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The Warriorettes receive the trophy to signify that they are Number 1.

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# Evelyn Pierce captures 'Mame' lead

by Cindy Hamil

Evelyn Pierce captured the lead role in this year's musical production of "Mame".

The supporting roles include: Cheryl Gibbon who was cast as Vera, Mames' best friend. Julie Wright will play Agnes Gooch, an innocent girl who goes wild. Ken Hackman will play Beau, a wealthy southern plantation owner. Tammy Taylor will play young Patrick, an adventurous little boy

who captures Mames' heart. And Randy Adair will play older Patrick, a matured young man that has lived life but still has realistic values.

Other members of the cast include: Randy Trest as Ito, Craig Gordon as Mr. Babcock, Jody Tidwell as Junior Babcock, Charles Comans as Mr. Upson, Shron McGee as Mrs. Upson, Jamie Satcher as Lindsay.

Mother Burnside is to be played by Melodie Measells;

Sally Cato by Julie Goodwin; Cousin Fan by Rose McGee; Pagreen by Dink Hight.

The dancers in the cast are: Sherry Cater, Rita Gayle Smith, Debbie Wroten, Janet Shaw, Brenda Munn, Janet Goforth, Pam Rudolph, Richard Boswell, Marty Pace, Dan Webb, Todd Gregory, Charlie Cox, and Steve Massey.

The East Central Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Dykes will provide the music. This

year's orchestra includes: Angela Hardy on Flute; Lou Ann Harper, Lori Vance and Jackie Wilson on Clarinet; Renee Hollingsworth on Tenor Sax; Charles Burks on Mellophone; Jeanna Turner on Oboe; Stan Johnson, David Walker and Keith Moore on Trumpet; Geedie Simmons, Jeff Spears and Richard Golden on Trombone; Gary Rogers on Tuba; Scott Lewis and Cindy Brewer on Percussion; and Eddie Thorn on

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## High School to spend week on EC campus

During the week of March 5-9, approximately 1375 high school seniors from the five county region are expected to come to see the East Central campus and get an in-depth view into college life.

Each county has a specific day and time assigned that those students will visit EC. On Monday, Winston County will come at 9:30 and stay until 1:30. On Tuesday, Newton County will come and stay from 9:30 until 1:30. Leake County will come on Wednesday from 10:00 until 1:30. Scott County will stay from 9:30 until 1:30 on Thursday, and Neshoba County will end the

The high school sponsors will have a special luncheon with college officials while the seniors will eat a buffet lunch in the cafeteria with the college students. Afterwards, the students will divide into special career oriented groups and may talk with faculty members that they will work with as students here. This will give them some idea of just what to expect academically in college. The students then will have some free time to explore the campus on their own.

This new project will attract many more prospective students. Hopefully, this will become an annual event.

week on Friday from 9:00 until 2:00.

The schedule of events differs somewhat each day, but there are certain activities that will take place. There will be a registration period each morning to get information on each senior. There will be tours of the campus both in the morning and afternoon. An assembly will take place in the Fine Arts Building Auditorium in which each senior will get a better look at the extra-curricular activities offered and a look at the talent here. The Modeling Squad, Collegians, and Concert Choir will perform. A one act play will also be presented.



# Gully checkmates opponents in State chess championship

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Mike Gully brought another state championship home to East Central when he won the State Junior College Chess Championship at Hinds last week.

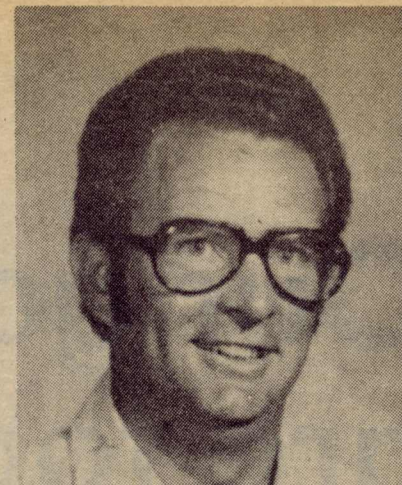
This was Mike's second year of competition in the state tourney, and he received a bye in the opening round. Eleven other competitors from junior colleges across the state participated.

The games were set up on a best two out of three series, but Mike won every game he played. Therefore, it took him only six games to capture the title.

Having participated in last year's tournament was an advantage, according to Mike. He was more settled compared to the nervous first-time competitors.

Mike has been playing chess for fifteen years. He became interested in the game while he was in the service. For the last three years, Mike has studied the game intensively.

Mike, a sophomore commuter



Mike Gully

from Philadelphia, has difficulty finding opponents off campus. Therefore, he practices by playing books. Chess books have diagrams of games with a set up of the winning and losing sides. Mike picks the winner's side and follows through on each play. But he is constantly analyzing what he would do in the situation. Practice has been a key to Mike's success.

## Spring concert

On Thursday evening, April 19, the band will present a spring concert in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Directed by James Dykes, this concert will be

divided into two parts, the first consisting of patriotic American tunes; the second will be a medley of songs taken from musicals previously performed here at East Central. Everyone is invited; admission is free.



## Band loses Mardi Gras chance

ECJC band students missed out on a trip to Mardi Gras after the police strike in New Orleans caused parades to be canceled. The band was to leave on Thursday, February 22, destined for their motel in Slidel, which is a town just outside of New Orleans. A short visit to French Quarters was planned for that afternoon.

That night the band was to

have marched in the five-mile "Knights of Momus" parade.

Friday would have been spent ice-skating and shopping in the mall in New Orleans and the six-mile "Crewe of Hermes" parade was to have been that night.

Saturday morning, tired, and broke, band students with aching feet were to have returned home, had the plans gone as scheduled.

## 200 attend band clinic

by Rose McGee

On the weekend of March 2 and 3, East Central held its third annual band clinic. Approximately 200 students from eleven bands out of the 16 in this public school district participated. Included in those eleven were: Carthage, Newton, Hickory, Beulah Hubbard, Sebastopol, Louisville, Choctaw Central, South Leake, Decatur, Morton, and Scott Central.

Registration began at 3:00 p.m., and try-outs for chair placement, judged by the district high school directors, followed. The students were put into one of two bands. Later that night the black and gold bands, directed by Gary Cook, who is the director at Warren Central and Tom Farachillo who directs at Meridian High School, held their first rehearsals. During this time the district directors were given a banquet in the Gordon Room.

Saturday's activities began at 8:30 and lasted until around 5:00 that afternoon. This time was occupied by more rehearsals, instrumental clinics, and finally, exchange concerts. Every student that participated received two free meals and a medal as reward for their efforts put forth in this clinic.

## Scholarship offers under consideration

Band Scholarships for the 1979 fall term are already being decided upon and several have already been awarded. Director James Dykes says that 75 slots have been made available and that the scholarships will be awarded in varying amounts, ranging from \$160 to \$260 per semester depending on high school participation in band and ability.

East Central students who were in band both semesters during the 1978-79 year will be given first preference to these scholarships. Those who participated first semester only will be considered secondly and high school seniors will be given third consideration.

Since several are already gone, anyone interested in receiving a band scholarship should contact Mr. Dykes soon, as the better amounts are limited. Try-outs for auxiliary groups will be announced at a later date.



# Concert choir at Festival

by Rose McGee

East Central's Concert Choir attended the annual State Choral Festival at Hinds Junior College in Raymond, MS. on March 2nd and 3rd.

Approximately 15 junior college choirs from all over the state met Friday afternoon for the first mass rehearsal under the direction of Dr. Larry Eismann, who is from Queen's College in New York City, and who is a renowned director throughout the nation. Friday night, our own pop-group, the Collegians, along with other junior college ensembles, gave a short performance of two songs. The group sang "I Only Have Eyes For You," and Tamara Sammons, backed by the group, sang "All the Time."

All that day mass rehearsals and individual choir performances were held. EC's concert, directed by Bob Heritage, consisted of "White Moon" by Jane Marshall and "How Excellent is Thy Name" by Warren Angell.

Saturday night "Springs in the Desert" by Jennings, "O Vos Omnes" by Vittoria, "Flower of Beauty" by Clements, "You Fill My Heart" by Brahms, "Who'll Be a Witness for my Lord" by Hairston, and "Times of Your Life" by Paul Anka were all presented in concert by the mass choir.

Students who attended were: Daniel Amis, Charles Burks, Wanda Chambers, Cindy Fulton, Lynda Fulton, Wandra Gardner, Cheryl Gibbon, Jeff Gibbs, Richard Golden, Sharron Goodman, Wayne Gordy, Ken Hackman, Angela Hardy, Lou Ann Harper, Mavis Harris, Dink Hight, Stan Johnson, Carleen Jones, Carol McFarland, Rose McGee, Shelia McNair, Melodie Measells, Sherri Miley, John Montgomery, Keith Moore, Myra Murrell, Melinda Parker, Evelyn Pierce, Barry Phillips, Patti Reed, Gary Rogers, Tammie Roland, Tamara Sammons, Jamie Satcher, Kim Seepe, Geedie Simmons, Keith Stewart, Ricky Tanksley, Tammy Taylor, Melissa Thompson, Natalie Thompson, Patricia Thornton, Lori Vance, Mickey Vance, Mary Wade, David Walker, Clayton Whitehead, Jackie Wilson, and Julie Wright.

## Charm Clinic



The ECJC Fashion Squad will sponsor a Charm Clinic for all junior high and high school girls and 4-H'ers on campus Tuesday, March 20th. The Clinic begins at 3:30 and will last until 4:30. Members of the Fashion Squad will be in charge of different categories such as: Make-up, accessories, hair styles, fashions, and walking and poise. All girls are urged to attend.

Mrs. Alice Pouncey, sponsor of the Fashion Squad commented, "I hope everyone that can will attend our Charm Clinic. There is no cost for admission and it is an opportunity that should be taken advantage of."

## Jackie Wilson is BSU President

by Rose McGee

Jackie Wilson was elected President of the BSU for 1979-80 at the Valentine Banquet held Feb. 12.

Sherri Miley presided as Mistress of Ceremonies at the gala activities. The BSU center was festively decorated with streamers, hearts, roses, and candles, with the theme song being

"Open Your Heart To . . ." Melissa Thompson began the evening by singing "If You Can't Believe in Love." Brother Merritt, pastor at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, then asked the blessing.

After a delicious meal of ham, baked potatoes, beans, salad, rolls, tea, and strawberry shortcake for dessert, a short business session was held to elect Jackie

Wilson as the new 1979 BSU president.

Mary Wade presented "The Greatest of These . . ." for special music and the guest speaker, Benny Cherry, a former EC student, sang and then suggested five things to "open your heart to . . .": 1) the less fortunate, 2) parents, 3) friends, 4) that special Valentine, and 5) God.

## Thirty-two initiates in Phi Theta Kappa

by Rose McGee

On Monday night, March 5, Phi Theta Kappa, the "good grades" club on campus, will initiate 32 new members at a banquet in the cafeteria. This is the largest group the club has ever welcomed.

Freshmen to be initiated must have met a 3.4 or greater academic average and Sophomores, a 3.3 average.

Those to be initiated are Randy Adair, Melaine Barrier, John Harold Bethune, Jr., Polly Ann Bounds, Cynthia Lee Brewer, Stan Clark, Nelda Evans, John David Griffin, Barbara Harris

and Gerald Hatch.

Others are Skippy Lathem, Rose McGee, Kevin Mark May, Susan Mihalic, Opal Annette Miller, Evelyn Pierce, Deborah Price, Cynthia Reynolds, and Pam Rudolph.

Also to be initiated are Theresa Dianne Russell, Shirley Sawyer, Kim Seepe, Rebecca Smith, David John Stradley, Robert Van Devender, Bryan E. Warren, Sherry Winstead and Cheryl Young.

Other initiates are Bobby Harralson, Joyce Guthrie, Janet Hardy and Rene Hollingsworth.

## Alpha Alpha Epsilon takes tour

Meridian Chapter of Engineering Society scheduled a tour of some industries in the Meridian area for Alpha Alpha Epsilon, the student engineering society here at East Central. Patrick R. Smith, program chairman, conducted the tour with the members: Andy McGee, Dewayne Chisolm, Robert Goldman and sponsor Dr. Shelby Harris.

The first plant the group attended was the Sewage Treatment Plant. Neil Carson, a former student of East Central and member of AAE, conducted the tour. The Delco-Remy Plant which is noted for automobile parts, was the next building the club toured with Tom Clark, production plant engineer. Howard Trawick showed the

students through the East Mississippi Power Association building. The South Central Bell tour was conducted by Jim Baker. The Engineering Corporation, consulting firm of Temple, Kemp, and Springer, talked to AAE about salaries, the need for engineering, and community projects provided by their organization.



# A Tribute To A Winner

Behind every winning there are good players. But when a team is victorious year after year with a constant turnover of players, a great deal of credit must go to the coach who can mold winners.

Miss Lucille Wood, Coach of the 1979 State Champion Warriorettes, is such a coach. For the last four years, East Central has advanced to the state tournaments. For the second time in four years, East Central has captured the victor's trophy.

Since basketball was begun on a limited basis in 1966, Miss Wood's teams have achieved a 141-61 record. Included in this record are four state championships and four trips to regional tournaments.

What is the secret of Miss Wood's consistent winning? Recruiting is surely one of the keys to that success. In the five county area in East Central's jurisdiction, there is some good girls' basketball and area players are introduced to the ECJC campus early in the junior high basketball camps. But that is true of many junior colleges. Miss Wood told a MERIDIAN STAR reporter about her recruiting: "I contact most players through their coaches. I don't knock down anybody's door. I try to see every team in the area play before the year is out, whether they have any prospects or not." Miss Wood uses only area girls. She sees what material is in her area and forms her teams around the players available. She doesn't bemoan the fact that there are few really big schools in the area or that she hasn't enough out of state players.

Miss Wood does not believe in being too emotional. In her interview with the MERIDIAN STAR, she pointed out that her Warriorettes "don't jump up and down and holler and carry on before a game like some of the other teams. We are calm, she says. "We know that there is a job to do and we do it."

This calm collectedness has carried the team through the season. The Warriorettes have had to come from behind in almost every game they have played. When a team is behind and keeps on plugging until they pull the game out--this shows good coaching.

Miss Woods keeps on helping her women to victory after they leave East Central. Today, four former East Central Warriorettes are on starting lineups of senior colleges. Diana Lyons, a senior at Southern, is the team's leading scorer. Pam Lee McCoy is another starter for Southern with a 15 point average. Evelyn "Snoopy" Bender and Jeanette Barnes are starters for Jackson State. Coaches from senior institutions know when they get a girl who has been coached by Miss Wood that she will be ready to play.

Miss Wood has won recognition for her coaching. Last year she served as coach of the first Junior College All-Star Game, and she was among the twenty-two finalist in the nation for Junior College Coach of the Year.

She deserves the sincere congratulation of every student and faculty member for bringing the 1979 Women's Basketball Championship home to East Central.

# Evelyn Pierce

by Rita Gayle Smith

Evelyn Pierce of Newton was crowned "Miss ECJC" in the annual beauty pageant. The four other girls chosen as beauties were Tamara Sammons, Pam Hatcher, Lisa Haralson, and Cheryl Gibbon. Kim Seep was voted Miss Congeniality by the other girls in the pageant.

The judges for this pageant were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Mayo, Mrs. Racheal Ezelle, Mrs. Clyde Muse, and Mr. Cy Williams.

The girls started the afternoon at 1:00 with an interview with the judges. These interviews lasted five minutes for each girl. The judges asked the girls questions all about themselves, their future plans, their activities at EC and even their ideas on political problems.

Immediately after the interviews, the Home Economics Club served the girls and judges refreshments in the Home Economics room. This tea helped the judges see how the girls fit into a social setting.

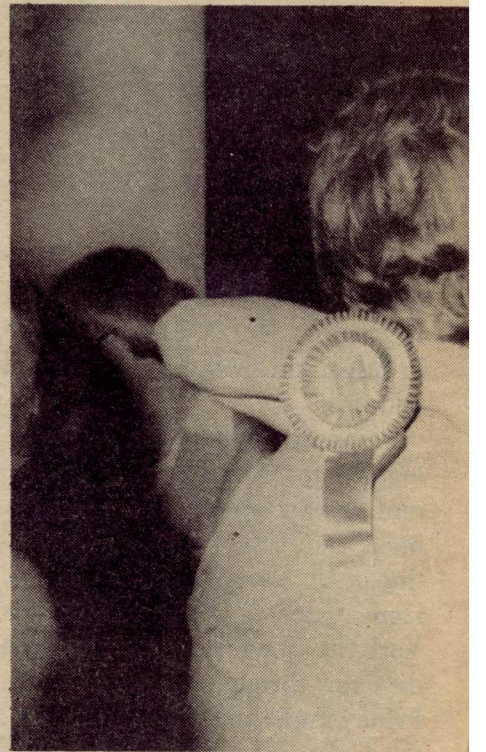
After the tea, the contestants changed into their swimming suits and modeled them for the judges at the Fine Arts Building.

The real pageant for the public started at 7:30 that night. Each girl had to do a talent that lasted no longer than three minutes. The contestants did a variety of talents. One of the talents done was an art display by Kim Seep. Janet Goforth did a dance routine to "You're the One That I Want". Julie Wright sang the popular song "Don't Cry Out Loud".

After the talents, each contestant came on stage modeling an evening gown. This was the final event of the competition.

Dink Hight, last year's "Miss ECJC", and Ronnie Hamrick, this year's "Most Handsome", presented the beauties with flowers. Dink also provided the audience with some entertainment by singing during the break in the pageant. Tammy Taylor and Barry Phillips also entertained with several popular songs. The Modeling Squad modeled between the periods of talent and evening gown.

Many people contributed their time and efforts in putting this pageant on and seeing that it ran smoothly. Mrs. Martha Graham was the coordinator of the pageant.



Evelyn Pierce, of Newton, gets hugs of congratulations after winning the title of "Miss ECJC".



Dressed as a clown, Julie Goodwin sings "Be a Clown."



# "Miss ECJC"



Dressed in a 1890's style, Cheryl Gibbon sings "Don't Rain on My Parade." Cheryl was selected as one of the beauties in the pageant.



Even though all of the girls could not be winners, everyone had a great time. From left: Janet Goforth, Debbie Kirk, Angela Hardy, Pam Hatcher, Sheila Whitten, Ann Hollingsworth, and Julie Wright.



All of the girls in the pageant tensely await the name of the next beauty. Front row: Pam Hatcher, Ann Hollingsworth, Julie Wright, Leisa Richardson, Dinah Fortune, and Lisa Haralson. Back row: Melody Measles, Rita Gayle Smith, Debbie Livingston, Teri Walton and Tamara Sammons.



Kim Seep, Miss Congeneality from Clinton, did an art display as her talent in the pageant.

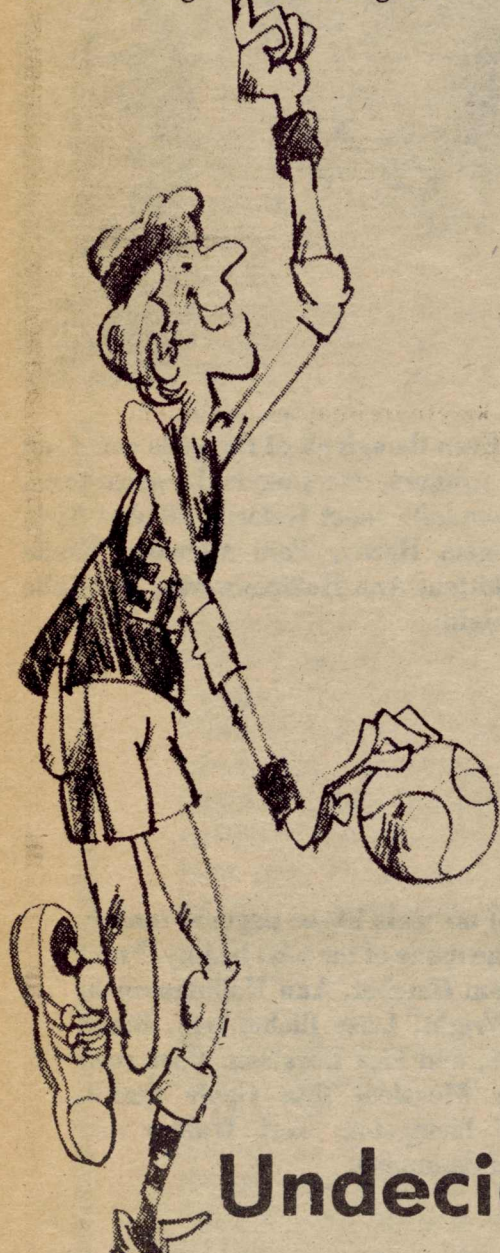


## Individual stats

# Hinds drops Warriors in playoffs

by Rita Gayle Smith

East Central boys' basketball team finished the season on February 12, by losing to Hinds Junior College in the first game



by Rita Gayle Smith

He shot for 602 total points for 24 games during the season. He received 506 rebounds. He had a 25 total point average. He's known nation-wide. Who else could this be except East Central's own Jimmy Duce?

This 6 foot, 8 inch basketball player comes from Chattahoochee, Florida. The weird thing about Jimmy is that he only played basketball in high school one year, in the 12th grade. When asked about this, Jim replied, "I was too short before the 12th grade. During my Junior year, I was only 5 feet and 9 inches tall." Jimmy explained that he grew 8 inches during the summer after his Junior year. Since he grew so much during that summer, he made the high school team his senior year and averaged 29 points per game.

Jimmy was asked why he came to East Central and he explained, "Coach Robinson called me one day and said that he needed a big

of the South State Play-offs.

All through the year, the Warriors worked hard, played hard and did a great job. The entire team worked together well and made all of the students and faculty at EC proud.

One outstanding player was Jimmy Duce from Chattahoochee, Florida. He played in all 24 games, had a total of 110 assists, got 506 rebounds, and 602 total points. His average of points per game was 25.

Gary Brazzle, from Neshoba Central, also participated in 24 games during the season. He had 42 assists, 137 rebounds, 238 total points, and a 9.9 point average per game.

Billy Joe Patrick, an outstanding player from Decatur, had 40 assists, 190 rebounds, and 415 total points. His total point average for the year was 17.2. He also participated in 24 games.

As a guard, from Leake Academy, Phil Shepard had 210 assists, 53 rebounds, 138 total points and a 6 point average. Because of an injury, Phil missed one game.

Gary Patrick participated in 22 games. While in those games, he had 65 assists, 54 rebounds, 151

total points, and 6.8 total point average.

While playing in 21 games, Ronald Townsend received 82 rebounds, 18 assists, 104 total points, and 4.9 points per game.

While shooting for 100 total points, Barry Upton played in 16 games. During these games, he also had 40 assists, 55 rebounds and a 6.2 total point average.

Darryl Hoskin shot for 17 points and a 1.3 total point average while playing in 13 games. He also had 2 assists and 6 rebounds.

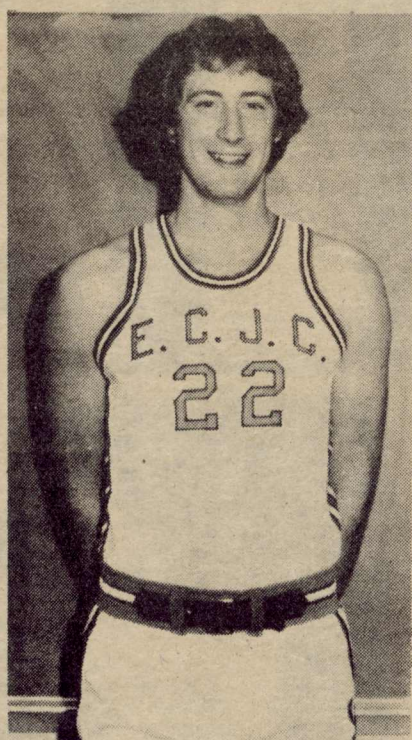
While playing in 13 games, Shelton Ricks shot for 50 points and a 3.3 total point average. He also received 50 rebounds and 3 assists.

Clayton Whitehead, a freshman from Newton County Academy, participated in 3 games. All through the year, Clayton helped keep the team's spirit up.

Ricky Stewart, a freshman from Mobile, Alabama, participated in 9 games. He was a real asset to the team, but he only got to play the first semester of the season. During this period, he received 15 assists, 83 rebounds, 145 total points and a 16.1 total point average.

## James Duce

# Undecided about next year



player. He had been told by Troy State University about me. He also coached my older brothers in high school and he remembered the name."

In his spare time, you can often see Jimmy in the student center

playing basketball. Even though he does no special conditioning on his own, he keeps in shape by playing games of basketball almost every day.

Since Jimmy is a sophomore at East Central, he will go on to a senior college next year. Already this year, scouts from places like Auburn, Ole Miss, Southern, Drake University, the University of Texas El Paso, University of Wisconsin, Harding College, Florida State University, Pepperdine University, and Birmingham Southern have watched Jimmy during games, talked to him about coming to their school, and even offered him scholarships.

As of right now, Jimmy is undecided where he will go next year. He stated, "I really like Auburn, but I'm not real sure."

Someday, Jimmy might like to coach basketball teams. No matter where he goes or what he does, the people at East Central will long remember him for his outstanding performance on and off the basketball court.

# Win and tie mark end of spring football workouts

by Rita Gayle Smith

Spring training for the East Central Warrior football team started January 29 and concluded February 28. During this time, they played two scrimmage games, winning one and tying the other.

In the first game, EC tied with Mississippi Delta Junior College. "The reason we tied was because we ran out of plays. On the tenth play, we were on the 10 yard line, but we didn't have any more plays, so we couldn't score," stated Coach Ken Pouncey.

Scrimmage games are not played like real football games. In the first part, each team received the ball for ten plays. The offense uses all of their plays to try to score, but when their ten plays are over, the other teams receives the ball, whether they score or not.

The second part of the game lasts 30 minutes and is played like a regular football game. The time is divided into two, fifteen minute quarters. The clock does not stop anytime during these two quarters, not even on a penalty.

"We played real good, especially our offense, who played extremely well. We kept the ball the entire 30 minutes of the second part of the game except for eight plays," explained Coach Pouncey, talking about the second scrimmage game on February 21, with Holmes Junior College. "We played better in this game than against Delta. Our defense did real good, also. We still need more practice and to sharpen up more," added Coach Pouncey.

In both of these games, only one player received injuries. Richard Roush injured his knee in the fourth play of the game with Delta. "I hope it is not serious, and he will be better soon," stated Coach Pouncey.

The team has been having

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# Karate class

David Fowler is the instructor of the weekly karate class. David advanced his students, both male and female, from the general exercise and the different stances to finally sparring. The class meets every Tuesday at 6:00 in the new gym. David's class started January 2, and is still open to beginners. The total membership has reached eighteen, and the price for lessons is \$10 a month.

David, who is a freshman at East Central holds a brown-belt in this masters of arts sport. David's hobbies other than karate are playing ping pong, chess, fixing 8-track tapes, and collecting almost anything. When asked was there any special accomplishment he wished to receive with his group, and how did he get started in karate, he replied, "I would like for my students to gain something they can take with them in their lives, and also would like for a student to participate in the State Karate Tournament on March 17." His response on how he got started in karate was, "I saw an advertisement in the paper where a man was starting a class in Carthage, so I signed up and have been in karate ever since.



Karate instructor, David Fowler, shows one of the karate techniques to students Richard Galewood, Virginia Thames, and Steve Mayatt.



Randy Trest puts on an exhibition while the class looks on.



Debbie Wrotten learns one of the steps while instructor, David Fowler, looks on. Others in the class are Randy Trest, Laurie Pearson and Bobbie Thames.



By beating Hinds 83 - 81...

# EC girls win Juco State title

by Rita Gayle Smith

From a 14-7 record, to a South-State Championship, all the way to a State Championship. That's what East Central girls' basketball team has done in the past couple of weeks.

First of all, EC hosted the South-State Tournament and defeated Utica the first night, 85-70. The next night EC downed Gulf Coast, 67-52. Saturday night's action found EC stunning Hinds Junior College 83-81, and winning the South State Championship.

Since EC won the championship and Hinds finished as the runner-up to South State, both teams advanced to the state finals, also held at EC.

In the first game of the State finals, Hinds played the North State Champs, Northwest, and East Central was pitted against the nationally ranked Coahoma.

The EC and Coahoma game was nip-and-tuck the entire way as both teams played excellent basketball. Both teams fought hard all night.

With 12:20 left in the first half, East Central led 16-15. The Lady Warriors then got fired up and pulled ahead of Coahoma 27-16. But then, Coahoma pulled back together and tied the score 47-47, at the half.

The Warriorettes came back the second half and raised the score 75-65, EC's favor. Like any good team, Coahoma never gave up and fought back to tie the score 83-83 with around 2 minutes left in the game.

A basket was made for EC by Jo Lynn Elkins and raised the score to 85-83, but then Coahoma shot for 2 and tied it 85-85 with 23 seconds left.

When EC got the ball again, Esther Thomas sank a 10-foot jump shot in the last 5 seconds and ended the game for EC with an upset victory over Coahoma, 87-85.

The leading scorers for the Warriorettes were Esther Thomas with 24 points, Charlene Jones with 22, Bobbie Collier with 16 and Joyce Watkins with 11.

The next night, EC was pitted against Northwest for the Mississippi Junior College Women's Basketball Championship.

The entire game was a hard fought battle for both teams. Northwest took the lead at first and stayed ahead almost all of

the time. Close to the end, the Warriorettes fought to catch up and held a 63-59 lead with 2 minutes of regulation time left.

With a couple of baskets from Northwest, the score was tied again at 63-63. East Central got the ball with 13 seconds left, shot for a basket, but missed.

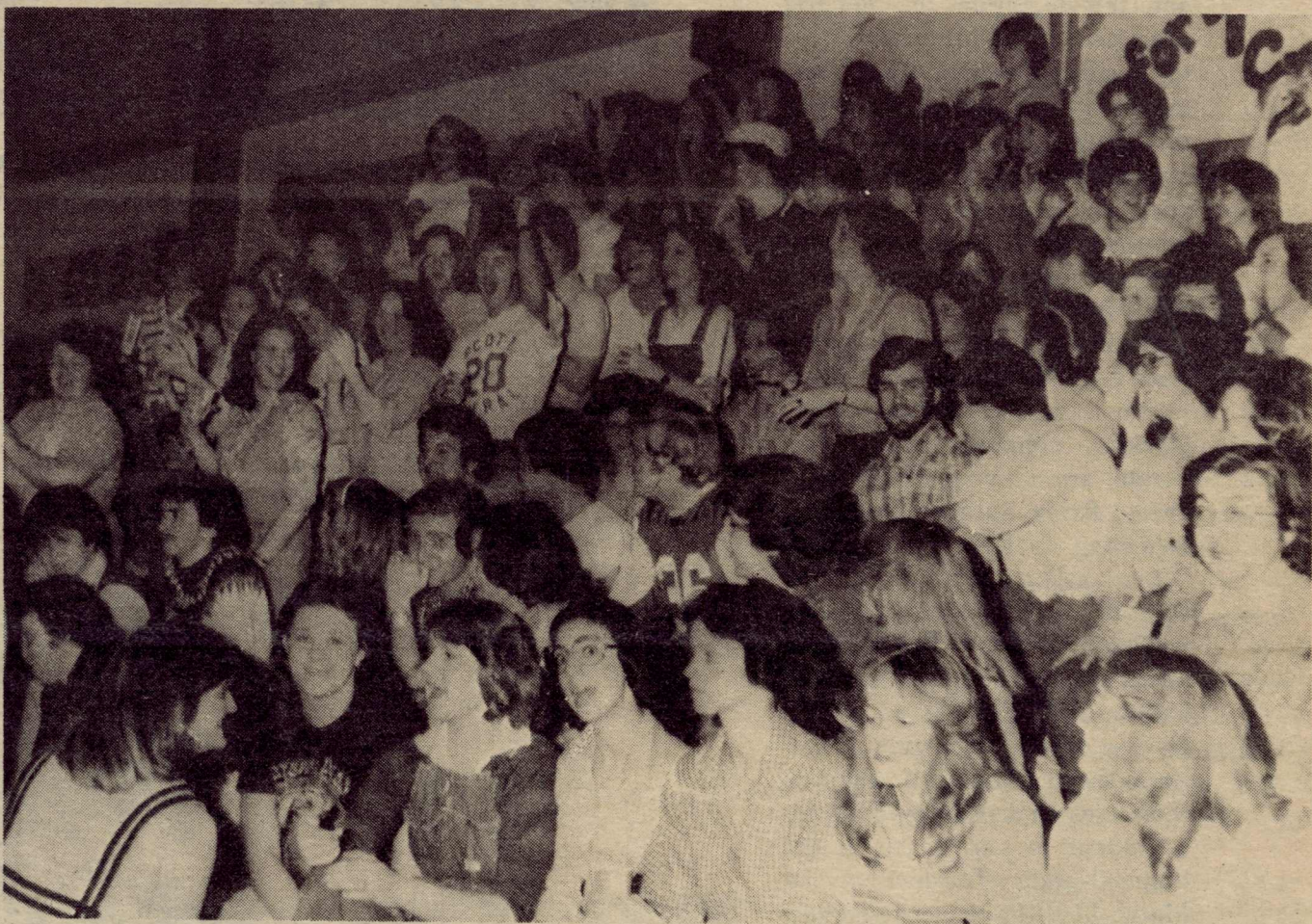
Everyone thought the game was over for EC when Judy Eddington shot a 25-footer for

Northwest with 5 seconds left, but the ball did not go in, so the time ran out with a tie.

