is at loss my friend for never knowing this one who was taken from us.

We who knew her as she really was have lost something more precious than jewels — but we have also gained a memory of a true

friend that will last forever. Perhaps by using this memory as an example we will become a better person and the type friend we have lost.

On February 26, 1971, Sue Nelson, a Sophomore from Philadelphia, Mississippi, died in an automobile accident. This poem is written as a tribute to her.

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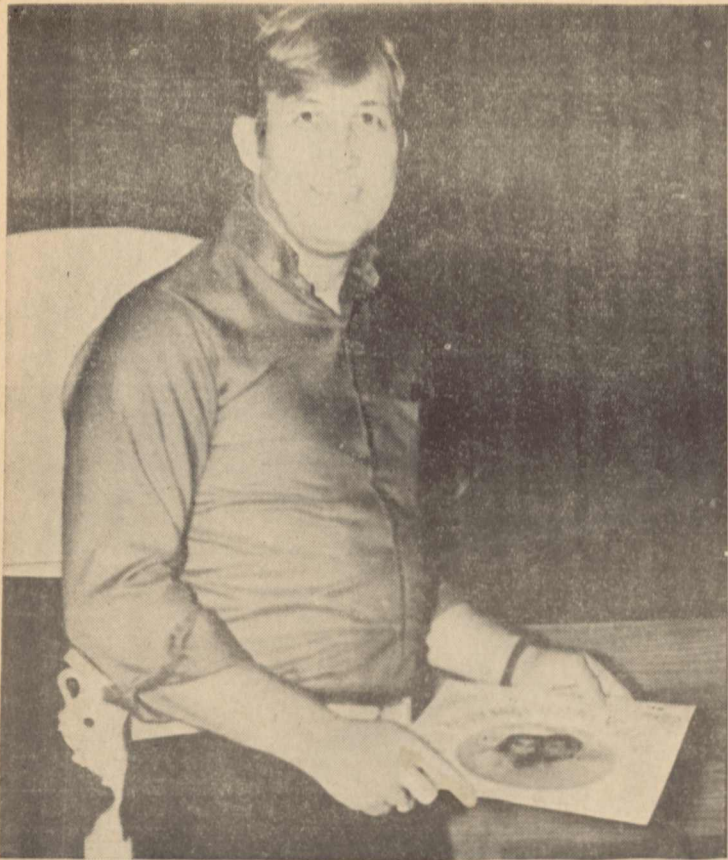
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LOVES TO ENTERTAIN—Shelby Harris, mathematics instructor, enjoys entertaining friends in his home.

Shelby Harris — Versatile Young Man

By BILLIE WATSON
Tom-Tom Writer

The home of Shelby Harris, head of the mathematics department at East Central Junior College, is a distinctive and individual solution for a bachelor living in Decatur. Harris, a native of Union, had a special and definite requirement for his house. A man whose fast-paced life is filled with a variety of interests, it was essential that the house be functional.

Teacher-turned-designer, he designed a house to suit his personal needs. "It is Spanish-Mediterranean," he explained, "and a little me — and not totally either one." Such a house finds its roots in the one-story houses built in the 19th century by Spanish and Mexican settlers in southern California. In the 19th century the English architect, Joseph Gandy, became interested in developing a type of house that wouldn't be merely a miniature version of a nobleman's mansion.

"It's too small for all of the company, but it's too large when I start cleaning. Maids are hard to find," the young, blond math instructor described the house. At the front entrance black wrought iron gates, with an old New Orleans flavor, swing open to welcome guests into the marble foyer. Blues and greens predominate throughout

the house which is tastefully decorated in the Mediterranean decor. The house opens itself up to the joys of casual outdoor living. Informality is one of its most attractive features.

Donning an apron, himself, he does his own cooking for small groups. He entertains a lot. Friends, relatives, birthday parties, special holiday events like the Family Thanksgiving Dinner," he said. Most of all, he enjoys cooking Jamaican Porkchops for his guests. "Strictly Playboy," he said. He holds the golden key in the Playboy Clubs of America.

"I enjoy spending time in the yard, too," he said. His green thumb and eye for beauty are manifested in the blooms of azaleas, lilies, pansies and hyacinths, gladioli, and tulips.

As a student he earned his A.A. from ECJC and his B.S. from the University of Southern Mississippi in a period of three years. He went to Mississippi State to get his Masters. Now he has completed his residence requirement at the University of Southern Mississippi for the Ph.D. in mathematics education and has his dissertation topic approved by his doctoral committee. Other colleges he has attended include Mississippi College, Tulane, and Florida State.

The tools he uses in his work have come down through the ages from such people as Aristotle, Hippocrates, and Isaac Newton. With the acceleration of math since Sputnik, students have been faced with more math courses. With regard to the math student of today, Harris said, "I don't know if they lack interest in math or perhaps it might be that college algebra is beyond their readiness, but some do have difficulty."

Harris attributes much of his ambition and his philosophy of life to the influence of his former teacher at ECJC, Mrs. Stella Newsome. She gave him his words to live by: "I shall pass this way but once. If there be any good I can do for mankind let me do it now for I shall not pass this way again."

Besides teaching at ECJC, he teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses for the University of Southern Mississippi at the Meridian extension center. He has been associated as teller and bookkeeper with the Peoples Bank of Mississippi at Union for the past 15 years. At one time he served as the assistant branch manager at Collinsville.

Shelby Harris is quite a scholar. He is quite a high achiever. He is quite a teacher and a lot of it started at ECJC.

Coed Questions Recent Raids For Money In Jackson Hall

Editor, THE TOM-TOM
To Whom It May Concern:

You know who you are. The other girls in Jackson Hall don't, though, but we'd love to find out. All year, you've been stealing our money, even when we only leave our rooms to take a shower. And just two weeks ago, remember how you stole almost \$60 in only one night? We didn't appreciate that. And it's even worse when we realize that you probably pretend to be our friend.

What possible need could you have for all that money? You can borrow almost anyone's clothes if you don't have money to buy any. If you need cigarettes, people will be glad to give you one if they have it. Or are you an overly diligent student who needs more notebooks and pens than your parents allow money for? Maybe your mother is in the hospital and you need the money to pay doctor bills. We'll donate some money to help you out, if that's the case. (Obviously, you are not too proud to accept charity.) Are you up to your neck in gambling debts? If that's not it, then are you starting your Christmas savings account with our money? Surely your parents aren't sending you to school and depending on you to steal your tuition. Just what are you using our money for? We'd like to know. After all, it's only fair since you're stealing it that we should get some kind of monthly expense statement from you. Or would you consider leaving us a little when you're making your rounds? We need money too, you know. A little, at least. We have to buy shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant just like you do. We like to get a candy bar and a coke

occasionally. The class dues you stole would have helped to get a good band for the dance. The larger amounts you got from other people would have come in handy for anniversary and birthday presents. If you're in dire financial need, just let us know. We'll lend you the money just to protect our own interests. You've done a lot more than steal our spending money, class dues, and savings. You've turned friends against each other. You've made girls suspicious of people on other floors, across the hall, and even their own roommates. You've been the cause of false accusations and rash words that can't be taken back, which won't be forgotten and which will be painful memories for some for a long, long time to come. With "friends" like you, who needs enemies?

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Around Campus

Columnists Criticize Men Students

By Thomas Toney

I have the understanding that my last article upset some of the girl students. This article will probably cause several of the men students to become upset, so things will be even. Recently a meeting of the men students was held in which certain revealing facts were made known. A good percentage of the men students seem to be on a destruction high.

In order to impress their friends, they go around kicking holes in the dormitory walls and trying to kick down every door they come to. Others go around cutting the hoses bringing water to the water cool-

ers. If the cooler has a metal pipe leading to it, they will steal the faucet instead.

Some of the other men students enjoy taking a broom handle and breaking all the light bulbs they can find. Every day the maintenance department on campus has to replace between fifteen to twenty light bulbs. Many of our men students are expert knife throwers also. If you find this hard to believe, just look at some of the doors in the dorms.

The main reason this destructive high has lasted so long is because no one wants to tell on his "friends". Next year the doors in the men's dormitories will cost \$60. If you live in the new dorm and someone sticks a knife in your door, you will have to buy the door. I agree that this is going pretty far, but what else can be done? If it comes to the point that either you or one of your friends have to pay for a door that he stuck a knife in, then will you tell who did it? Also, next year a \$10 room deposit will be

required from all boarding students. Once again this is going pretty far, but it seems as if only drastic measures will stop the destruction in the dormitories.

One of the best ways to show your fellow students how cool you are is to use a lot of profanity. To listen to a lot of our students talk, you would think profanity is a necessity of good grammar. This concerns not only our men students, but our girl students as well. If you believe the use of profanity helps to make a person cool, the next time you go home use it in front of your parents. It is at this time that you will probably discover just how cool you are.

It is only through cooperation and working together with the administration that these above problems can be corrected. Next time you see someone destroying some part of the dorm, ask them to stop. If they refuse tell someone in the administration about it. Remember, this is your home and you and your actions determine what kind of home you will have.

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Freshmen Invite Sophs, Faculty To Spring Prom

The annual Freshman-Sophomore Dance will be held at 8 p.m. Friday in Mabry Dining Hall.

The Freshman Class extends an invitation to the sophomores, their dates, and to the faculty to attend this event.

Ladies' dress will be semi-formal and dressy pantsuits may be worn. Men are expected to wear coats and ties.

Music will be provided by The Source.



LUCY YOUNG

Miss Young Gets Citizenship Award

Lucy Young, president of the Student Body Association, was selected as recipient of the citizenship award during Awards Day activities held recently.

Awards Day is held each spring to honor those students who have achieved distinction in various endeavors during the year.

The Outstanding Journalist Award went to Cris Morgan, executive editor of **The Tom-Tom**. Business Manager Donna McCraw received The Excellence in Journalism Award. Certificates of merit went to Mrs. Billie Watson, Julie Smith, Geraldine Miller, Wanda Harris and Thomas Toney.

We-He-Lo service awards were presented to Susan Shoemaker, editor; Betty Sockey, Sandra Measels, and Wanda Duke.

Sandra Measels and Vivien Scogins received the first year French award for excellence in class work as well as extra curricular activities.

Melissa Heard received the award for the most improved student with the highest average, and Hilda Edwards received the student with the highest average award for two years in French study at ECJC.

The ECJC Singers Award went to choir accompanist Paula Simmons. Miss Simmons also received the Wesley Foundation Award.

The secondary education award went to Mark Hatcher, an agriculture major.

The ECJC drama awards included Best Actor, Mark Hatcher; Best Actress, Nenette Leatherwood; Best Supporting Actor, Scottie Terrell; Best Supporting Actress, Sandra Measels; and Best Character Role, Lucy Young.

Ginny Slaughter, business education major, received the Delta State College scholarship in the amount of \$600.

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Campus Grieved At Death Of Mrs. Ruth Hull

EC's campus was saddened May 5 by the sudden death of Mrs. Ruth Hull, home economics instructor.

Mrs. Hull passed away at her home in Quitman while preparing to return to classes Thursday morning.

Mrs. Hull had been teaching at ECJC since 1955. She had served on numerous committees and taken part in civic activities during her years at EC. For a number of years, Mrs. Hull had served as sponsor of the annual, **The Wo-He-Lo**. She was director of the beauty pageant for several years and served as chairman of May Day

activities numerous years.

A graduate of Mississippi State College for Women, Mrs. Hull had also completed work at the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University.