When they went into overtime, East Central scored after only 3 seconds by a shot from Esther Thomas. Northwest came back and tied the score 65-65. Each team exchanged baskets, but then the Lady Warriors hit for six straight points to take a 73-67 lead. The game ended with East

Central winning the championship 79-71.

East Central was well represented with fans from all over the state. The gym was packed full of people cheering for one of the teams. The cheering crowd gave the EC girls an incentive to win. It's always easier to win when they know they have people behind them all the way.



East Central fans spent most of the game on their feet as the Warrioretts came from behind to capture the state championship.

## Spring Football

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practice about an hour and a half a day since January 29, but when spring training is over, they will return to their off-season program, except for the baseball players. This program includes lifting weights, agility drills and other exercises to keep them in shape.

Tryouts for scholarships for the team next year will be held on March first and second. A few high school players have already been practicing with the team. Three high school players participated in the scrimmage game.

Coach Pouncey hopes that all of the freshman players will return next year, but he will also depend on the incoming freshman to have as good a team as this year's.

## Cast of 'Mame'

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Guitar and Banjo.

Cindy Hamil and Allen Muse will serve as assistant directors.

Committee Chairmen have been set up to handle the "behind the scenes" activities. Martie Burton has been chosen as production assistant; Debbie Wroten, secretary to the director; Sylvia Hodges, stage manager and Janet Shaw will serve as her assistant. Shelia Whitten, props chairman; Claude Massey, set crew chairman and as his crew are: Kirk Blocker, Charles Parker, Delvin Jones and Steve Myatt. Costumes chairman is Shelia Breedlove; make-up, Dink Hight; lights, Barry Upton, assisted by Wesley Collins. In charge of tickets is Angela Hardy. House

Manager is Cindy Reynolds. Rita Gayle Smith is in charge of Publicity.

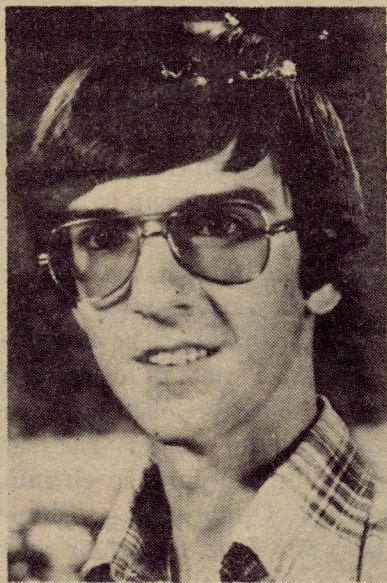
Many other students are needed to fill these committees backstage. If you are interested in working please get in touch with Mr. Peterson.

The opening will be April 9 and will go through April 13. Students are urged to acquire tickets as soon as they go on sale to be assured a seat. The tickets will go on sale two weeks prior to the opening of the Musical in the business office. Students will be admitted free with a ticket and non-East Central Students will be charged three dollars for admission.



Cleveland & Richardson

## Hall of Fame taps two new members



RANDY RICHARDSON



BOBBY CLEVELAND

Bobby Cleveland and Randy Richardson have been named to the Hall of Fame for this school year. This is one of the highest honors that is awarded to an East Central sophomore.

Selection is made on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership, participation in extra-curricular activities, contribution to the school and anticipation of future usefulness.

While at East Central, Bobby has maintained a 4-point average. He is majoring in Drafting and Design and plans to begin work immediately after graduation. Bobby is president of Phi Theta Kappa and is an active member of the VICA Club where he has won many honors. Bobby, who is from Newton, was named to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

This year he represented the Drafting Department in the Mississippi VICA Skill Olympics as a contestant in Architectural Drafting, and he also competed in the

opening and closing ceremony as a student advisor. His team placed first in the state and will go to Atlanta this summer to compete for national honors.

Randy Richardson, from Union, also has a 4-point average for his work here. He received the freshman Chemistry Award and the F.E. Leatherwood Award for Medical Services Scholarship. He is active in the French Club, which he serves as reporter. He was selected to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

Randy is regional president of Phi Theta Kappa and was named one of the outstanding Phi Theta Kappa Members in the nation. This award was presented to four Phi Theta Kappa members at the recent national convention.

The Hall of Fame is fortunate, this year to have two outstanding young men who have won local, state, and national honors. Their pictures will hang in the foyer of the auditorium.

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## EC VICA Club wins in State Skill Olympics

The East Central Junior College VICA Club (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) participated in the Mississippi VICA Skill Olympics and Leadership Conference held at Hinds Junior College and Jackson Career Development Center. Our students competed against students from other junior colleges in Mississippi.

Students representing East Central were: Dianne Nelson and Thelma Snowden in Cosmetology, Bobby Cleveland, Jerry Hatch and Gary Akins in Drafting, Jeff Worrell and Junior Robinson in Masonry, Mike Faulkner in Cabinet Making, Richard McCaughn in Electricity, Don Ingram in Body and Fender, and Billy Ray Patrick in Radio & T.V. The opening and closing team was composed of Mike Childress, Peggy Culwell, Chris Crapps, Barbara McCary, George Parker, Bobby Cleveland, and Dudley Winstead.

First place winners were: Don Ingram in Body and Fender Repair, and the opening and

closing team. These students will represent Mississippi at the National VICA Skill Olympics and Leadership Conference this summer in Atlanta, Georgia, competing against first place

winners from other states.

Mike Faulkner of Cabinet Making, and Jeff Worrell and Junior Robinson of Masonry placed second. Richard McCaughn of Electricity placed

third. Jerry Hatch, Drafting, will attend the National Convention representing Mississippi as a state officer. Jerry served as State Reporter. Mrs. Shirley Hurt, and Mr. Al Bailey are Club advisors.



Representing the VICA Club in Jackson were: (1st row) Peggy Culwell, Chris Crapps, Barbara McCary, Mrs. Shirley Hurt; (2nd row) Al Bailey, Junior Robinson, Richard McCaughn, George Parker, Mike Childress; (3rd row) Mr. Shoemaker, Don Ingram, Jeff Worrell, Mike Faulkner, Dudley Winstead, and Bobby Cleveland.





*Susan Mihalic of Union has been named as the Editor of **THE TOM-TOM** for the 1979-1980 school year. Rose Magee will assist her.*

## EC's Collegians will begin Fla. tour in May

The E.C.J.C. Collegians are planning a Florida tour to begin after graduation in May. Tentative plans have been made for the week of May 26 through June 2, in which the group will perform their sacred concert at numerous churches and their pop concert numbers at other places such as Walt Disney World.

A few definite plans have been made. Departure time will be Saturday, May 26, early that morning. Saturday night will be spent in Destin, Fla. where the group will have some time to enjoy themselves before the actual work begins. Some concerts are already confirmed such as the sacred ones to be held on May 28 at Crestview Baptist Church in Lakeland, and on May 30 at the First Baptist Church of Fernandino Beach. One definite

concert of pop numbers will be held on the Fantasy Fair stage at Walt Disney World on May 29. There is also a possibility of a concert to be held on the grounds of the state capital at Tallahassee and at a retirement home.

Thursday and Friday are tentatively scheduled as days of leisure in the Florida sun for the Collegians. The group will return to Decatur on June 2.

The Collegians have been working in various ways to earn money for this tour. So far, they have sold a variety of foods at the Newton County Courthouse and in the Student Center. They are now selling all-purpose cleaning products. Other project "hopefuls" are a La-Z-Boy chair raffle and a walk-a-thon. Dates for these projects will be determined at a later date.

## Mrs. Simmons retires after 21 years

Mrs. Alyne Simmons, a member of the English faculty at East Central for 21 years, will retire at the end of this school year. She will be missed by both faculty and students alike.

Mrs. Simmons has big plans for her retirement. She wants to spend more time with her two daughters and her three grandchildren. She also plans to spend time with her brothers and sisters who live in Laurel. Also, in her usual unselfish way, she plans to get more involved in her church and to spend time visiting shut-ins. Mrs. Simmons is concerned about the fact that so much Christian activity is confined to the four walls of the Church and not enough activity takes place in reaching out to those in need.

Caring for other people has characterized Mrs. Simmons' teaching career. She cares whether her students learn or not, and she cares about her students as individuals. For example, she cares enough to write to a former student who is in prison. She cares enough to read the poetry of a student who graduated years ago.

Mrs. Simmons is always ready to share both her wit and wisdom with those encounters. Whether she is calling a student "Sweet-

pea" as she registers for class or whether she is telling a dejected faculty member, "Life has loveliness to sell," Mrs. Simmons always has a word for everyone.

It is impossible to talk about Mrs. Simmons without mentioning her devotion to God. This devotion permeates everything she does. Proverbs 31's description of a virtuous woman aptly fits her: "She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness . . . Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised . . . Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

The works of Mrs. Simmons are the hundreds of students who have passed through her classes. The TOM-TOM would like to share the praise of those students who have had the honor to know and love Mrs. Simmons:

Mrs. Simmons is a fine teacher and a fine person. The one quality that I think of first is her ability to praise work as well as criticize it. That very thing helped to build my confidence and enable me to become a better writer. To me, that makes Mrs. Simmons a fine teacher. I know East Central will miss her after

her retirement.

**Miriam Mars**

The most admirable trait of Mrs. Simmons is her love of God and her willingness to pass Him on to her students.

**Bryan Weaver**

As an English teacher, Mrs. Simmons knows her "stuff". She keeps the class alive with her interest. Her classes are a challenge, and Mrs. Simmons has made English Composition bearable for me. As a person, Mrs. Simmons is a tender, beautiful woman. Her compassion and insights to life continue to amaze me each day. She has inspired me to be more optimistic in everything I attempt.

**Renee Hollingsworth**

Mrs. Simmons is the type of person who believes in you. She believes you can do anything if you put your mind to it. But the thing that impresses me the most is her strong belief in God.

**Debbie Easterling**

Mrs. Simmons is a beautiful person who gave practically all of her life for the good of others. She always was concerned and ready to help under any condition. The Christian example she exemplifies is inspiring and educational as well.

**Steve Massey**

Mrs. Alyne Simmons is an ideal teacher and is dearly loved by her students. She strives to instill in EC students the ability to think and to be themselves. Not only is Mrs. Simmons a fine Christian, but she also displays the characteristics of an excellent American citizen. Mrs. Simmons is truly an All-American Woman.

**Craig Gordon**

When I think about Mrs. Simmons, what comes to mind is this. On Monday she is the sunshine. On Wednesday is the rain (to make you grow). But on Friday she is the joy.

**Fannie Hughes**

Mrs. Simmons has been many things to me. She was a reading teacher who helped me to sharpen my skills in a way that made undergraduate and graduate school easier because I knew how to read. She has been an encouraging fellow teacher who shares my belief that English Composition is **composition** and the only way to learn to write is to **write**. But above all, she has been a fellow Christian in whose life I have seen Christ, and she has made me want to be more like him.

**Carrie Haddock Alford**  
Class of '62



# '79 GRADUATES

## Certificates Intensive Business

Cynthia Ann Craig, Alicia Grace Flowers, Emily Ruth Fulcher, Donna Lynn Gibbs, Donna McCoy Gray, Peggy Ann Haralson, Theresa Lynda Lewis, Martha Lee McWhorter, Deidra Lynne Minter, Pamela Jane B. Moore, Deborah Price, Jana K. Vines, Sandra Walker, Karren Marie Wall, Tammy Marie Weaver, Janet Lynne Wilson.

## Graduation List 1979

### Vocational

Oscar L. Anderson, Mark Howard Bishop, Sheila Gail Chaney, Jerry Carter, Irvin Evans, Cooper C. Fairchild, Purvis James Hall, James Harris, Jr., Lawrence Hathorn, Doyle Herrington, Reginald Hodges, Donald Rex Ingram, Carl Duran Jenkins, Johnny Lee Johnson, Jimmy Lee Lewis, Robert Dale McDill, Betty Dianne Nelson, Bobby R. Parker, Billy Ray Patrick, Michael E. Richardson, Paul Shannon, Rodney E. Street, Abraham Townsend, Matt Joseph Van Etten, Gregory Scott Warren, Carey Watkins, Jeffrey Allen Worrell, Johnny Worrell.

## Graduation List 1979

### Mid-Term Vocational

Byron Barnes, James T. Brown, Jr., Charles R. Cleveland, Paladin Deering, Larry J. Derick, David P. Duncan, Alexander Ealy, Jimmy L. Holifield, Linda Irby, Sammie Jean Jones, John Mark Kilpatrick, Barry N. McCoy, Thomas H. McCoy, Bruce D. Massey, Jerry L. Melton, Terri Lynn Mullins, Aubrey L. Robinson, William J. Smith, Shirley Rose Townsend, Josie E. Turbeville.

### Associate Degrees

Charlotte Annette Adams, Amy Burnside Allen, Linda Ann Anderson, Mary Ardaya, Dianne Ball, Sudie Kay Bassett, Telecia Gail Beckham, Hubert E. Blaine,

Mary Ruth Blocker, Teresa Gail Blocker, Steven R. Bozeman, Charlie Wells Brackeen, Martha Lynn Burton, Jimmy W. Butler, Patricia Jo Calvert, James David Carter, James Alfred Caskey, Lonnie Michael Chipley, Robert Dwayne Chisolm, Dudley Kent Clark, Bobby Glenn Cleveland, Sharon Denise Copeland, Melvin C. Cox, Vicki Renae Crowson, Jerry Glen Dearing, James Elton Duce, Cheryl Jones Duncan, James Ralph Edwards, Trannie Carolyn Evans, Terry Ann Foley, Cynthia Dianne Fulton, Wandralynese S. Gardner, Janet Lynn Goforth, Robert Eugene Goldman, Julia Ann Goodwin, James Willard Gray, John Todd Gregory, Leonard Michael Gully, Paulette Perritt Hall, Cynthia Denise Hamil, Wanda Robin Hamrick, Lisa Ann Haralson, Angela Renay Hardy, Lou Ann Harper, Cynthia Lynn Harris, Richard L. Harris, Lillie Ruth Harrison, Alec Gary Harthcock, Gerald L. Hatch, Colleen "Dink" Hight, Debra Higginbotham, Sylvia L. Hodges, Mildred Annette Hollingsworth.

Ligaya Horton, Bobby Ray Huddleston, Jr. Trecia Ann Hughes, Karen Elizabeth Hurst, Irma Dean Johnson, Michael David Jones, Kathy Elizabeth Keeton, Rodney Kelley, Sheila Ann Kelly, E. Denise Kemp, Margaret L. Kidd, Linda Anne Killen, Willis H. Kilpatrick, Jr., Pamela K. Kirby, John Bryant Lane, Deborah Gale Lang, Stephen D. Lee, Deborah Ann Livingston, Carla Jo Massey, Claud Earl Massey, Charles F. McDowell, Jean S. McElhenney, Carol Sue McFarland, Charletta Moore, Brenda Sue Munn, Myra Murrell, Allen K. Muse, Alice Lynn Myers, Cindy Lou Pennington, Barry Eugene Phillips, Cheryl Alicia Price, Patti Lynn Reed, Bonnie Marie Reeves, Mary Frances Reeves, Randy Kent Richardson, Pamela Sue Rogers, Beverly D. Sanders, Robert Joe Scoggin, Vernon Clay Scoggin, Janet Shaw, Joseph Ray Sheely, Joe Philip Shepard, Donna Jo Sinclair, James L. Smith, Rita Gayle Smith, Shane Smith, Sheldon Stevens, James R. Thompson, Natalie Ruth Thompson, Sheila Amanda Thrash, Sharon Lee Tingle, Eligha Triplett, David Wayne Turner, Barry Jones Upton, Dale Viverette, Mickey Wayne Vance, Mary Ellen Wade, Brenda Faye Wagner, Theresa Gayle Walton,

Stephen R. Watkins, Teresa Ann Warnock, Jerry Hilton White, Elizabeth Ann Williams, Roger Dale Williams, Pamela F. Winstead, Perry Glenn Winstead, Ann Shaw Yarbrough.

## Graduation is May 11

The ECJC graduation exercises for the 1978-79 school year has been set for Friday, May 11th, at 8 o'clock p.m. The graduation exercises will take place on the ECJC football field if the weather permits. If it is raining, the graduation exercises will take place in the Huff Memorial Auditorium.

Dr. Charles Holladay will be the guest speaker for the graduation exercises. Dr. Holladay is the State Superintendent of Education. Dr. Holladay received his Bachelor degree from Mississippi College. He received his Doctors degree from Ole Miss. Dr. Holladay is a native of Newton, Mississippi.

There are 120 candidates for Associate degrees and approximately 66 students that will receive certificates in the 1978-79 graduation exercises.

## Jack Wolverton will lead ECJC SBA next year

by Randy Trest

Kim Wolverton has been elected Student Body President of ECJC for the 1979-80 school year. Kim the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack K. Wolverton, is a pre-law major from Carthage.

The election, which was held April 10, won the office of Vice-President for John Harrison. John, a pre-dentistry major from Forest, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Harrison.

Susan Mihalic of Union was elected Secretary. Susan is the daughter of Mrs. Mike Mihalic, and is majoring in journalism and history.

Terry Fisher, in a run-off held April 12, was named Treasurer. Terry is from Chunchula, Alabama, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne C. Fisher. He is majoring in business administration.

## BSU Walk for Mission goal is \$1,500.00

"Walking for Missions" was the theme on April 23 when the BSU planned a 10 mile walk to raise money to support the 58 summer missionaries representing the Mississippi Baptist Student Union. This 58 includes two East Central students, Sheila Thrash and Mary Wade. The state goal for missions is \$50,000 and East Central's BSU's goal is \$1,500.

Many activities have been planned for the rest of the year. On April 30, the BSU will host the BSU from Clarke College to a fellowship. The choir has also been singing in the five county area, and several other dates have been set to sing in local churches.

The BSU has activities at 6:00 Monday through Thursday. Students are invited to join the worship and fellowship.





Just like the first ten....

# 'Mame' production was a success

by Rita Gayle Smith

The East Central Junior College Players presented the musical "Mame", Monday, April 9 through Friday, April 13.

Evelyn Pierce of Newton captured the lead role in the musical. She played the part of Mame.

The supporting roles included: Cheryl Gibbon of Hickory who was cast as "Vera", Mame's best friend. Julie Wright of Louisville played "Agnes Gooch", an innocent girl who goes wild. Ken Hackman of Decatur played "Beau", a wealthy southern plantation owner. Tammy Taylor of Morton played "Young Patrick", an adventurous little boy who captured Mame's heart. And Randy Adair of Union played older "Patrick", a matured young man had lived life but still had realistic values.

Other members of the cast included: Randy Trest as "Ito", Craig Gordon as "Mr. Babcock", Allen Muse as "Junior Babcock", Charles Comans as "Mr. Upson", Sharon McGee as "Mrs. Upson" and Jamie Satcher as "Lindsay".

"Mother Burnside" was played by Melodie Measells; "Sally Cato" by Julie Goodwin; "Cousin Fan" by Rose McGee; and "Pageen" by Dink Hight.

Two other divisions of the musical were the dancers and the chorus. The dancers were made up of Pam Rudolph, Brenda Munn, Rita Gayle Smith, Janet Goforth, Janet Shaw, Debbie Wroten, Sherry Cater, Dan Webb, Marty Pace, Charlie Cox, Todd Gregory, Richard Boswell, Steve Massey and Terry Fisher.

The people in the chorus were: Carleen Jones, Mary Wade, Carol McFarland, Melissa Thompson, Natalie Thompson, Sherri Miley, Rose McGee, Debra Jane Higginbotham, Patti Reed, Sharon Goodman, Ann Hollingsworth, Mike McDonald, Clayton Whitehead, Charles Parker, Clay Scoggins, Kim Wolverton, Gary Akins, Jamie Satcher, and Chuck McDowell.

The East Central Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. James Dykes, provided the music. This year's orchestra includes: Angela Hardy on flute; Lou Ann Harper, Lori Vance, and Jackie Wilson on clarinet; Renee Hollingsworth on tenor saxophone; Charles Burks on mellaphone; Jeanna Turner on oboe and English horn; Stan Johnson, David Walker, and

Keith Moore on trumpet; Geedie Simmons, Jeff Spears, and Richard Golden on trombone; Gary Rogers on tuba; and Scott Lewis and Cindy Brewer on percussion.

These people were the main cast for the musical. Even though they were very important, the people behind the scenes also helped make up the musical, too.

The director of "Mame" was Bruce Peterson, drama instructor at EC. Mr. Bob Heritage, music instructor, directed the music. Mr. Ovid Vickers, of the English Department, was the choreographer; Mrs. Marian Thornton, chairperson of the music division, was the piano accompanist.

the tickets. Danny Faulder was her assistant. They sold the tickets and saw that the seats were arranged in order and that the people got their tickets the night of the performances. Also helping them were David Fowler, Julie Goodwin, Martie Burton, Jamie Satcher, and Barry Upton.

The stage crew included Claude Massey, chairman, Delvin Jones, Kirk Blocker, Steve Myatt, Phil Shepard and Ronald Townsend. These men saw that the stage was arranged correctly for each scene.

Dink Hight was in charge of make-up the nights of the musical. Helping her were Sher-

musical and the intermission went smoothly. The Modeling Squad helped usher the nights of the musical.

And finally the stage managers, Sylvia Hodges and Janet Shaw were back stage during the entire musical, making sure that everyone was in their right place at the right time. Their helpers were Dananna Harrell and Donna Jo Sinclair.

All of these committees worked together behind-the-scenes to make sure that "Mame" went well through the entire week.

Everyone in the musical worked extremely hard since tryouts in February. Practice started the week after tryouts and continued till the play started.

The cast practiced every week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, except the week East Central was out for spring holidays.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays, the students practiced at 6:30 and on Wednesday at 3:30. These practices lasted from an hour to a couple of hours, according to the work that had to be done.

Even though the cast worked hard, the crew behind the scenes put forth a great deal of effort also. The director, Bruce Peterson, taught fundamentals of theatre class every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays for 50 minutes. During this time, each committee got together and planned things for the musical. Each person in this class was on a committee, or had a part in the play.

Even though every night of the musical week was important, the last night, Friday, April 13, was extra special. EC was celebrating its tenth anniversary of spring musicals and all participants in the previous productions were requested to attend.

The first musical for East Central was "Oklahoma" in 1970. This was followed by "South Pacific" in 1971, "Annie Get Your Gun" in 1972, "Hello Dolly" in 1973, "Camelot" in 1974, "My Fair Lady" in 1975, "Gypsy" in 1976, "Paint Your Wagon" in 1977, and "The Sound of Music" in 1978.

The performances of this year's musical, "Mame", was a sell-out every night. And also, just like the musicals of the past 10 years, it was a success.



Mame looks on as Patrick (Randy Adair) courts Gloria Upson (Sylvia Hughes) at te Upson's party.

All others associated with the musical were ECJC students.

Two students from EC, Allen Muse and Cindy Hamil, were chosen as the assistant directors. These two students attended all rehearsals and made sure all problems were solved.

The production assistant, Martie Burton, aided in the production. Debbie Wroten, secretary to the director, helped with the secretarial work.

Barry Upton, Martie Burton, and Wesley Collins managed the lights the nights of the musical. The costumes director was Sheila Breedlove. She was in charge of all costumes, the fitting, and the selection. Sherri Langford was her assistant. Also on this committee were Debbie Easterling, Barbara Greene, Kim Seepe, Emily Pugh, Julie Goodwin and Sherry Winstead.

Angela Hardy was in charge of

ry Hamil, Alice Myers, Jeanna Turner, Vicki Myers, Karen Sure, Janice Elliot, Penny Wilcher, and the Cosmotology Department. She and her committee saw that each member of the cast had on the right amount of make-up.

In charge of publicity were Rita Gayle Smith and Randy Trest. They made sure the people in this area knew about the musical and the details concerning it.

The prop's designs were decided on and arranged by Sheila Whitten and her committee, consisting of Charles Parker. Charoletta Moore and Evelyn Murrell were also on this committee. They decided which props needed to be in which scenes.

House managers for the musical were Cindy Reynolds, chairman and David Fowler. Cindy and David made sure the people found their seats the night of the





Dwight Babcock (Craig Gordon) attempts to take Patrick away from the determined Mame.



Mame (Evelyn Pierce) encourages her young nephew Patrick (Tammy Taylor) to "Open a New Window."

Agnes Gooch (Julie Wright) returns from her worldly experiences with a surprise for her friends.

## A Review....

# Mame: "Enjoyable entertainment"

With a strong chorus, a good supporting cast and excellent main characters, East Central's **Mame**, directed by Bruce Peterson, was a success.

Evelyn Pierce, in the title role, had a deep, resonant voice, which reached what seemed to be impossibly low notes with ease. Although her voice did sound a bit strained during the first act's "Need a Little Christmas," she recovered in Act II to sing "That's How Young I Feel" with a lively punch. The poignant "If He Walked into My Life" was the highlight of the evening, her voice taking on a husky, throaty quality.

Portraying Mame as both the cool but fun-loving sophisticate and the warm, sensitive aunt, Miss Pierce was especially stunning in the Southern scene and the Upsons' party scene.

Vera, played by Cheryl Gibbon, was haughty and dramatic. Her torchy, mature voice was best displayed in "Moon Song". She and Miss Pierce harmonized perfectly in the catty "Bosom Buddies." One disturbing aspect

of her performance was that she occasionally attempted to upstage Mame. Miss Pierce, however, had created too strong a character to allow this. Otherwise, Miss Gibbon's Vera was beautifully-interpreted as flashy, sarcastic and humorous.

Tammy Taylor as Young Patrick had a sweet, penetrating singing voice, particularly in "My Best Girl." Her speaking voice was a bit too squeaky, and she mumbled her lines when she was not facing the audience, but overall she made a happy, naive, thoroughly convincing Patrick.

Ken Hackman's Beauregard was the perfect example of Georgia aristocracy. His slow, very Southern drawl, fine acting and good singing voice combined for a well-rounded character.

Craig Gordon as Dwight Babcock was a minor disappointment. He stumbled through the first act, hesitating with lines; however, as the play progressed, his acting improved, though it never reached the level of the other leading actors.

Agnes Gooch, played by Julie

Wright, was wonderfully dowdy. Even though Miss Wright's singing was light and airy on the higher notes, this was more than compensated for by her acting. Her portrayal of the eccentric, innocent Agnes was marvelous.

Randy Adair as Oider Patrick was excellent as far as his acting was concerned; despite his rushing of lines, he had good stage personality, his emotions acted out especially well. His singing was fair, with a tendency to be flat, but that faded as he sang.

The supporting cast filled out the play with a variety of personalities. Randy Trest's Ito, with his Oriental accent, sparked many scenes with humor. Although Lindsay Woolsey, played by Jamie Satcher, was lacking in emotion, he was a stable, solid character for Mame to fall back on. Julie Goodwin, as Sally Cato, was drippingly sweet. Melodie Measells, as Mother Burnside, had a lovely, clear soprano voice; she made a strong-willed, vigorous old lady.

Sylvia Hodges portrayed Glor-

ia Upson as the silly, bubbly daughter of the totally unsophisticated Mr. and Mrs. Claude Upson, played by Charles Comans and Sharon McGee. Miss McGee did a particularly fine job of playing a woman devoid of class, but with the misconception that she and her family were "high society."

Under the guidance of Bob Heritage, the chorus did an exceptionally good job, the only flaw being that they started some of the songs too softly. The orchestra, directed by James Dykes, was strong but not overpowering, setting the mood of the play.

A sharp contrast with the mood of the play, however, was in the sets. They were bare, almost austere, and completely the opposite of the flamboyant Mame. This was especially apparent in her bedroom, where the furnishings consisted of one item --her bed.

All in all, **Mame**, EC's tenth musical, provided a week of enjoyable, if not always believable, entertainment.





## Four sophmores, four freshmen earn cheerleader squad berths

On April 17, East Central held its annual cheerleader try-outs. Out of the 19 girls that tried-out, only eight were selected.

The sophomores for next year that were selected are Tamara Sammons from Louisville, Peggy Smith from Decatur, Leisa Richardson from Union, and Pam Hatcher from Louisville. Debbie Easterling was selected as an alternate.

Next year's freshman that

were chosen are Cindy Cleveland of Union, Jane Harthcock of Newton, Cheryl Commans of Decatur and Dina Walker of Neshoba Central. Vicki Hamrick of Enterprise was selected as the first alternate.

All of the girls who tried-out had to bring a cheer from their home school and also learn one of East Central's cheers, taught to them by this year's cheerleaders.

*Cheerleaders for 1979-80 are (front) Dina Walker and Peggy Smith; (second row) Cheryl Commans and Jane Harthcock; (back) Cindy Cleveland, Pam Hatcher, Tamara Sammons and Leisa Richardson.*

## Engineering Club elects Stradley as new President

The Engineering Club elected officers for the 1979-80 school term on Tuesday, April 17, 1979.

The officers are: President - David Stradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Stradley of Pea Ridge; Vice President - Andy McGee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McGee of Kalem; Secretary - Bryan Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton G. Warren of Homewood; Treasurer - Mark May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred May of Sandtown; and Reporter - Skippy Lathem, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim B. Lathem of Sebastopol.

Dr. Shelby Harris, Chairman of Mathematics - Science Department, is sponsor of the club.

## Wood, Robinson head Coaches Association

As of the 28th of March, the two EC basketball coaches were honored by being named President of the Basketball Association of Junior Colleges in Mississippi.

Coach Lucille Wood was chosen as president of the Women's Association and Coach Herman Robinson was chosen as President of the Men's Association for the 1979-1980 year.

Both of these coaches have been on the State Basketball Executive Committee for several years.

## Hollingsworth and Warnock 2 EC students to attend LSU Med. Center

Two East Central Junior College students are among the five students from Mississippi selected to attend Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans. Ann Hollingsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hollingsworth of Forest and Teresa Warnock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Warnock of Vicksburg will be going to New Orleans in May of this year.

Ann Hollingsworth is a graduate of Scott Central High School and is presently attending ECJC. Since Ann has been at EC she has been a member of the Concert Choir, the Baptist Student Union, the ECJC Players, Phi Theta Kappa, and has served as secretary for the intramural sports program.

Teresa Warnock is a graduate

of Vicksburg High School and is also attending ECJC. At East Central Teresa has been a member of the Concert Choir, Feature Editor of the *Wo He Lo* yearbook, ECJC Players, Treasurer of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, 1977-78 Worship Chairman of the Baptist Student Union, and has participated in intramural sports. She was selected as 1978-79 member of *Who's Who* in American Junior Colleges.

The five students from Mississippi are selected for an exchange program between the University Medical Center in Jackson and Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans. Five students from Mississippi are sent to LSU Medical Center to study Occu-

pational Therapy and five Louisiana students are sent to the Mississippi Medical Center to study Medical Records. Because it is an exchange program no out of state tuition is charged.

Ann and Teresa will begin classes in May of 1979. The summer will consist of mostly laboratory courses. During their junior year they will be attending classes as well as getting on the job training. During their senior year they will be involved with Field Work experience in hospitals and rehabilitation centers.

Upon graduation Ann and Teresa will have a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy and will then be eligible to write the national test to become a registered Occupational Therapist.

## ROTC BASIC CAMP

It's not too late! If you are about to graduate and plan to attend a four year college, you can still participate in Army ROTC. A six week Basic Camp will be conducted at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, for approximately 2600 college men and women. Participants who complete the six week camp are then eligible for advanced placement in ROTC in a four year institution.

There is **NO** military obligation incurred for attending the camp, but you will be eligible to enroll in Advanced ROTC, where you can earn a commission in the Active Army, the Army Reserve or the National Guard. The career opportunities for a full time or part time job through this program are tremendous.

Scholarships are available also for men and women who complete the camp. There will be 225 2-year scholarships available, on a competitive basis, for those who complete the camp. While at camp, students will earn approximately \$500.00 and receive room and board free, as well as your transportation to and from Ft. Knox.

To be eligible a student must have between 50 and 60 semester hours, be in good health and have an ACT of 18 or higher (waiverable upon successful completion of a substitute test).

Students who are interested can obtain further information from CPT Thomas C. Moss or MSG Stan Royals on campus, or call 601-325-5458 collect.



**MESS EAST  
CENTRAL** for  
1979 is John  
Haralson (center)  
Beauties selected  
at the pageant  
are (left to  
right) Mark  
Bishop, Ken  
Hackman, Geedie  
Simmons, and  
Daniel Amis.



## Adair is Pres. of French Club

by Allen K. Muse

The Le Cercle Francais (French Club) of E.C.J.C. closed out its regular business year with a cook-out at the Rock-hole in Decatur.

The club conducted its regular business session which included recognition of out-going officers and election of next year's officers. In addition to this Madame Rowell presented awards to outstanding members, and two year students.

The officers elected to serve next year are Randy Adair, President; Evelyn Pierce, Secretary; Johnnie Keith, Treasurer; and Jackie Wilson, Reporter. The position of Vice-President will be filled at the first meeting of the club next year.

Out-going officers receiving recognition were Allen K. Muse, President; Evelyn Pierce, Vice-President; Teri Walton, Secretary; Sharron Tingle, Treasurer; and Randy Richardson, Reporter.

The meeting was closed after the year's projects and successes were evaluated by Madame Rowell.

## Thrash, Wade will serve in summer mission

There are few people who have the opportunity to be a missionary, and it is an honor that two East Central students have been chosen by the Mississippi Baptist Student Union to be summer missionaries in the United States. These two are Mary Wade and Sheila Thrash.

Mary Wade, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wade, is a graduate of Lake High School and served as Music Chairman of this year's BSU. She is a sophomore voice major and plans to

attend Mississippi College this fall. She has been appointed to serve in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Sheila Thrash is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thrash of Decatur. Sheila graduated from Newton County Academy and is a data processing major. She plans to return to East Central next year and major in Business Education. Sheila served this year as Missions Chairman and will serve as Bible Study Chairman next year. Sheila will spend the summer working in Arizona.

## 5 students have chance at 4.0

by Susan Mihalic

Is college getting tougher? Perhaps. But as a result, are students working harder?

One indication that this may be true is in the number of sophomores with 4.0 averages for two years. If four of these students maintain perfect averages for the remainder of the year, it will be the first time that EC has had five valedictorians.

Business Administration major Mary Ardaya, who finished with the close of fall semester, was primarily a night student. A resident of Carthage, she graduated from Xavier High School and attended St. Louis University and Bolivia Center.

Bobby Cleveland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ankle Cleveland of Union, is the president of Phi Theta Kappa and is on the

Opening and Closing Ceremonies Team of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).

A member of Who's Who Among Junior College Students, he said that while he tries to make the best grades he possibly can, "the amount of studying I do is nothing out of the ordinary."

"A college education is important, and if you make good grades it gives you a better chance to get a job, I think," said Carla Massey, an Accounting major.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Massey, Carla was the salutatorian at Noxapater High School, receiving the ECJC scholarship. Last year she served on the Women's Dorm Council and was voted a class favorite, and this year has acted as SBA vice president and Sophomore

class treasurer. In addition, she was selected to Sonny Montgomery's Advisory Council and Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

"Sometimes I feel pressure about my grades," she added, "but mostly it comes from myself."

Phi Theta Kappa state president Randy Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Richardson, is a Biology major in the pre-medicine program.

"I pressure myself about my grades," he said, "but the reason I've done as well as I have is that I enjoy the subjects I'm taking, and wanting to be a doctor has given me incentive."

The salutatorian at Union High School, Richardson received EC's Freshman Chemistry Award and the Frank Leatherwood Biology Scholarship. A

member of Who's Who Among American Junior College Students, and the French Club reporter, he attended Phi Theta Kappa's 1978 Honors Institute.

Perry Winstead, the valedictorian at Union High School, is a Business Administration major.

"The courses I'm taking are of interest to me, so in most of them, I don't have to force myself to study. That makes it a lot easier to do better," he said.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Winstead, he received the ECJC scholarship, and was the Freshman class vice president. This year, he is the SBA Sophomore representative, a member of Sonny Montgomery's Advisory Council, a member of Who's Who Among Junior College Students and a varsity baseball player.



# Charlene Jones is All-Star MVP

by Sharron Goodman

East Central's women's basketball team has proved itself to be the best women's junior college team in the state. Many people contributed to the team's success, and the members of the team received great recognition. Capturing top honors, was Miss Charlene Jones, of Forest.

Miss Jones, a six feet and one inch Sophomore, was chosen as All Star Player. To be an All Star Player, one must be a Sophomore, and she must also have a very good ability of playing basketball. Charlene, having great performance on the basketball court, was also chosen

"Most Valuable Player" in the All Star game.

Miss Jones is very modest about the honor she has won. When asked how does it make her feel to have been chosen as All Star Player, she simply said, "I feel it an honor that the coaches of the state picked me as an outstanding player."

Although she had less experience last year, Charlene's Freshman year was a favorable one for her. She was chosen for All Region Seven, and the All Region Seven Tournament. Charlene was also chosen as an All State member.

During Charlene's Sophomore year, she came back and won all of the honors that she had in her freshman year, and was "number one pick" in All State this year, says Coach Lucille Wood.

Charlene will not be transferring to another college; therefore, she will not be playing basketball. Charlene is majoring in intensive business, and hopes to get a secretarial job in Forest. Planning her wedding for the latter part of August will take up a lot of Charlene's time, but she says she will work out so that she can keep in shape.

## EC Karate class is progressing

Although the ECJC karate class is a small one, it has been rewarding for its students. Over the past few years David Fowler, the instructor, has seen quite a few white belts, but the group of people that started working out in January is the best group of white belts ever seen assembled. Several students have been praised by Black Belt instructors who have watched them work.

The first real test of the students' ability came on March 17, when David Maybry, a well known instructor in Jackson, held a tournament at Belhaven College. Two students, Jimmy Barker and Cecil Isom entered the tournament. Jimmy entered the Kumite division, which is sparring; Cecil entered the Kata division. The kata is a real fight

against imaginary opponents. Jimmy brought home a third place trophy in the white belt kumite division and Cecil placed fourth in kata. This is an outstanding accomplishment for both students considering the length of time they had been in karate and the fact that this was their first tournament.

The next test of these students ability came on April 16th. The Karate DOJO (school) in Carthage, run by Bill Minschew, held a rank test where several of our students tried out for their first colored belt, the yellow belt. To pass the test, the student must perform all basic punches, kicks, blocks, combinations of these, a technique which they have never practiced before, rank test, and two different katas, to a

certain degree of proficiency. Cecil Isom, Mike Childress, and Jimmy Barker all passed their test for yellow belts. The best katas done during the rank test were done by East Central students. Cecil Isom did the best kata, and his technique was commended by the black belts. Mike Childress performed the second best kata. The test was administered by four black belts and David Fowler.

David Fowler had this to say about his students. "I am very pleased with the progress of the karate students during this semester. It has been a pleasure for me to work with students with such talent, potential and motivation. I hope that they will all continue their training in the Martial Arts and someday earn the rank of Black Belt."



Cecil Isom and Jimmy Barker captured honors at the recent Karate tournament.

## Miss Wood is named "Coach of the Year"

by Rita Gayle Smith

After leading her team to the 1979 state championship, Miss Lucille Wood was named "Coach of the Year" by the Mississippi Association of Coaches.

Coach Wood attended East Central Junior College after graduation from Louisville High School. She graduated from EC and then went on to the University of Southern Mississippi.

After receiving her degree at Southern, Coach Wood started coaching at East Central in 1956. In 1956, ECJC was not yet an organized team, but played in club type ball. The team was organized in 1968, then it joined the Mississippi Junior College

Association in 1975.

During this period, Coach Wood's teams won the state championship in 1968, 1970, and 1973 as a club team, and in 1976 and 1979, as a member of the Mississippi Junior College Association.

Her teams won second place in 1977 and 3rd place in 1978. They also attended regionals in 1973, 1977, 1978, and 1979.

Along with coaching basketball, Miss Wood was the tennis coach from 1956 until two years ago. She still teaches a tennis class two days a week, along with her other classes.

Coach Wood will be honored at a banquet in July, during the All-Star week.

## EC takes twin bill from Clarke College

by Leisa Richardson

The ECJC Warriors won two baseball games against the Clarke College Panthers. In the first inning of the first game, EC's Eddie Thorne was pitcher and Weatherford for Clarke. The Warriors went up to bat with 3 men up and 3 down. Clarke went four up and three down.

During the second inning, Thorne's pitching struck out two of three players.

In the fourth inning there were no runs.

By the fifth inning, the Warriors came back with one hit.

Terry Thrash had one hit by the sixth inning, putting Warriors ahead 4 to 0. John Montgomery, who played left field,

got a working over by catching two out of three hits.

In the last inning, the Warriors went back to bat two base hits by Ralph Edwards and Ted Whittle. Clayton Whitehead and Ralph Edwards scored two runs.

By the bottom of the seventh, Eddie Thorne had not let up on pitching. He struck out Clarke's last three batters. ECJC won 6-0.

In the second game, the Warriors won with a landslide victory of 16-3.

In the first part of the game, Terry Thrash was EC's pitcher. By the bottom of the second, Clarke had a 2-0 lead.

Warriors took the lead in the third inning with five runs. The Panthers did not score.



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## Summer pageants were worth it for Evelyn Pierce

By KRISTA MAY  
Staff Writer

This past year, Evelyn Pierce of Newton added the title of Miss ECJC and Newton's Miss Hospitality to her collection of honors. She represented EC in the Miss Mississippi Pageant held July 15-21 in Vicksburg and competed in the State Miss Hospitality Pageant, where she placed in the top ten.

Much hard work went into readying Evelyn for the pageants. This summer she lost weight, got a tan, arranged for a new wardrobe and kept up with current events in preparation for the interviews. She worked on her talent for the Miss Mississippi Pageant; it consisted of a medley of four songs: "Get Happy," "Hallelujah," "Put on a Happy Face," and "Cabaret." And, of

course, she worried. "Should I wear the pink dress on stage? Are those lines from 'Cabaret' of 'Hallelujah'?"

As for the pageants themselves, Evelyn had very little free time, for the contestants were kept busy with rehearsals. She had a two-day rest period between the two week-long events this summer.

The hard work, the hours of sleeplessness, the pressure, the exhausting schedule--is pageantry really worth it?

"Yes," she answered, "I learned more about myself and my abilities. I came back feeling that I had done my best."

"Some girls were there strictly to win, but most were having fun and making friends. That helped ease the tension."

a two year project....

## ECJC undergoing intensive self-study

By EVELYN PIERCE  
Staff Writer

East Central is now involved in an institutional self-study for its evaluation. This study will be conducted by the faculty and administration in form of committees, and it will not be completed until March or April of 1981. At that time, the results will be reviewed by a visiting committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the institution adopted to set needed standards for junior colleges, community colleges, and like secondary schools. The standards, when met, assure that the education received is "quality" education, that is, of equal standing with its fellow colleges and learning institutes. This association is membered by eleven southern states. The visiting committee members come from any of those eleven states.

The specific committees

and their appointed faculty members are as follows: **Steering**--Dr. B.J. Tucker, John Adcock, Lois McMullan, Elizabeth Pitts, Ovid Vickers and Rudolph Mayes (editor); **Purpose**--Dr. Shelby Harris, Willard Clay, Bruce Peterson, Gail Wood, and Katherine Wright; **Organization and Administration**--George Mason, Larry Blackburn, Sara Griffin, O.L. Newell, and G.W. Gardner; **Educational Program**--Tommy Thrash, Dr. Richard Fisher, Bruce Guraedy, Coyt Hogue, Gloria Johnson, Raymond McMullan, Frank Rives, and Elisabeth Rowell; **Finance**--Harvey Trapp, Dr. Shelby Harris, Shirley Hurt, Ken Pouncey and Pery Winegarden; **Faculty**--Joe Clark, Richard Clark, Sara Heard, Ed Hollingsworth, Elizabeth Jones, Herman Robinson, J.E. Smith, and Marion Thornton; **Library**--Carrie Ann Alford, Al Bailey, Ann Burkes, and Jessie Everett; **Student Services**--James Dykes, Denver Brackeen,

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These committee members will follow a specific calendar that has the following scheduled dates:

February 1, 1979

Steering Committee and Purpose Committee appointed

February, 1979

Steering Committee to begin work, adopt a calendar, review standards, and illustrations of SACS, construct format for committee work and reports, establish procedures and plans for the study. Purpose Committee begin work.

March, 1979

Preliminary report to Steering Committee from the

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## Shelia Thrash among 60 Miss. students in missions

By JAMIE SATCHER  
Staff Writer

In 1979, the Mississippi Baptist Student Missions Board was fortunate in sending 60 students to serve as missionaries to eight foreign countries and 30 states. Among these student missionaries was returning East Central sophomore Sheila Thrash.

Sheila, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thrash of Decatur, spent 10 weeks of her summer in Arizona. Although her missions program was home based in Lakeside, Arizona, Sheila was required to tra-

vel throughout the state in her work. She was responsible for organizing and participating in Bible schools, backyard Bible studies, surveys (collecting data to determine the religious needs and desires of the community) and youth camps. Sheila received no salary for this work, but was given a token amount to pay for her basic needs. Members of the communities in which she worked provided her with food and a place to stay.

In order to be accepted for mission work, Sheila had to first be recommend-

ed by the East Central Baptist Student Union and send an application to the Mississippi BSU Student Missions Board. Then she had to be screened first by a local screening committee on the East Central campus composed of teachers and religious leaders, and then by a state committee of students and Baptist Student Union directors. After being accepted, Sheila was given her assignment and began correspondence with her missions director in Arizona.

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# EDITORIALS

Because **THE TOM-TOM** is written for the students at East Central, feedback from the students is necessary to obtain a wide range of news. Address your comments to Letters to the Editor, Box 377, ECJC, Decatur, MS. 39327. The editor reserves the right to edit. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld on request.

## College is a time of self-adjustment

College is a time of growth and maturity, when students learn to think for themselves and to set their own goals. Thus, it is the responsibility of the students here at East Central to prepare themselves for the future and a career.

There is an old adage, "One gets as much out of something as he/she puts into it." That is true of college, for learning requires effort and self-discipline. After all, it is the purpose of the student to get an education and while that education should not be solely academic, future employers tend to pay more attention to one's scholastic record than to one's extra-curricular activities.

The difference between college and high school are many, but one of the most notable changes is that here the students are on their own. No one will pressure them to do the homework, to read the assignment, to write the research paper. Students must accept the consequences of their actions; they will pass or fail with no one to commend or to blame but themselves.

College holds various meanings for everyone, because it is what the student as an individual makes it. One can waste the brief time spent at college by letting opportunities for learning, friendships and social involvement pass by--or one can apply oneself and make the most of the chances that are waiting. How the student conducts himself/herself now is a good indication of his/her ambitions and future conduct.

If a student fails to apply himself/herself, that student is here in vain and will gain nothing. If, on the other hand, a student takes advantage of the excellent programs offered in so many areas at ECJC, he/she will find that the thirst for knowledge has not been quenched, but rather increased.

Although education extends far beyond college, the short time spent here should prove long in practice and performance. SM.

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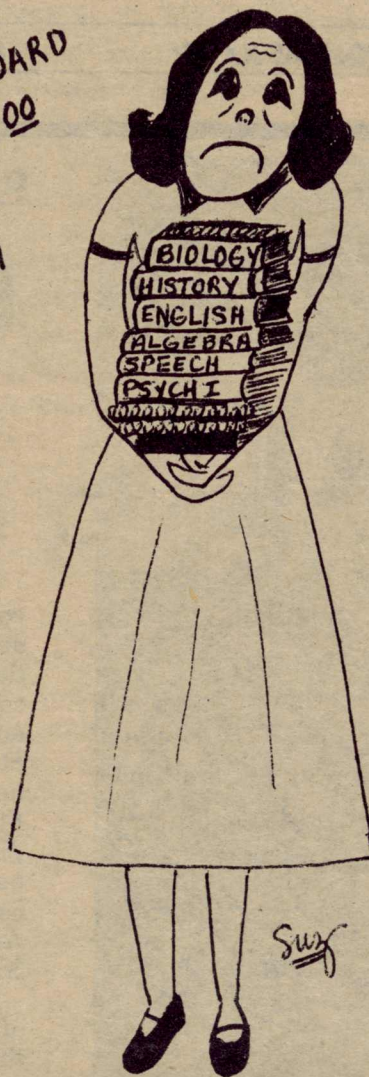
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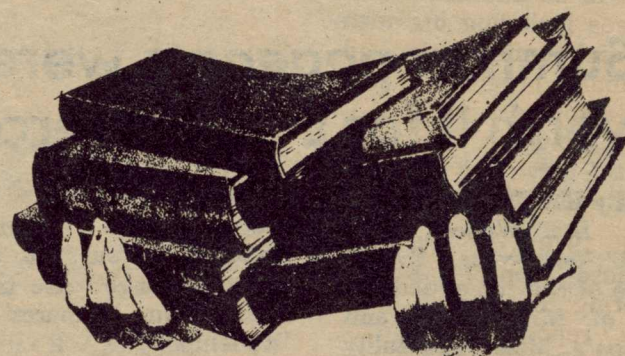


### Book Reviews...

## Discover EC's library!

**Fools Die**, Mario Puzo, fiction. The story of Merlyn, an orphaned American boy whose youth is spent outside of the law. His interest in writing and his success as an author save him from a life in prison as he becomes involved with actors, film makers and agents. It is a novel of ambition and power, friendship and betrayal, human comedy and tragedy.

**The Passing Bells**, Phillip Rock, fiction. World War I novel, telling of the strain of the war and the erosion



of British society. The leisurely life of the Greville family is shattered as the horrors of war advance; class barriers crumble and values are questioned as they realize that the world will never be the same again.

**SPECIAL FOCUS: Families** Wyatt Cooper, non-fiction. A warm and witty book that discusses the family in general and the Mississippi-born author's family in particular. It has no plot, but is a train-of-thought book that is best described in the subtitle: A

**Memoir and a Celebration.** Included are accounts of family reunions, eccentric relatives and the dreams and ambitions of a small-town boy--all things that should be familiar to people in this locale. Cooper, who died in January 1978, was born in Quitman, MS in 1927; his family's farm formed the background for much of his writing, which often reflected the theme of strong family ties. **Families** analyzes the status of American family life, not with cold statistics, but with sensitivity and humor.



On behalf of everyone here at East Central Junior College I welcome you to the 1979-80 session. If you are a student with previous attendance here I say welcome back. If you are a first time student we say welcome and advise you that it is our desire to assist you in every way possible in the attainment of the goal that is yours.

During your stay here you will make numerous new friends and find that each day is filled with privileges and opportunities and we encourage you to discover these and take full advantage of them.

College years go by quickly and there will be much to do, therefore we encourage you to use all of your efforts and abilities to the fullest in every field of endeavor. We feel that you will be busy but happy, and we encourage you to enjoy your stay at East Central Junior College. If any of us here at the college can be of assistance to you we ask that you call upon us.

Charles V. Wright  
President

The fifty-first year of East Central Junior College has begun, and on behalf of myself and the other student body officers, we extend to you a cordial welcome.

At this time I would like to introduce the cabinet officers you and I will be working with this year. John Harrison is the Vice-president. He is a pre-dental major from Forest. The secretary for the coming year will be Susan Mihalic. Susan is a journalism major from Union. Your treasurer for this year will be Terry Fisher. Terry is a business major, and a reliable member of the football team. He is from Citronelle, Alabama.

We have many activities planned for this year. There will be intramural contest, dances, pageants, plays and the musical. As this fall semester begins, I'm looking forward to meeting and making friends with you. I urge all of you to become involved here at East Central. If any of you have problems, or need assistance feel free to ask me. I hope you have a wonderful school year, and you have my best wishes.

Kim Wolverton  
SBA President

## ECJC engaged in intensive self-study

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Purpose Committee. Steering Committee to prepare budget estimates, present calendar and plan for the study to faculty. Appointment of all additional committees including organization and administration, educational program, financial resources, faculty, library, student development services, physical plant and special activities.

April, 1979

Purpose report to the Steering Committee. Purpose report to the full faculty. Briefing of committee's chairmen by the Steering Committee. Organizational meeting of all committees.

May, June, July, 1979

Preliminary research, collection of materials. Adoption of purpose statement by the Board of Trustees.

August, 1979

Kick off workshop. Active working meetings of all committees.

September, 1979

Report of all committee chairmen to Steering Committee on their committee organization and plans.

October, November, 1979

All committees involved in study.

December, 1979

Preliminary report of all committees to steering committee.

January, 1980

Continue study and developing individual committee reports.

February, March, 1980

Committees report to Steering Committee in preparation for final report to faculty.

March, April, 1980

Committees report to faculty. Steering Committee prepares rough draft for last of April faculty adoption.

May, June, July 1980

Editing, typing of the complete draft of the report.

August, September, 1980

Updating of data, charts, etc.

October, November, 1980

Editing and typing

December, 1980

Report at printers

January, 1981

Copies received and mailed to SACS

March or April, 1981

Committee visit

At this time, the Purpose Committee is the only com-

mittee that has worked and reported to the Steering Committee. A new statement of purpose was adopted by the faculty and approved by the Board of Trustees. That state ment of purpose reads as follows:

East Central Junior College seeks to fulfill the educational needs of its students from the five-county district which it serves. In a continuing effort to meet these needs, the college, through its board of trustees, administration, and faculty, conceives its purpose to be to provide instruction and service. To achieve its instructional goals, the college is committed to offer opportunities for mental, physical, and emotional development. As a service agency, the college provides programs of instruction which incorporate knowledge and skills applicable to life in a complex society.

To successfully fulfill its purpose, East Central Junior College provides, at minimum cost, a variety of programs which include senior college or university parallel, technical, vocational, adult, and remedial education. The college fur-

ther subscribes to and provides for self-improvement, continuing education, and community services.

Through curricular and extracurricular activities, the college provides experiences which lead to the development of the total individual. These experiences include guidance, participation and leadership in campus activities, student clubs, and organizations.

The kick off workshop was held on August 16. Dr. Charles E. Stebbins, Associate Executive Secretary Commissions on Colleges,

of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Atlanta, Georgia, was in charge of the meeting. He was available to answer all questions about the study asked by faculty committee members.

This initial meeting was actually the beginning of what will be a twelve to eighteen month study of East Central.

This study is completely voluntary. By performing the self-study, the school administration can pinpoint and improve poorer aspects of the college while at the same time expand

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## No teacher hired for retired Mrs. Simmons

By LEISA RICHARDSON  
Staff Writer

Even though, with the retirement of Mrs. Aileen Simmons, the English department lacks one teacher, this will not hurt the English program or overburden the three remaining English teachers (Mr. Ovid Vickers, Mrs. Carrie Ann Alford and Mr. Thomas Mayes).

The low student-teacher ratio is the reason East Central did not hire a new English teacher. In talking about the enrollment decrease, Dr. B.J. Tucker said, "It is out of the ordinary to cut down on teachers but it is necessary since the decrease of high school graduates. All college enrollment is down. There are not enough students to justify the employment of a new teacher here at East Central."

"The English Department was an area in which we could cut down. We hope this is temporary and we won't be cutting back anywhere else. Of course, if there is a sudden increase of students, we will certainly hire a replacement."

## James Dykes trades baton for hammer, nails and \$\$\$

By KEN HACKMAN  
Staff Writer

If you happened to "cruise" through the campus this summer or even attended ECJC's summer sessions, you just might have seen our beloved band director. If you're lucky, you might have even seen him swinging from the firders of the new cafeteria addition with his hammer in his hand and his baton in his teeth.

That's right -- James Dykes, EC's own bandman, spent the summer working for the Tatum Construction

Company in the expansion of the cafeteria. He worked as a general laborer, doing all types of jobs such as laying brick, building scaffolding, tying steel and roofing.

When asked why he decided to do construction work this summer, he replied, "I enjoy it. You know, I like to get out in the summer and do something different . . . A little extra money never hurts."

The new addition, an extension of the Mabry Memorial Dining Hall, will provide a much-needed

larger banquet room and two restrooms for students access, as well as a new front entrance for the building. Dykes said the front entrance should be ready by August 20, and that the entire structure should be finished on approximately the first of October.

Commenting on the hard physical labor every day from 7:30 to 4:00, Dykes said, "It keeps me in shape." As for staying in shape during the winter, the 1979-80 Warrior Marching Band will take care of that!

## EC Campus gets spruced up during the summer

By PAM TAYLOR  
Staff Writer

Two major improvements have taken place at East Central over the spring and summer. They include renovation of the cafeteria and installation of a new biology lab.

Through funds appropriated by the state, reconstruction on EC's cafeteria began last spring. The renovation process included redoing the entrance to the cafeteria, adding bathroom facilities, and providing an eating area for the faculty and a small banquet room.

Another major improvement at EC was the installation of a new biology lab. Twenty work tables equipped with gas and electrical hook-ups will be able to accommodate forty or more students.

Besides the cafeteria and the lab two other improvements have taken place at East Central. Newsome Hall received a badly needed painting and the ticket booth at the football was covered by a roof supported by four brick columns.

### Extracurriculars

## Clubs provide outlet for interests

Several clubs and organizations are located on the ECJC campus to provide extracurricular activities for students.

The SBA, or Student Body Association, consists of officers and representatives elected by the students to work with the administration regarding student activities.

In addition, there are several clubs related to the curriculum at EC, including

the French Club, the Future Business Leaders of America, the Engineering Club (Alpha Alpha Epsilon), the Home Economics Club, the Student Education Association (for future teachers), and VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).

A branch of the junior college honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, is active on campus. Also, there are two religious foundations,

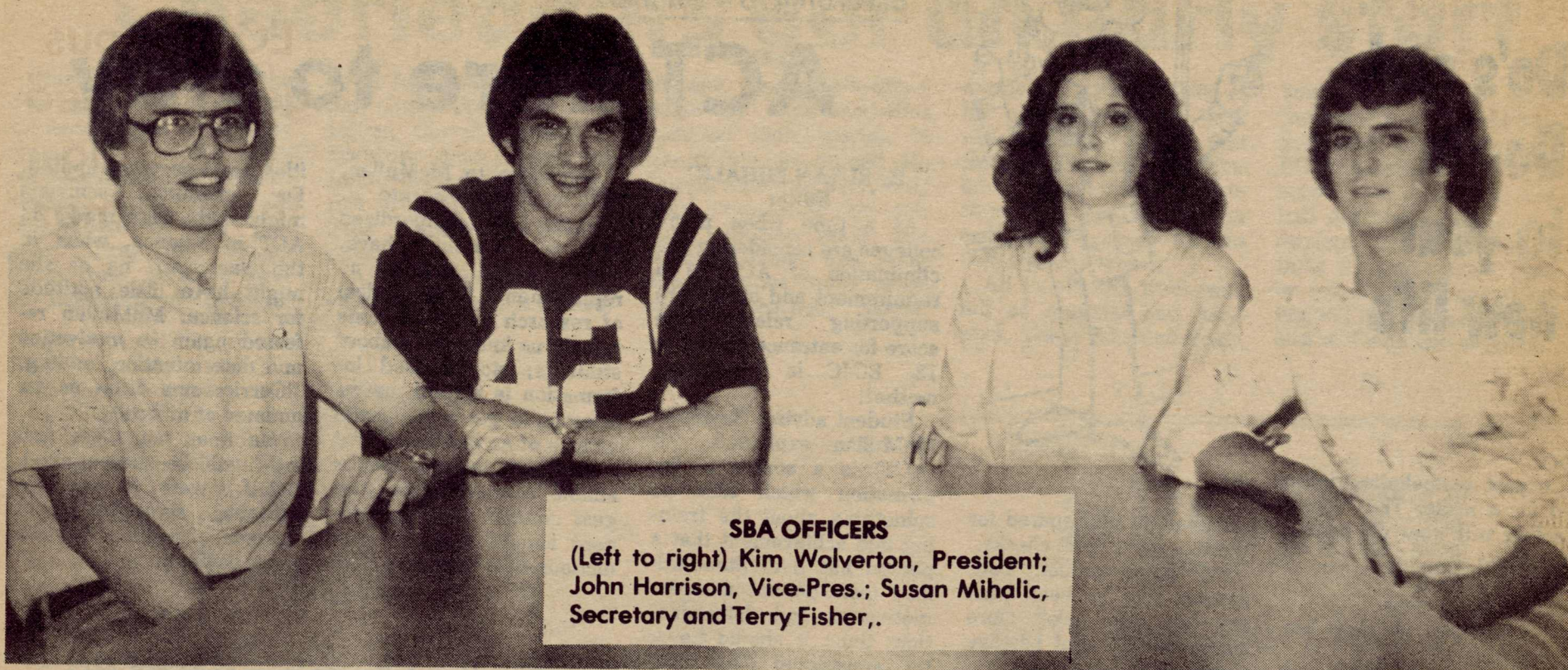
Wesley and the Baptist Student Union.

Special interest organizations include band, choir, the Fashion Squad and the theatre group, the ECJC Players. Also, a variety of intermural sports are offered throughout the year.

Two publications are available on campus, the yearbook, the WO-HE-LO, and the newspaper which appears semi-monthly, the TOM-TOM.







**SBA OFFICERS**  
(Left to right) Kim Wolverton, President;  
John Harrison, Vice-Pres.; Susan Mihalic,  
Secretary and Terry Fisher,.

## 26 students awarded achivement scholarships

The white and black student that attends East Central Junior College from each high school in the District with the highest grade point average receives a full fees scholarship in the amount of \$320.00. The scholarship will be available to these students in the amount of \$160.00 each semester the freshman year. The recipient of this award will be identified by each high school prior to enrollment date of the fall semester. The student must enroll the fall semester following graduation to be eligible for this award. Listed are the recipients of the Achivement Scholarship for the 1979-80 school year;

Carthage  
Teresa Collier

Dianne Jones

Choctaw Central  
Sandra Dee Sam

Hickory  
Gwendolyn Paulette Felder

Lake  
Jesse Carl Wolfe  
Sandra Kay Cox

Louisville  
Pamela Ann Mitchell

Morton  
Teresa Ann Ficklin

Leake Academy  
Patricia Sanders  
Christy Lynn Brantley

Nanah Waiya  
Derek Wayne Clarke  
Susan Carol Bane

Neshoba Central  
Hiweda Denise Jones

Newton

Tina Tumbling  
Joel Lindsley Nelson

Newton County Academy  
Monty Lamar Cooper

Noxpaper  
Raymond Mathis Reed  
Ricky Hornesburger

Scott Central  
Carolyn Jean Walsh

Sebastopol  
Katie Lue Hunt  
Debbie McBeath

South Leake  
Deborah Trenell Stribling  
Ronald Shane Freeny

Winston County Academy  
Steven Clifton Roberts

Thomastown  
Loretta Washington  
Florence Louise Harkins

## SBA has two week schedule planned

ECJC Student Body Association (SBA) officers Kim Wolverton, John Harrison and Susan Mihalic met August 13 and 14 with Dean of Students Denver Brackeen to plan activities for the year. Events scheduled for the next two weeks follow.