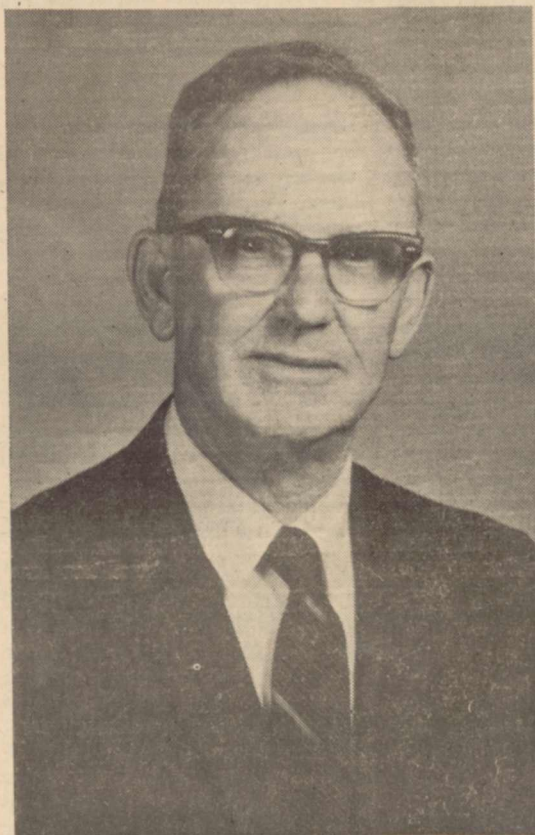
In the dedication of the 1970 **Wo-He-Lo** to Mrs. Hull, the following statement was made: "She saves everything but time; that she uses." During May Day Activities on which Mrs. Hull had diligently worked, the song "Impossible Dream" was dedicated in her memory. This song aptly sums up the life of this energetic woman. She had truly attained "The Im-



MRS. RUTH HULL

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DR. L. O. TODD



REV. JOE T. ODLE

Dr. Todd To Speak At Graduation

By CRIS MORGAN
Executive Editor

Dr. L. O. Todd, former president of East Central, is to be guest speaker at graduation exercises which will be held at 3 p.m. May 28 in Huff Memorial Auditorium.

Dr. Todd was a student at the University of Mississippi before attending Peabody University where he received his B.S. degree in 1925. He received his M.A. from Columbia University in New York in 1928 and his Ph.D. from Peabody in 1943.

From 1927-34 he served as Superintendent of Public Schools in Philadelphia, Miss. He became President of the Agricultural High School and Junior College here in Decatur in July 1934, serving a period of 19 years. In 1953 he went to Meridian to serve as Superintendent of City Schools and has served in this capacity since that time.

During his career in education, Dr. Todd has been active in many aspects of the field. His services have gotten him a place in the Who's Who in America. He has been active in the Mississippi Education Association, the Mississippi Junior College Association, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He has travelled in several foreign countries in the interests of education and in evaluation of different school systems. In addition to this, he has taught at several universities in the nation during

summers.

Dr. Todd is married to the former Bernice Day of Decatur. They have two children — Joseph, an

M.D., and Jane. They both have families of their own. Dr. Todd is a member of the Rotary Club and is a Methodist.

Rev. Odle Conducts Baccalaureate Service

Rev. Joe T. Odle, editor of the **Baptist Record**, is to deliver East Central's 1971 Baccalaureate address to be held in Huff Auditorium May 21.

Listed among Who's Who in America, Odle has been pastor of seven churches. Among these are First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, Miss., 1943-47 and First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Miss., 1947-56. He has held revivals in many states and has made evangelistic and mission trips all over the world.

Rev. Odle has held numerous positions in the Mississippi and Southern Conventions. In the State convention he has served as Associate Executive Secretary from 1956 to 1959, was vice president in 1953, as well as serving on various committees. He was a member of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, 1948-56; member of Baptist Joint Committee, 1963-69; and is

now president of the Southern Baptist Press Association and has been editor of **The Baptist Record** since 1959. He is also a member of the Rotary Club.

A native of West Frankfort, Illinois, Rev. Odle is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Odle also of West Frankfort. He is married to the former Mabel Riley. They have two children, Joe Thomas, a young preacher who died during his third year in Mississippi College at age 20, and Sarah, who is now Mrs. Roland Maddox of Memphis, Tenn. Odle and his wife reside at Jackson, Miss.

Rev. Odle is the author of three books. One **Church Member's Handbook** has 1,700,000 copies printed. Editions have been printed in several languages. Other books are **It's A Great Life, Don't Miss It**, and **Is Christ Coming Soon?**

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

Examination Schedule

SPRING 1971

Period	Monday, May 24, 1971	Time
1	9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	
7	1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	
	Tuesday, May 25, 1971	
4	8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.	
2	10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.	
3	1:15 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.	
	Wednesday, May 26, 1971	
8	8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.	
6	10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.	
5	1:15 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.	

All Vocational Courses Exams will be given Thursday, May 27, 1971 from: 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Organic Chemistry 404 examination will be given Wednesday, May 26, 1971 from: 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Forage and Pastures 413T, Fund. of Journalism 132, First Aid 202, Reading 201 and Reading 111 examinations will be given on the last regular class meeting.

Graduate grades are due by Thursday, May 27, 1971, 9:00 A.M.

All other grades are due by Friday, May 28, 1971, 9:00 A.M.

Graduation Practice:

All candidates for graduation be present for the practice Thursday, May 20, 1971 at 3:15 P. M. in the Auditorium.

ECJC, It's Been Nice Knowing You

One of these days you will probably be referring to East Central when you say "Those were the days." Yes, graduation is almost here when it seems only yesterday that we were all entering freshmen.

Looking back on these two years, I see things we have all seen and been a part of. I see students on registration day running around looking half-registered and only partially here. I see myself, along with the other freshmen on campus with shaven heads and wearing the black and yellow beanies trying to keep our heads from blistering. It's time for pink slips to go out, and I see many students disgusted with their teachers for having the nerve to give them one or possibly more.

Then, after the first nine weeks have passed, time for grade reports has come. This time, instead of blaming their teachers for the failures or low grades, the students have realized that they aren't here to be given grades, but that they will have to make themselves. As a result of this, I see students studying, and seemingly so sincere about it. They know this is the only practical way to keep their grades on a level with their goals.

Not in one glance, but in many, I see the physical East Central and at once place myself among and in the buildings, for they have become a part of me. Even during the two short years I have been here at East Central, the physical part of the college has changed much more than is usually recognized by institutions of this order. Buildings have been added, changes have been made in the ones that were already here, and what is even more uplifting is the fact that plans are being made for more and more extensions of this physical EC.

Looking much deeper than the physical, I see the intangibles. I see events and activities that have taken place here at East Central during this short stay, and realize that they too have become a part of me. These activities may have been the trifling things that have happened in the dorms and around campus, or they could be one of the major activities that has taken place, like sports, dances, or maybe some class that has really meant something to you. In no other place could I go and find the things that EC has had to offer. It is these intangibles that make East Central unique. It is these things that will long be remembered as constituting a major part of college life.

Taking another look, I see all the teachers and realize just how much they have done for me and what they have meant in the formation of my life. Many of these teachers have gone far beyond the call of duty as teachers and have tried their best to make a more developed person of us all. This is something they are not paid to do, and students should be more grateful for these services.

Taking one last look at East Central, I see all the students I have met here and know that many of them have affected my life as friends. Even though I shall leave East Central these will always remain as memories. These students and friends, as was the case of the teachers, have played greatly in the formation of my mind and the ideas held there. These are things you can't just put out of the way, they are with you to stay. Besides, departing is only in the physical anyway.

Speaking of departing, it will actually be sad to leave this place, even though it has been a sincere hope all the way through to hurry and get out. Regardless of how you may look at it, it has been a wonderful year. It is only hoped that sometime before now you have realized this and have put yourself to use by enjoying it. For you graduating sophomores, it is almost too late to start searching for EC, but you freshmen still have your chance to make good of it.

The End

Plus 30. The End. Yes, this is the end of another year for **The Tom-Tom** staff.

This final edition is larger than usual because of the efforts of students enrolled in the journalism class. As a final project these students have prepared this paper which is being mailed to all high school seniors in the five county area.

We hope that this paper gives the seniors an adequate picture of the activities being offered at East Central Junior College. We hope that you who are seniors now will see fit to come to ECJC and help us live up to our motto—"Toward a bigger and better ECJC."

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By DONNA McCRAW

During the past two semesters, The **Tom-Tom** staff has tried to present the best paper possible for ECJC. Sometimes our efforts drew the desired response and other times they failed to ignite anyone. It has been said that you haven't accomplished anything if the next issue is not better than the one before. Since this is our last issue, we don't have the chance to make **The Tom-Tom** better, but the students who enroll this Fall can improve the paper.

Changes must be made for the **Tom-Tom** to progress. How can the **Tom-Tom** be improved? First, the **Tom-Tom** needs to be printed on a better grade of paper. For the last few years the paper has been printed on the lowest grade of paper. This has already been changed. Dr. Wright has approved of buying a better grade of paper to be used next year.

One of the chief reasons our paper has failed to inform the students is

Young—

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Freddie Bagley received the Freshman math award for the highest average in mathematics courses taken at ECJC.

The Alatha Chaney Alumni Memorial Award for English went to Wanda Harris.

Other memorial awards included the Jack B. Mayo Memorial Award for Phi Theta Kappa, Hilda Edwards; Dr. Edwin Miller Alumni Memorial Award for Medical Services, Tommy Jones; W. A. Coursey, Jr., Alumni Memorial Award for Engineering, Jessie Moore; Earline Wood Alumni Memorial Award for Intramurals, Wanda Blackwell and Debbie Harvey; Opal McMullan Dickinson Alumni Memorial Award for Elementary Education, Wanda Duke; Sara Carr Deaton Alumni Memorial Award for Secretarial Science, Debra Crowell; Andrew F. Webb Memorial Award for Football, Bill Barham; and Howard Sessums Alumni Memorial Award for Basketball, R. L. Gilmer.

Glenda Watson received the outstanding sportsman award or participation in intramurals and extramurals. Numerous awards for activities in intramurals were given.

Donna McCraw was awarded a \$1000 assistantship for study in journalism to the University of Mississippi.

SBA Announces

Plans For Term

The Student Body Association has made considerable progress for the students of East Central during this school year. We have seen many needed rule changes and the scheduling of student activities, which were largely successful.

The SBA has begun planning its activities for next year. According to Richard Eakes, next year's SBA president, class dues may be collected next Fall in order for the class to have sufficient funds for more activities. One specific aim of the SBA is to schedule more and better dances for next year. Due to the tremendous success of the coffee houses, they also hope to schedule several for next year. In addition to these activities, the SBA plans to review the Student Handbook for the purpose of making possible rule changes. Concerning next year's activities, Richard says, "I believe that I am working with a very able group of students in SBA, and with the student body's backing, we hope to do everything in our power to make the next school year a successful one."

Student Voices

Support For Paper Columnist Urges

The lack of staff and reporters. No wonder it took you two minutes to read the paper. Many times it was written by less than five people. Of course, you actually can't blame students for not volunteering their services to write. It seems no one has the time to write or they are not interested in participating in extracurricular activities. The only people who take time to participate in extra activities are the ones on scholarships. It is about time that ECJC's administration realizes that eventually there will not be a **Tom-Tom** if some type of credit is not given. Not only credit should be given but financial help, too. EC gives scholarships to football, basketball, and the band. The paper staff puts in just as much hard work as any of these organizations. If we expect any high school seniors to put any extra effort into **The Tom-Tom**, you will have to reward them. In our generation few people do anything without getting paid.

Many of the students feel that the name of the **Tom-Tom** shouldn't be changed. No person could feel as possessive of the name as the ones who have worked for it. But colleges all over the state are changing the names of their papers. Why? Colleges, particularly junior colleges, feel that their publications need greater prestige. How can they get this distinction with a name that sounds like a mascot for a football team?

Of course, the written material needs improvement. It's guaranteed I'll never be a William Faulkner, but who knows what high school senior or freshman at EC is a literary genius. The administration needs to give students an incentive to work on the college paper.

It will certainly seem that our efforts as a staff were worthwhile when EC's **Tom-Tom** wins first place in junior college papers next year.

— Donna

Campus Comment

Writer Laments Year Ending

In only a few short days another school year will be over. Most of you, the students here at East Central, will be glad when the grand day comes. Many of you are looking forward to summer as a time of doing nothing except taking life easy. Have you ever really thought about what the end of the school year really means?

For the graduating sophomores the end of the school year marks the half-way point in their college careers. For freshmen it marks the end of their first year of college work. Many of our students will go on to senior college, others will quit school in order to secure work, and others will simply drop from our ranks.

Regardless of what you do, later in life you will look back on this time and remember it with pleasure. Your thoughts will turn to all your old friends, and you will wonder where they all went.

Many of you have formed close friendships with several of your fellow students. This may be the

last time you will ever see him or her. Next year you will be busy meeting new people and forming new people and forming new friendships.

In later years you will be able to recall football games you attended, school dances, term papers you wrote for history, books you were required to read for English, and some of your instructors, who will have left a lasting impression on your mind. It is at this time you will remember how eager you were to finish college and leave it all behind you. Only with the coming of age will you be able to look back on your college days and recall them in all their glory.

To my friends here at East Central and to my former suite mates, I would like to say farewell. Even though we may never meet again, maybe someday when we are old and gray our thoughts will return to our college days and we can relive in our memories those happy times we spent together.