Monday, August 20, Colonel Ed Wallington will present a hypnosis demonstration at 8:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building.

Wednesday, August 22, the Baptist Student Union and the Wesley Foundation have arranged religious programs.

Thursday, August 23, there will be a cookout on

the mall, courtesy of cafeteria director Leonard Lee.

A dance that will serve a double purpose is slated for Thursday, August 30 from 8:00-11:30 at the Activity Center. It will allow the students to get acquainted and the proceeds will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The cost of an outside date is \$2.00, which must be paid to Brackeen's office before the day of the dance; EC students will not be charged. However, SBA officers plan to set aside a day to collect donations.

Dates have been scheduled for more dances; other plans are tentative.

## Betcha didn't know that.....

...in 1945, the first Tom-Tom was printed?

...in 1946, girls could not study at night in the library?

...in 1947, The Belle of Barcelona was the first operetta to be presented at EC?

...in 1948, the Tom-Tom won the Mississippi Junior College Press Association award for the best issue of the junior college papers represented?

...in 1949, the ECJC football team defeated the

Ellisville Bobcats 12-0?

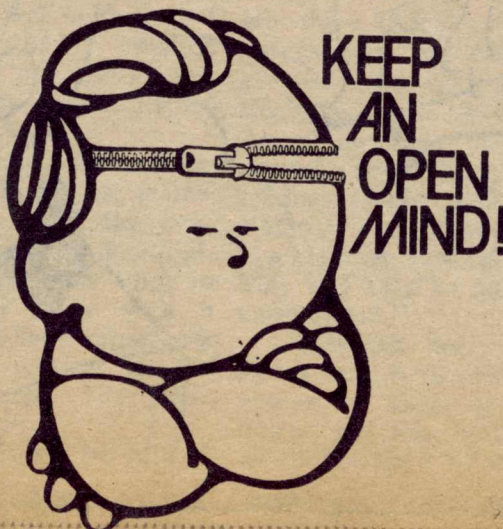
...in 1950, the Mabry Memorial Dining Hall was dedicated in a formal ceremony?

...in 1951, the same lightbulb had been used in an EC storage room for twenty-one years? It was one of Edison's first bulbs, found in 1930 in a trash can outside Scott Hall.

...in 1952, the Student Body Association began a fund for a TV set to be installed in the Student Center?

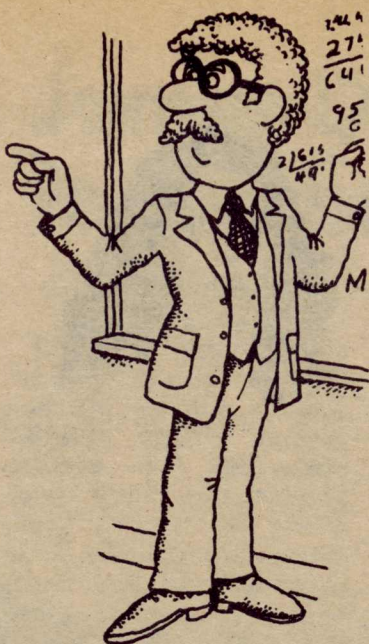
...in 1953, Denver Brackeen was an All-American basketball player and class favorite?

...in 1979, this particular issue of the Tom-Tom was desperate for news?!





## Do's and Don'ts in your new life



### DO...

- ...expect to feel dis-oriented for a while. The "lost" feeling will wear off before you know it.
- ...get involved!
- ...keep up in class.
- ...try to get to class on time.
- ...support the football team by attending weekend games
- ...develop good study habits.
- ...familiarize yourself with the library.
- ...help conserve energy. Turn out the light when you leave your room.

### DON'T...

- ...count on getting much sleep.
- ...take your cuts from classes too soon. You may want them later.
- ...play your stereo so loudly that it disturbs other students in the dorm.
- ...use an alarm clock that has a "snooze alarm." It's too tempting.

- ...be caught unprepared for Wednesday's room checks.
- ...call home collect. Your parents like to hear from you--but will take more kindly to a 15 cent postage stamp.
- ...expect cafeteria food to taste like Mama's.
- ...be a "telephone hog." Other people want to use it too. Besides, the receiver could become a permanent appendage.

### Self-Study

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and continue the better programs. By meeting the standards set by the SACS, East Central will continue to be accredited with the association. This is extremely important since federal funding is based on the accreditation.

according to McMullan....

## ACT here to stay

By SUSAN MIHALIC  
Editor

At a time when many colleges are considering the elimination of ACT as a requirement and others are supporting raising the score for entrance from 9 to 12, ECJC is advocating neither.

Student advisor Raymond McMullan explained. "It (ACT) is a source of information which tells us something about the training and achievement that a person has had. Standardized tests do not measure motivation and determination; thus, it should never be considered the only judge of a student's academic abilities, but one of many considerations. It should be continued."

Most colleges have a certain score that students must make before they may enter, but because EC is a junior college, there is no minimum score. However, students with a composite mark lower than 10 are placed on academic probation and are required to take courses such as Basic Math and Basic English; these subjects are designed for students whose background in mathematics of English is inadequate in preparation for college-level courses.

According to McMullan, ACT is "fairly accurate. . . It is the best (standardized test) we presently have, and I would suggest no replacement. A great deal of research has been done to help us know more about students; standardized information is helpful, as we attempt to get a composite picture of an individual."

Although the test results enable counselors to suggest courses that the student should take, its predictions of a student's abilities are somewhat limited.

For example, someone might make high marks on ACT in Science, when in the classroom, he or she might have little aptitude for science. McMullan referred again to motivation and determination, adding, "Curriculums differ as far as level of difficulty."

He does not think that ACT will be discontinued, but if it were, he said that advising students about courses would become more difficult.

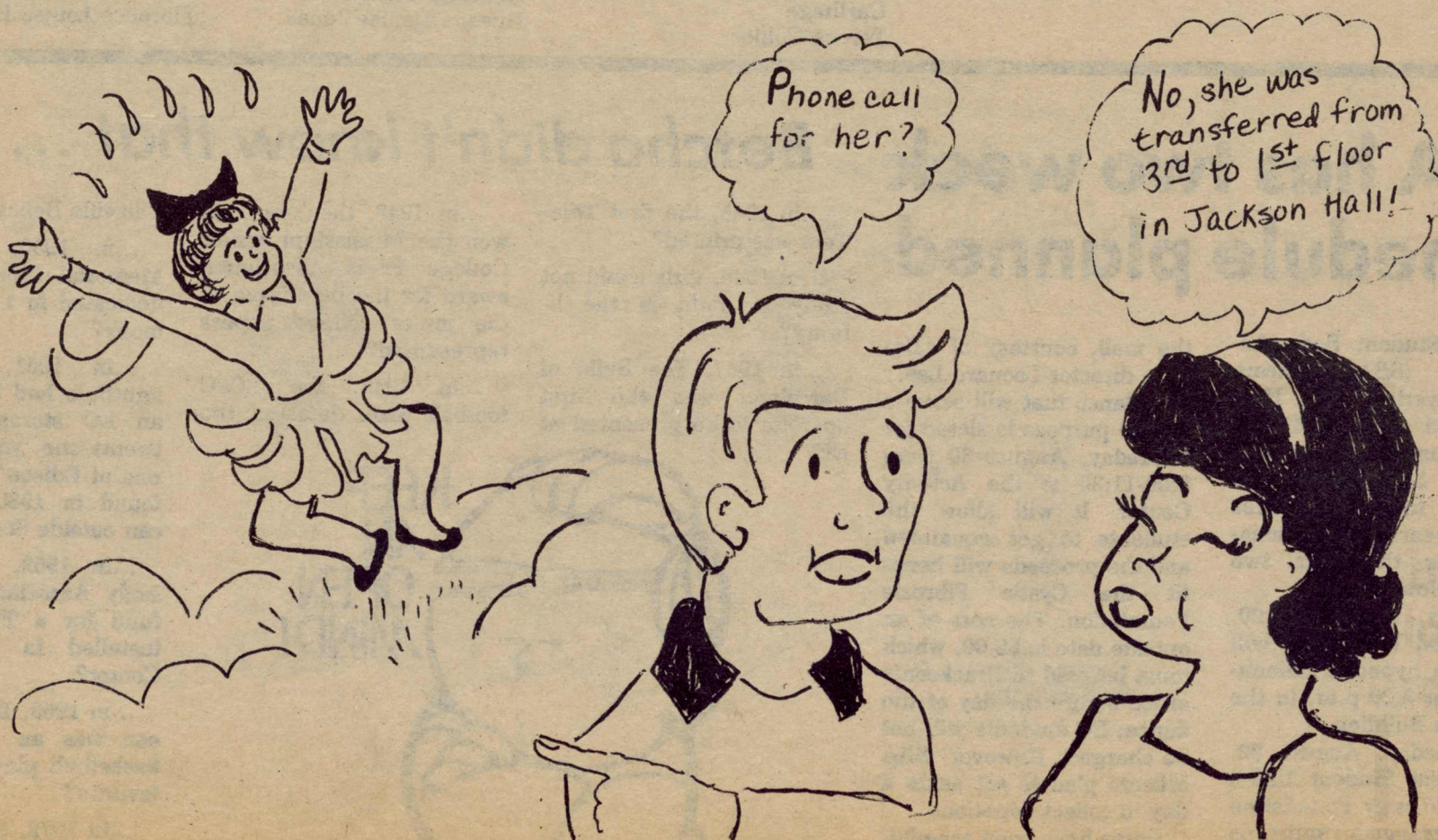
## Sheila Thrash one of 60 summer mission students

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Student Missions Board has been sending students to the missions field since 1947. At that time, Hawaii was considered the only area of foreign missions. The first student sent to Hawaii by the Mississippi Baptist Student Union was the result of a joint effort by Mississippi and Louisiana. The cost for this mission was \$542.00. Since then, the Mississippi BSU has sponsored over 600 missionaries, with a 1979 cost goal of \$50,000.00.

East Central has sent students almost every year for mission work. Also serving as missionaries this year were 1979 graduate Mary Wade, who served in Iowa and 1977 graduate Julie Latham, who served in Kenya, Africa.

The East Central Baptist Student Union is looking forward to a good year of growth, and hope that more ECJC students will be called to mission work in 1980.





# Cheerleaders get an early start

This year along with the new group of incoming students, there is another group of hard-working people call the ECJC cheerleaders. Eight girls are represented in this program. They are; Peggy Smith from Decatur, Debbie Easterling of Carthage,

Leisa Richardson from Union, Cindy Cleveland from Union, Cheryl Comans of Decatur, Jane Harthcock from Newton, Vicki Hamrick from Enterprise and Dina Walker of Philadelphia.

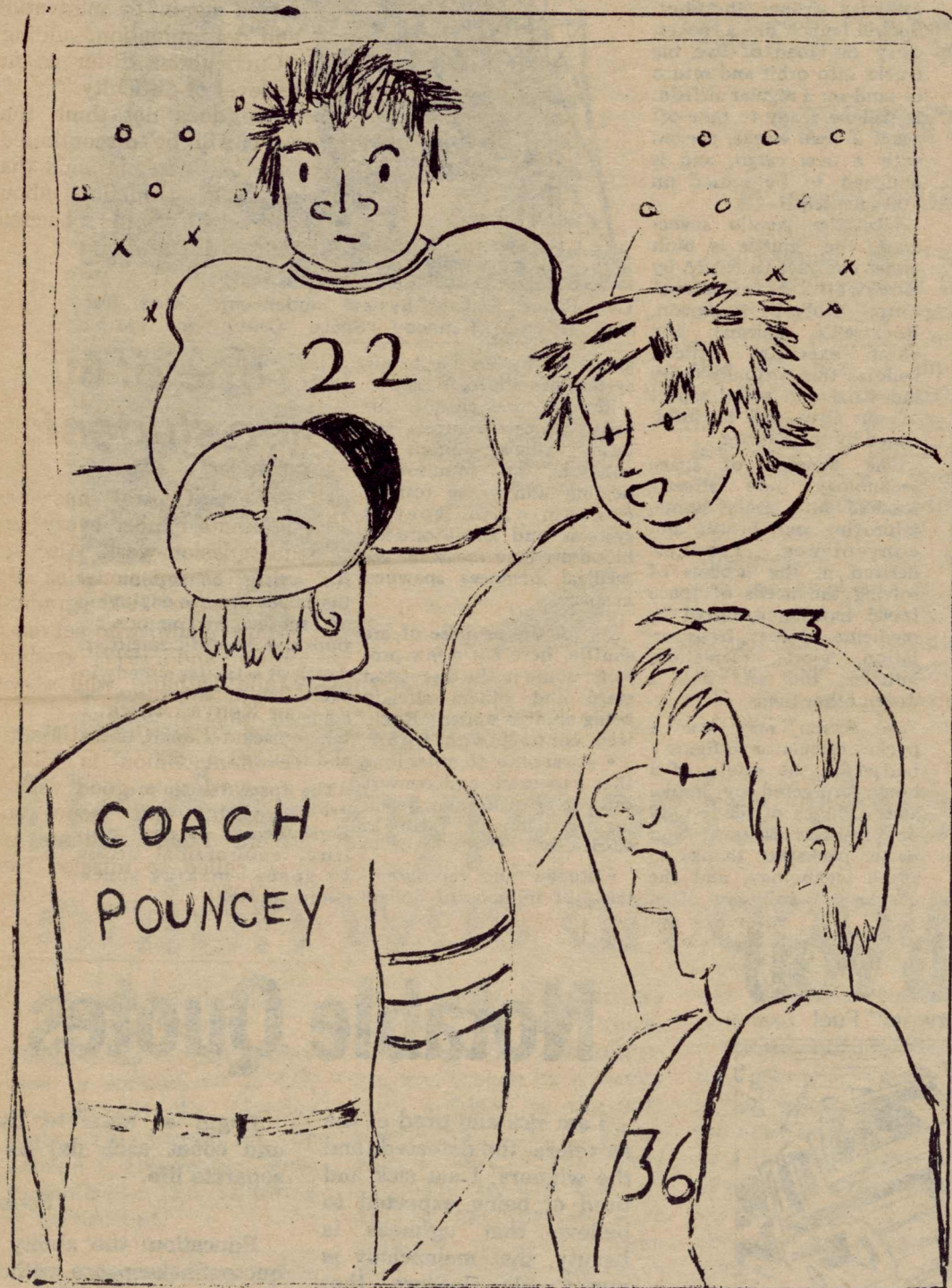
As all programs are involved with many activities,

so are the cheerleaders. Some of their activities included their moving in the dorms on August 13. During the full week they were responsible for getting uniforms ready and selecting shoes. Also pom-pom routines were made up and learned; cheers,

stunts and pyramids had to be perfected. There were never-ending signs that had to be drawn and painted. The cheerleaders made signs for the cafeteria in order to get ready for the first week of school.

All in all, the week was full of routines and hard work. These jobs and many

hours of practices under the hot sun were done by a dedicated group of girls--EC's cheerleaders. As this school year starts and football season begins, if any student has any suggestions for pep rallies, signs or routines, the cheerleaders will be pleased to listen and will welcome support.



THINK OF THE BALL AS THAT CUTE CHEERLEADER  
—AND RUN!

## Band enrollment is up

By DIANNE RUSSELL  
Staff Writer

The 1979 ECJC Warrior Band promises to be one of the best the junior college has seen in recent years. More members and some new attractions should make the band's performances more exciting.

Increasing in size from 52 members last year, approximately 65 students will participate in the marching band this year. According to James Dykes, band director, "We are gaining students every day.

The band will hold its first meeting Monday, August 13, so we will really know more about what to expect after then."

In addition to twirlers and the flag corps, a new drill-dance team, the Centralettes, will be featured. This is the first time in over eight years such a group has been organized. Increased interest in the band program has made this possible.

The band will perform at

all the Warrior football games, with the exception of two "away" games, Coahoma and Itawamba. As of now, no plans for special trips have been made. Dykes explained, "Money is tight and there is a need for new uniforms. This will have to be taken care of first."

In tryouts last spring, Jamie Satcher of Union was chosen to serve as drum major. He, too, is looking forward to the year as "the

best yet. The band is growing and everyone seems enthusiastic and willing to work hard."

Dykes agrees. "Not only do we have more quantity, but better quality, which is what really counts. The bands in the past have been very good and they continue to improve every year. With more numbers and good people, this band has the potential to be really great."

## Warrior SPORTS

### Fifty-five start fall drills on '79 Warrior football team

By SKIPPY LATHAM  
Sports Editor

Approximately 55 Warrior hopefuls were expected to report to campus August 12 to begin practice for the 1979-80 football season.

In a pre-season interview with head coach Ken Pouncey and assistant coach David Bradberry, it was stated that they expected 20 sophomores and 35 freshmen to participate in practice sessions. Of the 20 sophomores, seven are returning lettermen on offense while eight are returning lettermen on de-

fense.

Asked about what kind of season he expects, Pouncey said, "We're looking forward to this year with enthusiasm."

Both Pouncey and Bradberry expressed a desire to see increased fan-support, a crucial aspect in a winning season.

Opening against archival Scooba at home September 1, at 7:30 p.m., the Warriors should be in good shape for a winning season.

Other games are as follows:

#### ECJC 1979 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 1	East Mississippi	Home	7:30
Sept. 8	*Gulf Coast	Perkinston	7:30
Sept. 15	Itawamba	Fulton	7:30
Sept. 22	*Co-Lin	Home	7:30
Sept. 27	Coahoma	Clarksdale	7:30
Oct. 6	*Hinds	Raymond	7:30
Oct. 13	*Pearl River	Home	7:30
Oct. 20	*Southwest	Home	7:30
Oct. 27	Northwest	Home	7:30
Nov. 3	*Jones	Ellisville	2:00

\* Denotes South Division teams



# 'Collegians' on tour; making '79-80 plans

[Editor's note: Gary Rogers is a member of the ECJC singing group, the Collegians, directed by Bob Heritage.]

By GARY ROGERS  
Staff Writer

The 1978-79 Collegians made the annual tour, this time to Florida. We had started planning this trip just before Christmas and worked all year getting ready for it. Practice was needed, as well as finances.

After a Friday evening rehearsal in Newton, we left early Saturday morning, May 26. Driving all day, we reached Tallahassee, Florida late that afternoon. We stayed at the Ramada Inn Saturday night.

We left Sunday morning looking towards Lakeland. There we held a religious performance at Crestview Baptist Church's evening worship service. Afterwards, the church held a fellowship and persuaded us to sing a few songs from our Pop Concert.

The church members were very generous, offering their own homes to the Collegians for Sunday and Monday nights.

Monday we spent the day at Walt Disney World in Orlando. Each individual

was aided some by the Collegians Fund, which provided entrance into Disney World. That night, the families of Crestview Baptist Church organized a pool party for the group.

After the party, we used the church building for a rehearsal. Tuesday would be the "big day," for it was then that we would return to Disney World for more entertainment--and also to provide some entertainment. We sang that afternoon on Fantasy Faire Stage at the amusement park; it was the year's biggest performance--not to mention our best.

Wednesday and Thursday were spent on the Atlantic Seaboard. Everyone enjoyed sleeping late for a change, and swimming in the ocean.

Friday and Saturday were dedicated to the trip home; during the trip, faulty brakes and a bad alternator on two different vehicles were major problems. These dug deeply into the Collegians' expense account, but everything came out all right.

We made it back safely--but very tired. And now, we've begun looking forward to the 1979-80 group of Collegians.

## NEWS OF SCIENCE

Setting The Space Pace

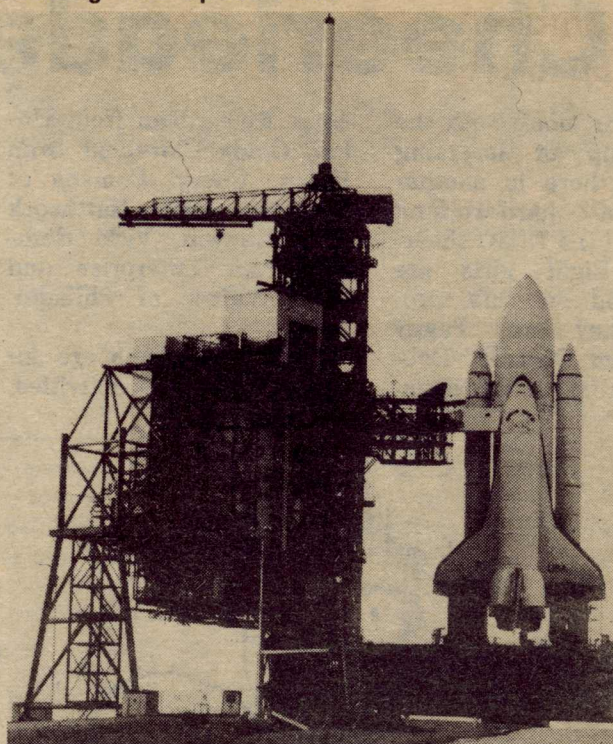
The Space Shuttle, a piloted aircraft designed to create a new era of scheduled space travel, will be the U.S.'s first manned space mission since Apollo-Soyuz four years ago. NASA Administrator Dr. Robert Frosch, anticipates that following six test flights into orbit, the Space Shuttle Rocket Plane, Columbia, will begin operational missions in the late summer of 1981.

The first spacecraft with wings and wheels like an everyday airliner, the Shuttle will launch like a rocket, carry the load of two big trucks into orbit and return to land on a regular airfield. It will be ready to take off again in two weeks, packed with a new cargo, and is designed to be reused on 100 such trips.

Like the Apollo spacecraft, the Shuttle is built under contract to NASA by Rockwell International Corp. Robert Anderson, Rockwell's chairman and chief executive officer, believes that virtually every industrial and social aspect of our lives will be influenced by the Shuttle.

The benefits of space technology have already reached into every home, improving our health and convenience. Products derived in the process of solving the needs of space travel have contributed to medicine, ecology, transportation, sports, recreation, hobbies, the arts and a dozen other fields.

A person may use a pocket calculator to figure a budget in the safety of a home protected by smoke alarms. Much of the food in our markets is purer and better packaged, thanks to space technology, and the checks we cash are often



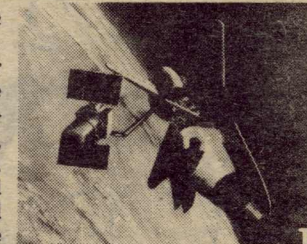
The Space Shuttle System underwent recent testing at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

approved by an electronic system developed for space.

The infrared scanner for breast cancer diagnosis, the heart catheter, infant incubators, fetal monitoring, hearing and visual testing, contamination-control systems and an automated blood-pressure measurer are medical advances spawned in space.

As for the promise of the shuttle, here are a few projects--some in the discussion stage and others already being studied under a Rockwell contract with NASA:

- A satellite 15 miles long that can catch and convert the power of the sun, beaming it back to earth as electricity.
- Repair and reprogram-



An artist's conception of the Space Shuttle deploying or retrieving communications and scientific satellites.

worth of satellites already in orbit, which either can be adjusted while in orbit or taken back to earth, fixed and replaced in orbit.

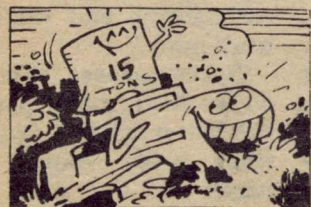
The Space Shuttle presents greater opportunity for Earth benefit through routine, economical access to space--making space commonplace.

## THE FOREST AND YOU

"Jaws III": The Remarkable Machine That "Harvests" Fuel

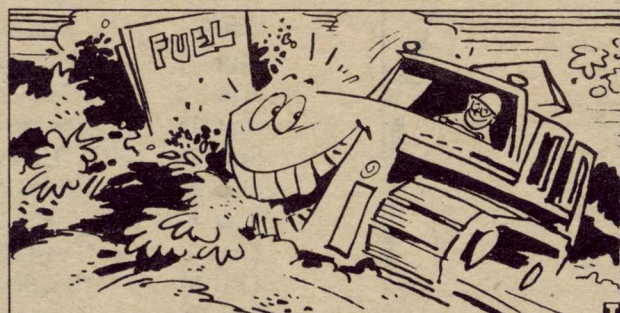
A biomass harvesting machine capable of producing one to 15 tons of biomass fuel per acre from otherwise useless brush among the pine trees on Southern flatlands was unveiled by Georgia-Pacific Corp. (G-P). This fuel is equal to from 432 to 1,088 gallons of fuel oil an hour, net after machine diesel consumption.

The 17-ton prototype is composed of two track-mounted sections, the forward portion carrying the driver and a cutting-chipping head that consumes brush and weed trees up to eight inches in diameter. Chips are blown into a hopper behind the operator's cab.



In one hour, "Jaws III" can produce between six and 15 tons of fuel!

The second section is the power unit, carrying a 430-horsepower diesel engine. In spite of the total weight, pressure on the



This "energy machine"--"Jaws III"--is turning trash brush into a sorely needed "cash crop"--fuel!

ground is only 7-1/2 pounds per square inch. The hopper carries three tons of chips and tips to the side to unload them for transportation as fuel for G-P plants. The unit will produce in one hour about six tons of fuel and, in some instances, up to 15 tons.

Nicknamed "Jaws III" by some of those experimenting with it, the new energy machine can keep down trash brush. This helps speed growth of the desirable native Southern pine by giving it more nutrition, water and light. Brush is harvested from each acre about every three years. It also can prepare now-wasted areas for new pine forests.

Believed to be the first of its kind, it is the result of three years' work and inno-

vation. When field-testing and adjustments are completed, G-P plans to build a series for use on its own lands, and also for sale to other landowners.

"Jaws" is the latest in a list of G-P environmental innovations that include burning dust for fuel to replace critical fuels, creating the blue-haze controls for veneer dryers that also make a fuel, testing old tires and light garbage for fuel supplements, adapting carbon monoxide and waste hydrogen gases for fuel, creating heat transfers, enclosed water and chemical systems, and other progressive processes. Last year the company won a Keep America Beautiful award for its efforts to turn pollutants into national benefits.

## Notable Quotes

I am sick and tired of the snivelers, the defeated, and the whiners. I am sick and tired of being expected to believe that ugliness is beauty, that melancholy is man's sole pleasure, that delinquency is delight, that laughter is something to be ashamed of.

John Mason Brown

You can lead a boy to college but you can't make him think.

George Ade

Never despair. But if you do, work on in despair.

Edmund Burke

And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you--ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Begin at once to live, and count each day as a separate life.

Seneca

Education: the ability to quote Shakespeare without crediting it to the Bible.

Evan Esar

An aim in life is the only fortune worth finding.

Robert Louis Stevenson

It is harder to conceal ignorance than to acquire knowledge.

Arnold H. Glasow

There are no uninteresting things; there are only uninterested people.

G.K. Chesterson

If you're going to climb, you've got to grab the branches, not the blossoms.

Hugh Park

Youth is glorious, but it isn't a career.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch





Mrs. Elisabeth Rowell

*From France to Decatur...*

## Mrs. Rowell has led very interesting and varied life

BY RANDY ADAIR  
Staff Writer

In passing, Mrs. Elisabeth Rowell appears to be the typical college professor. Little would one realize that she has an unusual identity from the past. At first glimpse the striking lady does not appear that she might have a formerly lived in a culture different from that of the rural Mississippian. Only when she speaks does her crisp accent give a clue of her former lifestyle. Further revealing her heritage, the

walls of her office are adorned with colorful posters and coats of arms of classical cities and the romantic countryside of her homeland in Normandy, France.

Madame Rowell, born Elisabeth Valin, grew up in Envermeu, France, close to the British Channel. Her early education was much different from that in America. A French child must first enter the primer system where he learns knowledge of basic studies. At the age of 4, Elisabeth Valin slipped away from home to attend a religious school with her older sister. When she was 12, she started her secondary education at a government boarding school specializing in certain studies. She attained her B.E., equivalent to a junior college degree, at 17. To learn the English language, Madame Rowell then traveled to England where she tutored large isolated families in rural areas such as Sheffield, Chichester, and Bath. After 3 years she returned to France taking jobs in businesses which required her to use her ability to speak both English and French. Among those jobs, she worked as an English speaking tour-guide in Rouen, France, and as a sales lady interpreter in a fine jewelry shop.

The war came, and Americans came to France. While working at an office in Paris, she was hired by a California businessman to assist him in opening a Coke plant in Normandy. She served the company in the capacity as an interpreter and bookkeeper. She met her husband, an American soldier, in August 1945. In April 1946 she and her husband arrived in Decatur, and she assumed U.S. citizenship. They eventually moved to New-

ton where she did book-keeping for several businesses in the Newton County area. Since then, Mrs. Rowell has reared two sons, Christopher and Michael. She has a wide range of interests and hobbies including sewing, knitting, crocheting, wallpapering, babysitting her two grandsons, and cooking French dishes and pastries. She returns to her homeland every 5 or 6 years. On these trips she visits her family and brushes up on changes in customs and language.

Since 1967 Madame Rowell has been the French instructor at East Central. When comparing college education in France to that in the United States, she states, "College is much harder in France than in the United States. It doesn't matter who you are or whether you have money. You enter college through competitive contest. Attendance is very limited. If you are accepted you study and work hard. Once in you don't have to pay. Colleges are supported by the Church or Government. There is also no social or campus life."

Madame Rowell is constantly updating conversation tapes and lesson plans and working on Le Cercle Francais (French club) programs. When asked what she enjoyed most about teaching, she replied, "I enjoy being around young people because they make me young. It is also a treat for me to teach French because I like to impart my knowledge of my native language to others."

Perhaps this is the key to her success as a teacher. Her greatest contribution is the ability to relate her personal experiences and French heritage to promote better understanding of French customs, lifestyles, and language.

*Col. Wallington's demonstration....*

## Under hypnosis the onion was an apple

BY JAMIE SATCHER  
Staff Writer

Editor's note: Jamie Satcher, a sophomore at EC, was present the Monday night that several of the college's students were hypnotized. The following is his account.

Recently our campus folk were treated to a rare form of entertainment. Colonel Ed Wallington, a highly skilled hypnotist, performed his act on behalf of recruiting students for the Army ROTC program. In my opinion, this was one of the most rib-tickling shows I've ever seen.

After briefly explaining hypnotism and mind control to the audience, and demonstrating some examples of the power of suggestion, Wallington began a mesmerization exercise on the audience. Although skeptical at first, I felt myself becoming more calm and open to hypnotism as his smooth voice urged me to "relax... relax." Concentrating with

all my might, I forced my attention on his voice. However, this concentration was broken by a nudge from a friend in the seat beside me, and I awoke with a start. I was really surprised to see that all around me, people were pointing at others who were seemingly lost in a trance.

Then, Colonel Wallington moved into the audience and tapped the shoulders of those who he felt were truly hypnotized. All in all, he selected five volunteers from the audience: Ken Hackman, Andy McGee, Clayton Whitehead, Sylvia Griffin and an unidentified out-of-town visitor. Then the fun began!!

First, Wallington coaxed the "guinea pigs" into a deeper state of relaxation. Then, he let them entertain the audience with such antics as eating an onion, believing it to be an apple; smelling of ammonia, which they thought was perfume; and smelling cologne, which he told them

was a human waste concentrate.

To me, the high point of the act was when Wallington allowed the volunteers to believe they were at a drunken party--drunk, of course. It was then that we found out quite a bit about our fellow classmates!

Also included in the program were places in which the volunteers believed themselves to be nude; would-be millionaires chasing after blank slips of paper-money; and spectators in an alternately hot/cold movie theatre watching a film which was, in parts, extremely sad or hilariously funny.

Another very humorous part of the program occurred when the hypnotized subjects, equipped with special rat-killing devices (brooms), tried to rid the stage of imaginary rats. The audience was in for some real excitement when one volunteer decided to

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## EDITORIALS

### Freedom of the press

Although freedom of the press has been a major concern for Americans since the founding of this country, various incidents in the past few years have brought increasing attention to the matter. Most notable are the controversies surrounding the Pentagon Papers, Watergate and the Supreme Court rulings of 1978. Essentially, the issue was the freedom of the press to report the government's conduct versus the power of the government to prevent publication of any information it chose to conceal, usually the guise of national security.