A FRIEND IS SOMEONE
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EC Finishes Season With Unbelievable Record; Plans Better '71-72 Activities

By **CHUCK SCARBOROUGH**
Tom-Tom Staff Writer

The ECJC Warriors football team finished the 1970-71 season with an unbelievable 7-3 record.

Unbelievable? When a team loses all its games one year, is picked to finish last in its division the next year... yet wraps up the North Division championship, that's unbelievable.

At least it's unbelievable to the other teams. It seems the general feeling of the EC student body is "We knew we could do it."

The Warriors three losses were to Perkinston, Pearl River, and East Mississippi (Scooba).

Head Coach Ken Pouncey believes the reason for the losses was due partially to Quarterback Freddy Bagley's injuries. Bagley was injured after the first half of the Perkinston game. He was also absent in the Pearl River and Scooba games. The Warriors had second chance at Pearl River in the overall state playoff game. The Warriors were again unable to defeat Pearl River and had to settle for the number two position. But, there's always next year.

Coach Ken Pouncey, head coach of the Warriors said, school spirit and representation was "the best we ever had."

Pep rallies were held religiously. Spirit soared with the Warriors opening victory over Jones. Pep buses were taken to the off-games, boosting spirit for the Warriors while on the road.

Thirty-seven young men were on scholarship, nine of whom were vocational-technical students. Scholarships pay all costs except books and shop fees.

The Warriors winning season is contributed to having the will to work and the want to win.

It was a hard and long season. The Warriors started from the bottom and worked their way to the top. That's something very few teams can boast.

On an average Monday during the season, the team worked out from 3:30-5:30 p.m. They then ate supper and rested. From 7:30-9:30 p.m., the team held meetings. Watching films and learning strategy was the prime objective of the meetings.

It was a rough road to success but the Warriors wanted it bad enough to work for it. And they got it.

The Warriors will be losing the aid of several fine players through graduation. Two sophomores have signed with senior colleges.

Joe Tadlock signed with Mississippi College while Keith Dooley signed with the University of Richmond at Virginia.

Next year should prove to be very good for the Warriors. With twenty returning lettermen, the Warriors have a good start.

Coach Pouncey said, "We'll have a fair team if the boys return interested like last year." Pouncey went on to say, "We have some fine prospects for next season. Right now the team's weakest points are in the offensive back field and the defensive line areas."

Tryouts were scheduled to begin May 4 for positions on the '71-72 team. The coaching staff is hoping to have from 40 to 45 on scholarship next season.

Several awards were bestowed on members of this year's team. Keith Dooley and Mickey Sessions were elected permanent co-captain for the '71 Warriors.

Dooley also received the All-State award as most outstanding defensive linemen. Also he received an honorable mention as an All-American.

Awards by the coaches and team for players of the year went to Walter Eiland, James Carter, and Howard Triplett.

Recognition should go to head coach Ken Pouncey and assistant coach Tenny Coats for their leadership and training ability. Coats is a new member of the EC staff. He

serves as baseball coach in addition to football coaching.

Members of next year's team can look forward to a new athletic dormitory. The new dorm will be air-conditioned. Rooms will be arranged in two room suites with plenty of space for the occupants. The dormitory, now under construction, will hopefully be completed in time for fall training scheduled to begin August 16.

Next year after the regular season of play, the North and South division play-off will be held. The following weekend, Nov. 26-27, the All-Star Junior College game will be held in Tupelo. The winning team of each division will be allowed to have the majority of the players on their division All-Star team. The coaches of the winning teams will coach the two All-Star teams. Each team will be fed and lodged for one week in Tupelo while practicing for the event. Each team will be comprised of 33 men.

The Warriors can look forward to what appears to be a very prosperous season next year. With the twenty returning lettermen and upcoming players from the high schools of the five county area, the team has hopes.

The Student Body will be there with their cheers of support for the Warriors. It won't be easy to live up to this year's record. With high hopes, hard work, and the Pride of East Central Junior College, we'll have another winning season.

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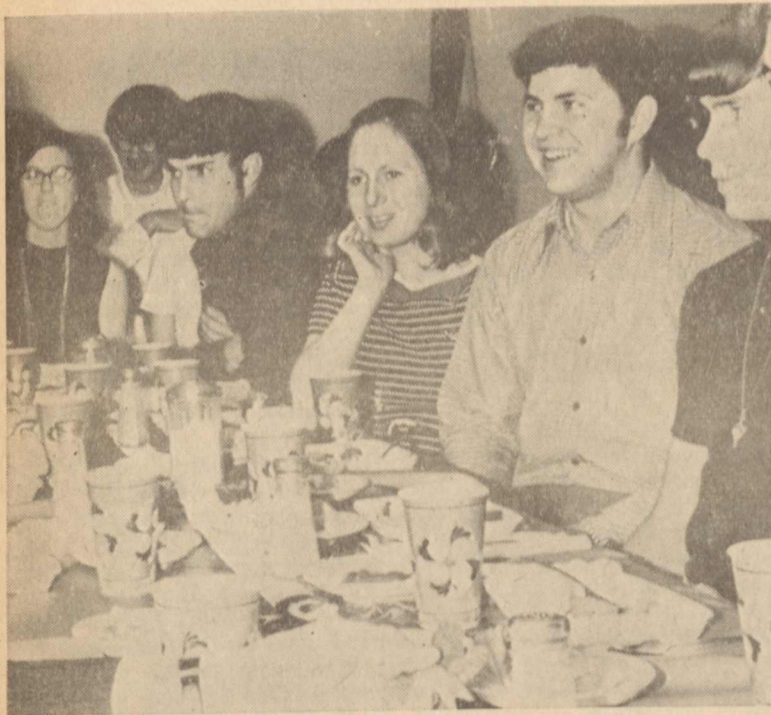
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FRENCH STUDENTS enjoy French-prepared food at a recent buffet supper. The supper is one of the annual activities of the French club here at EC.

French Club Offers Double For The Money

By BILLIE WATSON
Tom-Tom Staff Writer

Some students get twice as much for their money. This can be said of students who enroll in French at East Central Junior College. Not only do they take up another language, but there is a bonus! They are eligible for membership in **Le Cercle Francais**, the French Club.

Although the club meets only once a month, it provides a fun-filled year for its members. The meetings are actually cultural exchanges. Mrs. Elisabeth Rowell, the French-born sponsor of **Le Cercle Francais** and head of the French Department at ECJC, delights members with stories of all phases of French life.

Several times during the year, Mrs. Rowell treats the members to movies she and her family have made in France. "This is to help fulfill the wish for better relations with French-speaking countries, and also to supplement the two year program of beginning French," Mrs. Rowell said.

The films give the inside story on French families, cities, and customs. The ECJC students who are **Le Cercle Francais** members see things like sidewalk cafes spring into color on the screen. They are able to see things as they really are. Things such as the spectacular Normandy Festival on St. John's Day come to mean something to them. There are beautiful floats and citizens, costumed in Old Normandy regalia who do original dances of the province.

The slides show the Pyrenees, in breathtaking beauty, between France and Spain. Also, the Lourdes looms vivid on the screen. It is a Catholic shrine where the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette. People go there from everywhere to pray for a miracle or have their faith renewed.

As its annual project, **Le Cercle Francais** decorates a car or a float for the homecoming parade. In the past three years, it has won a first-

place award and a second - place award.

The Christmas party is an exciting time for all. Carols are sung in French and French poetry is recited. The guest speaker is usually a native of France and shares, with the members, stories of what that season is like in his native country. Members bake cookies by French recipes and Mrs. Rowell brings her specialty, **Buches de Noel**, Yule Logs.

With spring comes the biggest event of the year for **Le Cercle Francais** members. It's the courses dinner or buffet. A different theme is used each year. Themes which have been used are "Spring in Normandy," "Towns and Provinces of France," and "The Friends of France." The members always combine their talents, whether it be in the cooking department or the decorating area, to make the event a real success. This year's dinner was really a gala occasion. Everyone dressed in festive colors. French delicacies were prepared by the members and their sponsors.

Melissa Heard summed up the feelings of all **Le Cercle Francais** members when she said, "I have really enjoyed participating in the French Club this year. We have had many unusual programs, and I have enjoyed all of them."

Members of **Le Cercle Francais** with their French names are Joe Lee Anthony, Jacques; Phillip Duncan, Philippe; Hilda Edwards, Gineatte; Jean Eldridge, Patrice; Brenda Ellis, Paulette; Bobby Franklin, Andre; Anita Fulton, Albine; Melissa Heard, Monique; Dan Jordan, Yves; Sandra Measels, Mireille; Cris Morgan, Jean Louis; Ronnie Noblin, Antoine; Chuck Sampson, Francois; James Sanders, James; Charles Scarborough, Charles; Vivien Scoggin, Sabine; Julia Smith, Juliette; Janet Stampley, Janine; Thomas Toney, Toney; Mrs. Billie Watson, Babette; and Bill Williamson, Guillaume.

Music Department Offers Various Musical Opportunities For Students

Can you play a band instrument? If so, why not join the East Central band? The band is active in many extracurricular events, such as football games and parades. This year, Gilbert Sommers, director, took them to play in parades at Louisville and Philadelphia. They also played at some of the assemblies, furnished musicians for "South Pacific," and participated in Fine Arts Week. In addition to the Concert Band, there is a smaller Stage Band.

All band members receive an \$85 scholarship, just for being in the band.

If one cannot play an instru-

ment, but one is interested in music, there's chorus. This year, the choir was active. They toured high schools all over the five county area, and appeared on Channel 11 in Meridian for a Christmas Special. They also found time to host the Mississippi Choral Festival at East Central, and several of the choir members were in the cast of "South Pacific".

The choir has a smaller ensemble made up of the best of its singers, called the Collegians.

If one wants to join the choir, talk to Mrs. Marian Thornton, director. The only prerequisite is that one be able to carry a tune.

Social Science—An Exciting Curriculum

By BILL GALLOWAY
Tom-Tom Staff Writer

Grasp a holt, lean back and prepare to venture into the world of social science. In social science, you may probe the pyramids of Ancient Egypt; mentally visit many foreign countries; learn of the many advantages of our democratic government; or even obtain information about how people do or should act in our modern society.

East Central offers all of these things and more. With its staff of well qualified instructors, EC can give the basics in all areas of social science.

The courses in social science cover a large area of subjects. These subjects are as follows:

History of Civilizations: First semester deals with Ancient, Near East, Graeco-Roman, and Medieval European culture; second semester stresses the beginning of institutions, ideals, and problems.

American History: First semester treats the period before 1865; second semester since 1865. This course embodies a study of an evaluation of the origins of the institutions in our nation. It is directed toward developing political consciousness and providing the factual background and critical understanding necessary for intelligent citizenship.

World Geography: This is a general course of man in relation to his natural environment. It deals with the various climatic, regional and economic zones of the world. This course stresses the utilization of natural resources in relation to our cultural development.

American Government: The underlying principles, structure and the work of our nation's government are stressed in this course. Emphasis is also placed on the relationships existing under a federal system of government.

American State and Local Government: State and Federal relations; organization, structure and work of the executive, legislative and judiciary; suffrage, elections; and relationship between the state and local governments are the core of this course. Special emphasis is given to the governmental system of Mississippi.

Marriage and Family Relations: This course is designed to better prepare the student to understand the scientific and social aspects of family relationships and to develop an understanding of the factors that play part in successful family life. Both the practical and sociological aspects of marriage and family are treated in this course. Particular emphasis is given to such topics as courtship, engagement, choosing a marriage partner, age of marriage, personality adjustment in marriage, use of money and leisure time, human reproduction and divorce.

Introductory Sociology: This course is designed to give the student an introduction to the various fields of human relationships. It is organized around the study of the five major social institutions; the family, religion, the state, education and the economic concepts of the people of the world.

Each of these courses carry three semester hours of credit and meet three times a week.

The instructors of these courses are well trained and deliver a thorough analysis and investigation of each course. Dr. Richard Ethridge, Thomas Thrash, L. B. Simmons and Mrs. Billie Cork.

Dr. Ethridge has been at EC since 1961 and he teaches classes of World History, American History and American Government. His degrees in social science range as follows: Mississippi College, B. A.; Mississippi State, M. A.; and he proudly holds a Ph. D degree from Mississippi State.

Thrash, who has conducted classes in social studies at EC for nine years, has an A.A. degree from ECJC; B. S. and M.S.S. from Mississippi State and has further work at University of Southern Mississippi.