Freedom of the press, guaranteed in the First Amendment, is not the right of the newspaper industry to print exactly what it wishes, but the right of the people to know the facts about their government and their world. Also, newspapers give the public a medium in which to express themselves. Therefore, since it is necessary to U.S. democracy, a threat to freedom of the press is a threat to freedom of the people.

How much are the people entitled to know? That question may never be resolved. Most people would agree that the government, for the protection of its citizens, need not always reveal all the details of every situation. However, neither must it be allowed to bar the public's access to unfavorable facts.

In late June, 1978, the Supreme Court ruled that the First Amendment guarantees neither the press nor the public the right of access to information held by the government. This is a blatant denial of the rights of the citizen to know and the press to publish.

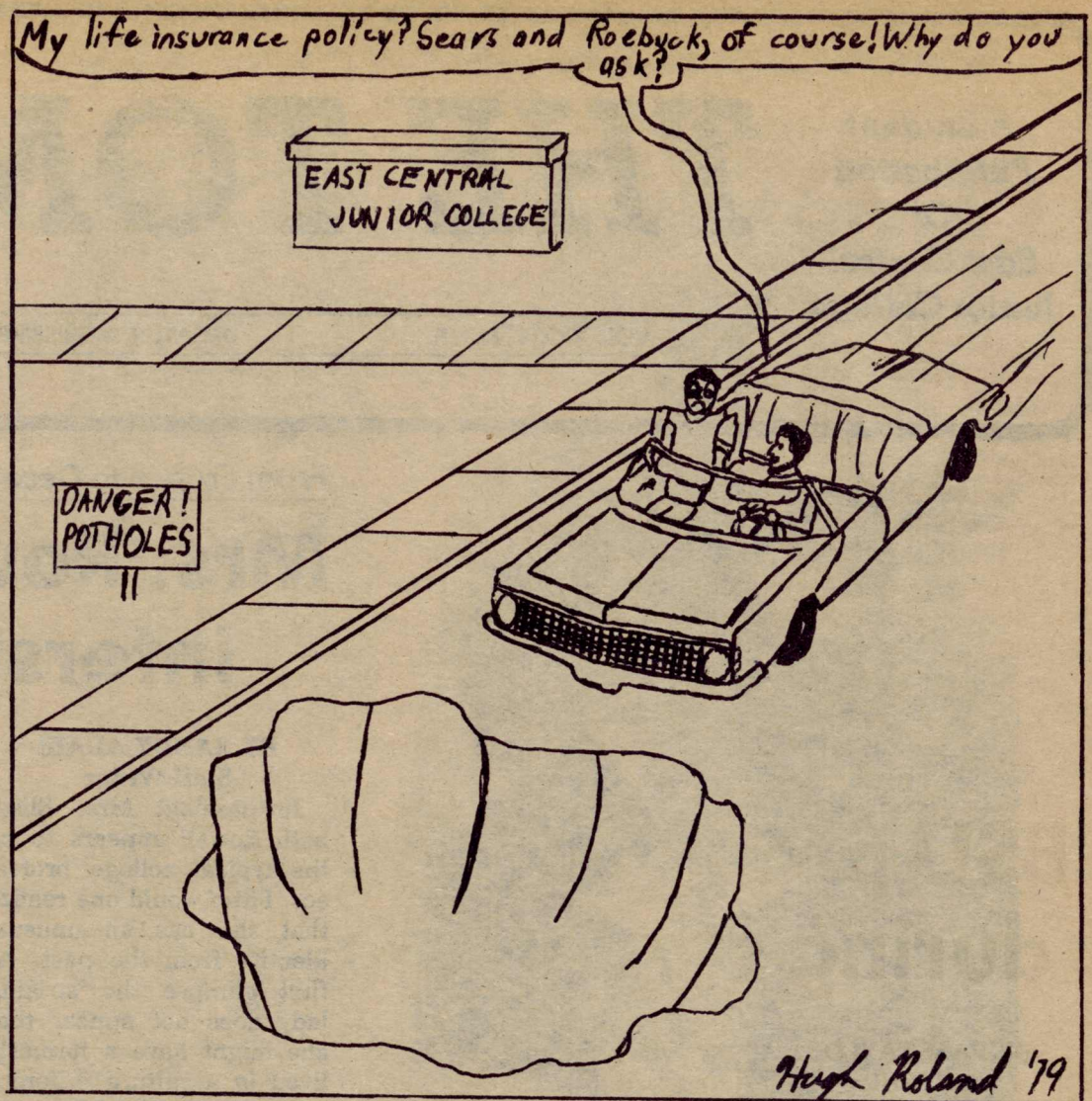
Another blow to freedom of the press came when the Court ruled that the police, with a warrant, could rummage through the confidential files of a newsroom.

These rulings are dangerous steps toward putting the press under government control and blotting out all sources of information that are contrary to the official version. While complete takeover of the American media by the government is not probable, each negative ruling of the Court lessens the effectiveness, the credibility and the integrity of the press.

## THE TOM-TOM

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### Book reviews....

## 'Scruples,' 'Cry Wolf' on shelves

**Force 10 From Navarone,** Alistar MacLean, fiction. The wild beautiful mountains of Tugoslavia are the setting for this thriller, a sequel to *The Guns Of Navarone*. The time is World War II and the action is fast-paced, with suspense, danger and ironic twists of plot.

**Scruples,** Judith Krantz, fiction. *Scruples*--a specialty shop where the rich might indulge their most lavish desires. Exactly what is it, though, or who is it that makes *Scruples* so different? Billy Ikehorn, the owner. Spider Elliott, the director. Valentine O'Neill, the fashion designer. The book is the tale of individuals whose lives are merged into one, with a single goal in mind: success.

**Special focus: Cry Wolf,** Wilbur A. Smith, fiction. Gareth Swales was an English gentleman. Jake Barton was a Texas mechanic. Vicky Chambers was a New York journalist, covering the Ethiopian conflict in the early 1900's. Combine the three, add an Ethiopian prince, hordes of blood-thirsty warriors and an Italian colonel, and readers can expect to be caught up in the drama of a small African kingdom's struggle

for freedom.

Swales and Barton were selling black market military supplies to Ethiopia, but there was an embargo on all shipments of arms--which meant they would have to deliver the goods secretly into the landlocked nation. In time, however, the operation would involve much more than gun-run-

ning and a classic lovers triangle.

Wilbur Smith was born in Zambia in southern Africa and received his degree from Rhodes University. He has written ten other novels which have received high critical acclaim: the trilogy *When the Lion Feeds*, *The Roar of Thund-*

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## Conservation Corner

By KEN HACKMAN  
 Staff Writer

Beginning next issue, *The Tom-Tom* will be bringing you a new column with each publication. This new feature will deal with the endangered wildlife and Eco-system of the South.

Many of the students here at East Central are directly linked by their future careers to involvement in conservation of our wildlife heritage. Those of you in medical fields use bio-research to fight many diseases, those associated with law and politics may one make important decisions similar to those linked with the famous "snail darter." Those majors also linked, although indirectly, education, business and career training programs. Besides those, all of us should be aware of the importance of our future of living in harmony with our environment.

Views and comments by the students, both pro and con, will be appreciated in the writing of this column.

Next issue: Lions in Mississippi.





THE 1979-1980 COLLEGIANS are (front row) Tamara Sammons, Sherry Winstead, Melissa Thompson, Cyndi Kennedy, Evelyn Pierce, and Sherri Miley; (back row) Ken Hackman, Gary Rogers, Geedie Simmons, Jamie Satcher, Todd Rogers, and Sidney Thompson. Not pictured are Cheryl Gibbon and Tammy Taylor.

## BSU provides fellowship during students' off-hours

BY PAM TAYLOR  
Staff Writer

The Baptist Student Union is a campus organization which offers the students Christian fellowship and guidance. Miss Gladys Bryant, who serves as a full time counselor, is also Director of the BSU. Other officers include: Jackie Wilson - President, Lynda Fulton - Secretary, Jeff Spears - Missions, Mark May and Gary Rogers--Publicity, Bryan Warren Richard Golden, Enlistment Sherri Miley--Music, Sheila Thrash--Bible study, Rose McGee--BSU paper editor, Melissa Thompson--Fellowship, Mr. Joe Clarke Faculty advisor, Rev. Gus Merritt - Pastor advisor.

According to Miss Bryant the main purpose of BSU is to "share Christ's love with everyone by reaching out to them." To begin this reaching out the BSU has started a devotional time on Wednesdays from 12:00 to 12:10. This provides a time for day students to be involved in BSU and also a short time of meditation during an otherwise hectic day. "Because the devotion is short there will be plenty of time for students to eat lunch before or after the devotion," said Miss Bryant.

The BSU has regular meetings in the Baptist Student Union center each night Monday through Thursday. A devotional program is held each Monday and Thursday at 6:00 with Bible study on Tuesday and Missions on Wednesday.

Besides a devotional and fellowship time, each night participants can also enjoy the facilities of the BSU. The Baptist Student Union center was purchased by the Baptist churches in the five county area. The center houses a large assembly room, nice restroom facilities, a mimeograph room, a large kitchen, a student lounge, and a small prayer room. Also the center has a centralized stereo system, ping-pong tables, along with other games, and a piano.

Throughout the year the

BSU sponsors various programs and activities. They have a number of socials and attend conferences each year. In December twenty members of the BSU will have an opportunity to attend the Student Conference of World Missions in Nashville.

"The BSU is open to all denominations and I'd like to see all students on campus to know that they are welcome to join in our activities and enjoy the center any time they want to," concluded Miss Bryant.

Taught by David Fowler....

## Karate class meets Tuesday nights

BY CYNDI KENNEDY  
Staff Writer

David Fowler, a brown belt, is beginning his second semester as instructor of Shoto-Kan, one of the oldest styles of karate known to man.

David first started his own long series of lessons at Carthage, MS under the direction of Tommy Luke.

He trained for five years and has been instructing for three years. In the spring semester he became instructor here at East Central. Recently he won third place in form at Mississippi State.

No one really knows how karate originated. It is believed that karate was developed in the religious monasteries by monks. For many years the only exercise that monks did was meditate and deliver mail

and valuables to people. Because they were physically weak and carried valuables, they were easy prey for thieves. By watching reptiles, mammals, and fowls they developed what has come to be known as Kungfu Karate. This style of karate has since been broken down into about one-hundred different styles.

On every Tuesday night from 6:00 to 8:00 the karate class meets in the P.E. building to stretch-out, do sit ups, jumping jacks, and about any other exercise that should be used to loosen-up. For the first few weeks the class will learn the basic ABC's-punches, kicks, stances, and blocks. "A person does not have to be in top physical condition nor does he have to be a well-coordinated person," says David, "but it takes

months and even years to develop well - trained skills."

This fall David plans to have special instructors visit the campus and plans to enter many tournaments which will benefit each person.

If within the next two or three weeks you find your Tuesday nights boring, think about taking a non-credit course in one of the world's oldest styles of karate - Shoto-Kan.

## Melanie Barrier elected President of Women's Dormitory Council

BY NATALIA MARTIN  
Staff Writer

Melanie Barrier of Noxapater, MS, was elected President of the Sophomore Womens Dormitory; Dianne Russell from Union, MS., was elected house chairman. Elected as social chairman was Leisa Richardson, also of Union. Kathy Harrison of Philadelphia was elected by acclamation as civic leader.

Also from Philadelphia, MS., Lisa Thrash was elected to be the secretary-treasurer. Melissa Thompson, from Morton, MS, was voted to be the religious chairman.

The Dorm Council hopes to provide many interesting things for the Sophomore girls this year. It will assist the dormitory supervisor in the direction of the women's dorms.

## 23 tryout for EC Collegians

Collegian auditions were held August 27 and 28 in the Fine Arts Auditorium for this year's group of campus singers. Sponsor Bob Heritage was in charge of the auditions.

This year there were twenty-three to try-out for the group. Out of those to audition, the following were chosen: SOPRANOS--Cheryl Gibbon, Tamara Howell, Melissa Thompson and Sherry Winstead; ALTOS--Cyndi Kennedy, Sherri Miley, Evelyn Pierce and Tammy Taylor; TENORS--Todd Rogers, Jamie Satcher and Sid Thompson; BASSES--Ken Hackman, Gary Rogers and Geedie Simmons.

The group will tour the five-county district and will perform in most of the high schools throughout the year. The Collegians are also available to perform at

banquets and club meetings; however, arrangements should be made in advance. This can be done by contacting Mr. Heritage at least one week before the group will be needed.

### Hypnosis

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save-- not kill-- the rats. Fortunately, Colonel Wallington saved the moment by announcing that the rats were gone.

After the program was over, the dazed but unharmed volunteers returned to their regular routines, with most of them unable to remember their actions on stage. The rest of us, however, will not readily forget the entertainment they provided in kicking off the new school year.



**ECJC CHEERLEADERS:**  
 Vicki Hamrick, Leisa  
 Richardson, Peggy Smith,  
 Cheryl Comans, Dina  
 Walker, Jane Harthcock,  
 Debbie Easterling, and  
 Cindy Cleveland  
 Photo by Larla Jordan



**She's back out for basketball.....**

# The 'Mud Duck' began her cross country trips at 13

**BY SKIPPY LATHEM**  
 Sports Editor

If "Mud Duck" averages as many points a game as she made trips in a ten-wheeler this summer, the East Central Lady Warriors will take all again this year. "Mud Duck," sophomore Reathia Comans, begins her first year of college ball having chosen not to play last year due to the illness of her father.

"I thought I could not devote enough time to the team because my father might need my help," said Reathia.

Reathia, following in the steps of her sisters Linda and Wanda who attended East Central in 1967-69 and 1970-72, drives for her father's trucking line. Having begun her truck driving career at the age of eight when she accompanied her father on summer trips, Reathia says, "Driving has helped in college because I know how to meet and get along with people."

The 5'10" Sebastapol native made 25 trips to Georgia and South Carolina, often driving 375 miles one way. A usual trip began on Sunday night and ended on Tuesday morning.

Reathia drove her first trip at 13 to Houston, Texas. She has also hauled watermelons from Florida. Barney, a younger brother,



**Reathia Comans**

Photo by Gary Rogers

usually accompanies Reathia.

"The hours are long on the trip, but I enjoy meeting old truck driver friends and meeting new ones. I really like traveling and talking on the C.B."

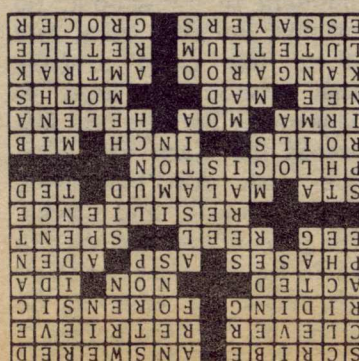
One of the more exciting challenges Reathia has was traveling across Alabama without lights.

"The alternator went out. I drove between other trucks-friends I had made earlier."

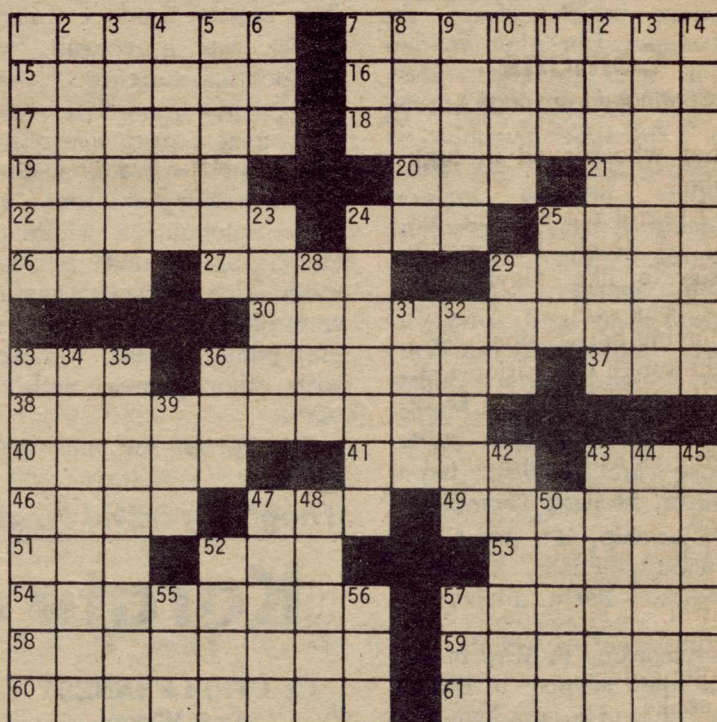
Truck driving isn't Reathia's hobby, she enjoys water skiing, swimming, horseback riding, and playing softball. Of course, these come second

to her love for basketball which probably goes back to influences from her sister Linda, a star player at Sebastapol High; her aunt Mattie who played at East Central; and her grand-

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## collegiate crossword



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### ACROSS

- 1 Penman
- 7 Responded
- 15 Ingenious
- 16 Fetch
- 17 Pestering
- 18 Pertaining to debating
- 19 Played a part
- 20 Part of NCO
- 21 Eddie Cantor's wife
- 22 Aspects
- 24 Cleopatra's killer
- 25 Gulf of —
- 26 Record of brain activity
- 27 Lively dance
- 29 Tired
- 30 Elasticity
- 33 Depot (abbr.)
- 36 Writer Bernard —
- 37 Actor Knight
- 38 Hypothetical substance
- 40 Irritates
- 41 Move slowly
- 43 Playing marble
- 46 "— la Douce"
- 47 Extinct New Zealand bird
- 49 Capital of Montana

- 51 Signifying maiden name
- 52 Humor magazine
- 53 Enemies of clothing
- 54 Captain —
- 57 U. S. railroad
- 58 Rare-earth element
- 59 Do a floor job
- 60 Ones who try
- 61 Occupation of Herbert T. Gillis

- 23 Inn for travelers
- 24 Former French province
- 25 Imitate
- 28 Lamprey and electric
- 29 Actor Greenstreet, for short
- 31 Old song, "— a Seesaw"
- 32 Box —
- 33 Rain lightly
- 34 "Walden" author, and family

### DOWN

- 1 Skin injury
- 2 Hackneyed expression
- 3 Indication of a sale item (2 wds.)
- 4 Harvard vines
- 5 Baseball hall-of-famer, Chief —
- 6 Energy unit
- 7 Dog sound, in comics
- 8 Sign gases
- 9 Barber shop item
- 10 Songbird
- 11 German number
- 12 Hospital physician
- 13 Trial material
- 14 Poured, as wine
- 35 Foods
- 36 Sports cars
- 39 Ending for pay
- 42 Garment worker
- 43 System of weights and measures
- 44 Instruction from Jack LaLanne
- 45 Sun bather
- 47 Half of TV team
- 48 Aroma, British style
- 50 Game of chance
- 52 Indian servant
- 55 Suffix: geographical area
- 56 Hindu sacred words
- 57 South American country (abbr.)



"always in good spirits"....

## Kennedy enjoyed Ridgecrest summer

BY ROSE MCGEE

Most college students spend the summer working to earn money for tuition and playing in the sun. Perhaps Cyndi Kennedy is not extremely different from most college students except for the fact that her work was at Ridgecrest in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

Ridgecrest is a Baptist Conference Center focusing on Christian growth and missions awareness. During the summer, emphasis is placed on a different area each week including Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Deaf Conference, Music, Youth Week, Women's Missionary Union and Baptist Student Union Centrifuge, a new program carried through an entire summer, involves youth between seventh and

twelfth grades and consists of Bible studies, puppet shows, devotions, talent etc. Also, special-emphasis week-end conferences take place throughout the year.

Cyndi, learning of the opportunity from relatives who had worked there, applied in January and received her acceptance papers in March. On May 25th, she began her new job as register, checking in guests and keeping books. She sacrificed by accepting less than normal wages in addition to room and board, but the sacrifice was worth the experience gained.

During off-hours, Cyndi would attend conferences, seminars and staff worship. For enjoyment, she participated on the staff basketball team and saw outdoor movies at the Amphitheater.

Each Friday night at Staff Celebrations a particular country was honored in menu and dress.

Cyndi displayed her ability for playing the piano at three staff banquets including a Christmas-in-July banquet in which staff members exchanged gag gifts.

The atmosphere at Ridgecrest was out of the ordinary. Everyone was "always in good spirits." Everyone smiled, "not because they 'had to.'"

Cyndi believes she became a better person because of her experience at Ridgecrest. She says that she not only developed Christian growth through fellowship, but also developed a greater awareness of missions and, through more consistent Bible study, gained better understanding.



Cyndi Kennedy

### Comans

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father who played in high school.

"I regret not playing last year. I think I'm really going to like playing at E.C." she said.

Playing ball against some of the tough opposition that Reathia will face as a Lady Warrior will be as challenging as avoiding a shootout during the trucking strike.

"I feel at home with the friendly faculty at East Central. I love the challenging as avoiding a shootout during the trucking strike."

season," she commented.

With a truck driving center running front door for the team, the Lady Warrior should have no trouble beating the "Smokies."

55 to 60 members....

## Choir already preparing

BY LEE CLAYTON  
Staff Writer

The ECJC choir consists of some 55 to 60 people; the large number of participants will limit the choir's traveling.

The main programs the choir will present first semester are a Christmas concert, a tape of Christmas carols, and a guest appearance on WTOK-TV in Meridian.

The first concert will be near the middle of October.

"They will perform a mixture of songs including Christmas carols and sacred music, which represents a wide spectrum of musical history," said Bob Heritage, director.

Accompanist is Retha Bryan. Other members of the choir are: Linda Addy, Libby Appleby, Sherry Arrington, Cindy Beatty, Patricia Bragg, Cindy Cleveland, Terri Donald, Tammy Gray, Al Haralson, Sandra Johnson, Leah Livingston, Scott Long, Philip Moore, Todd Rogers, Sidney Thompson, David Fowler, Lisa Wolverton, Melanie Howington, Mark Gunn, Sam Martin, Cheryl Com-

ans, Tamara Howell, Kim Seepe, Geedie Simmons, Patricia Thornton, Rickey Tankskey, Tammy Taylor, Melissa Thompson, David Walker, Linda Fulton, Jackie Wilson, Randy Adair, Cindy Fulton, Craig Gordon, Susan Mihalic, Fran Miley, Leisa Richardson, Charles Comans, Pat Sinclair, Cindy Kennedy, Barbara Green, Wayne Gordy, Charles Parker, Tammie Roland, Jamie Satcher, Clayton Whitehead, Sherry Winstead, Charles Burks, Cheryl Gibbon, Sharon Goodman, Ken Hackman, Mavis Harris, Carleen Jones, Rose Magee, Sherri Miley, Gary Rogers, and Evelyn Pierce.

### Book Reviews

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er and A sparrow Falls; The Dark of the Sun; Shout at the Devil, which was made into a movie; Gold Mine; Eagle in the Sky; The Diamond Hunters; The Sunbird; and The Eye of the Tiger.



### Triumphs Of Science

#### SYNTHETIC BLOOD

The search for a blood substitute moved a step closer to realization because a scientist happened to be reading a 1973 issue of *Science* magazine.

An article there summarized the work of Dr. Leland C. Clark, Jr., of the Children's Hospital Research Foundation in Cincinnati, in seeking a blood substitute. Needed: a compound that carried oxygen but would not react with anything, would remain suspended in water and would stay in the tissues no longer than needed.

Robert Moore remembered compounds his company, Sun, had worked on in the late '60s and shelved because their use in manufacturing commercial products was too costly. But these compounds seemed like just what Dr. Clark wanted.

A bottle of five-year-old F-adamantane was sent to the Cincinnati researcher. Thus, the foundation of their joint research was laid.

Their work interested Harvard University's Prof. Robert Geyer, another early pioneer studying blood substitutes, as well as Chinese scientists who learned about the research at an international conference in Florida.

Early tests on mice proved encouraging. Now tests in the United States are to begin on larger animals. These could determine whether the compounds developed have potential use in humans.

The Moore/Clark formu-



Scientist Robert Moore helped create "synthetic blood."



A mouse submerged in perfluorocarbons can still breathe—proof of the solution's capability to carry enough oxygen to temporarily substitute for whole blood.

lations are patented, but because work has been done under National Institutes of Health grants, NIH would be allowed to use any eventual commercial product free of royalty fees. The potential uses are limited only by the ingenuity of medical practitioners.

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All have experience....

## Flag, rifle corps are on at halftime

## Military Science is elective course

No, that wasn't Spiderman on the wall outside the main auditorium during registration. Who, then? Several Warrior students, repelling for the first time.

Repelling is a mountain-climbing technique, using a series of ropes. It is offered as an option for the ECJC students enrolled in Military Science.

According to Captain Tennimon, the Military Science instructor at ECJC, many students have a misconception about the program.

"Military Science is an elective course and there is no obligation of any type. There is no marching or uniforms, and the course can be dropped at any

time," he explained. The classes meet for one hour of classwork and one hour of lab each Wednesday. The classwork is basically an awareness program and the lab offers repelling, helicopter rides, field trips, et cetera, to those students who wish to participate.

"MSG Royals is back this year to teach Military Science to the Freshmen and those that have been in his classes know that the classes are anything but dull."

Tennimon and Royals will be on campus Monday mornings and all day Wednesday; their office is located above the student center down the hall from the clinic.

BY SHARON THAMES  
Staff Writer

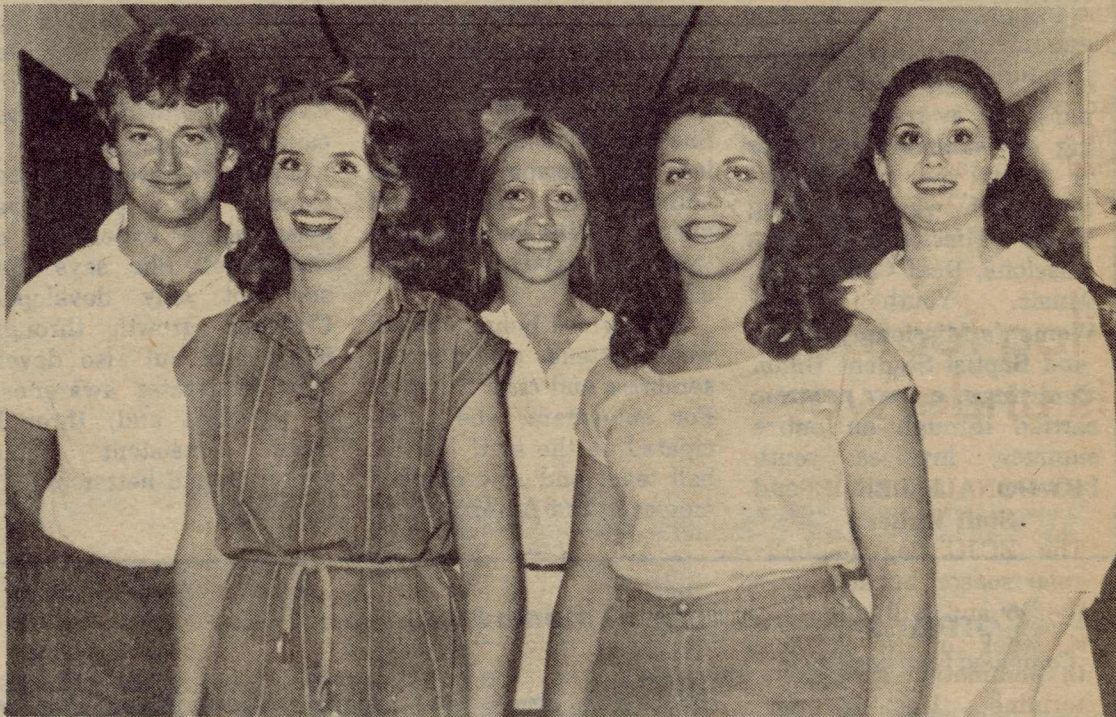
East Central's Rifles and Flag Corps started their season off Friday night during half-time; their emphasizing of the music and movement helped to ease the tension and entertained the officials and spectators while East Central and East Mississippi were getting ready for third quarter. Aware of the pressure of the game, the Rifles and Flag Corps stood proudly on the football field, and

did their routine with victory on their minds.

Each member of the Rifles and Flag Corps has had prior experience in the band; they have appointed leaders who will guide them. James Dykes, Band Director, decides on some of their routines. The Rifles Corps have four members: George Boyles, Forest H.S.; Stephanie Alexander, Union H.S.; Marilyn Byrne, Rifles Captain, Newton H.S.; Cindy Cleveland,

Union H.S., with four years experience in Rifle Corps.

The Flag Corps are Marie Aust, Scott Central; Cindy Trevillion, Riverwood H.S., Atlanta, Georgia; Retha Bryan, Flag Captain, Ida H.S., Ida, Michigan; Sherry Winstead, Union H.S.; Lisa Wolverton, Philadelphia H.S.; Dianne Russel, Union H.S. Together, the Rifles, and Flag Corps are a great asset in helping the season go smoothly for the Band and Football Players.



PHI THETA KAPPA OFFICERS for the year are Stan Clark, Vice-President; Evelyn Pierce, Secretary; Cheryl Young, president; Sherry Winstead, Historian; and Susan Mihalic, Treasurer

Photo by Gary Rogers

Our  
readers  
write...

## Letters to the Editor

Because THE TOM-TOM is written for the students of East Central, feedback from the students is necessary to obtain a wide range of news. Address your comments to Letters to the Editor, Box 377, ECJC, Decatur, MS. 39327. The editor reserves the right to edit. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld on request.

### School Bus Blues

Perhaps you can answer the following questions. Why do the football players get chartered buses with air conditioning while the band and basketball players get the broken-down school buses?

We feel the band does a heck of a lot of work and are just as important as the football team. It was a disgrace to send the girls' basketball team to Tennessee in those broken-down old buses when they were #1 in our state.

When our parents sent us to ECJC, they expected us to gain more independence than we are in fact

allowed. If the band goes to football games almost 4 hours away, then why can't we take our own vehicles? We got to last year by simply getting parental permission in writing, which released the school of responsibility. Should we not have the same choice as our football team, or be given permission to take our cars?

### CONCERNED BAND MEMBERS

### Mystery Meat

Last year the graduating sophomores and the freshmen fully supported the plans of additional lunchroom space. In each county of our district, the board of supervisors was urged to give a vote of approval for expansion.

Upon returning this year as a sophomore, I found out that only the teachers were receiving a new place to eat. This made me realize that probably the 30 minutes we stand in line now for lunch will not

decrease and if it does, we will still stand in line 15 or 20 minutes just to be able to eat.

After waiting in line for 30 minutes once last week, I fell into a chair to stuff myself before my next class. I had exactly 20 minutes to eat, and 5 to get to class. However, 15 minutes (of eating time) was spent fighting FLIES. I couldn't decide if I were eating real meat or the highly protein-concentrated FLY MEAT.

Mr. Lee continues to do an excellent job as head cook. But why should we, the students, eat fly meat when we didn't pay for it?! Also, why should we go unspoken about standing in line for 30 minutes when we might have a class the next period?. Make yourselves heard!

NAME WITHHELD

### Asking for Asphalt

Last year as a freshman, the girls of EC's freshman and sophomore dorms put up with the lack of parking

space for our cars. Along with this, we also paid our tickets.

This year, however, didn't bring any improvements in solving this terrible problem. The registration of cars on this campus is \$2.00 This is stated in ECJC Traffic Rules and Regulations. Also stated under Roman numeral I, Subtopic B: "The college does not guarantee parking space."

Certainly this should be changed. Is it fair for us girls to park in front of the Voc-Tech Building so as not to receive a parking ticket? Is it fair for female students to have to purchase registration stickers for vehicles and not be provided a place located close to the dorm to park?

There is plenty of space beside and behind the sophomore girls' dormitory to fix a decent place for us to park. We should also not forget the serious traffic congestion caused by the lack of parking places between the freshman and sophomore girls' dorms.

NAME WITHHELD



Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Gipson....

# Dorm mothers 'love every minute'

BY LEISA RICHARDSON  
Staff Writer

What is a dorm mother? Someone who is always there to listen, to care, and to understand. Who are East Central's dorm mothers? In charge of Jackson Hall is Mrs. Desma Kilpatrick who has been here for almost 9 years. Mrs. Sarah Gipson, who has been here 6 years, is over the Sophomore girls in Newsome Hall.

A student who may not know Mrs. Kilpatrick or Mrs. Gipson can usually find them at most of the student activities. Mrs. Kil-

patrick, fondly referred to as "Mrs. K." said, "One of the pleasures of being a dorm mother is the association with the girls. I love my job and I enjoy friendly chats with Mrs. Gipson over a cup of coffee. We both like to be involved with the student activities. We enjoy football and basketball games, the Dinner Theatre in the fall and the spring musical."

Both women are dedicated to their job. Mrs. Gipson said, "I certainly do enjoy my job. I have made some friendships that will last forever." She also added, "I think my main duty as a dorm mother is being a second mother for the girls. I am always available and I hope they will confide in me. Our girls are a challenge and a sure way for someone to stay young. Another of my responsibilities is to keep the dorm running smoothly as possible."

Mrs. Kilpatrick then stated, "I really do enjoy my job; I love every minute of it."

"Anybody that can take in 130 freshman girls is strong. She has to help reassure the new ones about school, their schedule and where to go. Mrs. Kilpatrick is a mother to every one of the girls in their first year of college and that is a tough job!" commented Mrs. Gipson. Mrs. "K" added, "I want all of my girls to know that I am here for their benefit. I know some girls are still reluctant to leave home. That is why I am here. I don't try to pry into their business but I am concerned about all of my girls. One of the pleasures is for some of the girls to come by the desk and give me a goodnight hug. This makes me know my time has not

been spent in vain."

Just like all colleges, every dorm is going to have some share of problems. EC's dorm mothers feel they have been very lucky in this area. Mrs. Kilpatrick said, "To compare with other colleges, our problems are mild. The main problem in Jackson Hall is keeping all 130 girls quiet. I don't think we have any real problems. If we have any problem student, we usually talk it over and settle the matter with that student. If we have any bad troubles that we cannot handle then we go to Dean Brackeen."

Both dorm mothers have pet peeves and they each have about the same ones. Mrs. Gipson gets upset when someone unplugs the hall clock or sets the time backwards about 45 minutes. She said she realizes this is done by someone in hopes of her not noticing and the front door will stay unlocked a little while longer.

Mrs. Kilpatrick's pet peeve is the doorbell and the fire escape. She said, "I hate for a student to ring the doorbell continuously after 12 o'clock. I'm not deaf and it also bothers other girls in the dorm who are trying to study or sleep. Also, some girls think they can get in late by climbing up the fire escape. Most of the time that does not work."

They both agreed a strong pet peeve is the weekend list. Girls will sign the list to stay over the weekend but they never show up. Mrs. Kilpatrick had 8 girls to sign up this past weekend but only 2 girls stayed.

Mrs. "K" and Mrs. Gipson also agree it takes a great deal of patience to be a dorm mother. "Yes, it



Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Gipson

takes quite a bit of patience in even small matters such as the doorbell ringing at one or two o'clock in the morning," said Mrs. Kilpatrick.

They have also heard their share of wild excuses in the past few years. Both women are amazed that the girls in this area have more car breakdowns, take more wrong turns and the poor girls are always getting left somewhere. Mrs. Gipson said "I believe one of the funniest things I've seen in this one girl that came in about 30 minutes late. It had to be one of the coldest nights in the year and this girl explained to me that she had just walked several miles in deep mud to get back to the dorm. Well, that was fine except when she turned to walk towards her room I noticed she was clean as a whistle!"

What happens after some of their girls leave and graduate from ECJC? Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Gipson believe in lasting friendships. "We have had so many girls come back to see us since our first year to be here. They will never know how much they mean

to us," said Mrs. Gipson.

Mrs. Kilpatrick added, "We're always thrilled to run into someone we had during our stay here at EC. I'm always surprised at what a small world this is. This past weekend I went to see my daughter in Vicksburg and Sunday morning before Church I ran onto one of my girls I had during my second year at East Central."

Although Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Gipson spend most of their time on East Central's campus, they do go home on alternate weekends. Other than the time they spend on the job, they try to go home and see their family. Mrs. Gipson lives in Decatur and she has a daughter Sue, and a grandson, Michael.

Mrs. Kilpatrick, who lives in Philadelphia has a son, Max, who lives also in Philadelphia with his family; another son, Gerald from Germantown, Tennessee; and a daughter, Linda who lives in Vicksburg. Mrs. Kilpatrick's spare time is easily filled with her 8 lively grandchildren.

## Flag football is underway

BY DONALD BENDER  
Staff Writer

The ECJC flag football regular season began September 5 and will end the first week of November, with elimination games to determine the overall champion.

There are 10 teams participating in the intramural games, six men's teams and four women's teams. Combined, they have 135 to 140 players.

Some of the teams have already played a warm-up game and will play one game per week when the regular season begins. The results of the warm-up games are as follows:

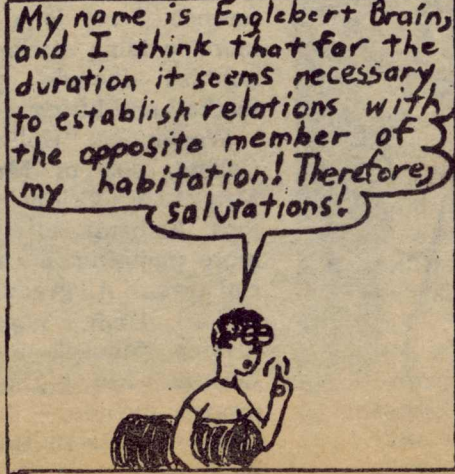
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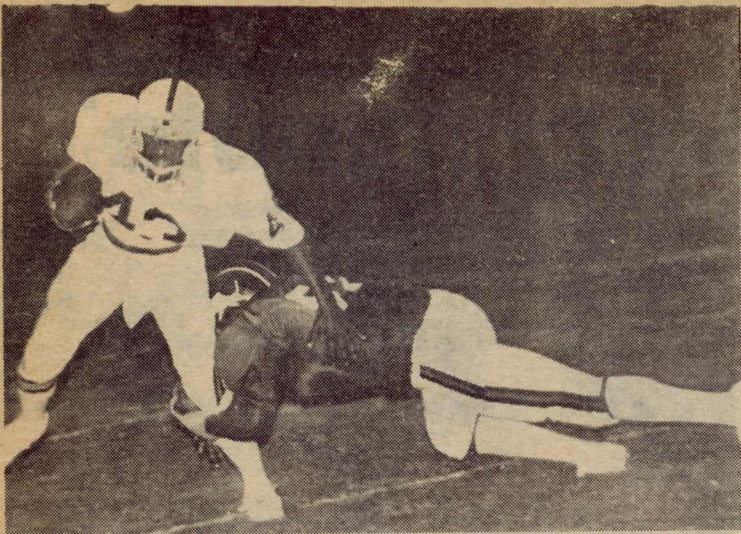
Hoddy Toddy 22, Rig "L" 6.

None of the four girls' teams have played at this writing. They are the Destroyers, the Sidewalk Strutters, the Clarks, and the Trojanettes.

## Brain and Brawn







## Costly errors help Lions win, 15-12

BY SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

"I think that we all learned from our mistakes. I know that I did," stated Quarterback Ricky Parker.

"There is no excuse; they just beat us," said Coach Ken Pouncey.

East Central was defeated by Scooba 15-12 on September 1, 1979.

The first score came after East Central's Willie Hannah fumbled on the 12-yard line. East Central had begun on the 1-yard line following a punt by Scooba. Ricky Parker advanced the ball to the 10-yard line.

With 8:01 left in the third quarter, Scoob's Dodie Colvin completed a 12-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Willie Gillespie for the first score of the game. The P.A.T. was added by Charles Clearman.

Later in the 3rd quarter E.C. began a drive on their own 29-yard line. The first play of the 4th quarter featured running back Eric Edison racing 43 yards for the touch down. The P.A.T. attempt failed.

On E.C.'s next possession, they put together a 52-yard drive to take the

lead. The score came with 6:26 to play in the game, with an 8-yard pass from Ricky Parker to split end Benny Earl Moore. East Central went for two but failed.

Scooba's next drive proved to be crucial to E.C. Beginning on their own 24-yard line, Scooba marched 76 yards in 6 plays to take the lead with 2:32 left to play. The touchdown was scored by running back Ken Waddell from 28 yards out. Waddell also scored the two-point conversion, which gave Scooba a 15-12 lead over E.C.

East Central failed to get a first down in four attempts. As Scooba took over on East Central's 37-yard line-the chances for E.C. looked slim, but the ball was jarred loose and E.C. recovered.

With hope of connecting with running back Terry Fisher, Quarterback Parker put the ball into the air, only to be intercepted by Scooba's Marvin Jackson.

Outstanding defensive players were: Ronie Mella, Robert Hull, Jim Thomas, Rusty Barrett, Richard Roush, Donald Ficklin, Jeff Watkins, and Mike Lee.

Ten per issue.....

# Meet the Warriors

BY SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

To allow the readers to learn more about individuals football members, The Tom-Tom will feature ten

## Gulf Coast comes from behind to beat ECJC

The Gulf Coast Bulldogs edged by the East Central Warriors 14-9 in a close contest Saturday night.

Following a no-score first quarter, quarterback Ricky Parker came in from the one yard line, finalizing a 48-yard drive, to give EC a 6-0 lead. The extra-point attempt failed.

Six minutes into the second quarter, Billy Smith kicked a 28-yard field goal for the Warriors, increasing their lead to 9-0.

With 2:24 remaining before the half, GCJC player Robert Payton ran in a touchdown from the 8 yard line. Vincent Pleasant made the extra point, leaving the score 9-7.

After an uneventful third quarter, GC's Payton dove in from the 3 yard line to score again. Pleasant kicked the extra point, making the final score 14-9, Gulf Coast.

Football photos  
by  
Kenny Baker

players in each issue until the whole team has been introduced.

The first ten players to be featured are -- Luther Anderson, Rusty Barrett, Benji Blount, Jerry Brantley, Wesley Collins, Donald Ficklin, Terry Fisher, Willie Hannah, Bob Holland, and Robert Hull.

Luther Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Wooten of Columbiana, Alabama, is an offensive tackle. Luther is a sophomore majoring in physical education. A graduate of Shelby County High School, Luther was team captain of his football team and President of the Key Club. Luther made All Shelby County, Mid-State Conference, and Most Valuable Lineman. Luther says that he enjoys all sports.

Defensive tackle Rusty Barrett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny J. Barrett of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A sophomore liberal arts major, Rusty is a graduate of Istrouma High School. During high school Rusty was 6-AAAA-All District, 6-AAAA-All Parish, and Best defensive lineman. Rusty's hobbies include hunting and fishing.

Benjamin R. Blount, son of Mrs. Eva Blount of Decatur, is the center. Benji is a sophomore majoring in drafting. His achievements at Decatur High School include: Honorable Mention-Junior year, All Choctaw Conference- senior year, 2 years best offensive lineman, team captain, and Vice-President of the Science Club Benji's hobbies are camping, fishing, and watermelon stealing.

Running back Jerry Brantley is the son of Mrs. Mary Brantley of Carthage. While attending South Leake High School, Jerry received the best defensive player, best offensive back, and most valuable player awards, and made All Conference. Jerry is a sophomore welding student. His hobbies include playing football and lifting weights.

Wesley "Hollywood" Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Collins of Oxford, Alabama, is a sophomore majoring in commercial arts. A graduate of Oxford High, Wesley is playing fullback for East Central. His high school awards include -- 3-A All County, outstanding running back, and the Race

Horse Award. Wesley's hobbies are hunting, fishing, and playing the guitar. Wesley says, "We've got a state bound football team."

Free Safety Donald Ficklin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ficklin, Sr. of Morton. A graduate of Morton High, Donald is a sophomore physical education major. His high school achievements are: Mr. Personality (75-76, 76-77), Vice-President of class (10th grade), All Conference defensive back, player of the week-football and basketball, member of the Class A State Champ of 1978 basketball team, Mississippi All-Star Football game, runner-up Player of the Week-Jackson Daily News, and Student Council Representative.

Terry Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne C. Fisher of Citronelle, Alabama, is a halfback, Terry, a graduate of Citronelle High, is a sophomore business administration major. His high school achievements include the Psychology award and Most Valuable award in football. Terry is treasurer of the Student Body Association at East Central. His hobbies include - playing the guitar, weight-lifting, fishing, and skiing.

Left tail back Willie Hannah is the son of Sillar Holmes of Louisville. Willie, a sophomore liberal arts major, is a graduate of Louisville High. In high school Willie received the track award, the off season training award, the best offensive back award, and made all conference. Willie's hobbies include playing basketball, partying, and horse-back riding.

Bob Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Holland Jr. of Philadelphia, is the tight end. Bob is a sophomore liberal arts major from Neshoba Central High School, where he was Mr. N.C.H.S.. His hobbies include swimming, diving, and fishing.

Defensive end Robert Hull is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Turnage Hull of Walnut Grove. Robert is a sophomore welding student from South Leake High School. His high school awards are--best defensive lineman, best blocker, and All Conference. Robert's hobbies are swimming, horse-back riding, and chasing women.





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## Leisa Richardson is homecoming queen

By LYNDA FULTON  
Staff Writer

Leisa Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Richardson of Union, was recently elected Homecoming Queen by the student body at East Central. Leisa who will reign over the festivities to be held October 13, 1979, has been a participant in many activities at East Central. She has been a member of the Fashion Squad for 2 years and was voted as a freshman favorite and freshman maid. This year she is a cheerleader, a member of the Players, SEA, and serves on the sophomore dorm council. Leisa, who attended Union High School, will be escorted by Craig Gordon, also of Union.

Elected as Maid of Honor was Mavis Harris of

Louisville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Harris and is a sophomore liberal arts major. While at East Central, Mavis has been a member of the Players, the concert choir, the Welsey choir, and the Home Economics club. Paul Eichelberger of Louisville will serve as Mavis' escort.

Three sophomore maids were also elected. They are Cindy Fulton, Debbie Easterling, and Cheryl Young.

Cindy Fulton, a graduate of Leake Academy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fulton of Philadelphia. A member of the choir, the Players and the Collegians, she is a data processing major. Her escort is Mark Killens of Union.

Cheryl Young of Carthage is an engineering

major. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Young and a graduate of Leake Academy, Cheryl has participated in intramural football, basketball, and softball, and is serving this year as president of Phi Theta Kappa. Her escort will be Tim Walker, also of Carthage.

Debbie Esterling, an intensive business major, is the daughter of Mrs. Syble Easterling of Lena. She is a cheerleader and has played intramural football, basketball and volleyball. Last year Debbie was voted a freshman class favorite. She will be escorted by Gary Barber of Chunky.

Also elected by the student body were three maids to represent the freshman class. They are Lisa Sinclair, Retha Bryan and Sharon Gilliland.



Lisa Sinclair is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sinclair of Louisville. A graduate of Winston Academy, Lisa is an

accounting major. She will be escorted by Kenneth Gilliland of Louisville.

Retha Bryan, who is majoring in accounting, will be escorted by Kenneth Gilliland of Louisville. Continued on page 3...

## Carson takes Trustee responsibility seriously



Marshall Carson

By SUSAN MIHALIC  
Editor

The small, box-shaped post office at Conehatta sits squarely at the top of the T-shaped highway leading to it. Parked in front of the building is a white car, belonging to the postmaster of thirty-nine years, Marshall Carson.

"As long as it's there, the customers keep coming, even though the post office closes at 4:30. If that car stayed here until 9:00 someone would come in," he said, smiling.

Carson, a white-haired, articulate man, has been a member of East Central's Board of Trustees since 1936, the longest period of time in the history of the college that anyone has served. Currently he is on the Personnel Committee and the Financial Committee; he is a past chairman of the Building Committee. Describing himself as "Educationally-oriented," he is

also on the school board at Conehatta.

Born in Conehatta, Carson said that he's lived there all his life, and has never wanted to live anywhere else. A graduate of the University of Mississippi pre-med program, he never went on to become a doctor, because of his father's death.

"He had a country store here, so I took over the operation of it," he explained. He had planned to join his uncle and his two cousins in their medical practice in Gulfport; instead, he sent the rest of his family through college.

His wife, Anna Kate, taught the business courses at Decatur High School until her death ten years ago. His son Neal is a graduate of EC and Ole Miss, and is now Assistant Engineer of the city of Meridian.

Appointed for five-year terms, Carson was initially

selected by the Newton County School Board. Now, however, the county supervisor recommends the appointee, whose term is renewed or terminated at the end of five years.

"As long as I've been on the board, I don't recall a member being fired," Carson said, leaning back in his chair to fold his hands behind his head. "A few have resigned because of insufficient time to serve as trustees; most board members have other jobs. If you're selected to serve, you should attend the meetings. In forty-three years, I probably haven't missed half a dozen meetings. When I did miss, it was because I was sick or out-of-town.

"It's an honor to serve," he added. "There's no monetary value in it. When I go to a meeting, I have to take a day of annual leave from the post office. It is a

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# Bells, parking top improvements list

By DIANNE RUSSELL  
Staff Writer

What do you think need improving at ECJC? During the past few weeks, several students were asked that question, and many agreed on what needs to be done.

The most frequent answer was "We need an efficient bell system." This is a legitimate complaint, because not only are there no bells that ring in the dorms, but the existing bells seem to ring at a different time each day. As one student said, "No matter how hard I try to get to class on time, I'm always late. It is especially hard on commuters, who must guess at what time to leave home each day."

Following a close second in the number of response was an obvious and serious problem--parking space. Students were not the only ones who expressed displeasure at the fact that all cars must have a parking permit, but parking space is not guaranteed. At times, it is impossible to find a parking space at the girls' dorms, but this is only one aspect of the parking problem. Faculty and students alike, commuters in particular, have a hard time finding parking spaces during the day anywhere near the building in which their next class is located. Several possible solutions have been suggested--building a new parking area, assigned parking spaces for dormitory students or different colored parking permits to distinguish faculty from students.

Along with suggestion for improvement in these two areas, students expressed a desire for more planned activities at night. A common response was "We're bored." Lights for the tennis courts would be a help here, as they are seldom vacant during the daylight hours.

Then is the request for equal rights for girls and boys where curfew is concerned. Right along with this is the question of how the lunch lines can be shortened, or at least the time spent standing in line lessened.

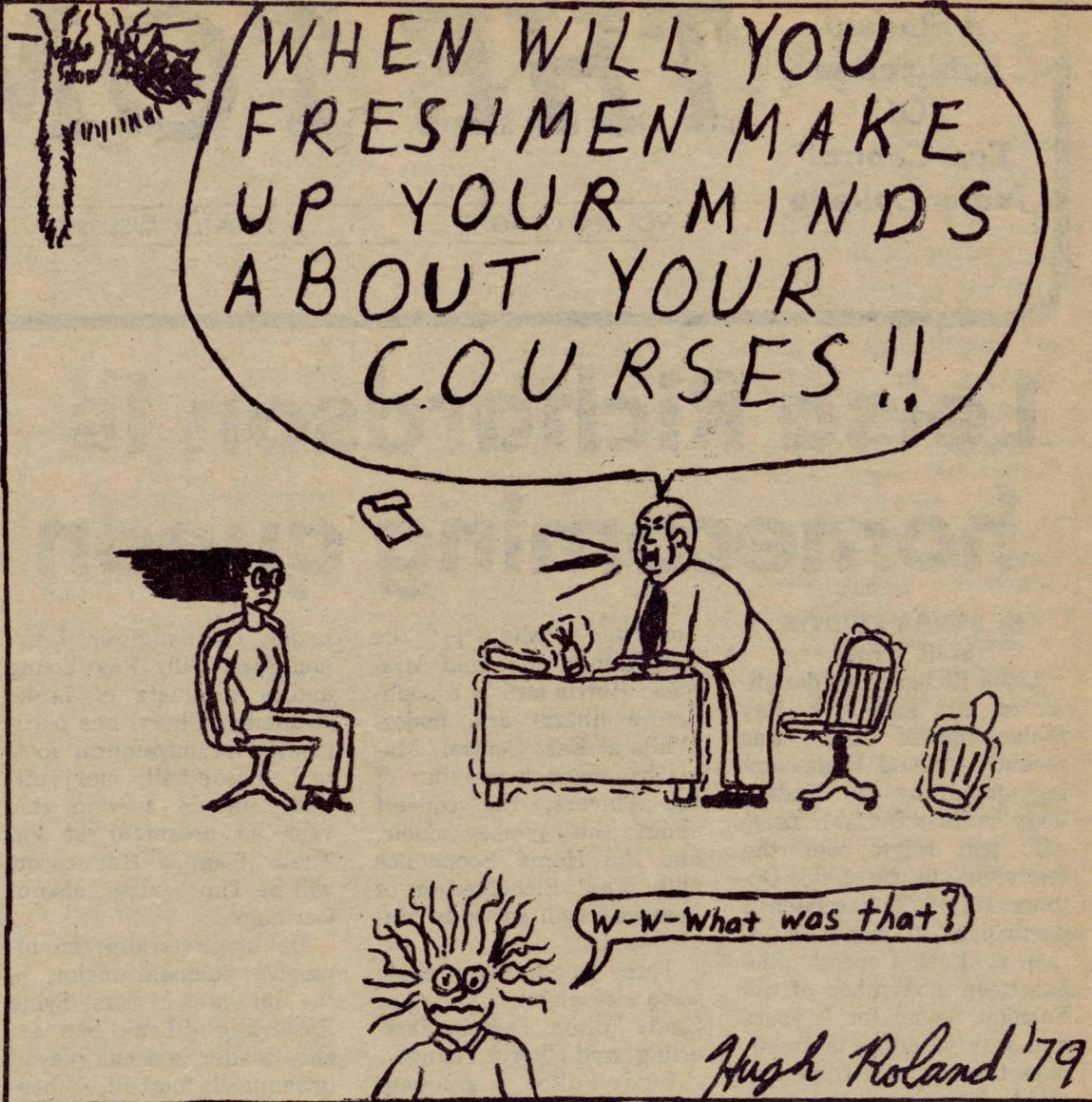
One answer to the question was "the roads need fixing." This wish is actually becoming a reality, as in the last couple of weeks men and machines have begun to move in, cutting down trees and hauling in dirt. Does this mean that maybe, after all, there is hope for future improvement of conditions at ECJC?

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"A newspaper can never rise above nor fall below its staff"

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## IN MR. RIVES' OFFICE.....



## -- Apathy --

### The Mid-term blahs bring the disease

What is this strange malady that has stricken the students at ECJC, reaching epidemic proportions in a matter of days? The symptoms are, in order of severity: sleeplessness, short tempers, drooping shoulders and an overall attitude of I-have-too-much-to-do-and-not-enough-time-to-do-it.

This affliction is not limited to EC students; it hits all college campuses about this time every semester. It is, in the most sophisticated scientific terminology, the Mid-term Blahs.

A depressing experience for the college student, the Mid-term Blahs are characterized by a general feeling of overwork; this is not helped by the overshadowing feeling that the student would not be overworked if he or she budgeted his or her time more wisely. After all, the student who spends an hour complaining about all that history, those blasted French tapes and that (unprintable) chemistry lab knows that he or she should be working on the very subject of the complaints.

This realization has little effect when the Mid-term Blahs advance into the most acute stage: apathy.

Apathy sets in when the student discovers that not only does he or she have a paper due and two tests on Tuesday, but also four club meetings, band practice, and an intramural basketball game scheduled for the same time...on Monday. Since it is virtually impossible to accomplish all of the projects with the same degree of excellence, the student begins to think, "Why should I bother with any of it? I can get by with only an hour's studying for my biology test--that way, I can leave band practice early and make it to the gym in time for the fourth quarter of the ballgame. Someone can tell me what we did at the Player's meeting."

The Mid-term Blahs don't harm everyone in the same way that they do students. For example, some manage to profit from the dreaded disease. Grocers talk of record sales of coffee, which sometimes helps the student in studying at 3:00 A.M. Druggists can't keep a supply on non-prescription stay-awake pills...they never work until the student has nearly fallen asleep.

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## ECJC Alumnus of The Year.....

# Lt. Gen. Glenn Walker is honoree

ECJC's Alumnus of the Year is Lt. General Glenn D. Walker of Union, Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard.

He and his wife, Margaret (Hays), have three, now grown, sons: Major Glenn Walker, Jr., stationed in Washington D.C.; Michael Walker, DVM in Forest, Ms.; and 2nd. Lt. Keith Walker, stationed at Ft. Bliss, Tx.

A 1934 graduate of Morton High School, General Walker attended East Central in 1934-35. After graduating from Mississippi College in 1939, he joined the faculty and coaching staff there.

Working his way through numerous assignments and promotions, Walker earned himself 29 citations and decorations, including the Purple Heart, during his military career which began in 1942 when he was assigned to the 22nd Infantry, 4th Division. In 1944, he went to England as a company commander. He participated in the Utah Beach operation with the regiment in Normandy, became a battalion commander during the Saint Lo breakout and was wounded during the Hubertgen Forest action and evacuated to the States.

Upon release from the hospital in June 1945, as Lieutenant Colonel, he be-

came a Tactical Department Instructor at Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga. He joined the Advisory Group in Nanking, China, in 1947 and joined the General Headquarters, Far East Command in Tokyo in 1948.

General Walker attended the Command and General Staff College during 1950-51 and was a faculty member for three years. He was assigned as a student officer in the Army War College in 1954-55. Upon graduation he was assigned as a staff officer in Headquarters, Seventh U.S. Army in Germany. In 1956, he became Commanding Officer of the 6th Infantry Regiment in Berlin.

In 1958, he was transferred to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters, Department of the Army and became a staff member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1960. He attended the National War College as a student officer in 1962-63 and upon graduation in July was assigned to Eighth U.S. Army as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1.

In 1964, he was assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Army, Pacific, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1. In February 1965, he was assigned as Assistant Divi-

sion Commander, 25th Infantry Division and went to South Vietnam in December. From April to October, 1966, he commanded the 3rd Brigade Task Force. That same October, Walker was assigned as Assistant Division Commander of the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam.

He returned to the States in August 1967 and was assigned to Headquarters, United States Continental Army Command. In November 1967, he was promoted to the rank of Major General and became the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations and Reserve Forces, Headquarters, U.S. Continental Army Command, Ft. Monroe, Va.

In November 1969, General Walker returned to Vietnam and became the Commanding General, 4th Infantry Division. He was assigned to Department of the Army August 1970 and assumed the position of Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff of Military Operations.

Walker, became Commander of I Corps (ROK/US) Group in Korea, and was promoted to Lieutenant General August 1971. He returned to the U.S. in August 1972 and was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Staff, Army as Special Assistant for

Training.

General Walker became Commander of First United States Army, Ft. Meade, Md. on August 1, 1973.

In August 1974, he re-

tired from the active military service and on February 9, 1976, he was appointed Adjutant General of the State of Mississippi.



they can cut your grades...

## Class cuts can be very costly

Watch those cuts! Students often don't realize how many cuts they have

### Homecoming

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joring in architecture, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Bryan of Ida, Michigan. She is a member of the East Central band, the flag corps, the Players and the choir. Retha serves as captain of the flag corps and accompanist for the choir. Her escort will be Wayne Gordy of Lawrence.

Sharon Gilliland of Louisville is a graduate of Meridian High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gilliland. Sharon is majoring in business administration. She will be escorted by Chris Vance of Union.

taken, how many they are allowed, how many total absences they may have--or how any of the preceding items may effect their grades.

According to the EC Catalog, the college recognizes four types of absences from class: official, serious illness, cuts and restricted.

Official absences are incurred when students miss class while officially representing the college. Serious illness absences are classified by written permission from the nurse to miss class when she deems the illness serious enough to warrant confinement; confinement at home or in the hospital under a doctor's care (the student must have an excuse written by the doctor); or a death in the family, when certified in writing by the student's

parents.

Cuts are allowed in the same number that the class meets per week. Three tardies constitute a cut. Restricted absences are cuts after the student has reached the number allowed in the particular class; each restricted absence results in a 2-point deduction from the final average in the class.

Total absences must not exceed 20% of the times a class meets. In a course meeting three times a week, an F will be recorded with the eleventh absence. Upon the accumulation of two such absences, the student must withdraw from school.

The student is responsible for all work missed regardless of the reason for being absent.



WESLEY OFFICERS---Fannie Hughes, Vice-President; Dinah Fortune, President and Choir Business Manager; and Brenda Love, Secretary-Treasurer.





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## 3 new titles at the Library

**When the Tree Sings**, Stratis Haviaras, fiction. The powerful, moving novel of a young boy growing up in German-occupied Greece during World War II. To escape the awful reality of his surroundings, the youth creates his own world, composed of both real people and dreams and fantasies. As the boy struggles bravely with the enemy, his spirit survives--yet he is exiled from his country against a tragic background of comedy, suspense, love and horror.

**Parallels**, Harvey Stein and Ted Wolner, non-fiction. "I'm me and nobody else!" you say defiantly--unless you're a twin. Rivals or best friends, identical twins from across America are documented through Stein's photographs and Wolner's text. The psychological development of twins is probed, as well as their interdependent relationship.

**The Pendragon**, Catherine Christian, fiction. King Arthur, the Knights of the Round Table, Guinevere and Lancelot . . . all come alive once again in this world of Druid priestesses, Christian abbots, war, sorcery, bards and wandering outlaws. The story of Arthur is told by Bedivere, his longtime companion, who is witness to the rise and fall of Camelot. From the unsheathing of Excalibur to the last tragic battle, the readers are transported through the centuries to the long-lost kingdom.

## Players begin selection of material for EC productions

The ECJC Players had their first meeting on September 11. At this meeting, officers were elected for the 1979-80 school year. They are as follows: President-Susan Mihalic; Vice President-Sheila Whitten; Secretary-Rose McGee; Publicist-Evelyn Pierce; Playreading committee chairman-Jackie Wilson. Various club members were chosen to act on the committee. Bruce Peterson is the club sponsor.

The Playreading Committee has already acted in selecting possible plays for the up-coming dinner-theatre to be held sometime in November.

The purpose of the Players, through cooperation and organization, is to successfully put on a dinner-theatre in the fall and a musical in the spring for the public. There are no requirements for eligibility of club membership. The plays are sponsored, however, by the club members, and all interested students are urged to participate in the plays both on and off stage.

A membership roster is now being made. All interested students should contact Mr. Peterson or Rose McGee for further details and enlistment.

## Library rules

Who can concentrate when that well-shaped number of the opposite sex walks into the library in a pair of shorts? No one. That's why certain rules have been drawn up concerning dress and other policies that must be observed in the library.

Students must wear shoes in the library. They are not permitted to wear shorts, gym suits, mesh shirts and cut-off shirts.

To check out materials, students must present their ID cards. Books are circulated for two weeks and are renewable; however, the renewal will not be

made unless the book is brought to the library. Overdue fines are five cents per day.

Study rooms must contain at least three students, unless a student requires audio-visual material. ID cards must be left at the desk when the students obtain a room. The conference room cannot be used by students without an attending faculty advisor.

The library is maintained as a place for research and study. Loud talking, unnecessary noise and other distractions may result in expulsion from the library.

## Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. **The World According to Garp**, by John Irving. (Pocket, \$2.75.) Hilarious adventures of a son of a famous mother.
2. **The Far Pavilions**, by M. M. Kaye. (Bantam, \$2.95.) High adventure and love in the Himalayas: fiction.
3. **Chesapeake**, by James Michener. (Fawcett, \$3.95.) Multi-family saga along Maryland's Eastern Shore: fiction.
4. **Evergreen**, by Belva Plain. (Dell, \$2.75.) Jewish immigrant woman's climb from poverty on lower Manhattan.
5. **Wifey**, by Judy Blume. (Pocket, \$2.50.) Housewife's experiences on road to emotional maturity: fiction.
6. **Scruples**, by Judith Krantz. (Warner, \$2.75.) Rags to riches in the fashion world: fiction.
7. **Eye of the Needle**, by Ken Follett. (NAL/Signet, \$2.95.) British/Nazi espionage thriller: fiction.
8. **The Women's Room**, by Marilyn French. (Jove/HBJ, \$2.50.) Perspective on women's role in society: fiction.
9. **Murphy's Law**, by Arthur Bloch. (Price/Stern/Sloan, \$2.50.) And other reasons why things go wrong.
10. **Bloodline**, by Sidney Sheldon. (Warner, \$2.75.) Woman inherits power and international intrigue: fiction.