Simmons, who has been at EC longer than any of the other social science teachers, has served the department well since 1958. He has a B. A., Mississippi College; B. D., New Orleans Seminary; M. A., University of Alabama, and has further work at Mississippi College.

Mrs. Cork, the newest addition to East Central's social science staff, has been here since 1966. Her degrees range from A.A., Jones Junior College; B.A., Mississippi College; and an M.A. from the University of Southern Mississippi.

As has been shown, East Central has a very strong social science department with well qualified instructors. In almost all curriculums, some type of social science is required and EC offers a good, sound background in this field.

Drafting, Design Technology — Unlimited Field

Have you chosen your vocation? Have you considered drafting and design technology? If not, perhaps the following material may be of assistance and interest to you.

What is drafting and design technology? Drafting and design technology is a highly specialized technical field designed to train the student for preparing various kinds of drawings for things that are to be made. Almost every product object began on the drafting board. The draftsman works side by side and in cooperation with the engineer.

Like all technology programs, drafting and design technology at East Central is a two year terminal program. The curriculum is so designed to prepare the student for excellent employment opportunities after two years. Students successfully completing the drafting curriculum are awarded the Associate

of Applied Science degree. Students who want to continue their education beyond junior college may do so at one of the senior colleges or universities.

Job opportunities in drafting and design are unlimited and draftsmen are in great demand, even locally. Salaries range from \$600 per month up. Drafting is considered one of the better areas of work in that most of the work is done inside modern air-conditioned buildings with modern and convenient equipment. The field of drafting is open to both men and women students.

Men and women who have completed drafting technology programs are now employed in highway drafting, railroad drafting, furniture drafting structural telephone and electrical drafting, machine drafting, automotive design, electronic and computer drafting, rocket and missile design, construction

cost estimation, construction inspection, surveying and planning, printing machine operator, secretary, sales engineer, office clerk, and many other areas of employment.

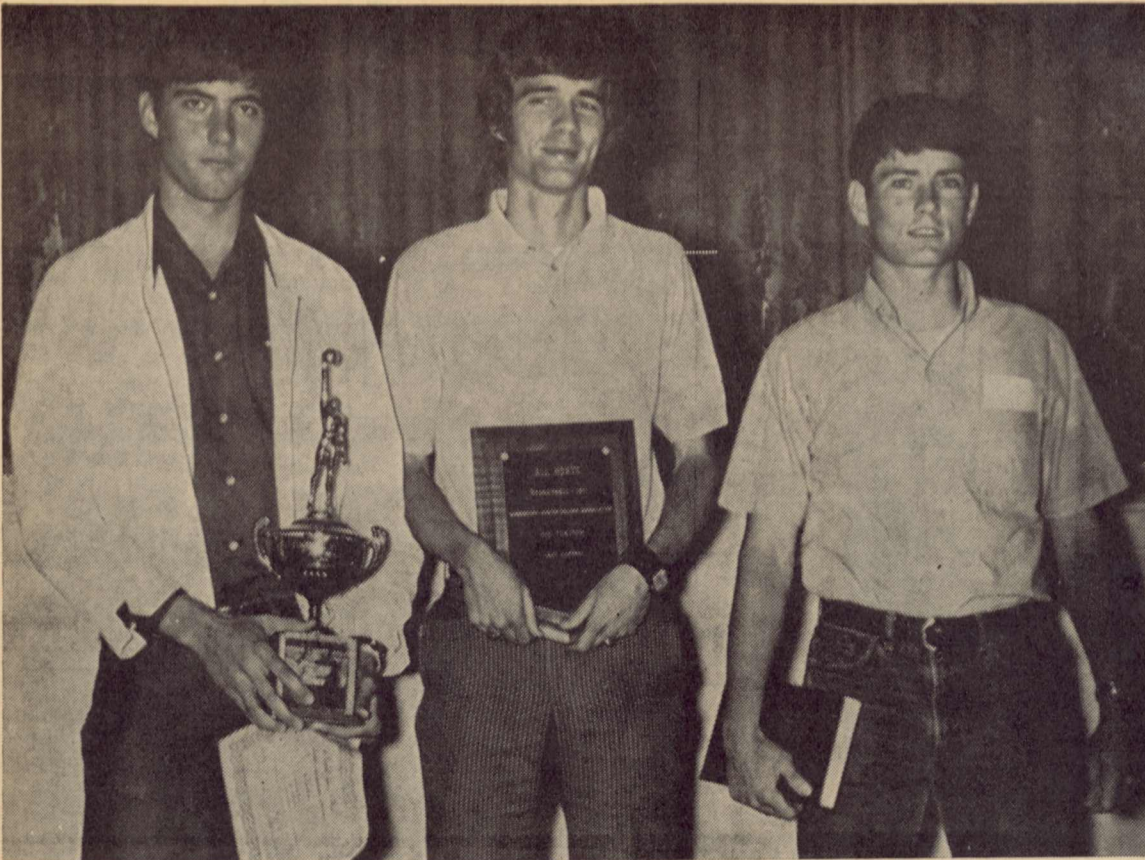
East Central Junior College has one of the state's better drafting and design departments. The department is located in the new ultra-modern air - conditioned Vocational-Technology Building. Classrooms are equipped with modern equipment.

The drafting and design curriculum consists of approximately 25 per cent general education, 25 per cent drafting related, and 50 per cent drafting courses.

Are you interested in drafting as a vocation? If so contact the Director of Vocational and Technical Education, East Central Junior College or come by and visit our modern facilities.



Drafting and design is a growing field at East Central along with other vocational-technical fields in the Vocational Department. Increasing numbers of students are entering the field.

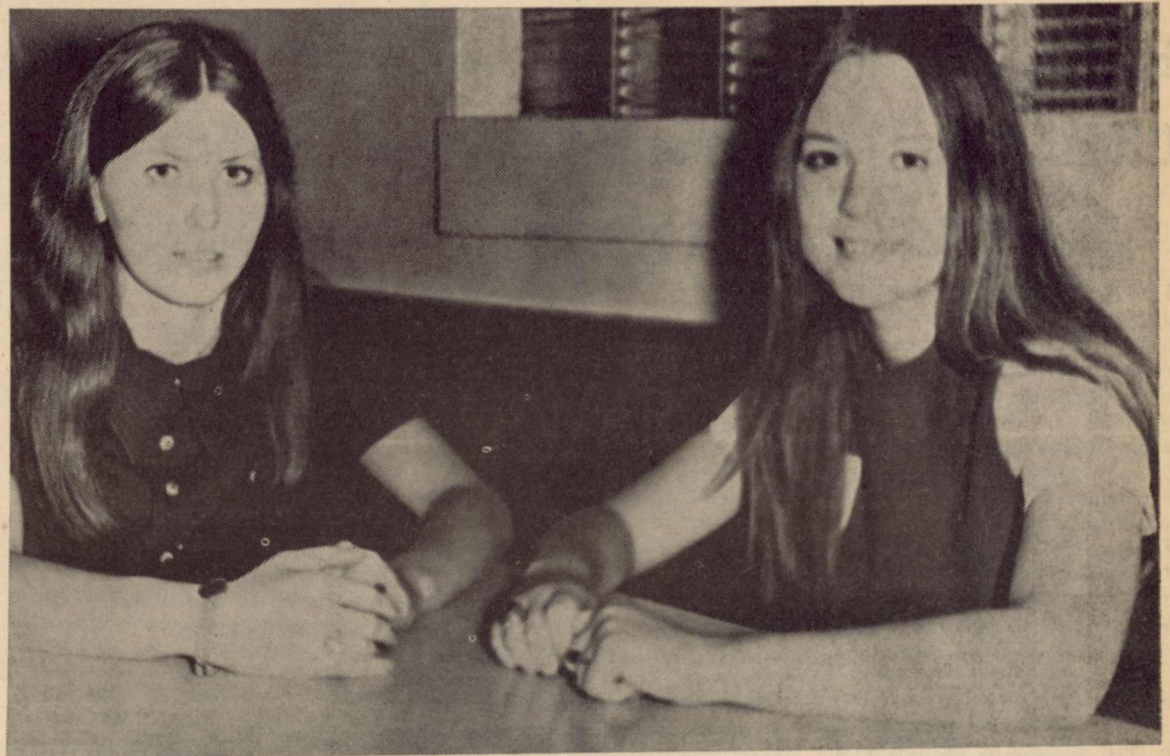


LEFT TO RIGHT: R. L. Gilmer—Basketball Award; Joe Fondren—All-State Award; Freddie Bagley—Freshman Math.



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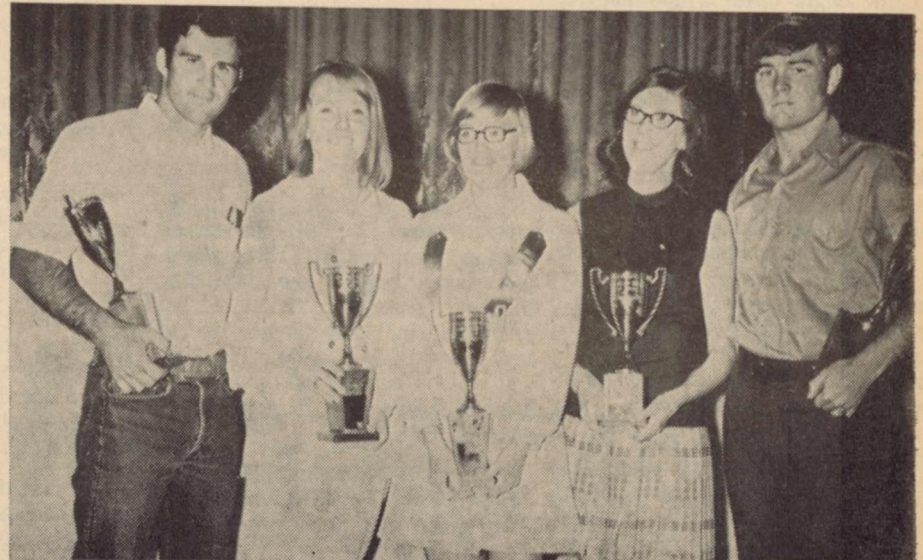


Vickie Sullivan, Secretary SEA; Betty Nester, president SEA.



Tommy Jones, Edwin Miller Medical Award; Jesse Moore, engineering; Hilda Edwards, Phi Theta Kappa; Vivien Scoggin, French; Melissa Heard, French; Paula Simmons, Wesley and Singers Award.

Mark Hatcher, Best Actor; Nenette Leatherwood, Best Actress; Lucy Young, character role; Sandra Measells, Best Supporting Actress; Scottie Terrell, Best Supporting Actor.



Administration—

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Central also. The physical education facilities and the new dorm that is being built are the newest additions to the campus. In the past few years, we have seen many other buildings added. We have seen many changes in programs and new programs and new courses added.

All these things have been changes for the better, and it is hoped that as time passes, other needed developments will be made. New developments in this field of education are initiated because the combined efforts of the administration have shown that they are working together to build a greater ECJC.



Spring Prom



English Department Boasts Talented Faculty Members; Offers Many Varied Areas For Student Participation

By BILLIE WATSON
Tom-Tom Staff Writer

The English Department of East Central Junior College is a kaleidoscope of knowledge and know-how tempered with wit and wisdom. If Ovid Vickers, as chairman of the department, would be considered the key in the spectrum, it is true also that he is complemented by a vivid galaxy of remarkable department members.

Looking for all the world, as if he'd stepped from the pages of a literature book, Mr. Vickers has been at East Central since 1955. He is a native of Eastman, Ga., home of the famous Stuckey Candies. He has received degrees from George Peabody College in Nashville and has also studied at the University of Southern Mississippi.

To be in his class is an unforgettable experience. Along with his lecturing, he keeps his students entertained. At the drop of a hat he can lapse into a rendition of "Hello Central, I'm Ringing Heaven", "Careless Love" or "The Star-Spangled Banner." Without warning, he might throw a question out to his class — "Do you know it's warmer in the city than it is in the winter?"

"English is a good field," Mr. Vickers declared. "It is a stepping stone to so many professions — like editing, teaching, advertising, radio, television and the numerous jobs in the publishing business."

Mr. Vickers continued, "English is important because the first requirement for success is the ability to read or write or express oneself. It is the basic tool of communication. People have to have this to succeed in anything."

Enthusiastic Teacher

Mrs. Alyne Simmons holds the interest of her students whether they're studying grammar or going through *The Iliad* and *The Divine Comedy*. She holds degrees from Mississippi College and has taught for 25 years. She has been a member of ECJC's English Department since 1958. She seems to have a monopoly on an endless reservoir of enthusiasm. "I never want to retire," she said. "I hope to have fun the day I die, and to learn something."