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# Enrollment tops 800; 646 full time students

By NATALIA MARTIN  
Staff Writer

The office of the registrar announced today that 804 students had officially registered for the 1979-80 fall semester. Of this 804 total, 646 are full time students and 105 are part time students. Eleven are enrolled in an evening painting class and 42 are CETA students. Of the total full time students and part time students, 161 are vocational students and 590 are academically enrolled. Included in this total are 388 first time freshman and 363 sophomores. Also of this same number are 357 females and 394 males. Attending East Central are nineteen out-of-state stu-

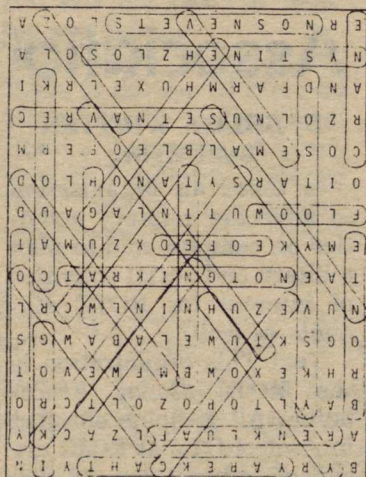
dents. Seven are from Alabama; one each from Georgia, Illinois and Michigan; seven from Louisiana; and two from Texas.

## Recitals take hours of work

As a football game or a basketball game is to the athlete and a stage is to a dancer or an actor, so is the studio-recital to the musician. Studio-recitals are those given by students of applied music to improve their quality of performance to the public. These students take either applied voice, piano, or other instrumental music during the semester under the direction of James Dykes, Bob Heritage, or Marion Thornton.

Presenting a recital is only the end result for the musician. He improves his quality of performance through special instruction and direction given by the faculty and the hours practiced in learning and preparing the music for the public.

These studio-recitals are open to the public and will be held periodically throughout the semester. Any interested student or teacher is urged to attend and will be welcome. The recitals will be held in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Check the daily bulletin for announcements of dates.



## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor must be submitted to the editor personally. They must be signed but names will be withheld upon request. The editor reserves the right to edit.

We would like to express our appreciation to all Freshmen, Sophomores and band members that have participated in the last three pep rallies prior to the Coahoma, Co-Lin and Itawamba ballgames. Those were true pep rallies!!!

Also, a special thanks to our ECJC drummers who have added so much during pep rallies with their cadences and "cheers". Many thanks go to the rifle, flag corps and Centralettes for performing their routines.

There has been so much spirit coming from all directions and that really makes us feel like we are doing our job. When students clap and yell along with us, it really makes a BIG difference.

Just keep up the good work!!

ECJC CHEERLEADERS



HOME EC OFFICERS---Sharon Goodman, Reporter; Mavis Harris, Secretary-Treasurer; Melissa Thompson, Vice-President; and Shelia Whitten, President.

*auditions are held in the spring....*

## Centralettes are recent addition to the EC band

By SHELIA WHITTEN  
Staff Writer

Who has 22 legs and attends all the ECJC football games? The answer to this riddle is the 1970-80 ECJC Centralettes. They are the most recent addition to the ECJC Warrior Band.

The Centralettes perform a feature dance routine during half-time at all East Central Football games.

Auditions for Centralettes were held in the spring of 1979. James Dykes, band director, was in charge. Eleven young ladies were selected as Centralettes.

Sherri Cater is the head Centralette and feature twirler. She is the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cater. She is a sophomore majoring in Pre-law. Her past dance experience includes: dance, eleven years; baton, twelve years; cheerleader, three years; and majorette, three years.

Terry Luke is the 20-year-old daughter of Mrs. Madene Luke. She is a sophomore majoring in Intensive Business. Her hobbies include swimming and reading.

Lisa Haggard, the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Haggard was also one of the fortunate ladies to be selected as a Centralette. Her past dancing experience includes being a cheerleader for 5 years. She is a sophomore majoring in Fashion Merchandising.

Dinah Fortune was also selected as a Centralette. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar D. Fortune. Her dance experience includes being a cheerleader for three years. She is a sophomore majoring in Liberal Arts.

Krista May is another one of the Centralettes. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward May. She is a sophomore majoring in Communications disorders. Her dance experience in-

cludes dance for seven years. She was also a cheerleader.

Vickie Watts is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watts. She is a sophomore majoring in Pre-Med. Her hobbies are skating, swimming, traveling, and water skiing.

Kim Sterverson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sterverson. She is a sophomore majoring in Liberal Arts. She has been a cheerleader for 5 years. She has also had ballet, tap dancing, and 4 years of jazz.

Debbie Wroten is the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaines Wroten. She has been a cheerleader for 1 year and a majorette for 2 years. She has also taken dancing (ballet, tap, and jazz).

Anita Germany is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Germany. She is a sophomore majoring in Physical Education. Her past experience in dancing includes two years of dance lessons.

Terry Luke is the daughter of Mrs. Faye Luke. She is a sophomore majoring in Intensive Business. She has been a cheerleader.

Barbara Green is the 19 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Green. She is a sophomore majoring in Intensive Business. She has had some dancing experience and was a cheerleader for three years.

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studying and decides to give up and turn out the lights. (The light goes out and the pills start to work.)

Mid-term will soon be over (until spring semester, of course). Stu-

dents can expect a pick-up in their attitudes, the work load will lighten temporarily...and maybe the editor won't have to struggle to find a topic about which to write!



new faculty.....

## 3 new members join ECJC staff

By SHARRON GOODMAN  
Staff Writer

East Central, like all colleges, is constantly undergoing change. This year, there are three new faculty members in the Vocational-Technical Department. They are, in alphabetical order, G. W. Gardner, James C. "Jimmy" Hansford and Albert Whitehead.

Gardner teaches electricity. He attended Decatur High School and ECJC, majoring in Electrical and Automotive Trades. For a number of years, he worked as an electrician at the Newton Electric Company, but for the past ten years he has had his own business. Married to Mary F. Shockley, Gardner has two daughters who also attended EC.

Hansford, a native of Union, teaches Drafting and Design. He attended Union High School, East Central, and Mississippi State University, where he

received his Bachelor's degree, as well as doing graduate work. Unusually enough, Hansford has taught school in both Florence, Alabama and Florence, Mississippi. In the past he has worked at Wakman and Martin in Starkville, at Erwin Industries in Jackson and for the insurance company of Liberty National Life. Hansford's wife is Linda Hollingsworth, who attended EC and worked as a secretary here. They have two sons, and reside on campus.

A resident of Louisville, Whitehead teaches refrigeration. He also attended East Central, and has the distinction of being the first graduate of EC's Refrigeration program. Whitehead has worked for Allen Furniture and Appliance and as a refrigeration mechanic for Sears. His wife is Betty Coward, a graduate of EC. They have one daughter and one son.

## Carson has no retirement plans from EC Trustees

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pleasure to get to participate in the education system and help set policies."

He went on to explain that board members receive "\$25.00 plus mileage" for the days that meetings are held. "We meet regularly four times a year, and we're subject to call at any time the action of the full board is needed. We may be polled by letter or telephone if the business isn't urgent."

Having been on the board for so many years, Carson has worked with four different presidents: Todd, Vincent, Montgomery, and Wright.

"Dr. Wright is very cooperative," he said, "and very thorough. He explains the options that the board has. Our (Wright's and the board's) decisions rarely disagree. There's a great deal of harmony on the Board."

Carson said that whether students realize it or not, the Board of Trustees has little touch with the actual day-to-day functions of the college.

That's the president's

responsibility," he said. "The Board of Trustees backs him if we think he is reasonable and right." He did say that the board has more contact with the students than it did in times past. "We get complaints sometimes from parents and students, usually about some disciplinary action taken by the college, but we hear both sides before we make a decision."

Carson is openly enthusiastic about the school. "It's a good college. There are areas for improvement, but it's moving with the time."

"It has contributed to Decatur's economic growth. Except for the county seat, the factory and East Central, Decatur might be a ghost town."

Although his current term expires in 1981, Marshall Carson has no plans to retire; he feels that everybody should serve at least one term on the EC Board of Trustees, viewing it as a learning experience for himself. In his words, "Education has never hurt anybody. It's something you just don't want to pass up."



**SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS**---Jodie Tidwell, President; Sherry Winstead, Vice-President; Teresa Parker, Secretary; Evelyn Murrell and Dudley Winstead, SBA Representatives.

## Dr. Beaver volunteers for EC, DHS sideline duties

By LEISA RICHARDSON

Dr. Marion Beaver, Chiropractor, is someone that is concerned with today's athletes. If you ever attend ECJC's home ballgames or Decatur High School games; Dr. Beaver is on the sidelines in case of any injuries.

Dr. Beaver, who is originally from Concord, North Carolina, has been practicing here in Decatur for approximately a year and a half. Since he needed more space Dr. Beaver has recently moved into a new office located on Highway 15 North at the corner of Addy's grocery.

Dr. Beaver is very dedicated to his work. He went to school 8 years and he has his Bachelor of Science degree and received his Doctor of Chiropractic from Palmer College of Chiropractic. He graduated in June 1978.

There is quite a difference between an M.D. and a Chiropractor. A Chiropractor works only with the central nervous system. Every nerve runs through the spinal column. As Dr. Beaver said, "If there is a misalignment of the vertebrae there is an impinged nerve. I find the problem, make the adjustment and the body heals itself."

Since Dr. Beaver is so involved with helping the athletes he attends as many ballgames as possible. "I volunteer my time to Decatur High School and East Central. I go to all of

EC's home games and I treat many strained muscles, bruises, swollen ankles which are the main injuries," said Dr. Beaver.

His advice to students about good health is, "Get plenty of rest, try to eat correctly and see your Chiropractor regularly. This will help a person physically, emotionally, and mentally. People come in and afterwards they are surprised to realize how bad they had been feeling. It makes quite a difference.

Of course, never get a friend to simply "pop" your back just to hear it. This could put a person's back completely out of place. If you broke a leg, would you ask a friend to set it? It took me eight years to learn my job correctly."

Dr. Beaver encourages any of the students interested in knowing more about Chiropractics to feel free to ask any question about the profession.

## Whitten, Lawrence head Cadet ROTC Association on campus

By SHEILA WHITTEN  
Staff Writer

Is there an organization to advocate military activities on campus--and to plan military and social activities of interest for ROTC students as well?

Yes! This organization is the ROTC Cadet Association. All students enrolled in Army ROTC at ECJC are considered members of this association.

At the initial meeting, the following students were selected as the Cadet Association officers: Sheila Whitten, President; Eddie Lawrence, Vice-president; Shannon Richardson, Secretary; and Peggy Smith, Treasurer. Evelyn Murrell

was elected to serve as the sophomore representative; Kent Holdiness is the Freshman representative.

Students participating in ROTC programs do not contract a military obligation. ROTC requires about two hours of weekly class attendance. First year Military Science is a one hour credit; second year is two hours.

Students in the program at EC have varying opinions of it. Some think it is hard work, while others look upon it as a challenge. But almost all agree that it is worth it. The leadership learned in ROTC can be used from the day they assume it.



was it magic?....

## 53 pinball games without a flipper

By KEN HACKMAN  
Staff Writer

When Bert Gilmore and Carline Jones play pinball, they play pinball! With the help of an electrical storm, they pulled off a little "Pinball Magic."

Burt, a freshman at EC, was in the student center playing pinball when everything happened. Just as he was beginning to get a countdown after the ball went into one of the machine's scoring holes, the electricity went off. Burt didn't like it too much, to say the least. He got upset and went to the library. He could study, anyway.

Carline, a sophomore, came to the library about 8:30 and told Burt to take a

break. Together, they walked over to the student center to get a coke.

Burt told Carline what had happened with the machine and took her in to show her. While they were standing there, miracle of miracles, the lights came back on. The scoring light read a sort of an upside-down three according to Carline. Then a five appeared in front of the strange three. Due to some sort of electrical wizardry--they had won 53 games! They stayed until Mike Anderson ran them out to lock up the student center. Believe it or not, Burt came back the next morning and finished up his 53 games! How's that for "magic"?



THE 1979 HOMECOMING COURT: (top) Debbie Easterling, Cindy Fulton, Sharon Gilliland, Mavis Harris, Leisa Richardson; (below) Cheryl Young, Retha Bryan, and Lisa Sinclair.

Second in a series....

## Meet The Warriors

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

Featured in this edition of the Tom-Tom are: Mark Kilpatrick, Mike Lee, Sidney Massey, Ronny Mella, Ricky Parker, Richard Rogillio, Richard Roush, Jim Thomas, Terry Thrash, Dudley Winstead, Howard Allgood, Clarence Beamon, Grover Coleman, Willie Earl Curry, and Eric Edinson.

Offensive guard Mark Kilpatrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Kilpatrick of Philadelphia. Mark, a graduate of Leake Academy, is a sophomore liberal arts major. Mark's hobby is being a businessman.

Mike Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Lee, Jr. of Decatur, is a sophomore liberal arts major. A graduate of Decatur High, Mike's position is strong safety. Mike's high school

achievements are: All-Conference in football, most athletic, team captain, 3-times-Jaycee Player of the week, 3rd place in South State track, and Vice President of the Student Council. His hobbies include weight-lifting and participating in sports.

Sidney Massey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Massey of Noxapater, is a sophomore business administration major. While attending Noxapater H.S., Sidney received the All Conference award, the best offensive lineman award, and the "I Dare You Award". Sidney is the center. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

Defensive tackle Ronny Mella is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Mella, Sr. of Houma, Louisiana. A graduate of Vanderbilt Catholic H.S., Ronny is a sopho-

more liberal arts major. His high school awards are: All-district offensive and defensive tackle-junior and senior year, best offensive lineman, team captain, FCA captain, Baseball captain and all-district 1st baseman-junior and senior year. Ronny's hobbies include fishing, hunting, drag racing and art.

Ricky Parker, son of Marie Parker of Mobile, Alabama, is a sophomore liberal arts major. A graduate of Theodore H.S., Ricky is the quarterback for the Warriors. His hobbies include hunting and fishing.

Offensive guard Richard Rogillio is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Edleston of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Richard is a sophomore liberal arts major. His awards received at Istrouma H.S. are: Best offensive lineman, 6AAAA all dis-

trict, 6AAAA all parish, and team captain award. His hobbies include skiing, hunting, fishing, and dirt bikes. Richard is married; his wife's name is Melinda.

Linebacker Richard Roush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rouse of Mobile, Alabama, is a sophomore physical education major. His awards at Theodore H.S. include: MVP--track (1977, 1978), MVP--football (1978), Senior best Personality, Mobile County record holder--shot put. Richard is married to Rita Gayle Smith of Union. His hobbies include playing football, lifting weights and being married.

Jim Thomas, son of Kate Thomas of Union, is a sophomore liberal arts major. Jim received the baseball award at Union H.S. He is now playing linebacker for the Warriors.

Jim enjoys photography and sports.

Terry Thrash, son of J.W. Thrash of Decatur, is a sophomore business administration major. At Decatur H.S. he received: the Warrior award, team captain award in football, defensive back award, All Choctaw conference; and in baseball--MVP and highest batting average award. At EC Terry made Miss. Junior College All Star in baseball. Terry's positions are quarterback and defensive back. He enjoys listening to loud rock and roll music and partying.

Split end Dudley Winstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Winstead of Philadelphia, is a sophomore student in carpentry and cabinet making. A graduate of Edinburg H.S., Dudley received the Most

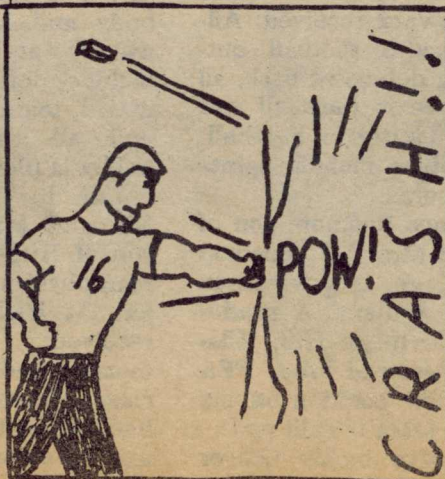
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### Brain and Brawn

Two months spent in this stagnant dorm room! It isn't fair!

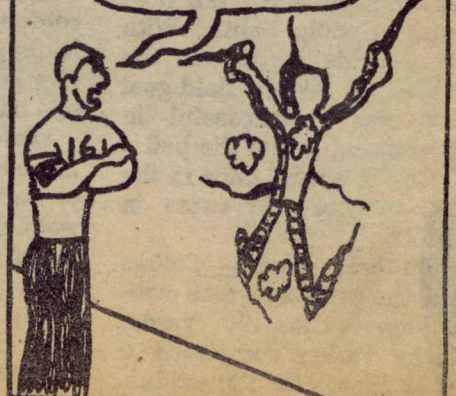


I cannot live alone with a quarterback and his smelly socks! I demand an air conditioner!

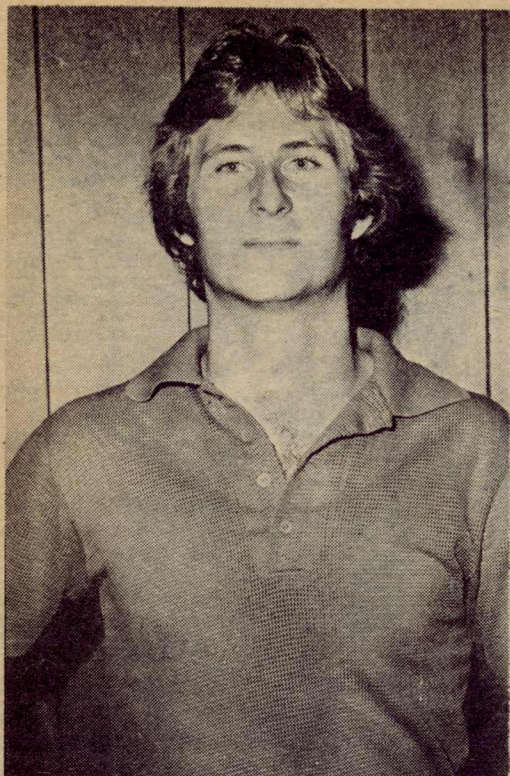


by Hugh Roland

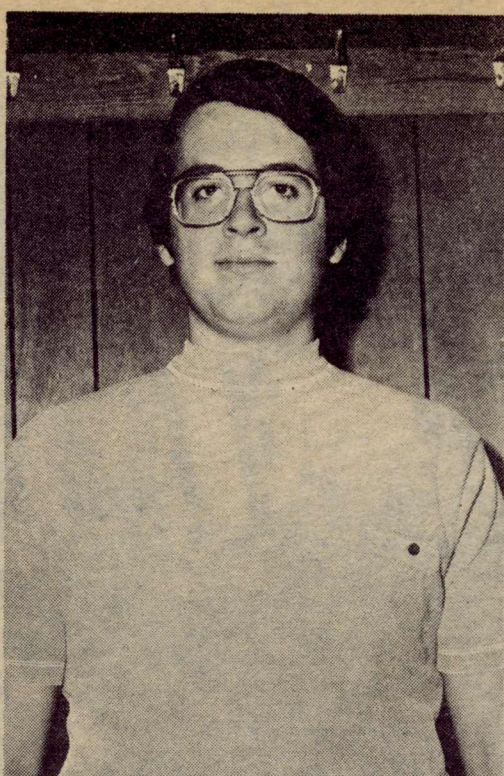
So now we have an air conditioner!







Snooker winner - Mike Long



Chess winner - David Stradley

## Individual sports winners

By PAM TAYLOR  
Staff Writer

Winners of the Individual sports tournaments held during September were:

**8 BALL**  
(27 entries)  
1st place--Jeff Coleman  
2nd place--Kevin Burley

### Itawamba tops Warriors by 29-16

By SKIPPY LANTHEM  
Sports Editor

Itawamba downed the Warriors 29-16 on September 15. Itawamba got the only score of the first quarter on a safety. In the second quarter Itawamba outscored East Central 11-8 to lead at the half--13-8. E.C. scored only 8 points to Itawamba's 16 in the second half.

Quarterback Ricky Parker led in rushing with 12 carries for 36 yards. He also completed 4 of 13 passes for 62 yards and a touchdown.

The Warriors fell to the Wolves of Co-Lin--20-3. E.C.'s only score came with 2:27 to play in the first half on a 31-yard field goal by Billy Smith. With 35 seconds to play in the half, E.C. faked a field goal but was unsuccessful in attempting to run the ball.

Co-Lin scored once in the 3rd quarter and twice in the 4th.

Fullback Wesley Collins led the rushing game with 6 carries for 30 yards. Ricky Parker completed 5 of 12 passes for 120 yards.

#### SPADES

(14 entries)

1st place--Delvin Jones and Tony Kirkland  
2nd place--Stone and Jeff Coleman

#### HORSE

(10 entries)

1st place--Reynold Welch  
2nd place--James Eichelburger

#### FOOSBALL

(6 entries)

1st place--Eddie Lawrence and Ricky Hollingsworth  
2nd place--Debbie Easterling and Barbara Green

#### SNOOKER

(11 entries)

1st place--Mike Long

2nd place--Jeff Coleman

#### CHESS

(2 entries)

1st place--David Stradley  
2nd place--Gary Rogers

#### CHECKERS

(5 entries)

1st place--Rob Loper  
2nd place--Jeff Coleman

#### TABLE TENNIS

(13 entries)

1st place--Norman Moore  
2nd place--David Walker

#### FREE THROW

(6 entries)

1st place--Tammy Taylor  
2nd place--Reynold Welch

## Meet the Warriors

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Improved Player award in 1976 and All Cherokee Conference in 1977. His hobbies are: listening to music, weight-lifting, participating in sports, and motorcycling. Dudley says "Hello Mom."

Free safety Howard Allgood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allgood of Decatur, is a freshman physical education major. At Decatur H.S. Howard received: All-conference in football, outstanding defensive back, all conference in baseball and leading batter in baseball. His hobbies include sports and cameras.

Clarence Beamon, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Beamon of Carthage, is a freshman welding student. A graduate of Carthage H.S., Clarence received the FFA award. His position on the Warrior team is split end.

Defensive tackle Grover

Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Coleman of Louisville, is a freshman in auto body and fender. Grover was team captain at Louisville H.S. His hobbies are: building engines, hunting, playing baseball and football, and dancing.

Defensive end Willie Earl Curry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Curry of Decatur, is a freshman in auto body and fender. Willie's awards at Decatur H.S. include--defensive player award, team captain, MVP, and all conference. His hobby is playing football.

Eric L. Edison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Edison of Hickory, is a freshman physical education major. At Hickory H.S. Eric received: Football-honor mention and all conference; class Vice-president, most handsome, class treasurer, and All-state in track.

"Our aim is No. 1".....

## Lady Warriors may be lacking height but not enthusiasm

By FAYE RUSSELL  
Sports Writer

With everyone's attention toward the East Central football team, the intramurals tourney, and the band, there are a group of women who are busy practicing and getting in shape for the oncoming season. These women are no other than the East Central Lady Warriors coached by Ms Lucille Wood. Members of the team are returning sophomores Fay Quinn, Noxapater; Faye Russell, Union; Esther Thomas, Louisville; Mona Tucker, Forest, and Joyce Watkins, Lake. First years sophomores are Reathia Comans, Sebastopol and Kelly Walsh, Forest.

The freshman team consists of Gloria Ashford, Louisville; Jane Dees, Leake Academy; Sandra Johnson, Sebastopol; Debbie McBeath, Sebastopol; and Tina Tumbling, Newton.

### EC beats Coahoma, mosquitoes

By SKIPPY LANTHEM  
Sports Editor

The Warriors were put to the test as they defeated Coahoma, 14-0. It was not so much the opponents, but the mosquitoes that gave East Central the problems. "They were baby buzzards-Thirsty for blood," said many of the Warriors.

With 7:01 to play in the 2nd quarter, E.C. scored on a 23-yard field goal by Billy Smith. Early in the 3rd quarter Smith added 3 more points on a 37-yard field goal.

With 10:07 to play in the game, running back Jerry Brantley alertly picked up a fumble and raced 17 yards for a touchdown. The P.A.T. was added by a pass from quarterback Terry Thrash to tight end Bob Holland.

Quarterback Ricky Parker completed 5 of 14 passes for 70 yards and quarterback Thrash completed 6 of 11 for 60 yards.

Punting played a very important role in the game as Billy Smith punted 10 times for an average of 39.2 yards.

The managers are Lynda Harvey, Forest; Iris Smith, Decatur; and Skippy Lanthem, Sebastopol.

Coach Wood said, "It is going to be somewhat difficult to replace three starters off the State Championship team, but so far in practice, we have good hustle and attitude. The freshmen are getting use to college basketball and our aim and objective is to be No. 1. They say that you are never State Champions until you are State Champions two years in a row. After judging and observation of the group this year as far as attitude and morals and academic concern, it equals the group of last year. I am looking forward to a successful relationship with them and a winning season. We are striving to be No. 1."

Esther Thomas remarked, "We are looking forward to a good season. Everyone is working real hard. We will have more speed that we had last year. That will help because we don't have much height."

Tina Tumbling commented, "Even though the team is lacking in height, it will definitely be made up by our team's ability to run."

Joyce Watkins added, "I know we don't have any height advantage going for us, but we, as a basketball team, don't have to have height to play key basketball. We have speed, spirit and a lot of determination. With these three things on our side, we can't lose."

"I am very happy and proud to become a part of the BB program at EC," said Debbie McBeath. "I am looking forward to the upcoming season with many high hopes and expectations. I feel that the freshmen have a great advantage over most freshmen of other colleges by having superior coaching and sophomore leadership. As I count the days down until the season starts, these qualities become even more evident."

The Lady Warriors will open up their season against Scooba in the first round and Holmes in the second round of the Pre-season Tourney to be held November 5-6 in the Warrior gym.



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East Central sophomores.....

## 15 on 'Who's Who' list

Fifteen sophomores have been named to the WHO'S WHO of American Junior Colleges for 1979-80. Criteria for selection to this group include scholarship ability, participation in academic and extracurricular

activities, citizenship and service to the school, and potential for future leadership.

Selections include Randy Adair, Stan Clark, John Harrison, Skippy Lathem, Andy McGee, Rose McGee,

Susan Mihalic, Evelyn Pierce, Leisa Richardson, Kim Seepe, Mona Tucker, Sheila Whitten, Sherry Winstead, Kim Wolverton and Cheryl Young.

Randy Adair, of Union, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the TOM-TOM Staff, the ECJC Players, and the French Club. He has been active in the theatrical activities on campus.

A graduate of Decatur High School, Stan Clark is a member of the tennis team

and an officer in Phi Theta Kappa.

John Harrison, who was President of the Freshman Class, is active in Phi Theta Kappa. He is from Forrest and was a class favorite last year.

Skippy Lathem of Morton is an officer in the Engineering Club, a member of the TOM-TOM staff and Phi Theta Kappa. Skippy is the manager of the Girls' Basketball Team.

Andy McGee, a Morton

resident, was SBA Representative for last year's Freshman Class and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

A native of Lake, Rose McGee serves as assistant editor of the TOM-TOM. She is also a member of the band, the choir, and Phi Theta Kappa.

Editor of the TOM-TOM, Susan Mihalic of Union, participates in a variety of

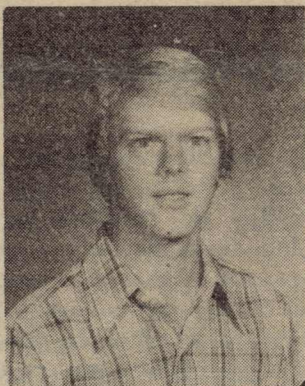
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### Musical auditions

Auditions for the annual spring musical held at ECJC will be held on January 8, 1980, from 3:30 to 5:00 and from 6:00 to 8:30 in the Fine Arts Building. The musical is scheduled to be *Once Upon A Mattress*, and will run during the latter part of February.

Try-outs are open to all East Central students.

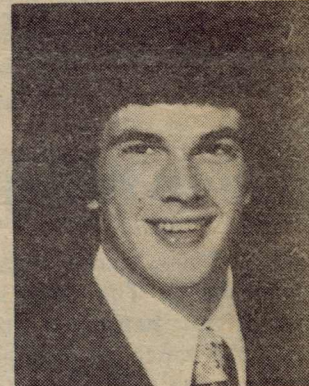
Anyone interested in trying out for a part in the play or in helping with the production should attend the meeting to be held January 2, at 2:30 in the Fine Arts Building. Contact Bruce Peterson For further details.



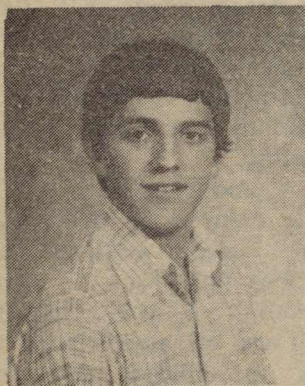
Randy Adair



Stan Clark



John Harrison



Andy McGee



Susan Mihalic



Evelyn Pierce



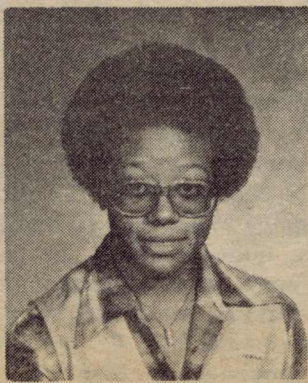
Leisa Richardson



Kim Seepe



Mona Tucker



Sheila Whitten



Sherry Winstead



Kim Wolverton



Cheryl Young



# Dinner theater presents three

by EVELYN PIERCE  
STAFF WRITER

November 13 and 14, the ECJC Players presented the annual fall Dinner Theatre.

Student art was displayed all around the dining area. The campus singers, The Collegians, entertained and the Fashion Squad modeled latest fashions before the play began.

The highlight of the nights was the plays. This year, three one-act plays were selected by a play-reading committee of the Players. They were *One of Us*, *The Day After Forever* and *Foiled By An Innocent Maid*.

*One of Us* was more or less a "whodunnit" mystery. The character Freda, played by Jan Crenshaw of Newton, was murdered at the opening. The suspects were her "brow-beaten" husband Vernon, played by Jamie Satcher of Union; her mother-in-law Agatha, played by Rose McGee of Lake; the looney poetess, Lettie, played by Sherry Weatherspoon of Philadelphia; an old friend of the family, Michael, played by Ken Hackman of Decatur; and the sophisticated authoress, Ingrid, played by Retha Bryan of Ida, Michigan. Each character suspected the other, knowing it was "one of us" until the one gave himself or herself

away. The assistant director for *One of Us* was Florence Harkins.

*The Day After Forever* was a more serious play. Diane, played by Leisa Richardson of Union was to be wed to Johnny, played by Clayton Whitehead of Newton. Little did they know that Diane was an adopted child. Her present mother Verna, played by Susan Mihalic of Union, had never revealed the fact to her because Diane's real mother had been in prison for many years. The real mother was Julie, played by Lynda Harvey of Forest. She came as an old friend of the family secretly wanting to reveal her true identity to her daughter. Ella Lee was the delightful maid, played by Sharon Gill of Walnut Grove. Deborah Stribbling was the assistant director for *The Day After Forever*.

*Foiled by an Innocent Maid* was a melodrama in which all of the characters purposefully magnified themselves to the point of comedy. Doom and despair had been cast upon the Follansbee household, and someone must come to their rescue. Letitia, the deaf old grandmother, was played by Tamara Howell of Decatur. Her daughter was Rachel, played by Cheryl Gibbon of Hickory. Maude, who acted as the comforting neighbor-

next-door, was played by Tammy Taylor of Morton. Faith was the young maid, played by Evelyn Pierce of Newton, and Jimmy, the delivery boy, was played by Randy Adair of Union. The sly villian Ferguson was played by Scott Long of Philadelphia. David Fowler

was the assistant director for *Foiled by an Innocent Maid*.