Mrs. Simmons is in rapport with her students. If they tell it like it is, so does she. There is no generation gap. She doesn't teach groups; she teaches individuals.

"I can't wait," she said, "to learn the first names of my students! What intrigues me most about the student of today is that he is such a challenge. Another thing is his candor; he is so honest."

She finds much joy in her teaching at ECJC. "Here," she said, "the student is a part of the scene and not just an observer."

Rides Motor Scooter

Another of these extraordinary members of the English Department

is Rudolph Mayes. He lacks only a little work having his Doctoral degree from the University of Mississippi.

He's probably the only teacher on campus who rides around on an Italian motor scooter. Some say he can take a car apart and put it back together without blinking an eye.

Besides shirts, he collects antique bottles and crockery. He prizes bottles he has found which were made during the Depression.

He prefers his students to be active instead of passive. He wants to read. English students, this year, have read *The Glass Menagerie*, *Flowers for Algernon* and *The Scarlet Letter*. Mr. Mayes said, "This encourages the student to read. It shows reading can be entertaining. Through the test and discussion, the student is required to give a critical examination of life."

All of his life, Mr. Mayes has enjoyed literature. That is why he chose this field. He also likes to feel that through teaching he can render a humanitarian service.

Interested In Students

Mrs. Carrie Alford came to ECJC in 1969. She holds a B.S. degree from Mississippi State University where she is now working toward an advanced degree.

She was a track star during her college days at ECJC. Like many other teachers at ECJC, she earned her four year degree in three years.

A young mother, she takes her teaching seriously. "What I am interested in," she announced to her students last year, "is that you will be able to pass your English proficiency test in your junior year of college."

Teaches Reading Skills

Mrs. Martha Graham has been at ECJC since 1963. She seems to collect degrees. She also has a collection of wigs. Last year she had nothing to say in favor of wigs; but apparently, fashion won out. One never knows what to expect — Mrs. Graham in her own luxurious locks, or in the shoulder length college-girl style, or perhaps she will be wearing the short wig which gives her an Oriental look.

Memorizes Passages

Bruce Peterson doesn't read from

his speech book; he has it memorized just as he has memorized parts of *Gone With The Wind* and *Dr. Zhivago*.

His students should "watch their rate," "open their mouths," "drop their jaws," "have good eye-contact" and make good on their tests.

Teaches Journalism

Last, and the newest, is Linda Latham who teaches journalism. She holds a B.S. degree and soon will return to the University of Southern Mississippi where she will begin work on her masters degree in communications.

Miss Latham is an interesting teacher. She does not cramp her students' style. Her classroom is filled with lively discussions on writing, reporting and current events.

The pastel beauty has done much to encourage her students in a career of journalism. "It is a wonderful field," she said. "You meet all kinds of people who have a story and then you do your best to tell that story."

Three Chairmen

One of the oldest departments on campus, the English Department at ECJC has had three chairmen, Mrs. W. W. Newsome, Miss Una Harris, and Ovid Vickers.

A number of the department's promising students went on and "made it." These were students like Dr. Dan Young, currently chairman of the English Department at Vanderbilt University, Dr. Martha Tipton of the English Department at Ohio State, and Dr. Gerald Walton of the English Department at the University of Mississippi. There were others.

The department's offspring have also become published authors. Among these are Fred Ray Blocker, author of *So Late This Year*, Hedy Ann Williams, writer of *A Solitary Southwind* and *Twentieth Century Mary*, and the late Alatha Chaney who wrote *Poems of My Girlhood*. Miss Chaney drowned while a student at the University of Southern Mississippi. In her memory, a loving cup, the Alatha Chaney Memorial Award, is given each year to the outstanding English major at ECJC.

Department Of Science Displays Varied Projects

By JAMES ETHREDGE
Staff Writer

Venture into the chemical world or learn of the flora and fauna of our planet in East Central's science department.

Fundamental or college chemistry is offered to all students. This course consists of one three-hour lab and three lectures per week. Students majoring in agriculture, pre-engineering, pre-med, and other pre-professional courses are usually found in this class. The lecture periods make use of visual aids.

If one plans to major in science or is going into a professional field, organic chemistry is also offered. This class meets two hours lecture and six hours of lab a week. Fundamental chemistry is a pre-requisite of organic.

Both fundamental and organic are taught by James W. Nicholson who received his B. S. and M. S. degrees from Mississippi State University. Nicholson began teaching at East Central in 1970.

General biology is designed for those students who do not plan to take advanced science courses or whose science background is weak. It consists of two lecture periods and one two-hour lab per week. First semester covers scientific principles, the behavior and structure of matter and protoplasm and cell theory. Second semester is devoted to the study of animals with emphasis on development of body patterns. The major phyla and classes of animals are studied. Lab experiments and field trips, one this year to Harris Hill, give students experience in applying scientific methods.

For those students interested in going further in the science field, botany is offered. The course has

one lecture and two two-hour labs per week. First semester stresses plant anatomy with lab exercises to familiarize the students with life processes in plants. Second semester is a survey of the plant kingdom with emphasis on taxonomy and ecology. Field trips are made for collection of fungi mosses, ferns and native flowering plants. Botany is required of sophomores in the agricultural field and is an elective to the rest of the students.

If one's interest is animals, then East Central offers zoology, vertebrate and invertebrate. These courses meet one lecture period and two two-hour labs per week. Invertebrate zoology introduces students to morphology and physiology of cells and their relation to living organisms. Vertebrate zoology continues animal study with taxonomy, anatomy and morphology, and economic and ecological relations of vertebrate animals, with emphasis on genetics and embryology of higher vertebrates.

Instructors of the preceding courses are Mrs. Sara L. Heard, B.S. Mississippi State College for Women, M.S. Mississippi State College for Women. Mrs. Heard has been at East Central since 1969.

George L. Mason received his B.S. and M.S. from Mississippi State University. Mason has taught at East Central since 1960.

If one is going into the medical field, he may want to join Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, which is an organization for pre-med students. Mason is its sponsor. It presents programs on pre-medical vocational opportunities, tours surrounding hospitals and obtains information that might be helpful to the pre-med student. This year the group went to the University Medical Center in Jackson.

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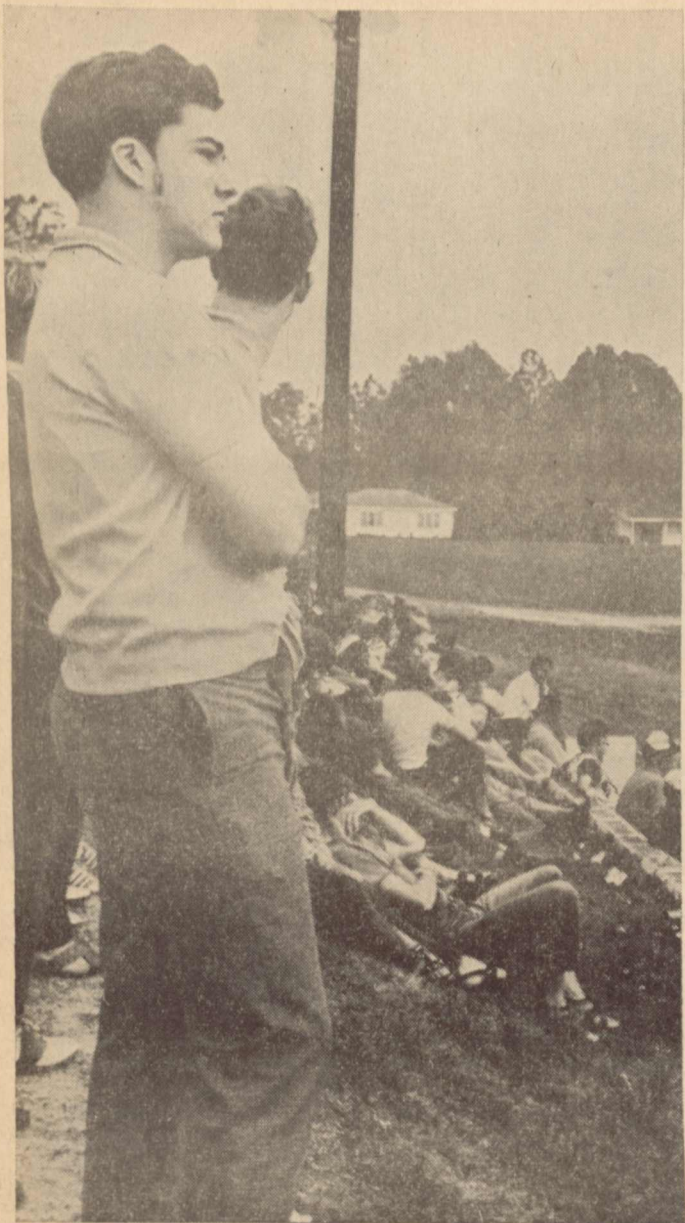
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Warriors: A Team People Enjoy Watching

By CHARLES SCARBOROUGH
Staff Writer

"They were the kind of team people like to watch," declares Joe Clark, coach of the 1970-71 Warrior basketball team.

They weren't big. Actually they were smaller than the average team. Their record stands at 9-11, less than 50 per cent for the season. However, when you consider they won 2 out of first 10 games, and came back with 7 wins for the final 10 games, that's Different.

"They had desire and drive." "They wanted to play basketball and they wanted to win." That's what Coach Clark said when asked what caused such a dramatic finish.

The team worked hard and earned the respect of many other teams. Included was an unforgettable victory over arch rival Meridian Junior College. With only 6 seconds left on the clock the Warriors drove the entire length of the court and slipped the ball through the net as the buzzer sounded, defeating the MJC Eagles by one point.

Coach Clark said, "Student support was better this year than in the past five years. Of course a new gym didn't hurt. It's shiny new floor, brightly lighted court, and spacious seating area is a far cry from the old gym. Fans in the past had to suffer to a great degree to support the Warriors. The old gym is not exactly a basketball fan's paradise. Its outdated architecture and poor seating area was one reason for a lack of support. But, with the new gym came more and more fans to support the Warriors.

Three EC players were selected by the basketball coaches of the

Mississippi Junior College Association as outstanding.

Joe Fondren was named to the 1970-71 All-State team.

R. L. Gilmer and Jeff Gardner received honorable mention.

Four members of this year's Warriors will be returning with only 2 having played to some degree.

Returning is this year's high scorer, 5'11", center Jeff Gardner.

Ten players from the five county area are expected to sign scholarships for next year. Scholarships include all cost of school, except books and shop fees.

Currently EC has four prospects for forward, and three for guard. "We need a good ball handler at guard," stated Clark. Hopefully David Farris of Morton will fill the gap. Farris is undecided as whether or not to except EC's offer. So, this is directed to David Farris.

EC needs you. Your talent could possibly help produce a winning team for EC next year. Consider your importance to EC before signing with anyone else. If you do choose EC you won't be sorry.

When asked about the problem of recruiting for the next year's Warriors Clark said, "Sometimes the one you almost didn't take is a starter, and the one you expected a lot from doesn't play much." Clark added, "We will have to play a lot of freshmen next year. . . and that's rough."

EC has proved its potential at basketballing in the past. The Warriors can produce a winning team next year and have a good chance to do so.

Student support will be important. Hopefully support will be even better next year. The rest is up to the team. Go, Warriors!

Health, Physical Education Department Offers Numerous, Varied Programs For Students

By LUCY YOUNG
Tom-Tom Staff Writer

Faculty that compose the health and physical education department at East Central Junior College are: Miss Lucille Wood — Chairman — Physical education A.A., ECJC; B. S., M.A., University of Southern Mississippi further work, University of Mississippi, University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University, East Central Junior College since 1956; Kenneth Pouncey, Physical education, A.A., Jones Junior College; B.S., University of Southern Mississippi; M. Ed., Livingston University, ECJC, since 1966; Willie Coats, Physical education, B.S., University of Southern Mississippi, ECJC since 1970; Mrs. Ruth Hull, Health, First Aid B.S., Mississippi State College for Women; M.S., and further work, Mississippi State University; University of Southern Mississippi, ECJC since 1955.

Courses Offered

Health and Physical education courses offered at East Central Junior College include the following: Hygiene. The objective of this course is to improve the individual habits and attitudes of students. Through knowledge of anatomy and physiology and through practice of hygiene, the student can develop a set of health habits for life. The laboratory work is "daily living". This class meets three times per week.

First Aid. This course will provide instruction in the methods prescribed in the American Red Cross standard and advanced courses, to include the prevention of accidents and the proper care of the sick and injured. Hygiene 103 is highly recommended as a prerequisite. This class meets two times per week.

Introduction to Physical Education. A survey of the history, objectives, methods, and opportunities in the fields of health, physical education and recreation. Particularly suitable for teacher training of those students majoring in and planning to teach Physical Education. 3 hours. Three class meetings per week.

Physical Education, 111 - 211 — Activity for Freshmen. The course will consist of Conditioning and team sports. The team sports for women include volleyball, basketball, dance and softball.

The team sports for men include touch football, volleyball, basketball, and softball.

The Physical Education program for 1971-72 will include the following activities offered to Physical Education majors:

P.E. Majors Men — Freshman year — 1. Touch football. 2. Volleyball. 3. Basketball. 4. Softball.

P.E. Majors Girls — Freshman Year — 1. Volleyball. 2. Basketball. 3. Dance. 4. Softball.

The 1971-72 Physical Education program will also offer the following courses to physical education majors: Freshman year — Hygiene, First Aid; Sophomore year — Introduction to P.E., Recreational leadership.

All P.E. Activity courses, health, first aid, introduction to P.E., and Recreational leadership, will be taught in the new Physical Education building. This building is air conditioned and is a tremendous asset to the department of Physical Education.

Intramural Program For Women

The intramural program at EC is designed for all women students to participate. Officers and team captains are elected by popular vote.

Officers and team captains for 1970-71 are Debbie Harvey president; Wanda Blackwell, vice-president. Lynda Truesdale, secretary. Team captains are Lucy Young, Debbie Harvey, Wanda Blackwell, Cindy Cornelius, and Glenda Watson.

Each team captain selects her team and leads them in volleyball, basketball, and badminton intramurals. Records are kept and points are awarded to each team that wins a contest. At the end of the year the team that has compiled the best record is recognized on awards day. Each member of the winning team and team captain will receive a trophy.

Wanda Blackwell's team was overall winner for 1971. Wanda will be presented with the outstanding team captain trophy. Members of Blackwell's team to receive awards are: Jackie Blount, Kathy Lindsey, Sharon Wilkins, Betty York, Betty Sockey, and Beth Mapp.

The volleyball tournament that was held this year was won by Cindy Cornelius's team. Sarah Bingham was chosen as Most Outstanding player.

Winners of the track, basketball, and badminton intramurals are 50 yard dash — (1) Debbie Harvey, (2) Judy Crain; Standing high jump — (1) Debbie Harvey, (2) Kathy Lindsey; Shuttle run (1) Judy Crain, (2) Nancy Wall; Badminton doubles (1) Wanda Blackwell and Kathy Lindsey, (2) Debbie Harvey and Judy Crain; Badminton singles (1) Wanda Blackwell, (2) Debbie Harvey; Basketball golf (1) Betty Nester, (2) Lucy Young; Free throw shooting (1) Sandy Donald, (2) Martha Pace; Basketball "21" (1) Betty Nester, (2) Linda Truesdale; Standing long jump (1) Debbie Harvey (2) Kathy Lindsey; Baseball throw (1) Lucy Young, (2) Judy Winstead.

Extramural Volleyball

Members of the extramural team for 1971 are, Debbie Harvey, Lucy Young, Wanda Blackwell, Glenda Watson, Betty York, Betty Sockey, Cindy Cornelius, Lynda Truesdale, Susan Shoemaker, and Pam Bray. The extramural volleyball team participated in the state tournament at Gulf Coast Junior College.

Extramural Basketball

Members of the extramural basketball team are Debbie Harvey, Betty Nester, Judy Crain, Glenda

Watson, Martha Pace, Kathy Anthony, Lynda Truesdale, Sandy Donald, Wanda Blackwell, Lucy Young and Susan Shoemaker.

The ECJC basketball team won third in the Mississippi Junior College Tournament. Debbie Harvey and Betty Nester were chosen to the All-State team. Debbie Harvey was also nominated by her fellow teammates to receive the outstanding player award.

The ECJC tennis team has had an outstanding season this year. Players include: First doubles, Lucy Young and Wanda Blackwell. These girls were undefeated for the season. Second doubles, Glenda Watson and Jackie Blount, alternate, Lynda Truesdale. First singles, Gail George. Second singles, Debbie Harvey.

Each year the National Youth Fitness tests are given to Freshmen girls in physical education classes. The girls are tested on the following items and awards are presented to those scoring in the 50th percentile of 70th percentile: Set-ups, pull-ups, standing high jump, shuttle run, 50-yard dash, softball throw, 300 yard walk and run.

This year freshmen who scored in the 50th and 70th percentile were — 50th percentile — Janis Bryan, Martha Garvin, Beth Richardson, Carol Crapps, Lena John, Marcella Savell, Margaret Yates, Betty Link, Vickie Sullivan, Kathy Anthony, Betty Nester, Joyce Dennis, Arnette Brigniac, Pam McAdory, Martha Pace.

70th Percentile — Kathy Lindsey, Judy Crain, Donna Kemp, Beth Mapp, Nancy Wall, Betty Lindsey, Sharon Powell.

Baseball Team Finishes Season With 4-7 Record

By CHARLES SCARBOROUGH
Tom-Tom Staff Writer

The East Central Warriors baseball team finished the season with a 4 and 7 record.

The Warriors ended the season on a downward surge, losing a double header to Perkinston. The final scores were 6-5 and 4-2. It should be noted, however, that Perkinston has not been defeated in two years.

"They out hit 9 of the 11 teams they faced," stated coach Tenny Coats. Coats is serving as assistant football coach and baseball coach during his first year at EC.

The teams 7 losses were due mainly to errors. By no means should the team be criticized. Rather, they should be praised for their efforts. Scholarships are not offered in the sport. Most of the team is comprised of football and basketball players.

One member of the team will possibly sign to play with a senior college.

Allen Harrison plans to try out for the Livingston State team. Livingston State appears to be very interested in Harrison.

When asked about Harrison's talents coach Coats replied, "He's a fine all around player."

The team managed to rack up a .287 batting average for the season.

This is above the usual .250 average of most teams.

Batting averages were well above the average mark for many of the Warriors.

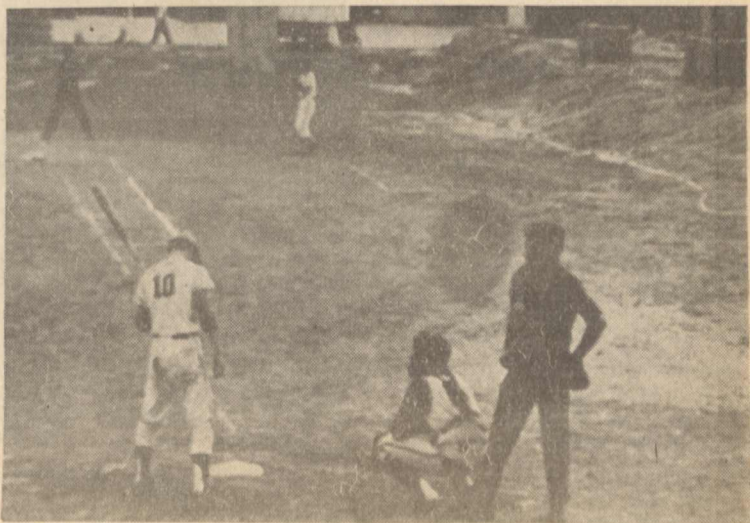
BATTING AVERAGES

Name	Av.	HR	T	D	A.B.
Williams	.354	3	2	1	31
Carter	.341	1	1	3	41
Lindsley	.333	0	0	0	18
Snowden	.317	0	2	2	41
Barham	.144	0	1	1	33
Harrison	.311	1	1	3	43
Gardner	.302	1	0	2	43
Bagley	.255	0	2	1	43
McDill	.187	0	0	0	16
McMullin	.181	1	0	0	11
TOTAL		7	9	13	324

Baseball is not EC's most outstanding sport. Still, the Warriors received a great deal of support during home games. The lack of facilities for the team and the spectators seemed to hinder the Warriors' support.

A new field is planned for next year. The field will be located behind the east side of the football field. Bleachers will be erected for the spectators. The field, now in the planning stages, hopefully will be completed in time for the baseball season next year.

With a new field and a new year will come, hopefully, a better season.



EAST CENTRAL Junior College Warriors exhibit their batting ability by outitting nine out of their eleven opponents.

Bright Spots

One way to save face is to keep the lower half shut.

If George Washington was alive today, he would be a very old nan.

A woman's mind is cleaner than a man's 'cause she changes it so much.

A man is incomplete until he's married and then he's finished.

Ramblings

by Cris Morgan
Executive Editor

Next year you won't have to go by Mr. Rives office to get a read-mit slip if the excuse is unexcused. This will eliminate much of his work as well as the bother caused the students.

Last week Dean Brackeen was in Paris, Texas, serving on an evaluation committee of Paris Junior College. The committee is from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Dr. Robert Mayo of Hinds Junior College is chairman of the nine-member committee.

East Central, East Mississippi, and Copiah-Lincoln junior colleges were awarded a \$100,000 grant under Title III. The amount of this \$100,000 that each college will get is to be determined later by negotiation between the colleges and HEW.

Title III is the name given the Developing Institutions Act. This program has been used here for curriculum and faculty improvement through further schooling.

Well, this is it. This issue of the paper winds up another year. It seems we have only gotten started good with the paper, and it's time to quit. I have really enjoyed serving as your editor this year. It has been a wonderful and new experience. I have learned much about EC and the people who have made it up this year serving in this capacity.

Home Economics Offers Varied Career Fields

A lot of people think that when someone majors in home economics, they are planning on getting married when they finish college, and being a model housewife. This is not necessarily so, though. A home economics major can go into any one of several fascinating fields.

Among the areas open are merchandising, dietetics, interior decorating, child development, fashion designing, demonstrating, institutional management, and equipment. A home economics major can get as far as an Associate of Science degree before going on to a senior college.

At East Central, training is available in family relations, budgeting, clothing, foods, personal health, and child development.

Mrs. Ruth Hull, instructor, is always willing to help students who are interested in this field.

Art Department Performs Many Useful Functions

The Art Department is an important part of East Central. Without it, who would spend all that time making decorations for special occasions such as dances, plays, and May Day?

If one looks in the Fine Arts Building, one will usually find a very good art exhibit on display. Sometimes, the work is by East Central students. Sometimes, it's by independent local artists. But always, the walls are graced by something sponsored by the art department.

All sophomores who major in art have their own individual art exhibits before they graduate. Not only that, but the art students go to several art exhibits each year outside of school to see the work of single artists, or to joint showings. This year, they attended the Mississippi Arts Festival.

Drawing and designing are offered for art majors or minors, as well as non-credit extra courses, for students who happen to be interested.

SEA Offers Varied Activities

By BILL GALLOWAY
Staff Writer

For the beginning student at East Central who is majoring in the education field, the Student Education Association, SEA, is an organization that he would enjoy participating in.

SEA is a strongly organized club here on campus. It is sponsored by Mrs. Alice Pouncey, psychology instructor, who holds a master's degree from Livingston University in secondary education. Mrs. Pouncey has worked diligently all year to make this organization a success.

The purpose of SEA is to develop among East Central students, who are preparing to be teachers, an understanding of the teaching profession, through participation in the work of local state and national education associations.

Each student strives all year in these fields to work toward a "Certificate of Active Membership", which is awarded to the hardest working students at the end of the school year. These certificates are recognitions of achievement in developing professional skills, leadership ability, and comprehension of the history and ethics of the united teaching profession by the students. Each student who receives one of these awards must also have excellent attendance, participation in programs, projects, and committee

work and he must also have initiative. This year, students who received these certificates were Melinda Stewart, Susan Shoemaker, Wanda Comans, Wanda Duke, Lucy Duke, Lucy Young, Debbie Pearson, and Mark Hatcher.

Each year, the SEA Convention is held in Jackson prior to the close of school. At this convention, delegates from SEA chapters throughout the state meet to hear speakers in the educational field and to elect state officers for the oncoming year. This year, East Central brought back a position in the State MEA. Wanda was unopposed in the election.

The SEA awards at the close of school, trophies to students who have excelled in working in the elementary and secondary levels of education. These trophies were presented May 4, at the final assembly. The people who received these awards are selected by their fellow SEA members. This year, Wanda Duke won the elementary award and Mark Hatcher won the secondary education award.