Although the actors were in the spotlight, the people who make the Dinner

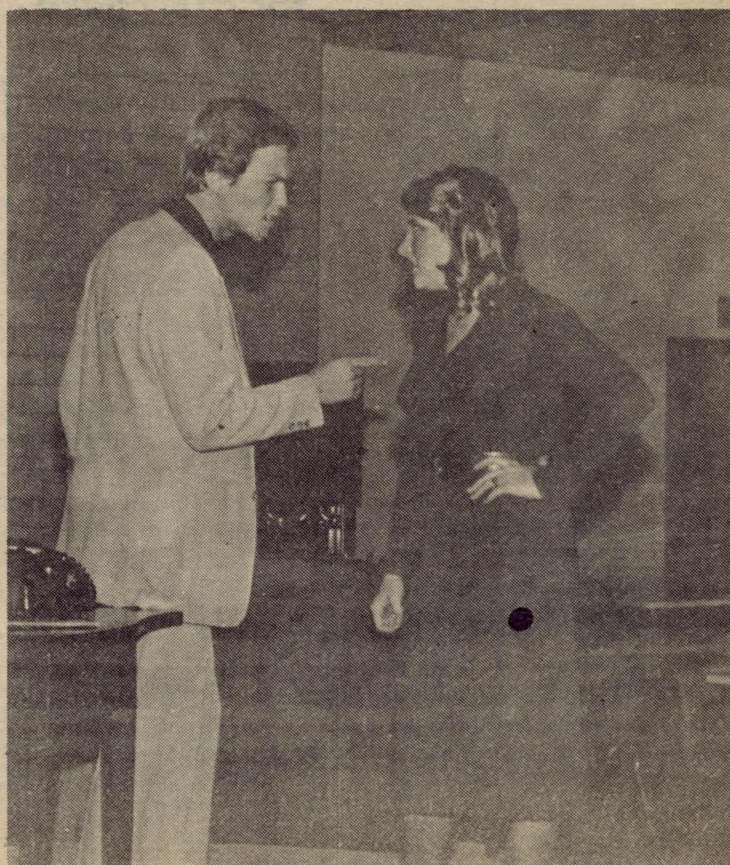
Theatre possible were those who worked backstage. Handling ticket sales were Shelia Whitten, Evelyn Murrell, Dana Heard and Fran



In *The Day After Forever*, the bride and groom, Leisa Richardson and Clayton Whitehead, sneak a kiss before the wedding.



The villian (Scotty Long), makes his play while Cheryl Gibbon, the grandmother, listens in *Foiled By An Innocent Maid*.



In *One Of Us*, Michael (Ken Hackman) points a threatening finger at Freda (Jan Crenshaw) who was black-mailing him.



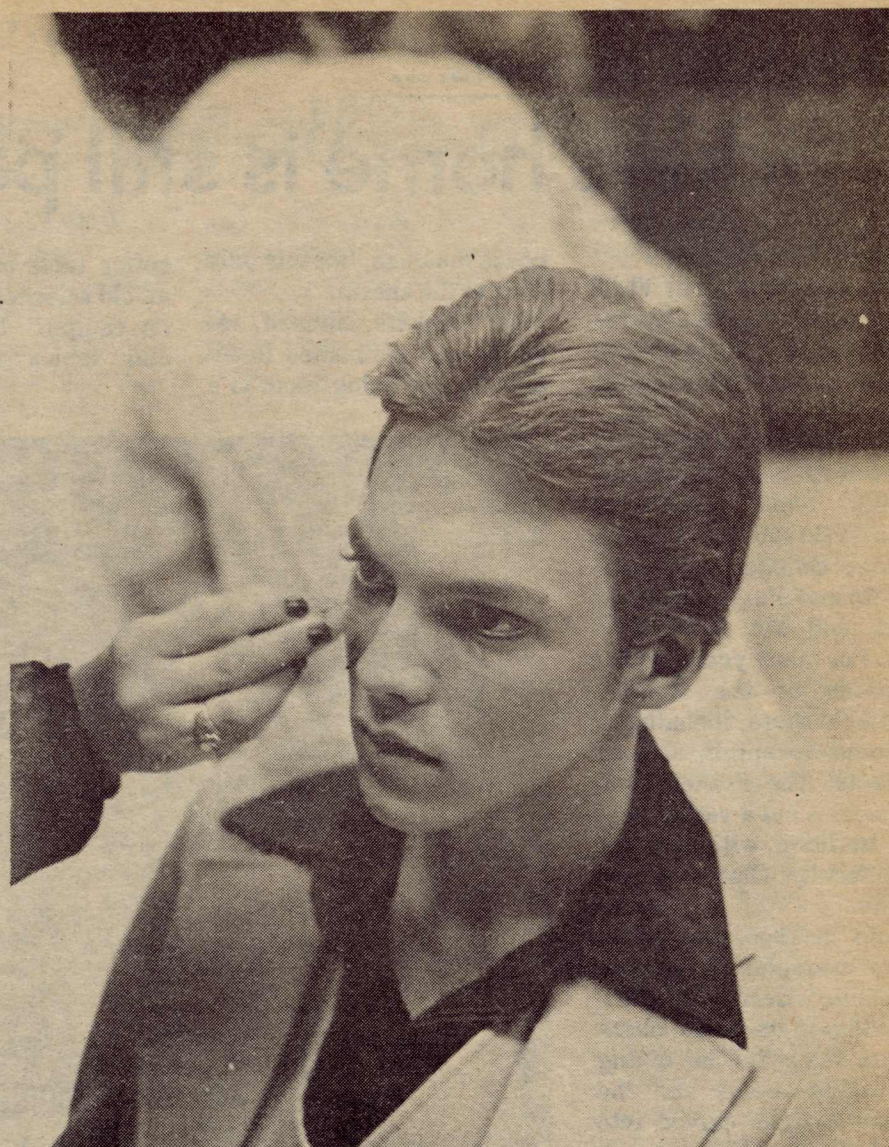
# ne-act plays

Miley. Working with make-up were Donda Hill and Tammy Gray. In the costume department were Lynda Fulton and Regina Wooten. Tammie Roland and Jackie Wilson handled props. Working with the stage sets were Charles Comans, Al Haralson, Anthony Johnson and Tony Kirkland. Steves Myatt and Craig Gordon worked the lights for the production. Setting up the cafeteria for each night were Mavis Harris, Doris Lockett, Lois Turner and Sharron Goodman. This semester's modeling class served as ushers, and the dishwashing committee included Johnny Upton, Wendell Nelson, Ronnie Hamrick, Mike Lee, Kerry Hudleston, Gary Barber, Vic Romedy, Bill Brand and Felix Johnson. Sherry Langford was the committee chairman.

A great deal more goes on in the production of a play than the audience views. Along with hours of advance rehearsal, backstage happenings make or break a presentation—proper make-up, sets, props, lights, sound effects, hair styles, costumes, and timing are all vitally important.

With the aid of these special crews, characters in the ECJC Fall Dinner Theater came alive on stage. A comedy-drama, "The Day After Forever; a murder-mystery, *One of Us*; and a melodrama with the traditional villain, *Foiled by an Innocent Maid*.

Cosmetology students apply make-up for the cast. Ken Hackman gets a "paint job."



## Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. **Chesapeake**, by James Michener. (Fawcett, \$3.95.) Multi-family saga along Maryland's Eastern Shore: fiction.
2. **A Distant Mirror**, by Barbara W. Tuchman. (Ballantine, \$6.95.) Europe in the 14th century.
3. **The Far Pavilions**, by M. M. Kaye. (Bantam, \$2.95.) High adventure and love in the Himalayas: fiction.
4. **In Search of History**, by Theodore H. White. (Warner, \$5.95.) Memoirs of a journalist.
5. **Mommie Dearest**, by Christina Crawford. (Berkley, \$2.75.) Life with mother: Joan Crawford.
6. **The World According to Garp**, by John Irving. (Pocket, \$2.75.) Hilarious adventures of a son of a famous mother.
7. **Evergreen**, by Belva Plain. (Dell, \$2.75.) Jewish immigrant woman's climb from poverty on lower Manhattan.
8. **The Thorn Birds**, by Colleen McCullough. (Avon, \$2.50.) Australian family saga: fiction.
9. **Scruples**, by Judith Krantz. (Warner, \$2.75.) Rags to riches in the fashion world: fiction.
10. **Wifey**, by Judy Blume. (Pocket, \$2.50.) Housewife's experiences on road to emotional maturity: fiction.

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## New & Recommended

**Careers Tomorrow**, by Gene R. Hawes. (NAL/Plume, \$4.95.) Growth opportunities in the job market.

**Jack's Book: an Oral Biography of Jack Kerouac**. (Penguin, \$3.95.) Story of the "King of the Beats."

**People of the Lake**, by Richard E. Leakey. (Avon, \$2.75.) Mankind and its beginnings.

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Mrs. William Winter recently visited EC's campus, campaigning for her husband, who will take office in 1980. Pictured here with Dean Brackeen, Mrs. Winter spoke briefly to the Tom-Tom staff.

will attend national convention....

## Gibbon is Farm Bureau Queen

Cheryl Gibbon, a sophomore here at ECJC, was crowned as Mississippi's Miss Farm Bureau Queen for 1980. The pageant took place in Jackson at the Ramada Inn Coliseum on December 2-4, with the crowning ceremonies on the fourth.

Cheryl had already won Newton County's pageant and went on to the District

Six pageant held at East Mississippi Junior College to win again. She was in competition against thirteen other girls from their districts over the entire state.

For her talent, Cheryl sang "The American Trilogy," a medley composed of parts of "Dixie," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Hush Little Baby, Don't You Cry." One

of the judges for the affair was Ann Rushing, secretary of the Mississippi Farm Bureau and television personality of WJTV, Channel 12's "Market Basket."

Cheryl will go on to entertain at the National Convention to be held January 6 in Phoenix, Arizona. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Gibbon of Hickory.



a room with eight doors....

## Vickers home is still part of EC campus

By Rose McGee

Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Vickers' home stands to represent a part of the history of East Central Junior College.

The college bought the house from a Mr. Feldman. Having been remodeled twice, it served as the home of three college presidents—Mr. Roscoe Pugh, Dr. L.O. Todd, and Mr. W.A. Vincent. For many years, social functions of the campus were held there, including a welcome reception for all students. The French Club still carries out a variation of this tradition with the annual faculty Christmas reception.

Built in 1900, the house offers examples of turn-of-the-century decor and craftsmanship in its ornate chandeliers hung in the dining and living rooms and the rosette designs carved into door facings.

A most unusual feature of the house, developed in remodeling, is a center room with eight doors and no windows.

On a tour of the house, Mr. Vickers showed the Home Economics Club furniture and various articles that have been collected over the years. Practically everything in the house has a history of some interest. One can find things ranging from beautiful heirlooms to odds and ends picked up at flea markets to furniture being stored for friends to creative projects that Ovid and Carol Vickers have made. Very little in the

house matches, but this only adds to the charm.

Mr. Vickers, himself, rebuilds and refinishes furniture. In the living room is a

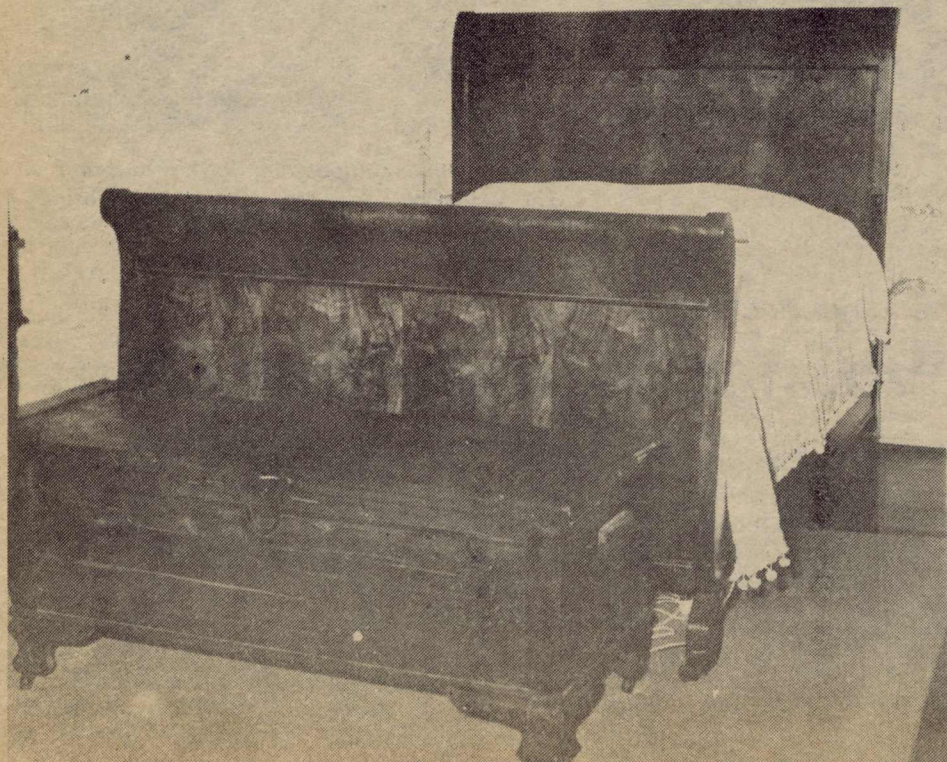
coffee table cut down from an old science lab table used on campus. He also made end tables from two 3-

drawer dressers once used in Jackson Hall. He has been in the process of refinishing a bedroom suit that was brought to the

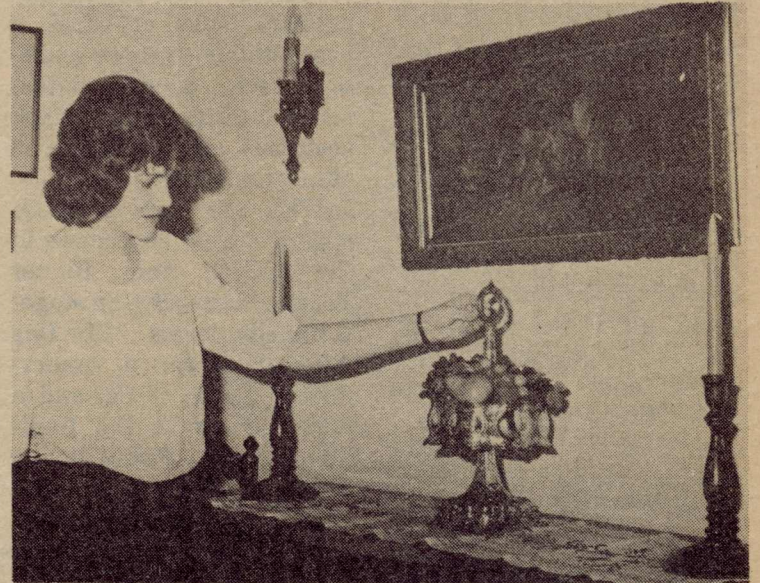
campus by Mrs. W.W. Newsome, one of the first two teachers who came to the campus in 1928.



The quilt on display was one of several made by Carol Vickers that the Home Economics Club saw on their tour of the home. In the background is a "Secretary" that was bought in Savanna, Ga., in 1855; Mr. Vickers inherited it. It opens up to make a writing desk and also contains a secret compartment for storing important papers, etc.

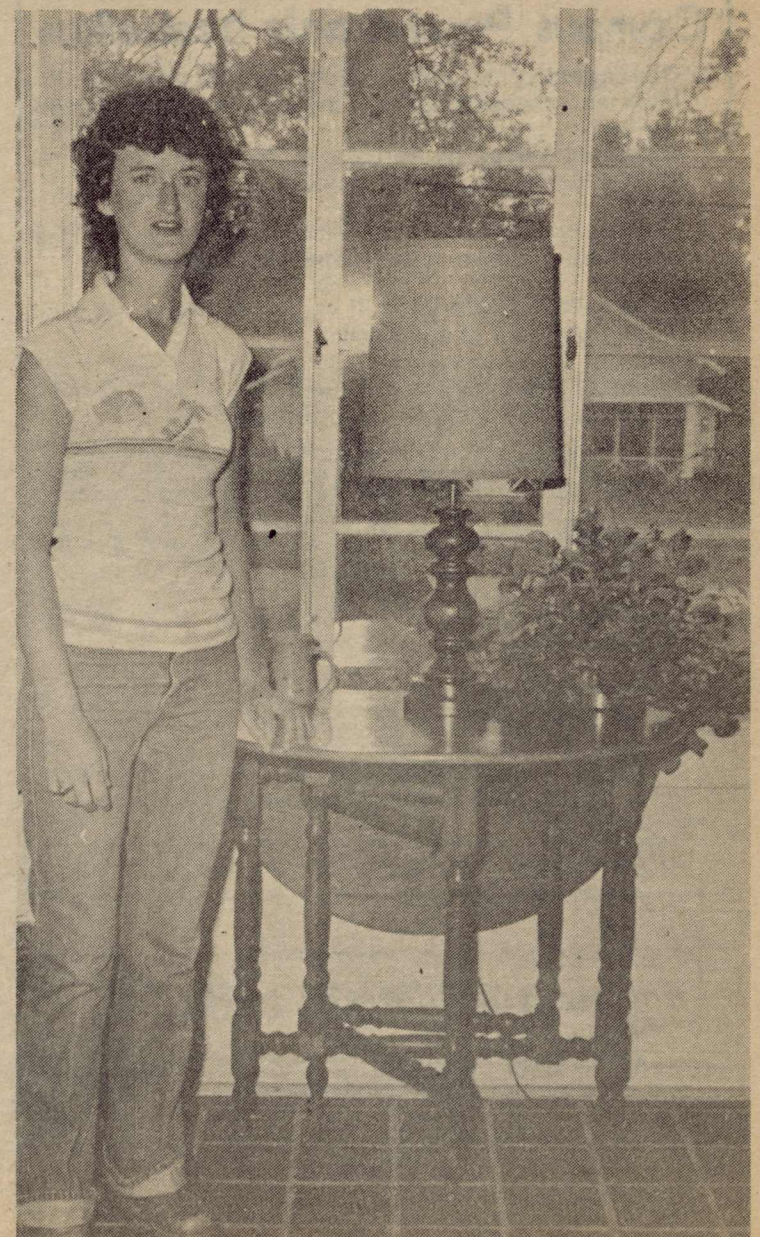


Above, is an example of a Walnut Sleigh Bed.



The Fruitbowl Melissa Thompson is admiring is a converted bottle holder that belonged to Mr. Vickers' great-grandfather. Underneath it is an embroidered scarf that was given to his wife by Bro. J. L. Neil. Neil got it in Czechoslovakia, where he worked many years for the Methodist Church.

On the wall, is a painting of pomegranates done by Mr. Vickers' great-aunt.



Mrs. W.W. Newsome, after whom the Sophomore women's dormitory was named, brought this table when she first moved to Decatur in 1928.



# Super Nature and Sweet Peas lead intramural basketball teams

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

According to Mr. Hicks the intramural league has good balanced competition this year. There are six men's teams in the league, plus the Faculty and the Football players (varsity Jocks). The schedule for the teams is a double round-robin with the champion being determined by a double elimination tournament.

The women's league consists of four teams. The schedule for the teams is a triple round-robin with the champion being determined by a double elimination tournament.

The games were as follows:

Super Nature-93--151 Express-47  
Sonic Boom-76--High ballers-57  
Sweetpeas-74--Land's Ladies-17  
Faculty-70--151 Express 50  
Rags to Riches-69--152 Express-50  
Super Nature-74--Highballers 61  
Rags to Riches-74--Faculty-76 (overtime)  
Varsity Jocks-52--151 Express-36  
Sonic Boom-69--Rags to Riches-46  
Last Resort-29--All Stars-26  
151 Express-57--152 Express-56  
Last Resort-47--Land's Ladies-22  
Super Nature-64--Rags to Riches-54  
Sonic Boom-65--Faculty-54  
Sweetpeas-37--All Stars-34 (overtime)  
Sonic Boom-76--Varsity Jocks-47  
Highballers-73--151 Express 62

## MEN'S INTRAMURAL STANDINGS

Team	League Win	League Lose	Overall Win	Overall Lose	Lead. Scorer	Avg.
Super Nature	3	0	3	0	Reynold Welch	22.7
Sonic Boom	2	0	4	0	Ernie Davis	16.8
Faculty			2	1	Larry Blackburn	29.0
Varsity Jocks			1	1	Donald Ficklin	17.0
Highballers	1	2	1	2	Mark Killens	13.0
Rags To Riches	1	2	1	3	Randy Cleveland	13.0
151 Express	1	2	1	4	Ronnie Hamrick	19.4
152 Express	0	2	0	2	Bobby Haralson	15.5

## WOMEN'S STANDINGS

Team	Win	Lose	Lead. Scorer	Avg.
Sweet Peas	2	0	Debbie Easterling	12.0
Last Resort	2	0	Kim Bender	9.0
All Stars	0	2	Gloria Filder	16.0
Land's Landies	0	2	Carla Tidwell	7.5

have 7-2 record.....

# Warriors off to a fast start

By SKIPPY LATHEM  
Sports Editor

After nine games the East Central Warriors have a record of 7 wins and 2 loses.

Averaging 85.6 points a game, the Warriors are shooting 54% from the floor

and 71% from the free throw line. The leading scorer is Gary Patrick and the leading rebounder is David Little.

The games were as follows:

(EC-88--East MS-81)--

Point makers were--Gary Patrick-22, George Gray-16, Kenneth Gilliland-16, David Little-14, Ricky Stewart-10, Roy Myers-4, Felix Johnson-4, and Stanley Atkins-2.

(EC-85--MS Delta-76)--Gray-20, Gilliland-19, Stewart-13, Patrick-12, Myers-10, Johnson-8, and Little-3.

(EC-81--Meridian-83)--Gray 24, Gilliland-16, Patrick-10, Myers-9, Little-8, Stewart-8, Atkins-4, and Johnson-2.

(EC-84--East MS-82)--Little-18, Myers-16, Patrick-12, Gray-9, Gililand-7, Stewart-7, Johnson-7, Brand-6, and Roberts-2.

(EC-77--Holmes-73)--Patrick-24, Little-21, Gray-17, Johnson-7, Stewart-4, Gilliland-2, and Myers-2.

(EC-72--Meridian-71)--Johnson-21, Patrick-16, Gray-11, Myers-10, Little-6, Gilliland-4, Roberts-4.

(EC-74--Holmes-70)--Patrick-26, Johnson-15, Gilliland-9, Myers-8, Gray-6, Little-5, Stewart-3, and Brand-2.

(EC-91--Jones-95)--Patrick-30, Gray-27, Myers-8, Stewart-8, Little-7, Gilliland-6, Johnson-4, and Atkins-1.

(EC-75--Southwest-74)--Little-17, Johnson-17, Patrick-12, Stewart-8, Gray-8, Gilliland-6, Myers-5, and Atkins-2.

The Chart will show the accumulative totals through the first nine games.

# Debbie McBeath leads lady Warrior scoring

By FAYE RUSSELL

After the Thanksgiving holidays, the Lady Warriors played their first conference game against Jones at home and won 85-71. Debbie McBeath led the scorers with 25 points; Joyce Watkins had 20; and Esther Thomas had 19. Then they traveled to Southwest for their second conference game. For the first time in many years, the Lady Warriors defeated Southwest at Southwest. The score was 77-64. The leading scorer was McBeath with 30 points, Thomas followed with 20 points and Joyce Watkins added 10.

McBeath is the second leading scorer in the state with an average of 18.8 points per game. Thomas average a game is 16.1 and Watkins average is 11.4. Watkins also averages 11 rebounds a game.

The Warriorettes are 2-0 in conference and 6-3 on the

season. They play Gulf Coast Bulldogs at home Thursday night in Warrior Territory.

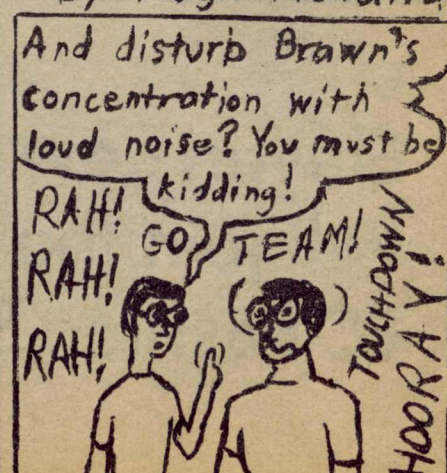
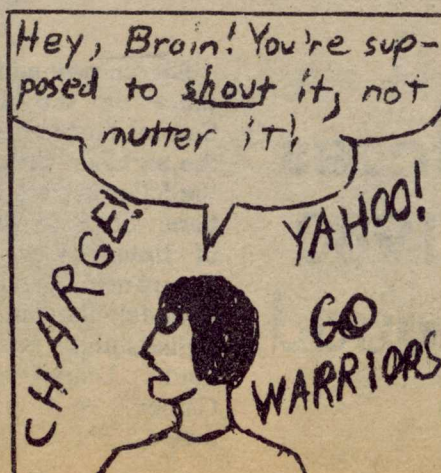
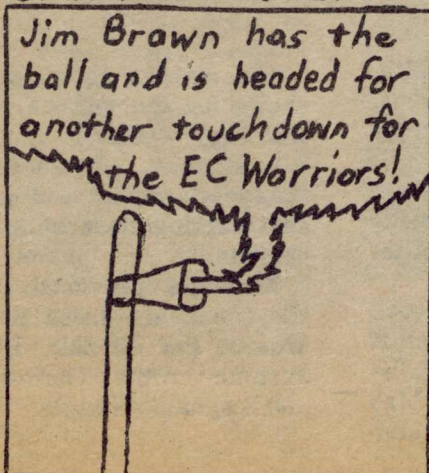
## Warriorettes 2-0 in Tourney

The Lady Warriors went undeafed in the Preseason Tourney by dropping East Ms, 71-60 and slipping past Holmes 79-72. Esther Thomas led the Warriorettes with a combined score of 53 points. The Warriorettes' five starters scored in double figures against Holmes--Thomas 24; Debbie McBeath 16; Joyce Watkins 13; Faye Quinn 12; and Mona Tucker 11.

The Warriorettes, using their speed, defeated Meridian at home with a score of 90-63. Debbie McBeath had 17 points and Esther Thomas followed with 16. Then they traveled to Holmes and lost 59-76. McBeath, again, led all scorers with 19 points and Thomas followed with 13 points.

Name	Games	Assist	Reb.	Reb. Avg	F.A.	F.M.	%	F.T.A.	F.T.M.	T.P.
Atkins	7	3	8	1.1	11	3	27	2	1	9
Prejean	5	3	2	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	
Patrick	9	21	18	2.0	128	65	50	39	30	160
Gray	9	7	37	4.1	124	58	46	43	27	143
Myers	9	6	73	8.1	58	32	55	19	12	76
Roberts	3	4	0	0	8	2	25	2	2	6
Gilliland	9	7	31	3.8	56	28	50	13	8	64
Brand	6	2	3	0.5	7	5	71	4	2	12
Johnson	9	9	80	8.8	62	40	64	20	13	93
Little	9	49	111	12.3	68	45	66	37	30	120

## Brain and Brawn



by Hugh Roland



# Trip to Carthage is a good topic

By SUSAN MIHALIC  
Editor

"There's no such thing as a 'slow news day.' There are only slow news people." Why are cocky editors so fond of that phrase? I don't think they really believe it. They just use it to get their writers fired up. At one time, I actually did believe it, but that was before I became an editor. Now, I've found that there are slow news days...and slow news weeks...and even slow news months. They usually result in a column of this type--desperation-before-deadline.

The desperation-before-deadline is an oft-used theme. I've seen it on Lou Grant, and I've read it in Murphy Givens' column, "Crazy Murphy." If it works for them, maybe I'd

better try it, because it's about that time--deadline--and I've run out of things to fall back on. This is the last resort.

Now, what is usually done in a desperation-before-deadline column is well known to EC students; it's called "shooting the bull." It's worked so far, hasn't it? But I'm not going to ramble for the remainder of this; I'm going to tell you about last Friday, when the Players took *The Day After Forever*, one of the Dinner Theatre one-acts, to Carthage High School.

The trip was uneventful, but interesting. Mr. Peterson told us various plays he had been involved in and the work he had done. We were relaxed and looking forward to presenting the play to a new audience by the time

we reached the high school.

The speech class, taught by Ms. Elizabeth Stewart, had prepared a reception for us that included a table mounded with food--pastries, cake, cinnamon rolls, doughnuts, chocolates, the works. We were too nervous to eat much and after Mr. Peterson spoke to the class, we went to the dressing room they had prepared.

The audience was very receptive to the play--perhaps a bit too receptive. When the bride and groom kissed, a voice yelled, "Get you some!"

Well that was okay. We took the "audience participation" in stride, and after the play was over and we'd given a little spiel about "come to East Central or you'll regret it the rest of your life," we left.

It's a good thing that what happened to us after we left didn't happen to us before we got there, or we probably wouldn't have given those speeches. East Central's van--our transportation--went dead...not once, but four times.

The first time was after lunch. A man at the restaurant had jumper cables, and got us moving again. The second time was in the middle of a "shortcut"--have you ever noticed that all shortcuts take you through the middle of nowhere? Luckily, there was a house across the road and Clayton Whithead (the groom) started toward it. Unluckily, the house was guarded by a Doberman and Clayton started back for the van. Luckily, I'm not afraid of Dobermans and I started

down the driveway. The dog ran away and a man came outside. He is not the type of person you would want to meet in a dark alley. I wasn't too wild about meeting him in a well-lit driveway. He had tatoos on his fingers--on either side of his knuckles--and on his ear lobes. However, he also had jumper cables and was nice enough to put a little life back into the ol' van.

The third death occurred at the end of the shortcut, as we were turning onto the main highway. Debbie Milling, an EC student, stopped and revived the van, and we made it back to school just as the van went dead for the fourth time--right in the parking lot.

As someone once observed, East Central has a lot of things that used to work.

## Singing tree was a community effort

Despite cold weather, many people gathered on the front campus last Tuesday night, December 4, 1979, to hear East Central's first "Singing Christmas Tree." Presented by the Department of Music, the tree featured the E.C.J.C. Concert Choir who sang many selections of concert music along with popular and traditional yuletide carols. The tree took up many weeks of work and preparation by many students and director Bob Heritage.

Mr. Heritage stated, "I believe the students really enjoyed preparing for the putting on the program, and at the time we are contemplating making the tree an

annual event. I would also like to express my gratitude to those students who worked very hard and citizens of the community who donated time and materials toward the construction of the "Singing Christmas Tree."

The choir expresses thanks to Mr. Albert Brady who designed the tree, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Clark who donated the cedar, Rives and Reynolds Lumber Company of Louisville, the welding and carpentry classes of East Central Vocational Department, the E.C.J.C. Maintenance Department, and numerous others who loaned tools, lights, and other materials.



## Eleven new faces will join the 1980 EC Fashion Squad

Eleven new additions will serve on the 1980 East Central Fashion Squad. Of the eighteen that tried out, the following are new members: Shannon Richardson, of Union; Vicki Hamrick, Enterprise; Sylvia Griffin, Philadelphia; Cindy Fulton, Philadelphia; Sharon Gilliland, Louisville; Korby Gaines, Newton; Hiweda Jones, Philadelphia; Pam

Taylor, Union; Jan Smith, Philadelphia; Suzie Burkes, Philadelphia; Jane Harthcock, Newton.

Chosen as alternates are Lisa Sinclair of Louisville and Dianne Jones of Carthage.

In addition to the squad members, Dianne Russell of Union, Tammy Gray, Philadelphia, and Ora Mae Floyd, Louisville will serve as narrators.

The fashion squad does shows for the various district high schools to recruit new students. In addition this year's squad will present a spring bridal show on campus.

Members previously on the squad are Leisa Richardson, Pat Sinclair, Dina Fortune, Anita Germany, and Stephanie Hodges.