This organization accomplishes much in the further development of the future teachers of America. Any person preparing to teach in any field of education may join the ECJC chapter and derive the benefits afforded by this curriculum club.

Physical Science Proves Wide Interesting Field

By JAMES ETHREDGE
Staff Writer

If one's interests are in physical science, East Central offers physical science survey, physics I, II, and III, technical Physics I and II and network theory.

Physical science survey is a terminal course to increase a student's interests and vocabulary in science. It deals with weather science, earth science, astronomy, physics and chemistry. It does not make an attempt to make a thorough analysis of laws and principles. It meets three lecture hours per week.

Physics I deals with the fundamental laws of mechanics, which includes weights and measures, and molecular physics. It meets two lecture hours and one two-hour lab a week and is designed for students desiring three hours in physics. Algebra and plane trigonometry are prerequisites.

Physics II meets the same number of meetings a week as Physics I. It is designed for pre-engineering and science students. It deals with the fundamental laws of heat, sound and light. Physics I is a prerequisite.

Physics III is also for pre-engineering and science students, meeting two lecture hours and one two-hour lab per week. It deals with the fundamental laws of electricity, magnetism, and atomic structure. Physics I is a prerequisite.

Technical Physics I meets two lecture hours and two hours of lab per week. It is a study of fluid and classical mechanics with emphasis on application.

Technical Physics II is the study of the fundamental of heat, light, sound and electricity with emphasis of application. Technical Physics I is a prerequisite. It meets two lecture hours and two hours lab per week.

All of the preceding physical science courses are taught by Alford Deaton who received his B. S. and M. Ed. from Mississippi State University. Deaton has been teaching at East Central since 1968.

Network theory is not taught by an instructor at East Central but by one at the University of Mississippi via closed circuit television. This class meets one period, Monday through Friday. It teaches the fundamental theorems of network analysis and their applications.



Erma Barber—EC's Mother

"... for her price is far above rubies." She's a mother—a mother to hundreds of girls and boys, too.

A charming, warmhearted white-haired lady, Erma Lee Barber has been a mother to many hundreds of students during her 16 years at East Central Junior College.

"We've had some outstanding students to pass this way during my stay here. Many former students are known all over the world—students I've known and loved," Miss Barber said.

Time has steadily marched on. Students have come and gone. Changes have come with the passing of years.

"I remember when women students could not accept a ride with a male teacher even if caught in a rain storm. Students had to date on campus. In recent years, students have been given much more freedom. Young ladies are now allowed to wear pants to class—an unheard of thing only two years ago. Rules at East Central are as lenient and, in some cases, more lenient than rules at other junior colleges."

A talented woman and an appreciator of beauty, Miss Barber enjoys crocheting and needlework.

Her collection of African violets is to be admired and her ability to grow them is to be envied by any gardener.

A sympathetic and understanding person, Miss Barber is always willing to take time to sit down and discuss a problem with one of her girls—or one of her boys.

"I enjoy meeting the young men. I like to see who my girls are going out with just as their parents would."

Having no children of her own, Miss Barber loves the students as if they were her own. She worries when they worry; she is unhappy when they are unhappy. She has love and compassion for all her girls.

Many have passed this way during her 16 years as Dean of Women. All who have passed this way have gone away remembering the warm smile and the cheery greeting of this charming lady.

The mother of students—Erma Lee Barber—leaves ECJC at the close of this school year. With her go many wonderful memories. Her smiles and kind words will be missed. She will be remembered as the mother who gave her all to her students... "for her price is far above rubies."

Engineering Club Proves Rewarding Experience For ECJC Students

By CRIS MORGAN
Executive Editor

High school graduates in the past have found East Central exceptionally rewarding in the fields of engineering and drafting technology. One reason for this could very well be because East Central has a well organized engineer's club.

This club, Alpha Epsilon, became associated with the National Society of Professional Engineers in 1963. The East Central organization is called the Delta chapter. This chapter was the fourth in the nation and the first in Mississippi to become associated with the national organization. Since that time, the chapter has been very active.

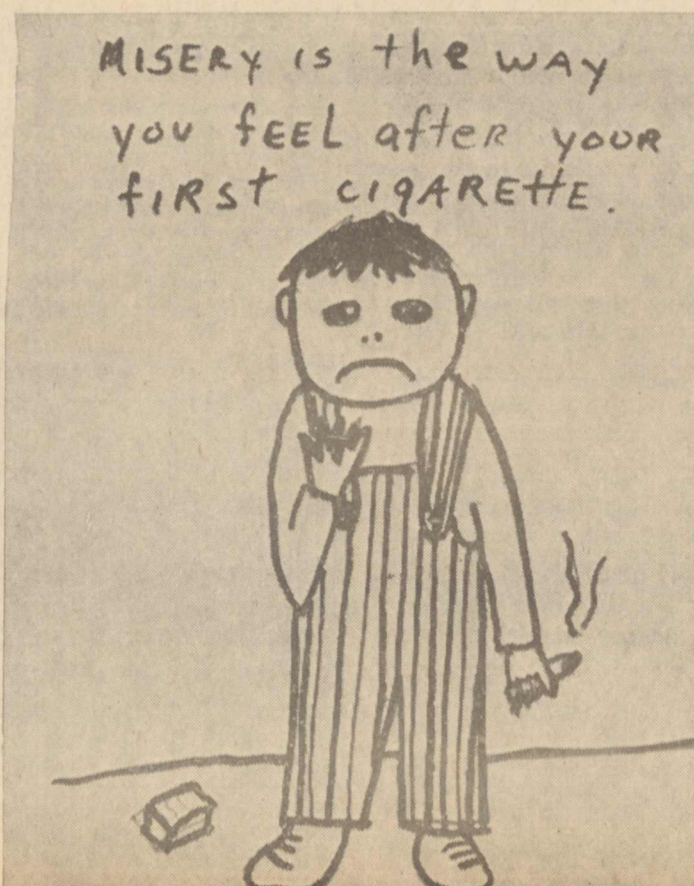
A transfer program from East Central to senior colleges is very practical since the curriculum at East Central is coordinated with the engineering departments at senior institutions.

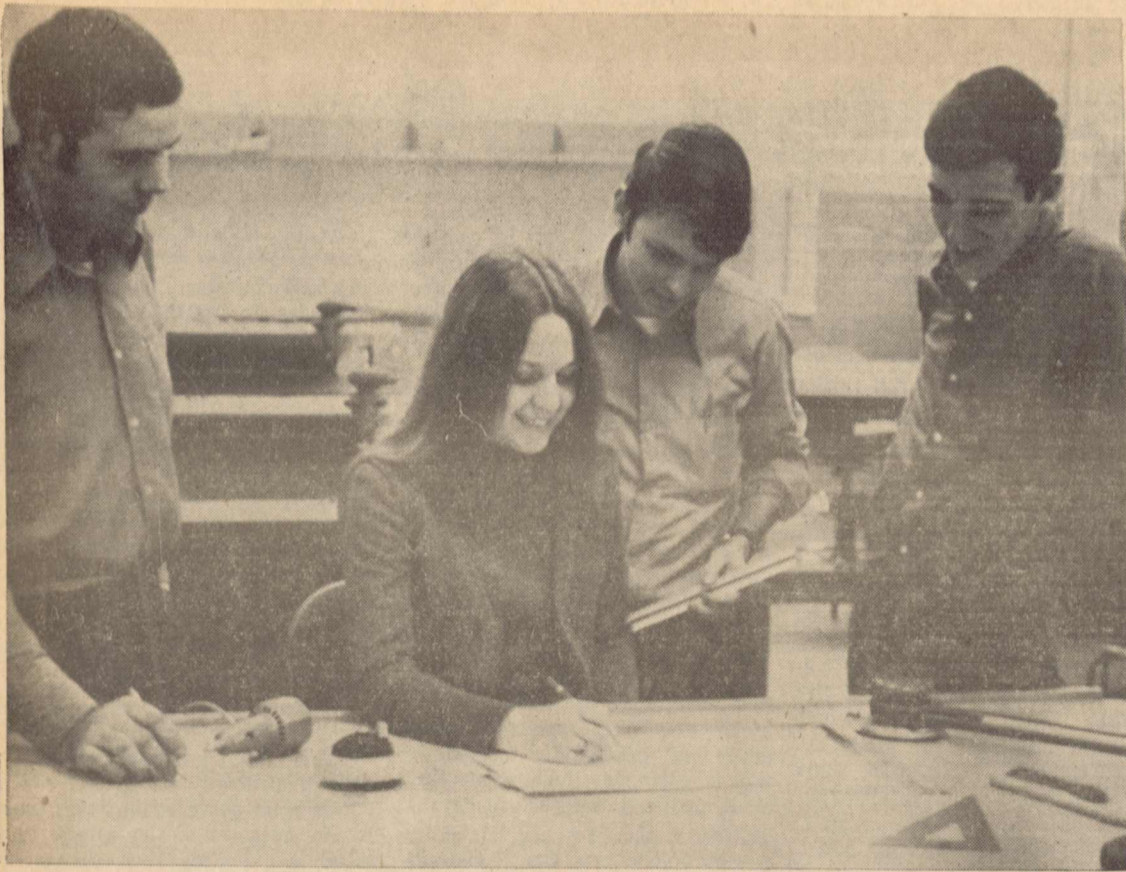
Each year a student from the organization is honored as an outstanding engineering student and is presented with the W. A. Coursey, Jr. Alumni Memorial Award. Looking back on the past recipients of this reward and their accomplishments revealed they are most outstanding. This year's recipient of

the award as outstanding Engineer at East Central is Jesse Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moore of Little Rock, Miss. He is a 1969 graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School.

The club is open to any students interested in any field of engineering or drafting technology. Dues are \$5 per year; \$2.50 is for national dues, \$1 goes for state dues, and \$1.50 is for local dues. These local dues usually go for expenses for speakers at regular meetings and field trips each year. In the past, these field trips have included trips to Mississippi Power Co. and South Central Bell Telephone Co. in Meridian, The Waterways Experiment in Vicksburg, and the club has attended two state meetings of the Mississippi Society of Professional Engineers. Through participation in this program, everlasting contacts with possible future employees are made. This is really one of the better results of the club.

Officers of the club for this past year were Chuck Hudson, President; Frankie Moore, Vice-president; Gary McDill, Secretary; Jesse Moore, Treasurer; and Terry McKinion, Reporter. Shelby Harris is sponsor of the club. He has held the position since 1963.





DRAFTING CLASS—Men and women students are both enrolled in drafting and design classes. Busy at work are Milton

Richardson, Betty Nester, Jimmy Hansford and Homer Burton

Burton Library Serves As Heart Of Campus Life

By BILLIE WATSON
Staff Writer

Burton Library is more than a "Quite Please" sign. It is more than a storehouse of books. It is the heart of East Central Junior College.

"I'm extremely proud of our Library, Dr. Charles V. Wright said, "We've tried to make it conducive to good study habits. It is, truly, a nice Library."

Until 1969, the Library was a drab, crowded building which housed classrooms. The floors were linoleum, and there were no draperies.

The transformation was effective. ECJC used its own money and labor to do most of the work. Additional funds to cover the \$5,915.00 for an expanse of turquoise carpeting and \$2,033.39 for the hundreds of yards of white pleated draperies were approved by the State Building Commission.

The Library committee is credited with decorating the library. At that time the library committee was composed of George Mason, Mrs. Ruth Hull, Mrs. Susie Barnett, Ovid Vickers, and Joseph Holliman.

Mrs. Ann Burkes is librarian. A native of Decatur, she graduated from ECJC and the University of Southern Mississippi. She holds a masters degree in Library Science.

A thoughtful person who has worked with students of all ages, she said, "I enjoy my work in the library because of the opportunities to help the students in their academic work. I enjoy contact with the students. I especially enjoy students of this age because while they are independent, they are also receptive to help when they need it."

The assistant librarian is Mrs. Susie Barnett. She graduated from the University of Alabama with a B. S. degree and has been at ECJC since 1966. Very dignified, she is also eager to be of help to the student when he needs it.

Mrs. Burkes and Mrs. Barnett are assisted by a number of student librarians.

The American Library Association sets 20,000 volumes as the ideal number for a college of this size. This library has 19,000 volumes, so it is approaching the ideal. Ninety-one periodicals from *Psychology Today* to *Redbook* and *Life* are taken in. "What we lack or need, we are looking for," Mrs. Burkes said.

Two daily newspapers are taken, along with the Sunday edition of the *New York Times* plus news weeklies from all counties that support ECJC. The library has a copy of all *Wo-He-Loes* and also a bound volume of all *Tom-Toms*. Soon there will be a handbook on library usage which will be available to all students.

Piped-in-music drowns out extra noise and puts the student in a

mood to study or relax in his free time.

"All the student has to do," said Mrs. Burkes, "is to come in. Everything is here just waiting to be used."

There is a periodical room and an audio-visual room. A copying machine is at the student's disposal.

A recent federal grant of \$9,760 will provide a supplementary education system within the Library and should be available in the Fall. The system will consist of an electronic listening division, study carrels with viewing screens, 16-millimeter projection equipment, and sign and chartmaking equipment.

Former Student Turns Author; Addresses Library Meeting

By BILLIE WATSON
Staff Writer

National Library Week was observed at East Central Junior College April 22 when Fred Ray Blocker, author of the recently published *So Late This Year*, spoke in the Fine Arts Center.

A native of Leake County, the guest writer talked mostly about his book—how he came to write it and how he got it published.

"I'm happy to be back on the campus of East Central. Although I attended other colleges in the state I consider East Central my only alma mater. I remember my days as a student under Miss Una Harris and Mrs. W. W. Newsome. EC is a unique college. It has something to offer the students of the state," he began.

Fiftyish, his salt and pepper hair gave him a distinguished look. His 20 years as a professor, however, influenced his appearance more than did his recently acquired status of writer. With a dark suit, he wore a bright green shirt and a blue and red-striped tie. His black dress shoes had been freshly shined.

He said he spent 19 years working on the Civil War story which he set in Edinburg.

"Everybody has a story to tell. Yours will be different from everybody else's and you should tell it. It only takes time and patience," he courted his audience.

During the question and answer session, he was asked by a student, "What do you find different today at EC from what it was when you attended as a student?"

"Well, there might have been three cars on the campus then," he replied. "It's wonderful to see the new buildings and expanded curriculum. I'm proud of it, I'm proud I'm an alumnus of ECJC."

The writer kept his arms folded across his chest or propped upon the speaker's stand. He held his black-framed glasses in his hand,

meter projection equipment, and sign and chartmaking equipment. Wireless headphones will be used by students who come to ECJC next year.

The ultra-modern Library is one of ECJC's most tremendous assets. It is a boon to students. It is getting better all the time.

Burton Library is named in honor of Miss Ethel Burton who served as Librarian for three decades. Her portrait hangs on a wall of the spacious structure. In a way, she is still watching over students of ECJC.

and turned them over as he spoke. He spoke slowly and his lifetime in East Central Mississippi was reflected in his speech patterns.

"To write," he said, "You have to give up something. You have good days and bad days." It was evident by the applause that Fred Ray Blocker's friends at ECJC hope his good days will outnumber his bad, that he will not have to give up too much and that *So Late This Year* will be a best-seller.

Ode To Neshoba Hall

by Gary Matthews

Alas, and every aged stone did fall
And pounding the earth seemed to recall
The memory of yesteryear and long past glories
Once standing amid heaven and several storied.
Man onward presses for progress' sake
Though the storied hall has reigned since '28.
Men have come and gone, lived and died;
While the Ancient Hall stood and sighed;
Beheld human tragedy and the glee of happiness,
Heart-rending sorrow, agony and bliss.
Man's spirit forever reaches toward the old
Even as some men grasp for earthly gold.
Bury her not beneath the humid soil
But let her proudly stand symbol of human toil.
The past never grows outdated or unwanted;
Hallowed halls of age never become haunted.
The Ancient never dies nor becomes tired,
But are ever younger and ever so admired.
But the words of one mind can but fail,
Spoken into space to no one's avail.
Deeds of one man can never save our sacred hall.
Lords of power will but ignore my humble call;
Scoff at it as the thoughts of only one mind;
Continuing in their weary way never to look behind.
The ruins of Neshoba lie upon the humid earth;
'Tis not the end, but the aged spirit's rebirth.
Through the sacred hall reach no more for starry sea
The spirit of Neshoba shall forever reign in memory.

Let's Save Neshoba Hall

Time marches on and every day more and more progress is being made to improve the restrictions placed on the lives of mankind. The results of both of the above named factors can be observed here on our campus. In 1928 our campus had very few buildings located on it. Today, after over forty years of progress, we now have over 20 on campus and many of these have been added in the last few years.

Next year, it is planned that one of our oldest buildings will exist no longer. Neshoba Hall is to be torn down this summer. This is being done in the name of progress. In the place of Neshoba Hall we are going to have a parking lot. Neshoba Hall was one of the first buildings to be erected on this campus. Behind this building stands our tradition here at EC. For years this building has been a landmark for our school. It links our campus of today to that of the past and helps to set a guide for

the future. When this building is torn down, part of our history will disappear for all time.

The reason for the condemning of this building is that it is supposedly unfit to live in. Even if this is true, it could be remodeled and given over to some other useful purpose. The building could be used for a historic museum, a co-educational recreation center, or a permanent coffee house. There are many useful purposes the building could be used for.

I would like to ask all the students of the five-county area to speak to your parents and others that you know who are interested in our school about saving Neshoba. Only by applying pressure on the Board of Trustees can we save Neshoba Hall.

There is nothing wrong with progress, but how are we to know how much progress is being made if we have nothing to remind us of the past.

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ACTION — ECJC Players act out a scene from a play.

ECJC Players Offer Experience In Theater

By JULIE SMITH
Staff Writer

The ECJC Players is an organization for those students who are interested in the theater and want to get practical experience in acting or backstage work. The sponsor of the Players is Bruce Peterson.

The Players annually present two plays. Last fall, a comedy was performed. Danny Dansby was the lead player in "The Man Who Came To Dinner." It was performed in Huff Memorial Auditorium, one night only.

The spring musical was as big a hit as ever. "South Pacific" a comedy about an island base during World War II and the GI's and army nurses who lived on it was beautifully performed. There was a full house for all four performances, and each night, the cast received a standing ovation, which seemed to indicate that the audience was well pleased with the fine job that was done. Several of the cast members from the Meridian Little Theater production of "South Pacific" were present for the second performance, and came backstage after the show.

Each year, the Players go to the Meridian Little Theater to see some of its plays. This year, they saw, "The Impossible Years", "Man of La Mancha", "South Pacific", and "The Lion in Winter". Usually a group goes to State to see some of their productions, but this year the Blackfriars came to East Central to perform "Cactus Flower" in Huff Memorial Auditorium.

This organization is not open only to actors, though, and it behooves me to mention some of the other capacities in which one may serve.

If art is your interest, you can help with the props. This is a necessary and very rewarding job, for people who are taking art and want to help with the productions.

There are other jobs, too, such as stage hands, who change props between scenes; the make-up crew,

who add those wrinkles, gray hair, and that beautiful tanned complexion when necessary; the costume girls, who make sure that everyone's costumes are in the right place at the right time; and the stage managers, who are perhaps the tireddest of all when it's all over with.

This year, awards were given to outstanding members of the casts of the ECJC Players' productions. Lucy Young received the Best Actress award for her role as Miss Preen in "The Man Who Came To Dinner". Best Actor went to Mark Hatcher, who played Burt Jefferson in "The Man Who Came To Dinner", and Billis in "South Pacific". Best Supporting Actress went to Sandra Measles, and Best Supporting Actor was Scottie Terrell.

Administrators Serve Students; Keep College Running Efficiently

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From time to time we hear complaints about the administration and how the way they run things. Actually, running the business of this many students is some kind of job, and the administration has been most effective in running it.

They have worked hard this year to make sure the students here got the things they had need of. Contrary to many students' opinion, the administrative staff keep their eyes open for ways to improve the college for the best interests of the students. After all, if they can't please the students, it would be useless for them to be here, since the school is here for the students.

Many are very wrong in assuming that the administration building is off-limits to the students. It is quite the contrary. If they cannot have some contact with the students, they have no way of knowing what changes need to be made. Neither do they remain in their offices all year long and only come out when there is judgment to be passed on some issue. Instead, they are involved in the issues themselves and know the problems as they arise. This is one of the main reasons why problem-solution here at East Central is a very quick process.

Perhaps the most familiar with the students from the administration is the Dean of Students. Dean Denver Brackeen has been most efficient in this capacity. He is at all times willing to deal with students and offer counseling if that is needed in order to solve the problem. He has tried to direct student activities in a manner that benefits the students. Working closely with Dean Brackeen in directing activities is the Student Body Association. This is a direct representation of the students, and, therefore the best means of bringing up problems facing the students.

Registrar, Frank Rives, is probably the next most familiar with the students. Over a year's time, all students have some kind of contact with his office. It seems that everyone has to have his services some time or another. As registrar, his main job is to take care of perhaps the biggest problem on campus. This problem, registration, is one that everyone faces and dreads. However, in the last year or so, the process has been greatly improved. Putting everyone in the correct curriculum and making sure they are enrolled in the right courses could develop into a major problem without his administration. Another thing he does is take care of the absences of the students. Actually, it is up to him as to whether an absence will be excused or unexcused. These are only two of his many jobs. Actually, he has

many more things that he does. He even does things like keeping Selective Service classification in order.

Another office is that of guidance. This department is headed by Raymond McMullan. Although this is very seldom spoken of, it is one of the more important of the departments. The purpose of this guidance work is to provide professional assistance to the students in deciding academic, vocational, and personal questions, especially as they involve their college life. Where this many students are gathered together, some place is needed where the students can go to get information. This office also helps to work out problems concerning academic procedure and selection of courses to suit a particular field. Counseling of a personal nature can and is done here also. Another job of the counselor is to help the students determine their interests and abilities through the use of standardized tests. The counselor also functions to establish a state of communication between high schools in the five-county area and the college. He also helps to establish a relationship between our college and senior institutions as far as the transferral of credits. The counselor also keeps files of information concerning job opportunities and open fields of work. All these jobs of the guidance counselor and the counseling the student may receive is part of the policy of this institution to develop the whole individual through methods additional to those of the classroom.

Academic Dean B. J. Tucker takes care of the administering of

academic policies and keeps check over the courses and the books used in these courses. This is necessary in order to make sure that the right textbook is being used for the course and to make sure the courses are accomplishing what it is intended they should do.

B. L. Griffin is the Business Manager of the college. It is his job to handle the financial part of the college. He has to keep track of where the money is going and also, where it is coming from. With the many activities going on on campus, he has to make sure the college is well backed with finances in order to keep it rolling.

The only remaining office is that of the President, Dr. Charles Wright. Actually, he does things that are little thought of and spends much of his time away on business trips in the interests of the college and education. Acting over the other departments on campus, he coordinates all activities and programs that are undertaken. It is his duty to see that the whole college is functioning properly and reaching the purpose outlined by the board and the offices of education. He must be ready at all times to give answers to all the many problems that arise, because that is where many of them end.

Yes, the administration has worked hard this year trying to make this a better East Central. Changes have been made but not merely for the sake of change. We have seen changes in the women's dress regulations as well as minor changes that have been desired by all. We have seen a physical change of East

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BSU Supports Many Activities

The Baptist Student Union has been very busy this year. Many activities, both on and off campus, have kept us really busy.

During the year, students enjoyed a daily period of worship and fellowship at the BSU Center. Many special guests have shared this occasion with the students from time to time.

There have been socials and recreation times. Special events such as the Christmas dinner and Caroling party—dinner with guests and BSU members have provided fun and enjoyment throughout the school year. The most meaningful occasion of the year was the Coffee House which was attended by a very large crowd. We felt it worth the effort when one student came to trust Jesus as a personal Savior as the result of the program there.

Another meaningful activity this year has been the opportunities the student groups had to lead in four week end revivals. There is not a preacher in the BSU, but the Lord used the student testi-

monies and singing for his glory. Several opportunities were also given to be in churches for one service. These were most meaningful also.

The BSU has attended conferences and conventions in Hattiesburg, New Orleans, and at Camp Garaywa. A fall retreat was held at Lake Tiak-O-Khata with a good group and a great experience. A group of students and the director will attend the nation-wide Student Evangelism Seminar in Louisville, Kentucky June 14-18.

Frankie Moore, BSU President, and the other officers have done a good job in leading the activities this year. Plans are being made for the summer and next fall. Officers will be elected in the fall of next year instead of in the spring of this year as is usually the plan.

This has been a very good year for East Central Baptist Student Union and we are very grateful for the effort put out by the students in making it so.

Gladys Bryant, Director

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